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We are all in this together

By Allen Jorgenson

Assistant Dean, Waterloo Lutheran Seminary
St. Matthew's, Kitchener, Ont.

History has a funny way of catching up with us. I was reminded of this a few months ago when I read an article in the *Globe and Mail* (August 8, 2013, A1, 14). The article was about B.C. artist, Carey Newman. He spoke about his memories of being the child of a white mother, and a father of indigenous heritage. His earliest memories of his family were warm and nurturing. But something strange happened when he reached eight years of age. Suddenly, he and his father lost their ability to communicate and their relationship grew strained.

The past sneaks up on us – and not only on us but on those who love us, and those whom we love. It wasn't only Carey's father who was injured by this event that just wouldn't go away; his son suffered, his wife suffered, and we know well that many others suffered in one way or another. For good, or for ill, we are all related, and when one part suffers all parts suffer together (1 Cor. 12:26). "We are all in this together" could very well be our motto for life.

The tie of human solidarity crosses time. It isn't only the case that I live with my decisions, but I also live in

indigenous communities to find pathways for healing. Lutheran church bodies in Canada were not direct participants in the residential school program, and so some of us wonder whether we have a part to play. We do.

We do because we are all in this together. If we are a part of the body of Christ, we share in everything. We do not get to pick and choose which bits of Christian history are ours; claiming the Reformation and eschewing the religious wars; claiming efforts at emancipation and ignoring colonization. And because the history of our ancestors is our history – just like Carey's father's history became his – we have responsibility to make right, as best as we are able, what our forefathers and mothers made wrong.

It's good to know that Carey's father had opportunity to speak to his experience at a TRC event. It was a painful, but cathartic experience for him and his family. In response to this effort at healing, Carey has initiated an art project: a collage of artifacts speaking to peoples' experiences of the residential school system. He endeavours to deal with his past by artistically archiving indigenous peoples'

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Photo submitted by Carey's mother, Edith Newman.

Artist Carey Newman, at age 12, with his first (award-winning) limited edition print. Carey's current project is a *Witness Blanket*, a large scale installation piece that captures the memories of the residential school system, its atrocities and later reconciliation. This art will play a significant role in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's plans to commemorate the era. To learn more about Carey's work and his Blue Raven Art Gallery, visit his website: www.blueraven.ca.

The next seven years or so were difficult in this regard, and finally Carey's mother insisted that his father find a counsellor and work through this issue. It was then that his father came to grips with the fact that he felt alienated from his son at the very same age when he, himself, was taken from his own father to go to residential school. Carey's father did well after residential school and was doing well as a father, until his son turned eight: the age at which Carey's father lost the chance to communicate with his own dad. At that time, everything went downhill.

some fashion with my parents' decisions, and their parents' decisions and so on. We are increasingly aware that this web of life we inhabit doesn't only cross geographic boundaries, but temporal boundaries as well. As William Faulkner was wont to quip: "The past is not dead. In fact it isn't even past." The past shows up in many and various ways for good and for ill.

Canada has engaged in an effort to deal with its past treatment of our indigenous partners. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) has supported efforts by the government, churches and

Call to Ministry



On October 20, Jennifer Wirt was ordained at St. Paul's, Kitchener, Ont., and congratulated by her sponsors: (l – r) Assistant to the Bishop Rev. Doug Reble, Pastor David Wirt of Redeemer, London, Ont., and Pastor Hans Borch of St. James, Elmira, Ont. Jennifer is now actively serving the congregation of St. Paul's. To enjoy more photos of the ordination, visit the Eastern Synod's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ESynodELCIC>.

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The Bishop's Journal

Contemplating Christmas dinner

Here's the deal. It's mid-October and editorial deadlines press me to think of Christmas. Christmas makes me think of family dinners.

Last Wednesday at 8:30 my third grandchild was born: Zachary Ryan Rawlings. It was a moment of great happiness. For a variety of reasons, this was a special birth. But given the realities of modern communications, the moment did not last long.

While still at the hospital, I heard from a much loved colleague that his dear mother had died. Early the next morning, a pastor's spouse, one of the most lovely and feisty women I have known, died after enduring a 10-year battle with Alzheimer's disease. Later that day, my dear Uncle Ike, a special favourite, died in the same hospital in which Zachary had been born just a few hours previously. And finally, two days later, I grieved with family and friends of a much loved colleague at the funeral of her daughter, tragically taken by illness at the tender age of 31.

