

# In The Way

## September 2022

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## It's Official!

Let's go through September, starting backwards with this news: on Saturday, September 24, I was installed as the missionary-pastor of the SELC District at Ascension Lutheran Church, supported by the Synod's Office of National Mission. Let the work begin in earnest!

The service came at the end of a busy week that meant our District President, Rev. Waldemar Vinovskis, was with us for six whole days. We had our annual Montreal Forum partners meeting Sept 22-23. For two days we reviewed our 2022-2025 Strategic Plan, heard from voices in our community including our city counselor Mary Deros, and then laid out an Action Plan for the next eighteen months. We'll be doing more open houses, English classes, and fellowship events. We'll also be considering opportunities for summer camps for adults and kids, strengthening our pastoral care, and exploring many new opportunities for mission.

Monday through Wednesday that same week we hosted the pastors of the SELC District East Circuit, which stretches from Virginia through New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Connecticut. This was the first time some of these pastors had been "north of the border," while for others it was a happy return visit.

The two previous weeks were spent planning for these meetings, to be sure. But I also continued instruction for three adults who desire to join us in communion. I made visits on shut-ins, especially our "south shore" members old and new, and the Stones held a fall festival / dumpling night for McGill and Concordia students which I also attended.

Oh: and our deaconess Emilie, and her husband Avery, welcomed a healthy baby boy on September 11. Owen was baptized on September 25, my last Sunday before a month of mission reconnect visits. That was the best ending of September, celebrating and teaching to our many guests the precious gift God gives us in Holy Baptism!

## RECONNECT 2022

### The 'Jesus' Work in Montreal' Tour

#### October 1, 10 AM

Mission Central, Mapleton, IA

#### October 1-2, 6 PM and 9 AM

LWML Service, Zion, Hiawatha, IA

#### October 2, 6 PM

Immanuel, Clarinda, IA

#### October 3-8

Nebraska, S.D., and Idaho

#### October 9, 8:15 AM and 11 AM

Trinity, Kalispell, MT

#### October 10-14

Montana and Wyoming

#### October 15, 9 AM

LWML Rally, Sumner, NE

#### October 16, 9:30 AM

The Edge, Azle, TX

#### October 17-24

Houston, TX

#### October 23, 8:15 AM and 11 AM

Memorial, Houston, TX

#### October 25

St. Louis, MO

#### October 27-28

Dayton/Cincinnati, OH

#### October 30, 9:30 AM

St. Peter, Shaker Heights, OH



## A Picture's Worth of Words



***Clockwise from top left:*** Olivia votes in Quebec's Oct 3 election; Deb leads Kids Club for Ascension and other SELC District kids; Charles leads the Montreal Forum mission partners working group meeting; Rev. Waldemar Vinovskis installs Rev. Charles St-Onge as missionary-pastor at Ascension.

### Prayer Concerns

For Nick, Ann, Peter and the Vera family as they prepare to join our communion with Jesus Christ,

For Deb, Olivia and Sophia while I am away, that we may be kept safe while apart,

For the many Sikh visitors who have been attending our worship services and studies, and for our "intro to Jesus" class, that the Spirit might move more to faith and a desire for Baptism.

### Support this Work

To be announced! Until our accounts are officially changed, support can still be sent care of "ST-ONGE" at Mission Central or "ST-ONGE" at the LCMS:

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