

## Mission and Renewal

The Lower Fraser Valley and Greater Vancouver Conferences of the BC Synod are sponsoring two days on mission and renewal. Everyone is welcome.

### March 5

Transfiguring Mission: Coming Down from the Mountain  
King of Life Lutheran Church  
1198 Falcon Drive (corner of Falcon & Guilford), Coquitlam

### May 7

Equipped for Renewal: The Inviting and Welcoming Church  
Location: To Be Announced

### Schedule for March 5:

9:30 Registration and fellowship  
10:00 Bishop Greg Mohr - Synod Vision  
10:30 Rev. Ali Tote - Mission & Renewal – Part 1  
11:30 Group Talk: What does it mean to you?  
12:00 Lunch.  
12:45 Rev. Ali Tote – Mission & Renewal – Part 2  
1:45 Group Talk: What does it mean to you?  
2:15 Final Q & A - What can we bring home?  
2:45 Sending prayer:

Registration costs are:

\$50/congregation + \$10/person (to cover the costs of food)

Please register **by February 27** for the March 5 event.

To register please call Mount Zion Lutheran Church, (604) 521-0120, or e-mail [prmarlys@telus.net](mailto:prmarlys@telus.net) with the name of the congregation and the numbers of people attending. Registration fees may be paid on Saturday, March 5.

Denise Dhalian, the Girl Guide leader, is giving away a dining room set with a table approximately 3x4 feet, plus a leaf which adds about 1 foot, and 6 matching chairs. Please contact Denise for more information on it. Her email address is [ddhalian@shaw.ca](mailto:ddhalian@shaw.ca) and her phone numbers are 604-432-1300 (home) and 604-644-4650 (cell).



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



## EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY FEBRUARY 27, 2011

**WELCOME TO  
FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
FOUNDED 1890**

*First Lutheran is a community, a gathering of people of diverse ages, cultures and traditions.*

*Just as Jesus opened himself to all and, by implication, opened the reign of God to all, so we, the members of First Lutheran seek to do the same.*

*Therefore, all are welcome here regardless of their race, gender or sexual orientation; regardless of their social, economic, educational, linguistic or relationship status; regardless of their citizenship, religious or cultural background or makeup of their family; and regardless of their physical, mental, emotional or spiritual condition. There is a place for you in our community worship, service and life.*

*To our Visitors:* You are invited to sign our guest book in the Narthex (lobby) and join us for coffee and conversation downstairs after worship.

*First Lutheran is easily accessible* via major city routes - 41<sup>st</sup> Avenue and Kingsway – and Bus #41 runs west from the Joyce Street Skytrain station. Ample parking is available in a lot just west of the church and on the church side of the two streets--Wales Street and 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. The wheelchair entrance is also the office entrance on 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.

*For your convenience,* there is an elevator in the southwest corner of the building, fully accessible washrooms on the main floor in the northwest corner and two washrooms down the stairs at the east end of the lower level. A childcare play area is on the lower level.

*The present building,* erected in 1957, is the third in our history. Founded by Scandinavian fishermen, *First Lutheran* is tied closely to the history of Vancouver. Our logo reflects our ethnic and Christian roots, our West Coast location as well as the varied races and cultures which enrich our life and ministry together.



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**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
FEBRUARY 27, 2011**

***Those Serving the Servants Today***

<i>Presider/Homilist</i>	Pr. Hergy
<i>Assisting Minister</i>	Michael Ray
<i>Lector</i>	June Schramm
<i>Acolytes</i>	Benie Gakiza Niyungeko Nelly Gateka
<i>Ministry of Music</i>	
<i>Organ/Piano</i>	Jeanette Price
<i>Cantor</i>	Peter Clark
<i>Flutists</i>	Anne Johnson Amy Collins Bruce McIver
<i>Guitarist/Violinist</i>	
<i>Gift Bearers</i>	Jackie Cleroux Mikhail Lennikov
<i>Communion Servers</i>	Jackie Cleroux Christine Neumann Jack Kuyer Diana Kuyer
<i>Coffee Hour Hosts</i>	Sarah Speidel Kim Hoath
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Jackie Cleroux Roselie McMahan Leilani McMahan
<i>Offering Counters</i>	John Morley John Dawson

**If you would like to serve God and our community by assisting in our Sunday worship, please contact Lori Hedin at 604.941.5803. If you would like to help with Coffee Hour, please call Julie Bauming at 604- 986-5389.**