But this is life. And this is also Christmas dinner. People come and people go. People are welcomed and people are missed. New chairs are added even while others stand painfully vacant.

Today is Eid, the day of celebration which concludes the Muslim observance of Ramadan. I gave an awkward but especially polite and warm greeting to my Muslim neighbour this morning! I felt quite righteous as I dashed from the office to attend Ike's funeral in a Roman Catholic Church in the next town!

I made it back to the office in time for prayers. The office staff meets each day to pray and specifically names six of our rostered leaders and six of our congregation and specialized ministries by name. It's wonderfully grounding for all of us. Then off for a fast lunch with a congregational leader and a newly arrived pastor from Germany who has come



to serve one of our synod's congregations.

I hit the phones for a one-hour conference call with Anglican and Roman Catholic bishops in Southern Ontario. Finally, I sent a quick text message to a colleague whose papa had just been moved to a palliative care centre to die. In the midst of all this, I try to attend to the dozens of emails, phone calls and letters that come every day. Congregations without pastors. Pastors without congregations. People in conflict. People giving thanks. My God! It's a big community. It is a very big table.

But this is life. This is Christmas dinner. People come and people go. People are welcomed and people are missed. New chairs are added even while others stand painfully vacant.

This Sunday I will worship with a congregation in North Toronto where most of those gathered are new Canadians.

My sermon will be translated simultaneously into both Cantonese and Mandarin. Last Sunday morning, I met with a wonderfully welcoming group of immigrants from Iran, India, Korea, Germany, India, Bangladesh, the UK and Hong Kong who gather before worship to practice their English language skills. The week before, I worshipped in three congregations in Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia, many of whose members are the descendants of German, French, Norwegian and French Huegenot immigrants. And the week previous ?! I could go on! But so can you.

Indeed, this is life. This is Christmas dinner. People come and people go. People are welcomed and people are missed. New chairs are added even while others stand painfully vacant.

This Christmas, as you gather at whatever table you are blessed to sit, be truly thankful. Many of God's children will not be so fortunate. Give thanks for those who are missed and



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those who are welcomed. But especially, give thanks for – and anticipate – that great banquet, that glorious heavenly feast at the end of time where there will be no empty seats, where all will be reunited, and all will have space and all will be welcome. May our Christmas tables, both at home and at church, grant us a precious glimpse of that wonderful and glorious day!

100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS WLS Women's Auxiliary praises God from whom all blessings flow

By Jo-Anne Schwass

St. Peter's, Milverton, Ont.

Executive member of the WLS Women's Auxiliary

September 25 was a day full of blessing for the Waterloo Lutheran Seminary (WLS) Women's Auxiliary. At their 100th Anniversary Annual General Meeting at St. John's, Waterloo, Ont., from morning registration and fellowship to closing devotions and refreshments, the church overflowed with thanksgiving, love, laughter and praise for a century of good works.

Following an amazing organ prelude by Joshua Zentner-Barrett (third-year Wilfrid Laurier University music student), Auxiliary President Brenda Stockman welcomed attendees. Dr. Joy Philip, a new WLS faculty member, offered opening devotions. Pastor Fred Ludolph extended greetings from St. John's and Marge

Watters-Knebel, WLS Board Chair, greeted everyone on behalf of the seminary. WLS Principal-Dean Rev. Dr. David Pfrimmer spoke about exciting plans for the seminary's future.

Following reports and recognition of past presidents, we heard from two seminarians. Hilla Lahtinen and Kimberley Quigley talked about their Call to follow God and their journey to WLS. Their stories were inspiring, reminding all that there is hope and great need for the work of the Women's Auxiliary.

Rev. Richard Schwass led the assembly in a specially written 100th Anniversary celebration Liturgy – "A Centennial Prayer."

In the afternoon, Linda

Mittleholtz brought greetings from the Eastern Synod Lutheran Women of Faith. Then we "raised the roof" with a hymn sing led by Pastor Richard Schwass and ordinand Jennifer Wirt, accompanied once again by Josh. Pastor Richard and Jennifer each sang music very significant to their faith journeys. We also experienced a very unique gift – a rendition of The Beatles' classic, "Yesterday," with words written by Pastor Richard in honour of the 100th Anniversary. Giggles and light-hearted tears flowed.

