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# Congregational Newsletter

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## What does accepting refugees really mean to us?

It can no longer be overlooked: The question of refugees has become a dominant topic in the media, though prior to this 50 million people worldwide were already on the run. However now, for the first time in many years, a new wave of refugees is reaching Europe. Whether this wave will extend to North America, is not yet known.

"Is Europe really undergoing a foreign invasion?" This is a question I find truly remarkable. At the end of August, the Slovakian government announced that they would only accept Christian refugees. The thinking is that these refugees will be easier to integrate and the risk of taking in Muslim and Islamic terrorists will be lower. There are people in Germany, too, with the opinion that the Christian West must be protected from a foreign invasion.

But what difference does it really make to the identity of a predominantly Christian country, whether it is Slovakia, Germany or Canada? Anyone who reads the Bible carefully will notice that refugee stories play an important role. Abraham goes to Egypt with his family as an economic refugee, Moses is on the run to the east and Paul is forced to flee more than once for political reasons. So it should come as no surprise that the oldest declaration of faith in the Bible talks about the experience of being foreign. Deut 26:5b states: "you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien...'" This experience has become deeply embedded in our collective memory and the protection of foreigners was therefore an important part of law in Israel. This tradition continues in the New Testament. Being pursued was a reality of many early Christian churches.

Therefore I think that those who believe Europe and North America were profoundly influenced by the Christian culture, should support the protection of strangers and refugees. This is why I'm happy that not only the borders, but also people's hearts and homes, are opening to those who are (still) strangers. For I believe that whoever welcomes strangers, offers them a home and protects them, is living a Christian identity. We will not lose our Christian identity if we take in foreigners, on the contrary: **We find and live it.**

This is why I hope and pray that the Syrian refugees we're sponsoring will arrive soon. May they and many others find a peaceful and safe home, and feel that they are welcome.

Sincerely,  
Your



## Presidents' Message: 60th Anniversary

Dear Congregation,

**Have you ever thought about when and why the Martin Luther Lutheran Church really started?**

In my imagination it looks something like this: A person must have been thinking about this during a time of reflection in front of a fire, maybe before falling asleep in bed or just after dinner at the kitchen table. Over a period of time the vision grew bigger and was shared with friends. Infected, the group started **dreaming** up scenarios how this idea of a new German Lutheran Church in the West End might become a reality. Joy, fear, doubt and a lot of **hope** must have been part of the process. Then came the crucial turning point. On the one hand, burdened by too many variables, uncertainties, the project could have faltered before it really began. On the other hand, it could go forward. And it did. But why? At some point in time, **hopefulness** must have changed into **belief**. The strong **belief** in the possibility.

There are any number of examples throughout the Martin Luther Church history that follow the three steps of **dream**, **hope**, and **believe**. The women's group **believed** they could buy an organ—they made it happen. All MLC Pastors **believe** in the necessity of a Day Care—it happens. Council **believed** that change was necessary—the first (second and third) EKD Pastor came to Canada. People **believe** in the opening of the 5 Superior building—it will happen.

### **This is the council's dream for the 60th Anniversary: 6th of December 2015**

#### **Very Important:**

- Invite Bishop Michael Pryse for the 2nd of Advent to participate in a Festive Service.
- Send written invitations to congregation members and friends of our church.
- Participate in a Festive Service with Walking Communion and the sounds of the newly restored Organ
- Join familiar and unfamiliar faces during a Luncheon



#### **Optional:**

- Prepare Presentation: 60 years in 1 hour: 10 minutes a decade
- Help prepare a Presentation to show the future of the Martin Luther Church
- Take pictures and create a congregational photo album

I **hope** that you have enjoyed reading this message and **believe** that you will find a way to participate in the preparation for the anniversary and take part in the celebration. Please contact the church office so that we can put a **dream** team together.

