

KELOWNA HARVEST NEWSLETTER

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ITS TIME TO PRAY!

We have always been believers in prayer, but we are in an hour where we need to pray more than ever...so we will continue to pray! We do not want to give in to fear, but we do want to be sensitive to the restrictions surrounding any corporate gatherings that the government has put in place.

As times are changing we have to adjust how we do business. So, for the month of April we will not be gathering at the studio for prayer, instead we will have **online** noon hour prayer meetings, six days a week! We will be facilitating these meetings through "zoom".

If you wish to be a part of these meetings, you will need to follow these instructions:

The link for the online prayer room is
<http://prayer.harvestfellowship.ca/>.

You can use your computer, your tablet or iPad, or your smartphone. This link will open up a dialog box that says "Open zoom.us app?" Select the option that says "Open zoom.us app". In the top right corner of the zoom room, you can select whether you want to only see the speaker or the entire gallery. On the bottom left corner are the mute buttons and video on/off buttons. There is also a chat room (on the bottom middle) if you would prefer to write out a prayer or questions or comments.

If you don't have a microphone on your computer, or need to join by phone, call 1-647-558-0588 and when prompted, the meeting ID is 546 369 8469.

Many prophets around the nation are calling for God's people to fast and pray. Just last month we had a national zoom call, where over **7000** people came on line and had prayer and communion together. This is not a time to sit back and wait to see what happens, it is a time for the church of Christ to mobilize and begin to petition the throne room of God for our nation.

Below is a list of those who will be leading prayer each day of the week. If you are having difficulty joining the prayer, please email Laverne Kundert and she will be able to assist you. Her email address is: laverne@theharvest.ca

Mondays	Leader: Art Mercer
Tuesdays	Leader: Laverne Kundert
Wednesdays	Leader: Donna Nelson
Thursdays	Leader: Katheren Welwood
Fridays	Leader: Bill Olsen
Saturdays	Leader: Art Lucier

Come and join us as we call out to God regarding the issues facing our nation today including seeing this COVID19 virus dispelled so that we can continue to pursue the Harvest which is ripe and ready.



A change of time, a change of season
We thank you God, you are the reason
Life sustains continual flow
It's you who cause the flowers to grow
You give new life, that brings new things
You make us rise on eagles wings
I listen as the young birds sing
And thank you God that it is Spring



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Kelowna
Harvest Fellowship



Plan to join us for our Easter Service

Saturday April 11th.

We are believing we will be able to gather together again soon, so let's plan towards that end.

We will not be having a fellowship dinner, but bring some goodies for after the service and let's fellowship together as we celebrate our risen saviour.

April 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Noon ZOOM Prayer Meeting 12:00PM	2 Noon ZOOM Prayer Meeting 12:00PM	3 	4 SATURDAY SERVICE CANCELLED
5	6 Noon ZOOM Prayer Meeting 12:00PM	7 Noon ZOOM Prayer Meeting 12:00PM	8 Noon ZOOM Prayer Meeting 12:00PM	9 Noon ZOOM Prayer Meeting 12:00PM	10 	11 EASTER SERVICE 6:00PM
12 EASTER SUNDAY	13 <i>Easter Monday</i> 	14 Noon ZOOM Prayer Meeting 12:00PM	15 Noon ZOOM Prayer Meeting 12:00PM	16 Noon ZOOM Prayer Meeting 12:00PM	17 Noon ZOOM Prayer Meeting 12:00PM	18 Saturday Nite Service 6:00 PM
19	20 Noon ZOOM Prayer Meeting 12:00PM	21 Noon ZOOM Prayer Meeting 12:00PM	22 Noon ZOOM Prayer Meeting 12:00PM	23 Noon ZOOM Prayer Meeting 12:00PM	24 Noon ZOOM Prayer Meeting 12:00PM	25 Saturday Nite Service 6:00 PM
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HOME
group

The Mercer Home
Group will be cancelled
until May 7th.

**Prophetic
Prayer** CANCELLED FOR
THE MONTH OF
APRIL



**PRAYER CHAIN
MINISTRY**

If you have a prayer need, OR if
you would like to be a part of the
prayer chain
ministry you can email us at
laverne@theharvest.ca

WHAT'S NEW?

