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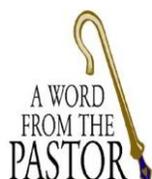
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MANAGING ABUNDANCE FAITHFULLY

Last Sunday (I'm writing this on January 24th) we read the story of Jesus at the wedding in Cana of Galilee. The story of Jesus turning water into wine. It's truly one of my favourite scripture stories of all time. It can be enjoyed on so many levels and offers something for every reader of the Bible.

For those who like straightforward stories with an easily accessible and obvious message, it's there: Jesus did a miracle that made his disciples believe in him. Slam dunk. What's not to understand?

For those who like to read the Bible with a more literary eye, it's there too: Ever notice that this miracle takes place "on the third day"? Just like Jesus was resurrected "on the third day"? Is it a tip off that Christ's whole ministry, from beginning to end, is going to be about bringing forth new life? Hmm.....

And for those, like me, who like to ask the question, "What does God have to say to us through this story?" it's there too: Not only does Jesus turn water into wine, he makes an abundance of it. More wine than ten or maybe even fifty weddings can hold. And what is God saying through that detail? Maybe that our faith is in a God who promises us abundance in the midst of scarcity.

I thought about that message in light of the news we received at the last church council meeting that in 2018 we experienced the best December offerings and the best total annual envelope offerings in at least 14 years...maybe ever. Does it feel like we've been gifted with 800 litres of wine?

Which leads to the next question I think God is posing to us through this story. The question of what to do with such abundance. Notice how we are left hanging at the end of John's account of this miracle. "What happened next?" we might be eager to know. Did the bridegroom and the chief steward sock that wine away for their own private life-time supply? Did they invite more guests to the party to help them celebrate? Did they go out into the neighbourhood using it to make new friends and spread joy in the village?

More to the point, what does it mean for us to manage abundance faithfully?



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Our Youth are inviting you to a special Shrove Tuesday celebration. It will take place at DeDutch Pancake House, 2748 Lougheed Highway on March 5th at 6:00 pm. You will be treated to a pancake, served by our youth and prepared by the DeDutch chefs with your choice of two toppings: bacon and cheese, or strawberries and whipped cream. Coffee, tea and juice will be included.

Ticket price is still being determined and they will be on sale after worship on upcoming Sundays. Stay posted for details.



We will gather for worship on Ash Wednesday, March 6th at 7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, our 40 day journey of reflection towards Easter and this service is one of the most unique in the Christian year. Using the symbol of ashes and a more extensive confession of sins, we will be invited to meditate on our need for God's grace and the spiritual disciplines of our lives.



Soup N' Sing

We will be gathering on Wednesday evenings during Lent for a mid-week dinner meditation known as "Soup 'N Sing."

We gather at 6:00 pm for a dinner of soup and bread followed at 6:45 by Holden Evening Prayer and a short meditation.

All are invited to attend and to share their favourite soup with those who gather together. A sign-up sheet for providing soup and bread will be available in the fellowship hall.



Lay Academy: Pathways to Prayer Part 2

The next sessions of the Lay Academy will take place on February 2 and February 9. They will be a continuation of last year's sessions on prayer, focusing specifically on the Lord's Prayer and its invitation to intimacy with God and radical living.

These sessions will again be led by Dr. Faith Nostbakken. Information on how to register and participate can be found at the following website: layacademy5.wixsite.com/elcicwla/prayer2. Or pick up an info flyer on any Sunday.

The Lay Academy is a program of our seminary in Saskatoon and the four western synods which provides lay theological education and leadership development.

For Our Prayer

For specific requests for prayer, please contact Kate Wright at 604-937-0392 or Claire Thompson at 604-939-3086. Your prayer request will quickly be passed to our congregational prayer chain.

Rachael McDonald, and her parents Tammy and Sean as she continues her cancer treatment.

Bob Knudson, for continued recovery from his recent surgery.

Dorothy Durand as she looks forward to knee replacement surgery.

Family of **Louise Kroeker**, Vivian's sister-in-law who passed away recently.

For our **Church Council** and its new members as they begin a new year of leadership in our congregation.



