



The Tie That Binds

The Newsletter of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

VACANCY PASTOR'S MESSAGE

One More Night with the Frogs

"Tomorrow," Pharaoh said. - Exodus 8:10 (NIV)

WHEN Pharaoh refused to release the Hebrew slaves, God sent a plague of blood upon Egypt. Seven days later, Moses again asked for the Hebrews to be set free. When Pharaoh refused again, God sent millions of frogs hopping across the ground and into homes. Pharaoh changed his mind and asked Moses to pray to God "tomorrow" to remove the frogs. Why, I have asked myself, would Pharaoh choose to wait another day with frogs leaping into the beds and onto the tables?

Then I remember how often I intend to improve my poor habits. "Starting tomorrow," I tell myself, "I will do better. I am just too tired (or too busy) to make the change today." Yet when tomorrow arrives, I find an excuse to stick with my old ways.

How many of us choose to wait "just one more day" before we change our habits? We say that tomorrow we'll start to exercise, eat healthier foods, or spend more time reading the Bible or attend church more regularly. Like Pharaoh, we are willing to wait just a little longer before we take action.

But God wants us to serve and to experience the blessings of believing and serving today, not to wait another day. He says through the apostle Paul, "We appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

I have a friend who says he is an authority on procrastination. He says, half jokingly, "I'm writing a book on procrastination but I just can't get around to finishing it."

So we spend one more night with the frogs. God promises to give us strength in our weakness, to help us when we must change our attitudes and behavior so we can do what is right.

Lord, show us where you would like us to change, and give us the will and the courage to do it. Amen.



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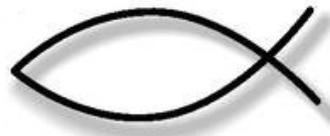
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Winnipeg is hosting *Lutheran Church-Canada's 3rd national **Inter-Cultural Ministries Conference***. The Conference will take place at Immanuel Lutheran Church, **3-5 June 2010**. We anticipate that there will be 40-45 delegates (both pastoral & lay) from across Canada.

The Inter-Cultural Ministries Conference brings together pastors and lay-leaders from congregations across Canada that are involved with doing missionary work across cultural & ethnic boundaries. This year, we anticipate that the Conference will see representatives who are working with more than 7 different cultural groups. As we reflect on the reality of our Canadian situation, it is amazing to see how the Lord of the Church is not only sending missionaries, but also how He is bringing the mission field to our very own doorsteps. Please keep this work in your prayers.



A MONTH ... OR MORE OF SUNDAYS

Every Sunday is a little Easter, the Lord's day. Every Sunday is important in its own right. But a number of the Sundays in the May – June period have added significance this year at Beautiful Savior. Please join us as we mark these Sundays and all Sundays for the honor of our Lord.



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

MAY 2

Join us in celebration as three young people, Jacob Cronier, Stacey Katryniuk, and Jordan Phillipoff publicly confirm their baptismal vows and receive Holy Communion. A great day to reaffirm our own confession of faith!



MOTHER'S DAY

MAY 9

Make mom and grandma happy by attending worship with them on this day in which we give special honor to all mothers.



ASCENSION SUNDAY

MAY 16

Although Ascension Day is actually Thursday, May 13, marking forty days after Easter, this important festival which highlights our Lord's return to heaven deserves a Sunday celebration of its own. He now, reigns at the right hand of the Father, preparing a place for us and readying for His return.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 23

Pentecost, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the believers, is often called the birthday of the Church. May the presence, power, and purpose of the Spirit pour out on us in abundance.



TRINITY SUNDAY

MAY 30

The mystery of the Godhead, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, three persons but one God. We gather to sing Holy, Holy, Holy, with the angels, archangels, and all the company of heaven.



CHURCH PICNIC

JUNE 6

How many hot dogs can you eat? Join this fun time for people of all ages. Dress casual. Bring a lawn chair. We meet in the church yard after an informal worship service.



FATHER'S DAY

JUNE 20

Be sure to give dad a hug. But also hug him in prayer as we worship together and give dads their due.

