

# CENTENNIAL HOTSPOT

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## Minister's Musings

### I know the shepherd

For many around the world today, the last few months have been full of stress. You've probably experienced it as well. Psalm 23 tells us that we need to stick close to God and trust that God knows the way through this particular valley. I want to share a story with you as we go through this valley.

There once was a Shakespearean actor who was known everywhere for his one-man shows of readings and recitations from the classics. He would always end his performance with a reading of Psalm 23. Each night, without exception, as the actor began his recitation "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want"... the crowd would listen attentively. And then, at the conclusion of the psalm, they would rise in thunderous applause in appreciation of the actor's incredible ability to bring the verse to life.

But one night, just before the actor was to offer his customary recital of Psalm 23, a young man from the audience spoke up. "Sir, do you mind if tonight I recite Psalm 23"? The actor was quite taken aback by this unusual request, but he

allowed the young man to come forward and stand front and center on the stage to recite the Psalm, knowing that the ability of this unskilled youth would be no match for his own talent.

With a soft voice, the young man began to recite the words of the Psalm. When he was finished, there was no applause. There was no standing ovation as on other nights. All that could be heard was the sound of weeping. The audience had been so moved by the young man's recitation that every eye was full of tears. Amazed by what he had heard, the actor said to the youth, "I don't understand. I have been performing Psalm 23 for years.

I have a lifetime of experience and training - but I have never been able to move an audience as you have tonight. Tell me, what is your secret?" The young man quietly replied, "Well sir, you know the Psalm. I know the Shepherd."

If I know the shepherd, I don't need to fear anything. I don't need to fear poverty because the Lord is my shepherd, I have everything I need. I don't need to fear loneliness, for He is with me. I don't need to fear mistakes, for He guides me on the right path. I don't need to fear failure, for He restores my soul. I don't need to fear the future, because goodness and mercy are going to follow me all the days of my life. I don't even need to fear death, because I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

This too shall pass ... it might pass like a kidney stone, but it will pass.  
I went to the paint store to get thinner ... it didn't work.

As newsletters are being emailed at this time, for those who do not have email addresses or have not provided one a physical copy of the newsletter will be mailed.

August Newsletter submission deadline is July 29.

## NOTES FROM THE LOFT

During this time of virtual worship, we have tried to include some anthems and music to enhance the service. As we go into summer, our choir would normally be taking a break. We will use this time to prepare some anthems in anticipation of how worship in the fall will look. We are incredibly proud that Bruce Watts will be lending his voice to these recordings, all the while following precautions for all. As well, I'm trying to get as much work out of Doug before he heads off on his adventure in August!



Carla Zacharias, Music Team Leader

## UPCOMING EVENTS

July 5, 12, 19

Virtual Coffee Hour

## VBS

As you may have noticed in the past few weeks announcements, CE has decided not to hold VBS this year as a safety precaution for our VBS students and staff.

Christian Education Committee

## WORSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

We will be continuing with virtual worship for now, but are more actively considering what worship will look like once we are able to meet again physically. Please provide any input you have to the Committee. Things such as multiple services, church school considerations, music and others need to be decided. We value your input on all these and any other matters pertaining to physical worship.

Please continue to let us know your upcoming family celebrations so that we can acknowledge them in the announcements.

We continue with virtual coffee time at 11:00 am each Sunday. So far, there have been few participants. Detailed instructions on how to participate have been sent to you. We encourage you to watch the online worship at 10:30 so that we have a sense of community in that we are participating at the same time. Immediately following you are encouraged to join the Zoom virtual coffee time.

Notwithstanding there not being a Stampede this year, we are still having Stampede Sunday July 12. Please gather the cowboys and cowgirls in your family, dress up in your western finery, prepare your pancakes and sausage and join us at 11:00 am for our Zoom Coffee Time/Stampede celebration.

So far have not received any response from our call for additional volunteers for the audio/visual system, both in operation and in preparation. We will need at least five additional volunteers to make this work efficiently. If you are interested in operation of Powerpoint and/or audio or if there is a younger member of your household (that's not in Sunday School), please let us know at [Office@centennialchurch.ca](mailto:Office@centennialchurch.ca) or [broad2well@shaw.ca](mailto:broad2well@shaw.ca). You will be provided with training in how to participate.

Jim Broadwell  
Chairman, Worship Committee

## PEWS NEWS

Please keep those members of our church family who are ill or in need in your prayers. Keep John and Jennifer Legge in your prayers as John goes through his treatments, Priscilla Towers as she works to recover from congestive heart failure, all those who are struggling with the effects of isolation and social distancing.

