

The South Grey Bruce Lutheran Parish

THE MESSENGER - JUNE 2022

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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

The apostles gathered around Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. 31 He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. 32 And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. (Mark 6: 30-32)

The image of escaping the crowds on a lovely lake with cool breeze and gentle waves is so very inviting. For the record, the disciples rowed their boat on the water. True time of leisure – even a time of Sabbath.

Is it possible to think that we might be the last generation to have the luxury of a place in nature to find Sabbath rest? The gift of the Sabbath is a time away from the turmoil of everyday activities which distract us from what is important – a time to converse with God.

As I move into this week following a day of rest (2 actually with the holiday) I can clearly think about the weather disaster which struck our neighbours in the province. Many people remain without power 60 hours after the storm. We all are keenly aware that the devastation is increasing, and that the same could happen here in our area. A day of Sabbath remembering God's care in creation and sustaining this world enlightens me to my responsibility in being part of the solution for climate care. The weather disasters are a loud cry that the situation is becoming desperate.

Along with prayer and praise, we need to be the hands and feet of reducing our individual and collective impact on the environment.

This summer challenge yourself to learn more and act to be a part of reversing climate degradation of this one and only planet we call home. Things need to change drastically so our grand-children will be able to have places to not only be by themselves and rest, but places to live and work, breathe and grow food. Read more here - It's time to step up!

<https://easternsynod.org/event/world-environment-day/>

<https://www.decadeonrestoration.org/>

June 5 is World Environment day. Read more to see which ways you are able to be part of the solution.

Pastor Pam



SERVICES ARE NOW IN PERSON

You can continue to join us virtually as follows

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89229726624?pwd=bWFyL3RadTdSaTYrNk9sOTdxaUR4UT09>

Or dial in 1 647 374 4685 or 1 647 558 0588 Canada Meeting ID: 892 2972 6624 Passcode: 660408

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**Updates & More Updates**

**~ courtesy of Mark Diebel, Working Committee Chair**

***Pastor Paul Langohr Memorial Scholarship***

It is that time of year already. The applications to post secondary have gone out, students have received their acceptances from prospective post secondary learning centres.

The Pastor Paul Langohr Memorial Scholarship for 2022 is ready to receive applications from High School students, of the Parish, who are entering their first year of post-secondary studies. The scholarship offers up to \$500 depending on the number of applications received. If you are or know of a student and would like to request an application, or more information, please contact Glenn Jacques; dgjacques1@hotmail.com.



Deciding on post-secondary studies can be an exciting and scary time. Big decisions, big changes. Know that God will be there to help you and that your family in Christ wishes you all the best.

Scholarship

***Parish Outreach Fundraising***

For the months of June and July, the Parish Working Group is encouraging the congregations to put a focus on mission/benevolence donations to CLWR's Ukrainian relief/Refugee program and continued donations for the Refugee family from Eritrea, that we are sponsoring. Even though the congregations in our Parish have made a financial commitment, every extra bit helps. Please specify on your envelopes where you would like your donation to go towards.

Our main fundraising event will be held on July 10<sup>th</sup> as part of the Parish BBQ Picnic, and will see donation money raised, divided 50/50 between both CLWR's Ukrainian relief/Refugee program and the Refugee family from Eritrea.

## ***Parish BBQ Picnic***

It feels like it has been such a long time since we have gathered and worshiped outdoors. With the weather warming up and some form of normalcy returning. The Parish is having an outdoor service and BBQ picnic this year. We will be joining in praise of God's beautiful creation and sharing in the Word at the farm of the new Great-Grandparents Joyce and Jim Rody, on Sunday July 10<sup>th</sup>, 012096 Grey Road 10. Service time will be the usual 10am.



Following service, we will gather together for a Parish picnic and BBQ. We ask that you pack a small picnic basket of some drinks, sides and goodies for yourselves, and we will provide hamburgers and hotdogs.

This Parish BBQ picnic will also be a fundraiser campaign for The Refugee sponsored family from Eritrea as well as CLWR's Ukrainian Relief/Refugee program. Special envelopes will be provided on that day, and all money raised will be divided 50/50 between the two programs.

## ***Shared Services Agreement***

The ink is dry. I am pleased to announce that representatives from the Parish and Trinity Walkerton signed the official shared services agreement between the two. I am proud that our Parish is able to assist our fellow Lutheran neighbours with their need for consistent pastoral care. Your grace and understanding is immeasurable.

## ***Modified Communion – 2.0***

By the time you read this you may have seen, heard or been a participant in the new way in which we are receiving communion at the Lord's table. At the last Parish worship service, hosted by St. Paul's Normanby, parishioners (if they felt comfortable) were able to receive the bread and wine from Pastor Pam and then partake at their seats. The individual communion packets were still available upon entering. We hope that we are going to be able to continue in this manner.

Individual communion packets will still be available at the back for those wishing to continue using them. For those who come up to receive the bread and wine, they are invited to return to their seat and partake in communion at your leisure once there. Pastor Pam will be continuing to provide instructions prior to communion.

# Bible Study Review

## Synod Wide Book Club:

**DID YOU KNOW?** - Our confirmation class participates in a summer study by selecting a book on indigenous culture, reading it over the summer and sharing the story with the rest of the class.

**DID YOU KNOW?** - The same opportunity has been created for adults during the month of June. Lutherans across the Eastern Synod will read and discuss the book selected by the synod Circle for Reconciliation and Justice.

