

July & August 2023 Edition

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Pastor's Page

Behind my desk is a reproduction of a famous icon by Andrei Rublev called the Hospitality of Abraham. It depicts the three visitors to Abraham and Sarah, as told in

Genesis 18. Christian tradition has long seen in this ancient story an image of the Holy Trinity, one God in three persons; it expresses the fundamentally relational nature of God. Within the very heart of God is an eternal giving and receiving of love.

Abraham experiences this when he reaches out in hospitality to three strangers on the road. In that spiritual embrace of the Other he discovers blessing: the promise renewed. By keeping that image close to my desk, I hope to remind myself and others that all ministry is hospitality.

As come to the end of the church programming season I begin to think of another form of hospitality that becomes important to many of us in July and August: Sabbath. Holidays.

Holidays are literally "holy days." They are times of rest, relaxation and renewal. We might travel to another place where life holds fewer distractions. We might take time for activities that feed our souls, that we don't get to do as much while we're working. We often find ways to commune with nature in beautiful outdoor places. We might take advantage of the time to renovate our houses or beautify our lives. On our holidays we like to find special ways to spend time with friends and family members.

All the various things we like to do in our holidays are holy activities. Holy because they help us build relationships. Holy because through them we honour our creator.

Holy because they renew our souls. To holiday (as a verb) is to set aside a certain period of time as holy and reserved for holy activities. It is very much like what the Bible calls "keeping the Sabbath."

Holidaying is a form of hospitality... to one's self. As we take time to re-create and renew our souls we offer hospitality to that part of our selves that can sometimes be

forgotten in the midst of the other demands of work and life. We make a space for our own hearts and souls so they can be refreshed by the things that make for the abundant life.

May your summer be filled with holy days of recreation and renewal, and may you be built up in the love of the Holy Trinity, one God who has welcomed us into abundant life.

Pastor Kristian

Office News

Summer Office Hours: May 1 – August 31, 2022
Monday to Thursday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Pastor's Availability

Pastor Kristian is in office Tuesday to Thursday mornings and he is available any time by phone at 587-581-4154.

The church office will be closed on Monday, July 3rd and Monday, August 7th.

Pastor will be on vacation from Monday July 10 until Sunday, August 6th.

As an emergency pastoral contact, Pastor Aaron Schnell will be available July 14-23.

His cell number is 587.988.4327. Pastor Kristian is available for emergencies from July 24 onward.

Zena will be on vacation July 24 – 28th.

Director of Worship Arts

We continue to seek a part-time director of worship arts. If you or anyone you know might be interested, please contact Pastor Kristian for more information.

Worship News

We will not have Home Communion in July and August. We ask that all Hope members reach out to one another throughout the summer – a quick phone call or a visit may brighten someone's day!

Worship in the Summer

On the Sundays during Pastor Kristian's holidays (July 16, 23, 30, and August 6), our gifted Assisting Ministers will be leading the Service of the Word and Thanksgiving. On these Sundays we'll have guest preachers... recorded sermons from leaders in the ELCIC.

July 16 – Bishop Larry Kochendorfer, ABT Synod

July 23 – Bishop Sid Haugen, SK Synod

July 30 – Bishop Jason Zinko, MNO Synod

August 6 – Deacon Michelle Collins

Our next *Service of Word and Sacrament* will be August 20.

Children in Worship

Families with children are always welcome at Hope! In the summer there is no Sunday School nor special messages from the pastor (who will be mostly on holidays!), but young children especially are welcome to take an activity bag on their way in to church that has all sorts of interesting things to keep young minds and hands busy! Or you could try one of our new “Worship Took Kits” that help young people engage with what’s happening in the liturgy. Remember, noise and fuss are never a problem; this is how children are and it is music to our ears.

Children often enjoy contributing to worship. You can always check in with the ushers, who will welcome the help to hand out bulletins.

Sage Hill and Varsity

Pastor Kristian will be taking a break from leading services at Sage Hill and Varsity over the summer. These will resume in September.