CHURCH MEMBERS' BIOGRAPHIES



Al was baptized and confirmed in Trinity Lutheran Church, Inglis MB. We were married in Immanuel in 1961 where I was later confirmed. Eventually we transferred to Peace and in 1981 to Beautiful Savior. We have one son Kurt, married to Kim. Al was in the construction industry all his working time and I was a banker. We both retired in 1996. Al's hobbies are many, some of which are hunting, fishing, curling and wood turning. Mine are limited, going to the theater, reading, exercising and doing lunch with friends. Al is also a small aircraft pilot and loved to fly but recently

had to give it up. Our summers are mostly spent at the cottage. We enjoy travelling. Our latest trip was to Egypt in 2009. **Al and Helena Mushumanski**

Lorenz and Madeline Marsch have been members of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church for 3 years now. This April, they celebrated their 60th anniversary. They got married in Brunkild, MB at St Paul's Lutheran Church. When they moved to Winnipeg, they started to attend Hope Lutheran Church, where they were members for 50 years. Upon the closing of that congregation they were attending services at a Community Center with Pastor Vic Esperanza for 6-7 years. When these services were not being conducted anymore, they decided to attend Beautiful Savior. They were coming to church for 1 year, when Lorenz was not able to drive anymore. Now they are members of our congregation from home, and we pray for them every Sunday. Pastor Fritsche used to visit them and give communion, now Pastor Mohr has been visiting them. Lorenz retired in 1989 from being a bus driver for 36 years and Madeline was always a home keeper and craft gifted. They are living in Lindenwoods at a condo where many activities like bingo and card games are offered to keep them busy. They have 2 married sons and three granddaughters, that are in the picture. They

have also done a lot of traveling around the world to celebrate good parts of their 60 years together. On their 25th anniversary (1975), they traveled to Spain for 3 weeks, where they enjoyed the good food very much. After that they did another Euro trip in 1977 for 5 weeks by car, this time, getting to know Holland, Germany, Austria, Belgium, and Switzerland, castles and history surrounded them. On their 50th anniversary, they decided to go on a cruise: 14 days on the Caribbean, visiting 9 different islands!! Talking about cruises, they also went to Alaska and the Panama Canal this way. Now, pay attention to their tip about traveling: Everybody should go to Hawaii at least once in a lifetime!! Nowadays, they enjoy going for rides with their children in the country during summer time. They miss attending church, mostly hearing the beautiful hymns. God blessed them so much in all these years and we pray that He continues to pour out many blessings the years to come. What an inspiring story!



The Cooper family, formerly members of Christ Memorial before it disbanded in 1983.

I taught Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and was involved with youth “Ambassadors for Christ”. As President of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League we inaugurated the Memorial Fund in 1977 and \$635.17 was later transferred to the Beautiful Savior Memorial Fund. Also interested elsewhere, I volunteered work at Child & Family Services, Age & Opportunity, and was an Honorary Probation Officer with the Dept of Justice – Alternative Measures for Young Offenders. Gardening and other outdoors events are special times at Gimli cottage. I thank my Heavenly Father for our many blessings. **Della Cooper**



My name is **Melanie Flach** (Fisher) and I was born and raised in Winnipeg! I grew up attending Grant Memorial Baptist Church with my family and being very involved in different areas of church life during most days of the week. After graduating from MBCI, I worked for a few years to pay my way to Capernwray Bible School in England. The 6 month Bible School made a deep impact on my life in many ways both spiritually as well as physically. It was a great time to study the Bible and get to know different ways of growing close to Jesus as well as meeting people from around the world who love and worship in

