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Quilters' Sale

Sunday, November 28th

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Shepherd of the Valley Mission Statement: Grounded in the word of God and centered in Christ, SVLC is an accepting and caring community sharing God's love, grace and forgiveness with all.

Shepherd's Staff is published eleven times each year. It is the voice of the congregation; your articles, letters, and comments are welcome at any time. Submissions to the newsletter must be signed when received, although names may be withheld from the newsletter upon request. Submissions are subject to editing for space and clarity. Please submit articles by email or directly to the office.

The deadline for the December issue is Sunday, November 21st, 2021

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Sylvia's Retirement Gathering



As I reflect on the service and reception from last Sunday I am overwhelmed with feelings of love and gratitude for the people of Shepherd of the Valley. The sentiments on the cards brought me to tears many times, and I feel so blessed to have worked with you for all these years. Sunday was an emotional day, but on the plus side, I will see you all again, as now I am just a regular old pew warmer! I would like to also thank the choir for their amazing singing. It was particularly moving; must be that new director that you now have!!

I also want to thank you all for the most generous gifts that you lavished upon me. Again, I was deeply moved.

It has been my pleasure to be your music director. I have enjoyed working with a multitude of musicians over the years. We have been very blessed to have so much talent in this congregation, and I have appreciated everyone willingly sharing their musical talents.

As I have mentioned before, one of the reasons for retirement is so that I have more time to enjoy those lovely grandchildren, and for those of you who haven't heard, grandchild number five is on his way in early April!

With so much love and thanks to all of you,

Sylvia



Interim Music Director's Report

Stephen Duncan

Hello all! It's hard to believe we're already in November and close to the end of this year; what a whirlwind it has all been. It has been so refreshing this last month being able to experience live music, especially live singing, again. What a joy it has been having choir back in the church for Sunday mornings. For some of you it may have been more than a year since hearing any live music at all, and that just simply isn't good for your health! I thought that as it becomes safer to attend concerts, and as we become more comfortable with indoor activities, that I would highlight a few notable concerts that are happening around Vancouver and also one concert that is online and also free!

With the return of live music to the Orpheum theatre, the VSO has an incredible lineup of concerts coming our way. November begins with a Rachmaninoff and Strauss concert on the 5th and 6th that should be absolutely fantastic. Rachmaninoff's Symphonic Dances and his Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini are two of his greatest, the latter of which has some of the most brilliant piano writing. Following this, Bramwell Tovey returns to the VSO on November 12th and 13th for another stunning program of Balfour, Tchaikovsky and Beethoven. Andrew Balfour is an incredible composer/conductor/singer of Cree descent, based in Winnipeg. I recently just finished performing one of his works for choir with *musica intima* and I can't wait to listen to some of his orchestral compositions.

Now, going out to the Orpheum for a VSO show can be a big step, so for those who would still like to enjoy music from the comfort of your own homes, I have good news for you! On November 24th the Pacific Baroque Orchestra is performing a free concert on their YouTube channel. They're performing a program of Bach, no not J.S. Bach, but the music of four of his sons!

If you've never heard the Pacific Baroque Orchestra I would recommend giving them a listen, they are recognized as one of Canada's most exciting ensembles and they are an important force in Vancouver's early music scene.

Another, more intimate setting, of live music can be found in November in a series called Candlelight. On almost every night in November there is a concert at either Kerrisdale Presbyterian Church or at the Beaumont Studios. These concerts are illuminated with candles all over the hall and on the floor surrounding the musicians. This creates a setting and experience with music that surely will be new and special. These concerts range from string quartets performing Vivaldi's Four Seasons, to small jazz ensembles performing some of the great jazz standards. On November 18th there is even a solo piano recital of some of Chopin's most well loved works, featuring one of Canada's greatest solo pianists, Evgenia Rabovich.

After all of this time spent indoors and away from others it may seem like a big leap to go to a live concert. But for when you are feeling ready, I encourage you to see some of the great concerts happening around town. I had almost forgotten how truly special it is to be in the same space as live music until this last month and it has filled me with so much joy.

Peace,
Stephen



Parish News & Reminders

For All Saints Sunday

Nov 2nd, 2020 - Nov 1st, 2021

Amy Wicklund

Alison Feltis

Ivan Holmgren

Eldeen Rees

Remember to bring framed photos of your loved ones to be displayed at the service on All Saints Sunday (November 7th) where we will honour those who have passed away. There is no limit to the number of photos you may bring.

Flower Chart

The new chart for 2022 is now up on the board in the Narthex. You are invited to provide the altar flowers. You may choose a Sunday to celebrate a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, or in memory of a loved one). It is not necessary to have a special occasion; you may simply want to beautify the altar to glorify God. You may sign up as far ahead as next December and you will be reminded by the Flower Coordinator when it is your turn.



Quilters' Sale

A message from SVLC Quilters

Please join us! We are planning a sale of craft items, baby quilts, and shawls. The sale will be after the Sunday worship service on November 28th. It will be covid safe and following safety guidelines. Check with Darlene Gamble if you have any questions.



