

THE WEEK IN ACTIVITIES

- Sunday Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.
with Sunday School
(10:30 a.m. on Aug. 4th at Bethesda Lutheran)
- Monday Sandwich Making for the Homeless at 9:30 a.m.
(2nd Monday of the month – August 12th)
Alanon at 8:00 p.m.

FOR THE CHILDREN...We welcome children of all ages to worship with us. We offer Summer Sunday School for children ages 3 to 12, following Children's Time in the worship service.



Younger children are welcome to remain with their parents during the service, or families may use the unstaffed nursery (toy room) found on the main floor, which includes audio for hearing the service. A change table is also available (in the main floor washroom).

DO YOU LIKE THE BEACH?...Do you love playing in the water? Are you between the ages of 3 and 12? Then you need to join us for our Beach Themed Summer Sunday School! It's all about water and sand!



LEMONADE ON THE LAWN...will be served following worship throughout the summer months. Be sure to join us for refreshment and fellowship. Volunteers may still be needed for the serving – check out the list on Sally's bulletin board!



SHARED SERVICES...On SUNDAY, AUGUST 4TH we will worship with our neighbours at Bethesda Lutheran Church (20 Union Street) at 10:30 a.m. (There will be no service at Central that day.)

**SUMMER SCRIPTURE READINGS**

- August 11th Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 10:13-24
- August 18th Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 11:14-28
- August 25th Psalm 71:7-14; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 11:27-32
- Sept. 1st Psalm 112; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 11:37-53
- Sept. 8th Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

WE WILL CELEBRATE...the Sacrament of Communion on SUNDAY, AUGUST 11TH during our worship service. Servers may be required – check Sally's bulletin board to sign up. Thank you.



4th ANNUAL JAZZ VESPERS SERVICE...will be held at Central on SATURDAY, AUGUST 17TH at 5:30 p.m. This service is part of the Markham Jazz Festival and all are welcome to attend. Stu Beaudoin at the piano is joined by Nancy Nourse (flute), Brendan Moratz (bass), and Mary Thomas Nagel (vocals). This quartet uses upbeat and introspective settings plus sacred text to amplify liturgy and congregational singing to finish the journey. Does jazz trivialize or uplift the sacred and Holy? Come and listen for yourself.



THANK YOU...to John Mole (August 18th & September 1st) for providing musical leadership to us while Stuart enjoys some time away. And, we are happy to **welcome back** Rev. Karl Burden who will lead services on August 25th and September 1st as Jim Clubine takes his vacation.



A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING...was held on Sunday July 7th to review the candidate recommendation from the Joint Search Committee for the position of Minister of Families, Youth and Education. The requirement for the position had previously been approved by the congregation in November 2012.



The outcome of the meeting was that the motion to approve a call of the candidate selected by the Joint Search Committee did not obtain the two-thirds majority required from the 43 members in attendance, and was therefore defeated. As such, the Joint Search Committee, having completed their work, was also disbanded.

This outcome leaves Central with a vacant position against our current needs assessment. We will therefore need to formally re-evaluate the wishes of the congregation with regards to Ministerial staffing, especially with regards to the needs of our youth and young families. Your Church Council will address how to best engage the congregation in this evaluation process at its next meeting in September. In the meantime, your feedback and input is welcome.

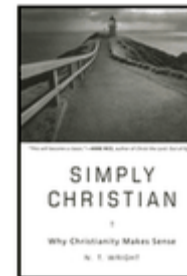
Jim Wright, Chair of Church Council



FROM OUR "OVER 80 BOARD"...Happy Birthday to Bill Collett who celebrates his birthday this month.

RALLY DAY IS SEPTEMBER

8TH...Please join us for a 10:00 a.m. service, followed by a corn roast and hot dogs. This is a great opportunity to reconnect with your church family and kick off our programmes for the Fall. We hope you can join us!



SMALL GROUPS CHURCH-WIDE STUDY THIS FALL!...Our Small Group Ministry at Central continues; this fall our second annual church-wide, 6 week DVD based study is titled: *Simply Christian: Why Christianity Makes Sense*. Groups will run from October 20th to November 29th. More information to come.

SERVICE TIME CHANGE...It has been our tradition to gather as ONE congregation during the summer months when our attendance is down due to vacation and cottage time for our members. Typically, we return to two services in September after Rally Day; however, in view of the trends noted in the past few years we have opted to extend having "one service" to after Thanksgiving this year. In essence we will continue to gather for worship at 10:00 a.m. up to and including Sunday, October 13th and then return to two services (9:30 and 11:15 a.m.) on Sunday, October 20th.





YOUR CHURCH FINANCES...A summary of our receipts and expenditures relating to the operations of the church are as follows (as of July 31, 2013):

	Year to Date <u>Actual</u>	Year to Date <u>Budget</u>	Year to Date <u>Last Year</u>
Receipts	\$162,163	\$170,487	\$160,197
Expenditures	\$182,911	\$193,533	\$179,802
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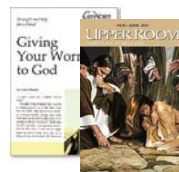
Thank you for your prayerful and continued support to the life and work of your church.

“PAR” (PRE-AUTHORIZED REMITTANCE)...is available to help you contribute to your church on a regular basis. It also helps the church maintain a regular and dependable flow of contributions to support its ongoing commitments. If you are not already on PAR, please consider making your offering in this way. Enrollment forms are available from the literature table in the narthex or by sending an email to Sally. (Then simply return completed forms to Sally who will process on your behalf.)



GIVE TO THE FOOD BANK...We encourage you to donate non-perishable food items throughout the year. You may deliver food to any local fire hall, many grocery stores and to our donation basket here at the church.

UPPER ROOM & CARE NOTES...Check out our literature table for the latest issue of the Upper Room daily devotional guide and a selection of Care Notes. Help yourselves!



HELP US FILL OUR WATER JUG IN THE NARTHEX...Feel



free to donate your loose change (including pennies!) to help purchase bedkits provided by Sleeping Children Around the World to needy children in developing countries. This charity uses 100% of all donations to purchase items necessary for a good night's sleep, better health and hygiene, and materials needed to attend school. Check out the photos and information leaflets found on the table or go to www.scaw.org for more information.

PASTORAL CARE...Should you become aware of any illness, bereavement, hospitalization, etc., among people of our church; please notify the church office as soon as possible. **Also, please advise us if you wish to be included in Sunday prayers.**



YOUR PRAYER CHAIN...would like to support you in prayer. Please contact Sandra Ackles (905-474-1172 or sandra.ackles@rogers.com) with your prayer concerns. Requests are kept confidential within the Prayer Chain.