

Good morning everyone,

I hope everyone has had a good week.

TURNING POINT WELCOME BASKETS:

Turning Point handed out their last Welcome Basket last week, so it's time to make up some more. Once again, we will not be able to purchase items and bring them to the church, so donations can be made by either sending a cheque to the church or E-transferring money to me directly. Thank you for your continued enthusiastic support!

REMINDER:



Annual General Meeting - Our AGM has been set for March 7, 2020 and will be held via Zoom. The time of the meeting will be announced soon.

If the Health orders change by then, we will hold the meeting in house with the option of joining via Zoom.

Our Epiphany Sermon Series

provided by the ELCIC National and Synod Bishops continues this Sunday. Guest preacher Rev. Susan Johnson, Bishop of our National Church is preaching on Jan. 31,

Rev. Sid Haugen, Bishop of Saskatchewan is guest preacher on Feb. 7, and Rev. Michael Pryse, Bishop of the Eastern Synod concludes the series on Feb. 14.



You can hear them all, by tuning in to our Sunday worship broadcast. The link is sent out every Sunday morning at 8:00am. If you miss the livestream, the videos are posted on our church homepage every Sunday afternoon by 2PM. Just visit www.gloriadei.ca

Our Bible Book Club continues to meet on the last Wednesday of each month. We have just finished reading and reflecting on the Book of Ecclesiastes. With its repeated message that life is meaningless or chasing after the wind, some interpreters of the book think it is cynical and depressing. But members of our Bible Book Club offered another view. Asked to summarize the book in 10 words here is what they said.

“If I live my life WITHOUT GOD, all seems meaningless.” ~ Trudi

“This is a book of truth . . . about a time to live and a time to die” ~ Tanya

Yesterday is gone, and we don't know what tomorrow holds, therefore we need to live in the present moment. ~ Pr. Vida

Participants also reflected on what gives them joy each day, especially in this time of restricted freedoms:

“What brings me joy each day are my pet rabbits, Ebony and Lola and guinea pigs, Grace and Joy. Going for a swim or a walk out in nature also bring me joy.” ~ Tanya



“When I drive ...and see the light in the sky and over the water...it brings me joy, because the light reminds me of the light of God...it is the light of God!” ~ Maureen

“What brings me joy in this time? To lookout in the morning and see the trees, my beloved trees, and still they are standing there. Then I go to the balcony and see that some of my flowers still are blooming! And the sky has not vanished! It might be a grey day, or a raining day, but it's a NEW day, thank you God! - I also enjoy my morning coffee with two slices of toast, a bit of cheese, butter and jam. The coffee in the afternoon, with a cookie or a piece of cake. I water my plants and feel joy that still I can do it. There are so many “little things” that give me joy! In spite of everything!” ~ Trudi

A fresh bouquet of tulips on my table brings me joy. They help me focus on their beauty and not the clutter around me. ~ Pr. Vida.

"What gives YOU joy each day in this time of pandemic? We would like to compile your answers and print them in next week's newsletter." Please forward your thoughts to either Pr Vida or Lin P.

Peace,

Lin

Every morning lean your arms awhile upon the
windowsill of heaven and gaze upon the Lord.
Then with the vision in your heart, turn strong
to meet your day ~

~Thomas Blake

