

53RD WEEKEND

May 27 - 29th, 2011
Huron University College, London



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Tell me the Stories of Jesus

a Theography of Jesus
of Nazareth

Back by
popular
demand:

**Leonard
Sweet**

Author, Preacher,
Professor & Teacher
www.leonardsweet.com
Theme Speaker

40TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!

53RD
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Creative Harmonies
A Saturday Evening Event!

Leonard Sweet - Theme Speaker



In 2010 Len Sweet wowed 53rd Weekend participants with his provocative message about today's church living in a Twitter, Google, iPhone and Facebook world. At the end of the weekend the request was simple, "We need to hear more of Len Sweet!" Therefore, 'Back by Popular Demand', and an opportunity not to be missed, Len will change gears and address the theme "Tell me the Stories of Jesus: a Theography of Jesus of Nazareth." Riveted to our seats in 2010, Len challenged us to read the bible as one would eat an apple, to experience the 'whole' and not like an orange, dissected piece by piece. He worked his way through the creation story in Genesis 2 and then showed us how the final chapters of Revelation reveal the same message and promise. In 2011 Len will share with us the stories of Jesus, who he calls the best storyteller to ever live!

Len was voted by his peers "One of the 50 Most Influential Christians in America" by ChurchReport Magazine in 2006 and 2007. Some of the other things they say about Len:

- "One of the church's most important and provocative thinkers."
- "No church leader understands better how to navigate the seas of the 21st century."

- "A writer of vast imagination, poise and charm."
- "I can't imagine a Christian leader in America who hasn't read one or more of Leonard Sweet's books."
- "Some statistician-types will drown you in doom and gloom. Sweet's message is uplifting, hopeful and relevant."

Len has written dozens of books, including titles such as:

- Jesus Manifesto: Restoring the Supremacy and Sovereignty of Jesus Christ (Released June 1, 2010)
- Jesus Drives Me Crazy
- The Gospel According to Starbucks: Living with a Grande Passion
- Summoned to Lead
- New Life in the Spirit

Len hails from the Methodist 'tribe' and is a PK (Preacher's Kid) as his mother was a Methodist preacher. He lives on Orcas Island, where he travels south to see Vancouver Island, with his wife and has raised 5 children.

If you are not convinced you should hear Len's message check out his website www.leonardsweet.com where you will find a million more reasons to join us at 53rd Weekend!

Creative Harmonies - A Reprise - Saturday Evening Event



Former 53rd Musicians take a break from practicing for their concert at 53rd Weekend 2011!

From a rich musical history at 53rd Weekend many lasting friendships have been created. This raggedy band of former 53rd Musicians will come together for an evening of song to celebrate 53rd Weekend's 40th birthday. From a cassette recording in 1991 called 'Creative Harmonies' to various leadership roles at 53rd Weekend, some are still involved while life has led others down different paths, but all will re-assemble for a Saturday evening to remember. Past participants may recall some of these faces and look to renew friendships and all participants will enjoy the music 'Creative Harmonies - A Reprise'.

53rd Weekend shirts and ball caps with embroidered logos are available to pre-order and pick-up when you arrive!

Men's & Ladies Sizes:
 Denim \$50.00, Navy Golf \$30.00
 Navy T-shirts \$18.00
 Children's Navy T-Shirts: \$18.00
 Ball cap \$15.00



Schedule of Events

FRIDAY EVENING

6:00Registration
 7:30Evening Program - Singing, Speaker & Electives
 10:00Evening Worship & Refreshments

