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FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Faith in Action

From Pastor's Desk — By Rev. Gerhard Wilch

Bioethics & the Believer

From time to time a believer will be faced with situations that involve making bioethical decisions. These can be challenging decisions because we can no longer assume that our trusted governmental, legal and medical institutions follow Biblical bioethical standards when providing us options or advice.

Perhaps the most prominent example is that of abortion. Just because a mother has a legal right in Canada to kill her unborn child for whatever reason at any time prior to complete birth does not make it morally right.

Other examples include Euthanasia or "Medical Assistance in Dying" (MAiD), in vitro fertilization or the use of products like certain cosmetics or vaccines that were made involving the use of fetal tissue from an abortion.

At the 2022 LCC Synod Convention the following resolution was adopted: "To Request The PMC (President's Ministry Council) To Provide Relevant Materials Pertaining To The Intersection Between Biomedical Ethics, Technology And Theology" (Resolution 22.2.04b). The PMC requested our CTCR (Commission on Theology and Church Relations) to assist in this task. As an initial step in this endeavour, the CTCR has provided a list of pertinent resources listed below. Pastors, deacons, and congregations are encouraged to make use of these resources by discussing them in various forms—Bible Classes, Circuit Winkels, etc:

Meilaender, Gilbert. *Bioethics: A Primer for Christians*. 4th Edition. Wm B. Eerdmans Pub. Co. 2020. Rev. Dr. Gilbert Meilaender, a prominent American bioethicist and a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, is the author of this text on bioethics widely hailed as the best Christian introduction to the subject.

Chapters include discussions of abortion, prenatal screening, suicide and euthanasia, refusing medical treatment, and more.

Euthanasia Prevention Coalition. www.epcc.ca Up to date resources on physician assisted suicide and euthanasia in Canada.

Evangelical Fellowship of Canada. <https://www.evangelicalfellowship.ca/Themes/Sanctity-of-Life> Up to date resources on abortion, physician assisted suicide, euthanasia, and other sanctity of life issues in Canada.

LCMS "Life Library." <https://www.lcms.org/how-we-serve/mercy/life-ministry/library> Papers, articles, and information on sanctity of life issues (including abortion, bioethics, euthanasia, and more) prepared by The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Lutherans for Life - Canada. <https://lutheransforlife-canada.ca/> Pro-life news and events from a Canadian Lutheran perspective, including information on the March for Life in Canada.

Lutherans for Life, USA. <https://lutheransforlife.org/> Numerous resources and publications on pro-life issues within an American context.

Worship Times

Sunday
 Worship
 Services:



Summer Schedule

Chinese -----	9:45 AM
Hispanic -----	10:00 AM
English -----	11:00 AM
Korean -----	1:00 PM
Oromo -----	3:00 PM

Pentecost Joint Service

May 28 we celebrated Pentecost with a Joint-Service including our five Fellowships: Korean, Chinese, Hispanic, Oromo and English.



The Chinese Choir singing for Pentecost



The Sunday School Children singing for Pentecost

WINDUP GATHERING FOR LWML – JUNE 14 by Jo-Anne MacAdam



After three years of COVID concerns and restrictions, we were so glad to be able to resume our June Wind-up Barbecue event with 19 people attending! Many thanks to Jim and Bonita for being our gracious hosts in their lovely home. The weather was fine and so we were able to enjoy sitting out on their deck. Also, thanks to our chefs, Guy and Les, for doing the barbecuing, and everyone brought salads and desserts to share. What a selection and so delicious! We had a very short meeting after dinner, focusing on our June project, B.C. Mission Boat Society, and Tingyu told us more about our church's planned mission trip to the native community of Ehattesaht at the end of June, where several communities will come together for games. Our team will help with this special event and distribute gifts to all the children there, perhaps even numbering 150. Our next LWML meeting will be on Tues-day, Sept. 12— All women welcome!

LWML BBQ Pot Luck Gathering at Jim & Bonita's Residence

Chinese Fellowship Gathering in Wade Park



On June 4th, the Chinese Fellowship enjoyed a potluck picnic in Wade Park.

Welcome to Canada Rosemary, Reema & Zoe!