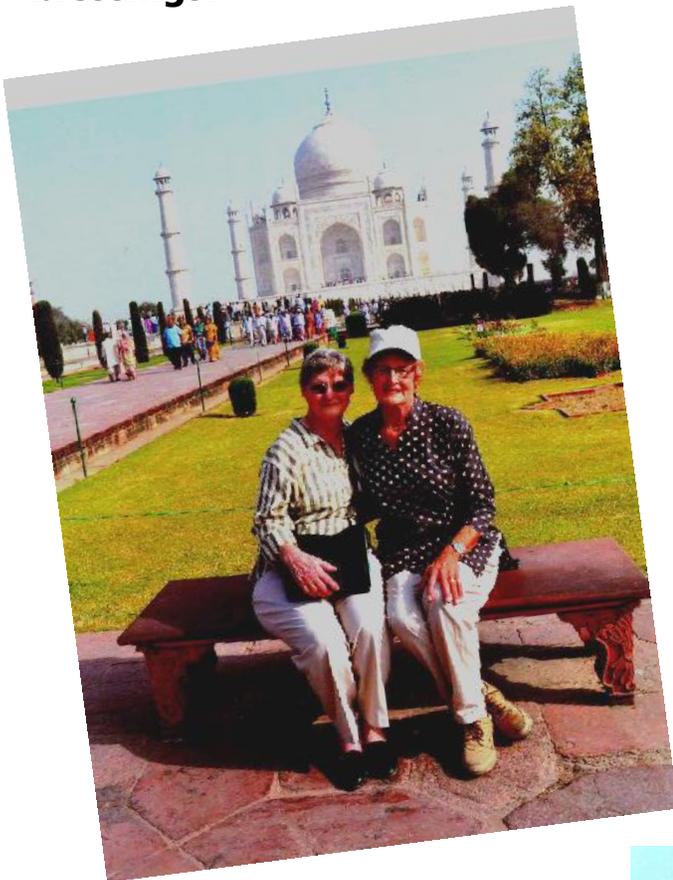


different ways. It is also where I met Volker and we wrote letters for three years before getting married. After our Winnipeg wedding and Canadian honeymoon we moved to Germany where we lived for 10 years in 3 different cities and where our three children were born. We returned to Canada in 2009 and plan to stay a while! I like to travel and meet new people and enjoy baking and reading.

I, **Volker Flach**, grew up in a small town near Frankfurt, Germany, and attended a Lutheran church. My jobs and my studies helped me to travel the world and to gain insight into different cultures and churches. I have lived in Germany, England, France, and now in Canada. The time at Capernwray Bible School in England has molded me in my understanding of the Bible and my relationship with Jesus. I love to find the big picture of God's good news in the Bible. Try out Philemon: one page that covers the whole gospel!

Travels with Elsie Liebrecht

My niece, Wilma Liebrecht, from Yorkton took me to India on the 17th of March, until April 3rd. It was a very interesting trip. India is very poor; it was depressing to see how they live. Their hotels are much nicer than ours here. They have marble floors where you walk in and the meals are good. The people there are very religious. We should be thankful to live in our country and have nice homes, etc and God's blessings.

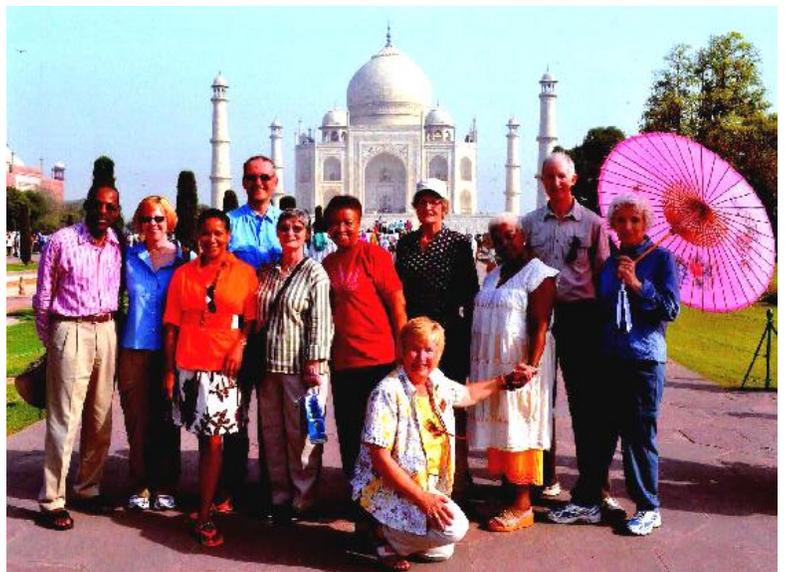


Elsie and Wilma at the Taj Mahal



Two very brave ladies!

