

Embodied prayer on Creation Sunday



4 Thank you for all your support!

As a parish, we are in the midst of many transitions. Your faithful contributions and support has carried us through it all.

6 Working for Justice

The Truth and Reconciliation Committee has re-engaged once again after re-emerging from pandemic pause. Read a brief summary of activities.

8 Spotlight on Dr. Patricia Bays

Theologian, educator, choir member, worship enthusiast, leader, parishioner, community builder, friend, and church school teacher.



14 Summer Church School continues...

Under the leadership of Linda Lord, Church School Coordinator, children began a journey to explore gardens in the Bible for the summer months.



Movies with Meaning

Another year of thought-provoking film choices sparking conversations coupled with great food.

After a couple of years of Movies with Meaning being placed on hold, we began offering movie nights again in the fall of 2022. Our movie nights offer good food, great films, engaging discussions and a chance to socialize with friends and meet new people. The cost of dinner and a movie is now \$20.00 which pays for some staff, and includes the reimbursement for food and various other costs. The cost for the movie is only \$5.00.

Our movie choices this year have reflected events in the church calendar, world, and community events. Our October movie was "Blinded by the Light" which looked at perspective changing. In November we looked at a Syrian's family experience in Canada in "Peace by Chocolate". In honour

of the Dioceses of Ottawa and Jerusalem's long shared history of friendship, "The Band's Visit" was shown in January. In February for Black History Month, we watched the movie, "Marshall," and in celebration of International Women's Day in March, our movie was "On the Basis of Sex."

In April, we viewed "Olga" which highlighted a 2014 event in Ukrainian history. The movie in May, Asian Heritage month, was "The Farewell" and our June movie was "Scarborough," a film adaptation of the award-winning book by the same name, which features three kids in a low-income neighbourhood finding community and friendship in a drop-in reading program.

Continue on page 3

Thank you, Sharon Chop and her team for organising this community program. Each movie was selected to resonate with significant themes.

For National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in September, also known as Orange Shirt Day, the Truth and Reconciliation Committee hosted a viewing of Inendi, a documentary of a residential school survivor. We also shared a bannock and three-sisters soup to honour the day.

ASW GARDENING ENTHUSIASTS ENJOY TOUR

In late June, Ted Farnworth, an enthusiastic volunteer with the Fletcher Wildlife Garden, took a group of ASW parishioners on a delightful walk through this unique garden.

Established in 1990, this garden is a place of refuge for people, flora and fauna and is dedicated to learning about the natural diversity of the Ottawa area. Set in an unspoiled natural area, the garden has been carefully curated to

provide a balance of habitats, fruit trees, ponds, and easily accessible paths. Ted showed us experimental plots where students are conducting experiments to show how plants will respond to global warming. Demonstration gardens also give homeowners inspiration for their own gardens.

This pleasant and worthwhile outing is the first of five social events which are planned for the parish



throughout the summer. Watch for details of our next outing on Monday, July 24, which will take us to Almonte to learn about Equator Coffee's mission, to see the exhib-

its at the Mississippi Valley Textile Museum, and to enjoy a delicious lunch at Mill Street Crepe Company.

~Barbara Robertson

The average attendance this season has been around 20 people for both the dinner and a movie, with a few more people joining the group for the movie.

Movies with Meaning has always managed to be self-

sustaining, but it is totally dependent upon the participation of the attendees in the preparation of the meals and organization of the evening. If this program is to continue in its present format, there is an urgent

need for more volunteers to step forward to assist with either meal preparation or arranging for takeout meals, setting of the tables and other tasks. We look forward to finding a sustainable way to continue to enjoy meaningful movies together after the summer break.

~ Sharon Chop



Photo by Larry Chop



Rev. Chung Yan preparing wonton soup (photo by Larry Chop)

Looking forward to next year!

Thanks to all who volunteered and contributed to a successful year of Movies with Meaning!



Thank you!