ELCIC and Anglican Church of Canada General Assembly

For the second time in our history the ELCIC is meeting in collaboration with our Full Communion partners, the Anglican Church of Canada. Their General Synod will be meeting at the same time as our Special Convention, with a number of joint sessions involving both bodies for worship, fellowship, Bible study, presentations and other discussions—with other matters such as voting and convention business being conducted separately. Pastor Kristian is both a delegate to the ELCIC convention and the co-chair of the worship planning team.

Some of the items on the ELCIC agenda are:

- Task Force Addressing Ableism
- Task Force Addressing Racism, White Supremacy and Racial Injustice
- Task Force on Carbon Neutrality
- Task Force Addressing Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia
- Full Communion: Moravians, Lutherans, Anglicans

You can find the Convention agenda and full bulletin of reports at:

<https://www.anglicanlutheran.ca/assembly/elcic/>

Pastor Kristian will provide a report on the convention's outcomes later in the summer.

Altar Flowers – please check the Nurturing Connections board and sign up for one of the available dates to sponsor an altar bouquet. Cost is \$50.

Christian Education

We will not have Text Study throughout the summer. Text Study will resume in September.

Confirmation Classes will resume in September. If you have a youth entering grade 7 in the fall, please speak with Pastor about Confirmation.

The summer copy of Daily Devotions (for July, August & September) is in church mailboxes for those who ordered one. Unfortunately, Parasource (the company we ordered them through) is closing – we should be able to continue to order devotional booklets through Augsburg Fortress.

Spiritual Life News

July Birthdays

July 3 – Mark Kuziej

July 4 – Joyce McKenny

July 5 – Henry Bakx

July 5 – Kathryn Jamieson

July 6 – Louise Benson

July 7 – Debbie Krenz



July 13 – Andrew Scholz

July 13 – Mark Scholz

July 14 – Annemarie Juravel

July 20 – Keith Muller

July 21 – Erika Kreuzenstein

July 21 – Maria Schroeder

July 22 – Rita Thurn

July 23 – Christine Svoboda

July 26 – Mark Kaminski

July 29 – Jordan Kropp

July 29 – Jutta Shaw

July 30 – Glenn Kirkaldy

Praying that you feel God's guiding light leading you on toward increased wisdom and strength as you celebrate another birthday.

August Birthdays

August 3 – Rebecca Kozbial

August 3 – Gordon Mah

August 3 – Dorothy Schumaker

August 10 – Nathan Gingrich

August 18 – Trudy Cole



August 19 – Austin Mah

August 20 – Priscilla Cornelius

August 21 – Leonard Kornfeld

August 23 – Lois Hansen

August 24 – Caron Campbell

August 25 – Jan Geggie

August 25 – Fay Martin

August 26 – Robert Harding

August 26 – Sophia Weleschuk

August 27 – Annette Dischinger

August 27 – Lori Thomas

August 27 – Dean Watson

August 31 – Valerie Blomquist

**if we haven't listed your birthday, we don't have it in our records so please let us know!*

Wishing you a year filled with the warmth of family, the joy of friends, and the love of God.

We still have copies of the updated directory ready for you! Please pick up at the office.

Daily Bible Readings for July 2023

Saturday, July 1, 2023: Psalm 13; Genesis 26:23-25; Luke 17:1-4

Sunday, July 2, 2023: Genesis 22:1-14 and Psalm 13; Jeremiah 28:5-9 and Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

Monday, July 3, 2023: Psalm 47; Genesis 22:15-18; 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

Tuesday, July 4, 2023: Psalm 47; 1 Kings 18:36-39; 1 John 4:1-6

Wednesday, July 5, 2023: Psalm 47; Isaiah 51:1-3; Matthew 11:20-24

Thursday, July 6, 2023: Psalm 45:10-17; Genesis 25:19-27; Romans 7:1-6

Friday, July 7, 2023: Psalm 45:10-17; Genesis 27:1-17; Romans 7:7-20

Saturday, July 8, 2023: Psalm 45:10-17; Genesis 27:18-29; Luke 10:21-24

Sunday, July 9, 2023: Proper 9 (14)

