

The South Grey Bruce Lutheran Parish

THE MESSENGER - JULY & AUGUST 2021

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Worship Sundays at 10am

Congregations

St. Matthew, Mildmay

St. Paul, Neustadt

St. Paul's Normanby



Parish Church School

Fridays from 7:00-8:00 pm

St. Paul's Neustadt

Is currently not running

From the Pastor's Desk



Summer has arrived, and along with that, for many, comes a more relaxed schedule.

I have been privileged to spend many summers at the family cottage for a week or two, and the routine for those days was simple: Rise with the sun (as kids seem to do – especially when they don't have to) complete the tasks for the day as quickly as possible, and then enjoy the day and the freedom from structure. The tasks included things like bed-making, floor sweeping, cleaning and filling the lamps (yes, we did not have electricity at the cottage) doing all possible prep work for supper, and whipping up a grab-and-go-lunch and snack for later on. These tasks were shared from youngest to oldest, and the completion of those tasks was for the benefit of everyone. No one slacked off. The memories of those summer days as a child, and with my own children continue to fill me with joy.

I have come to see this routine as being very much in the spirit of a Sabbath - Do what needs to be done so that the gift of taking pleasure in God's word and God's world can be enjoyed without interruption.

I pray for the blessings of the Sabbath to you this summer, hearing God's word in the water and the breeze, in the bringing forth of fresh food, and seeing God's world in the love from human relationships and in community gatherings on Sundays and perhaps even in some gentle summer reading.

May your summer be richly blessed by many moments of Sabbath.

Pastor Pam



Congregational Events

Letter from our Confirmation Class

June 13, 2021

From the confirmation class to the parish:

Dear members of South Grey Bruce Lutheran Parish,

We hope you are doing well. We give thanks for your careful organizing to keep everyone safe during this Covid pandemic. The efforts being made at this time to have regular church services using technology are very much appreciated. We realize that times are difficult, but even so our church continues to carry out its missions. That encourages us.

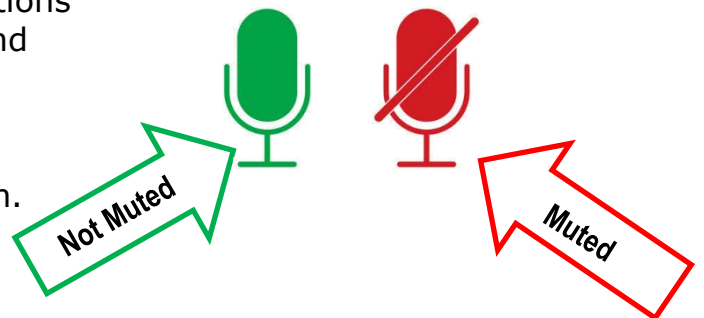
We notice that some of the live stream services have background noise and suggest that all participants keep their microphones muted to eliminate that noise. This has improved with the assistance of a person who manages the technology.

A few other suggestions we have include having a children's message when there are children in worship. We are also looking forward to a time when we can participate in fundraisers such as bar-b-ques and bake sales.

We are grateful for the work of the congregations in keeping the church community together and connected even in these unusual times.

Keep well. We share our prayers, and ask for your prayers for all members of the parish.

Sincerely, The 2021/22 confirmation class.



Christine Robinson, Mayor West Grey;

Deputy Mayor Tom Hutchinson;

Council - Stephen Townsend, Beth Hamilton, Geoffrey Shea, Doug Hutchinson, Rebecca Hergert.

The Church Council representing St. Paul's Normanby Lutheran Congregation wish to extend much gratitude to West Grey Council for generously supporting the request of a special rate for worship services at the Community Centre in Neustadt. The facility certainly meets our needs with its many great amenities. The rate of \$65.00 per event for up to five hours is extremely generous. Thank you.



Support our students!

Does your family have someone heading off this fall to continue their education?

Has someone in your family succeeded in completing their post-secondary education?

Help us support these people, and celebrate with them by adding them and their educational institution to the student registry.

This will help the parish to pray for the students and their schools (with the recent closures in post-secondary schools, prayer would be helpful) and will help us keep them foremost in the minds of the congregations.

The information will be published in our September newsletter, and the pastor or her representative may send occasional notes and perhaps a coffee/ donut card. (I know summer hasn't begun, but our next newsletter will be distributed in September)

Please send this information to the pastor at sgblparish@gmail.com or phone a council member:

Student Name: _____

Name of School: _____

Area of study: _____

Year of study: (eg- 1st, 2nd...) _____ Graduated _____ month/year

Birth Month: (pastor's info only) _____

Thank you for helping your congregation support and celebrate the students in our presence. **The adventure is exciting, and the prayers will be plentiful!**



From the Town Crier ~ The Mildmay & District Lions Club names THREE 2020 Citizens of the Year

This is great acknowledgement of the work of women in our community, one of whom (Marilyn) is a parish member.

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Mildmay & District Lions Club award goes to three citizens!

