



Spotlight



Shifting Seasons

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Anniversary Sunday

Sunday, September 18

*Rev. John Dickinson
preaching*

Tell former members about this Special Service

The Prelude, Postlude & Musical Meditation will be **live**. After-service fellowship time with refreshments, tea and coffee in our foyer and out to Main Street.



Summer has been a wonderful season for myself and my family. It's pulled me out of my home, I've gone for longer walks and enjoyed more of the greens and the blues of sky, and sea, and trees, and grass ... I thoroughly love summer, and I'm not one to let it go easily. Can you relate? Maybe summer isn't your season, but I think we all have seasons that bring us joy and are full of goodness that we want to hold onto as long as possible. Whether it's our favorite time of year, or a favorite time in our lives, it's hard to recognize when it's time to let those things go.

I was really struck with Shelley's sermon on the last Sunday of August (You can rewatch it on our Facebook page if you like!) She shared how "a new season is around the corner, whether we're ready for it or not ... although it is inevitable, and unavoidable, somehow it still catches us off guard." I resonated with that a lot. Though I know Fall comes every year, I still get shocked when summer ends, squeezing every last drop of fun out of it before I let it go. But whether I like it or not, summer comes to an end.

As I write this, I've just returned from an overnight camping trip with a friend. Although it's still summer, while we were driving to our destination on the Bruce Peninsula, I saw some of the trees were starting to change colours. I felt the initial panic of the season changing and not having had as much summer as I wanted, but looking at those trees, my mind was flooded with the memory and anticipation of the beautiful, fiery colors of fall, and was able to actually sort of start to look forwards to the next season.

One of my favorite artists, J.J. Heller, has a song she wrote with her husband and a friend during the pandemic, called "You Already Know" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CM-6knQ2a34>). It's all about the fact that though nothing is as it was or as it's going to be, and how life is quite overwhelming with all the change happening around them, yet, God *already knows* what the future will be. The lyrics to the chorus are:

*You already know, You already know
Everything I'm scared of, Everything I hope
You hold my tomorrow, And all tomorrow holds, You already know*

Every shift in season holds uncertainty and anticipation. As individuals and as a church we are all facing this season with different thoughts and sentiments about what comes next: fear, excitement, joy, longing, sadness, glee ... He *already knows* all that we are feeling about the end of one season and the beginning of the next. He knows the beauties and the disappointments this next season will hold for each of us, but He *already knows* what we're scared of and hoping for, and he *already knows* what tomorrow holds.

As we begin this fall, may we keep in mind the words that serve as a reminder of just how much God holds our tomorrows, and *already knows* what tomorrow holds:

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Interim Moderator & Finance & Facilities

Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 18 –

Anniversary Sunday.

Rev. John Dickinson preaching.

Thursdays: 6-9 p.m. Care Centre

**Tuesdays – Mid-Week Small
Group Connections**

Morning Prayer @ 10 a.m. every
other week starting Sept. 20th

Provision Time @ 7:30 p.m. every
other week starting Sept. 27th

Contact [Shawn](#) or [Ruth](#) for help to get
connected

Choir Notes 🎵

I'd like to encourage anyone interested to join the choir for the upcoming season, which will last roughly from the beginning of October to the end of April. I'm planning for it to be a mix of virtual and in-person rehearsals

1. Rehearsal recordings, including recordings of both small sections and entire piece,
2. Full in-person chorus rehearsals once or twice closer to the dates of performances.

Choir Repertoire will consist of choral anthems for Christmas & Easter, as well as weekly hymns, especially unfamiliar songs to our congregation.

Contact Minister of Music Han Na Kim Sundays for more details.

It's hard to believe that September has arrived and we are heading into the Fall worship season. Calvary is looking forward to celebrating our 128th year of serving the Beach community on Sunday September 18th. The leadership worked diligently during the first six months of the year to ensure that each team was equipped to navigate the summer without the need to hold Mission Team meetings. This gave members of your leadership a chance to take a much needed break from monthly meetings, the first such break since the start of the pandemic in March 2020. I personally have been most thankful for the ongoing opportunity to worship virtually, so that we may continue to participate in worship and stay connected with one another through the summer months, even if we are physically away spending time with family or Mother Nature.