Greetings,  
*Iris Schweiger—President*

**Often we don't realize how big the step between hope and belief can be and how important it is to take this step to actually get things done.**

## **1st Annual Corn Maze Chase**

**All are welcome on Sunday October 4th, 2:30 pm.**

Enjoy your own packed lunch at Martin Luther Church following the German service at 11 am (English at 9:45, both with Sunday School). Then head to the Corn Maze at Cooper's Farm (approx. 1 hour, 15 minutes from church).

Cost is regularly \$9 or \$7 if registered in advance with Rick Herman, rickherman08@yahoo.ca, 613-541-3939.

Please see the website for more information about dining options at the farm and afterwards.

Contact Marlena at churchoffice@martinluther.ca or 416-251-8293 for carpool arrangements.

## **Thanksgiving**

Please donate non-perishable food items for the Food Bank and Community Lunch. All donations will be displayed on the altar for Thanksgiving. There is special need for: canned soup, tuna, ham, salmon, beans, tomatoes, pasta, pasta sauce, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes and baby food.

A donation envelope is also enclosed for our special Thanksgiving collection. Please continue to generously support the projects of the Martin Luther Church.

## Music

As a follow-up to the hugely successful Gospel Workshop held at Martin Luther church on September 12th, the **Congregational Choir** is launching a series of “workshops” (rehearsals) of its own!—with our very own organist and choir director Linda Marcinkus—to carry forward the enthusiasm and inspiration experienced by all who participated.

We are embracing the 60th anniversary of the Martin Luther Congregation as an opportunity to invite new singers to join the choir for celebrations on the 1st and 2nd Sundays of Advent.

### The choir is planning to sing on these two dates:

- **Sunday, November 29, 2015** (Christmas Bazaar)
- **Sunday, December 6, 2015** (60th Celebration with Bishop Pryse and Holy Communion)
- An opportunity to engage personally in the 60th anniversary celebration by performing songs in contemporary and traditional style sung in English and German
- A conscious effort of time to share the gift of music
- An advent season of joyful renewal in heart and spirit

Your response to the invitation would make a tremendous contribution to the enjoyment of the Advent season.

Rehearsals will begin on Tuesday, October 6th from 6pm – 7:30pm. Attend each following Tuesday as you are able. Come, rouse your spirit and be part of this momentous event!

## Seminar About Hymns

During five evenings, Linda Marcinkus and Vicar Menacher would like to invite you to discover five centuries of church music from our hymn book to touch our heart and soul. Every evening, we are going to focus on one century, explore the lyrics and enjoy the melodies as we sing together. Every century has a unique way of expressing faith in songs—and this we want to discover. The Song Study will concentrate on German hymns from “Evangelisches Gesangbuch.”

**Thematic director:** Moritz Menacher

**Musical director:** Linda Marcinkus

**Dates:** Thursday, every two weeks, 7pm

- **October 8th:** 16th Century: Songs from the Middle Ages and the Reformation
- **October 22nd:** 17th Century: Songs from Baroque Period and the 30 Year War

- **November 5th:** 18th Century: Songs from Pietism
- **November 19th:** 19th Century: Songs from Romantic Period and English hymns
- **December 3rd:** 20th Century: Songs from the time of the Nazi regime and late 20th Century

## Syrian Refugees

Over 70 members of our church have already sent a letter to their local MP's office to speed up the immigration process for the families we are co-sponsoring, Kanoun, Rosto and Resto, who are waiting for interviews and final paperwork in order to leave Lebanon and start a new life in Canada. Please add your voice and request a prepared letter from the church office.

At this time we gladly take monetary donations. A call for specific household items will go out at a later date. In the meantime, please keep the families and all helpers in your prayers.

**Contact:** Dieter Schill, schill@rogers.com

## Syrian Refugee Workshop

On **Saturday the 24th of October** the Martin Luther congregation, with the help of Jennifer Ardon, CLWR Project Officer, Refugee Resettlement (Canadian Lutheran World Relief) and Nineve Moshy, relative of the families the Martin Luther Church is sponsoring, will be **hosting a refugee workshop at 2379 Lakeshore Blvd West.**

You are invited to a light lunch (comparable to a meal at a refugee camp) served from 12 noon – 1pm. During **the following two hours** you will get the opportunity to listen to guest speakers from sponsors and resettlement experts to recent refugees and ask questions.

