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## THE EPISTLE

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### Council Corner

Greetings from your Church Council,

I hope you have all enjoyed your summer and found some quality time with family and friends or found some much needed respite. I am always looking forward to the summer and then surprised how fast it goes by! This is true of our church year as well. I welcome the chilly fall weather and the changing of the leaves.

I know some of you are still anxious about our getting a new full time pastor, but perhaps like myself – you are shocked at how quickly the years are going by. We have been blessed and fortunate to have such a rich worship experience with the various pastors covering the Sundays that Pastor Nic is not here. Some churches are struggling to even have coverage every Sunday. Just like the onset of autumn, our church is in a transitional season/year, but with time passing we must remember that God is with us!

Thanks to all who continue to volunteer in different capacities or who have taken on new roles: Tonya, for continuing to schedule Pastoral coverage on Sundays, Murray, for joining the church's "Alarm Squad" (for whenever there is an alarm triggered at the church) and to be mentored by Bob, Susan, who continues to do a wonderful job with our landscaping, Sue, Corinne and Charrise for covering at the office whenever Lynn is away, the whole Live Streaming team, and to many others for their continued contributions.

As always, we have various committees that are always looking for new volunteers. Consider how you can participate in: the Property Committee, the Prayer Chain, the Worship Committee, the Altar Guild, joining the Choir, assisting in the kitchen, Live Streaming assisting, visiting shut-ins etc.

Last month we had some issues with graffiti and some mechanical damage to the church building, but it was dealt with swiftly and we will continue to keep an eye out on our facility. We would ask you all to do the same.

We continue to have some solid rental groups and are looking into some new possibilities. The Seventh Day Adventists have not yet been confirmed. Do you have some fund-raising ideas for the church? Please reach out to your members of Council at any time. We are here to serve you!

As the air turns crisp and the hues of autumn seem to paint the world around us with colourful foliage, we can't help but marvel at the majesty of God's creation. This season offers transformation for our personal

daily lives entwined in the cycles of life and the faithfulness of our Creator. When you smell the leaves, the cinnamon, the hot apple spice – know that God is good and is always with us!

*Joel 2:23: "Be glad, people of Zion, rejoice in the Lord your God, for He has given you the autumn rains because he is faithful. He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before."*

Shawna

## ALTAR GUILD

### **Information about the Church Year - Part 8.**

#### **The Season after Pentecost:**

We continue in the Season after Pentecost - a season of spiritual growth. This is the longest season of the Church Year and will last until Reformation Sunday in October.

#### **Common Christian Symbols – Crosses**

I thought we would take the next few months to look at some of the common Christian symbols and their meanings.

Greek Cross – this form is distinguished by its four equal arms. It is one of the most common Christian forms, in common use by the 4<sup>th</sup> century.

Latin Cross – the Latin cross, the traditional cross of Jesus' crucifixion, always has the lower vertical arm longer than any other. Sometimes the upper arm is shorter than (and sometimes equal to) the horizontal arms. It was called *crux immissa* or *crux capitata* in Latin.

Tau Cross – this form receives its name from the letter "T" ("Tau" in Greek), which is shaped this way in Greek and Latin. According to one tradition, St. Philip was martyred on such a cross. It is also called the Saint Anthony's cross, the Saint Francis' cross and *crux commissa*.

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(the following is a portion of Psalms). You can find more information as well as a number of the Psalms starting on page 335 of the Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnbook)

Martin Luther considered the psalms the summary of all scripture, speaking to many situations and allowing the expression of a wide range of human response, such as adoration, praise, thanksgiving, lament, confession, intercession, and teaching. The psalms proclaim hope and faith, yet make room also for deep distress and questioning. Take a look at pages 337 and 338 for a number of different psalm tones that could be used.

Linda  
(Altar Guild Coordinator)

**Evangelical Lutheran Women (ELW)  
September 2024**

Upcoming Events!

**Welcome Back – Sunday, September 22**

ELW hosted a hotdog lunch at the beginning of summer to celebrate Father's Day and after the summer months when people tend to go away on holiday or get involved in summer activities, we thought it would be nice to get back to "normal" with another hotdog lunch.

Stay after the service and enjoy a Hot Dog or two as well as some treats!

**Women's Lunch – Saturday, September 28**

This is an opportunity to spend time in conversation with other Christian women.

Our plan for this lunch is to meet at White Spot at 208<sup>th</sup> and Lougheed Highway (west Maple Ridge). They have agreed to seat us together. A sign-up sheet is on the back cupboard in the Narthex by the bulletin board. Please indicate if you plan to attend so we can let the restaurant know how many to expect.

**Next Meeting**

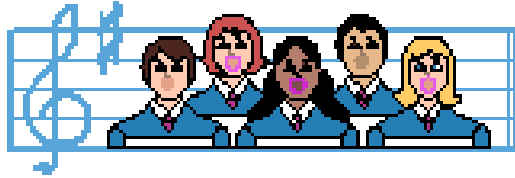
Come and join us at our next business meeting on Saturday, October 5 at 10:00 am. We plan to meet at Helen's home so if you need directions or a ride, please give Linda a call.

***QUILT SALE***



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND  
11:30 am – 2:00 pm**

\$40.00 regular size  
\$20.00 small size



## St. Paul's Choir

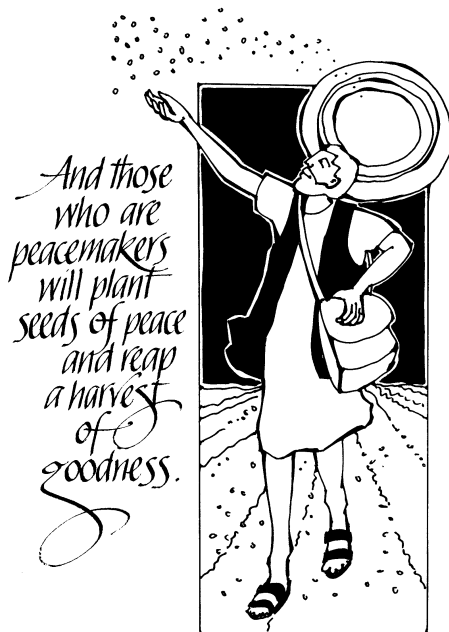
" The time for singing has come"

St. Paul's Choir will begin practising on Wednesday, September 11 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm at the church.

We welcome our faithful members and hope for some new additions to our choir. Maggie and I attended the Long & McQuade choral reading session and have ordered some new music. We will also be practising some well loved music from previous years.

Hope to see you there!

Blessings  
Sharlyn



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