

June 3, 2022

Dear Friends,

Sunday Worship Gatherings at 9 & 11 AM

This Sunday is Pentecost, the birthday of the Church! Appropriately, Chris Barrett will be teaching from Acts 8:26-40 and Matthew 9:35-38. His sermon is titled *Our Wonderful Companion: The leading and empowering of the Holy Spirit in our discipleship to Jesus*. Chris says, "Have you ever felt overwhelmed or alone in your journey to follow Jesus? God may be closer and more involved in your life than you realize. This Sunday, we will explore how the Holy Spirit is available to help us and empower us as we seek to be disciples of Jesus."

Livestream Service at 11 AM:

[Join the livestream service here](#). When you click on the link above, this will launch the SWC Livestream homepage. From there you may need to click the "Videos" tab to access this Sunday's Livestream.

Here are the songs with lyrics linked:

[Your Love O Lord](#)

[Blessed Assurance](#)

[Great Are You Lord](#)

[Breathe](#)

[Beautiful One](#)

Starting June 12, we will move to our summer schedule of one Sunday service and livestream at 10 AM.

Sunday school will be available in both services for children aged 4 to Grade 6. *Note that this will be the last Sunday school session until the fall.*

For Scripture readings, events, prayer focus, and other news, [check out Sunday's bulletin](#).

Summer Prayer Meetings

The regular Zoom prayer team meeting will be held on the third Tuesday of the summer months: June 21, July 19, and August 16, at 11 AM. [Click here](#) to join. [Click here](#) to send your prayer requests to the prayer team.

Church in the Park

Next Sunday, June 12, we will gather for a service at 10 AM at [Windsor Park](#). *Please do not come to the church on that day unless it's raining.* Following the service, we'll enjoy a hotdog BBQ lunch provided by the church. We're asking people to bring either chips or cookies/squares to share. (We're avoiding salads and anything else that might spoil in the hot sun.) Don't forget your lawn chair or blanket, hat, and sunscreen! This event will be an outreach, so bring your friends. Paul Racine will share his testimony and the focus will be on an informal and fun atmosphere where even those from the community who are passing by can feel comfortable.

In case of rain, please come directly to the church for the service. The lunch will be served downstairs.

We are thankful to all our volunteers who have come forward to make the hotdog BBQ happen! If you haven't signed up but want to help, please contact [Ken Riddell](#) and he'll get you plugged in.

Church Campout

Our annual all-church campout at Silver Lake Wesleyan Camp is set for June 24-26. This is a fun time to get away, relax, recharge, and build relationships with others in our church family! (Saturday activities include afternoon tubing with Don Dubreuil & Jill Carson, and evening bonfire coffeehouse with Emily & Aaron Friesen - share a song, a story, a comedy skit etc.) The [registration form](#) allows you to indicate which dates you will attend and the type of accommodations and meal plan you wish. Carpooling is available. Please register by June 12; we will not be able to issue refunds after that deadline.

Can you help? We are looking for volunteers to help with check-ins on Friday night and to help oversee things on Saturday morning while our pastors are attending District Conference. For more info, talk to [Pastor Jesse](#).

Baptism: There will be a baptism service on the Sunday of the church campout, after lunch. If you are interested in being baptized, contact Pastor Jesse to arrange for a Baptism Preparation Class.

Looking for a Summer Job?

[Silver Lake Wesleyan Camp](#) has some open positions for 2022 summer staff: a male counsellor, a female housekeeper, and staff for Senior Camp Unlimited. If you're 18 years or older and looking for rewarding and fun work at a Christian camp, please send your resume to: resume@slwc.ca.

More About Pentecost

In a sermon N.T. Wright gave about Pentecost, [When the Spirit Comes](#), he makes this observation: "There's an old chorus which begins, 'Turn your eyes upon Jesus; look full in his wonderful face'. That's a great invitation, but sadly it goes on 'and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.' There is a truth in that, but actually in today's gospel a very different note is sounded: when we look fully at Jesus, risen, ascended and glorified, and when Jesus sends his Spirit on his people, then the things of earth will be seen in a new, sharp and properly disturbing light. And instead of escaping from the world, retreating like an embarrassed chameleon to one colour-field only, we are sent into the world, not to take on its colour but to reveal the new combined reality of heaven and earth, to live in that reality – which we do in sacrament here, and in service outside – and to declare to the awkward and unready world that Jesus is Lord."

Did you watch the series, *AD: The Bible Continues*? I found [these scenes](#) depicting the fulfillment of Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit riveting. As we prepare to mark this highpoint in church history, let's reaffirm our desire and need for "[another advocate to help you and be with you forever](#)". Holy Spirit, come!

Blessings,
Beth Fleming (for the whole team)