**If you have questions, if you want answers, if you want to help refugees, please mark this important event in your calendar.**

Please let us know if you would like to participate so that we can approximately plan for lunch as well as refreshments.

**Contact:** Iris Schweiger, president@martinluther.ca or Church Office: 416-251-8293



The poster features the Canadian Lutheran World Relief logo at the top. Below it, the title "Refugee Sponsorship Workshop" is written in a large, blue, serif font. Underneath the title, the location "Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2379 Lake Shore Blvd. West, Toronto, ON" is listed in a smaller font. A central photograph shows a woman wearing a colorful headscarf. To the right of the photo, the date and time "SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1-3 p.m." are displayed, along with a note "(optional lunch at 12 p.m.)". Below this, it lists "Guest speakers include CLWR, Minnesota Central Committee, Lifeline Syria, Refugee Sponsorship Training Program and a Syrian Canadian". At the bottom, it says "If you are planning on attending the lunch at noon, please let us know. For more information, contact 516.723.8777 or jardons@clwr.ca".

## Christmas Play/Film 2015

This year, instead of putting on a traditional Christmas play on the third of Advent, we will be filming our play. The film will be shown on the 3rd of Advent as part of the service. Filming will take place in Mimico, dates TBD. If you are interested in being a part of this year's play/film, please let me know by October 18th, so that we can start handing out roles. Simply send me a quick email if you would like to take part, if you would like to help out or if you have any questions. Young and old—all are welcome to join us.

**Contact:** Tanya Zielke, sundayschool@martinluther.ca

## Confirmation Class Schedule

<b>Classes</b>	.....October 3-4, 24-25
	.....December 12-13
	.....January 9-10
	.....February 6-7
	.....April 9-10
<b>Retreats</b>	.....November 20-22
	.....March 3-5

## Confirmation Service on Pentecost, May 15th 2016

## 2015 Christmas Bazaar

All Proceeds of the 2015 Christmas Bazaar at the Martin Luther Church on the **1st of Advent** (29th of November) will be used to help Syrian refugees to settle in Canada. If your garden bears too much **fruit/food** or your basement holds too much **yarn** or too many **craft materials**, please contact Iris Schweiger who will find people and ways to use the left overs to create beautiful and delicious items for the bazaar. Or even easier: Seize the moment and join the Bazaar Team today. The more the merrier.

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## Message from Pastor Paul, Wesley Mimico United Church

My dear friends at Martin Luther,

As you may know, I will be leaving Wesley Mimico United Church and moving to Martin Grove United Church, in Rexdale, on November 1. My moving is because—with a son at university—the financial struggles of part-time

ministry are simply too great, and I need full-time employment at this time.

However, I am also drawn to Rexdale, because it's a very fractured part of Toronto, with lots of issues: low income housing, racial tensions, immigration difficulties, integration struggles, and community safety issues. In other words, it's a great place for a church!

Wesley Mimico is in the process of finding a minister to replace me. I hope that the relationship between our two congregations will continue to grow and to thrive after I am gone.

Moving on is always difficult, and I will miss many things about Mimico. I will miss my own congregation of course. I will miss being on the Lake Shore where I so easily walk onto the street and find people to talk with. I will miss the "Canadiana" restaurant (my "second office"). And I will definitely miss Martin Luther.

I am still overwhelmed by the way that you opened your doors and your hearts to me (and Wesley Mimico). I have felt warmly embraced by so many of you. You are generous and gracious people. You are a great church and I feel privileged to have been part of it all.

God bless us all as we each continue our separate journeys.  
*Pastor Paul*

## Stonegate Ministry—Great Finds Clothing Drive

The Clothing Drive at our neighbours at Great Finds appeals to us for help. They especially need fall/winter jackets, coats, snowsuits, dresses, shoes, boots, for children and adults.