Monday, July 10, 2023: Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Genesis 27:30-46; Romans 1:18-25

Tuesday, July 11, 2023: Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Genesis 29:1-14; Romans 3:1-8

Wednesday, July 12, 2023: Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Genesis 29:31-35; John 13:1-17

Thursday, July 13, 2023: Psalm 119:105-112; Exodus 3:1-6; Romans 2:12-16

Friday, July 14, 2023: Psalm 119:105-112; Deuteronomy 32:1-10; Romans 15:14-21

Saturday, July 15, 2023: Psalm 119:105-112; Isaiah 2:1-4; John 12:44-50

Sunday, July 16, 2023: Proper 10 (15)

Monday, July 17, 2023: Psalm 142; Micah 1:1-5; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

Tuesday, July 18, 2023: Psalm 142; Jeremiah 49:7-11; Ephesians 4:17-5:2

Wednesday, July 19, 2023: Psalm 142; Obadiah 15-21; Matthew 13:10-17

Thursday, July 20, 2023: Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Isaiah 44:1-5; Hebrews 2:1-9

Friday, July 21, 2023: Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Ezekiel 39:21-29; Hebrews 6:13-20

Saturday, July 22, 2023: Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Exodus 14:9-25; Matthew 7:15-20

Sunday, July 23, 2023: Proper 11 (16)

Monday, July 24, 2023: Psalm 139:13-18; Genesis 32:3-21; Revelation 14:12-20

Tuesday, July 25, 2023: Psalm 139:13-18; Genesis 33:1-17; Galatians 4:21-5:1

Wednesday, July 26, 2023: Psalm 139:13-18; Genesis 35:16-29; Matthew 12:15-21

Thursday, July 27, 2023: Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Genesis 29:1-8; 1 Corinthians 4:14-20

Friday, July 28, 2023: Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Genesis 29:9-14; Acts 7:44-53

Saturday, July 29, 2023: Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Genesis 29:31-30:24; Matthew 12:38-42

Sunday, July 30, 2023: Proper 12 (17)

Monday, July 31, 2023: Psalm 65:8-13; Genesis 30:25-36; James 3:13-18

Daily Bible Readings for August 2023

Tuesday, August 1, 2023: Psalm 65:8-13; Genesis 30:37-43; Ephesians 6:10-18

Wednesday, August 2, 2023: Psalm 65:8-13; Genesis 46:2-47:12; Mark 4:30-34

Thursday, August 3, 2023: Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Isaiah 14:1-2; Philippians 4:10-15

Friday, August 4, 2023: Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Isaiah 41:8-10; Romans 9:6-13

Saturday, August 5, 2023: Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Genesis 31:1-21; Matthew 7:7-11

Sunday, August 6, 2023: Proper 13 (18)

Monday, August 7, 2023: Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Genesis 31:22-42; Romans 1:8-15

Tuesday, August 8, 2023: Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Genesis 32:3-21; Acts 2:37-47

Wednesday, August 9, 2023: Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Isaiah 43:1-7; Matthew 15:32-39

Thursday, August 10, 2023: Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Genesis 35:22b-29; Acts
17:10-15

Friday, August 11, 2023: Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Genesis 36:1-8; Acts 18:24-28

Saturday, August 12, 2023: Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Genesis 37:5-11; Matthew 16:1-4

Sunday, August 13, 2023: Proper 14 (19)

Monday, August 14, 2023: Psalm 28; Genesis 37:29-36; 2 Peter 2:4-10

Tuesday, August 15, 2023: Psalm 28; Genesis 39:1-23; Romans 9:14-29

Wednesday, August 16, 2023: Psalm 28; Genesis 40:1-23; Matthew 8:23-27

Thursday, August 17, 2023: Psalm 133; Genesis 41:14-36; Revelation 15:1-4

Friday, August 18, 2023: Psalm 133; Genesis 41:37-57; Acts 14:19-28

Saturday, August 19, 2023: Psalm 133; Genesis 42:1-28; Matthew 14:34-36

Sunday, August 20, 2023: Proper 15 (20)