Good Shepherd Women

All women are invited to join us for an evening or afternoon of fellowship and Bible Study at our circle meetings in February and March. Circles will continue to study and discuss a chapter each month from the "Women of the Bible" study series

February Circle Meetings

Afternoon Circle: February 12 @ 1:00 p.m.
Study Leader – Ruth Roberts
Woman to be studied – Miriam

Evening Circle: February 12 at 7:00 pm
Hostess – Linda Berry
Study Leader- Caroline Hunt
Woman to be studied – Jael

March Circle Meetings

Afternoon Circle: March 12 @ 1:00 p.m.
Study Leader – Terry Shular
Woman to be studied - Rahab

Evening Circle: Tue., March 19 @ 7:00 p.m.
(note change in date)
Hostess – Brenda Chenosky
Study Leader – Kate Wright
Woman to be studied - Delilah



World Day of Prayer

Friday, March 1, 2019, 1:00 pm
All Saints Parish
821 Fairfax Street, Coquitlam

You are invited to join us for the 2019 Worship celebration. The country we are focusing on is Slovenia.

The theme of this year's World Day of Prayer is "Come – Everything is Ready".

The women of Slovenia challenge us all to widen our circles, to expand our communities.

From the Treasurer



The following is an update on our financial Status as of December 31, 2018

Total Income	\$ 235,441.88
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 215,869.27</u>
Surplus	\$ 19,572.61

Project Contingency Fund
Balance as of December 31 = \$ 31,168.57

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to **Jessie Werner** who will celebrate her 89th birthday on March 20. Blessings from your Good Shepherd Family



BAPTISM



Gwenith Sara Spicer-Smith, daughter of Keating Smith and Brianna Spicer, granddaughter of Marilyn James was baptized on January 13.

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Christmas Food Bank Collection

Dear Congregation,

The food gifts you placed under the Christmas tree from December 16th to January 6th (Epiphany Sunday), were loaded up and delivered to the SHARE Food Bank. The food items were weighed and **300 pounds** of food was collected! How awesome is that!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone for your gifts!



Christmas Hampers and Other Donations

The Outreach Team wishes to thank Good Shepherd Congregation for your extreme generosity this season. The monetary donations for the Hamper Fund exceeded expectations and there will be money in this fund to continue to help should needs arise during the year. This Christmas, hampers and food gift cards were delivered to several families, with one family being a family of 4 whom we sponsored through the SHARE Caring Neighbour Program. Hampers were also delivered to agencies such as the Talitha Koum Society and to Aunt Leah's Place.

For the past few years 3030 Gordon has invited churches to participate in a targeted donation and this year Good Shepherd was invited to collect new underwear for men and women (which is very much needed). Again our congregation stepped up to the plate! Winter gloves, hats, scarves and warm socks were collected at the Advent Banquet and distributed to SUMS and 3030 Gordon.

SUMS had needs for toothpaste, toothbrushes, soaps, razors etc. Many thanks. Gently used, clean, serviceable clothing items continue to be donated. They are sorted and distributed to our various charities.

Outreach Team wishes to again thank this congregation for your continued support for those in need in our community. You are amazing!

SYNOD WIDE CONVERSATIONS

On page 5 you will find a letter from our Synod Bishop, Greg Mohr regarding the upcoming synod wide conversations. If you are interested in participating, please register by going to the BC Synod website (bcsynod.org) and following the link on the home page. There are already a few of us registered and we encourage all who are interested to participate.



BRITISH COLUMBIA SYNOD

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada
80 East 10th Avenue
New Westminster, B.C. V3L 4R5

Epiphany Letter from Bishop Greg Mohr

January 3, 2019

Dear Friends,

In this Season of Epiphany, the church celebrates the coming of the Magi and Christ's "being made known" among them. This is a season of journey, learning, exploring and surprises.

We also are on a journey as a synod, exploring many questions and pondering how God is at work among us and in our neighbourhoods and communities. There are other such questions before us: How is God at work in your life and in mine, in your congregation and in our synod? Where is God leading us? What does God wish us to see, learn and do? What is our common ministry? What priorities should guide us in the coming years?

These are Epiphany questions. And these are the kinds of questions we want to explore together in our upcoming Synod-Wide Conversations. These gatherings will provide us the opportunity to listen to one another, explore what God is up to among us, and discern together what the future might hold for us as individuals, congregations and a synod.