THE NATIONAL FIREWALL

It may seem that things have stagnated somewhat but that is not necessarily true. The recent restrictions on our nation are actually allowing us to focus on some things that have had to take a back seat for some time. One of those things is the development and implementation of the new **NATIONAL FIREWALL**. What is a Firewall? It is a linking together of intercessors and prayer warriors from the east coast to the west coast, to bring a unified prayer agenda for our nation.

There are many intercessors across Canada who have been praying faithfully for years. Many of them however, have not been able to connect with other intercessors who are often times pray-

We have several staff here at Harvest Ministries that are working to see the Firewall implemented. Those include Art Kundert. In Alberta we have Casey Brost, Wendy Leigh and

Colleen Hancar who is working with us and also Dean Briggs from Kansas USA is helping to see this Firewall established.

If you are an intercessor and would like to be a part of this Firewall, you can send your contact information to Laverne Kundert at laverne@theharvest.ca. You will need to provide your name, email and phone information. We are hoping to have the Firewall up and running by next month so stay tuned and pray that we are able to see this much needed prayer tool initiated.

PRAYER:
Don't give God instructions
-- just report for duty!

"if my people who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

2 Chron. 7:14

Postponed

Finding Your Voice
WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Sandman Inn
2130 Harvey Ave.
Vernon, BC V1T 1P6

April 17, 2020
6:30pm

April 18, 2020
9:30am, 1:30pm, 6:30pm

Registration opens at 4:30pm on April 17, then join us for a meet & greet until the event begins at 6:30pm.

Register at www.theharvest.ca

With Shirley Robinson & Heather Lucier

Brought to you by:
Harvest MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Kelowna Food Bank

Unfortunately we are having to postpone our Women's Conference which was scheduled for April 17th, due to Corona virus and the restrictions placed on public gatherings.

We are looking at rescheduling some time in the fall, we will keep you posted. If you already registered online, your registration will be refunded to you. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with Heather.

Barring any new restrictions around gatherings, Kelowna Harvest youth are making plans.



MOVIE MADNESS

Calling all Harvest Youth
We are planning a Movie/PJ Party
@ Harvest Studio

7:00PM

Stay tuned for any changes as the date gets closer. You will receive a text if this event is going to be cancelled.
PS: It's also Jesse Lucier's Birthday that day!

TO BELIEVE OR NOT TO BELIEVE, THAT IS THE QUESTION

By Heather Lucier

We had an amazing weekend last month when what's in the bank doesn't meet with Ken and Cheryl Gill in our midst. What the bills require? Are you still willing to share your provisions with your father and see his heart for our little neighbor, when you don't know where church. There were many things talked about, but I was personally stuck by a comment Ken made that was something need when it could be your last pay-along the lines of "Art and Heather have cheque for a while? The answers to these are an extraordinary gift of faith". I began to think about what he said as I rarely think of myself as a person that has a "gift of faith", however I do believe that this is a gift that Art definitely carries.

As I thought about it more, I asked myself, what does faith look like? During the past month, faith is something that is being tested in many people as we face this crisis in our nation and our world.

Many believers who have declared themselves to be people of faith are now looking at the possibility loosing jobs, the inability to make mortgage payments, not having access to the usual comforts we have grown accustomed to; some are afraid to go out in public due to the panic which is permeating our world.

Here is the thing I have discovered and often say about faith. It's easy to have faith, until you need it.

It's easy to sing about faith, read about it, say you are a believer in faith, but when everything around you is secure and wonderful, how do you really know if you are a person of faith? It's only when the tests and trials come, that true faith is revealed. When there is little money in the bank or little food in the cupboard that is when you are really tested in the area of faith. Can you still have peace

One of the silver linings I see behind this global pandemic we are facing is that believers are finally having to believe!

When most of what we hear on the news is negative, scary and disconcerting, we have to decide if we are going to live by faith or live by fear. Some say fear is the opposite of faith. I would say fear is the opposite of peace. When we can live in peace, it's because we are living in faith and walking in a place of trust in God. **Isaiah 26: 2-4** speaks to this correlation between faith, peace and trust.

"Open the gates that the righteous nation may enter, the nation that keeps faith. You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD, the LORD himself, is the Rock eternal."