SATURDAY

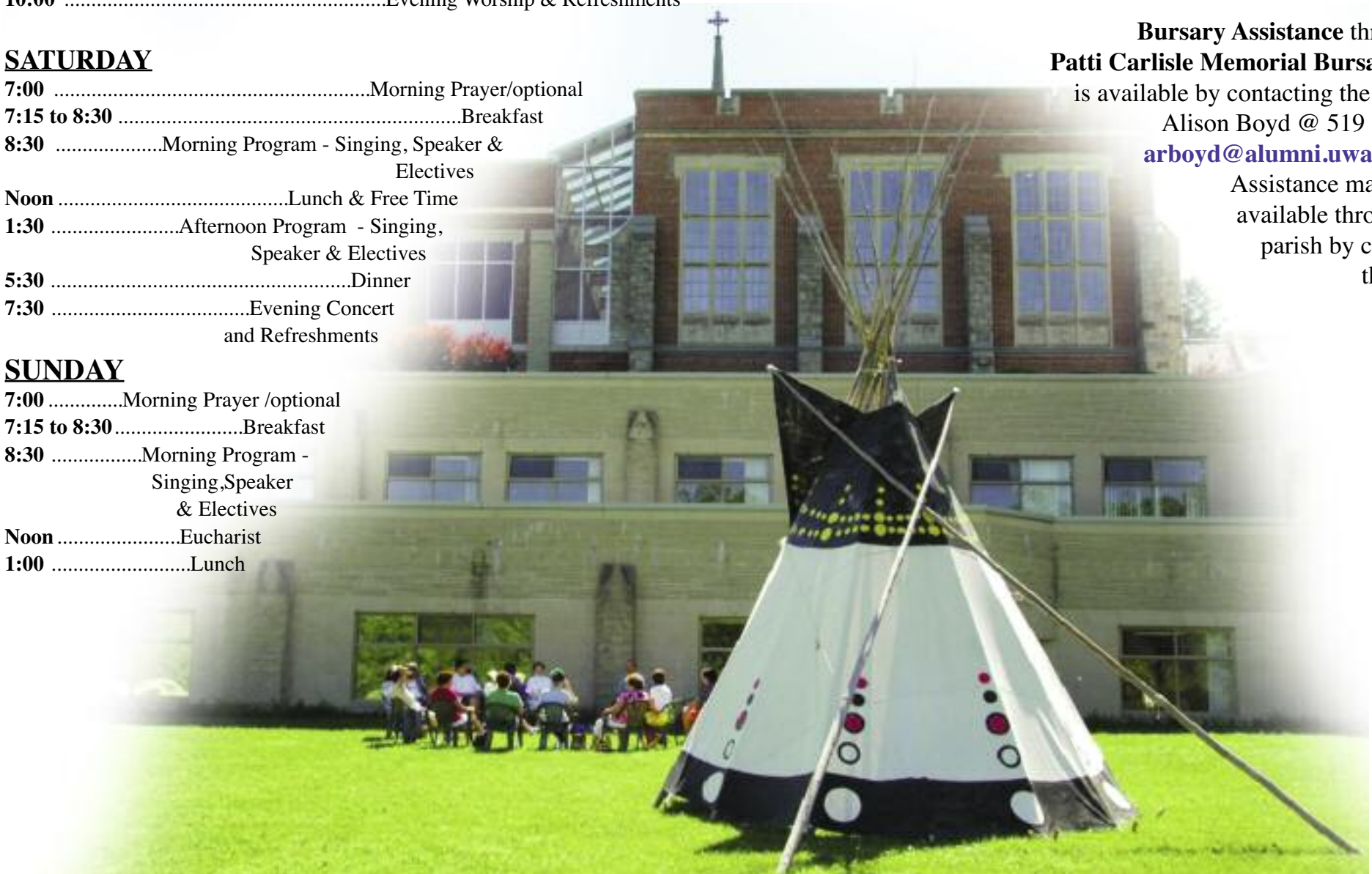
7:00Morning Prayer/optional
 7:15 to 8:30Breakfast
 8:30Morning Program - Singing, Speaker & Electives
 NoonLunch & Free Time
 1:30Afternoon Program - Singing, Speaker & Electives
 5:30Dinner
 7:30Evening Concert and Refreshments

SUNDAY

7:00Morning Prayer /optional
 7:15 to 8:30Breakfast
 8:30Morning Program - Singing, Speaker & Electives
 NoonEucharist
 1:00Lunch

Bursary Assistance through the **Patti Carlisle Memorial Bursary Fund** is available by contacting the registrar, Alison Boyd @ 519 884 8841 arboyd@alumni.uwaterloo.ca

Assistance may also be available through your parish by contacting the clergy.



53rd Weekend Electives

Choose an elective to participate in throughout the weekend

The Storybook Life: Living a Well-Storied Existence

A Christian Alternative to a Culture of Consumption: From "I Consume, Therefore I Am" to "I Conceive, Therefore I Am" Join 53rd Weekend's theme speaker Len Sweet and explore our culture of consumption and what alternatives we have as a Christian people. What do the stories of Jesus, written 2000+ years ago say to a people charged with caring for creation yet expelled from the garden?

Rotary dial in an iPhone world

As the communication revolution continues unabated with seemingly unending additions in the world of technology, the church struggles to find its place amongst those innovations. As Communications Officer for the Diocese of Huron, Rev. Keith Nethery is involved in trying to help chart that course, and find a balance in the traditional "face to face" communication which is our history and the use of new ideas and new technologies. Websites, weblogs, email, social media - all play a role in today's communication strategy, but they have both strengths and limitations. Keith will engage you in a discussion about communication in general and specifically, the cutting edge of going forward!



Drama and Jesus' Stories

Explore several of Jesus' stories using simple, easy drama techniques. By 'walking in the shoes' of the characters in Jesus' stories, you will experience their thoughts and feelings and gain a fresh, new perspective and encounter some deeper meanings. With each drama activity, we will take time to quietly reflect, and draw out these ideas and thoughts. NOTE: No acting experience is required. Dress for comfort. Join drama teacher Peter Mansell and explore the stories of Jesus.