The guest speaker was Rev. Dr. Kristine Lund, WLS Assistant Principal-Dean and Director of the Spiritual Care and Psychotherapy Program at the new Delton Glebe Centre.



Brenda Stockman (right), president of the Waterloo Lutheran Seminary Women's Auxiliary, presents an ordination gift to Jennifer Wirt: an exquisite quilt made and donated by St. Peter's, Williamsburg, Ont.

Kristine described the Centre and its programs as "a place for holistic creative healing." The Centre offers counselling and preventative mental health services to individuals, couples and families living in Waterloo Region.

Assistant to the Bishop Rev. Riitta Hepomaki presided over the Quilt Service of Blessing and Thanksgiving. Jennifer Wirt, who was looking forward to her ordination on October 20, received a

beautiful quilt made and donated by St. Peter's, Williamsburg, Ont.

Seminarian Leena Jensen led closing devotions.

May the WLS Women's Auxiliary continue to be blessed with the ability to fulfil God's Call of commitment and service to others – especially to our seminarians as they train to minister God's people.



Congregational Life

Antique Extravaganza – An amazing success

By Harold Fisher
St. Peter's, Neustadt, Ont.

About 2,500 people flocked to this year's Antique Extravaganza, a two-day event that raised nearly \$45,000 for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB).

The rural open house was held at the farm of Eunice Bosomworth, just south of Ayton, Ont. Attendees enjoyed beautiful Norwegian Fjord horses and a private museum-sized collection of antiques that included more than 100 vintage John Deere tractors, as well as buggies, wagons, farm equipment and Canadian miscellany.


The event was held as a tribute to Eunice's husband, John, who died in 2012. John

collected the antiques throughout the past 20 years. Little did he realize, at the time, that his hobby would provide food and hope to millions of people facing starvation.


The funds raised were matched 4:1 by the Canadian government, which resulted in more than \$220,000 to aid people in developing countries.

Eunice was delighted with the turn-out and said, "It was wonderful having my four children and their families here to help prepare ... and share in this event." The day concluded with a service to celebrate CFGB's 30th anniversary, followed by a tasty supper.





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BRIGHT IDEA – A welcoming space for young families

By Esther Mueller
Bethany, Woodstock, ON

After years of dreaming about creating a "Children's Corner" in the Sanctuary at Bethany, Woodstock, ON, our congregation has brought this dream to reality. With Pastor Sara Faulhafer, we began envisioning the idea, and Pastor Tanya Ramer supported us as we developed this playful space.

The *Children's Corner* features beautifully handcrafted furniture built by a member of our congregation and many activities that keep the kids busy. It provides children with a space for quiet and appropriate activities when there is no Sunday School. It's a place



Fun shapes and bright colours appeal to young (and old!) at Bethany (Woodstock, ON) creating a welcoming environment for young families.

where young families can be comfortable: a warm and welcoming spot where

children can still be part of worship!

Enjoying the gift of good friends

By Pastor Loretta Jaunzarins
Grace, Hamilton, Ont.

On October 22, 34 women from Hamilton's Lutheran congregations, plus Faith, St. Catharines, met at Grace, Hamilton, Ont., for an afternoon of fun and fellowship.

While many of the ladies had known each other for years, it was a wonderful opportunity to make new

acquaintances. A "Guess Who" game and scavenger hunt got participants laughing and team building. Pastor Loretta Jaunzarins led a devotion on how to build and keep friendships in these modern times. We learned that Facebook can be a great tool regardless of your age!

Of course, no Lutheran

meeting is complete without food! Homemade apple crisp and ice cream were enjoyed by all. Everyone agreed that we should do this again, so mark your calendars! Ladies are invited to a Christmas program at Transfiguration, Hamilton, on December 17 at 2:00 p.m.

Around the synod

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experiences of residential school. As a church group that is guilty – not by association but by a mystical communion – what can we do to be about the ministry of reconciliation (2 Cor. 5:18)? To begin with, we can do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God (Micah 6:8). We can also keep the stories alive.

We can walk alongside those who suffered and suffer by acknowledging this sad and unjust history that has benefited us. But above all, we can join our voices to others who apologize for what has happened. The opportunity is given to us, on this side of grave, to make right with words, actions, and solidarity, the wrongs that have benefit-

ted us in so many ways. We are all in this together; and in the midst of it all, we encounter God who is reconciling the world to himself through you, through me, through those we want to ignore. God grant us the patience, perseverance and power to work for a world made whole in Christ.

