



Fall 2012 Logos Newsletter



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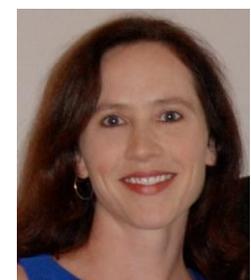
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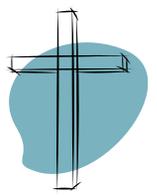
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President's Message



I love routine! One of my favorite times of year is back to school. Not because my kids are making me crazy by the end of summer (though sometimes they are), but because the return to school marks the return to routine. Structure, schedule, and predictability...these things bring peace into my heart.

When there is disorder in my life - whether in my physical space (a messy kitchen), my schedule (too many or too few activities, or too much randomness), or my emotions (the tough stuff of life that brings with it a feeling of being overwhelmed) – my attitude reflects stress and chaos, rather than peace and joy.

This is true not only as it relates to parenting, but as it relates to my spiritual walk as well.

Thinking of routine, I remember a young man in the Bible who also thrived on structure and a schedule. Although disorder, chaos, and change after change ruled his world, he maintained a regular pattern in his walk with the Lord. As a result, he maintained a heart of peace in the midst of hardship.

Daniel was captured and taken away from his homeland, his life was threatened repeatedly, his faith was challenged... When Daniel learned that a law had been passed ordering all people to worship the king alone and that those who worshipped anyone else would be thrown into the lion's den, he could have grown fearful and worried. But he didn't.

Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. ~Daniel 6:10

What struck me about Daniel's response is that he didn't allow the chaos of his life to disrupt his routine with the Lord. His steadfastness of faith resulted in his execution...and in his salvation.

Something else that stands out to me about Daniel is that his routine involved giving thanks to God. At the moment of his impending death, it didn't seem that Daniel had much to be thankful for. Yet he gave thanks.

We tend to give thanks to God when things are good, when we're feeling "blessed," and at Thanksgiving. But what if we were more like Daniel, giving thanks to God continually, regardless of our circumstances? What if giving thanks were part of our routine?

For me, I imagine that would mean that the disorder in my physical life would not have the power to steal my joy. I imagine that my routine of thankfulness would keep peace in my heart, in spite of life's hardships. As a result, that peace would spill out into my home, my workplace, and my school.

This Thanksgiving, would you join me in committing to making thanksgiving a part of our daily (or even three times a day!) routine with God? That way, our peaceful hearts will stand out in a world filled with chaos and disorder, and like Daniel, we will cause those around us to praise the Name of the Lord.



BLESS OUR SCHOOLS

Dear Parents,

Another amazing year is before us, and we, as parents, have a wonderful opportunity to bless and encourage the entire staff at our respective schools!

Last year we started our staff blessings, which is a monthly “random act of kindness.”

The following are the dates we have chosen for the first few months.

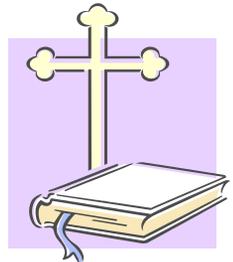
October 24th – veggies platters, cheese & crackers

November 23rd – baking

December TBA – Christmas meal

To be a part of the blessing, please contact me! There are a lot of ways parents can help, from donating some goodies to setting them up in the staff room and more.

Blessing, Brooke Hartum (780) 887-9357 or brookehartum@gmail.com



A TASTY TREAT

Writing a column is new to me, but since there is so much to talk about, I am sure this is going to be 'effortless.'

That word, by the way, is my word for this year: 'effortless'...

I have come to the point where the success of my life is not dependent upon me anymore. This is now my Dad's responsibility. He is the best Provider and He does such a great job at making all things work together for my good!

All I do is focus how much He loves me; boy, does that ever fill my heart with love for Him! After all, we love because He first loved us.

So with this shared, this is what my column is about: how He loves us and what His Plan of Love means for our daily lives.

Hi, my name is Annelies.

Read more from Annelies at elkislandlogos.ca/blog.



OCTOBER THANKSGIVING CHAPEL

Date: October 31, 2012

Time: afternoon



Location: Trinity Baptist Church

- This is a joint chapel for Brentwood and Westboro Elementary Schools. Students will be bused from school to the church and bused back to school in time for the dismissal bell.
- Parents are welcome to attend the chapel, but for safety reasons we ask that you do not take your children home directly from the church.
- We do need some parent volunteers to help make this chapel successful!

To volunteer, please contact Tyler @ 780-903-3885 (cell) or etrowan@shaw.ca.

**Special thanks to Trinity for donating their facility.

UPCOMING LOGOS EVENT

****SAVE THE DATE!!!!****

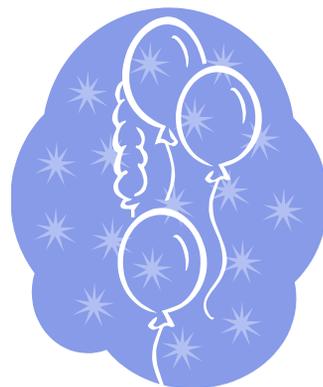
Logos Silent Auction – “Treasures, Treats & Trinkets”

Friday February 22, 2013

7-10 pm

Heartland Alliance Church

More info to come, see you there!



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