Our group with our tour guide,
Penelope Holingworth



Lutheran Women's Missionary League News

Our guest speaker for the February meeting was Kerry Mushumanski, House Manager of Ronald McDonald House (RMH). RMH Winnipeg is a home away from home for out-of-town families whose children are undergoing treatment for cancer or other life-threatening illnesses at the Children's Hospital in Winnipeg. The House is a warm, welcoming home away from home where parents can relax, prepare a hot meal and share their concerns with other parents in similar situations. Recovering children and their parents are never far away from each other and this brings comfort to everyone. McDonald's® Restaurants of Canada, their suppliers, and Ronald McDonald House Charities do provide some financial support to help sustain Ronald McDonald House Winnipeg's operations. However, the House must still rely on the generosity of Manitobans for donations of money, services and gifts-in-kind. The House is primarily run by volunteers and supported by charitable donations from caring people.



In 1980, Winnipeg lawyer Richard Adams enlisted the help of Dr. Agnes Bishop and Dr. Norman Goldberg to organize a RMH project for Winnipeg. "A remarkable small group of people worked tirelessly to organize, publicize, fundraise, plan and build our Winnipeg House. It was a group comprised of people from all walks of life who bonded together, like a family. They shared responsibilities, successes and failures: lent support and affection to those who experience the loss of a child. On May 30, 1984, the Winnipeg RMH opened, just down the street from Children's Hospital, at 566 Bannatyne Avenue. RMH Winnipeg can accommodate 14 families, and all families are welcome to prepare their own nutritious meals/snacks in their kitchen. From the beginnings of RMH in Philadelphia, to their House in Winnipeg, to an organization of over 294 Houses across the world, RMH is truly the house that love built.

Located within Children's Hospital just a short walk from the pediatric or neonatal intensive care units, the Ronald McDonald Family Room is one more way RMH is helping to keep families together. The Ronald McDonald Family Room extends their mission within the walls of Children's Hospital. Opening in the spring of 2010, the space will be a place of respite and comfort for families with children who are patients at Children's Hospital and need to take a break from the hospital environment.



Beautiful Savior collected some wish list items for RMH. Kerry said she had a nice time meeting all the ladies from our LWML and our support was greatly appreciated by Ronald McDonald House.

During our March meeting, we completed a Bible study entitled, “If The Shoe Fits... Wear It”. In the Bible we find many examples of people who are challenged to set off in faith wearing what “*new shoes*”! God laid before us challenging new paths to walk. He challenged us to step forward in faith trusting He would make our new shoes fit.

We learned/read about how:

- God called Rebekah to leave her homeland to travel with a stranger on a long journey in order to become the wife of a man she had never met.
- Moses was reluctant to go back to Egypt. First, he questioned God's choice of leaders. Then Moses wanted to know the name of God. Moses also feared the Israelites would not believe God had sent Him. Next, he made excuses about his lack of eloquence in speech. Finally, Moses dared to beg God to send someone else. In the end he agreed to take up the challenge with the help of his brother Aaron.
- Jonah turned the opposite direction and boarded a ship heading for Tarshish. As a result God sent a violent storm to attack the ship. To save themselves, those on board reluctantly threw Jonah overboard. A great fish swallowed Jonah. For three days and three nights Jonah prayed to the Lord from the belly of the fish. After God delivered him, Jonah was again called to go to Ninevah. He went there proclaiming a message of destruction. The people of Ninevah believed him and turned to the Lord. God was compassionate and did not bring the destruction on them.
- God blessed Elizabeth in her old age by granting her the privilege of being the mother of a very special child, John the Baptist. God also blessed Mary in her youth by granting her the extraordinary honour of being the mother of her Lord – the most special child of all.

We also learned about the challenges Jesus faced as He set about wearing His new pair of shoes. Satan tempted Jesus three times in the desert. The first temptation was to show his power as the Son of God by changing the stone into bread. The second was to abandon the Father's plan of salvation and gain power by worshipping the devil. The third temptation was enticing Jesus to test God's faithfulness by throwing himself down off the highest place of the temple. But Jesus used Scripture to rebuke each of Satan's temptations. People who wanted to listen to Jesus' teachings and be healed of their sickness constantly crowded Him. But Jesus often withdrew to quiet places to pray. Jesus is confronted by the needs of the people – both spiritual and physical. But Jesus compassionately fed both their spiritual and physical hunger. Jesus faced his impending arrest and death. But Jesus was overcome with sorrow and grief. Three times he asked his Father if it is possible to change the plan of salvation. Each time Jesus made his heart-rending request as he asked for the Father's will to be done.

