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PENTECOST 17

1. [News and Events](#)

a. News events:

i. [COVID Updates](#)

- (1) [Embodied worship and new media](#) via Rupert's Land News
The Rev. Erik Parker of Sherwood Park Lutheran Church writes about the tension between embodied worship and online spaces. Link at:
<https://rupertslandnews.ca/embodied-worship-new-media/>

ii. [For the upcoming election](#)

- (1) [A letter from Anglican, Lutheran leaders about the 2021 federal election](#)
"What kind of a Canada do you desire? How is that desire rooted in your spiritual convictions as a follower of the way of Jesus Christ?" Archbishops Mark MacDonald and Linda Nicholls write with National Bishop Susan Johnson (ELCIC) to members of both churches in advance of the upcoming Federal election. Link to article at:
<https://www.anglican.ca/news/a-letter-from-anglican-lutheran-leaders-about-the-2021-federal-election/30035583/>
- (2) [A Faithful Election Conversation 2021](#)
via Martin Luther University College
Earlier this month, Martin Luther University College, Citizens for Public Justice and other interfaith partners, hosted a conversation in advance of the upcoming federal election.

The discussion included representatives of Canada's four major political parties. Link to YouTube Video discussion at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KVUeyORV8EI>

iii. Synod 2021

- (1) Convening Circular – Synod 2021 [Sept 8 & 9, 17 & 18] – NOW available online
Important information for all delegates to Synod 2021!
Link to online page at:
<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/diocesan-synod-archives/synod-notes/>
- (2) ATTENTION ALL SYNOD DELEGATES!!
Important Information for Delegates and Guests – Synod 2021
Check the Synod 2021 information page often as updates are occurring regularly. Link to information page at:
<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/2021/09/10/important-information-for-delegates-and-guests-synod-2021/>

- iv. Register Now for: Annual Lay Readers' Conference Sept 24–25 2021
You don't want to miss this! **Registrations close Sept 23, 2021.** We have 55 registrants as of this date. For more information and registration, see attached document or
<https://www.dioceseofalgoma.com/ministry-resources/lay-readers/>

b. Justice

i. Reconciliation

- (1) Sept. 27–Oct. 1 (nationally): Truth and Reconciliation Week, with programming through the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation via VIRTUAL link. Link to resource at:
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/truth-and-reconciliation-week-tickets-153491752965>
- (2) Saturday, October 2, 1:30pm PT (White Rock, B.C.): Pathways to Reconciliation, with screening and discussion of "The Doctrine of Discovery" documentary. Link at:
<https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/events/pathways-to-reconciliation/2021-10-02>
- (3) Today's children are watching via Anglican Journal
The discovery of unmarked graves at sites across Canada will prompt many children to ask why adults did not protect

the children at residential institutions, early childhood educator Brenda Still writes. [Link to story at: https://www.anglicanjournal.com/todays-children-are-watching/](https://www.anglicanjournal.com/todays-children-are-watching/)

- (4) Residential institutions conceived in Parliament, not the pulpit via the Ottawa Citizen
George Valin (former Ontario Superior Court judge) and Maurice Switzer (who serves on the Indigenous Reconciliation Advisory Group of the Ontario Human Rights Commission) caution that those running in the election to become Prime Minister must demonstrate they have a clear action plan to address and resolve the harms caused over generations by residential institutions. Link to article at: https://ottawacitizen.com/news/politics/election-2021/valin-and-switzer-residential-schools-conceived-in-parliament-not-the-pulpit
- ii. John Shelby Spong, former Newark bishop who pushed for LGBTQ+ inclusion, dies at 90 via Episcopal News Service
Bishop John Shelby Spong led the Diocese of Newark for more than two decades and in 1989 ordained the first openly gay male priest in the Episcopal Church (U.S.). Link to article at: https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2021/09/13/rip-rt-rev-john-shelby-spong-newark-bishop-who-pushed-for-lgbtq-inclusion-dies-at-90/
- iii. SEPT 18-25 WCC invites World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel, highlights art for justice and peace via World Council of Churches (WCC)
This year with a theme from Psalm 71:22, churches and organizations around the world are encouraged in particular to promote artistic expressions – of both the current situation and hopes for the future in Israel and Palestine – and, through art, to pave the way for creative peacebuilding initiatives. Link to WCC website at: https://www.oikoumene.org/news/wcc-invites-world-week-for-peace-in-palestine-and-israel-highlights-art-for-justice-and-peace
The Anglican Church of Canada and the Diocese of Jerusalem have been companions in mission for many years. In our commitment to the pursuit of peace with justice for all in Palestine and Israel, Anglicans across Canada are encouraged to review the prayer resources provided by the WCC, as well as read about our partnership ministry with the Diocese of Jerusalem [and learn

more about the Canadian Companions of Jerusalem
[\[https://www.anglican.ca/gr/provinces/jerusalem/\]](https://www.anglican.ca/gr/provinces/jerusalem/)

iv. Season of Creation 2021

(1) Christian leaders appeal for action on climate change

via Axios

In an unprecedented joint statement earlier today, the pope, Archbishop of Canterbury and ecumenical patriarch urged world leaders "to listen to the cry of the Earth" and address climate change. They called it "an immediate and urgent matter of survival." Link to story at:

