

Our LPD: "By God's grace, we are committed to encourage and resource our growing family of churches to reflect Jesus Christ."

June 3, 2016

Good Friday morning friends, Thanks for joining me for five minutes to update you on items of prayer and praise for our Lower Pacific District family.

What's God Up To In Our LPD Family?

On Thursday, 37 LPD pastors and staff from the Islands and mainland gathered for our biennial LPD Pastor and Staff Cruise. We appreciated the presentation on "Summer renewal Through Spiritual Disciplines" by Vanessa Siemens of Fort Langley EFC.

Pastoral ministry can be without boundaries, and pastors and staff soon find that "being busy for God" does not equal "being in fellowship with God."

Please pray for your pastor and staff and encourage them to take seasons and regular time for spiritual refreshment and renewal.



Last weekend, it was a joy to join with the men of North Delta EFC for a men's retreat on Mayne Island. It was a joy to connect with brothers in Christ - as I travel on most weekends, it is special to have some time with people of our home church.

This weekend, Karen and I look forward to being with Pastor Chris and Verna Wilson and the people of Nanoose EFC, where I will preach on Sunday morning and later in the day, we will travel down to Ladysmith to join Interim Pastor Joel and Ingrid Chiri and the people of The Rock Christian Fellowship for their service Sunday evening.

Please pray for: Pastor Colin and Beth Peters and the people of Grace Community Church in Pitt Meadows - our LPD Church of the Week.

Pray also for:

- Steveston/South Richmond, as we explore God's call to partner in a church plant.
- Port Alberni, as we explore God's leading for a church plant as well.
- Henry and Kim Ngugi (of New West EFC), on their short-term mission to Kenya.

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

LPD Church of the Week

Please join in prayer for:

- Pitt Meadows Day Saturday 4th June
- 10 years of outreach to the community through free hot dogs/chips/drinks after parade
- Pray that God would use this outreach
- The continued work of God in His people's hearts
- The 50 kids who attend Sunday School
- Fellowship lunch held twice a month
- Discernment as they face the issue of space
- The welcoming and active church family who share in church ministry
- Provision as they face the issue of a new roof



Your partnership in prayer and finances enables us to partner with churches and church planters who are stepping forward in faith. Thank you! With your help, we can also plant two more churches this year. Please see our LPD website at <http://www.lpd-efcc.ca/> for more info. Gifts can now be made via PayPal to various projects above. Please check under the "Designated Payment" tab.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- **NEW BC SOCIETIES ACT** - The Act comes into force on November 28, 2016. Societies (that includes churches) cannot transition before this date, and afterwards, there is a two year (November 28, 2016 - November 26, 2018) period for existing societies to come into compliance with the new Act. We will be providing resources along the way! Please check our LPD website, where we will be posting resources under the "Administration Resources" tab. Watch for a workshop in September!
- **Camp Evergreen, August 1-6, 2016 at Camp Charis.** This is the "official" camp for the Lower Pacific District of the Evangelical Free Church of Canada. Camp Evergreen is also a member of the BC Camping Association. The beauty of this excellent camp is that it can be an extension of the ministry of your local church, and follow up of campers can also be done through your local church. <http://www.campevergreen.ca/>
- **EFCC National Conference, August 4-6, 2016, at Fort Langley EFC.** Join us for pre-conference prayers times at Fort Langley EFC on June 21st and July 19th from 7-8PM.

May God bless and keep you through this weekend!

In Jesus,

Rob and Karen

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