Since Easter Sunday, the community of All Saints' Westboro has been patient and resilient during our period of transition. Many of you have been caring to our clergy team and staff, demonstrated great understanding at the delayed due dates as we have a decreased capacity to maintain the same activity levels in our parish.

We were blessed by the numerous clergy and theologians who have supported the various activities and especially all who have accepted graciously the invitation to preach during Sunday worship.

The leadership of Rev. Cathy Davis has filled the parish's need for an experienced clergy to help us stay the course

while awaiting the appointment of a new senior incumbent. We are grateful for her patience with a bustling church and stepping into such a demanding role. Thank you for accompanying us during this time. We ask God to bless you and Rev. Rob in your next adventures and future ministries.

Deacon Jarrett Carty has been a gift to our parish in his various roles and in his familial connections to this community. We have been challenged by his preaching and his comfort and ease in the role of worship leader bring warmth that is unique to him. May God continues to witness compassion and love through your ministerial presence.

During the summer

months, we are preparing for the arrival of the newly appointed Senior Incumbent, The Venerable Kathryn Otley. We offer our prayers to Rev Kathryn in her time of transition and the preparations to join us in the vibrant ministries bustling here at All Saints'. We are grateful for the Official Committee who have been working continuously for the discernment process. As well, we are blessed by the leadership of the Executive Archdeacon, Rev Linda Hill, who supported and guided us through the steps.

Thank you Helen, our Parish Administrator for all of her support.

There are many volunteers who have been instrumental in keeping the parish running steadily during these months of transition. On behalf of the clergy team, we cannot express enough in words our gratitude for the ways you have offered your care to us, picking up extra tasks graciously, and loving one another as you have been doing so organically and so fully.

Thanks to all who maintain the ministry of the New to You Shop, the Westboro Region Food Bank, Tea and Conversations, Men's Breakfast, Women's Breakfast, hospitality team, servers, readers, Eucharistic ministers, liturgical ministers, and intercessions, and all who have filled in when there was a need. Thank you for taking ownership for our ministries and our parish life.

My hope for us is to be open-hearted and open-minded as we await the arrival of a new partner in ministry.

(Continue on next page)



Mill Street in Almonte, Ontario

Please accept my gratitude for your forgiveness when mistakes have happened that may have disrupted your experience at All Saints'. My dream is that we will continue growing as a faith community, advocating for justice in all instances, and to embrace the living Word as a means to encounter God in our live and in the world. I am deeply enriched because of our ministries together. Thank you for this opportunity.

~ Rev Chung Yan Lam

YOU ARE INVITED TO SUMMER ACTIVITIES!

The Women's Breakfast group who meet for purely social reasons (why else?) has designed a series of community activities which we invite everyone to attend. We hope to make these activities a chance for members of the parish to have a little fun and perhaps make new friends. Please see the offerings below; see the names of contact people for each event. All are welcome!

A Trip to Almonte

Meet at the back of the church to fill cars at 9:30 on Tuesday, July 24 for the drive to Almonte (forty minutes). We'll have coffee at the original Equator coffee shop, visit a chocolatier, spend an hour at the Textile Museum, and finish off at the Mill Street Crepe Company for lunch on the main street of this charming traditional village.

Contact Barbara Robertson
familyrobertson1201@gmail.com

Poetry and Pimms

On Tuesday, August 8, we'll meet at a quiet place at 1:00 p.m. For a reading and discussion of our favourite poems. Details to follow. We may bring treats!

Contact Barbara Robertson
familyrobertson1201@gmail.com

High Tea at The Billings Estate Gentle Hike

On Wednesday, August 16, we'll meet at the back of the church to load cars on for tea at 2:30 p.m. (cost \$17.50) You may also buy a ticket (\$4.00) for a tour of the historic house.

Contact: Katy Burnett
katyburnett@live.ca

Planned for September at a popular local hiking trail. Details to follow.

Contact: Marcie Taylor
marcie.taylor@hotmail.com



Working for Justice

The Truth and Reconciliation Committee continues with a focus on learning together.

