



The Parish News

NOVEMBER 2013



From the Pastor's Pen...

We Have Come a Long Way.

by Pastor Olaf



Recently in a meeting someone said to the pastoral team, "In our parish partnership we are much further along as I would have ever imagined we would be." Thank you "SOMEONE", you know who you are, for saying that. That statement made my day, because it means the work of everyone in our congregations is paying off.

Yes, we're still in decline. We invited people to join our church, and some of you are underwhelmed by the response. But I think that numbers are just a secondary matter. We're not salesmen and saleswomen who peddle ecclesiastic insurance that saves you from being cast into the outer darkness when the Day of Judgment comes. We don't measure success by counting heads on Sunday. Full pews are nice, but wherever two or more are gathered in Jesus name, there he will be also. We are not on a mission to fill a building, but we are called to spread the gospel so that the good news can open the hearts and minds of our neighbors to God's grace in Jesus Christ. That alone is our mission.

To fulfill this mission we have embarked on a journey. We contemplate who we are and what our institutional purpose is in this city. We opened ourselves to God's call and we are getting ready to act on that call. Doing that is no small feat and many of us have embraced it.

Of course, there are those voices who wonder why we have to do what we have never done before. Why do we have to do HOJO events? Why do we have to experiment with liturgy? Why don't we just leave everything as it is and hope for the best? I would answer; God promised us to walk with us. However, God did not promise us to do the walking for us. And, what do we have to lose?

Financial survival surely can be considered to be a benefit of our partnership, but the real benefit is not that we save money by sharing pastors, events and resources. The real benefit is that we discovered the beauty, the strength and the renewed hope that springs from being in relationship with each other. The real benefit of our parish partnership is that we have embarked on a spiritual

journey, an inner journey of transformation that changes us as much as we transform our institutional form. The church as it is right now is not relevant for an increasing number of people. The church that is on a journey of self-discovery and transformation can be relevant again, because God has put a world in our path that is hurting, that is broken and that is in dire need of good news.

The good news is that we are agents of God's grace. Moses was a stuttering refugee, but he was called by God to face up to the most powerful man in the world. He didn't want to, he didn't know how, but he did it anyway. That means, when we think about ourselves, we have to think big. We have to realize that we are not here to merely keep the doors open. We are here to change the world. We might be slightly on the older side and society does not expect us to be fire brands and revolutionaries, but we are part of a movement that always has and always will transform the status quo until God's will is done on earth as it is in heaven. Never forget, we went from lunch for lions to biggest religious movement on the face of this planet. Roughly 2.3 billion people worship the man from Galilee. Those are more people than lived on the entire earth in Jesus' time.

Here in Sudbury we don't have to face lions. We have to face secular indifference to the word of God. We fight greed, corruption, consumerism, narcissistic individualism, and eventually our own complacency. And the way we do that is by filling our parish partnership with life beyond practical considerations. In short, we love each other.

In conclusion: Don't worry too much about numbers and finances, and don't be afraid of change. We walk with God and when we spread the good news of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ than we have been true to our call and that is all that counts. Everything else will flow from that.



Parish Discernment Event – No Future Without Past

On October 20th over 100 members of St. Matthew's and St. Timothy's gathered for a special service and parish meeting at the Howard Johnson Hotel to understand what is important about our churches' histories. Everyone shared faith stories and documented key words that define their and their families' personal connection to Lutheranism. These words were then collected by our Parish Council who will now develop a word cloud that will pictorially show by font size the frequency that these key words were put forward by our members.

Parish Council encourages you to provide them with your feedback on this event. They also look forward to hearing any suggestions that you may have in regard to our next discernment event planned for April 2014. The general topic of the next discernment event will be the context in which we are envisioning our future. The guiding question being; Who is our neighbour?



LIVING THE QUESTIONS 2.0



What is Christianity? Why is having faith hard? What does it mean to take the Bible seriously? Why can reading parts of the Bible literally lead you away from Truth? Jesus gave his disciples a hard time when they thought following him would be easy. Why?