The word of God is clear, there is coming a time and appears to be already here, when the world as we know it is going to change. There will be times when wars, pestilence, and famine will be prevalent on this earth. Regardless of your eschatological beliefs I think it is clear that we are not going to escape all of the above. However, when I read **Psalms 91:1-4** I see a standard that we as believers are to live by. It speaks of rest, and trust even in the

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face of those things that would cause us fear.

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.

So whether or not this Corona virus is short lived, I believe it is a great time for you and I to assess our hearts and ask ourselves, are we really people who live by faith?

I believe God can and is using this pandemic not only to awaken His church but also to bring each of us as believers to a place of introspection which begs the question, "do I believe or do I not believe." If you know your faith is weak at this time, then ask God to strengthen it. Ask Him for his peace that passes all understanding, that it would guard your heart and mind during this difficult time. (*Phil 4:7*)

I like practical application: so if you feel your faith is weak, yet you choose to believe, then here are some steps that can help you build your faith.

1. Begin to saturate your heart and mind with the word of God. It's His word that transforms our thought processes (*Romans 12:2*)
2. Turn off the negative news and spend time with those who are people of faith. After all, you become like those you hang around, (*1 Cor. 15:33*)
3. Listen to worship that draws your attention away from the problems in front of you towards Christ. It's really difficult to stay in a place of fear when you are focused on God in worship. When we do this, His presence comes and His presence brings the spirit of Peace.

So with that being said, I encourage you to chose to believe. Choose to be a person of faith! When you choose to believe, the God of hope will fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (*Romans 15:13*)

-H. Lucier

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Tithes & Offering

During this next month we are not sure what the regulations will be regarding gatherings. However, for those who are still working, we still need you to continue to give your tithes and offerings.

In order to make this easy for you, we encourage you to give via e-transfer. Please use the email address: the-harvest@live.ca. This is a safe and secure way to give. If you prefer to give by another means, you can drop your offering off at the Harvest Studio during business hours, Tuesday — Friday between 10:AM and 4:00PM.

You can also donate through our website at www.theharvest.ca

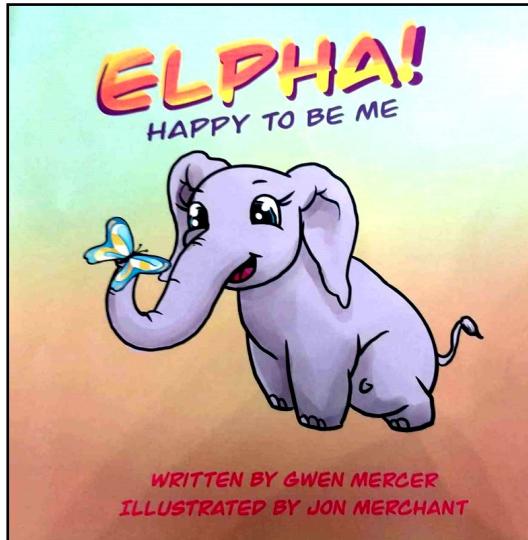
Thank you for your willingness to give even during this time of uncertainty.



YOU'LL HAVE TO FORGIVE HIM ... HE'S NEW TO THE FAITH AND THIS IS HIS FIRST EASTER



Coming this April!



A delightful book with colorful illustrations, poetic humor, enlightening scenarios and an adorable baby elephant named **ELPHA**.

ELPHA! Happy to be me, finds **ELPHA** dreaming to be a butterfly.

ELPHA invites children into her world of dreams, instilling in them their God-given identity, purpose and value, through the lessons she learns.

ELPHA! HAPPY TO BE ME, is the first of a series of **ELPHA** books with each one addressing different real-life issues that children may find themselves facing in today's society.

Enlightening
Literature
Promoting
Healthy
Awareness

It's always exciting to see the finished product of our dreams.

Many of us have dreams, but I believe we as a people of God are coming into a place of dreams realized as we look to and trust God with our dreams. One such case is that of Gwen Mercer.

Gwen Mercer has ministered acceptance and love to children for over 30 years. She believes children's lives are transformed simply by knowing their identity and purpose in life. Her passions are ministering to children and writing. She has managed to do both through Elpha!

God has given Gwen a heavenly download on how to reach children in this day and age, talking about the issues this generation is faced with each and every day. Her new book "**ELPHA HAPPY TO BE ME**" is about a baby elephant dreaming to be a butterfly. It helps to instill in children their God-given identity, purpose and value. This is the first book in an ten book Elpha series.