This year, the Truth and Reconciliation Committee has aimed to focus on serving as a learning circle. We have been intentional in relationship building with our friends, Gisèle Mageau and Grandmother Dianne Papineau, who have been sharing with us teachings from Métis culture and ways. By the openness of Grandmother Dianne and the hospitality of Gisèle, we have participated in an Aboriginal Prayer Circle, where we learned a song that is one sung by the water keepers. We listened and sat as a faith circle yearning for healing of ourselves and our communities. We shared cedar tea and sweet cakes as we smiled and laughed over stories having recovered from tear-filled eyes from deep sharing.

During the month of May and the first week of June, the committee hosted three listening sessions during our Parish Adult Learning

(PAL) hours titled “In Their Own Voices, Interviews with Indigenous Priests.”

On May 18, I went to the National Arts Centre with some other members of the Truth and Reconciliation Team, Nikki Nel, Coordinator of Intergenerational, Children and Youth Programming at First United and Chung Yan. We attended the preview performance of “Little Red Warrior and His Lawyer” by Kevin Loring. Kevin is the artistic director for Indigenous Theatre at the NAC.

This play is a buoyant satirical comedy, centred on Little Red, his lawyer and his wife, who is also a lawyer. Little Red is the last person of his Indigenous nation and he encounters his lawyer after assaulting an employee of a land developer or defending his land, depending on how you see it. His lawyer turns this case into a land claim and invites Little Red into his

home which Theatre Calgary’s promotion says is like inviting a coyote to your chicken coop.

We see legal moves, interpersonal moves and well executed dance moves as the case rockets at comic speed through the Canadian legal system. Clips and a trailer of the play are available on YouTube from the Theatre Calgary performance and the NAC website has several good articles and interviews.

This play is clever and thoughtful and I would recommend it in the interests of better understanding and a good night out.

Title: Little Red Warrior and His Lawyer

Written by: Kevin Loring

Director: Kevin Loring

~ Julie Cross and Rev. Chung Yan Lam



Indigenous, Black, and People of Colour delegates gathered for Meet-and-Greet, hosted by ELCIC Task Force on Racism, White Supremacy, and Issues of Racial Injustice



Servers: all trained and commissioned.



National Bishop Susan Johnson, Anglican youth delegate, and Archbishop Linda Nicholls, preparing for closing Eucharist at Assembly 2023

We are inviting you to **share photos** of our worship life and community events. If you would like your photos to be considered for the bulletin, send them to office@allsaintswestboro.com.

NEEDED: VOLUNTEERS TO WEED



Julie Cross and her team of volunteers have worked continuously since spring started springing to prepare the garden for our community.

Thank you to Julie for her commitment to beautifying our public space and inviting all of us to be involved in the work.

We should not forget the team of parents and youth under the leadership of Julie Newlands who laid top soil on the garden.

This prepared the grounds for abundant growth that we can see now.

Next step is to maintain this garden is a good way which means weeding is necessary. You are invited to volunteer some time to help pull out weeds.

Tools are ready for you near the entrance to the chapel in a box with gloves all ready to go. This is our gift to the community. Your help is much appreciated.

A Treasure in our midst: Patricia Bays



The first thing that I asked Patricia Bays when “interviewing” her for this article, was when and how she first realized that she wished to be involved in the ministry of the church. I thought that I know Patricia pretty well, so I was fully expecting her to talk about “answering a call” from God, listening to the voice inside.

To my great surprise, Patricia had no particular desire or even inkling of a ministry in church-related work. In fact, her first degree—among many (!)—was a B.A. in Honours English Literature, from the University of Toronto. Three years later she studied theology at Trinity College at the U. of T., where she received a Bachelor of Sacred Theology, which is actually the equivalent of a Master of Divinity today.

Several years and two children later, Patricia headed back for more studies, and lo and behold, it wasn’t in theology but for a Master of Arts in English. Her love of language and literature couldn’t be squelched, was never really over-shadowed by her commitment to theology, and has served her well in her numerous endeavours over her multi-faceted and successful career. Let’s explore how this all came about.