This spring we were blessed to welcome back Felix who had gone to Saskatoon to work for a few years, from where it was quicker for him to sponsor his family. Once the sponsorship was approved he travelled to Ghana to pick up his wife Rosemary and daughters Reema and Zoe and bring them to Canada. He decided to bring them to BC, because he didn't think his family would thrive in Saskatoon's climate. A very warm welcome to you from Faith! We wish you our Lord's blessings as you settle and seek employment.



Felix introduces his family to our congregation

Pastor Megersa Denu of Our Oromo Fellowship Doing Street Evangelism



Father's Day Celebrations



Blanca Rodriguez shows the treats lovingly prepared by her family for the Hispanic Fellowship to honour Fathers.



Pastor Megersa offering a prayer for Fathers on Father's Day

Sunday School Picnic



To celebrate the conclusion of Sunday school a picnic was celebrated with special treats and games that were enjoyed by everykid.



Sowing Seeds Preschool Graduation

On June 23 our Sowing Seeds Preschool celebrated their graduating students heading off to kindergarten.



Preschool Director, Roneeta and Parenting Coach, Maria, address the graduating class and their parents, congratulating them on their achievements and wishing the God's blessing for the future.

Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church Presents a FUNDRAISER! of

Homemade Ceramics Creations

(By Shirley-Ann)

Where? Faith Lutheran Church
When? All day, Sunday June 11

All proceeds go to support Faith's Mission Trip with the BC Mission Boat Society to Ehattesaht, Vancouver Island, June 29-July 3



In June the youth organized two fundraisers for the Mission Trip to Ehattesaht/Zeballos, BC with the BC Mission Boat Society. They raised a total of \$1,396.25, including donations of \$600, ceramics sales of \$410 and cupcake sales of \$386.25. A huge thank-you! To everyone who supported this fundraiser and to Shirley-Ann



who created and donated the ceramics.



FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
PRESENTS...

A Bake Sale



Where? Faith Lutheran Church

When? All day, Sunday, June 18

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO
SUPPORT FAITH'S MISSION
TRIP WITH THE BC MISSION
BOAT SOCIETY
TO EHATTESAHT ON
VANCOUVER ISLAND, JUNE
29-JULY 3



Dorothy, Amanda, Joshua and Ezekiel preparing cup cakes for the bake sale.



Refugee Sponsorship Update

Patrick Sarooj writes:

Hi Pastor Wilch & Faith Lutheran Congregation!

Greeting you in the name of our Lord! We are grateful for your prayers and help to resettle us here in Canada. I want to update you regarding our resettlement process:

- i) We have received our PR cards
- ii) SIN Numbers
- iii) BC Service cards
- iv) BC Identification Cards
- v) Opened Bank Accounts
- vi) Patrick's Driving License
- vii) Canada Child Benefits
- viii) Completed income tax return for 2022
- ix) Enrolled our boys Shazil in Grade 9 and Yashab in Grade 6
- x) Tabita Pervaiz is working full time as a machine operator for Columbia Plastic.
- xi) Patrick is working part time as an Urdu Bible Translator with Wycliffe Bible Translators.

Pending: Patrick is looking for full time employment and we are looking for family doctor

It is requested to please remember us in your prayers.

Blessings,

Patrick, Tabita,
Shazil and Yashab





Join us for VBS
at Unwin Park
and at Faith
Lutheran
Church



Lisa Brokop Is Coming!

(Once a member of Faith Lutheran, and now living in Nashville)

Join us at the Bunkhouse Bar in the events room at George Preston Centre, right under The Lodge Steakhouse on October 15, 2023.

Your \$45 ticket gets you into the show. Food and Beverage will be available to purchase inside the venue and is presented by The Lodge Steakhouse and Horse and Ryder Pub.

Doors open at 6:00pm and concert starts at 7:30pm. You can expect 2 - 45min sets with a break in between!

**This is a first come first served seating event. Any questions or requests to be submitted to: Manager@thelodgesteakhouse.com by no later than 10 am two days prior to showtime .*

LISA BROKOP
The Patsy Cline Project

HANK LIVES
A HANK WILLIAMS TRIBUTE

The Bunkhouse Bar
BY THE GEAR TO ROCK

LISA BROKOP PRESENTS
THE PATSY CLINE
PROJECT & HANK LIVES
FEATURING PAUL JEFFERSON

SUNDAY *Night*

October 15 2023

Tickets \$45

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WWW.THEFAITHAVENUEGROUP.COM/EVENTS