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FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Faith in Action



***Train up a child in the way he should go,
Even when he is old he will not depart from it.*** (Proverbs 22:6;
NASB)

Giving Hope

Many of us have been privileged with the responsibility of raising children and some also to teach and work with youth in the church. In this edition of ***Faith In Action*** we cover our summer ministry which was led and carried out to a large extent by our youth. Even though there are many things I do not understand about the youth today, it was a great joy to witness the youth expressing their faith in action, through sharing their faith and with acts of service.

Finding Christian youth willing to do this is not something we can take for granted. Today there are many influences that lead them to question their faith and God's word. When I was a youth, those influences emanated mainly from the entertainment and media industries. Today, however, those anti-Christian influences are found everywhere, even in "trusted" institutions, including some schools and churches that profess to be "Christian". The pressure to "fit in" and turn away from God's clear word has never been greater.

Being able to offer our youth a summer job and to work with them to organize Vacation Bible School and to serve on mission trips with the BC Mission Boat Society

provided the opportunity for not just teaching them the faith, but helping them put it into practice. Seeing youth involved in service fills one with hope.

One indigenous youth leader we met at the Northern Region Games saw this as a sign of hope for his youth as well. So he invited our team to join his community for their camp out at Yuquot that would take place three weeks later. And what an opportunity that was as we got to do VBS for the third time this summer!

All this has taken much time and effort and we thank our congregation and its leadership for their prayerful support and direction to make this possible. This investment has helped our youth grow stronger in their faith and sown the seeds of hope not only here at home, but in our Samaria (Unwin Park VBS) and to the ends of the world (Yuquot of the Mowachaht & Muchalaht First Nations, on the edge of the Pacific Ocean).

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

Highlights of Our Summer Ministries

Tingyu Wilch, DPS

What a blessed & fruitful Summer! By God's Grace & Mercy, our church Summer Ministry Team has been privileged to participate in several exciting ministries during the summer months. God's presence was so vivid and his hands guided us from the very beginning to the end of the summer.

Ceramic & Cup Cake Fund Raising On June 11 & 18 the youth: Ezekiel, Amanda, Dorothy, Kenna, Joshua and Reem, organized two fundraisers for the Mission Trip to Ehattesaht/Zeballos, BC with a total of \$1,396.25 raised.

Northern Region Games at Ehattesaht/ Zeballos on Vancouver Island, with the BC Misson Boat Society From June 29 to July 4th Pastor Wilch, Tingyu, Ezekiel, Kenna, Jonathan, Joshua & Reem along with five others were part of a team that served around 300 people of four indigenous communities for the Northern Region Games. It was a servant event and our service was very well received and many meaningful relationships have been made.

Unwin Park Outreach God's passion & love moved us to share the Good News with our neighbors. From July 10 - 14 Pastor Wilch & Tingyu, Ezekiel, Kenna, Joshua, Reem, Onkar, Guy & Kelly, Sophia & William, Ian & Xing helped do VBS with Bible Stories, drama, crafts, games, a sketch board message, face painting & snacks with 20 to 50 kids every night. We some friends and many kids expressed their desires to come to our church for VBS.

Faith Vacation Bible School (VBS) Pastor Wilch & Tingyu, Ezekiel, Kenna, Jonathan, Onkar, Young, Joshua & Joy Cook helped run VBS themed "Faith" from July 17 - 21 at church with an average attendance of 15 including three children we met at Unwin Park. Thanks Jo-Anne, Joyce, Carol and Paul for providing cookies & juice. We also thank Pastor Zhang, Sophia & William for their support.

Family Beach Picnic On July 27, our Family Beach Picnic at Centennial Beach was attended by Pastor Wilch & Tingyu, Ezekiel, Kenna, Jonathan and Felix's two daughters Rhema and Joyce, plus Jon John & his friend. We had met Jon at Ehattesaht and he lives in Surry. It was the first time Rhema & Joyce got to play at the beach since they came to Canada three months ago.

Yuquot Camp Out Our Team which served at Ehattesaht for the NRG was invited back for the Gold River First Nations Community Annual Camp Out at Yuquot, which is on the tip of Nootka Island on the Pacific, from July 31 to August 6th. Pastor Wilch, Tingyu, Jonathan & Elizabeth went there and were able to do VBS with Bible stories, puppets, drama, crafts, games, face painting & snacks. It was an honor and a privilege to receive such an invitation and to set foot on Yuquot (also named Friendly Cove by Captain Cook in 1778). On Saturday August 5th, a huge joyful celebration took place at Yuquot to mark its Centennial (1923-2023) designation as a National Historical Site. Along with Fort Langley, these are the first two National Historical Sites recognized in BC.

Multiple tasks have been done round the church & Sowing Seeds Preschool Our summer workers Ezekiel, Kenna & Joshua had been working hard to finish certain tasks on site.

