



## "Walk It Out" from Laurentian Wesleyan Church

Inspiration and Information to Help You "Walk Out" Your Faith Everyday.

### Sunday September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

Thanks for joining us! We pray you are filled with the grace and peace of Jesus. We encourage you to fill out a welcome card, located in the pews, and give it to me, Pastor Jason. You can also head over to [www.laurentianchurch.com](http://www.laurentianchurch.com) and click on "HELLO" to let us know more about yourself.

### Today - Sunday Service - 10am

**In-Person & Online**  
Nursery available (unstaffed)  
Refreshments to follow

#### Paradoxes of Life

I read the following recently, and thought it was worth a moment of meditation. Lawyer Julie Yip-Williams, who was born blind, reflects on the paradoxes of life:

"I do not have the answer to the question of why, at least not now and not in this life. But I do know that there is incredible value in pain and suffering, if you allow yourself to experience it, to cry, to feel sorrow and grief, to hurt. Walk through the fire and you will emerge on the other end, whole and stronger. I promise. You will ultimately find truth and beauty and wisdom and peace. You will understand that nothing lasts forever, not pain, or joy. You will understand that joy cannot exist without sadness. Relief cannot exist without pain. Compassion cannot exist without cruelty. Courage cannot exist without fear. Hope cannot exist without despair. Wisdom cannot exist without suffering. Gratitude cannot exist without deprivation. Paradoxes abound in this life. Living is an exercise in navigating within them.

I was deprived of sight. And yet, that single unfortunate physical condition changed me for the better. Instead of leaving me wallowing in self-pity, it made me more ambitious. It made me more resourceful. It made me smarter. It taught

me to ask for help, to not be ashamed of my physical shortcoming. It forced me to be honest with myself and my limitations, and eventually to be honest with others. It taught me strength and resilience." (Source: Letter to her daughters (July 2017) via Letters of Note)

"That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong." (2 Corinthians 12:10)

Can you see areas of your life that God is making your weakness into a strength?

#### Prayer Corner

- Pray for all the students, teachers and staff headed back to class.
- Pray for Ernie & Nancy Reise.
- Pray for Pat, Lydia Eichwald's son. He's had a rough week recovering from surgery. Pray for continued healing.
- Pray for all those affected by recent natural disasters...wildfires and hurricanes especially.
- Peace & Justice: War in Ukraine
- Healing & Comfort: David (Angelika's son-in-law), Vanessa (co-worker of Verna Verlinden), Sharon Webster, Lorna Powell, Chris Mercer (Tony's co-worker's husband), Kevin Trombley (Chrissy's Uncle), Tony, Barb (Verna's friend), Pauline (Nancy Mercier's sister), Cecile Muise (Madeleine Daly's mom), Annabelle (Fern Turcott's sister), Thomas & Johnathan (Barb Daw's sons), Nancy Reise, Baby Oliver.
- Wisdom & Freedom: Celebrate Recovery Ministry, Braydon, Andrew.
- Salvation. Lift up some names that come to mind. This website gives a clear presentation of the Gospel: [peacewithgod.net](http://peacewithgod.net)

*If you have requests to add or remove, or an update to share, please let Pastor Jason know.*

You can also join and share requests on our "Laurentian Prays" Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/laurentianprays>

### Calling All Key Holders - New Alarm System

We have installed an alarm system and cameras in the church. This means that everyone who has a key will also need a code. We've decided the best way to do this is to start fresh with new keys. So, if you have a key, I'll be contacting you soon about replacing it and getting you a code as well.

### Accessibility Project

To see the whole project, visit:  
[www.laurentianwesleyan.com](http://www.laurentianwesleyan.com)

### Accessibility Fund-Raising

Questions/pick ups – ask Tony 705-358-1263  
(Make sure and check the thermometer in the foyer for a progress report on our fund-raising)

- Collecting large metal items.
- Collecting pop cans (empty & clean please).

### Upcoming Events, At a Glance



**Bible Study** - Thursdays at 7pm

**Celebrate Recovery** - First Baptist Church  
Every Wed 7pm – Teaching \* 8pm - Share Groups \* Everyone welcome.

**Surprise Sale Fundraiser for the Accessibility Project** – Event begins Sept10th. – see postersep at the church.

### North Bay Pregnancy Help and Resource Centre Grand Re-opening

Wed Sept. 20th at 10:30am \* 357 Ferguson St

### Celebrate Recovery Movie Night

Wed Sept 20th at 7pm

featuring “Jesus Revolution” at First Baptist

### Breakfast Fundraiser for Accessibility

Sat, Sept 23rd. Drop In from 8:30am to 11:00am.

### Seniors’ Pot-Luck Lunch

Tue, Sept 26th at Noon

Hymn sing and testimony (tba) will follow lunch.

### Looking for Old Clothing and Furrries

A young adult named Teddy who has dropped into the church from time to time would like to collect old clothing and even furrries (bears...) to repurpose into blankets for the homeless. If you have some items, you can drop them off at the church and I'll let Teddy know. This is her way of helping and it would be great to support her.

### Financial Update – Sun Aug 27, 2023

General: \$1,783.14

Missions: \$30

Accessibility Project: \$150

Bibles: \$20

Total: \$1,983.14

(Budget Required Per Week: \$2,170.71)

Go to our website to learn about the Accessibility Project

For more information about giving, visit [www.laurentianchurch.com/give](http://www.laurentianchurch.com/give)

If you know someone who would like to sign up for this email, send them to: [www.laurentianchurch.com/newsletter-sign-up](http://www.laurentianchurch.com/newsletter-sign-up)

If you have something of interest to our church family, you are welcome to contribute to this weekly update. Send me a note.

### Upcoming Church Family Celebrations!

#### September

10<sup>th</sup> Ed Vitunski

19<sup>th</sup> Nancy Mercier

\*Residents of Waters Edge Care Community, 401 William St, North Bay, ON P1A 1X5

Surprise Sale Fundraiser

The SALE Part



- We have 25 items of varied values for sale
- All 25 items will be on display for you to see
- Each item costs \$20.00
- Each item is “secretly” assigned a number between 1 and 25
- If you wish to make a purchase, you must pick a number and pay for your item
- The sale ends when all 25 items are sold



If you love being surprised, this is the event for you!

The SURPRISE Part

You KNOW you are getting one of the items for sale

You do NOT know which item you are buying

When all the items are sold, we will reveal what each of you purchased – **SURPRISE!**