When Patricia won a substantial scholarship from Trinity to do her M. Div., she was one of only three women in the class. At that time, there was no career path for women in theology, as women in Canada couldn’t become ordained until the late 1970s. Fortunately for all of us whose paths have crossed Patricia’s during her career, a wise

bishop from Winnipeg sought her out for a position, which she accepted, and ran the Sunday School program at St. George’s Crescentwood in Winnipeg, beginning her love of teaching.

Her time there was “rich and wonderful,” and ultimately led to her fortuitous meeting with young Eric Bays, a parish priest in Winnipeg.

After doing a workshop together, the two lovebirds married, had a family, and moved to Saskatoon, where Eric took a job at the Anglican seminary, the College of Emmanuel and St. Chad, setting up the Field Education program and teaching Anglican Studies. When her children were in school, Patricia was Registrar and taught Pastoral Theology at the seminary.

Patricia has had a superb ability to create and “re-invent” herself as needed. She has never been an “appendage” to Eric—a priest’s wife—and has always created her own identity as a much-sought-after and brilliant Christian educator. Her numerous teaching and educational directing positions are testament not only to her abilities, but to her fervour for sharing her knowledge and passion of the Christian life, with others. Her singular focus throughout her career has been to make theological ideas interesting and accessible to lay people, and she has accomplished that in spades.

She’s most proud of the fact that what she does has made a difference to others; it certainly has and her pride is well-deserved! It’s impossible to count the number of times that people have told her how informative and formative, her books, articles and workshops have been. As if it weren’t enough that Patricia has received this kind of heartfelt and meaningful feedback from those whose lives she’s touched, her long list of awards and honours, simply reinforce the point—she has been superb at what she does!

An honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Trinity College, U. of T. (1988), along with numerous awards for her service work, are testament to the breadth and depth of her accomplishments. One award in particular—the Anglican Award of Merit—underscores Patricia’s value to our whole Anglican church. It is given to lay people who have contributed to the life of the church at the national and/or international levels. This brings us to the next “bend” in Patricia’s road.

The second portion of Patricia’s career, as she describes it, was focussed on loads of committee work—at the local, regional, national and international levels. Given the challenges of constant relocation, and having to “re-invent” herself and find/create work different from Eric’s, it was a natural outcome that committee work came into focus for her.

In addition to curriculum-writing, creating study guides, and authoring books and articles, which Patricia was already doing from home, working on committees lent itself nicely to phone, e-mail and Zoom participation, all of which could be done in a home-based fashion, thus blending well with geographic relocation, as well as considerable travel for both church and non-church related events. She was a mentor and trainer for the Education for Ministry program for 19 years. Her list of accomplishments resulting from her committee work,

Continue on page 10



BUTTONS, BUTTONS, BUTTONS

Remember the phrase “where everyone knows your name”? All Saints’ wants to be that place!

With lovingly made buttons by our Parish Administrator, we are able to call each other by name, even if you have just arrived as the new priest!

We have had a bit of a challenge with the button maker. Have no fear, a new one has arrived and Helen has already started filling new requests.

Where do you pick up newly made buttons?

At the entrance and in a basket.

Where do you keep your buttons?

There is a rack for keeping your buttons near the elevator that you can find on your way to Steacy Hall for refreshments.

Yes, you may keep that in your bags and pockets. They may be left at home or forgotten somewhere. Feel free to use this storage to help new people learn your name.

