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Summer Worship

We are worshipping in Cedar Hall through the summer until Labour Day.

Congregational Council Highlights

At our June Council meeting, which was the last regular meeting until September, we covered a busy agenda. This update is an overview. We made initial plans for Bishop Pryse's visit to Advent on October 6. He will be invited to observe the English Circle class prior to the worship service and then preach at the service. He will join us for coffee following worship and will then meet with Congregational Council members.

Property Committee

The Property Committee is being organized to take over the responsibilities Fran Brandes looked after for 24 years. We thank Fran for giving us a detailed list of all the tasks. Bob Schickedanz is serving as Chair of the Committee and will look after repairs and emergencies. At an initial meeting of the committee we assigned various segments of the responsibilities. Bernd Brandt will assist with maintenance of thermostat settings. Brenda Kroeker will coordinate the various annual and semi-annual maintenance responsibilities. I will be looking after keys to the building. Some plumbing repairs are an immediate need which may be expensive.

Carol Peck will schedule all rentals and outside users of our building. Please refer any queries to Carol.

Coffee Hosts and Readers

We thank Olga Cosburn for accepting the responsibility for scheduling coffee hosts. Please say "yes" when she calls you to host for a Sunday. It's really not that onerous a job. Olga is doing this in addition to scheduling readers for our services. If you would like to be a coffee host or a reader, please let her know.

Parking Permission

We have given the Working Women Community Centre and Fairview Community Health permission to use the parking lot as required so you may see

additional cars in our parking lot during week days.

Summer worship schedule

We thank our members for conducting worship services while Pastor Lisinski is away. Peter Reble read National Bishop Susan Johnson's sermon on July 7, which was the closing day of the National Convention. We also thank Karen Doak for filling in as organist on July 7. The Men's Group will lead the service on July 14 and Jim Doak will give the sermon. On July 28 Adele Buckley will give the sermon. The Good Women of Advent will lead the service on August 4.

Fifty Years for Advent

Next year Advent will celebrate its 50th anniversary of organization. We invite anyone interested in being on the planning committee for various events, or if you have any ideas for events, to let me know so that plans can get underway. You will remember we scheduled a number of events during our 40th anniversary year and enjoyed our year of celebration. Let's celebrate with a number of events during 2014.

Other Items

Other items discussed will be covered elsewhere in the newsletter. Council meets again on September 9. Please give me any items you would like Council to discuss.

Judy Baribeau

Back to Church Sunday

At our June Council meeting we designated September 8 as Advent's Back to Church Sunday. We encourage all members especially to worship with us as our Fall schedule gets underway. Please invite friends and others you know in the community to join us as well. Following the service, Council will host a barbecue and we invite everyone to stay.

ESL in the Garden

The ESL in the Garden sessions are going well and are still open for anyone to join us all summer on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Michaela Ehring

Theatre

This coming year commemorates Advent's 50th Anniversary. Therefore, in light of the past season's success of CNT presentations of three original Monologues/Spiritual reflections and Advent's anniversary we would like to continue in this endeavour by bringing more of our work to our worshippers.

The CNT's 2013-2014 season's program will be announced this fall. Moreover, please feel free to offer us your feedback on how you like our presentations and what themes you'd like our shows to encompass.

I look forward to seeing all of you in September.

Mona Marcobelli

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Pastor Peter Writes...

Dear Adventurers,

In a recent installment of TV Ontario's current affairs program, *The Agenda*, host Steve Paikin led a panel discussion on the theme of increasing rudeness in our society. While their consensus was that rudeness has always been a human trait, the majority of the assembled guests agreed that it is becoming more common. I think I've noticed it, too. Have you?

In his most popular first book, *Tuesdays With Morrie*, author Mitch Albom shares the many and various spiritual insights of a dying friend and mentor: "People are only mean when they feel threatened, and that's what our culture does. And when you feel threatened, you start looking out only for yourself."

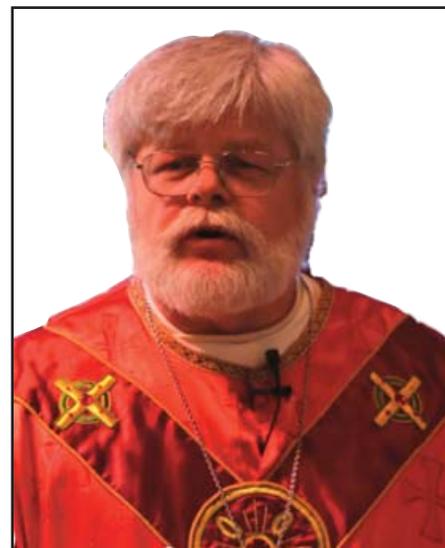
We live in an affluent society, yet thankfulness and generosity do not

seem to define our character. Rather, we tend to blame and complain about what we do not have, instead of rejoicing and sharing what we do have. Our advertising industry teaches us that having much is good, having more is better, and having the most is best of all.

Well, the Christian church exists to nurture and nourish an alternative consciousness. Our mission is to teach grumpy and greedy sinners – most of whom are basically nice people like us – to be thankful and generous.

But first we must learn to do so ourselves.

And so we live together – around God's Word and Sacraments – in worship and faith, to be and become God's holy communion people – called to love one another, and sent into the world "In mission for others."



Have a safe, healthy and happy summer. And remember, "Courtesy is next to godliness".

Shalom,

Pastor Peter



Our music ministry at Advent is undergoing a bit of change to better accommodate our musical mission.

