

SPOTLIGHT

Ministry in Focus: CVC

If you've been around Good Shepherd in recent months, you've likely heard the acronym CVC mentioned in some context or another. If you don't know what CVC stands for, don't worry; it's not a new-fangled technology or a communicable disease! Rather, CVC stands for Core Visioning Community — a diverse group of 23 people, ranging from young adults to founding members of the congregation, who have committed to meeting together regularly within the context of a trusting community in order to discern and implement God's vision for GSCC. Only two months into the process, the CVC has already made a significant contribution to the development of GSCC's mission statement and values and looks forward to continuing to develop spiritual and relational vitality as they seek to discern God's vision for GSCC together. *Please note: CVC will be taking a break and NOT meeting on June 13TH, but will be meet again on June 20TH.*

Eye on Outreach: Reg Reimer

Reg has been asked to participate in a consultation with select theologians and scholars in Germany this September on "Developing a Theology of Doing Mission in a World Context of Increasing Suffering, Violence, Persecution and Martyrdom of Christians." The convener of this consultation heard him lecture elsewhere and added his voice to others exhorting him to write! Enough people have said this that Reg has taken it to be a clear Word from the Lord. Reg will be reducing some of his non-Vietnam ministry activities in order to devote time to writing. Please pray for Reg as he embarks upon this project, one aspect of which will be to produce a small book on Vietnam for a series on the church in restricted countries. Reg and Donna will travel to Southeast Asia in June/July. They will do a mission to Vietnam and later spend some time with their children and grandchildren at a resort in Thailand.

The Week at a Glance

Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	Jr. High & YG – 7:00 PM Prayer Meeting – 7:30 PM
Thursday	Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 PM
Friday	
Saturday	College & Careers – 7:30 PM
Sunday	Convergence – 9:00 AM Worship Service – 10:30 AM Congregational BBQ – after the service

Summer Book Club – twice monthly on Tuesdays

The Summer Book Club will be reading through a book by Scott Bader-Saye called "Following Jesus in a Culture of Fear". We will meet at 7:30 PM on the following Tuesdays: June 16, 20; July 14, 28; and August 11, 25. Copies of the book are available at The Reading Post.

Financial update to end of April, 2009

General fund offerings July 1 – Apr 30, 09	\$202,637
Budget	\$231,500
Other income (rentals, Day Camp)	\$74,427
Total Income July 1 – Apr 30	\$277,064
Total expenses July 1 – Apr 30	(\$242,955)
Amount income exceeds expenses at end of April	\$34,109

General fund offerings for May

Our monthly budget requirement for 2008 /2009	\$23,150
Offerings to May 31, 2009	\$19,790

Elders: Robyn Allin, Margaret Barker, Joan Howell, Murray Lahn, Brian McConnell - Co-Chair, Dave McCready, Natalie Nash - Co-Chair, Peter Oulton, Rej Proulx

Pastoral Team: Terri Barker - Youth Pastor, Barb Constable - Minister of Music, Rob Dean - Associate Pastor, John McAuley - Minister at Large, Carol Smith - Children's Pastor, Sharon Tam - Lead Pastor, Melissa Weigel - Church Administrator

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Sunday, June 7, 2009

Trinity Sunday

*Welcome & Greeting ~ Peter Oulton

Choral Call to Worship: "Praise Him!" - Courtney

Prayer of Approach and Confession ~ Rob Dean

*Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy" (#262)

*Life and Ministry of the Church:
Celebrating Achievement

The Presentation of Gifts

Offertory ~ Barb Constable

Doxology

Children's Ministry ~ Carol Smith

Prayer in Song: "Father, We Adore You"

Scripture: John 21:1-25

~ Gertie D'Silva, Jean Miller, Peter Oulton

Message: "How can I feed your lambs,
when I have failed so many times?" ~ Sharon Tam

Theme: "A Strategy to Invite Ordinary People
to Encounter Christ and Thoughtfully Follow Him"

Prayers of the People ~ Yvonne Watson

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Praise

Blessing & Commissioning

*Late arrivals will be seated at marked sections of the service.

Encountering Christ and Thoughtfully Following Him

Life and Ministry of the Church

Welcome!