<https://www.axios.com/christian-leaders-climate-change-action-summit-6efc977f-a8e0-4a79-99f8-d6f8ee6f011f.html>

(2) Season of Creation: Archbishop David Edwards

In his weekly video message, Archbishop David reflects on the beauty of creation. YouTube link at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wY-jz0f1szo>

(3) Anglican Communion Environmental Network news digest: Special COP-26 issue

The latest news from ACEN includes a new hymn for the Season of Creation, a webinar series from the Anglican Consultative Council COP-26 working group, a backgrounder on COP-26 and a number of links and reflections in advance of the climate conference with world leaders in November. Link to environmental hymns and several other articles on the Season of Creation at:

<https://mailchi.mp/8610c6ceda52/acen-digest-4795590?e=a5d74434ba>

(4) Thursdays until October 7, 7pm ET (online): Season of Creation Speaker Series, hosted by the Diocese of Ontario Green Group. Links to series with ZOOM link at:

<https://www.ontario.anglican.ca/events/season-of-creation-speaker-series/2021-09-02>

c. Requests for prayer

i. 20th Anniversary of Sept 11, 2001 Disaster in New York

(1) Presiding Bishop preaches at Trinity Church Wall Street as nation marks 20 years since 9/11 via Episcopal News Service

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry (The Episcopal Church) preached Sept. 12 at Trinity Church Wall Street in New York during the church's Sept. 11 Requiem Holy Eucharist, part of a weekend of commemorations marking 20 years since the

9/11 terrorist attacks. Link to article and video of his sermon ["Why we go to the mountain"] at:
<https://www.episcopalnewsservice.org/2021/09/13/presiding-bishop-preaches-at-trinity-church-wall-street-as-nation-marks-20-years-since-9-11/>

- ii. Anglican-Lutheran Prayers for the next week
- iii. The people and the Taliban of Afganistan as the Taliban take over the country again as NATO troops withdraw.
- iv. Prayer for safety of all those who seeking election and may God lead our country to the right people.
- d. Reflections
 - i. 5 ways to preach about money more effectively
 via Lewis Centre of Church Leadership of Wesley Theological Seminary
 First United Methodist pastor Alex Joyner says tending to our attitudes about money is a way of tending our souls. He shares tips for preaching in ways that can help people see their finances through the lens of faith. Link to article at:
<https://www.churchleadership.com/leading-ideas/5-ways-to-preach-about-money-more-effectively/>
 - ii. The Society of St. John the Evangelist
 - (1) Humility
 One of the easiest things in the world is to be clear sighted when it comes to others, and to know exactly what another needs to do to address their shortcomings. It is not so easy to address, or even admit, our own shortcomings. Real humility is about knowing ourselves as God knows us: imperfect creatures, whom God loves. Knowing ourselves loved by God means first recognizing that we are loveable. To do that, we need to be clear sighted, not about the other person, but about ourselves. –Br. James Koester
 - (2) Shame
 We need to practice a posture of humility that seeks forgiveness for the shame we force upon others. In our human finitude, we all transgress against our neighbors. The act of asking to be forgiven, if genuine, is the doorway which frees all of those involved and incarcerated in the shame of injustice. –Br. Jim Woodrum

- (3) Listen
Jesus, exposed and vulnerable on the cross, invites us to share our inner life and struggles. Telling our stories can be painful, like touching wounds, a kind of death. Good listeners help by attending to our stories with their surprises, seeming contradictions, and scattered pieces. Listeners help us hear how these pieces together form us. Being listened to literally helps our bodies heal. Love listens.
–Br. Luke Ditewig

2. Parishes who are creating online services
See attached document
3. List of Parishes
See attached document
4. Deanery of Sudbury–Manitoulin Council
Website: <http://www.deanerysudbury-manitoulin.org>
5. Diocese of Algoma
Website: <http://www.dioceseofalgoma.com>
6. Anglican Church of Canada
Website: <http://www.anglican.ca>
7. Anglican Journal
Website: www.anglicanjournal.com

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Feel free to send me and Allison Cline–Dean (our Webmaster) any and all events and news. “Your Viewpoint” articles are also very welcome. You can use either my personal email as above or the Deanery email address above.

We would like to receive items by the Thursday evening before Friday. Some items may be repeated due to the date of the event. If you have some news and/or articles and miss the Sunday cut off, please send directly to either personal e-mail address above. We will gladly include parish events, special events, and worship times. Please make sure all info is as accurate as possible, and any poster type submissions are as camera ready as possible to be included as PDF attachments to the Digest.

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