

# LAKESHORE LINES

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## DLUC Congregation Says Thanks To Retiring Choir Conductors

by Ellen J

On Saturday June 6th many from Deer Lake gathered at the church for a Choir Leader tribute before all four, Terri and Grant Laphorne and Don and Jean McWade retire after many, many years of musical service to our congregation.

What a night!! Following an incredible potluck supper complete with laughs and conversation in the fellowship hall, everyone retired to the sanctuary for what seemed to be a cross between a Hallmark Hall of Fame movie and a Dean Martin roast!!

Naomi S started the evening off by pointing out the history of our dear choir leaders! Then on to the Kidz band for an offering of "Mecting Time" and "Gospel". Don first formed this band several years ago and it has been a delight to watch the children, and their musical prowess, grow and develop along with their maturity. They have improved and refined their skills under Don's protective wing and it was heartening to see them offer this musical "thank-you".

Following the kids Jim Y took



Grant and Terri Laphorne, Jean McLeod and Don Wade

the stage with generous praise (and a few digs) for our four choir leaders. He even serenaded them a cappella, and with the humble intention of not breathing!!

The choir sang a couple of favourites and Pieces of Eight offered "Down by the

River to Pray". Melissa H spoke on behalf of the kids Don has touched over the years. Drawing illustrations from band practices and Dons legendary child-like energy it was amazing to think that

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### Vision Statement

Deer Lake United Church welcomes you into a Christian community for all ages that explores and expresses spirituality through:

- Worship and Music
- Fun and Fellowship
- Caring and Outreach
- Involvement and Growth

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# Tony Hosts Men's Retreat

by Bill H

Many years ago the men's group began a weekend retreat that has continued for thirty-five? thirty-six? or thirty-seven? years. It began when Frank Currie invited the Deer Lake guys to his cabin at Half Moon Bay.

It continued at Frank's every year for a number of years and then at Richardson's on Anderson Lake, at the Drew's on Harrison Lake, at the Dunn's in Parksville and this year at the Woodruff's on the Sunshine Coast.

About twenty men usually attend but all men of the congregation are welcome. Fellowship among the participants is great but a simple program to enrich our faith is a core part of each retreat.



**Arnie B and Jo D return with their bounty**

Everyone pitches in to do the tasks involved, like Doug R organizing the menu and buying the provisions, Bruce D arranging rides, Greg G providing special tools and others selecting and organizing the program, cooking the meals and doing the cleanup.

It is a weekend of sharing responsibility, personality, life experiences and faith. It is a time of relaxation and enrichment. First-timers this year were Edwin L, Paul O'C, Andrew H and his special friend from Windsor, Ont., John S.

This year's program was on the theme of The Sunshine Coast as a part of the B. C. Coastal Land and Sea and was in three parts.

First, on the ocean and tidal forces, secondly, on faith experiences from being a child to being a man and thirdly, on the Sechelt people — their land and history.

Activities along the beach and shore were organized. And in our tradition the weekend concluded on Sunday with Communion.

Tony W led the program with an interesting and enlightening description of the forces that create ocean tides and the effects upon our coast. He explained how the Sun and Moon interact to cause the rise and fall of ocean tides and that because

of God's grand plan we can accurately predict depths and times of the high and low water.

He also pointed out that there are some places like Hawaii where ocean tidal flow is minimal and other places like the Bay of Fundy where it is gigantic.

He told of places like the Skookumchuck were because of land constriction the tidal race is fearsome. He told us of the richness of the bounty of the sea.

Rev. George Stegen took us into the second session and led us to look at the child within us. He quoted from the scriptures where we are admonished to have the true and simple faith of a child. He talked about the rituals that have sometimes overshadowed our beliefs and have clouded our spirituality.

George suggested that each of us must try to recapture some of the simplicity and purity of childhood and to live our lives in true faith. He referred to scriptures like they were navigational charts guiding us through life's difficulties.

Our third session under the direction of Ernie C was about the historic Sechelt peoples, their lands, settlements, customs and ways. He showed us on maps where their seasonal homes were and emphasized their dependence on the land and sea.

