

DUFF LARGIE NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2022

GREETINGS FROM DUFF LARGIE

This is the first of what we hope to be a regular newsletter to keep you up to date on the happenings here at our church and community. If you have something you would like to have included, please email Barb Ross at barbross1961@gmail.com. We hope you enjoy the newsletter and we look forward to hearing from you and seeing you.

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TIME FOR A CHUCKLE

Marriage and Coffee

Shortly after tying the knot, a young married couple started arguing over who should make the coffee. Being a good Christian woman, the wife went to the scriptures for her answer. She said that the bible specifically stated that men should be the ones to make the coffee. Puzzled, the husband asked her where in the Bible it said that. Very confidently, the wife opened up her Bible and said, "It's right here—HEBREWS."

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Dec.4 – Sunday School Christmas Service & Potluck 11:00

Dec.4 -Second Sunday of Advent-Peace

Dec.5-Happy Birth Garrett Veenema

Dec.11-Third Sunday of Advent-Joy

Dec.14-Session Meeting 7 pm

Dec.18-Fourth Sunday of Advent-Love

Dec.19-Happy Birthday Jackson Minnema

Dec.24-Christmas Eve Service in Crinan 7 pm

Dec.25-Christmas Day Worship in Largie at 9:30

Dec.29-Happy Birthday Jeff Woods

Jan.1-Worship Service at 9:30 Happy New Year





From the 2017 Largie WMS booklet

Carrot Cake - Ella McWilliam

2 cups flour
2 cups sugar
2 teaspoons baking soda
3 teaspoons cinnamon
1 teaspoon salt
1 cup oil
4 eggs
2 cups carrots, grated raw
1 cup raisins
Mix together, put in greased 9"x13" pan
Cook 350 degrees F for 35 minutes

Carrot Pudding - Phylliss McCallum

Mix together 1 cup of each: grated carrots, grated potatoes, suet, raisins, brown sugar, flour. Add 1 teaspoon soda, shake of salt, candied fruit.
Put in containers to steam 2-3 hours depending on size of containers

Butterscotch Sauce

1 cup brown sugar
3 tablespoons butter
Brown in frying pan, add 2 cups boiling water
Thicken with cornstarch
Add either lemon juice or orange juice to taste

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK!

Sunday School is back in session for children up to age 12. Children and their teachers leave the sanctuary early in the service for their own bible lesson, singing and play time. Hope to see you soon!



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RIDDLE FOR YOU

Q. Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?

A. Because Noah was standing on the deck.?

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The Sunday School teachers have had a very busy spring, summer and fall. We have hosted 13 Moms and Tots days and are planning to finish off the year with 3 days. They have been held the 2nd and the 4th Friday of each month. The day consists of a welcome song, story time with topics that change each day (2 stories), a sing-a-long with activities and a closing goodbye song. Children then visit a craft and coloring station that match the theme of the day. Don't forget time to play while mom's and grandma's relax, with a coffee or cold drink and get caught up on local news. We have enjoyed this time and hope to carry on into the new year. Each day is a different theme and we have had as few as 3, but also as many as 12 children. We have had all preschoolers, except in the summer when it was opened to all ages. This time has opened our church to the community and encouraged young moms to come out and meet others with kids their own age. We consider it a success.

We also hosted a free family BBQ in June. We had around 54 that attended from the community, and offered hamburgers, hot dogs, fries, drinks and ice cream. On Halloween night we handed out 17 treat bags with a total of 20 kids attending (3 had received their bags in the mailbox earlier, but wanted to show their appreciation for this).

We are planning a family Christmas service on Sunday, December 4 at 11. It will have lots of music, a skit and time for everyone to get their wiggles out. We hope you will come. Oh and yes it will be followed by a potluck lunch! Yum!



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LADIES AID HAPPENINGS

After 2 years of inactivity, the Ladies Aid group is back in action with regular meetings and activities. In August, we hosted a community potluck dinner. Nothing beats a good Presbyterian potluck! We had a very successful pulled pork drive through dinner on September 9 serving just over 160 meals. It was such a beautiful day that we even had one group come and set up a table and chairs and eat their dinner outside! Oh how we would like to see those days again! In October we served two funeral luncheons to celebrate the lives of A. Bruce McCallum and Phylliss McCallum. Our church family participated in the Christmas Shoebox program and brought 9 boxes for Third World countries. These were part of 596 shoeboxes that were sent forward from Living Hope Community church in St. Thomas.