**2011 AGM Highlights**

- Attendance on February 18 night for Annual General Meeting is more than 40.
- As noted elsewhere in the bulletin, three new council members were elected by acclamation. Heartfelt thanks were also expressed to retiring members, Peter Clark and Christine Neumann, for their faithful years of service to Christ and to First Lutheran. Christine served as Chairperson of the congregation for the past five years. The new members are: Mikhail Lennikov; June Heywood; and Kim Hoath.
- The 2011 budget was approved unanimously.
- Pastor Hergy announced that he intends to remain as pastor for another year beyond June of 2011.
- On behalf of council, Sandi Strate reported on a meeting council had with Bishop Greg Mohr on February 6. The subject of the meeting was council's interest in calling a second pastor who would share pastoral duties with Pr. Hergy up to and beyond his retirement (whenever that finally happens).  
  
At the first meeting of our new council, we will look closely at the pastoral and financial implications of this "team ministry" arrangement (which will also serve as a kind of "transition" period before Pr. Hergy's eventual retirement). If council decides to go ahead with the procedures which the synod has put in place for the calling of a second pastor, then council will announce a congregational meeting after worship on one of the last Sundays in March. At this meeting, the congregation will be asked to discuss council's recommendation, and if that recommendation is approved, a call committee will be struck in the hope of having a second pastor in place by late summer or early fall. More info on this whole issue and the process to be followed will be coming shortly.
- Those present were informed of the wonderful (one might even say "miraculous") good news that First Lutheran will be the beneficiary of a rather large bequest from the estate of Mirandi Li --a longtime family friend of Lanny and Sylvia Harris. Although the exact amount of the bequest is not yet public, it is expected to be generous enough to cover the replacement of the roof and skylight (to be done this summer) as well as make it possible to pay the expenses of two pastors for some time should the congregation decide to go in the direction outlined in #4 above.
- Ernie Neumann, our treasurer, was elected as our lay delegate to the ELCIC national convention in Saskatoon in July of 2011.

Our prayers for comfort and hope are with Ernie Neumann and his siblings whose mother, Lydia, passed away on Saturday, February 19. Funeral arrangements are pending but expected to be on Monday, March 7, in Aldergrove. *“Rest eternal grant her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her.”*

## Our Lenten worship/adult study schedule:

March 9 - Ash Wednesday service with St. Thomas at St. Thomas, 10 a.m.  
March 9 - Ash Wednesday service with St. Thomas at First Lutheran, 7 p.m.

March 13 - Lent I, 10.30 a.m. (Daylight Saving Time begins)

March 16 - Adult study with St. Thomas at First Lutheran, 7 - 9 p.m.

**Guest:** Dr. Harry Maier, VST

March 20 - Lent II, 10.30 a.m.

March 23 - Adult study at First Lutheran, 7 p.m.

**Guest:** Lutheran Bishop Greg Mohr

March 27 - Lent III, 10.30 a.m.

March 30 - Adult study at First Lutheran, 7 p.m.

**Guest:** Anglican Bishop Michael Ingham

April 3 - Lent IV, 10.30 a.m.

April 6 - Adult study at First Lutheran, 7 p.m.

**Guest:** Dr. Wendy Fletcher, Principal of VST

April 10 - Lent V, 10.30 a.m.

April 13 - Adult study at First Lutheran, 7 p.m.

**Guest:** the Very Rev. Peter Elliott, Dean, Christ Church Cathedral

April 17 - Holy Week Begins with Palm/Passion Sunday

Gathering rite at St. Thomas Anglican at 10 a.m.

followed by a procession to First Lutheran for Eucharistic worship

April 21- Maundy Thursday at St. Thomas, 6.30 p.m. - meal; 7.30 p.m. - worship

First Lutheran attendees—bring salads

April 22 - Good Friday, 10.30 a.m. - Opening prayer at First Lutheran

followed by procession to St. Thomas for Eucharistic worship

April 24 - Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord

Breakfast at 8.30 a.m.

Festival Worship at 10.30 a.m.

*Keeping  
a Holy Lent*

Pr. Hergy wishes to express his profound apologies for inadvertently omitting the name of “Margaret Anderson” from the list in the AGM booklet of those who died in 2010. Margaret’s daughter, Ingrid, was forgiven Pr. Hergy for his error and has assured him that there is no need for him to be embarrassed or ashamed.

## EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

*Holy Communion, Setting Two*

**FEBRUARY 27, 2011**

*Worshippers may wish to light a votive candle in memory of a loved one or for meditation. This may be done at any time before or during the liturgy except during community prayers, readings or homily. Since the number of candles is limited and to avoid mishaps, parents and caregivers are asked to be attentive when allowing children to light one.*

### INTRODUCTION

*Christians recognize that the source of all good things is the God who feeds the birds and clothes the grass of the field. We rejoice that we are held in the palm of God's hand. God cannot forget us any more than a woman could forget her nursing child. Nourished at the Lord's table, we share these gifts with those who are anxious, hungry, poor, or in any kind of need.*

### PRELUDE

*Ayre*

*Thanks Be To Thee*

George Philipp Telemann

George Frideric Handel

## GATHERING

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING HYMN

*# 859 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”, v.3-unaccompanied*

### GREETING

### KYRIE

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**“THIS IS THE FEAST”** (*choir sings first; all sing second time*)

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### SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of tender care, like a mother, like a father, you never forget your children, and you know already what we need. In all our anxiety give us trusting and faithful hearts, that in confidence we may embody the peace and justice of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen**

## WORD

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:8–16a

*The Lord shows motherly compassion for God's suffering people. Even if a nursing mother could under rare circumstances forget her child, God will never forget us.*

<sup>8</sup>Thus says the LORD:

In a time of favour I have answered you,

on a day of salvation I have helped you;  
 I have kept you and given you  
 as a covenant to the people,  
 to establish the land,  
 to apportion the desolate heritages;  
<sup>9</sup>saying to the prisoners, "Come out,"  
 to those who are in darkness, "Show yourselves."  
 They shall feed along the ways,  
 on all the bare heights shall be their pasture;  
<sup>10</sup>they shall not hunger or thirst,  
 neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them down,  
 for he who has pity on them will lead them,  
 and by springs of water will guide them.  
<sup>11</sup>And I will turn all my mountains into a road,  
 and my highways shall be raised up.  
<sup>12</sup>Lo, these shall come from far away,  
 and lo, these from the north and from the west,  
 and these from the land of Syene.  
<sup>13</sup>Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;  
 break forth, O mountains, into singing!  
 For the LORD has comforted his people,  
 and will have compassion on his suffering ones.  
<sup>14</sup>But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me,  
 my LORD has forgotten me."  
<sup>15</sup>Can a woman forget her nursing child,  
 or show no compassion for the child of her womb?  
 Even these may forget,  
 yet I will not forget you.  
<sup>16</sup>See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands.

*Response after the reading:*      **Thanks be to God.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**      *Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho*      arr. Craig Curry

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5**

*We are servants and stewards of Christ whose primary responsibility is to be trustworthy. We do not stand over others as their judge, but we stand under Christ to whom we will be held accountable.*

Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. <sup>2</sup>Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. <sup>3</sup>But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. I do not even judge myself. <sup>4</sup>I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. <sup>5</sup>Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive commendation from God.

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN**      #765 "Lord of All Hopefulness", v.2-women; v.3-men

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Trumpet Voluntary*

Jeremiah Clark

# Announcements

**This Week**

**Monday**  
Council , 7 pm

**Thursday**  
Choir, 7:30 pm

**Next Sunday**  
Sunday School, 9:45 am  
Worship, 10:30 am  
Session II of Same Gender Discussion, 12:15-1:30 pm

Our newly-elected council members will be installed along with our returning members. We thank them all for their willingness to serve:

<b>*Kim Hoath;</b>	<b>* Mikhail Lennikov;</b>	<b>* June Heywood;</b>
<b>Sandi Strate;</b>	<b>Russell Collins;</b>	<b>Julie Bauming;</b>
<b>Alex Wilson;</b>	<b>Karen Duddy;</b>	<b>Ingrid Bielenberg;</b>
<b>Karen Kerfoot;</b>	<b>**Ernie Neumann;</b>	<b>**Sylvia Harris</b>



Our thanks to retiring members: **Peter Clark** and **Christine Neumann**, for their years of leadership. (Christine was chairperson for the last 5 years).

*\* are elected by acclamation at AGM*  
*\*\* are Treasurer and Financial Secretary respectively*