Report of the Treasurer

Regular Benevolence Offerings

Received to September 30, 2012:	\$895,300
Received to September 30, 2013:	\$864,024
Change (2013 vs. 2012):	-3.5%
Budget Requirement (2013 vs. 2012):	+3.3%

Your offerings to regular (undesignated) benevolence support a variety of vibrant and important ministries of the Eastern Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, extending the reach of your congregation's mission across Canada and the world. *Thank you for your continued partnership, generosity and support!*

Congregational Treasurers: Please remember to remit your offerings on a monthly basis.

Keith Myra
Eastern Synod Treasurer

Pastoral opportunities

The following congregations are seeking a pastor. For more information, please contact Rev. Riitta Hepomaki, Assistant to the Bishop. Tel: 519-743-1461 Toll-free: 1-877-373-5242 Email: rhepomaki@elcic.ca.

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St. Stephens, Kitchener, ON
Zion, Stratford, ON

Toronto Conference:
Christ the King, Whitby, ON
Emmanuel, Toronto, ON
St. Paul's, Richmond Hill, ON

Please visit the synod website (www.easternsynod.org) for more information and regular updates on pastoral opportunities.

Ministry changes

Rev. Jukka Saarinen, St Matthew's, Welland, Ont., retires January 1.

Rev. Thomas Mertz, St Paul's, Leamington, Ont., to St John's, Hamilton, Ont., on February 1.

Rev. Daniela Mertz, St Paul's, Leamington, Ont., to St John's, Hamilton, Ont., on February 1.



Emma Maas, a long-time member of St. Matthew's, Hanover, Ont., celebrated her 101st birthday on October 19. Emma is still an avid knitter and generously provides her church with many infant sweater sets for their CLWR layette program. What an inspiration!



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Congratulations to 72 Synod Scholars and 11 Murray Scholarship recipients

This year, 72 young Lutherans are sharing \$132,500 in scholarships thanks to our Synod Scholarship Fund. The scholarships encourage young people to complete post-secondary school studies and fulfil their academic potential.

Synod Scholarships are not entirely based on academic achievement; the criteria also considers financial need and church involvement. Information about next year's















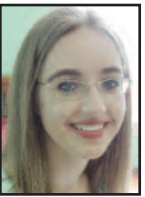









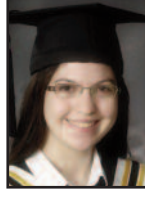






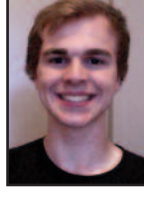








scholarships will be available from pastors next spring and posted on the synod website (www.easternsynod.org).

Eleven Synod Scholars also earned a Murray Scholarship this year. (Murray Scholars are

identified by an asterisk beside their names.) This fund was established in 2012, by Trinity, New Hamburg, Ont., to honour their long-time organist, Ms. Murray. Murray awards support students who

are studying music or are musically oriented. This year, \$5,500 was divided among these young people.

Congratulations scholars!

 <div>St. Peter's Heidelberg, Ont.</div> <div>Nikki Aitcheson-Huehn</div>	 <div>Our Saviour Owen Sound, Ont.</div> <div>Rebecca Armstrong*</div>	 <div>St. Paul's Listowel, Ont.</div> <div>Matthew Askett</div>	 <div>Faith Fergus, Ont.</div> <div>Nathan Beer</div>	 <div>First Evangelical Port Colborne, Ont.</div> <div>Jacob Bernatz</div>
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 <div>Trinity London, Ont.</div> <div>Brady Hough*</div>	 <div>St. Matthew's Kitchener, Ont.</div> <div>Corin Jorgenson</div>	 <div>St. Stephen's Palmer Rapids, Ont.</div> <div>Bethany Keller</div>	 <div>First Evangelical Toronto, Ont.</div> <div>Dora Kertesz</div>	 <div>Zion Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.</div> <div>Breanna Kettles</div>
 <div>Mount Zion Waterloo, Ont.</div> <div>Kristina Kuhnert</div>	 <div>St. James New Dundee, Ont.</div> <div>Erika Lade*</div>	 <div>St. Peter's Cambridge, Ont.</div> <div>Connor Legere</div>	 <div>Trinity London, Ont.</div> <div>Holly LeSavage</div>	 <div>St. John's Mahone Bay, N.S.</div> <div>Holly Lohnes*</div>
 <div>Our Saviour Owen Sound, Ont.</div> <div>Klayton MacDonnell</div>	 <div>St. Peter's Zurich, Ont.</div> <div>Colin McBride</div>	 <div>Faith Brantford, Ont.</div> <div>Asia McKay</div>	 <div>Resurrection Halifax, N.S.</div> <div>Ian McNabb</div>	 <div>Grace Oakville, Ont.</div> <div>Victoria Mendonca</div>
 <div>St. Paul's Lemington, Ont.</div> <div>Jonathan Mertz</div>	 <div>Faith Oshawa, Ont.</div> <div>Brent Molson</div>	 <div>Holy Cross Newmarket, Ont.</div> <div>Rachel Noble</div>	 <div>St. Paul's Kitchener, Ont.</div> <div>Brody Powis</div>	 <div>Our Saviour Owen Sound, Ont.</div> <div>Nicole Prowd</div>