If we follow the footsteps of our Lord Jesus we will be better fitted into our shoes whether they be old or new.

We learned: Jesus used Scripture to rebuke each of Satan's temptations; Jesus withdrew to quiet places to pray, especially when he was crowded with the busyness of His ministry; Jesus showed his compassion by feeding the spiritual and physical hunger of the multitudes; Jesus turned to His Father for strength during his time of greatest sorrow and grief in the Garden of Gethsemane. He asked for his Father's will to be done.

Who knew that the shoes we wear every day, could teach us so much about how we are to follow the footsteps of our Lord Jesus.

We look forward to hearing Ana Ludke speak about missionary work in Brazil at our May meeting. Her father is the Vice-President of Lutheran Church Brazil, whose role is to take care of church's missions and social work all over Brazil. She will tell us about Brazil's contrasts as a developing country, emphasizing the role of our church. She will be showing some pictures and movies about what the Brazilian Lutheran church looks like. We invite all the ladies of our congregation to join us on May 4th at 7:00.

Lorraine Weir,
President, Beautiful Savior
LWML-C



WHY GOD MADE MUMS

Answers given by 2nd grade school children to the following questions:

Why did God make mothers?

1. She's the only one who knows where the sticky tape is.
2. Mostly to clean the house.
3. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

How did God make mothers?

1. He used dirt, just like for the rest of us...
2. Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring.
3. God made my Mum just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

What ingredients are mothers made of ?

1. God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world and one dab of mean.
2. They had to get their start from men's bones. Then they mostly use string, I think.

Why did God give you your mother and not some other Mum?

1. We're related.
2. God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's Mums like me.

What kind of little girl was your Mum?

1. My Mum has always been my Mum and none of that other stuff.
2. I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.
3. They say she used to be nice.

Why did your Mum marry your Dad?

1. My Dad makes the best spaghetti in the world. And my Mum eats a lot.
2. She got too old to do anything else with him.
3. My Grandma says that Mum didn't have her thinking cap on.

What did Mum need to know about Dad before she married him?

1. His last name.
2. She had to know his background. Like is he a crook? Does he get drunk on beer?
3. Does he make at least \$800 a year? Did he say NO to drugs and YES to chores?

Who's the boss at your house?

1. Mum doesn't want to be boss, but she has to because Dad's not able to.
2. Mum. You can tell by room inspection. She sees the stuff under the bed.
3. I guess Mum is, but only because she has a lot more to do than Dad.

What's the difference between Mums & Dads?

1. Mums work at work and work at home and Dads just go to work at work.
2. Mums know how to talk to teachers without scaring them.
3. Dads are taller & stronger, but Mums have all the real power 'cause that's who you got to ask if you want to sleep over at your friend's.
4. Mums have magic, they make you feel better without medicine.

What does your Mum do in her spare time?

1. Mothers don't have spare time.
2. To hear her talk, she pays bills all day long.

What would it take to make your Mum perfect?

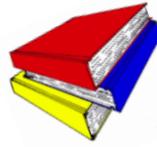
1. On the inside she's already perfect. Outside, I think some kind of plastic surgery.
2. You know, her hair. I'd die it, maybe blue.

If you could change one thing about your Mum, what would it be?

1. She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.
2. I'd make my Mum smarter. Then she would know it was my sister who did it and not me.
3. I would like her to get rid of those invisible eyes on the back of her head.

Shared by Donna Byers





THE ANNUAL YARD SALE

for **Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church** will be held on **Saturday May 29th from 9:00 Am to 2:00 Pm**. We need your help in donating items for the YARD SALE. Please deliver them to the church, or call Randy at 489-3891 for pickup. We will also be BBQing items for sale at the Yard Sale.

So please stop by on Saturday May 29th, for a quick lunch, and have a look at items that may be of interest to you.



If you wish to volunteer your time for the Yard Sale please put your name on the sign-up sheet or speak to **Gail Wise** or **Randy Popp**.

This annual event has raised more than \$1500.00 in the past two years. This event is sponsored by Faith Life Financial. If you should have any questions or concerns please speak to Randy Popp.

