

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

November 20, 2015

**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?**

In 2009, I received a phone call from a friend on Vancouver Island. He and I had been praying for a church plant in the area of South Nanaimo or Cedar. This friend was a realtor, and he had just sold a house to people who had come to Ladysmith believing that God was calling them to plant a church.

My friend called me to set up a meeting with this church planter. His name is **Steve Sharpe (Gillian)**. Seeing God's hand on this situation, we very soon hired Steve as a LPD Church Planting Missionary, and in the months following, **The Rock Christian Fellowship** was born in Ladysmith.

The work has grown. It has moved from meeting in a home to meeting in the Masonic Hall to now meeting in the Ladysmith Eagles Hall. People have

been saved. People have been baptized. Lives have been changed through Christ.

At the end of August, Steve and Gillian concluded their ministry at The Rock. Like Paul, Steve and Gillian planted the seed, and now it is being watered by **Joel Chiri (Ingrid)** and the leadership team.

***This Sunday, I look forward to joining with the people of the Rock, as I bring a message from the Word of God and meet with the leadership team.***


Please pray for the Rock Christian Fellowship as they lay a foundation for the next chapter in the life and ministry of their church. Please also pray for their continued impact in the community. They are partnering with other churches in the community of Ladysmith to sponsor a Syrian refugee family, and they are also fundraising for the local foodbank and soup kitchen.

Also, church members, Chris and Lisa Burness lead a Christian/Celtic Rock band, named "Skellig" Please visit their website at ([www.skellig.ca](http://www.skellig.ca)), and also download their Christmas song, "Child of Grace." Proceeds will go to the foodbank and soup kitchen.

***Please join us in praying for North Delta EFC, our LPD Church of the Week.***

***Please also pray for:***

- **Pastor James and Gloria Koo**, as Gloria's cancer has returned. Pastor Koo will be visiting Korea next week, in search of medical counsel and assistance. Pray for them as they serve the Lord and trust Him for their future.
- **Weston and Rebecca Lundgren** were hired as **Pastor of Spiritual Formation and Administration at Hope City Church**, effective November 1st. They will serve alongside **Phil and Grace Yung** in this growing work. Welcome aboard Weston, Rebecca and family!
- Pray for upcoming **Advent and Christmas ministries** in LPD and other churches. May the truly Good News be shared in both word and deed through our churches and people. The first Sunday of Advent is November 29<sup>th</sup>.
- **Pastor Ian and Connie Lawson of Lethbridge EFC**, as her chemotherapy has ended and they trust the Lord in her battle with cancer.



### NORTH DELTA EFC

LPD CHURCH OF THE WEEK

**Praise points:**


- We are thankful for the new people that God continues to bring to our church
- A number of people have asked for baptism and membership

**Prayer requests:**


- For wisdom as we discern our response to the refugee crisis
- For the coming Advent season when a number of outreach events will be happening including ladies teas, church and youth banquets, and Christmas Eve services

**Upcoming events:**

- Besides the outreach events we have challenged our church to be inviting people to join us for the Advent season beginning Nov 29 and a special Advent sermon series



Lead Pastor  
Mark (Tami) Johnson



Youth Pastor  
Stewart Warnock

### **Upcoming Dates to Remember:**

- **LPD Annual Conference** - March 4,5, 2016 on the theme, "**Mentoring and Coaching**" at **White Rock Community Church**.

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***We appreciate the gifts of many district churches and also of individuals, through both cheques and also through our website. See the new LPD website at <http://www.lpd-efcc.ca/> for more info. Gifts can now be received via PayPal. These enable us to partner with churches and church planters who are stepping forward in faith. Thank you!***

***May God bless and keep you through this weekend!***

In Jesus,

**Rob and Karen**

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