“It was a great honour to receive this scholarship and a memorable experience for me in my journey of serving the Lord. Knowing God is guiding and helping me makes it much easier.”



Martin Luther
Toronto, Ont.

Christine Rabey*



Bethlehem
Pembroke, Ont.

Holly Raglin



St. Paul's
Ayton, Ont.

Valerie Robinson



St. Matthew's
Welland, Ont.

Mikayla Rusk



Trinity
New Hamburg, Ont.

Morgan Schaaf



St. James
St. Jacobs, Ont.

Kira Scheffmeier



St. Matthew's
Kitchener, Ont.

Sarah Schmidt*



St. Timothy's
Pembroke, Ont.

Ryan Siegel



Zion
Maple, Ont.

Hannah Simes*



St. Peter's
Heidelberg, Ont.

Erin Somerville



Zion
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Hillary Steven



St. Matthew
Fredericton, N.B.

Christoph Strauss



Zion
Pembroke, Ont.

Khala Sullivan



First Evangelical
Port Colborne, Ont.

Evan Thomas



St. Philip's
Etobicoke, Ont.

Emily Van Gaasbeek



Trinity
Ayton, Ont.

Brooke VanDerEyken



Grace
Oakville, Ont.

Natalie Verschueren



Holy Cross
Newmarket, Ont.

Anna Sophia Vollmerhausen



All Saints
Newcombville, N.S.

Shelby von Wahl



St. Peter's
Elmwood, Ont.

Garrett Weigel



All Saints
Newcombville, N.S.

Cody Whynot



Bethlehem
Pembroke, Ont.

Nicole Woito*

The following (camera shy) individuals also received Synod Scholarships this year:

- Nicole Andersen, Trinity, Ayton, Ont.

Emilie Bourassa, St. Paul's, Magnetawan, Ont.

Teige Frid, St. Paul's, Guelph, Ont.

Stephanie Schumacher, St. Peter's, Kitchener, Ont.
- Kiersten Steven, Zion, Stratford, Ont.

Adelaide Thomson, Mount Zion, Waterloo, Ont.

Kaityln Whynot, St. Paul's, Bridgewater, N.S.

Valerie Wiser, Augsburg, Brampton, Ont.

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Spencer-Barche Fund awards 13 scholarships

This year, the Spencer-Barche Educational Trust Fund awarded \$5,900 to assist 13 young scholars with expenses toward post-secondary studies. This program was established in 1984 by Lucy Spencer of St. Mark's, Kingston, Ont., in memory of her mother, Mrs. Franziska Spencer (nee Barche) of Brantford, Ont. While considering academic achievement, the program also supports students who have special financial needs who are pursuing higher education. Congratulations to this year's scholars!

New Sudbury Scholarship Fund launched

In 2013, for the first time, four Sudbury Scholarships were awarded. (Sudbury Scholars are identified by an asterisk beside their names.) The Sudbury Scholarships were launched by a donor from Trinity, Sudbury, Ont., to support deserving students. Kudos to our Sudbury Scholars.



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Baden, Ont.

Kylene Allen



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Baden, Ont.

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Catherine Polvi

Nadia Jorgenson of St. Matthew's, Kitchener, Ont., and Emily Laur of Faith, Port Elgin, Ont., also received a Spencer-Barche Scholarship this year. We regret that their photos were unavailable at press time.*



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