Fiscally, we have been blessed this year with support from the community as well as the congregation for a number of special projects to sustain the building. These included a donation-in-kind from CC55 to paint Harris Hall, which hosts the Grace Pascoe Food Bank, as well as donations to paint the office hallway and for the purchase of much needed tools for our custodian, Jim Yolevski. In late June we were grateful to learn that Calvary was awarded two grants to support the Grace Pascoe Care Centre food bank. The grants, totalling just over \$25,000, were received from CBOQ and the Daily Bread Food Bank for much needed technical and operational support as well as capital purchases.

We have also been in discussion with Leroux for their use of additional space, subject to regulatory approval for the school. If we proceed, this would be a welcome development that would help us to achieve a balanced operating budget on a monthly basis.

We are substantially within the deficit budget approved by the congregation earlier this year. A number of improvements to the building have meant higher spending on maintenance costs, which have included improvements to the heating distribution system and repairs to the downspout. These have been offset by lower operational costs elsewhere.

We are most grateful for your ongoing financial support, which can be made to the collection plate, by mail to the church office, or online through our website.

Heather Mains, Acting Moderator for the Mission Team

Calvary Birthdays September

2 Michael Strazzeri

24 Frank Carney

October

9 Heather Mains

15 Andrea Cambridge
& Shelley Faulkner

27 Sandra Farrant

30 Barry Tisdal



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"So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." (Matthew 6:31-34 NIV)

God bless you in all that you go through this season, and may you know His presence with you in all your todays and tomorrows.

Love & Blessings, Pastor Ruth

Grace Pascoe Care Centre

For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you (Jer.29:11). And so, over the past few months the Grace Pascoe Care Center has shown us the hand of God. We have been blessed by many dedicated and caring volunteers who are developing relationships between themselves as well as with those in our neighborhood we serve. We are grateful for the support from Community 55, Daily Bread and others who provide food and financial support.

On Thursday evening, when we open at 6 p.m., the neighbours are already gathered and chatting with each other. It is so heartwarming to witness a sense of belonging developing. The Care Center does much more than supporting those with food insecurity. We met several families recently settled from the Ukraine and a mother with two young children who arrived only a few months ago from Afghanistan. Through her tears, she indicated that she had two more children she had to leave behind, and then she said "Taliban." I pray for her and for other families who are challenged with resettling in our neighbourhood, for the children who are starting a whole new school experience. Others have been living in our community for some time and are grateful that we are once again open to provide support to their limited income.

Our community lacks grocery stores and most of our Care Care neighbours do not have a means of transportation. The evening opening hours also accommodates those with part-time or low paying jobs. I ask that you include our Care Center in your daily prayer, and consider how you can support.

The Grace Pascoe Care Center Committee had the mandate of reopening the Care Center and will now relinquish to Adrienne Scott, Outreach Director, and Debbie Visconti, temporary Food Bank Director. We continue to search for a permanent Director. Shawn Ronson is the Care Center's link to the Mission Team and it has been and continues to be my blessing to meet and greet those who come to us. Pray that as we share the love of Jesus through our Care Center that God will continue to prosper us and that our neighbourhood will recognize Christ. As folks leave with their provisions they never fail to say "Thank You" and I never fail to say. "God Bless."

Your Sister in Christ, Tina Timmerman

Notes from The Ministry Strategy Committee

Greetings Calvary Community! It is hard to believe it is the beginning of another church year; an exciting time in the life of the church! It is with pleasure that the Ministry Strategy Committee (MSC) is touching base to update you on where we are. To begin, we would like to thank everyone for their commitment to prayer for the MSC as well as the Calvary family and community, as we have continued to discern what God's direction is for us. We also are very thankful for the responses we received from the surveys and general feedback through conversations and emails. All of this has been very helpful in the process.

