

From Pastor's Desk

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FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Faith in Action



What Is Pentecost? Seven Things to Know

Pentecost marks the coming of the Holy Spirit on the disciples and their transformation from frightened and confused people to men who would face martyrdom for what they believed.

1. Pentecost means '50'.

Pentecost is from the Greek word 'Pentekostos', which means 'fifty'. It's the 50th day after the Sabbath of Passover week and in Judaism is called the Feast of Weeks (Leviticus 23:16).

2. Pentecost is the fulfilment of two promises.

One promise is in the Old Testament – Joel 2:28, which says "I will pour out my Spirit on all people", and one in the New, where Jesus says he will send another Counsellor, the Spirit of truth (John 16: 5-15).

3. Pentecostals place emphasis on certain gifts of the Spirit.

Pentecostals are so called because of the emphasis they place on certain charismatic gifts of the Spirit, particularly speaking in tongues. Modern Pentecostals trace their origins to the Azusa Street Revival in 1906 Los Angeles.

4. There was wind...

Luke tells of three distinct experiences. A violent wind filled the house: breath or wind is a symbol of the Spirit of God. Ezekiel 37 tells the story of the prophet's vision of a valley of dry bones which come together: when the 'breath' of God enters them, they come to life and stand on their feet. The Pentecost wind represents the power of God to bring life to the 'dry bones' of faith.

5. ...and tongues of fire...

Tongues of fire separate and come to

rest on each of them. Jesus told his disciples, "You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). In John 8:12 he says, "I am the light of the world." The picture in Acts seems to be of a single flame that separates and symbolically rests on each of them; the disciples will do what Jesus did.

6. ...and other languages.

The Spirit gave the Apostles the ability to speak in other languages, or, at least the ability of people to hear the Gospel the Apostles proclaimed in their own languages. The point being that the barriers that languages presented between people is broken down. The story links back to one of the earliest of the Old Testament stories, in Genesis 11, when the people begin to build the Tower of Babel. God confuses their language so they can no longer understand each other. At Pentecost, this Babel confusion is reversed.

7. Pentecost is the birthday of the Church.

It marks the beginning of Christ's Church as a purposeful movement and a new community. Immediately after Peter preached his first Pentecost sermon, around 3,000 people believed and were baptized.

Worship Times

Sunday
Worship
Services:



Sunday School --	9:30 AM
Chinese -----	9:45 AM
Bible Study ----	10:00 AM
Hispanic -----	10:00 AM
English-----	11:00 AM
Korean-----	1:00 PM
Oromo -----	3:00 PM

Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Halleluiah!

On Easter Sunday, Our church celebrated a joyful Joint Resurrection Service of our five Fellowships with an attendance of 105.



The Easter floral cross given by Carol Wagenstein in memory of her parents.

Faith Supper Bible Study

On Thursday, April 27 we had our first "Faith Supper Bible Study" which 18 people attended. We enjoyed home made yummy food, singing. Pastor Wilch shared a devotion and Pastor Neitzel taught us a new song.



On Thursday, May 25 we had our second "Faith Supper Bible Study" which 10 people attended. We enjoyed Maria's home-made delicious chili & ordered fried rice. (Continued on the next page.)



Easter worshippers enjoying the potluck luncheon



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Tingyu led us in singing & Pastor Neitzel challenged us with his presentation, "In Light We See Light".

**LADIES' FRASER VALLEY ZONE
SPRING RENEWAL
APRIL 28, TRINITY LUTHERAN
CHURCH, ABBOTSFORD**

By Jo-Anne MacAdam



The theme for this wonderful event was "LIGHT". *"For with You is the fountain of life; in Your light we see light."* Psalm 36:9.

We started out with registration, coffee, and breakfast at 9:00 a.m. and then a talk by Rev. L. Neitzel based on John 7:37-38:

... Jesus said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink.

Whoever, believes in me, as the Scriptures have said, streams of living water will flow from within him."

We then broke into small groups, each led by a different pastor, where we studied the story of the Samaritan woman and then discussed how we could go and tell others about Jesus, including encouraging the development of small group Bible studies. We were thankful for the participation

of Revs. James Paulgaard, Mark Chiang, Norm Miller, David Hilderman, and Desrosiers (who led the session for the deaf ladies.)

After the breakout sessions, we gathered once again in the sanctuary for more discussion about what we had learned. Then it was time for a delicious lasagna and salad lunch provided by the host ladies from Trinity, followed by a worship service led by Revs. Neitzel and Paulgaard.

50 women from the various Fraser Valley Zone churches attended this event, along with the six pastors, one interpreter, and sound and technical support people. We were happy to support Archway Community Services Youth Recreation Centre in Abbotsford with an ingathering of toiletry and snack items, and two staff members from that facility gratefully accepted our donations.

An offering was taken during the service which will go toward the expense of sending a Zone delegate to the National Lutheran Women's Missionary League Canada convention in Ontario in July 2024.

Our next event will be our Fall Renewal to be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Chilliwack. Date and Time to be announced. All women welcome!

Wednesday Women's Bible Study:



Missing from the screen shot: Shirley-Ann, Vera, Jin & Joyce.

Sunday School



Sunday School Opening with candle lighting by Alistair & Nina with Xing assisting.



Children's message with Pastor Wilch



Daniel and Priscilla: The Lord is My Shepherd



Craft of "On the Road to Emmaus..."