We do not attempt to give participants all the answers and instead we strive to create an environment where participants can interact with one another in exploring what's next for Christianity. Featuring thirty acclaimed scholars.

THURSDAYS @ 6:30 PM - Dates & Topics below:

Invitation to Journey

ST. TIMOTHY, 12 Collins Dr. Copper Cliff

Dates

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| 1. An Invitation to Journey | 17.10.13 |
| 2. Taking the Bible Seriously | 24.10.13 |
| 3. Thinking Theologically | 31.10.13 |
| 4. Stories of Creation | 7.11.13 |
| 5. Lives of Jesus | 14.11.13 |
| 6. A Passion for Christ: Paul | 21.11.13 |
| 7. Out into the World | 28.11.13 |

Reclaiming the World

ST. MATTHEW, 264 Mackenzie St, Sudbury

Dates

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| 8. Restoring Relationships | 16.01.14 |
| 9. The Prophetic Jesus | 23.01.14 |
| 10. Evil, Suffering & A God of Love | 30.01.14 |
| 11. The Myth of Redemptive Violence | 06.02.14 |
| 12. Practicing Resurrection | 13.02.14 |
| 13. Debunking the Rapture | 20.02.14 |
| 14. Reclaiming the World | 27.02.14 |

Call to Covenant

ST. TIMOTHY, 12 Collins Dr. Copper Cliff

Dates

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| 15. A Kingdom without Walls | 24.04.14 |
| 16. Social Justice: Realizing God's Vision | 01.05.14 |
| 17. Incarnation: Divinely Human | 08.05.14 |
| 18. Prayer: Intimacy with God | 15.05.14 |
| 19. Compassion: The Heart of Jesus' Ministry | 22.05.14 |
| 20. Creative Transformation | 29.05.14 |
| 21. Embracing Mystery | 05.06.14 |

To get the doctrinal content of the faith exactly right seems to be the most important thing in contemporary religious discussions. There is often no place for doubts or questions. Independent thought is feared as a demonic force that leads to eternal damnation. The result is a religious landscape that is increasingly irrelevant, disconnected from reality and not able to respond to the spiritual needs of people living in our secular world.

In this study we want to make room for your questions, doubts and hopes. It is a good place to engage the Christian tradition and explore its relevance for contemporary life. Seekers, believers and also non-believers are invited to share their thoughts and concerns.

You can attend the three segments independently. Please contact Pr. Olaf - pastorolaf@gmail.com - if you're interested. We will prepare for you a data disc with print out materials that accompany each session. I hope to see you there.

Evangelical Lutheran Parish of St. Matthew and St. Timothy

Jane Ann McLachlan

From Conflict to Connections Book Presentation

and Spaghetti Dinner

NOVEMBER 8, 2013

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church,
264 MacKenzie Street, Sudbury

5:00 pm spaghetti dinner (\$ 5.00);
6:00 pm book presentation (free admission).

Jane Ann McLachlan's new book, *Connections: Parables for Today*, is about the differences that separate people—differences of opinion, lifestyle, culture, situation and appearance—and how we can bridge those differences with understanding, compassion and faith. It is about seeing the connections, rather than the barriers, between people.

All the proceeds from the sale of *Connections* will go to aid in the work of the Canadian Lutheran World Relief and the Mennonite Central Committee.

McLachlan is an instructor at Conestoga-College and active member of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Waterloo.

Happy 50th Birthday!
Pastor Olaf
November 11th, 2013



Special Events during November 2013 at the Lutheran Parish of St. Matthew's and St. Timothy's !

Sunday, November 3 is **All Saints Day**. It's the Sunday when we light candles for those loved ones who have died during the last year. Join us for a celebratory Sunday service!

Wednesday, November 6, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm @ St. Tim's is our yearly **Christmas Tea** – come early to get a seat!

Friday, November 8 "From Conflict to Connection" – Join us @ St. Matt's for a yummy Spaghetti Dinner (\$5.00) at 5:00 pm and a book presentation at 6:00 pm (free admission). Jane Ann McLachlan's new book, **Connections: Parables for Today**, is about the differences that separate people, and how we can bridge those differences with understanding, compassion and faith.