Ernie explained their use of materials for housing and clothing. He told us of the scourge of white man's disease and how it decimated the population at the end of the nineteenth century. He referred to their progress into the twenty-first century.

Ernie told us too, that they were very conscious of the need for harmony with nature. He suggested that the Sechelt People are foremost in leaving a very small footprint upon the land in historic, current and future development.

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**Good wine! (George S, Don S and Rick M)**

# Women Retreat to Rivendell, Bowen Island

## A Woman's Retreat at Rivendell

A Woman's Retreat at Rivendell  
I went with trepidation,  
Having never been to one  
Proved beyond my expectation.

A beautiful spot on Bowen  
A place of quiet rest  
Atop a knoll called Cates Hill  
We all, I'm sure, felt blest.

The rooms were comfy cozy;  
And of course, we had a view.  
The staff were very friendly  
A peaceful milieu too.

We shared our stories from the past  
Of women from the bible.  
We dressed the part and realized  
How life could be quite tribal.

We heard from women who followed  
Christ...  
Stayed loyal by his side.  
They played a role in the new Christian  
life  
And continued after he died.

There were times also spent in silence  
Or just recalling past days  
Of women who touched us throughout  
our lives  
In so many special ways.



"Women of the Bible" at Rivendell

We sang together, we prayed together,  
We had some fabulous meals.  
We worked on crafts depicting our  
roles...  
The artwork in some, quite unreal.

Most of us knew one another,  
But friendships rekindled anew.  
There was so much fun and laughter...  
We hated to bid our adieu!

Communion was held on Sunday,  
We gathered in grateful prayer...

Took bread and wine in reverence  
And spiritually felt more aware.

So Carol, we thank you sincerely,  
Your women's retreat dream came true.  
With Ria you gave us great memories...  
I'm on board for the next one you do!

— Claire S

Thanks to Carol P , our wonderful chef Marion D , Ria Van Holten (celebrant) and all of the women who took part.



## Nick Judson Ordained

On May 11 Nick Judson, a student who has been with us for large parts of the last three years, graduated with a Master of Divinity from VST.

On Sunday May 24, at the United Church BC Conference, he was ordained as part of the Celebration of Ministry.

Several Deer Lake people attended this happy occasion in Langley. They represented this community which has played a major role in bringing Nick's preparation for ministry to this successful conclusion.

Nick starts as minister in Prairie Points Pastoral Charge (Fillmore and Creelman, Saskatchewan) on July 01 but is counting on continuing contact with Deer Lake.

# Naramata Centre to Receive Over \$11,500 from DLUC

by the Naramata Centre Capital Campaign Committee

Naramata Centre, one of four United Church Education and Retreat Centres across Canada, has been a wonderful blessing in the lives of many Deer Lake members. For decades we have been attending the Centre, not only Music Week but other summer programs as well. We have attended women's conferences, youth retreats and marriage enrichment workshops.

We have volunteered our time to the Centre and some of us have found employment there. Naramata Centre has been a place of memorable holidays, a place to build community and connect with others, and a place of rest and spiritual renewal.

In September, a small group of Deer Lake members decided to "Pay it Forward", and give something back to this place which is so meaningful to us. Naramata Centre is in the midst of a 3-year Capital Campaign, and hopes to raise \$3 million to restore and refresh the Centre's aging facilities. We wanted to contribute to this campaign.

We kicked off our efforts by serving coffee after church, complete with music and a slide show of Deer Lakers at Naramata. Printed information was available and architect's drawings of the planned updates were on display. Our committee welcomed the chance to explain the purpose of the Capital Campaign, and the value of the Centre to us personally and to our church. Coffee was served periodically throughout the year, with donations going to the Centre.

Our bottle drive began in October, and regular donations of bottles to our cause have raised over \$470.

In November, we held an old-fashioned cakewalk with more than a dozen home-made cakes up for grabs. Our cakewalk raised \$253.

In December, part proceeds from Colleen Keeler's wreath sale and donations given for hand-made Christmas ornaments were gratefully received.



Even the rain can't dampen the spirits of Naramata visitors



Just a few of DLUC who make the annual trek to Naramata

In February, we provided lunch for our AGM by donation. Several varieties of chili, macaroni and cheese, buns and a wide variety of desserts were well-received and resulted in \$344 being raised.