I invite you to join us in these synod-wide conversations. All are welcome to attend and participate. Detailed information will be sent over the next few weeks to each congregation with information on registration and logistics. Below, you will find the dates and locations for the conversations in the various Regions of our synod.

I hope you will join me for these important conversations.
May the peace of Christ be with you all,

+Bishop Greg Mohr

Vancouver Island Region
Saturday, February 9
Church of the Cross Victoria

Lower Mainland Region
Saturday, February 23
First Vancouver

North Region
Saturday, March 2 - Our Saviour's Prince
George
Saturday, March 9 - St. Paul's Prince Rupert

Southern Interior Region
Saturday, March 16 - Faith Kelowna

TRI CITIES – CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS MAT PROGRAM – TEMPORARY SHELTER

TOGETHER WITH THE HOPE FOR FREEDOM SOCIETY WE OFFER HOSPITALITY OF OVERNIGHT SHELTER AND MEALS TO THOSE IN NEED.

WHEN: MARCH 1, 2019 – APRIL 1, 2019

WHERE: ST. LAURENCE ANGLICAN CHURCH, 825 ST. LAURENCE STREET,
COQUITLAM, BC

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- VOLUNTEER FOR AN EVENING OR MORNING SHIFT
- DONATE FOOD, CLOTHING OR MAKE A FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

VOLUNTEER SHIFTS:

EVENING SHIFTS: 9:00 PM – 11:00 PM – 5 VOLUNTEERS PER SHIFT

MORNING SHIFTS: 5:30 AM – 7:30 AM – 5 VOLUNTEERS PER SHIFT

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION:

- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2019 AT 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

ORIENTATION WILL BE HELD AT ST. LAURENCE ANGLICAN CHURCH
825 ST. LAURENCE STREET, COQUITLAM, BC

Note: We are hoping to recruit volunteers from our congregation to help with this program. If you are interested, please see Gail Tremain and keep listening for further details.

Woodworking and Crafting Group

The Woodworking and Crafting group will resume their regular weekly activities on Tuesday, February 5. All are invited to attend and enjoy the opportunity to engage in some woodworking and crafting projects. As most of us know, this is the group that produces our baptismal faith chests and a whole lot more.

No experience is necessary and it's a great way to indulge your creative side while enjoying some wonderful fellowship.



Prayer Corner for Lent

During the weeks of Lent, we will once again create a prayer corner in the sanctuary off to the side of the pulpit. You are invited to visit the corner any time during the week or on Sundays and to use it for prayer and reflection. You will also be invited to write out a prayer request and leave it for others to pray for or to leave objects that represent your needs or the needs of the world as well as prayers that have been answered.

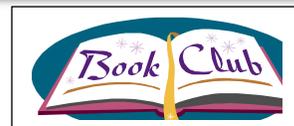


From the Church Librarian

Hooray! The church library will be easier to use in the coming months, with the installation of more permanent shelf labels that identify categories of books from Aging to Youth. Several of the book-shelving categories start with the letter 'C': Caregiving, Children's Books, Christian Living, Classics, Contemporary Christian Authors, and Creation Care. Take the time to look in those sections and find something that appeals to you--it may be a book you can thumb through in your downtime at the church, or a book you take home to read over time.

Feel free to visit the library in the Fellowship Hall at any time. Not only does it have seating for adults and children, it also has small supplies for your convenience, such as magnifiers (bookmarks, page magnifiers, and eyeglasses), writing supplies, and bookmarks. We will be installing a power bar that contains a few USB charging outlets (bring your own cable).

If you have suggestions for books to add to the library's shelves, or feedback on some that you've read, please leave a note in the mailbox marked "LIBRARIAN"...and watch for a seasonal book display during Lent.



You are invited to join us at our next book club in February (date TBD) at the home of Kate Wright when we will be discussing

The Towers of Trebizond By Rose Macaulay

Rose Macaulay's *The Towers of Trebizond* tells the story of Aunt Dot, Father Chantry-Pigg, Aunt Dot's deranged camel, and our narrator, Laurie, who are traveling from Istanbul to legendary Trebizond on a convoluted mission. Along the way they will encounter spies, a Greek sorcerer, a precocious ape, and Billy Graham with a busload of evangelists. A meditation on love, faith, doubt, and the difficulties, moral and intellectual, of being a Christian in the modern world.