This book needs to be in the hands of each parent with young children, grandparents, teachers, children's ministry leaders and anyone else that deals with the rearing of children in today's society.

Gwen's book will be available mid-April. She will be having a book sale and signing here at our Harvest Church as soon as it is printed.

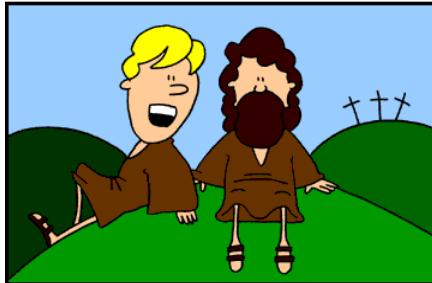
Let's support Gwen by being ready to purchase her book in a couple weeks. This book needs to be out there in the hands of those who need it.

It will also be available online in Chapters, Barnes & Noble, Amazon, Kindle and more! It will be available in both Hard and Soft cover. Buy a copy for the children in your life and for your neighbor too.

Gwen is already working on her 2nd book in this series called "**ELPHA, HAPPY TO BE ALIVE**". Let's keep her in prayer as she steps out in this area of calling in her life.

-Heather Lucier

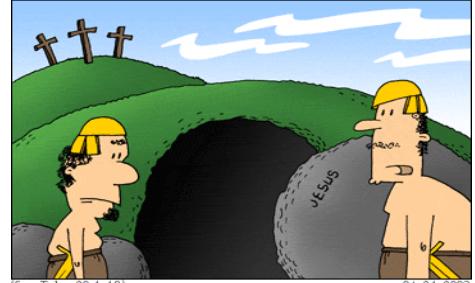
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(See John 19:17-37)
SO JESUS, HAVE YOU MADE ANY PLANS FOR EASTER YET?



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(See John 20:1-18)
BETCHA TEN SHEKELS THOSE CHRISTIANS HAVE FIFTY NEW SONGS BY THIS WEEKEND

building faith



BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

Let's do something a little different for our Bible reading challenge this month. Let's do a word study on "Faith". We can all use more faith even if our faith is strong. We all have access to the internet so let's use it to our advantage. I find the "Bible Gateway" platform is very user friendly for beginners and those who are more advanced. Simply google "Bible Gateway" and type in the word "faith" and click on "search". Read through all of the New Testament scriptures that have the word "faith" in them. As you read each scripture, ask Holy Spirit to speak to your spirit through each verse.

It is helpful if you have a journal, or even take notes on your computer and write out what each verse means and how you feel this verse speaks and relates to you. Then ask God to give you faith like many who had to walk and live in faith each and every day. As you do this, you will be surprised at how much your faith will grow. So let's build our faith together.

Praise enjoys God
Praise acclaims Him
Praise Lifts
Praise Lauds
Praise Celebrates
Praise addresses God
Praise Dances
Praise extols God for what He has done
Praise lifts us to heavenly places
ThronePraise says, "Praise the Lord"
Praise is grateful for heirship to the Throne

Worship & Praise



-written by Mareyne Heinriche

Worship Esteems Him
Worship beholds Him
Worship Bows
Worship Loves
Worship humbly reveres
Worship waits on God
Worship removes shoes on Holy Ground
Worship extols Him for Who He is
Worship lifts God to His rightful places-the
Worship demonstrates that "He is Lord"
Worship lays crowns at His feet alone



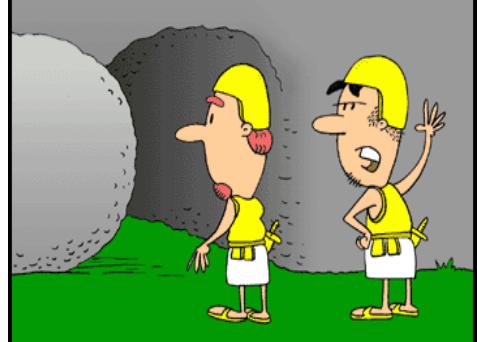
BATTLE FOR CANADA WINNIPEG

Battle for Canada Winnipeg is still in the works. We may have to change the dates as we do not have a venue secured yet. However, we will keep you posted as soon as we have more details to share with you.

Be aware, registration for
Winnipeg will be free!