Monday, August 21, 2023: Psalm 130; Genesis 43:1-34; Acts 15:1-21

Tuesday, August 22, 2023: Psalm 130; Genesis 44:1-34; Romans 11:13-29

Wednesday, August 23, 2023: Psalm 130; Genesis 45:16-28; Matthew 8:1-13

Thursday, August 24, 2023: Psalm 124; Genesis 49:1-33; 1 Corinthians 6:1-11

Friday, August 25, 2023: Psalm 124; Genesis 49:29-50:14; 2 Corinthians 10:12-18

Saturday, August 26, 2023: Psalm 124; Genesis 50:15-26; Matthew 16:5-12

Sunday, August 27, 2023: Proper 16 (21)

Monday, August 28, 2023: Psalm 8; Exodus 1:1-7; Romans 2:1-11

Tuesday, August 29, 2023: Psalm 8; Exodus 2:11-15a; Romans 11:33-36

Wednesday, August 30, 2023: Psalm 8; Exodus 2:15b-22; Matthew 26:6-13

Thursday, August 31, 2023: Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b; Exodus 2:23-24; Ephesians 5:1-6

(Thanks to the Vanderbilt Divinity Library for posting.)

Fellowship Activities

Men's Breakfast – Saturday July 1st and Saturday August 5th 2023



Saturday, July 1st and Saturday August 5th at Cora in Brentwood. Please contact Robert: robert.hiebert@gmail.com

Under 100 Club Events – Thursday, July 20th at 12:00pm.



Thursday, July 20th – 12:00pm – We will be ordering Chinese food for lunch at Hope Lutheran Church. Cost is \$10 per person, look for sign-up sheet on Nurturing Connections board.

The Under 100 Club BBQ held June 15th was very successful. A very big thank you to Steve and Marianne for cooking up some excellent burgers. Thank you Pastor Kristian and Gord Barge for providing the great entertainment! Time together is so valuable, thanks for making it happen!

Stampede Breakfast – Sunday, July 9th 8:30am



Breakfast will be served from 8:30 – 9:30am!

Music will be provided by The Range!

Gospel-style worship service at 10:00am

Plan to be outside so bring hats, sunglasses, sunscreen or maybe a jacket! Thank you to the volunteers who have signed up to assist. It takes many hands to hold an event like this!

Afternoon High Tea – Saturday August 19th 2:30pm.



This delightful afternoon will be held once again!

Saturday, August 19th 2:30 – 5:30pm

in the lovely garden of Peter Thurn and Christine Van Staden

You will enjoy delicious dainties and tea while enjoying the beautiful garden.

Spaces are limited to 30 so please RVSP no later than August 15th.

New program at Hope – Work of Art



Do you have an art project at home you just never seem to get to? Well bring it over to Hope (with supplies you need) and work on it while enjoying coffee and fellowship! Thursday mornings from 10am – noon.

Volunteer Opportunities



Coffee Clean Up after Worship – Coffee Clean Up after Worship – here's a nudge to remind you to take a turn! Do you know how many opportunities there are to help out???A lot, so please sign up for a day!



Cookies on Sunday – if you like to enjoy a cookie or two with your coffee on Sundays after worship, please bring some in to share. Bought or homemade, they are appreciated just the same!

Social Ministry News

Care Connect – For over 3 years, dedicated Hope volunteers have been delivering food

hampers from the Calgary Food Bank to clients unable to pick up the hampers themselves. Our volunteer group is small so we are joining forces with Brentwood Cares (a volunteer group in the Brentwood Community) – we will continue to deliver hampers same as before, but we are combining with other volunteers in Brentwood.

Stitching for Hope – a group of stitchers meet at 10am every Tuesday morning at Hope to work on blankets while enjoying some great fellowship (and often coffee and treats). Can't stitch? No problem, come for the visit!

Floor Replacement

A special congregational meeting was held on Sunday, June 25, 2023, to discuss the lifting and bubbling in the floors (and the crack in the kitchen). Hope Council proposes removing the current flooring and replacing it with an epoxy flooring. There is a desire to do this in summer when the building will experience less use from renters (particularly the pre-kindergarten). Thirty-nine Hope members attended the meeting.