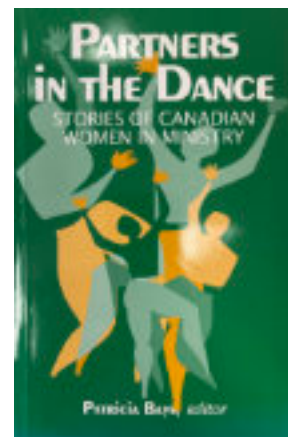


is not only impressive, but speaks volumes as to why and how often Patricia has been invited and called upon to lend her expertise and leadership to numerous theological events and issues over many years. Similarly, Patricia's list of authored books, articles, study guides and book reviews shouts out just how productive her career has been. You can read two of Patricia's books, This Anglican Church of Ours and The Great Adventure: Exploring Christian Faith With Young People, at ASW's Learning Resource Centre.

Now, in "official" retirement and stepping back a bit from formal involvements, Patricia enjoys spending her time participating in choral music, reading and book clubs, children's literature, and some travel to visit family. While life currently is less hectic than in previous years, Patricia is still busy filling her time with meaningful activities and always being present to others and a mentor to many. Her commitment to her faith has been unwavering, and we are all the beneficiaries of her many talents. Dr. Bays, although highly accomplished, renowned and sought-after, is known to many of us as a caring, completely approachable, funny and ever-reliable presence—a real treasure in our midst—and we are blessed!

~ Marcie Taylor

Some publications by Patricia Bays



In our worship life, there are many opportunities for volunteers to participate. Our parish have made an intentional effort to support young people who would like to find a way to contribute to the life of All Saints'

If you visit the Vestry, the room where the worship assistants get dressed, you will see many photos of the generations of servers who have offered their time on Sundays.

We are grateful that between sports, classes, recreational activities, these young people continue to put worship and their participation as an important part of their growing up.

We thank Peter Newlands and Julie Newlands who worked with the young people to craft their personal crosses and also to organize the schedules so that their participation is meaningful and as frequent as possible.



WORSHIP ASSISTANT

Liturgical Ministers, Eucharistic Ministers, servers, Altar Guild members, Sidespersons, and clergy were all present for an appreciation luncheon on May 6. After food and fellowship, small groups were formed for each role for the purpose of a walk-through of responsibilities and tasks. Servers, experienced and new, were given the chance to practice and ask questions. You can tell from the photo that they had fun! Thank you to Joanne Bocking, President of Altar Guild, for showing the servers tips and care in the sacristy.

ONE FLOCK, ONE SHEPHERD: LUTHERANS, ANGLICANS, AND MORAVIANS - CALLED TO WALK



The teaching of the Moravian Church is: "In essentials, unity; in nonessentials, liberty; and in all things, love." says Rev. James Lavoy, Canadian District Board of the Moravian Church.



Exchanging gifts: Bishop Susan Johnson (ELCIC), Bishop William Franklin (Episcopal Church), Bishop Elizabeth Eaton (ELCA), and Archbishop Linda Nicholls (ACC) gifted one another communion ware to celebrate the official blessing of full communion between all of our churches – Churches Beyond Borders

An exciting decision emerged during the Assembly of the Anglicans and Lutherans in Calgary, Alberta from June 28 to July 2, 2023. Both Anglicans and Lutherans received and approved the Declaration on recognition of full communion relations between the Anglican, Lutheran, and Moravian churches in Canada.

"The Moravian, Lutheran, and Anglican traditions are each historic communities of faith in Jesus Christ, which have their roots in the ancient common tradition of the apostolic Church. They were also each shaped in many ways by the reforming impulses of the 15th and 16th century Europe.

Emerging grassroots connections, along with a growing sense of the need for churches to walk faithfully together as disciples into an uncertain future, have raised to our shared ecumenical consciousness a call to seek full communion and deeper ministry partnerships together according to the

prayer of our common Saviour. In several places in recent decades, the Lutheran, Moravian, and Anglican traditions have already found ways to enhance and formalize their relationships as a result of several decades of thorough dialogue on key theological issues.

In Canada this expansion of the full communion relationship that we recognize, enjoy, and steward with The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada to include Moravian Church Canada is a step following upon five years of intentional mutual engagement in dialogue and common discipleship."

