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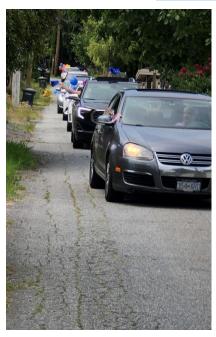
Dorothy Turned 95

By Shirley M

A drive-by parade was organized for Dorothy W on Thursday June 25th for 12 noon. It took place in the lane behind their home, to celebrate her 95th birthday. Any other year, we would have had a cake at the church! This year we had to come up with something creative and Don W thought of this. It was a great success, with approximately 21 cars and 1 bicycle (Dana) There were about 30 people in those cars! Joseph our minister, sat with the Dorothy and Don at the end of their driveway, explaining to Dorothy who were in the cars. Don W turned 95 on May 26th, so really it was a double birthday celebration. After the drive-by, a few people parked their cars and had a cup of tea and a sandwich and cake.. That made Don and Dorothy's day. There was lots of room for social distancing.

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There was only one glitch: As the parade started going down the lane towards the Dorothy's driveway, a garbage truck started up the lane in the opposite direction. Guess who had the right of way? You've got it!

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

Yes, the garbage truck wasn't backing down, so the cars that were in the lane had to back out, which wasn't that easy for some! You have to have a glitch to tell a good story!!

After everyone had gone home Dorothy left a voice message for me: "I want to thank you, for all you did to make my 95th birthday so perfect. I was so overwhelmed that everyone turned up. It was one of the happiest days of my life."

Thank you all for turning up and making that day so special for her and Don. It was so nice to see so many cars all lined up and ready to party! It was certainly all worthwhile.

Minister's Message

Greetings Friends!

It cannot be said that Fall Kick-off 2020 was "the same ol', same ol'." In fact, it looked quite different than in years past, yet I believe it was a wild success. Many of you tuned into YouTube channel to watch a very full worship service – communion and all – and then joined in for the familiar Fellowship Time over Zoom. Many of you also came by for our parking lot Meet-n-Greet, which was a great opportunity to see so many of you in-person (for some, for the very first time!).

Our robust programming also has begun this Fall with quite a few events already happening. On Saturday, September 26, we had our first "Let's Talk" session and were honoured to have Brad Marsden join us to discuss the history of residential schools and its impact on our indigenous neighbors. Sunday, September 27, marked our first Town Hall where a great number of you joined in to hear what's happening within our community. Further conversation was shared about what we at Deer Lake United can do to reach out further to indigenous communities surrounding us.

Our small groups also have begun with the normal weekly Minister's Study, with the additions of Bible 101 and the book study on The Heart of Christianity, which began before COVID hit but was never able to conclude. We also have the monthly Church 101 and Exploring Spiritual Practices beginning as well in October. Whether you want to deepen your faith through bible study, a book study, spiritual practices, a deeper understanding about the church, or conversation on each week's sermon, there's something for everyone as we seek to live into the resurrection of DLUC 2.0.

More of my thoughts regarding DLUC 2.0 will be coming out in the coming weeks and months ahead, but it is clear that the Spirit is moving within the Deer Lake United community. While resurrection is a process and brings hope for the future, we must also be reminded that that the Kin-dom of God is at hand now, today! There is much to be grateful for and to be excited about — even when so much seems so uncertain and causes us to be on edge. May we all take a deep breath in and remember that God is, indeed, with us.

Hope to see you each very soon!

The Rev. Dr. Joseph Kyser



COVID Blessings

By Garry F

The news is full of the negative effects of COVID-19. We can't, and shouldn't, ignore the suffering this pandemic is causing for so many people all over the world: the loss of income, the isolation, the deaths, and the unpredictable lingering physical ailments are everywhere. As usual, the poor and underprivileged are being affected more than the affluent. But the virus is resulting in some positive aspects:

Fresh air, clear skies and less noise pollution – for a while.

More family time during the lockdown.

Zoom sessions with far-flung family members, instead of email and phone calls.

Adopting and learning how to use technology to stay in touch.

A new appreciation of seniors caregivers, medical staff and first responders.

An unparalleled response from all levels of government in Canada, showing how quickly programs can be put in place when needed.

Appreciation of all those little things we used to take for granted, too numerous to mention.

Pursuing new-found and resuscitated skills, hobbies and pastimes.

Sprinkled throughout this issue of *Lakeshore News* are some personal examples of how COVID-19 has affected Deer Lakers in positive ways. Where can you find the positives in these changed and challenging times?