Cousins time at Hallowe'en Moms and Tots

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR CHILDREN



DUFF LARGIE SUNDAY SCHOOL IS GIVING A GIFT TO THE CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS DECEMBER 10. EMAIL barbross1961@gmail.com WITH THE NAMES OF YOUR CHILDREN AND THEIR AGE.

PICK UP YOUR GIFT ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, BETWEEN 10 AND 11:30 AT THE CHURCH DURING MOMS AND TOTS.

UPDATE FROM THE MANAGERS

The Board of Managers has continued to maintain our facility. The hydro service has been upgraded to a 200 amp service thanks to a generous donation from the Norma McMillan estate. The garage roof at the manse has been replaced with a steel roof. Projects to be quoted include the basement floor, front and side exterior doors, Sunday School classroom siding, attic insulation, cupboards around the fuse panels, upgrade lighting in the church classroom to LED, installation of low clearance fans, and the completion of bathroom renovations. Thanks to Gord and Berniece Keane for their custodial services. A replacement will be needed for January 2023.

SESSION UPDATE

At the October Session meeting it was agreed to proceed with the following items:

- a monthly newsletter starting in December to be available both electronically as well as in print form for those who do not have internet.
- praise and worship time to begin each weekly service
- investigate internet service
- field trip to St. Lawrence church in London to check out their sound system
- look at Leading with Care document to ensure Largie is in compliance

Next meeting December 14 at 7 pm.

FROM THE PULPIT...

The way of Peace Luke 1:68-79

Even before the angels shouted from the heavens, "Peace on earth, goodwill among people"

We are told in the Gospel of Luke about how Zechariah was given a 'time-out' as it were, to rediscover the way of peace.

About 450 years before Zechariah the prophet Micah wrote: "Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty.

Sure enough, suddenly there is an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense in the temple where Zechariah is performing his priestly duties while the whole assembly of God's people waited patiently outside praying.

But 450 years is a long time and life gets busy and one can lose their focus. Instead of experiencing peace and joy about the message Zechariah was terrified! Fear gripped him ... and the angel said, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John.

¹⁴ You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, ¹⁵ for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. ... he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. ¹⁶ He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. ... to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." (Luke 1: 13-17)

And Zechariah's response is, "How can? Oh-oh... wrong answer.

The angel is offended and says, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. ²⁰ But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur." (You want a sign Zechariah? Ok. You are the voice of God to the people, but you doubt what the LORD says through His messenger, so you will lose your voice until you believe when you see things happen.)

Luke tells us that both Zachariah and his wife Elizabeth "were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. Zechariah was following the rules but it seems he has stopped waiting expectantly for God to break in and do what only God can do. In his head he knows the promises of God to redeem his people, but he needs to know in his heart too. Maybe Zechariah should have known better because as a priest he should always make room for the unexpected – for the LORD to break in – but he asked the question and made clear his suspended belief, "How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years."

Zechariah has more than 9 months to watch and listen and learn in his quiet time with the LORD. He learned a deeper meaning of shalom. The Hebrew word for peace is shalom. Shalom has a much deeper meaning than, just lack of war or conflict. It means wholeness or completeness. Zachariah knew this definition, but he needed to learn God's plans for shalom includes not only his peace, but peace for everyone; he needed to remember God has a plan and it is good.

At the end of that time Zechariah ... ⁶³ asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And all of them were amazed.

⁶⁴ Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, **praising God**. That's the response that was wanted to Gabriel's message!!!

As we remember the messages of peace and joy the messengers of God brought to Zechariah, to Mary, and to the shepherds, let us take time to listen for God's words, and let us take time to Praise the Lord, to enjoy the peace of the LORD that passes all understanding, the peace that broke *into* this world – the peace of Christ.

"Do not be afraid; for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people"
the angel said to the shepherds.

The scripture reading is called the Benedictus: it is the song of thanksgiving uttered by Zechariah with the birth of his son, John. The first part of the hymn or song is thanksgiving to God for promises kept to restore Israel, to send a Saviour. The second part of the hymn is an address by Zechariah to his own son, who was to take so important a part in God's plan of the Redemption; for he was to be a prophet, and to preach the forgiveness of sins.

Shalom,
Pastor Wilma



Bugs and berries!

Anybody looking?



This looks interesting!