Hey there Youth

Your Education team and I are still working hard to find some good leadership for the group. It's not easy! Unfortunately, science hasn't figured out a way to clone Jaclyn yet. But when it does we'll be all over it! In the meantime, it's Rob and Aryan and I holding things together. So, our schedule might not be quite as organized as usual. But we're getting there.

We've actually been encouraged by our growing relationship with the youth over at St. Laurence Anglican. They have a couple awesome leaders. And not only that...they like us! And truth be told, we like them too. So, they might be a part of helping us to keep things rolling going forward. As they say, when one window closes, you better watch your fingers. No, wait...that's not how it goes. Oh well.

Here is the schedule as far as we know it right now:

- January 27: Bible Study (and pizza and stuff)
- February 8: Bowling (and pizza and stuff)
- February 24: Bible Study (and pizza and stuff)

Hopefully the St. Laurence group will be joining us for all of these events. And there might be other events they will invite us to. So watch your email closely for news. For now, hope to see you out for what we have planned.

God's peace,
Pastor Eric

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ON THE ROAD TO EASTER WORD SEARCH



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| Ash | Holy Week | Palm Branch |
| Wednesday | Holy Thursday | Forty Days |
| Sacrifice | Good Friday | Jesus |
| Almsgiving | Holy Saturday | Passover |
| Prayer | Easter | Foot Washing |
| Fasting | Palm Sunday | Resurrection |
| Lent | Purple | Love |



COMMUNION
Assistants

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS WORKSHOP

There will be a workshop for communion assistants on Sunday, February 24 after worship. If this is one way you serve, please plan to attend. If you have never served in this way, please consider attending to learn what's involved.

We are in need of new people to help with this ministry and encourage anyone with an interest to check it out.

February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 8-9 pm - Korean Church	2 2-7 pm- Spanish Church 8:30-10 pm -AA Grp
3 8:45 am - Communion Meditation 9 am - Bible Study 10:00 am- Worship Service 1:30 - 4:30 - Korean Church	4 1:00 pm-Al Anon	5 7 pm - Woodworking 7:30 pm - Al Anon	6 10:30 am -Bible Study 7 pm - Confirmation	7 9:30-11 - TOPS 7:30 pm - CODA	8 8-9 pm - Korean Church <i>7 pm - Youth go Bowling</i>	9 2-7 pm- Spanish Church 8:30-10 pm-AA Grp
10 9:00 am - Bible Study 10:00 am - Worship Service with Holy Communion and Sunday School 4:00 pm - Movie Night 1:30-4:30 - Korean Church	11 1:00 pm-Al Anon	12 1 pm - Women's group mtg 7 pm -Woodworking ← 7 pm - Women's group meeting → 7:30 pm - Al Anon	13 7 pm - Confirmation	14 9:30-11 - TOPS 7:30 - CODA	15 8-9 pm - Korean Church	16 2-7 pm- Spanish Church 8:30-10 pm-AA Grp
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24 9:00 am - Bible Study 10:00 am - Worship Service with Holy Communion and Sunday School 11:30 - Communion Assistants Workshop 1:30-4:30 - Korean Church <i>6:00 pm - Youth Bible Study</i>	25 1:00 pm-Al Anon	26 7 pm -Woodworking 7:30 pm - Al Anon	27 10:30 am -Bible Study 7 pm - Confirmation	28 9:30-11 - TOPS 7:30 - CODA		

Pastor Eric in Wpg. For church mtgs.

March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 8-9pm – Korean Church	2 2-7 pm- Spanish Church 8:30-10 pm –AA Grp
3 Transfiguration Sunday 9:00 am – Bible Study 10:00 am Worship Service with Holy Communion 1:30-4:30 – Korean Church	4 1:00 pm Al Anon	5 Shrove Tuesday 6 pm – Pancake Dinner 7:30pm – Al Anon	6 Ash Wednesday 7:30 pm – Ash Wednesday Service 7 pm – Confirmation Cancelled	7 9:30-11 - TOPS 7:30 pm – CODA	8 8-9pm – Korean Church	9 2-7 pm- Spanish Church 8:30-10 pm–AA Grp
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