The best mathematical equation I have ever seen:
**1 cross
+ 3 nails
= 4 given**

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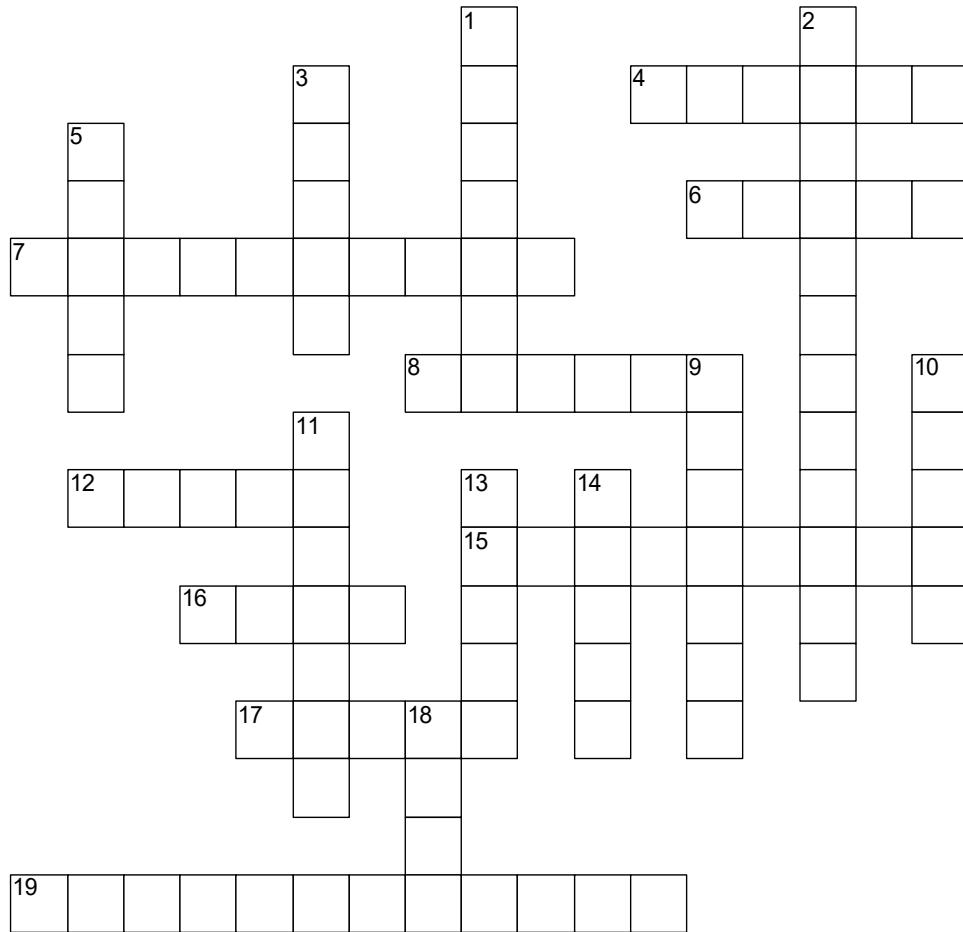


Thanks to Dennis Niksch (See John 20:1-18)
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IT'S GETTING SO YOU JUST CAN'T TRUST ANYONE THESE DAYS

HERO'S OF THE FAITH

This crossword is based on Hebrews 11:1 – 12:4

Read through these verses that talk about the Hero's of the faith and then see if you can find the answers the puzzle.



ACROSS

- 4 He conquered Kingdoms by faith.
- 6 Eyes on Him!
- 7 Faith is _____ in hope.
- 8 He wanted to be buried with his own people.
- 12 He worshipped God while leaning on his staff.
- 15 We can have this even when we don't see.
- 16 This man's faith condemned the whole world.
- 17 She had a baby because she believed.
- 19 A fruit of the spirit that relates to faith.

DOWN

- 1 It's walls fell because of a people's faith.
- 2 We run our race with this.
- 3 Faith is displayed through these. (Jas 2:18)
- 5 This man avoided death because of his faith.
- 9 Faith comes this way. (Rom 10:17)
- 10 This man left a Palace for the desert.
- 11 He went when he didn't know where to go.
- 13 Without this it is impossible to please God.
- 14 He blessed his twins in faith.
- 18 Who brought a better offering than Cain?