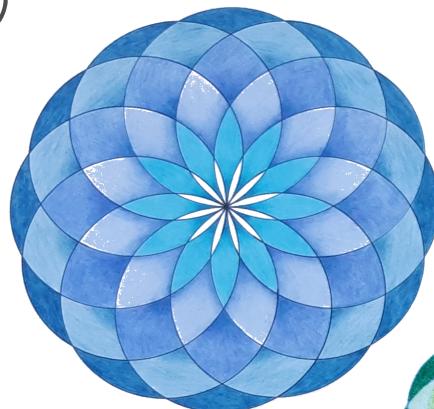
BIBLE WORDS FOR TODAY

Bible Verse for November

He will not let your foot slip, he who watches over you will not slumber.

Psalm 121:3 (New International Version)

Artists' Circle Drop-in Group



Artists' Circle Drop-in Group

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Tuesdays in the Hall.

Check with Ruby Gole for more details.

Bring your own art materials with you.

Each artist will be able to

set up at an individual table.



Report on 2021 BC Synod Convention

By Sieglinde Malmberg

From the 21st to the 24th of October I had the honour of being the lay delegate from Shepherd of the Valley who attended the BC Synod Convention. It was a fascinating time.

On Thursday evening we participated in an orientation to how things were going to be done. The most important piece of business was the election of a new Bishop, and we spent some time getting a good understanding of how this would work.

The new Bishop was elected on the third ballot, and everyone was pleased to have elected Kathy Martin to the post. She was formerly the Assistant to the Bishop, and now steps into bigger shoes.

Many motions were brought forward and debated. The insights were deep and gave a glimpse into the issues and challenges facing the church in the years to come. Themes included indigenous relations, discrimination and sexism in the church, money matters, and more. Each motion was thoroughly debated before voting.

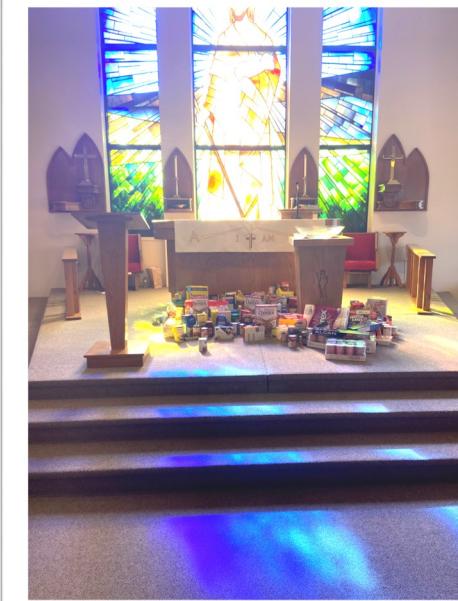
Worship and music were interspersed throughout the convention. On Saturday we participated in a learning day with Rev. Susan Beaumont called “Leading in a Liminal Season” and “Moving from Decision Making to Discernment”.

The agenda also included many reports, updates, and stories from a variety of Lutheran organizations such as Canadian Lutheran World Relief and Lutheran Theological Seminary. The convention culminated in a synod wide worship service on Sunday morning.

I thank you all for the opportunity to represent Shepherd of the Valley at this convention.



Thanksgiving Sunday, October 10th



Thank you to everyone who brought non-perishable food items on Thanksgiving Sunday. Sources Langley Food Bank were very happy to receive all of the food we collected for them.

Plan Your Calendar for November

Quilting

Mondays

9:00 am in the hall



Choir Practices are on Wednesdays

7:30 pm in the Sanctuary



**Division Budgets & Membership Lists Due
on or before Sunday, November 7th**

Please submit completed budgets
and lists of division members to
the office secretary.



**Church Office Closed on Remembrance Day
Thursday, November 11th**

Artist's Circle Drop-in Group

Tuesdays in the Hall

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Bring your own materials.



**Daylight Saving Time ends
Sunday, November 7th**



Remember to set your
clocks back **ONE HOUR**
on Saturday night,
November 6th

Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 9th

7:30 pm by Zoom



**Church Office Closed on Remembrance Day
Thursday, November 11th**

Installation of Council Members

Sunday, November 14th

During Worship Service

Budget Committee Meeting

Mon, Nov 15th

at 7:00 pm

Zoom



Worship and Music Division Meeting

Wednesday, Nov 17th

10:30 am



Men's Bible Group

Saturday, November 20th

8:00 - 9:30 am (Fellowship Hall)



Scrapbooking

Saturday, Nov 20th

10 AM - 10 PM



Fellowship Hall

Submissions Deadline for the

December 2021 Newsletter

Sunday, November 21st

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Sale of baby quilts, shawls, & craft items



Following Worship Service

Sunday, November 28th

First Sunday of Advent

Birthdays

November

Evan

Dean

Coby

Phil

Elda

Harvey

Harrison

Cameron

Samantha

Noah

Eileen

Veronica

Lance

Gordon



Anniversaries



Alex & Roslynn

Ed & Ann

If your birthday or anniversary has been missed, please inform the church secretary so that it is included in future newsletters.



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Reminder of Protocols to Follow for all Church Gatherings:

1. Wear your mask
2. Maintain physical distance from each other
3. Only come if you are fully vaccinated
4. Stay at home if you are feeling unwell
5. Expect doors to remain open for air flow (bring a sweater or jacket with you)