

# In The Way

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## Mission Moment

Deb and I were at the cemetery last week laying to rest a 93-year-old member of Ascension, a survivor of World War Two, and the only Lutheran in his family. It was a chance to proclaim this man's faith in Jesus which had given him hope to survive circumstances those of my generation, raised in North America, can only imagine.

On our way from the cemetery the car phone rang. It was another 90-year-old member who had not yet allowed me to visit in person. She was ready to end her life, and at last wanted to see me face to face.

Deb and I made our way across Montreal to her. A family member was there, another member who had not attended worship in well over a decade. I sat with them and shared the Good News of Jesus, who while we were still enemies saved us and gave us "the right to be called children of God." (Romans 5:6-10, 1 John 1:12). Both these dear lambs of God had starved themselves of the Word of God, and needed desperately to start drinking "pure spiritual milk" again ( 1 Peter 2:2-3).

The family member was pleased to see me in person. They had heard over the internet the words I shared at their aunt's funeral, which they had been unable to attend. They're now is thinking seriously about coming back to worship to receive Christ's strengthening gifts.

Every chance to proclaim the Faith opens doors into people's hearts. The Lord asks us to trust him that his "word will not return empty" (Isaiah 55:11).

## Summer 2024 Reconnect

August was our month of travel, visiting congregations and fellow Christians across the US who have been faithfully supporting the Lord's work in Montreal through us.

The first weekend of August Deb, Sophia and I were in northern Virginia at St. Athanasius Lutheran Church. We had dinners with old friends and some new ones—including the family of a boy I had baptized in Texas years ago and a couple who became Lutherans through our LCMS missionary in Rome. Thank you to our circuit visitor Rev. Douthwaite for hosting us!

We returned home during the week for the last days of a member who would be laid to rest later in the month (see Mission Moment). Then Deb and I visited with members of Concordia, Macungie, PA, our District President's congregation.

After a stopover in Ohio we visited Old Missionary Gary and friends at Mission Central in Mapleton, IA, and then visited with old friends at Immanuel, Clarinda, IA. We thank Rev. Brandt for organizing that visit!

We hope to visit our supporting congregations in Ohio over Christmas, and perhaps some closer SELC District supporters during Advent. Thanks to all of you for supporting this work!



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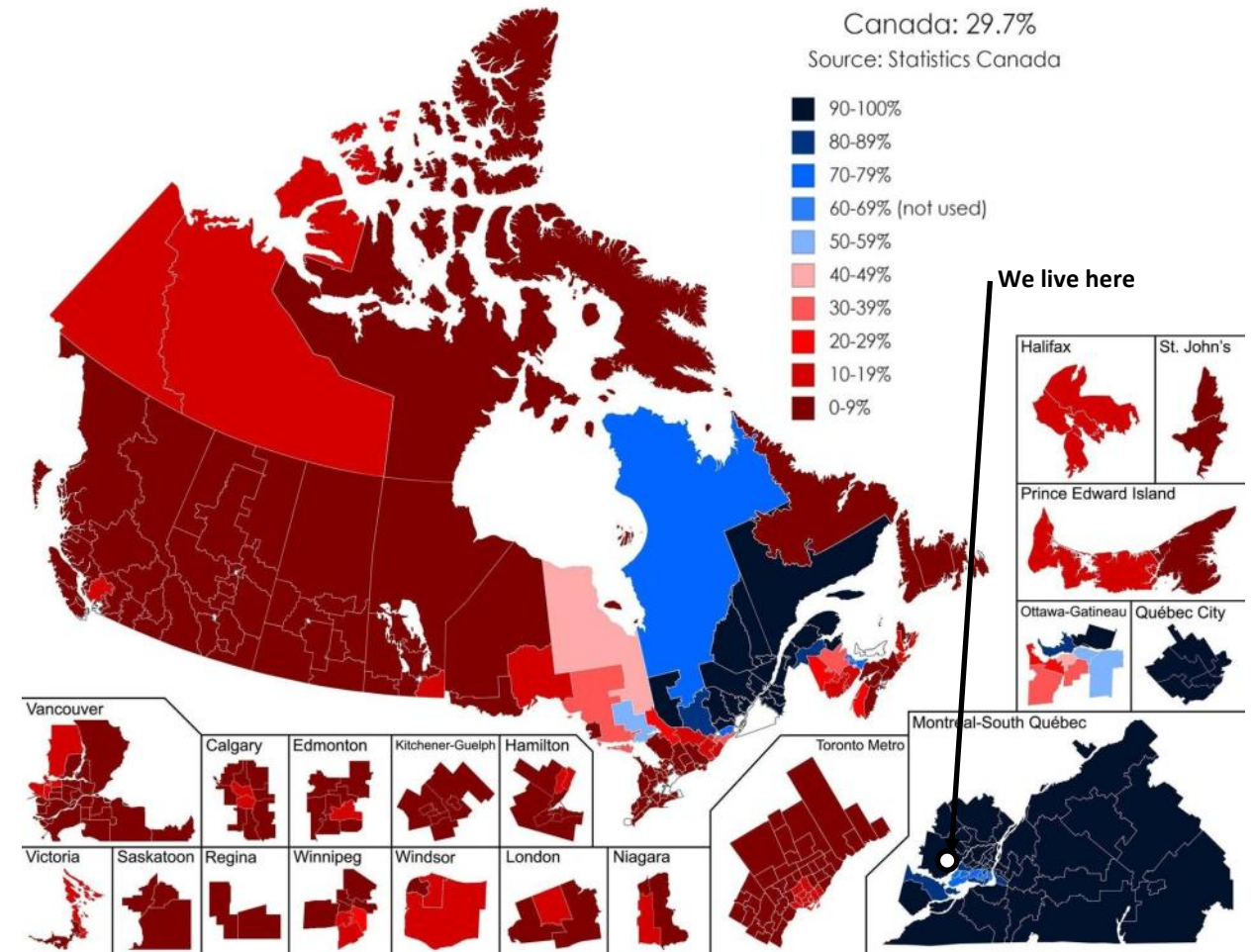
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# A Picture's Worth of Words

## Knowledge of French in Canada

Canada: 29.7%

Source: Statistics Canada



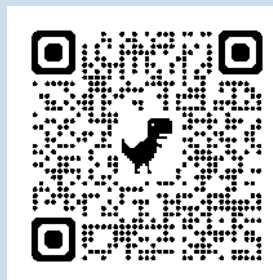
**Top:** Although Canada is officially “bilingual,” the reality is that Quebec is French-speaking while the rest of the country is largely English-speaking.

**Bottom:** Speaking at Mission Central in Mapleton, IA.

### Prayer Concerns

- For Olivia’s safe return from her summer internship as she starts her third year of university, and for Charlotte, Rachel and Jamar who are returning to college in Montreal;
- For Sophia as she returns for a final year of high school at Phoenix in Laval, and for her classmates and teachers.

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