Our most ambitious fundraiser was an evening at Baldwin House on the shore of Deer Lake, held April 24th. Guests enjoyed hot and cold appetizers and desserts served by some of our Deer Lake Youth, fine wine from Lake Breeze winery on the Naramata Bench, and live music provided by our own Don Wade.

Well-supported by members of our congregation and by Mardon and Campbell Insurance Brokers Ltd, members of other congregations and local politicians were also in attendance. The Centre's Executive Director Andrew Church, Director of Development Diane Ransom and Program Director Allison Rennie attended, along with two Naramata Centre Board members and the architects responsible for designing the new facilities.

Bidding at the silent auction was competitive. Good conversation and laughter spread over the peaceful lake as the sunset glowed red and orange. It was a special time of fellowship for those who love Naramata. Close to \$5,400 was raised that evening.

We wrapped up our Pay it Forward campaign on May 22 with an enjoyable evening of celebration, food and drink, and another small silent auction. This function raised \$400.

Our congregation has been very generous in supporting these fundraisers, and in making donations through their envelopes. Some members kindly contributed their computer expertise and communication skills, and some donated items for the silent auctions. Bottles and cans were brought to the church on a regular basis.

The good work of many individuals has resulted in great success for our project. At the time of writing, we have raised over \$11,520 for Naramata Centre which will go to their Capital Campaign on behalf of Deer Lake United Church. Thank you all for your support, enthusiasm and generosity.

## Library News

by Sue M

I hope that many of you have had the opportunity to browse through the on-line catalog of our books that is now available. A link to the catalog, and instructions on its use, can be found at the Deer Lake United Church's web-site under the heading of "Involvement and Growth" or it can also be accessed directly at [www.librarything.com/catalog/DLUC](http://www.librarything.com/catalog/DLUC).

The catalogue is intended to enhance access to available books and materials that help members in their journey of faith. Please remember as well that our library is a public lending library; so invite your friends and family to browse through the catalog and borrow a book as well!

Some of you may have noticed that the Reference Section has been moved over to the far right side of the library; this was to allow for the display of new books in a more prominent section in the middle. This, by no means, devalues the Reference Section and I would like to take a moment now to talk about this important area and give just one example of the insightful information that can be found there.

First of all, the material in the Reference Section includes the Holy Bible, Bible Commentaries, Bible Dictionaries and Atlases, Concordances, and an Encyclopaedia of Religion.

We are blessed to have a wide assortment of Bible Commentaries ranging from single volume commentaries to several that contain multi-volumes.

All of the material in this section can be borrowed, however not all of the books have a sign out card in the back; in this case please just leave a note in the card box with your name and the book borrowed.

The Bible commentaries are an invaluable resource; the authors are often well versed in the original Greek of the New Testament and expound on the English translations that we read.

The following is what The Daily Study Bible Commentary says about James 3:17 which reads: "The wisdom which comes from above is first pure, then peaceable, considerate, willing to yield, full of mercy and of good fruits, undivided in mind, and without hypocrisy."

The words that James uses to describe heavenly wisdom in the original Greek are as follows:

Pure – "hagnos" the root meaning is pure enough to approach the gods. True wisdom is so cleansed from ulterior motives, and of self, that it becomes pure enough to see God.

Peaceable – "eirenikos" its basic meaning is right relationships among people and between people and God; true wisdom always produces right relationships. There is a cruel wisdom which takes a delight in hurting others with clever, but cutting words, but true wisdom at all times brings people closer to one another and to God.

Considerate – "epieikes" is one of the most untranslatable words, it means knowing when and when not to apply the strict letter of the law, it knows how to forgive when strict justice gives a perfect right to condemn.

Willing to yield – "eupeithes" can mean ever ready to obey or it can also mean easy to persuade in the sense of not being stubborn and of being willing to listen to reason and to appeal.

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## Hugh Describes Importance of Naramata



**Kathy R holds baby Hugh**

The first time I went to Naramata I had only been in Canada for twenty-four hours. Mom brought me home from Guatemala, we spent the night at home and the next morning we went to Naramata.

