

# In The Way

## August 2022

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## Where Did Summer Go?

If there's one thing that is true of summer in the north, it's that it never lasts as long as you would like. The calendar turned to September a couple of days ago, and I was definitely not ready!

This August the St-Onges took a couple of weeks to prepare for a busy fall. Deb and Olivia headed to Ohio to visit family, and Charles stayed behind with Sophia to nurse her through a bout of COVID-19. We all joined up in Philadelphia for a family vacation to Nova Scotia.

The last two weeks also involved travel, but all of it mission-related. Deb attended her first meeting as a member of the SELC District Board of Directors. She is their lay member with mission focus. Right after she returned, Deb, Charles and Sophia went to St. Louis to attend a farewell service for people leaving the Office of International Mission. Charles had lunch with Rev. Dr. Mark Wood, an interim director of National Mission and the man with whom he'll be working for the time being. After Sunday worship Charles left for Toronto, where he met with other LCMS pastors serving in Canada, all of them English District and serving in Ontario.

In the meantime, back in Canada, Ascension continued in its mission of proclaiming the Good News in Parc-Extension and Montreal. The last Sunday of August saw almost a dozen non-Christian guests from the community who decided to come by and see what Ascension was all about. Some had attended our Friday Moms' group; others knew of our English classes. One woman just wanted us to pray for her and came to worship. Many of them stayed after the service for an "introduction to Christianity" discussion! We also have two new adults in confirmation instruction.

Ruth and Lyman Stone, with the help of Deaconess Emilie, have been busy expanding our campus ministry outreach downtown. Ascension hosted a dinner for almost two dozen students and hopes to begin regular events to serve the Concordia and McGill University communities.

Our biennial reconnect is this fall! **Could you do your missionaries a favor? Please email me or call if you'd like me to see you when I'm in your neighborhood! That is one of the greatest ways of showing your support.**

## 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 2-4**

Iowa and Nebraska

**October 5-8**

South Dakota and Montana

**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 25-27**

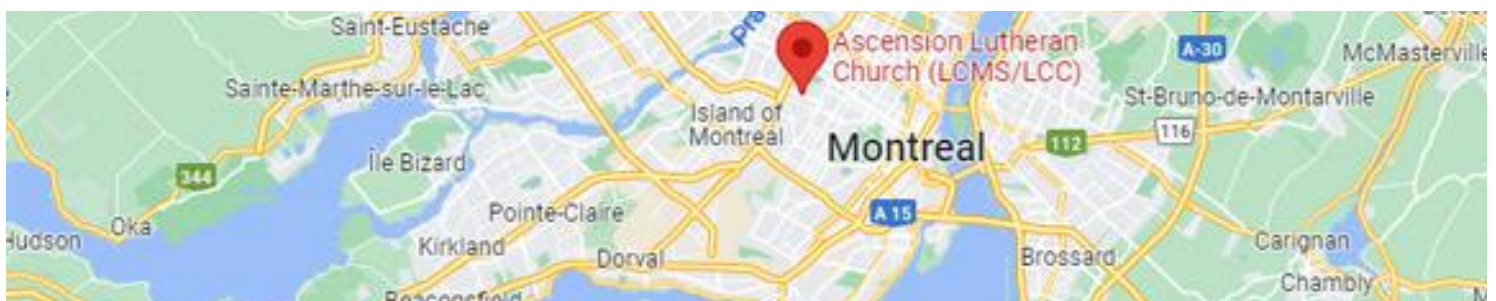
St. Louis, MO

**October 28-29**

Dayton/Cincinnati, OH

**October 30, 9:30 AM**

St. Peter, Shaker Heights, OH



## A Picture's Worth of Words

**Left:** First-year students from McGill University hosted for a supper at Ascension by the Stones and Prozenkos; **Right:** Visitors coming to worship to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Pastor Charles and Ruth Stone at left. **Bottom:** English and SELC District pastors serving in Canada met with President Harrison in Toronto.



### Prayer Concerns

For the Fetanats, in thanksgiving that they received their visas to return to Canada, and will be leaving Turkey the end of September,

For Rachel, Charlotte, Tiffany and Olivia, and all students attending college in Montreal, that we might minister faithfully to them,

For those in our neighborhood who have heard the Good News preached through us, that salvation in Jesus Christ might be received by them in faith.

### 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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