The Diocese of Huron Archives - Preserving the Historical Record

What is an archive? What is the role of the archivist? Whom do the archives serve? Join Diocese of Huron Archivist John Lutman in learning about the many records and documents which tell the story of the Diocese of Huron, its origin, history and spirit. Participants will have the opportunity to examine a wide range of rare and original documents typically acquired, preserved, described and made available to patrons by a church archive. These include early land documents, photographs and postcards, registers, land records, and church histories and publications.

Our Sacred Temple - Miracles of our mind & body

A fun filled experience as we play with the awareness of divine energy flowing among and through us. Learn how body, mind, emotions, and spirit are intricately connected so you can choose how you experience life. You will take home a bag full of practices to address your issues from a higher perspective. This workshop is for any age to enjoy and benefit from. Judy Dougall, founder of Heartfelt Therapies in Exeter, has a passion for energy related knowledge to offer participants natural health and healing.

O taste and see that the Lord is good.

"Christians feed on Scripture . . . Christians don't simply learn or study or use Scripture; we assimilate it, take it into our lives in such a way that it gets metabolized into acts of love . . ." So writes Eugene Peterson in *Eat this Book*. We'll explore ways in which we can internalize scripture so that our lives are formed and transformed, not merely informed. Marilyn Malton is the Director of the Renison Institute of Ministry, Renison University College, Waterloo.

Interfaith understanding

We welcome back Mohammad Osman Yassine from the Association of London Muslims as he tells us the stories of Jesus based upon the teachings of Koran. The Koran tells us that Jesus was born for our salvation, rather than died for it. Learn about the relationships between God, Jesus and the prophets and how they entwine with the way we live our lives. Understand what the Koran says about human morality, ethics and salvation.....



workshop opportunity. A great opportunity for past elective participants to re-connect, re-create and restore their stained glass treasure. Maryann Somerville is a stained glass artist and preacher.

"Refurbish Weekend" - Stained Glass workshop

Bring your damaged/broken/incomplete stained glass project with you to 53rd for a weekend of restoring and refinement. Use elective time to invigorate your stained glass design that has been awaiting this chance for new life - long anticipated and finally here!! The studio will be set-up and equipped to facilitate this



Kids - A Kaleidoscope of Excitement!

Children in Kindergarten to Grade 5 will participate in a program developed especially for them, that combines stories, music, games, arts & crafts and of course PLAY! This year we will be exploring the parables, or stories, told by Jesus. Jesus told lots of stories, and just like a kaleidoscope where the different pieces come together to make a beautiful pattern, so too Jesus' stories all come together to teach us. So bring your play clothes and your imagination, and prepare for the adventure! Clare Stewart and Leanne Austrins are moms and friends to all children.

I Believe....

The Apostles' Creed is the oldest known, most beautiful and succinct summary of Christian beliefs. It joins us to the whole Church through the centuries and across continents and seas. Christians regularly stand shoulder to shoulder and recite this creed in unison, but it is also a deeply personal profession of faith. When was the last time you examined it closely? Come journey together as we explore the history and meaning of this ancient creed for believers today. Join the centuries of Christians who have proclaimed, 'I believe...' It will strengthen your faith and transform your worship experience. Faithfully facilitated by Anita Evans.

Sailing on the Disciple Ship

Boarding passes available for YOUTH from Grades 6 - 9. Hop on to sail with Jesus to various ports of call. The ship includes stops at Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jerusalem and the Sea of Galilee. This is an all-inclusive trip so pack up and join the Ship's Crew to explore and discover the Disciples in Jesus' world & ours! Mary Ann Millar & Sandi Burns, Activity Directors

Because of the "Call"?

What are the calls in life that really count? Communicating on phones and texts and e-mail are easy but in the end do they really count? Consider the call from God "Where are you?" Did you hear it? Come relax and develop a new appreciation of call, our call from God and our calls to God. This will be a truly exciting weekend as we deepen our understanding of call, look at our own experience and listen to the experiences of others. The elective will be led by The Rev. Paul Innes and Bill Jones.

Backwards? Forwards? Life at the centre!

Where are we now? Engaging people through film, drama, storytelling and crafts, we will explore where we are connected and challenged by the past and look at some of the lesser known ceremonies and teachings. We will share dreams and hopes for the seventh generation and listen to the Gospel at the centre of the Circle. Rev. Canon Gaye Whipple and Native friends.

Visit the 53rd Weekend Through the Diocese of Huron website at: www.53rd.DioHuron.org.



53rd Weekend Registration Form

(Complete one form per person, please!)



Name _____
 Mailing Address _____
 City _____ Postal Code _____
 Phone _____ E-mail _____
 Parish _____

I would like to participate in this Elective:

1st Choice: _____

Alternate: _____

- Some Electives are limited in numbers so please choose 2 and register early
- All children K to grade 5 will be involved in the "A KALEIDOSCOPE OF EXCITEMENT." elective.