Mom says it was the smartest thing she could have done because Naramata is so loving...and caring. Apparently I saw very little of mom that week!! I met everybody as they passed me around and mom relaxed.

This summer will be my **twelfth year** at the centre. We go every year, we stay in a cottage and we recharge our batteries.

We always attend music week but I don't really go for the music. I go for the place! At Naramata I feel free ... and safe ... and accepted. I feel like it's mine ... and I have friends there from adults all the way down to young children.

The leaders are great and I can talk about God ... and love ... and respect ... and no-one makes fun of anyone. Life at home is really complicated sometimes. I sometimes get picked on. Naramata is so simple and warm.

I can truly be myself there and everyone is friends with everyone. I hope to be a leader there someday. I hope to bring my kids there someday also. Everybody needs a place to breath ... that's what it is to me.

Please support our fundraiser on April 24. Buy a ticket. They're only 75 dollars. You can talk to me after the service if you'd like to find out more ... or talk to any members of our committee. Even if you buy a ticket and don't go. That's OK too!

Right now the cabins we stay in need work. The whole place needs maintenance and that's what the money is for. To refresh the place for us....so one day I can bring my kids there ... to learn ... and grow ... and feel cared for ... like I do.

## Garden Plans Progressing

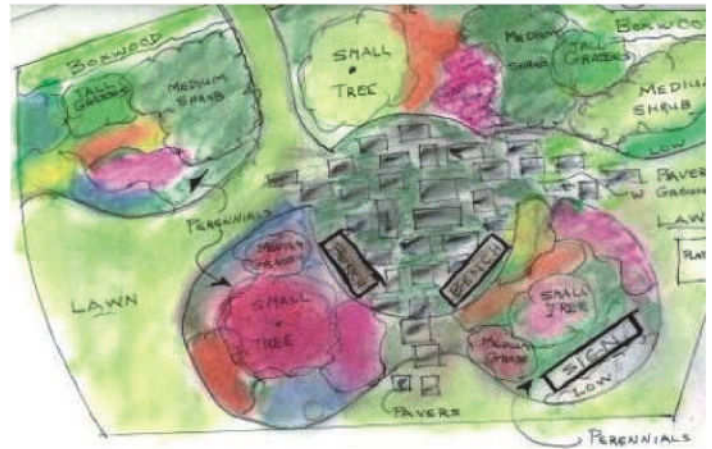
by Pat Y, for the DLUC Garden Group

The Garden Group thanks all those who have donated to the Garden Project this year. We currently have \$1,134 as of May 31<sup>st</sup>. We hope to have more Garden funding in place before the Garden can get started, which means we may have to delay the planting until next springtime. We will keep you informed. The plan shown here will be detailed out in a larger blueprint, and will be available for you to see shortly. The Garden Group will be meeting this week to discuss timelines.

Meanwhile we have approved the general outline in this sketch. This is to be a welcoming space for the entire community. Mixtures of fragrant plantings, colourful flowers, small shade trees and shrubs, plus room in the future for people to sit and enjoy the space, are all part of welcoming people not only to the church, but to the neighbourhood.

The design and plant choices for the gardens are to reflect a need for lovely but lower maintenance care. Annual plantings are not a part of the garden at this point, but can be added in larger containers on the deck, making for colourful, easier and less expensive changes with the seasons.

Tom C and Arnie B have been diligently planting shrubs on the south side of the property, close to the pre-



**Preliminary sketch of proposed DLUC garden**

school entrance. The children in Sunday School will be encouraged to plant bulbs here in the Fall. For those who in the survey offered their help in garden maintenance, a sign-up sheet is posted in the Hall. We ask that you offer to do an hour tending this small part of the garden once a month (or more).

## Library News (con't.)

Here it probably means the second, or that heavenly wisdom is being willing to listen, and skilled in knowing when it's wise to yield.

Full of mercy "eleos" and of good fruits – eleos means mercy for another person who is in trouble, even if the trouble is their own fault, it also offers practical help, as in action.

Undivided in mind "adiakritos" – not wavering and vacillating; it knows its own mind, chooses its course and abides by it, it is based on Christian certainties which come to us from God through Jesus Christ.