Beginning September 5, our adult choir will begin meeting on Thursday evenings starting at 8:00 p.m. at my home. Please ask me for directions if you require them. All are welcome to join the choir.

Beginning September 8, the children's choir will meet on Sunday mornings starting at 9:00 a.m. If you know children who would be interested in singing with our choir, new members are always welcome.

See everyone in choir. Happy singing.

*Trevor Hicks
Music Director*

Weeds, Weeds, and More Weeds

A number of people have commented recently about the lack of attention the foundation planting around the church is getting. It doesn't take a lot of looking to see that the weeds have taken over and the shrubbery is being neglected. Our curb appeal is not attractive to the community. We need a lot more than one or two people to look after it.

A few years ago an organization approached Advent to put in the foundation planting around the church...and at no cost. I believe the intent was that Advent would be responsible for maintaining the garden while the community gardeners would look after their plots. Unfortunately, this planting has not been looked after very well.

If you have some time to spare, please come at whatever time you have available and *dig in*. The weeds really need to be dug out, not just pulled or removed at the surface. The tools you use to remove dandelions will work well. The flowering perennials need to be deadheaded to encourage their growth, and the shrubbery needs to be pruned – and perhaps some of it removed as too much was planted for proper growth.

The community plots also need to be looked after a bit better. The gardeners are responsible for removing the weeds and long grass between the plots as lawn mowers are not able to get in to do the work. These gardeners are also being reminded to give better care to their areas.

I encourage you to use some stewardship of your time to help Advent present a better picture to the community. Thank you for your consideration.

Judy Baribeau

The ELCIC Beyond Advent's Doors

■ **Nurturing Generous Giving Workshop – October 5, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** Jeff Pym will host the workshop at St. Philip's, Toronto. Those who have attended from other Conferences have spoken very highly of the event. It is open to clergy and lay members, and lay members are encouraged to attend – to learn and bring something back to their congregations. We hope to have at least three members from each congregation attend the workshop. Registration is \$20 per person to a maximum of \$100 per congregation. The registration deadline is September 20. Please contact Judy Baribeau to register.

■ **ELCIC Praise Appeal,** We received a letter from Bishop Pryse thanking us for our generous support for the 2012 Praise Appeal. Last year the Eastern Synod raised almost \$125,000. The theme for the 2013 appeal is "Let the peoples praise you, O God" from Psalm 67.

In the letter received from the Bishop, he says: "Through your gift to the Praise Appeal you support our ministry with

international and ecumenical partners. You reach out through Lutheran World Federation as the second largest provider of refugee services in the world, serving one and a half million refugees on a daily basis. You support ministry we are doing in indigenous communities in Argentina and Peru with our partner churches. You work to achieve better relationships with other denominations and faiths here in Canada, through the Canadian Council of Churches, and around the world through the World Council of Churches. You support the National Church in its call to Spiritual Renewal, working to deepen the discipleship of all of our members and learning new ways to reach out in faith to those around us. Your financial support of the National Church through the Praise Appeal helps us to accomplish all these things."

The Eastern Synod challenge for 2013 is \$55,000. At our June Council meeting we approved a motion to support the appeal and set \$500 as Advent's goal. We encourage you to make your donations from now through September and mark your donation as "Praise Appeal" on your

offering envelopes. We thank you for your support again this year.

■ **Toronto Conference Reformation Service.** The Toronto Conference will host a joint Reformation Service on Sunday, October 27, 3:00 p.m. at Agricola Lutheran Church. More details will be available in early Fall.

■ **Toronto Conference Restructuring Meeting, Saturday, September 28, 9:00 a.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Newmarket.** There has been some discussion among our clergy that the current plan for splitting the Toronto Conference into the planned Areas may not be the best structure for us. Therefore, the ministerial has scheduled a meeting to discuss this item. It is open to both lay and clergy and we encourage anyone with concerns about the new structure to attend. There may be a second meeting in the afternoon at another location for those unable to attend in the morning. An announcement on the second meeting may be released later this summer. ♦

Volunteer Schedule

Altar Care	Greeter	Assisting Minister/ Communion Assistant	Reader	Counters	Coffee Hosts
July 14 Carol Peck	Peter Reble	Fred Roth N/A	Walter Rothenburger	Judy Baribeau Sonita Dillon-Rhodus	Brenda Kroeker Bernd Brandt
July 21 Carol Peck	Yvonne Cumberbatch	Nalini Beekie Sonita Dillon-Rhodus	Peter Buckley	Sonita Dillon-Rhodus Judy Baribeau	Sonja and David Brown
July 28 TBA	Indira Beekie	Lester McLean N/A	Eric Lisinski	Bob Schickedanz Nalini Beekie	Erna and John Krause
August 4 Carol Peck	Mona Marcobelli	Peter Reble N/A	GWA	Brit Missirlian Mona Marcobelli	Karen and Jim Doak
August 11 Brit Missirlian	Cynthia Stewart	Erika Schurr Judy Baribeau	Indira Beekie	Peter Reble George Tang	Beekie Family
August 18 Judy Baribeau	Joan McLean	Lester McLean Sonita Dillon-Rhodus	Peter Reble	Sonita Dillon-Rhodus Erika Schurr	Joan and George McLean Yvonne Cumberbatch
August 25 TBA	Adele Buckley	Jonah Mills Indira Beekie	Brit Missirlian	Judy Baribeau Sonita Dillon-Rhodus	Pending

Please check the Usher sign-up sheet on the bulletin board and volunteer for Sundays you are available.