Allison Milne and Angelo Culos were married Sept 26 at an intimate ceremony at VanDusen Botanical Garden. It was a day filled with love, joy, and celebration.

Allison writes:

Angelo and I are so grateful for all the love and support from our church community. Thank you so much. We can't wait to try out our new recipes!

Sheila Veller

April 4 1954 to Oct 1 2020



Sheila Marsha Patrick was born on April 4,1954 in Saskatoon. At the age of six weeks she was welcomed by her parents John & Eleanor Patrick and sister Joanne. She grew up in Regina and was involved in piano lessons, swimming lessons and the senior choir at Wesley United Church. She was also a member of the MacEwan Singers and Job's Daughters Bethel # 1. At the age of sixteen the family relocated to Kelowna where Sheila completed high school. She married her high school sweetheart David Veller in 1973 and the couple lived in many cites throughout Canada. She completed her Degree in Psychology from Simon Fraser University in 1980.

She began her career with B.C. Corrections in 1990 where she served as a correctional officer for seven years. She worked at Lakeside, Burnaby Correctional Centre for Women and Vancouver Pre-Trial. Sheila became a Probation Officer in 1997 and worked in both the Vancouver and Fraser Regions. She also became a shop steward and worked tirelessly representing the members as a steward and later as the chairperson of Local 604 BCGEU.

Sheila had an incredible sense of humor and was devoted to her husband and her Westie named Prince. She was able to travel to several exotic places with her husband and enjoyed a good glass of wine. Sheila was most proud of her volunteer work and her commitment to improving the working lives of her peers. She would like to acknowledge the staff at the Oncology Department at Burnaby General Hospital as well as Dr. Davey. She is predeceased by her parents and survived by her husband David, Sisters Joanne & Debbie and numerous nephews and nieces.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Deer Lake United Church in Burnaby when we can...Spring 2021. In lieu of flowers please donate to the Canadian Cancer Society.

Miracles on Sunset Street – Sheila's Cancer Journey

By David V

Sheila wrote this before her third battle with cancer:

This is my story. I was diagnosed with an aggressive form of breast cancer in November of 2017. Thanks to a proactive and fantastic family doctor, Dr. Bruce Davey, I was referred to a surgeon. This was not pleasant as she berated me for not having children and basically blamed me for my situation. However, she did me a favor by referring me to my oncologist. My mammogram did not pick up the cancer, but a biopsy did, and I began chemo in January of 2018. I had chemo in Burnaby Oncology where I had the pleasure of meeting my oncologist, Dr. Telio, who arranged for me to go to the Cancer Agency in Vancouver for 25 rounds of radiation and six rounds of chemo. I did not test positive for the BRACA gene and was not eligible for clinical trials.

I was delighted when treatment ended but this would not be my last skirmish with cancer. I had a reoccurrence in November of 2019 and this time they found spots on my lungs and brain which were subsequently treated with chemo and full brain radiation. I am happy to report I just finished my last cycle of chemo and I am slowly recovering at home. I prayed for miracles as did others and God delivered me. I am truly blessed to have an excellent medical team and a fantastic husband who has supported me through this journey. My faith has helped me weather this storm and continues to comfort me.

I am very grateful for all the support and love I have received. I am truly blessed. Cancer was a wake-up call... Some things in life are really important and others aren't, and we should be grateful everyday as life is a gift.

What Sheila did not say was she had "Triple Negative Breast Cancer". Very aggressive and very rare. The last few months have been very tough... for both of us. Watching her lose a little piece to Cancer every day. She fought it right to the end and I cried a lot.



"The stronger the wind, the stronger the tree."

By Dana J

Not sure who wrote/said that, but I like the idea it represents. The tree continuing to grow and thrive not just in spite of, but in response to the pressure of the wind. I think Deer Lake United has been a tree in the winds of COVID-19.

Closing the church to in-person services was a difficult but necessary response. Although it felt like a hardship (and perhaps still does), it ultimately has opened up possibilities and opportunities in areas we never dreamed we would enter. Thankfully Rev. Joseph (with Garry F and others) were up to the task of moving our worship services to an online platform – and have done so brilliantly! Thank you to all involved. The leadership Rev. Joseph and the Worship Committee have provided are so very much appreciated.

While the Sunday services have been a huge part of the response to COVID-19, there have been many other things to consider, discuss, and adjust to. Supporting our staff and continuing their employment. Finding other ways to meet: Zoom meetings; fellowship time (through Zoom) after Sunday services; once allowed, some small groups with the necessary distancing and other safety protocols; phone calls and cards; dropping off newsletters to those that don't have computer access; looking for ways to stay connected and engaged. We continue to grow and learn and adapt.