Without hypocrisy "anupokritos" – it is honest; it never pretends to be what it is not; and it never acts a part to gain its own end.

Fortunately for us, James not only describes the wisdom that comes from God, but also assures us that God is generous in granting wisdom to those who ask: "If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him." James 1:5. King Solomon, who was known for his great wisdom said "To get wisdom is better than gold; to get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver" Proverbs 16:16.

As a related side note the web-site Crosswalk.com offers a wide range of Bible study tools; the web site listed below places over twenty different translations of the Holy Bible at your fingertips: [www.biblestudytools.com/OnlineStudyBible/bible.cgi](http://www.biblestudytools.com/OnlineStudyBible/bible.cgi)

Please take some time to look into the many tools available to us on our journey through life that are given to us by our Father in heaven; "...seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened." Luke 11:9,10

A number of new books have been added to the library which include, but are not limited to:

Monk Habits for Everyday People: Benedictine Spirituality for Protestants by Dennis Okholm – This book gives insight into the history and lives of the Benedictine Monks, such as: St. Benedict of Nursia lived approximately 1500 years ago and his writings became the leading guide to monastic living in several traditions. The key to Benedictine spirituality is balance; their motto is "Work, study, and pray"; ideally a monk might spend six hours at work, three in study (lectio divina), and four in prayer (The Daily Office).

The Peacemaker: A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflict by Ken Sande - Ken Sande is the founder of Peacemaker Ministries which was formed in 1982 by a group of pastors, lawyers, and business people who wanted to encourage and assist Christians to respond to conflict biblically. The book discusses conflict resolution principles that God has given through Scripture.

A Match Made in Heaven: a Bible-based Guide to Deepening Your Relationship with God by Nancy Christine Reeves – Local author (Victoria) Nancy Reeves is a clinical psychologist, spiritual director, poet, and author who conducts many lectures and workshops internationally, which has included the Epiphany Explorations in Victoria. In this book she chooses twelve scripture passages that speak to twelve principles intended to help us develop a deeper, richer, relationship with our God.

Please check the on-line catalog for other new additions to our library or check the library itself where they are displayed; the bulletin will also provide information on new titles.

Again I encourage you all to borrow a book from our library!

# Deer Lake Church Reaches Out

by Bill H

Deer Lake United Church is a relatively small congregation but it has a big heart. A small group, the outreach committee, organizes and oversees many efforts to reach out and offer a hand up to our less fortunate brothers and sisters in local and worldwide communities.

Over many years Deer Lake has assisted others in diverse ways.

The following is a list of some of the local projects we have been involved with:

- The lifeline society – helping battered women with support and shelter.
- Margeurite Dixon Transition Society – shelter and counsel for battered women and kids.
- Once-a-month lunches for Burnaby's homeless.
- Clothes and essentials for the homeless at First United and in Burnaby.
- Edmonds Street Youth Programme. (Lunch on the run Sept. 20.)
- Edmonds Community School student summer camp at Jubilee.

As well as the local outreach Deer Lake has worked internationally with:

- Pueblito. in Costa Rica supporting foster families for street kids. (For our efforts a house in the village is called "Casa Burnaby.")
- Chali C, an orphan Zambian lad, sponsoring him to junior college in Lusaka. He is now gainfully employed at Bank of Zambia.
- "African Grandmothers." A group fostering children. We are gathering information in relation to them and their work. (More about this in the fall.)

The committee continues to work on your behalf and has recently assisted five Edmonds Community School children who would not have had the opportunity to be enrolled in the school's summer camp at Camp Jubilee (excess funds from Christmas

Hamper Fund supplied Christmas in June for those kids).

Donations, more generous than expected, also enabled the committee to forward \$1000 to Edmonds Street Youth Programme to expand and diversify their summer offerings that are enriching and counselling the youth toward a happier and fuller life.

The committee continues to work on behalf of the congregation and is very grateful for your financial, moral and hands on support. Help is needed and appreciated either on an ongoing or casual basis. If you are able to assist in making sandwich lunches for the homeless during the summer months please sign up in the fellowship hall.