### ***Birthdays to celebrate in June!***

Regan Zacharias and Kalyan Johnson, July 7; Jacob McKinnon, July 15; Bob McKinnon, July 16; Joyce Kim and Daniel Edie, July 21; Estelle Edie, July 24, Sarah Changach, July 25.

## PRAYER CALENDAR

The prayer calendar that is normally handed out for the first of each month will now come out as an attachment to the newsletter email, the last Sunday of the month. Please continue to pray for each of our members on the calendar.

If you have any prayer concerns that arise, please contact the office and we can include these in our prayer chain. If you would like to be part of our prayer chain, please contact the office and have your name added to the list. Updates will be given via text or email as is suitable for you.

## FROM THE SESSION:

The Session has put together a committee to look into protocols for restarting our worship services as we look to the future. It will be difficult in the near term as we are currently limited to 50 people at one time with social distancing requirements and no singing, Sunday School or fellowship following the service. We will be sending out a questionnaire for everyone to respond with their feelings and opinions on the issue and the committee will benefit from the input.

The Vision team has morphed into the FISH Network. F -friendship, I -inspiration, S-sharing, H-hospitality and their mission is networking/relational improvement.

The Session is working on updating the covenant between the Anyuak Ministry and Centennial.

Our Zoom license has been renewed for a year (big discount). It has been very actively used over the past 3 months; however we need to have more convenors trained to host meetings.

We won't be having the Zoom Communion service on July 5<sup>th</sup> as there was not enough participation in the Zoom coffee fellowship after the service for the last few Sundays to see if it would work.

A Session Retreat is planned for August 15<sup>th</sup> to work on improving understanding and trust.

Doug Bonar  
Clerk of Session

## PASTORAL CARE TEAM

There are a lot of questions about the Pastoral Care Team. Our main duty is to respond to needs that we are made aware of and to provide support to those who require it. If you need a meal, a ride, coffee, a visit, relief from being a caretaker, let us know. There are people here willing to help out where needed. Please email the church office or the Pastoral Care Team, call the church (403-285-7144) or Carla Zacharias at home (403-285-9516) to request help.

If you need someone to pray with, our prayer team can help and give you a call. If you are sick and would like prayers of the congregation, let us know! We will only share the information you want shared. When we know there is need, we can step up and give help.

Remember to check in on each other. Random calls from people are sometimes all it takes to brighten someone's day!

Carla Zacharias, Pastoral Care Team Leader [centpastoralcareteam@gmail.com](mailto:centpastoralcareteam@gmail.com)

## FROM THE OFFICE

Just a quick reminder, please remember to write "Envelope Secretary" on your envelope when mailing in your offerings.

While lots of work is being done remotely, phone and email messages are being checked several times a week, and mail is being picked up and sorted once a week.

As we continue to improve our communication and our delivery of the worship service, your announcements are very welcome! If your team is planning to hold a zoom meeting, that can still go in a calendar for the newsletter and weekly service announcements.

If you have upcoming birthdays and anniversaries you would like us to celebrate as we do every Sunday, please send the dates to [office@centennialchurch.ca](mailto:office@centennialchurch.ca) or call Carla Zacharias and we will get them in for celebrating.

We will be sending out regular emails with service information each week. Go to our website, [centennialchurch.ca](http://centennialchurch.ca) and check

## VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR!

Starting June 7 we will be hosting a Virtual Coffee hour so that we may all come together to see one another and visit. Tune into the church service at 10:30 and then afterwards, click on the link and meet up for coffee. Bring out your best and favourite coffee mugs, taunt everyone with your delicious snacks and catch up.

The information you need is:

Dates and time: July 5, 12, 19 at 11:00 am (if the service goes long, or your coffee isn't quite ready, just jump on the call when you can!)

Zoom Call link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84847896374>

Meeting ID: 848 4789 6374

If you don't have a computer, you can call in at 587 328 1099 84847896374# Canada

If you have any difficulties, please contact Jim Broadwell and he can talk you through it.

There is a letter that will be sent out with the Sunday morning service on May 31 with more details. If you don't get your information via email, there is a physical letter that is mailed out the first week of June.

## **Stampede Breakfast Zoom Coffee Hour**

Join us for a special coffee hour at 11:00 on July 12 to celebrate what would have been Stampede 2020  
Show up in your best cowboy duds, your favourite Stampede breakfast!

