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### The Pastor's Corner

*“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages as the Spirit gave them ability.” Acts 2:1-4.*

The month of June typically brings with it graduations, weddings, family reunions and other get-togethers. Barbecue grills are firing up. Decks are being refinished, patio furniture dusted off, windows are being flung wide to cleanse the stuffiness of winter's air. Gardens now planted heralds summer's arrival with all its promise of tender, new life.

There is also an air of promise about the upcoming change in church seasons we will be experiencing over the next few weeks as well. The Day of Pentecost is the final day of the Easter season, and what a grand finale it is! On this day we remembered God's Spirit who guided us on our Lenten journey, brought us to life again during the Great 3 Days of the Easter mystery, and worked among us during the last 50 days of our Easter celebration. The Day of Pentecost is the day where the Holy Spirit now fills our hearts, kindling them with the fire of God's love. God's love works to soften what is hard and unyielding, warms what is chilled and resistant, provides rest and comfort for the weary, emboldens what is timid, and heals and strengthens what is wounded. In other words, it was God's Spirit which gave Jesus' disciples the strength, courage, wisdom and gumption to get-up and go; to get up and go and share the Good News of God's love for us! It was God's Spirit, and the disciples' response to its promptings, which gave birth to the church.

On May 30<sup>th</sup>, we remembered the echoes of this Spirit and its call to us as we celebrated with 5 of our young people as they affirmed their baptismal vows on this day in a service of Affirmation of Baptism. **Maddison Watson, Reed Bell, Amy Rebel, Kassidy MacDonnell and Rebecca Armstrong** have been an active part of the Confirmation program here at LCOS for the past number of years. They affirmed their

faith on this day, as we, their church family celebrated with them, not only what God's Spirit has already done in their lives, but we also promised to continue to pray for them, to support and love them, and anticipate how God's Holy Spirit will be active in their lives in the weeks and years to come. What a special day of celebration this was! This was not a "graduation from church" ceremony, but a time set-aside that we, as their church family, renewed OUR promises to Maddie, Reed, Amy, Cassidy and Rebecca! Please continue to keep these special young people in your prayers.

May the warm breezes of spring and early summer, bring to mind for all of us, the Spirit of God which rests like fire in our hearts, and may we respond to its calling.

With peace and love,

Pastor Christie

## **Spring Fling**

On Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010, St. George's Anglican Church, St. Thomas Anglican Church and the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour held a dance with the Georgian Sound to raise funds for the above churches. The following is the statement for the Spring Fling.

### **INCOME**

Donations/Sponsors	\$850.00
Ticket Sales	\$2625.00
Silent Auction	\$1837.00
Total Income	\$5342.00

### **EXPENSES**

Division Street United	\$100.00
Bayshore Broadcasting	\$42.00
Sub total	\$5170.00
10% of the sub total for the Band	\$517.00
Balance to be divided between the three churches	\$4653.00
Each Church will receive	\$1551.00

## **From the Desks of Lutheran Social Services (Owen Sound)**

### **Mission**

**Lutheran Social Services (Owen Sound) exists solely as a means of embracing fellow human beings through the provision of facilities and services that will assist them in the enrichment of their lives. We believe that caring for persons in special life situations, while it must never displace self-sufficiency and personal initiative and responsibility nor jeopardize freedom to choose one's own lifestyle, is integral to the church's ministry to the world. We understand that personal well-being is related to such practical life situations as housing, health care, finances, nutrition, and social and intellectual stimulation.**

With our mission in mind, Lutheran Social Services (LSS) embarked on a journey last year at this time. The Board of Directors for LSS and Lutheran Outreach Ministries (LOM) held a general meeting of the members on Sunday August 30, 2009 following church service. Approval was received from the members to undertake the construction of a 40 unit, five storey apartment building for low-income seniors on property owned by LSS and LOM adjacent to St Francis' Place.

Grey County submitted our project along with a few others to the Ministry of Housing several times over the year and in April 2010 we received the news that Grey County was not successful receiving any projects.

The Ontario Non-Profit Housing Association (ONPHA) has just prepared the 2010 Waiting List Survey. The report found that while waiting times are increasing for all groups, seniors in a number of communities are waiting longer to access subsidized housing than in previous years. As Ontario's population ages, more and more seniors will require access to community-based housing; unfortunately, many of those most in need will find the support they are counting on missing. Sharad Kerur, ONPHA's Executive Director, says "Housing is the foundation of inclusive communities, strong economies and healthy families. Strong economies and strong communities walk hand in hand - we are hopeful that the Province's Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy will provide real solutions for the hundreds of thousands of parents, children, seniors and singles waiting for an affordable home."

The Survey shows that the time seniors wait for housing in Grey County is 1-1.5 years. In Wellington seniors wait 3-8 years. Therefore the Ministry of Housing probably decided other municipalities needed seniors housing more than Grey.

### **Life-lease Housing**

Lutheran Social Services is still pursuing a life-lease project. An offer to purchase property has been submitted. Life lease projects provide older individuals and couples- usually 55 years or older- with affordable housing with a life time right to occupy a unit and have access to communal facilities and services with the assurance that their

neighbours will be in the same age group. They acquire the life lease through a single up-front payment. They are also responsible for paying modest fees to cover management and upkeep. Life-lease projects particularly provide older homeowners with an opportunity to move into smaller and more affordable housing than their existing homes. The older homeowners typically are often able to use the equity resulting from the sale of their earlier homes for the up-front payment.

If LSS is not able to purchase property, the property adjacent to St Francis' Place may be considered.

*Submitted by Sylvia Statham, Executive Director (LSS and LOM)*

## **Point of View from Lutheran Outreach Ministries, Owen Sound**

### **Did You Know?**

Sometime in 2004 a few members of Our Saviour's began meeting weekly to share a social/happy time while they produced requested "Prayer Quilts" presented to recipients with Congregational Blessing and Prayers.

These nimble-fingered women - using their creative abilities - share friendship in a fun activity while doing something for others, and providing emotional support for each other.

This Prayer Quilt Ministry is carried out by cutters and sewers Marg Schnucht and Evelyn Sprung; with Gloria Pfeffer, Helen Porter, Marg Schuknecht, Evelyn Sprung and Marge Woerrlein putting the quilts together.

This group was responsible for the quilt presented to The Rev. Fr. Ed. Wagner. It incorporated the logo for the Order of St. Luke, of which Father Ed is a member. The Order of St. Luke is an organization based in USA and is part of the history of Parish Nursing.

Donna Campbell designed and created the beautiful prayer quilts given to The Rev. Padre Bob Bouchard and The Rev. Glenn Sellick. Padre Bob's was based on his military background incorporating his photos. The quilt of Pastor Glenn, because of his great interest in Martin Luther, was based on the Luther Rose.

This 'in house' Ministry has expanded beyond its original boundaries; and quilts are now provided for the 'Safe and Sound' Ministry as an ongoing mission. Two quilts will also be donated to the 'Hike for Hospice'.

What happens after these weekly work sessions? A trip to Timmies, of course! God Bless, Audrey MacKenzie