By Susan Bross
Editor

The Mildmay & District Lions Club are happy to announce that they have named the recipient of their 2020 Citizen of the Year award. In fact, they have chosen three recipients - a first in the award's history. Marilyn Hohnstein, Bernice Reinhart and Joanie Weltz are the community's newest Citizens of the Year!

Marilyn Hohnstein had a busy 2020. As COVID-19 spread, and the need for face masks became a necessity, she started sewing cloth masks. In total she made over 1,300 child and adult face masks. Her creations were made available at Stewart's Pharmacy in Mildmay, and donations were accepted for them.

Marilyn decided to donate the money to the Residential Hospice of Grey Bruce Inc. (South Build). In October a cheque was presented totalling \$5,000.00! At the time, Pharmist / Co-owner Jin Wei of Stewart's Pharmacy stated "that Marilyn should be deeply commended for the amazing amount of work she did." In fact, over \$5,500.00 ended up being



Marilyn Hohnstein

raised.

The nomination letter sent to the Lions Club stated that Marilyn "helped keep our community safe and supported another cause (Hospice) as well."

The nomination letter for Bernice Reinhart stated that "Bernice has blessed our community with her music talents and with her giving spirit as a volunteer." Many local residents



Bernice Reinhart

will have enjoyed listening to Bernice playing the organ at Sacred Heart Church in Mildmay, or in one of the various bands she was, and is a member of. Currently she plays the keyboard for the Southern Carrick Rhythm.

The letter also points out that "as a sign of her dedication and commitment to sharing her musical talents, she has often entertained out of the goodness of her heart as a volunteer."



Joanie Weltz

Bernice also gives of her time by driving residents to appointments and other commitments, and has done so for many years. She also uses her talents to make and donate quilts to the homeless in Toronto and to other fundraisers as well.

Joanie Weltz is a busy person to say the least, and likes to spread joy and happiness. "Joanie is the true definition of an unsung

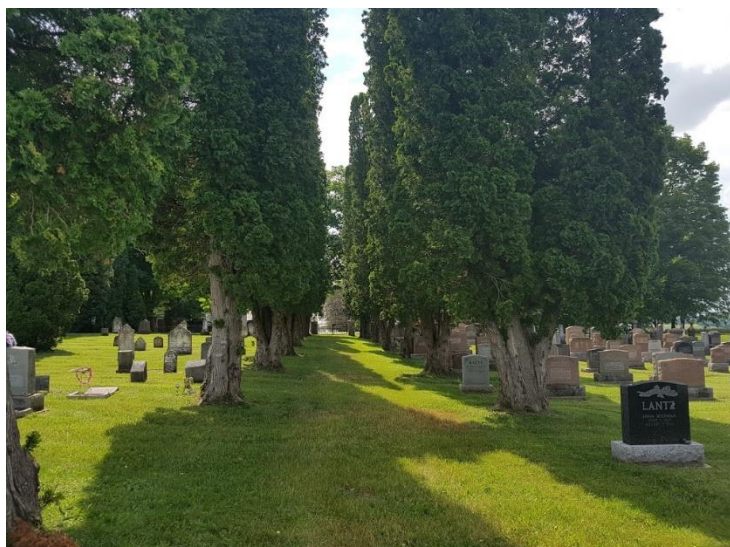
hero," her nomination letter stated. The year 2020 was extra busy for her, as it saw her go above and beyond her usual unselfish ways, participating in birthday parades and organizing virtual Bingo to name a few.

She and her scrapbooking friends created cards that were delivered to area nursing and retirement homes for special occasions. They also sold card sets, donating the funds to the MS Foundation.

Joanie is well known as the local "Tupperware" lady and continually donates to causes for families in need. She organized "Soup Cups for Healthcare Heroes" as well as a fundraiser to give every student in local schools a reusable water bottle.

She can be found delivering treats to workplaces, neighbours and friends not only on special occasions, but just because. "She has a heart of gold, and is a role model to us all. We are lucky to have Joanie Weltz as a part of our community," the nomination stated.

Congratulations is extended to these three deserving women. It is people like you that make our community the special place it is!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

St Paul Normanby Cemetery Decoration Service

We are hoping to have a cemetery decoration
service

for St Paul Normanby

August 8, 2021, at 2:30 pm

In the Neustadt Community Center

Details to follow in upcoming Parish Services

Services in July and August are currently scheduled via Zoom

Our worship services from June through August are currently scheduled to be live streamed through Zoom beginning at 10:00am. (you can sign in early and chat with each other a bit before the service begins). In the event we go back to in person services, this will be communicated to the Parish.