An amended motion was discussed and passed. The motion was:

That Hope Lutheran Church replace the floor covering of the common areas, kitchen, and multipurpose room, using existing surplus funds, up to an amount not exceeding \$60,000.

Charity of Choice

Every two months, we collectively focus on a different charity. Through monetary donations and/or collection of items, and sometimes participation in service projects, we provide support for these different charities. Often educational opportunities highlight the importance of these charities and the great work they do, often right in Calgary!

Our Charity of Choice for May and June was Made by Momma. Made by Momma is a charity right in Calgary – they provide home-cooked meals to families when their children are in hospital, they offer the delivery of pantry items and baby & children's clothing, toys, cribs, etc. to families who are struggling financially. Their "Happy Birthday Project" helps children have a special birthday, just for them! Hope members managed to collect an assortment of clothing and nonperishable items as well as several hundred dollars in financial donations!

Our Charity of Choice for July and August is the Calgary Food Bank.

Requests for food hampers are on the rise. Please consider making a financial contribution OR bring non-perishable food items to Hope.



Over the years, The Calgary Food Bank has grown from a small not-for-profit in a church basement run by 4 volunteers, into a million-dollar charitable organization in a 60,000 square foot building with 9,000 volunteers. It all started in 1982 when different religious leaders in the community were already collecting food and giving to those in need. They decided to join forces to make the most impact within their community and the Calgary Food Bank was born.

At the same time the enormous economic downturn in Alberta as a direct result of the National Energy Program forced thousands of oil industry workers into unemployment. Many declared bankruptcy and also remained unemployed or underemployed for five years. The need for a food bank was greater than ever.

During this time, the Food Bank also began to partner with manufacturers, transportation companies and distributors to redirect usable but unwanted food. Food shipments that may be turned down by retailers for many reasons such as outdated packaging; unsold product due to consumer shortfalls; as well as items past their best-before dates. This food was usable, fit for consumption and allowed us to fill pantries, not landfills, from the very beginning.

Since the early days, partnerships were established with trucking companies and distribution centres to divert refused trailers of food from the landfill to the Food Bank. Then in 2007, the Calgary Food Bank formed a Food Industry Advisory Committee, consisting of industry senior management and owners. An infrastructure was created to redirect products that cannot be sold due to short date, damage, refusal, overstock, packaging issues, end of run or seasonal issues, at the same time maintaining a safe supply of nutritious food for clients and charities. By 2013, 82% of the food collected came from the food industry partnerships.

Contact coordinator@hopelutheran.ca if you have suggestions of charities you would like to see hope support in the upcoming year.

Community News

Hope Attends Family Camp - August 13-18, 2023

Pastor Kristian will be the Resource Pastor at Family Camp II this summer, along with Pastors Margaret Propp and Tim Wray. There's still time to register!



Come join us for a week away—or one or two or three days, whatever you can manage. We're flexible. Young and old, with kids or without – all are welcome, all are part of the family! Take the grandkids to camp for a week. You can stay in cabins, dorm rooms, or bring your own RV to camp out. Let's get a big group from Hope and "nurture our connections" in the place "set apart to be together," Camp Kuriakos!

What to expect of your time at Family Camp? There's something for everybody of all ages.

- Relaxing!
- Learning!
- Visiting!
- Swimming!
- Canoeing!
- Climbing Wall!
- Quiet Time!
- Archery!
- Wide Games!

Because it can be expensive to attend camp, and because we want everyone who would like to come, to be able to, Hope is offering bursaries of \$380 per family per week (or portion of a week). Please contact the church office for more information. Please Pastor Kristian or the church office if you're interested or intend to come that week.