"We rejoice in our Declaration as an expression of the visible unity of our churches in the one Body of Christ. We are ready to be co-workers with God in whatever tasks of mission serve the Gospel and the Ministry of Reconciliation. We give glory to God for the gift of unity already ours in Christ, and we pray for the fuller real-

isation of this gift in the entire Church.

Welcoming the Moravian churches was not the only point for celebration. This Assembly, Anglicans and Lutherans are finally able to publicly celebrate the full communion relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America and the Episcopal Church.

Although Bishop Michael Curry was unable to join with us, his greetings were read and the expression of friendship between all of the church leaders is an example of how the churches were meant to be working together.

If you are interested to watch the recordings or more information on this new partnership, more can be found on a new In Full Communion website: anglicanlutheran.ca

(All quoted texts are excerpts from Assembly 2023 documents.)



Day of Prayer for Indigenous Peoples

Our Anglican worship style and liturgical resources carry beautiful traditions that remind us of our history and our faith. Yet, there are ways when we step aside to create space for the beauty already around us to bring the movement of the Spirit into our worship practices.

On June 11, to begin our worship time together, Grandmother Dianne led us in a smudge ceremony to invite all good things into our circle so that we may worship together with grace and love. Drumming is sacred in the Indigenous expression of Christian worship and historically, it has been rejected in liturgy as many cultural expressions of global Christians. Especially significant in the role of the drumbeat is that it is the heartbeat of Mother Earth. Its resounding beats reminds us that we worship with all of creation and all our relations.

In the work for truth and reconciliation, a need to decolonize

our thinking and approach to worship is essential. What has been familiar carries much that has imposed on others as the "norm." We are called to open up our hearts to receive the gifts of our Métis siblings, stepping aside so that God may move us by their gifts.

Teachings from Rev Dr Raymond Aldred was enlivened through the reading of selective quotes from the book "Our Home and Treaty Land." Aldred is an ordained Anglican priest and professor who is status Cree from Swan River Band, Treaty 8. The Truth and Reconciliation Committee studied the book as a group and it has challenged us in our understanding of how Indigenous Peoples are so deeply connected to the land. This book was written in a dialogical approach with Lutheran pastor and professor Rev Dr Matthew Anderson, born to settlers on Treaty 4 territory.

~ Rev Chung Yan Lam

HAPPY RETIREMENT, HELEN!



On July 16, All Saints' will be sending off Helen Norman, Parish Administrator, with a grateful farewell as she retires from her position.

Helen has been a great support to the clergy team in her years working in the parish office. Her organizational skills have kept everything running smoothly as we transition to a new senior incumbent.

She often functions beyond the role as an administrator. Helen's presence and welcoming smile in the office has become an expectation for many of us. That said, we are celebrating as Helen steps back from the role of the parish administrator and fully immerses into the identity of volunteer and parishioner of All Saints'.

As much as we will miss her in the office, Helen felt it was time to step into new adventures.

Therefore, with deep gratitude and best wishes, we celebrate all that Helen has offered the parish in her role as administrator. Her final day in the office is July 14.



Church School Updates

Our Church School is thriving. Since January, the number of children attending Church School has been increasing, and we have joyfully welcomed several new young families to our Sunday morning program.

Special thanks go out to Sarah Brown, Catrina Tapley, Barbara Robinson, Patricia Bays and Linda Lord who have been leading and enlivening Church School activities during the Easter Season.

Through song, storytelling, creativity and active engagement, all participants – children, parents and leaders – continue to have the unique opportunity every Sunday to share their faith and hear God's Word.

Over the course of the last several months, we experienced pivotal moments in the life of Jesus, including his nighttime visit with Nicodemus, his interaction with the woman at the well, and his healing miracle at the Pool of Siloam. We travelled together on our Lenten journey of transformation, focusing on prayer, simple

things we can do to bring us closer to God, and giving to others. We celebrated Easter Day with rousing Alleluias and then, on subsequent Sundays with the Bible as our guide, we listened in to some of the conversations the risen Jesus had with his followers, such as on the road to Emmaus. We also learned about the earliest days of the church and the important role deacons (and indeed all of us) play in helping others.