Serving at the Northern Region Games taking place at Ehattesaht on Vancouver Island (June 29 – July 4)



Packing 300 Gift Bags for the NRG



Making French toast for breakfast



Preparing for the basket ball tournament



Learning Indigenous art



John taught us the art of cedar stripping and presented us with a cedar rose.



Preparing to serve a meal at the Northern Region Games



↑Returning Dirty Dishes to the Kitchen / BFF↓



Korean Home Worship



Worship at James' home on June 11



Sharing fellowship after worship

Wednesday Women's Bible Study enjoying Brunch on Alice's Patio on July 5th.



Vacation Bible School at Unwin Park July 10-14



Save-On-Foods sponsored our VBS, donating juice and water.



Working on crafts



Ezekiel and Joshua telling a Bible story



Face/Body painting



Pastor doing a Gospel sketch board message



Vacation Bible School at Faith from July 17 to 21



Teaching the children actions to the songs



Craft time!



Drama time: Kenna as the Good Shepherd



Sports and Games



Snack time!



Group Photo

Camp Out with Mowachaht-Muchalaht First Nations at Yuquot, July 31 – August 6



The story of Noah as told by puppets



Jonathan and Elizabeth teaching a Bible story



Dramatization of David and Goliath



Celebrating the Centennial of Yuquot's designation as a National Historic Site with Dignitaries and singing.



Craft Time!

Picnic at Centennial Beach on August 27



Tingyu with Rhema and Joyce



Eating and Fellowship

**Congratulations: Alma and George's
70th Anniversary Celebration,
September 3**



**Congratulations!
Sened's Highschool
Graduation
Celebration, July 15th**



Korean Fellowship Joint Service at Emmanuel, Aldergrove & Picnic at Albert Dalke's Place on August 13th



The Oromo Fellowship Celebrates the Baptism of Kununse, August 13



Picnic at Cultus Lake with the Oromo Fellowship



REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE by Jo-Anne MacAdam

A number of projects have been completed during the past few months.

1. The broken exit sign in gym was replaced and a wire guard installed over it.
2. A light fixture in the preschool was repaired.
3. Thanks to the summer interns from Community of Hope who did clean up and weeding in the parking lot.
4. The sanctuary and preschool carpets were shampooed.
5. The blackberry brambles growing wild in the southeast corner of the property were cut down.
6. The rotten perimeter wood in the preschool playground was removed and replaced (required by Licensing).
7. A Community of Hope member who is an electrician replaced the breaker for the dishwasher.
8. Community of Hope volunteers painted the gym walls.
9. Faith summer workers spent a week shredding several boxes of old preschool documents and washed all the garbage containers in the church.

The Ministry Leadership Team will meet on September 13 and other R. & M. issues will be on the agenda.

*** If anyone sees any issues that you think need to be addressed, please contact Jo-Anne.

LWMLC NEWS by Jo-Anne MacAdam



Our society at Faith will hold the first meeting of the season on September 12 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom. We look forward to making plans to celebrate LWMLC Sunday on October 1 with a special service to recognize the 30th anniversary of LWML Canada.

Our September Mission Project is our own Sowing Seeds Preschool and in October, the Surrey Food Bank.

The Planning Committee of the Fraser Valley Zone had a meeting on September 2 at St. Luke Lutheran Church to plan our Fall Renewal event which will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Chilliwack this November (date to be announced). St. Paul's was badly damaged during the flood in the Fraser Valley a few years ago but they are now able to welcome us. For those concerned about stairs, they have an elevator. More details to come soon.

The National LWMLC Convention will be held next July 2024 in London, Ontario, and so we will be sending a delegate to vote on our behalf. Any ladies are welcome.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD by Jo-Anne MacAdam

We have received our resources for this wonderful ongoing project. Boxes will be available around Thanksgiving and will need to be returned **BY NOVEMBER 5**. It's time to start collecting items to put in your box (or boxes) for those special children who need the love of Jesus in their lives.

FINANCIAL REPORT for the period ending July 31, 2023 by Jim Smale

	2023	2022
Revenue		
English	\$66,597	
Chinese	\$21,695	
Korean	\$7,470	
Oromo	\$6,675	
Hispanic	\$3,505	
Total offerings	<u>\$105,942</u>	\$109,970
LCC Mission		
Subsidy	\$14,000	
Rentals	\$52,780	
Other	\$3,402	
Summer worker subsidy	\$9,345	
Ministry revenue	\$5,794	
Preschool	\$70,590	
Total other revenue	<u>\$155,911</u>	
Total revenue	\$261,853	\$260,793
Expenses		
Synod missions	\$7,000	
Compassion		
Canada	\$1,107	
Other	\$1,080	
Preschool	\$62,067	
Admin	\$5,087	
Payroll	\$140,789	
Building	\$59,702	
Total expenses	<u>\$276,832</u>	\$230,943
Net loss	-\$14,979	\$29,850

Mortgage balance \$227,784