Xing leading craft on the Ascension

Sowing Seeds Preschool

FAMILY: A GARDEN TO NURTURE GOOD MEMORIES

By Maria Neitzel

At *Sowing Seeds Preschool* we are running a *Parent Connection Project*. Our purpose is to encourage and equip parents with tools that help them to nurture their children in feeling loved, growing emotionally strong, and being successful and happy adults.



Maria teaching a monthly parenting workshop for parents of our preschool children.

God created us social beings, blessed with family as our first 'garden plot'. In this garden we live good, and bad experiences, which will reflect through our entire life.

Children are like a sponge. Whatever they see, listen, and feel repeatedly, they absorb. This impacts their emotions strongly, becoming memories reflecting and bearing consequences for life.

Positive memories help the child to nurture good self-esteem and success in life.

Negative memories lead the child to develop low self-esteem and to struggles when facing challenges.

Children benefit in being nurtured in living seven experiences that help them to feel:

- Important
- Belonging
- Connected
- To have limits/Responsibility
- Generosity
- Growth
- Mission.



Poster created to demonstrate how good memories are nurtured in children.



Amada Cook's artistic work.

Special Anniversary Celebrations



Celebrating March Birthdays



Celebrating April Birthdays



Celebrating May Birthdays

LWML presented flowers and cards made by Wendy to our couples celebrating anniversaries.



George and Deborah celebrating their 50th Anniversary



Cheryl and Mike celebrating their 25th Anniversary

Connecting With Our Shut-Ins



Georg Jendrossek says “hello” to everyone at Faith and feels very blessed by the service he receives at Morgan Place, and the visits he receives.



Katherine Frick resting comfortably at Suncrest. She joined us when we prayed the Lord’s prayer.

March for Life - Victoria

By Ian Stewart

On Thursday, May 11, a group from Faith met a group from Hope Lutheran Church of Victoria to join the Victoria March for Life. They met at Hope for prayers led by Pastor Adam Chandler. They enjoyed some fellowship over lunch when they ate build-your-own sandwiches. Finally, they joined the March for Life, a protest against the barbaric slaughter of unborn children in their mothers’ wombs. The March was attended by Christian and pro-life groups from across the province who marched from Centennial Square to the Legislature where there were a number of speakers.



Alistair and Nina holding the Banner.



Group photo of Lutheran marchers.

The March for Life takes place every year in May in Ottawa and in provincial capitals. Watch for information about the Life Chain, a similar event that happens across Canada in October.

Mother's Day Celebrations at Faith



Mother's Day Floral Creations



Mother's Day Card by Sunday Schooler Alistair



Celebrating Mothers in Our Hispanic Fellowship



Mothers receiving a blessing from Pastor Megersa in our Oromo Fellowship.



Mother's Day Spread Prepared by our Hispanic Fellowship



Preschool teachers organized a Mother's Day Tea for our preschool moms.

Vaisakhi Parade Outreach



Picture from this year's Surrey Vaisakhi parade at the corner of 124th Street and 75th Avenue.

On April 22nd, after the three-year Covid hiatus, this annual event was well attended with many visitors coming from out of province. As in prior years, we offered "parking by donation" as a fundraiser for our summer mission trip. By God's grace we raised over \$350 this year.



We are joined by members of the Masihi Punjabi church to distribute tea, sweets and Christian literature in Punjabi in front of the church.

As many parade goers also pass by our church property, we had our cross placed at the entrance to our property to share our Saviour's love.



Ian holding high the cross.

Visiting Korea in April/May



Pastor Kim with extended family



Duck and Soon Shin

REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE REPORT

By Jo-Anne MacAdam

MAY 28, 2023

- Burnt out fluorescent tube outside the preschool bathroom was replaced twice (first one fell down).
- Fluorescent tube outside the Old Narthex bathroom replaced.
- The tap set on the Preschool hand washing sink became loose. Thanks to Pastor for tightening, it up.
- The lock on the Old Narthex washroom was broken (a person was stuck in there for awhile until someone heard him!). Andrew bought a new one and installed it.
- The doors into the storage room in the gym would not close as the hinges seemed to be sprung. Martin fixed that for us.

Ongoing Issues:

- We will arrange to have the kitchen hot water tank replaced soon.
- Several of the tops of the pew backs in the sanctuary are loose. For our 60th anniversary celebration, Andrew fixed many of them, so now he has purchased what he needs to fix the rest.
- Have a plumber come during the summer to investigate the leak outside the chapel door. An asbestos test came back negative. Thanks to Ian for his help with this issue.
- Branches cut down in the south side of the parking lot need to be taken to the dump as they are unsightly and a fire hazard. Community of Hope has offered to help with this soon.

Financial Report

By Jim Smale & Henry Chan

First Quarter Income and Expenses 2023

Jan - Mar 31/23 Revenue

English	\$24,322
Chinese	7,850
Korean	2,695
Oromo	0
Hispanic	995
Total Offerings	\$35,861
LCC Mission Subsidy	6,000
Rentals	20,727
Other	3,058
Ministry Revenue	3,168
Preschool	27,542
Total other revenue	\$60,495

Total revenue **\$96,357**

March 31/23 Expenses

Synod Missions	\$3,000
Compassion Canada	738
Other	200
Preschool	26,097
Admin	3,753
Payroll	52,137
Building	14,408
Total Expenses	\$100,334

Net Loss **\$3,977**