I am: Male Female

Age: Child Age ** 13* - 19* 20 - 29 30 - 49 50+

How did you find out about 53rd Weekend?

- Huron Church News/Anglican Journal Clergy/Parish
 Returning Friend

Direct questions, Registration Forms & Payment to the registrar:

Alison Boyd
 205 Pineland Court, Waterloo, Ontario N2T 2S3
arboyd@alumni.uwaterloo.ca
 (519) 884-8841

Please register before Friday, May 13, 2011 so we can plan for your arrival!

Required information if registrant is under 18 years.

Grade just completing _____

Name of accompanying adult _____

Name of legal guardian _____

Emergency contact info for legal guardian (if not attending) _____

Phone _____

Please complete the other side of this registration form too!

It's a Family Affair!

53rd Weekend - An Inter-generational Experience

Do you wonder where the children are?
They are at 53rd!

Do you wish your teen went to church?
They do at 53rd!

Do you want worship that speaks to all ages?
It does at 53rd!

Are you looking for an activity for all ages and abilities?
This is 53rd!

53rd Weekend is designed for all ages! Bring the kids, Mom & Dad or Grandma & Grandpa! They are sure to enjoy the experience.

Children K – Grade 5 will take part in the elective program “A Kaleidoscope of Excitement” that is designed just for them. Young people grade 6 - 9 are encouraged to enjoy the “Sailing on the disciple Ship”



elective with programming designed for their age group or choose one of the other exciting electives. Parents and caregivers are free to enjoy their own elective knowing that their children are in a safe and happy environment.

Gather together for a family meal and spend time involved in worship that everyone will love.

Families with elementary school aged children will be accommodated in the student residence suites, where available. These suites offer a common area to meet and play and ensuite bathrooms. Please

indicate your family members on your registration forms.

Share the gift of 53rd Weekend with the whole family! You will be glad you did!



“When I saw the rainbow on my way here I knew it was going to be a great weekend!”



“A fantastic weekend of fellowship, praise & friendship”

Your 53rd Weekend includes:

A dynamic theme speaker – Leonard Sweet - “One of the church’s most important and provocative thinkers.”

Informative elective sessions - to explore issues of faith, spirituality and creativity in small group settings

Music to uplift and enlighten

Spirit filled worship throughout the weekend

Friendly fellowship in the close, comfortable

surroundings of Huron University College

Huron University College is wheelchair accessible!

Delicious meals include Saturday breakfast through Sunday lunch plus evening snacks & daytime breaks to satisfy your appetite during a weekend of nourishing your spirit!

Accommodation in modern university residences with bathroom facilities close at hand

Climate controlled comfort



A Bookstore / Giftshop provided by Sperling’s Church Supply will be on site throughout the weekend.

85 Bathurst St., Waterloo
(519) 725-0333 /
1 (888) 838-6626

“It was fantastic. A must have experience.”

53rd Weekend - that extra weekend of the year where we prepare for the remaining 52!



Designated Chaplains are available throughout the weekend for any who feel the need to address personal concerns.

53rd Weekend Registration Form

Programming & Meals

- Adult \$135.00
- Student (11 - 21) \$110.00
- Child (4 - 10) \$25.00

Accommodation at Huron University College:

- Adult \$60.00
- Student (11 - 21) \$40.00
- Child (4 - 10) in their own room \$35.00
- Child (4 - 10) (with sleeping bag on floor of family members room) Free
- I will arrange my own accommodation

53rd Weekend Wear: (Register before April 30 please!)

- Denim Shirt (Mens, Ladies) \$50.00
- Golf Shirt (Adult) \$30.00
- T-shirt (Mens, Ladies, Child) \$18.00
- Size Sm. Med. Lg. XLg. XXLg.
- Mens Ladies Child
- Ball Cap \$15.00

Total Registration Fee \$ _____

Payment Options

- Cheque, payable to **Diocese of Huron**
- Please charge my registration to my
- VISA MASTERCARD AMEX

Card # _____

Expiry Date _____ / _____
Month Year

Print Name as on Card _____

Signature _____

If you are paying for more than one person:

Total \$ _____

For Whom _____

** Permission granted to photograph Registrant for possible publication in 53rd Weekend promotion flyers, brochures, Huron Church News and website. If names are to be published further permission will be sought.

Yes No _____ NB please initial

I would appreciate a room with my family or friends

I am attending for the 1st time

I am attending by myself and would appreciate a contact person / buddy at registration

I am returning and I would like to volunteer. Call me!

I will need an interpreter (sign language)

I WILL NEED LARGE PRINT

I have special needs (physical limitations)

I have special food needs (allergies, etc)

I have special medical needs (diabetic, etc.)

Please complete the other side of this registration form too!