

what was written by a number of these young people:

“To love God is the greatest virtue; to be loved by God is the greatest blessing”; “This Confirmation class has strengthened my faith in God. Knowing that God exists with love in his heart, not only for me, but for everyone, really brought me reassurance”; “God is my Savior. I know that my church is a good place to be;” “I have a responsibility to share my talents and give back to my congregation”; “Why am I getting confirmed? Because the church is my ‘family’ and in this ‘family’, I will be guided further and grow on my journey as a Christian.”

It was a privilege for both Art and me to lead the Confirmation classes this year and we thank Glenn for entrusting us with the responsibility.

We wound things up on June 4th, combining the “**Church School Celebration and Honoring Fathers**” with a very special event for Art & me! We wanted our Church Family to share in the Celebration of our 50th Wedding Anniversary, so invited everyone to be present as we renewed our vows followed with a reception in Kildonan Hall. Faith being a most important element in our marriage, we wanted to share in and be surrounded by, those who have supported and loved us at the A&P and celebrate with us the many blessings we have enjoyed over these 50 years – much of the joy bestowed on us has been through our affiliation

and work at the church. What a joy it was for us to have Glenn officiate such a beautiful service, to have Jonathan and Stephanie provide extraordinary music, for Stratsi to have the service streamed worldwide and for Peter to make certain everything ran smoothly! One of the added highlights was to have Luca, from our Church School and Youth Group play the bagpipes for us. It truly was a special day! Thanks to you all for making the day extra special!

Church School of course did not end in June, but rather continued on throughout the summer months thanks to a host of wonderful volunteers and Church School teachers. An Open Class and the Nursery continued every Sunday and a good turnout was enjoyed each Sunday. A huge thank you to all who kept the program running so beautifully!

In July a very successful **Vacation Bible School** was attended by over 50 children! Details can be found in the **Youth Group** article.

*Sharon Dworzak, Church School Coordinator*

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Welcome Back Sunday – September 10**

**Apple Picking – October 1**

**Pumpkin Ball – October 27**



**Left: A treasured family on Mother’s Day.**

**Above: Sharon and Art Dworzak celebrate with their grandchildren.**