Rev. Joseph's energy and enthusiasm has brought us a Fall Program full of all kinds of opportunities to connect, learn, and deepen our faith. The perfect time to ask, "Where is God in all of this?", "What is Deer Lake United's purpose, and how do we live it out in these new circumstances?". I am grateful that although it may look different than before, our Outreach continues, as does

our Pastoral Care. I know that there are ongoing conversations asking, "how do we...?" and "how can we...?" amongst the various committees. The answers to these questions will only strengthen Deer Lake United, our congregation and our community direction. I hope that when there is an opportunity for members to voice their opinions, feedback and ideas, that each of you will respond with honesty and hope. Every voice matters.

On a personal note, there are parts of the pandemic which I have resented and those which I have appreciated. I resented the restriction of personal freedom, especially initially. I have resented the limitations on our social life and having to cancel four trips planned once I retired on March 12th. I have resented people who were hoarding goods and making poor decisions that affected their neighbours. And I have resented people who are unwilling to take precautions to protect themselves and their neighbours, and their total disregard for those around them.

On the other hand, I have appreciated the slower pace brought on by the restrictions of personal freedom and limitations on social life. I have appreciated the opportunity to enjoy my neighbourhood by walking every day — and truly appreciate how lucky I am to live where I do. I have appreciated having a roof over my head, food on the table, and healthy family and friends. I have appreciated learning to identify and name all the birds in my backyard and teaching them to my 2-year-old granddaughter, Amelia. And there is so much more!

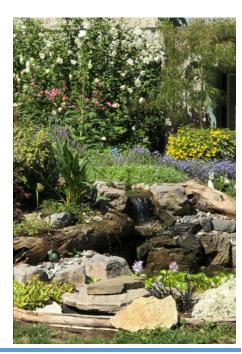
Lastly, I have appreciated the creation of space to let God in – to pray and listen. This has been an opportunity to declutter, both physically and mentally, making room for that which nourishes the soul and spirit. Blessings to you and your families – may the "wind" continue to make you stronger.

What I did on my summer vacation....oh! I mean my COVID quarantine!

By Ellen J

Advantage Preschool (which I first opened in 1987) closed prematurely in March during Spring Break. The building was suddenly shut down by the School District because of COVID19 and our program never resumed operation. My work partner Laura and I had planned for a June 2020 retirement after 34 years of working together, but somehow the last three months of our long career and partnership were taken from us. No goodbyes to kids, no "things we want to do one more time" no idea that March 11th was the last time we would ever teach together. So for those final three months of April, May and June we slowly and thoughtfully emptied the school. A gift in a way, as we were able to do it gradually and intentionally while revisiting so many memories of years passed. No rush, no intrusions.

Since we permanently closed our doors I have rediscovered my garden and it has given me so much pleasure this summer. I had forgotten how much I love growing things, a hobby that stopped abruptly when two little boys moved in! It has been wonderful to revisit this peaceful pastime. I have also enjoyed watching the many families and neighbours stroll past my house each day. This is a change from the norm and has helped me feel connected and part of a greater community. Much like the Church has through emails, *What's Up*, kick off Sundays, care ringers and newsletters like this! Thank you for that! I have truly appreciated it! I don't know what I'll do when the weather turns but I am optimistically assuming some other pleasure will present itself. I am trying to be intentional about looking for joy and hope and pleasure during these challenging times. I am very grateful for each and every bright light that shines my way. Grateful for God's blessings, always.



Church Words!!

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Doctrine	Disciple	Trinity	Messiah
Apostle	Prophet	Narthex	Chancel
Secular	Sermon	Gospel	Covenant
Repent	Pulpit	Creed	Pews
Litany	Font	Laity	Word



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It Wasn't the Welcome Back Barbecue, but . . .

The Fall Kick-Off 2020 Meet-n-Greet on September 6th was a great success and a welcome opportunity to meet each other in the flesh after so many months of virtual meetings. Volunteers divided the church parking into 2 meter by 2 meter squares each with four chairs so that small groups could socialize comfortably and safely. Other volunteers greeted and bade farewell to members as they arrived and departed. Members attended in a one-hour time slot determined by their surname. Shirley M, with tape measure in hand, assumed the role of "enforcer" to ensure that everyone followed the physical distancing rules. The weather cooperated and, despite the less-than-intimate arrangements, everyone enjoyed the opportunity to socialize in person.