Everything you need to know to join via computer or phone follows below:

Topic: South Grey Bruce Parish Sunday Worship Gathering

Time: Jun 6, 2021 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Sun, until Aug 29, 2021:

Jun 27, 2021 10:00 AM

Jul 4, 2021 10:00 AM

Jul 11, 2021 10:00 AM

Jul 18, 2021 10:00 AM

Jul 25, 2021 10:00 AM

Aug 1, 2021 10:00 AM

Aug 8, 2021 10:00 AM

Aug 15, 2021 10:00 AM

Aug 22, 2021 10:00 AM

Aug 29, 2021 10:00 AM

If you wish to automatically populate the weekly worship times and zoom link into your computerized calendar, use this information:

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZUld-6tqjwsHdMcFLvqsgbiVa3UkBoEuAuk/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGppjstH9CStH6ARpwcGoigKO_wiGZdgqdwznJFTFAZQH_AOMRB7ldH_3F](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81807547677?pwd=a3owR0tITFhia0V4TnBaMHIqd2VEZz09)

Join Zoom Meeting – this link will take you directly to the service each week:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81807547677?pwd=a3owR0tITFhia0V4TnBaMHIqd2VEZz09>

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Please share this phone-in information with people who are not on the internet.

Invitation to a Shared Ministry with Trinity Lutheran in Walkerton

The Eastern Synod office has asked our Parish if we would be willing to consider a Shared Ministry with Trinity Lutheran in Walkerton.

Even though we are not the only ones to be asked of this Ministry, the congregational councils and the Parish working group, have agreed to be considered as a Shared Ministry partner with Trinity Lutheran. If Trinity Lutheran should choose our Parish to do Shared Ministry with, we would commence negotiations to work out the details.

What does this mean? Your South Grey Bruce Lutheran Parish would provide contracted part time pastoral care for Trinity Lutheran in Walkerton.



The Pastor Paul Langohr Memorial Scholarship

Applications will be accepted until July 31, 2021. Students entering their first year of post secondary studies are encouraged to apply. For further details and an application form, contact Glenn Jacques at dgjacques@wightman.ca or Mark Diebel at mark.axialdesigns@gmail.com.





Invitation to Plan our 150th Anniversary

St Paul Neustadt will mark 150 years as a congregation on September 26.

A few members have made some preliminary plans around a 2:00 pm worship service with Bishop Michael Pryce as guest preacher.

If you would like to be involved in planning for a celebration that is:

- Simple,
- Joyful,
- With a minimum of work –
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Please contact Pastor Pam (226-751-6398) or Rob or Ruthie Rehkopf.

This is an historical milestone that deserves to be marked.



It's June and for Professors like me that means one thing ... CONVOCAATION! It is the time when the College Leadership dawn their robes and hoods and confer the Diplomas of graduating students. Students receive their graduation collar, their parchment and the ceremony is full of lots of grandeur, pageantry and history. Here we are in Virtual Convocation #2: lean on grandeur and pageantry that's for sure.

But there is light at the end of the tunnel. Infections are on the decrease, vaccinations are on the increase, and patios are open for whatever you may fancy; an order of nachos and a beer? We are almost there. I am hopeful by fall much of the pandemic madness will be behind us and I'm looking forward to not missing Thanksgiving with my family or not trying to determine who may or may not attend the Christmas gathering. It will also be interesting to see what church services look like. Technology has allowed us to interactively reach people in their homes on Sunday mornings like never before. I wonder if that ability will continue. Regardless, I'm looking forward to sitting in a pew, no matter how uncomfortable they may be. Have a super and safe summer and I will see you in September. tully.joanne@gmail.com

Bible Book Club

The final two books to study in this series are 1 Corinthians and Revelations. This concludes the study of Biblical books selected by Bishop Susan.

July Book Study: 1st Corinthians

1 Corinthians is thought to have been written between 53 and 55 CE and is one of three letters written by Paul (or a student of Paul) to the church in Corinth. The first letter has been lost.

The book has 16 chapters, so you might spend 2 days per chapter, unravelling Paul's sentences to highlight the point of the paragraph. Many of these points give us first-hand information about the day-to-day realities in the early church and are relevant to our world today. Paul focuses on love being different than control; love being different than discipline; replacing displays of social status with love; and Paul attacks the privileges of the elite praising love as the better way for the church to live. The very familiar 'Love is patient' passage appears in chapter 13, and the book concludes with the good news of how God's love will be everything to everyone in the resurrection.

August Book Selection: Revelation

"John" is named as the author of Revelation, possible the beloved apostle of Jesus. Scholars believe the book was written late in the first century, a time when Roman authorities demanded that emperors be worshiped as gods.

The book is written in *apocalypse* style – which means an unveiling or revealing of something that was previously hidden. The story does not have a logical progression of a story line, but rather offers a series of visions. The visions are either terrifying or celebrations.

This book has 22 chapters so focusing on one chapter per day will cover the book in a month. Rather than reading this as a prediction with signs of end times, try to experience it as visions of possibilities of what is the centre of Christian life.

Enjoy your study over the summer. I am available and interested to hear your thoughts and opinions about these books.

It is always more interesting to read the Bible with a group of people so hopefully as the fall progresses we may be able to meet for in person Bible Study.

Peace be with you.

Pastor Pam