All the proceeds from the sale of *Connections* will go to aid in the work of the Canadian Lutheran World Relief and the Mennonite Central Committee.

Monday, November 11 is **Remembrance Day**. We honor our veterans in public events and silent prayer. It is also **Pastor Olaf's 50th birthday**. Please come to **Open House at the Baumann's** from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Instead of birthday presents, gifts to St. Matt's and St. Tim's would be appreciated.

Friday, November 15 4:45 pm – 7:00 pm – we proudly present the first **Messy Church at St. Tim's in Copper Cliff!** Messy Church is a child oriented family event with devotions, meal, and craft stations around a Christian topic. We will honor St. Martin and dedicate this Messy Church to the practice of sharing. Please come, bring your kids and grandkids and invite your friends!

Sunday, November 24, 7:30 pm @ Copper Cliff Museum. The Copper Cliff churches have been invited to lead in prayer and hymn sing at the **Lighting of the Copper Cliff Christmas Tree**. Please join us for this memorable event, and Donuts and Hot Chocolate after.

Saturday, November 30 – 10:00 am – 12:00 pm is our yearly **Christmas Tea** @St. Mat's – come early to get a seat!

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ST. MATTHEW'S NEWS—November 2013

ST. MATTHEW'S FINANCES FOR September 2013

From Leena Jensen, Treasurer



Month of September

Income/Tulot

Tithes/Offerings	8,983.44
Baking	2,396.00
Praise Appeal ELCIC	156.25
Foodbank donations	262.00
St. Timothy - Received	<u>3,209.73</u>
Total Income:	\$15,007.42

Less : September Expenses \$12,952.10

Bank Balance September 30, 2013 **\$2,055.32**

Memorial funds/Muistorahasto **\$17,269.89**

A very big
"Thank You"
to members of
Activity Group #2
who generously donated
\$2080.00
for their fundraising activity.

The BAPTISM of Timo Juha Leinala ...



13.10.2013

Parents: Kristiina & Tomi Leinala
Sponsors: Eeva Leinala & Jussi Leinala

St. Matthew's Annual Christmas Tea and Bazaar Saturday, November 30th, 10:00 AM -12:00 PM.

Raffle tickets are available—in the office and from Committee members. The prizes include a beautiful Wooden Rocking Chair, \$100.00, and a Wall-hanging/Lap quilt by Riitta White.

There will be door prizes, a craft boutique, and a bake table. *Come early !!*

Visitors will enjoy coffee/tea, sandwiches, pulla and cookies, included with a \$4.00 admission..



Little Chapel on the Prairie

Grand Opening of the Wanup Chapel Thursday Bilingual Devotions

A successful event, with 11 new people attending. Barbecue, informal service and fellowship was enjoyed by all. Come and join us. All are . . .

Welcome!

**On the Last
Thursday of
the month,
at 4 pm.**



ST. MATTHEW'S . NEW MEMBERS

Maila and Pentti Puusaari,

From St. John's Lutheran Church in South Porcupine.

WELCOME!!



ST. TIMOTHY'S HAPPENINGS

NOVEMBER 2013

Church Council Notes



*Council Meeting
October 8th, 2013*

By Claudette Maanselka,
Secretary

St. Timothy's has been asked if we would like to participate in the **Copper Cliff CAN Tree Lighting event**. Council has agreed to allow use of the Fellowship Hall to serve refreshments. The date and time will be announced upon confirmation from Copper Cliff CAN.

There will be a **\$5 spaghetti dinner and guest speaker** at St. Matthew's Friday, November 8 from 5 to 8 pm. Dinner will be served at 5 pm sharp followed by a lecture from author, Jane McLachlan from 6 to 8 pm. For more information please see the ad in the Parish pages or contact St. Matthew's.

The trees in the front yard at the parsonage need to come down. With a quote of over \$600 from a tree removal company, Einard and Dan Mikkola and Ralph Toivonen have agreed to do the job themselves. Council would like to say 'Thank You' to these gentlemen for taking care of this project!