A Long-Overdue Gift of Thanks

By Garry F

For years Deer Lake men have precariously balanced plates and glasses on the edge of the stone barbecue at Tony and Peggy's place in Sechelt during the men's retreats. Last year we made a plan to rectify that situation and thank our hosts for their annual hospitality. Much secretive discussion and surreptitious measuring took place and the project was placed in Bob's more-than-capable hands.

The result is something to behold – a triumph of design, engineering and construction. Alas, the pandemic scuttled this year's men's retreat and the planned presentation. Undeterred, a few of the men braved the COVID gauntlet of ferry travel and delivered Bob's masterpiece to its new home. And here is the result:



The turntable and raised centre piece can be removed to provide a larger, single-level surface., The entire structure comes apart for easy storage, and legs are provided for both the large table and the smaller centre piece. In this way both large and small stand-alone tables can be created to supplement the nearby matching picnic table (also build by Bob). Peggy and Tony have had ample opportunities to use the gift and are delighted with the new addition to their beach area.



COVID Saves a Forest

By Audrey L

One of my new normal activities has been reading the Sun online. Reading the newspaper has always been one of my daily routines. I never thought I could adjust to reading the paper online. To my surprise I have found it an improvement! No longer do my hands get blackened from the ink. I really like that I can enlarge the print and if an article is continued, it's just a click away.

Also, I can look at papers I didn't read thoroughly later in the week.

Obviously an E-paper helps to save the forest and is a better choice environmentally. Glenn is happy that no longer does he have a mountain of papers to take to the recycle bin! I am happy to save over \$20 a month.



A COVID Blessing

By Linda P

We have a friend in Edmonton who is a wonderful storyteller. At the beginning of lockdown. she created "Story Wednesday". Each week she records a 10-minute story that is in our inbox when we wake up on Wednesday morning. She is a psychologist with a great sense of humor, so her stories illustrate aspects of human behavior that are amusing and/or thought provoking. She probably sends it to many but the email we receive goes to a small group of people we have known Her stories always trigger conversation that goes off in all directions. Often it continues until the following It is indeed a COVID Wednesday. blessing!

Ugandan Young Moms Start New Businesses

By Tony W

Last year the charity I work with, Water School, expanded its mandate to include trying to change attitudes which result in child pregnancy in rural Uganda. It's called the Empowered Girls Initiative. Specifically, we are sponsoring 120 teenage mothers in eastern Uganda to continue their studies in good schools, and working with local communities to support these girls and their babies.

But with COVID-19 coming, Uganda shut down. And schools closed. Well, Jane Otai and her team didn't give up. They decided that if the girls couldn't learn academic work, then they needed to learn skills and start working to support themselves and their families. Jane writes:

"13 girls in Kumi were trained in soap, detergent and Vaseline making. These girls trained another 27, so now 40 girls are making these products to support their families. Last month they sold \$500 worth of products. One girl, Margaret, has trained in cleaning cell phones and makes up to \$7 per day. 32 more girls are raising goats, pigs, sheep and chickens. 3 girls who had completed tailoring courses before COVID, were given simple sewing machines and are now making clothes, bags, school uniforms and masks to support their families."

Older parents usually encourage girls to get married early to reduce their own costs of raising a family. Now people are seeing these girls actually bring money into the family, and the dynamic is changing. Girls are starting to be seen as an asset rather than a liability.

In the town of Mbulamuti, girls are selling soap packaged with the slogan "Made in Mbulamuti". Some community leaders saw this and were heard to say "But nothing has been exported like this before from Mbulamuti." Attitudes towards these girls are changing.

In the west, we tend to think that if we build stuff in the developing world, it will cause development. But without truly understanding local beliefs and attitudes, this is often just a waste of money. Giving practical skills, working through local people, and changing outdated attitudes leads to sustainable improvement and is a much better investment.





Church Words Definitions

Apostle — A person sent by God. One of five gifts described in Ephesians 4:11.

Chancel – area around the alter of a church for the clergy and often the choir.

Communion — A memorial supper of bread and wine, symbolizing the broken body and shed blood of Jesus. "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?" (1 Cor. 10:16).

Covenant — A sacred, irrevocable promise between God and man. "You are sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying to Abraham, "And in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed" (Acts 3:25).

Creed — A statement of beliefs which include the fundamentals considered necessary to salvation.

Denomination — A cluster of individual churches, which have unified together due to their agreement on certain issues, and perhaps due to their disagreement with the viewpoints of other churches or denominations.

Disciple — One who is taught or trained. "And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple" (Luke 14:27).

