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THE EPISTLE

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Council Corner

Heavenly Father,
We come before You with hearts full of gratitude and reverence. Thank You for being the Good Shepherd who never leaves His flock unattended. Thank You for guiding us through every season with wisdom, love, and purpose. As we walk into a new chapter, we ask for Your continued direction. Let Your will be done in our church, and may every step we take bring glory to Your name. Prepare our hearts to receive new leadership with grace and expectation. In Jesus' mighty name, we pray—Amen.

With great joy and heartfelt anticipation, we share exciting news with you—after much prayer, discernment, and careful consideration by our call committee, a potential new primary pastor has been chosen, Pastor Erik Parker! This has been a season of seeking God's will, and we believe he has faithfully answered. The candidate selected has demonstrated not only a deep love for God and his Word, but also a shepherd's heart for his people. His vision for ministry, commitment to spiritual growth, and passion for building community have deeply resonated with our leadership and our values as a church. We are incredibly excited to welcome him and look forward to introducing him to our entire congregation on Saturday, Oct 4th, at 11:15am in the fellowship hall. There will also be a SGM on Sunday Oct 19th, following church service on electing Pastor Erik and discussing a roof repair.

As we turn the page into a new season, we also recognize this as a perfect time to renew our collective commitment to the life and mission of our church. Fall is often a time of re-engagement and fresh energy—and we're feeling it! With the arrival of new leadership, it's also the right moment to relaunch and re-energize our ministry committees. Whether you're passionate about worship, outreach, music, parish life, or one of the other many committees we have, there's a place for you to serve, lead, and grow. We encourage you to prayerfully consider where God might be calling you to step in and make a difference.

We are also thrilled to announce this year's recipient of the **$500 Bernd Kaufman Bursary Award to Quinn Callander**! This bursary is awarded annually in honor of Bernd Kaufman's legacy of faith, service, and dedication to nurturing young people in their academic and spiritual journeys. Quinn has demonstrated remarkable character, leadership, and a strong commitment to community life. We celebrate Quinn's achievements and are proud to support the next steps in his educational journey.

Blessings,
Stephanie
Church Council Member

Meet & Greet
with Pastor Erik Parker, Saturday October 4th, 11:15 am-1:15 pm.
We hope to see you all there!

St. Paul's
Special Call Meeting
Sunday, October 19 – 11:15 am

A special meeting of the congregation has been called by the Church Council of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haney, B.C.

This special congregational meeting will be held in person at St. Paul's Lutheran Church immediately after our worship service on Sunday, October 19th.

St. Paul's Church Council has called this special meeting to vote on whether we will issue a call to the Pastor your Call Committee has selected.

St. Paul's
Special General Meeting
Sunday, October 19 – following Call Meeting

A special meeting of the congregation has been called by the Church Council of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haney, B.C.

This special congregational meeting will be held in person at St. Paul's Lutheran Church immediately after our worship service on Sunday, October 19th.

St. Paul's Church Council has called this special meeting to recommend that the congregation relace the front entrance walkway and the signboard roof.

Please note that these special meetings will not be held on zoom or live-streamed.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

THANKSGIVING DISPLAY
THANKS BE TO GOD FOR OUR MANY BLESSINGS!

A tradition here at St. Paul's is to put together a Thanksgiving display highlighting gifts of the harvest – fruits, vegetables, plants, flowers.

In addition, we like to give thanks by donating non-perishable food items for the Friends in Need Food Bank. When we think of the many blessings in our lives, it's only natural to want to share.

We welcome your donations.

The Altar Guild will be putting the display together on Saturday, October 11 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

You are free to take your display items home after the Thanksgiving service.

If you have any questions, please talk to Linda

Evangelical Lutheran Women (ELW)
October 2025

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and that you were able to mark the official end of Summer with the Hot Dog Lunch that was served on Sunday, September 21.

What's Coming Up?

October 12 – Thanksgiving Sunday
We plan to offer a special dessert during Coffee Time

November 8 (Saturday)
Next Ladies Lunch Out
Ricki's Restaurant (#101 – 20110 Lougheed Hwy., Maple Ridge)
12:30 noon

November 15 (Saturday)
ELW meeting (at the Church)
10:00 am

If you have any questions or want more information, please speak with me.

Linda, President

Epistle – October 2025

We have been using our current Worship and Hymn book (Evangelical Lutheran Worship) for a number of years and yet there are many portions that we have never used or most people don't know exist. I thought we would take the next few months to take a look at this book that is full of information.

In May, we looked at the contents from the opening page of the Hymn Book up to page 63.

In June we looked at pages 64 to 237 that included Prayers for Worship, Prayers for various occasions, Worship settings, and services for Holy Baptism.

In July/August we looked at pages 238 to 331 that include services for special occasions.

In September we looked at the Psalms and the Hymns that took us up to Hymn 893.

After that comes "Additional Resources". Starting on page 1121 and running through page 1153 is a daily lectionary. We run on a three year cycle of scripture readings – Year A, Year B and Year C. During 2025 we have been in Year C. Just a further note that the Year starts with Advent 1 and ends with Christ the King. The foundation premise of this set of daily readings is their relation to the Sunday lectionary. In the days leading up to Sunday (Thursday, Friday and Saturday) we prepare for the Sunday readings and the days following (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday reflect on the past Sunday's readings. If you chose, you could use this as a personal daily devotion.

I would encourage you to read page 1154 that talks about the correlation between Scripture and Worship and on the following pages to 1159 are various Bible verses that are the foundation for various portions of a worship service.

Martin Luther's Small Catechism is contained on pages 1160 to 1167 dealing with the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the Sacrament of Holy Baptism and the Sacrament of the Altar. There is also information about the Morning Blessing, the Evening blessing and Table Blessings.

As with all books, there are the Indexes – Acknowledgments as to the resources used in various parts of the Hymn Book / There are Copyright Holders and Administrators listed and there are Copyright Acknowledgments for service music and hymns.

In pages 1178 to 1188, there is a list of Hymns contained in the book broken down according to Topic, for instance if you were looking for hymns that dealt with Adoration, look at page 1178. In like fashion there are categories for Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, etc.

I think we will leave it there for this month.

We are almost at the end but there's some good stuff in those last pages – see you next month!

Linda
Altar Guild Co-ordinator

Worship Schedule

Sunday, October 5th – Pastor Kristina Breit

Sunday, October 12th – Pastor Nic Alexandre

Sunday, October 19th – Pastor Clifford Reinhardt

Sunday, October 26th – Pastor Clifford Reinhardt