

Good morning everyone,

## **REMINDER:** ( New information included)



Annual General Meeting - Our AGM has been set for March 7, 2020 at 11:00am and will be held via Zoom. Also, the Annual Report package will be mailed out this weekend, and includes tax receipts with it.

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**Our Epiphany Sermon Series** provided by the ELCIC National and Synod Bishops continues this Sunday.

Rev. Michael Pryse, Bishop of the Eastern Synod is the guest speaker. This will conclude the series.

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](http://www.gloriadei.ca)



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**From Pastor Vida:**



It is hard to believe that we are about to enter our second journey through Lent without being able to gather in the sanctuary to be marked with the cross of Christ and to pray, to confess our failings, to ask God to bind up our wounds and to forgive us for the wounds we have inflicted on others, and on Creation itself. In some ways we have been living Lent for the past 11 months as we have fasted from the Eucharist and have had to exercise self-discipline in refraining from hugs and get togethers' with friends and family. And the threat of COVID has made us acutely aware of our own mortality. Perhaps some of

us are questioning, do we really need Lent this year? I have been wondering the same thing and have concluded that perhaps this year, rather than focusing on self-denial our focus for Lent should be on lament and healing. We cannot heal until we have lamented and wept over all that we and the world has lost.

## ASH WEDNESDAY

Although we cannot gather in person, I am inviting you to join me on Ash Wednesday for a brief, simple service of confession, prayer and lament. The service will not follow the traditional format but we will pray, Sonja will give us the gift of music to help us worship and we will commend one another to keep a Holy Lent. **We will gather via Zoom at 7:30.** The link will be sent out on Monday afternoon.

To help us in our Lenten Journey here are links to two **Lenten devotionals** which you can download.

- 1) **"Awesome Mystery" from Luther Seminary** - <https://www.luthersem.edu/godpause/lenten-devotional/>
- 2) **"Not Counting Sundays – A Lenten Journey of 40 Days** by Rev. David Kaiser and Rev. Frank Armistead.  
- This book combines Frank's artwork and David's poetry in a meditative journey through the 40 days of Lent, reflecting the 40 year journey of the Israelites through the wilderness  
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**BURYING THE ALLELUIA** - We are inviting **the Children** and anyone else who enjoys drawing, to draw a colorful picture with the word "Alleluia" on it. Please mail them or drop them off at the church at 1110 Gladwin Drive, North Vancouver V7R 1A2.

We will bury them a little differently this year...by placing them under a purple cloth on the small altar/credence table by the west window. We will keep collecting them and burying them until March 14, the fourth Sunday in Lent. On Easter morning we will resurrect them and display them in the Sanctuary. The children can draw their own creations... they are the best! but here is a free downloadable coloring page [https://cl-drupal.orientaltrading.com/sites/default/files/downloads/Easter-Stained-Glass-Free-Printable-Coloring-Page\\_download.pdf](https://cl-drupal.orientaltrading.com/sites/default/files/downloads/Easter-Stained-Glass-Free-Printable-Coloring-Page_download.pdf)

and this link may work for those with google accounts -

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vAEaTaM9VHQrtksQfMGLF7H3f-ypp1lt/view?fbclid=IwAR0NLKHDWhVfQOzEx6fpg63buja86NSsYw01KH-03v5iObsB9hK-Wi7vh3M>

I was at the church a couple of weeks ago and walking past our picture board, I felt very nostalgic and kind of sad to have not seen you all for so long. So I took pictures of the picture board for you. I hope you enjoy this: (PS I am terrible at taking pictures so sorry for the oddness of them!)



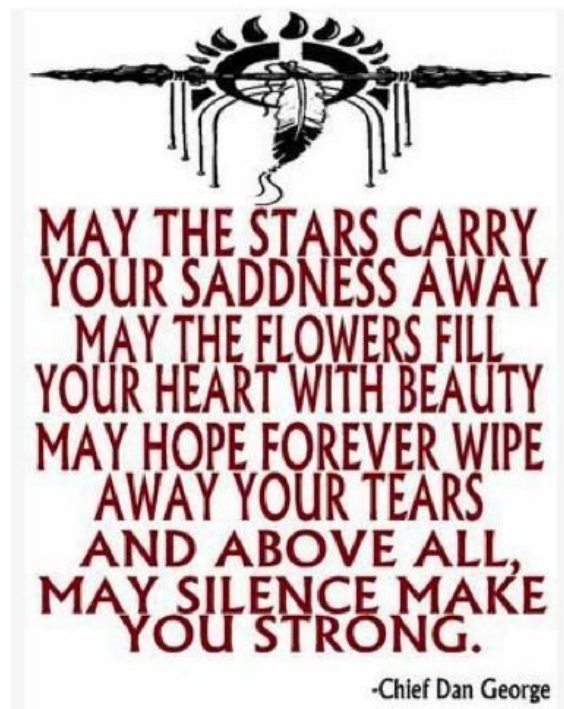






February is Black history month. The 2021 theme for Black History Month is: **"The Future is Now"**. "The Future is Now" is a chance to celebrate and acknowledge the transformative work that Black Canadians and their communities are doing now. Here is a link to a youtube video from the Mayor of Vancouver describing the community and it's contributions to Vancouver life. [Black History Month | City of Vancouver](#). There are several other interesting articles on line if you are interested in learning more.

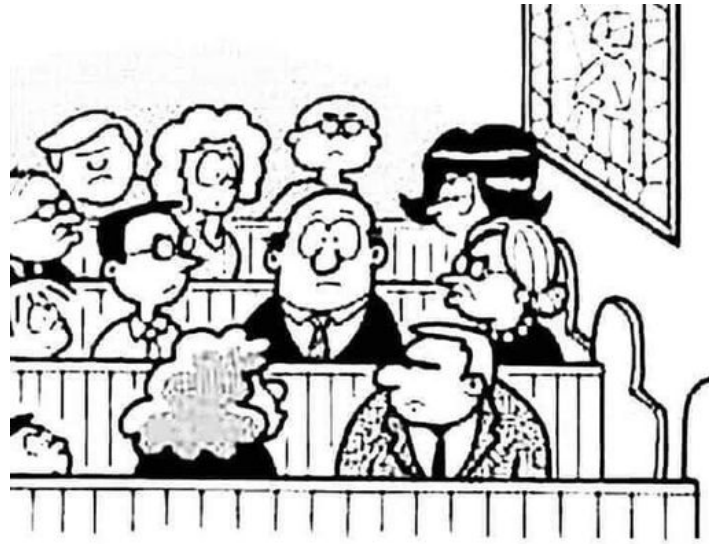
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Peace,

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IT WASN'T SO MUCH THAT ED'S CELL  
PHONE RANG DURING THE SUNDAY  
SERMON, IT WAS THAT HIS RING  
TONE WAS "HIGHWAY TO HELL"