Doctrine — A teaching; that which is taught as the belief of a church. "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (2 Tim. 3:16).

Eucharist — The Lord's supper, communion.

Font – bowl for baptismal (holy) water.

Gospel — Literally, "good news." The story of Christ's life, His death and resurrection, as described from different perspectives by authors Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Their four individual records of Christ are each called a Gospel, entitled with each author's name — which comprise the first four books of the New Testament. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek" (Rom. 1:16)

Hallelujah — A variation of a Hebrew word, Allelujah, which means Praise the Lord. "After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power to the Lord our God!" (Rev. 19:1)

Introit - The Introit (from Latin: introitus, "entrance") is part of the opening of the liturgical celebration of the Eucharist for many Christian denominations.

Laity — The laymen or non-clergy members of the church.

Litany — A prescribed form of prayer made by minister or priest with congregational responses.

Lord's Supper — A memorial meal for believers to commemorate Jesus' death and suffering, using bread and wine as symbols of His broken body and shed blood, as was portrayed at His last supper with His disciples. It is also referred to as Holy Communion. "Therefore when you come together in one place, it is not to eat the Lord's Supper" (1 Cor. 11:20).

Messiah — A reference to Jesus Christ. Literally, "The Anointed One" (Dan. 9:25)

Minister — One who serves in a ministerial role of a church, as to preach sermons or conduct religious services, or to perform some service to the spiritual benefit of others. It literally means to serve, help or encourage. "...I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power" (Eph. 3:7).

Narthex - The narthex is that portion of a church building between the outside door and the entrance to the Sanctuary. The Narthex provides a little separation from the outside world and serves as a meeting area and an information hub. In the narthex, displays, posters and sign-up sheets are ubiquitous. The Narthex is full of information about God and the church's offerings.

Ordained — Chosen, authorized or endorsed. Generally used to describe God's approval. Ordination of a minister is the act of recognizing God's endorsement

upon an individual for a ministry office, implemented by the laying on of hands or the issuance of ministerial credentials. "...He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead" (Acts 17:31).

Pews — The traditional bench-long seats in churches. The term originated from the French word, PUIE, "a raised place," which was used to describe the boxed, balcony seats in a theater. In precolonial days, the term became identified with the enclosed boxed seats in a church sanctuary, and later to all church bench seats. Other tradition says that the term originated from pioneer days when bathing was sometimes infrequent, and the bench seats retained the odor from users.

Prelude - an introductory performance, action, or event preceding and preparing for the principal or a more important matter.

Protestant — A term which originated with regards to Martin Luther and his followers. Because they "protested" against certain non-scriptural practices of the Roman Catholic Church, they were called "Protestants."

Prophecy — The act of speaking from the mind of God. Either to forthtell or foretell. "...for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit" (2 Pet. 1:21).

Prophet — One who speaks in God's behalf, either to proclaim His written Word or to speak from His supernatural revelation. One of five gifts described in Eph. 4:11.

Pulpit — The podium from which a minister preaches. The term was used in the King James Version, where a pulpit was something stood on for elevation when speaking to a crowd. "And Ezra the scribe stood upon a pulpit of wood..." (Nehemiah 8:4 KJV).

Reconciliation — A term which means being brought back. "And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled" (Col. 1:21).



Zoom sessions are very much a part of our lives at Deer Lake. Here we see members during the closing prayer at the end of Minister's Study on a Wednesday evening. This is just one example of the many activities Joseph has organized to keep us involved and stimulated.

One of the ways COVID-19 has changed my life

By Glenn L

Most of my life, reading books had never been high on my to do list. However, in the last few years I have been catching up. I think I have read every book David Baldacci ever published. I love biographies and historical novels too. The library had become a regular stop for me. Then -19 came along.

Before the BPL closed I set up an on-line account so that I could view, borrow or be wait-listed for audio-books and e-books. One can read or listen to about ten pages or so before borrowing. You get 21 days to read each book. You can extend the time if there is no one on the waiting list. When you have finished a book, you just click on "Return." No more trips to the library.

It is amazing how many books have been made into e-books and/or audio-books. Even old classics. Just hunt and click on your laptop or tablet. And it is free! E-books have made social distancing much more endurable. I think I have read more books in the last few years than I did before I entered the "slow lane."



Upcoming Events At and Around Deer Lake United Church

Due to COVID-19 no events are planned at the church for the foreseeable future. However, there are lots of online opportunities to connect with one another, keep up with what's going on at Deer Lake and enrich your Christian life. Please see What's Up and the Fall 2020 Programming Guide for details

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