2023 JOINT STAFF TRAINING

PARTNERSHIP WITH KURIAKOS FOR CAMPUS MINISTRY

By Rev. Margaret Propp
Lutheran Campus Ministry-Calgary



How do we trust that God is walking with us? This is hard to know always when things don't go according to plan. For the past number of years, LCM-C has been partnering with the United Church on training staff and sharing our summer/fall staff. But this year, due to some structure differences and changes in the vision- we have had to reimagine our staffing model. We were not sure how things would work?!? As a part-time chaplain previous to Hope's generous donation, trying to equip young people on our own was much too daunting, but this year, with the ability to commit the chaplain's time and resources fully to campus ministry, the chaplain was able to be a resource to Camp Kuriakos as the chaplain to the Joint staff training of not only Kuriakos, and Mulhurst, but also have LCM-Calgary staff as they joined in the training.

None of the LCM-C staff had ever been to Kuriakos. But over and over, the campus ministry staff shared their delight and wonderful impression of the camp and the people they encountered. This year, Kuriakos had a number of International staff who were very new themselves, so the Campus Ministry staff and new International Camp staff seem to hit it off in being a 'newbie' to this special place. Kuriakos' staff were very delighted that our staff managed to have their own vehicles to drive, so Keegan and Homing were more than generous to drive many of their new friends into town for their day off to enjoy the fun of Sylvan Lake. But what was so heartwarming was the sharing of the Christian faith Kuriakos was able to provide through worship, campfires, bible studies, and the Passion Play. I think LCM-C staff were so impressed that they are thinking of maybe volunteering for a week or two this summer.



July-August 2023 Message for Congregations and Lay and Rostered Leaders

Dear Beloved of God -

In preparation for the Lutheran World Federation Assembly, September 2023, in Krakow, Poland, a pre-assembly for the Americas was held in April 2023, in Bogota, Colombia, under the LWF Assembly theme: "One Body, One Spirit, One Hope." (Ephesians 4:4)

I was invited to present on the third phrase of the Assembly theme, "One Hope." I began by recalling a gathering where Rev. Dr. Rafael Malpica Padilla shared a definition of faith and hope that has stayed with me: "Faith is the ability to listen to the melody of the future and hope is the courage to dance to its rhythm now."

With so many causes for despair we are still called to hope. On what do we base our hope? What is the melody of the future? How can we dance when the melody is faint, unfamiliar, or forgotten; and the melodies around us are not of promise or hope, but destruction, violence, and polarization?

We all know of the social, political, economic, and ecological marginalization happening globally, regionally, and locally. The COVID-19 pandemic further unmasked these injustices. Yet in the midst of these overwhelming realities, we are still called to witness, dance, and hope.

Paul's letter to the Ephesians insists on hope. Why?

- Hope is a gift of the Holy Spirit.
- Hope knows what God has done in Christ and sees it in everyday life.
- This hope is "eschatological" – not yet fulfilled, but already active where faith moves us to renew the earth and to reform injustice. Luther's catechism teaches that this hope is expressed when we pray, "Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."
- Hope liberates from worldly powers and encourages us to forge ahead, united in purpose.
- Hope proclaims that in this broken world, God does not abandon us.

So how are we to dance to the melody of the future with courage? Rev. Dr. Gordon Jensen, retired professor from Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon, Canada, recently wrote: "When we experience the gospel, we and the church cannot help but be engaged in the transformation of lives and the transformation of society." (Jensen, Canada Lutheran vol. 38, no. 1 Jan/Feb 2023, p. 8)

The Spirit compels us to participate in God's work of establishing justice and making peace – to transformation – so that all may have abundant life.

Lutheran Church

Gifted and nurtured by the Spirit, hope is a vital component of our common mission through our worship, proclamation, diakonia, humanitarian work and advocacy in the public space, and through our ecumenical and interfaith commitment.

The late Vitor Westhelle wrote: "The theology of the cross ... [moves] into hopeful solidarity, the solidarity of those who are moved by the pain of God in the midst of the world, or by the pain of the world in the midst of God." (From Padilla, "Martin Luther for the Life of the Church," in *The Forgotten Luther III*, Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2021, p 92)

In this hopeful solidarity we know that our dance will be changed – will be enriched and strengthened – and other dance steps will be learned, shared, taught. In this hopeful solidarity we recognize moving to a vocation of living and working together in ongoing reformation.