As indicated in the Summer *Spotlight*, the MSC shared, "As we prayed and shared and consulted, we began to see a new picture of the church emerging. We are entering a new era of caring, enabling others to connect in service — like the spokes of a wheel — revolving around a hub of God's love. This would mean worship must be central and service would radiate from it." This picture continues to evolve with the GPCC actively engaged with the community on a weekly basis and our partnerships with Logos, Community Centre 55 and others. We also indicated that we felt Calvary is called to Ministry to Seniors and from the feedback we received, there were three main themes:

1. Need for Connection — friendly visits and phone calls
2. Social Activities
3. Transportation — to activities, appointments, Food Bank etc.

There have been many people who have been faithful to phone those seniors in our community who are more isolated/shut-in and that will continue. Please let us know if this is something you would like to participate in. With COVID having less of a hold on us, we hope to be able to start visiting those who would welcome a face to face connection. Again, please let us know if you would like such a visit or would like to participate as a visitor. Similar to transportation, if you or someone you know, have access to a car and would be willing to drive people to/from appointments/ activities, please let us know. This could be as big or small a commitment that you are willing to give.

Lastly, we need to jump in and "just do it!" So, on

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Firstly, the Worship Team would like to thank Rev. Andrea Cambridge for her dedication to Calvary as she ends her time as Chair of the Team. Little did she know when we requested her to fill in as Interim through David's leaving and Covid, that it would be

Over two years. Thank you Andrea! We welcome Darlene Kelley as the newest member of our Team and are delighted with her fresh insights into our planning.

Throughout Covid the Worship Team has successfully integrated in-sanctuary/online/dial-in and Facebook services in such a way as to encourage participation and keep our worshipping community together. Many thanks go to Kent Faulkner for acquiring the technology that has facilitated this, and Shawn Ronson for stepping up when Kent has been away.

A significant number of people have become comfortable worshipping remotely, and our numbers have consistently been ½ in-person and remote, so we will be continuing that option. Given the reducing of Covid restrictions and general returning to "normal," we will be moving towards post-pandemic services that respect individuals' comfort levels while providing meaningful, inviting, sustainable worship.

We are thrilled that our Anniversary Service on September 18th will have former Pastor John Dickinson (accompanied by his children Brock and Rebecca, as well as their families) give the message. We will have Han Na perform the Prelude, Postlude and Musical Meditation live. After the service a fellowship time with muffins/ cupcakes, tea/coffee/juice will in our Main Street foyer and spilling out to street. We'll put some chairs outside (weather permitting).

After the Anniversary we will be continuing live Prelude, Postlude and Musical Meditation while hymns will remain recorded (due to distortion over phone/computer). We will be discussing how to integrate Offering and Communion serving back into the. The Anniversary Service will help us see how Fellowship Time works in the front foyer. *Note: Volunteers will be needed for all of these options.* Our Minister of Music, Han Na Kim, is working to invigorate the choir (see page 2).

Opinions on moving forward the enhance our worship are welcome. So contact any of the below individuals with your comments.

*Victoria Drysdale, Incoming Worship Team Chair,
Pastor Ruth Bartlett, Andrea Cambridge, Rex Deverell,
Kent Faullkner, Darlene Kelley, Han Na Kim & Paul Sneyd*

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Saturday October 1st from 1:30 to 4 p.m. in Clarke Hall we are going to have a Games Afternoon — board games and card games — for those 60+. Come and show your competitive side, invite friends and enjoy some treats! If you would like to participate and need transportation, let us know. If you would like to volunteer: help set up or take down, provide some treats, provide transportation; please contact any member of the committee.

We will continue to meet as a committee and discern the way forward. We welcome any and all insight or feedback. We are excited that the Wheel is rolling! We hope you will join us on this journey.

*MSC Committee:
Pastor Ruth Bartlett,
Sharon Mole, Rex Deverell
& Patricia Elkerton*



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