A warm welcome to those who are visiting or here for the very first time. Whether you're a long-time follower of Jesus Christ or are exploring for the first time, you are welcome here. Please fill out the Welcome card in the pew and drop it in the offering plate to let us know of your visit. If there is anyway we can assist you, do not hesitate to contact one of the pastoral team.

Congregational Meeting – Tonight at 7:00 PM

Please plan to attend the congregational meeting tonight to elect Elders and Good Shepherd members of the Condominium Board, and to present the budget for the year July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010. Refreshments and dessert will be served in the foyer at 6:30 PM, prior to the meeting.

Youth Last Hoorah for Junior and Senior High Students

Saturday, June 13TH, will be our Transition BBQ. It's the YG's way of saying goodbye to spring and welcoming the excitement of the summer months. The BBQ will be held from 2-5 PM at the Liu's home at 4 Radcliffe Rd, Markham. Any questions, please speak to Terri Barker @ 416-400-0900. We look forward to seeing you all there!



Scripture Readers

The Scripture Readers' ministry team is a diverse group of men and women who are both trained and gifted in the art of Scripture reading and willing to read on a regularly scheduled basis. If you're interested in joining the Scripture Readers' ministry team, a training session is being held on Wednesday, June 24, at 7:00 PM. Dessert and coffee will be provided. Speak to Rob Dean for more information and to confirm your attendance.

Church BBQ – Next Sunday, June 14TH

Join us for our annual Church BBQ following worship service next Sunday, June 14TH. Come celebrate the beginning of summer with hot dogs, burgers and fellowship!

Day Camp – July 6-10 & July 13-17

Day Camp 2009 is fast approaching! Please submit your completed registrations to Melissa in the church office.



Praise & Prayer – Wednesdays at 7:30 PM

Praise & Prayer is moving to Wednesday nights at 7:30 PM for the summer months. This is to make Praise & Prayer accessible to people who might be away for summer weekends. We encourage everyone to come to seek God and praise Him together.

Christianity 101 – Sundays at 9 AM in the summer months

Have you ever wanted to know more about the Christian faith or plunge deeper in your experience with God? Christianity 101 is an 8-week class that explores the basics of the Christian journey and the importance of the sacraments and how they relate to our faith. This class is open to all who are interested in asking questions. An opportunity will be given for those who wish to be baptized to do so in early September.

Drama Ministry – coming soon!

Do you have a dramatic flare? Have you ever thought about being part of the skits that take place on Sunday morning or wanted to write a dramatic presentation for church? Then have we got a ministry opportunity for you! If you're interested in exploring this new endeavor, contact Sharon Fiennes-Clinton via email at sfc26@sympatico.ca or through the church office.

Prayer

Please Pray For:

- ♦ **MONDAY: Our missionary, Rej Reimer**, that he can reduce his workload of non-ministry activities as he has been called to write a book on Vietnam in a series on the church in restricted countries.
- ♦ **TUESDAY: Scripture Readers**, that they may be continually filled with the Spirit as they convey Scripture to the congregation. Pray that we may hear and understand God's Word afresh. Also pray for their upcoming training and fellowship meeting that they may grow in their skills and ministry.
- ♦ **WEDNESDAY: Day Camp leaders**, that they may be well prepared to serve the participants, to encourage their growth in self-esteem and confidence and to cultivate the development of friendships.
- ♦ **THURSDAY: Youth leaders**. Pray for summer youth leaders Julie McConnell, Tim Lahn, Jordan Lahn and John Roumanis as they discern what God has for them in this task. Pray for strong team leadership and unity.
- ♦ **FRIDAY: Terri Barker**, that she may be blessed and be a blessing for those she serves while at Muskoka Woods this summer. Pray that she is empowered to speak God's love to the campers and to lead her staff with grace.
- ♦ **SATURDAY: Those who have lost jobs recently** and who are suffering in this economy. Pray they would lean on God as their Jehovah Jireh and that he would provide for them at this time.
- ♦ **SUNDAY: Bob Bell, John Boddy, Stan Branch, Cathy Cooke, Jessie Geddes, Ila Hunter, Norma Jackson, Irene White, Porzia Wilkinson, Al Yuill** – dearly beloved members of our church family who are unable to be with us regularly due to health reasons.

Please notify the church office (office@gsc.ca) if you have a prayer request.



Our Families in Prayer This Week

*Grant, Janice, Brett & Jayne Armstrong
Margaret Barker
Terri Barker*