All Saints' is grateful for the efforts of our volunteer leaders who every week create a welcoming space for all to discover and enjoy the gifts of hope, joy and boundless love that come to us through the Easter story and throughout all the seasons of the church year.

As we move into the season after Pentecost, we will continue our exploration of faith by building on the bonds of friendship, mutual respect and belonging that have formed during our times together. A fun-filled summer program is in the works.

Children of all ages, along with their parents or caregivers if they wish, are welcome to join us in room 7/8 after the Children's Talk. To learn more, including how you can participate in our Church School, speak to Linda Lord or send an email to childrenandyouth@allsaintswestboro.com.

Summer Church School

Yes, Church School at All Saints' Westboro continues over the summer! It is a tradition at All Saints' to have all children, with their parents and caregivers present should they wish, to gather, learn and help one another together in one space.

Beginning on Sunday, June 4 in room 7/8, we will embark on an imaginative journey through selected gardens and planted fields appearing in Scripture. Under the guidance of our co-leaders and adult vo-

lunteers, the youngest children will be invited to actively participate in expressing their ideas and creativity using various age-appropriate materials in a safe and supportive environment. Older children will also participate in this creative process, but with an additional focus on how the chosen biblical stories relate to contemporary environmental issues. God created us to exist and flourish within a connected, living world. What might it mean for us today?

To make our summer program a truly intergenerational and immersive experience, we need volunteers to assist with activities. If you can help, even if for a few Sundays, please speak to Linda Lord or email childrenandyouth@allsaintswestboro.com for more information.

~ Linda Lord

Youth Camp 2023 - Camp Lutherlyn, Golden Lake

Youth from All Saints' Westboro, St Thomas the Apostle, and Trinity Anglican gathered at Camp Lutherlyn for fun, faith, and friendship.

Youth camps are designed as intensive weekends for young people to build community through playing and praying. Being away from the bustling days of “have-to” and “need-to”, our youth were opened up to the exploration of encounters and explorations.

Faith formation happens in all sorts of ways and during camps, our young people are challenged to encounter the Creator outside of the church walls. More importantly, to have the opportunity for community building, it continues to strength the work of our youth ministry team in providing a space for youth to engage their faith. There is a great need for young people to receive the message of love and welcome in our faith communities, just as they are and in all of their complexities.

On the weekend of June 2 to 4, thirty-seven campers including six leaders arrived at Camp Lutherlyn, ready for a weekend of fun. Camp Lutherlyn is situated at Golden Lake and from the name you could tell that it is one of great resources from the Lutheran Church. Unique to this year, we teamed up with several leaders from the Diocese to provide a diversity in gifts, offering a broad array of support to the leadership during camp. The weekend was filled with prayers, singing, games, conversations, and lots of moments to strengthen friendships.

A big thank-you goes to Julie Newlands and the volunteers in the kitchen team who organized and prepared food for all of us,



Sunday Eucharist at the beach with choir

managing and accommodating all of our food sensitivities. Also, the generosity of many donors meant our campers were able to participate without a significant financial strain on the families. We appreciate your gift so that we may nurture the gifts of our youth in the church.

Camp and retreats would not be the same without sharing of chores and this weekend was not different. We all took part in helping with chores like setting and cleaning tables for meals. Each were invited to buddy-up for the weekend and very quickly, we saw clusters of new friendships forming and the deepening of others. It may be small successes but on the first evening, one youth asked if we could already book Lutherlyn for next year's youth camp. God willing, we will most certainly do this again next year.

There are not often moments of certainty within ministry. However, when there is squealing and laughter from the sheer joy of being together, there isn't much that can keep us from doing this again. Not even crowds of mosquitoes and late night patrolling of the camp.

Campers – see you next year!



347 Richmond Road, Ottawa, ON, K2A 0E7
613-725-9487
office@allsaintswestboro.com