Don't forget September 20 Lunch On The Run. And December will be time for Christmas hampers and dressing the naked tree.

## Canuck Place Gets \$400+

During a community Garage Sale day, 7-year-old Sean K decided he wanted to do something a little different with the money that he earned. After selling some of his old toys and auctioning off a few extra special items, Sean donated over \$400 to Canuck Place!



Thank you for your generosity, Sean!

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## Congregation Says Thanks (Con't.)

Melissa herself was once a preschooler here at the church. Several other people spoke of the impact the choir leaders have had on them personally and the impact they have had on the church.

There were those who didn't sing and those who didn't attend church and it seems music, and these four leaders are what bring a lot of these folks here on Sundays. What a powerful statement.

The evening included lots of fun and teasing as well. Songs irreverently changed to include the words Terri, Grant, Don and Jean were peppered throughout the event as well as one particularly puzzling occasion when Yvonne L. tried to join the men's chorus.

When it was pointed out she had also signed up for the men's retreat this year she slinked back to her seat ... it makes one wonder.

Joseph the musical was highlighted

several times and some spoke of all the money raised through musical concerts over the years.

Following tribute songs, a tear or two, and a fabulous version of "Over the Rainbow" by new choir director Lamont Pinkney, the directors were presented with various gifts from the congregation.

Don received a bottle of Glenfiddich, and Jean received a spa gift certificate. They also received a fabulous Larry Stevenson bowl and some cash to spend on their next cruise.

Terri and Grant received a beautiful bird bath, a gift certificate for Hart House and some money.

The traditional Blessing of Aaron was sung as is done each Thursday night to close choir practice.

Desert followed in the hall ... so much desert and laughter and reminiscing. What a wonderful evening.

The whole event reminded me of when I joined the choir. I've never really been a "Peace Be with You" kind of gal. Nice in theory but, well, that's another article. A fellow (like-minded) congregant and I used to meet in the kitchen for a "glass of water" when it came time to shake hands and pass the peace each Sunday.

Then I had a brain wave. I'll join the choir!! They're up in the back balcony! What a sanctuary and escape for me!!! Well, little did I know, they **HUG** up there!!!! What was I thinking???

I guess that's it in a nutshell: Affection, respect, comfort, humour. All nurtured by the choir leaders.

The good news is the leaders are not leaving. They'll still be haunting the halls, singing the hymns and clapping contrary to the natural beat everyone who isn't a choir leader possesses. The gift that keeps on giving...

## Men's Retreat (Con't.)

He deferred to Rick who told us of some of his adventures and misadventures as a towboat captain along the waterways of the coast. He helped us gain a better understanding of the ancient people and their relationship to the land and to the sometimes dangerous waters of our coast.

Arnie B., Gary H. and Jo D. set out Crab traps. Those brave guys rowed out and harvested a bountiful catch of crabs, one trap held fourteen large specimens.

Needless to say gourmet crabmeat was added to the already



Some of the gents who attended the Men's Retreat

succulent menu. It takes a lot of hard work to shell the crabs and collect the meat but George, Bob C. and Jo did a great job in the afternoons while the others were away hiking they did that arduous task.

The afternoons were filled with hiking activity along the seashore, one day to the town of Sechelt and another to the settlement at Davis Bay. On return at low tide a game of bocce was organized on the sandy shore.

In the evenings a fire was built and we gathered for general talk and fellowship. Cards and cribbage entertained many. Others found comfort in their beds as night grew late.

Saturday evening was the night of the great barbeque feast. Chef Bob C. did steaks to perfection and the Salmon a la Dunn was fantastic. The meal was fit for a king but enjoyed by each and every one. And as a former member Jimmy McCloskie used to say, "The food was great!"

Sunday was our last day, a day of gladness in joining together celebrating the Lord's Supper. George led us in a different, simple, beautiful and awesome observance.

The consecrated bread was passed from man to man and we were encouraged to tell our buddy how we saw the child in them. It was an intensely moving experience. The cup was passed and shared.

Don, Ernie, and Gary led us in singing, Holy, Holy, Holy, Morning has broken, Kum By Yah (singing, laughing and praying) and in great harmonic tones the weekend ended.