

People and Places

The May 2016 Newsletter for Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Congregational Visioning

At the Annual General Meeting a motion was passed to have a congregational visioning process with the goal of coming up with a common vision for our congregation and a mission statement that would help us focus our energies and efforts.

Pastor Curtis suggested this in his annual report because he was concerned that while we were aptly managing the mechanics of a volunteer organization, we had lost any sense of common direction as the Body of Christ in mission for others.

The motion was amended with a deadline of June 1. However, with the unexpected turn of events following the meeting (including Pastor's absence for 3 weeks because of his father's death), the leg work of finding a leader and doing the prep work to get this organized is behind enough that Council is suggesting that we

postpone this process until the fall, on the principle, "rather than do a bad job on time, lets do a good job late."

The suggestion is now that we make the visioning process part of our fall stewardship campaign, which would itself give the stewardship campaign a focus.

CLWR Relief for Fire Victims

Canadian Lutheran World Relief, a joint ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) and the Lutheran Church Canada (LCC) has issued an appeal for funds to help the victims of the fire that has devastated that city. From CLWR's news release:

"Fort McMurray will require a great deal of aid to assist individuals to rebuild their lives. Canadian Lutheran World Relief is appealing for funds to assist in the rebuilding efforts. Emergency funds received will be channeled through the

city's Lutheran churches. Lutherans are encouraged to participate in the appeal through prayer and financial support."

If you would like to donate, you can do so through your offering envelope (indicate CLWR Fire Relief) or go to the CLWR website at www.clwr.org or phone them at 1-800-661-2597.

Watch for these important events in May:

The annual ORLC Yard Sale will take place on Saturday, May 14 from 8:00 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. For more information contact Darryl Jones at 250-493-9139 or Charlie Gillingham at 250-462-2667.

End of the Season Choir Concert, Sunday, May 29, 7:00 p.m. Come celebrate the end of another choir season with the Our Redeemer Lutheran Choir. There will be desert after the concert!