This is not a static reality, nor an end in itself: we live and work together to respond to God's call and to join God in God's mission in the world, supporting each other to witness vibrantly in our diverse contexts through diaconal service, and through advocacy for justice, peace, and reconciliation everywhere and always.

Padilla concluded his presentation in 2022 with these words: "The tools for the work [are]: faith, hope, and love. Faith, the ability to hear the melody of the future; hope, the courage to dance to its rhythm here and now; and love, a stubborn and unwavering commitment."

May we together have such faith, hope, and love.

In Christ Jesus –
Shalom, +Larry

WHAT'S IN A NAME ?

My given first name is Kathleen but for more than 60 years I have been Kathy. While I was growing up there was nothing that irritated me more than to have my name mispronounced: Kath-a-leen. It was the bane of my young life.

When I left home at age 18 to find work in Calgary I was determined to tell people my name was Kathy. In retrospect, I wish I had kept on being Kathleen. I could have gritted my teeth if I'd heard the dreaded Kath-a-leen and let it go or otherwise corrected the offender by firmly stating, "My name is Kathleen, not Kath-a-leen." It took awhile before everyone at home got used to calling me Kathy but eventually I was Kathy

to pretty well all of them, except for an aunt who continued to call me Kathleen for as long as she lived, which was almost 100 years!

Kathy worked well as long as my last name was Hendricksen, but when I married

Jim, Lee became part of my first name to some people and they addressed me as Kathy Lee. I don't know what they thought my last name was! I blame Kathy Lee Gifford

for the confusion. I'm still Kathleen in business establishments and at my eye doctor, GP, and dentist.

Little kids just learning to talk have difficulty saying names. Our grandson Oliver was Wo Wo to his brother Dominic. We were Bah and Gah to their sister Amanda. As a way of differentiating their paternal grandmother from us they called her Black Grandma

because she had pitch black hair at the time. Even though her hair is now grey, she's still Black Grandma to them.

Few people go through life without a change of some sort, be it a shortened version of the original or a different form altogether: John to Jack or Edward to Ted, for

instance. And kids always seem to come up with nicknames. When my cousin Herb broke his leg his friends started calling him Chester after the deputy in Gunsmoke who

walked with a limp. Herb remained Chester for the rest of his high school years.

Two of Jim's classmates were the Waite twins: Merlin and Marlin. Teachers were the only ones who called them that. Otherwise they were Freck and Bird. Jim says he doesn't know how those nicknames got started but maybe Freck's came about because he had freckles.

My dad's name was Harry and for some reason he was known as Hairp to his brothers and friends. Even my mother called him that sometimes. Dad's brother Ewald was always Uncle Ake to us kids. We never knew why; we just called him that.

One day, my sister and I decided that we should have nicknames for each other and for our brother, too. Dean was dubbed Yid or Brit, Elaine was Yawn or Burn and I became Tarb. Yid stuck with Dean, sort of, but Yawn / Burn did not with Elaine. She

preferred Elly instead, but mostly she was always Elaine. She continued to call me Tarb

to her dying day and that is a memory I treasure. What's in a name? Plenty. In the end the name that's most important to me is Child of God.

Until we meet again via the printed page, rejoice in the Lord, who has called each

of us by name. "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine." (Isaiah 43: 1b)

Kathleen (Kathy) Lee

Fun!

Riddles

1. What starts with a P, ends with an E, and has thousands of letters?
2. What do you call a snowman in the summertime?
3. What is 3/7 chicken, 2/3 cat, and 2/4 goat?
4. How can you drop a raw egg from a height onto a concrete floor without cracking it?
5. Forward, I am heavy; backward, I am not. What am I?

Funny Bones



My teacher told me not to worry about spelling because in the future there will be autocorrect And for that I am eternally grapefruit.



Thank you to the Baer's for joke submissions!

Riddle Answers

1. A post office.
2. A puddle.
3. Chicago!
4. Concrete floors are very hard to crack.
5. A ton

Hope Summer Word Search

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