Next Meeting: November 12, 2013 at 6:30 pm



LCW Meeting

October 7th, 2013

By Peggy Kujala, Secretary

On "Back to Church" Sunday, Sept. 29th Pastor Kristin Luana blessed all the tie tac quilts and the "We care Project" kits before they were to be shipped out to Canadian Lutheran World Relief in Winnipeg.

A few remaining "We Care Project" kits are still outstanding. Please return your completed kits as soon as possible or if you are unable to prepare your kit, please return the yellow kit bag.

Our LCW group hosted the LCW Northern Conference on Saturday, October 5th. Although attendance from other Northern Conference churches was low, we still had a successful day. The meal was delicious and the fellowship great. Pastor Kristin Luana led the communion service as well as an inspiring bible study session. Thank you to all who participated.

The next Eastern Synod Gathering will be held at the Cambridge Hotel and Conference Centre on May 29 to 31, 2015, Eula Van Horn of Trinity will attend as our delegate and Allison Bertrand will be her alternate.

The positions of officers for 2014 remains the same.

President : Gloria Pakala Vice President : Joyce Nelson

Secretary: Peggy Kujala Treasurer: Arja Makinen

Program Convenor: Inga Nelson

Card Convenor: Mary Frantila

Nursery Roll: Charlotte Polvi

Please return you quilt raffle tickets by Sun. Nov. 3rd. Thanks to everyone who sold tickets.

A short business meeting will be held during the baking of bun and tea set-up on Tuesday Nov. 5th .

In Memoriam

Enni Roiha

September 26, 2013, 80 yrs

A Special Invitation For You



Friday, November 15, 2013
4:45 to 7 p.m.

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church
12 Collins Drive, Copper Cliff

A CELEBRATION FOR ALL AGES!



FUN • FAITH • FELLOWSHIP • FOOD

Christmas Tea & Bazaar

Wednesday, November 6, 2013

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM



St. Timothy's Lutheran Church

12 Collins Drive, Copper Cliff

TICKETS \$ 3.00

QUILT RAFFLE

BAKE TABLE WITH FINNISH BUN

DOOR PRIZE



**ST. TIMOTHY'S FINANCES
FOR SEPTEMBER 2013**

By John Nelson
Treasurer

August 31, 2013 Balance **\$ 13,508.43**

Income:

Offerings \$ 5,367.00

Synod:

Benevolence 565.00

CLWR 134.00

Miscellaneous:

Reimbursed Items 150.25

Donations: Praise Appeal 255.00

Roof Fund 355.00

Interest 0.49

Total September Income 6,826.49

Total Aug Balance + Sept Income 20,334.92

Less September Expenditures - 7,712.44

Balance September 30, 2013 \$ 12,622.48

Year-to-date Totals

	Budget	Benevolence	CLWR	Roof Fund 2012 / 2013
Cumulative	57,811	4,000	1,172	12,819.58
Commitment	67,500	4,050	900	

Difference - 9,689 -50 +272

Note:

1. Expenditures included the annual insurance premiums for the church and manse total \$1556. This is traditionally reimbursed by the LCW after the annual fall tea.



LCW Quilts and "We care Project" kits adorn the alter for the blessing ceremony before being shipped out to Canadian Lutheran World Relief in Winnepeg.



LCW Northern Conference Kitchen Crew

Significant Celebration

*Jim Krats retired in October after working 35 years
with Hydro One*

Congratulations Jim !

NB ... With two months remaining in our fundraising campaign, our Roof and Steeple donations are now \$12,819 (37 % OF OUR GOAL) . Thank you to all of you who have contributed throughout the year.

**FELLOWSHIP HALL
SATURDAY, NOV. 30, 2013
- 4:00 PM
LIGHT MEAL
FREE WILL OFFERING**

**ST. TIMOTHY'S
CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING
AND
TREE TRIMMING**



ANIMAL BLESSING AT COPPERCLIFF PARK - SEPT. 22nd