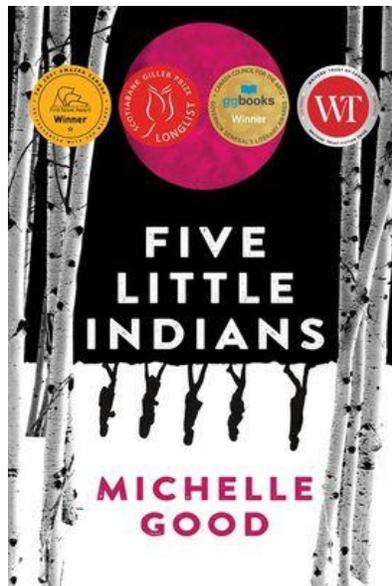
**JOIN IN: JUNE 2** -The kick-Off event through zoom – 7-8:00PM *before you read the book*

[https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tZwrD-6srT0vHNPAwwIT1ilof7diKR6eT\\_3Z](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tZwrD-6srT0vHNPAwwIT1ilof7diKR6eT_3Z)

**-JUNE 20** - The wrap-up event through zoom – 7-9:00PM

[https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tZUlcOGozq8pHt0OdN73AeLoRQ6w06N\\_JIQ4](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/tZUlcOGozq8pHt0OdN73AeLoRQ6w06N_JIQ4)

**- June 21** – parish participants will gather in person 7:30PM



**This book is available :**

- in bookstores,
- ordered online in ebook or paperback,
- borrowed from your local library.
- Or ordered through Goodminds, an Indigenous independent outlet.

# Carrick Camp Gospel Music Sundays Return

Carrick Camp Gospel concerts will be happening this year on Sunday nights at 7pm. The “Grand Reopening Night” is Sunday June 5, 2022 at 7pm with an Olde Tyme Gospel sing-along featuring the Co-op Choir and Living Stones.

Visit their website, [www.carrickcamp.com](http://www.carrickcamp.com), for further information.

The summer schedule, taken from the website, is included below.

## *2022 Gospel Concerts Summer Schedule*

### June

#### \*GRAND REOPENING NIGHT\*

June 5, 7pm, Sunday

#### OLD TYME GOSPEL SING-ALONG

with Marlene Dietz  
featuring the Co-op Choir  
&  
The Living Stones

### June Concert Series

June 12, 7pm, Sunday

**Infinitely More**

Father's Day

June 19, 7pm, Sunday

**David Randall**

June 26, 7pm, Sunday

**Decision**

### Senior's Luncheon

THURSDAY, July 14, \*\*12 NOON\*\*

**Hank & Janet Sonnenberg**

Ministry in Song

### July Concert Series

July 3, 7pm, Sunday

**Vicount Vocal Harmony Group**

July 10, 7pm, Sunday

**The Watchmen**

July 17, 7pm, Sunday

**The Torchmen**

July 24, 7pm, Sunday

**Surrendered Gospel Quartet**

July 31, 7pm Sunday

**Chords of Praise**

### August Concert Series

August 7, 7pm, Sunday

August 14, 7pm, Sunday

August 21, 7pm, Sunday

**The Master's Four**

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August 28, 7pm, Sunday

\*SEASON FINALE\*

**Vocal Legacy**

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*Concerts are freewill offering*

*Enjoy Social Time  
At Our*

**Coffee Luncheons**

*Join St. Paul's  
Normanby*

*after their services,  
at the Neustadt  
Community Center*

*We look forward to  
seeing you there!*



**Do you have mail for any of the churches in our Parish? Mailing addresses follow:**

**ST. PAUL'S NORMANBY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH,  
P.O. BOX 66, NEUSTADT, ONTARIO N0G 2M0**

**ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH,  
P.O. BOX 218, MILDMAY, ONTARIO, N0G 2J0.**

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH NEUSTADT,  
P.O. BOX 267, 379 ADAM ST, NEUSTADT, ONTARIO, N0G 2M0.**



My folks will be married 60 years in June. Wow that's a long time.

I remember when Barry and I were dating and we were visiting at the farm. My grandparents, Norman and Mabel Bender were there. My grandma was talking about marriage and said something along the lines, 'I've been married to the same man for over 60 years, can you imagine?' My grandpa was always a bit of a joker and piped in saying, 'same woman, imagine that!' We all laughed.

They say people don't stay married like they used to anymore. That may be true, but I did a quick google search and it shows this fact may not be entirely true. Take Zsa Zsa Gabor for instance – nine husbands. The first time she walked down the aisle was in 1935 and the last time was in 1986. She must have also had the shortest marriage on record to Felipe de Alba, April 13 to 14, 1983. It was annulled as her divorce to her previous husband Michael O'Hara was not yet finalized.

Mickey Rooney also has had a record 8 marriages, starting with Ava Gardner in 1942 and his final walk down the aisle in 1978. His 100 day marriage to Marge Lane was also short lived but they lasted 100 days.

How about icon Larry King. Who didn't love Larry King? Sounds like 7 women prior to Shawn Southwick, Larry's last wife and 26 years his junior. That being said they filed for divorce twice in 2010 and 2019 so maybe she didn't love him as much as we thought.

Here's one more, Elizabeth Taylor, always unique, who was married to seven men and had eight weddings. Hmmmm.

Let's look at some country music singers... Kenny Rogers and Merle Haggard, both married five times. George Jones, Willie Nelson and Waylon Jennings all married four times. I bet my Dad can probably name some of their wives.

There you have it folks. Just some interesting wedded bliss, or maybe less than wedded bliss facts. One fact that is true, Mike and I are truly fortunate our folks have held on for sixty years. HAPPY 60<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY RUTH & HARRY!!!

See you in the summer edition of the newsletter.

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