Certain articles are always in need: baby- and children's clothes (tops & bottoms, newborns), adult apparel (t-shirts, jeans, sweaters, long sleeve tops, athletic wear, pjs). Donations can be brought directly to Great Finds or arrangements can be made with the church office.

*Stonegate Staff Emily und Jennifer seen at Great Find Store 2358 Lakeshore Blvd*

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### Report National Convention, Edmonton

**by Pastor Christian Ceconi** Early in the morning on July 9th I left home to attend the National Convention of the ELCIC in Edmonton. At Tim Horton's in the airport I met with Dean Ilze and Andrew, both member of our Area leadership team, to discuss some aspects of the bulletin of reports (still available online at [elcic.ca](http://elcic.ca)) during the flight.

In Edmonton we were greeted by the welcoming team. Throughout the convention the hospitality of the Edmonton congregations was amazing. Around noon we all met in the Shaw conference center for an inspiring opening service in the conference hall. I strongly recommend watching the sermons of our National Bishop Susan Johnson, the Presiding Bishop of the ELCA Elizabeth Eaton and the Primate of the Anglican Church in Canada Fred Hiltz; all wonderful preachers.

#### What are the headlines from this year's National Convention?

- The Convention adopted the theme of the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) for the commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation: "Liberated by God's Grace" along with the three sub-themes: Salvation—not for sale, Human Beings—not for sale, Creation—not for sale.
- To commemorate the anniversary the ELCIC will have a reformation challenge. Together we want to sponsor 500 refugees, provide 500 scholarships to Lutheran schools in the Holy Land, plant 500,000 trees and donate \$500,000 for the LWF Endowment Fund.

- The finances of the church are healthy, the 2015–17 budget for the National Church passed.
- To make structural renewal easier, changes to constitution and bylaws were made (available on ELCIC website). In the future the synods will send a certain number of delegates to the National Convention to enable participation from more congregations. Bishop Johnson said: "We must implement changes to bring back a system of fair and equitable representation. The proposed constitution and bylaw amendments will help us achieve this."
- To practice compassionate justice, the convention passed a "resolution on the doctrine of discovery" and also resolutions "on Criminal Justice and Corrections System in Canada", on "Climate Justice" and on "Welcoming the Stranger." If you want to learn more about some of these topics, please watch online the two guest speakers Marie Wilson, commissioner of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and Jennifer Henry, executive director of KAIROS.

For more details about this year's convention please take one of the Letters from the National Bishop and the Annual report which we provide in the church. Photos and reports are available on the ELCIC website ([elcic.ca](http://elcic.ca)).

The closing service at Trinity, Edmonton (also a bilingual German English congregation), was the hottest service I have ever attended: 35°C, no AC and about 450 people in the church. We all went home sweaty, inspired, happy and proud to be members of such a vibrant and active church.

## Theological Background

### Seminar About Hymns by Vicar Moritz Menacher

Dear Congregation,

Most crops have already been harvested; some are still in the fields and orchards. The first bright colours are appearing in the trees. All these are signs of the approaching fall. For me, fall has not yet started, it begins with the Thanksgiving Service, which is celebrated in Germany the

first weekend in October. Fall begins when the congregation gathers and gives thanks for all God has given to us; when the congregation gives thanks to God in prayer and song. There is one song in particular which for me expresses the "Thanksgiving feeling" best: "We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand." (ELW 681)

Matthias Claudius wrote the original in 1783 as part of a theater play. It quickly gained popularity as a folk

song and finally found its place in worship. In 1861, it was translated by Jane M. Campbell into the English language. She beautifully conveys the original spirit of Claudius' language as they talk in lucid and empathic images about God's work within nature. It has always touched me deeply how Claudius pictures the relation between our human work and God's creative power. As we see in verse one, we plow the fields, but it is God's almighty hand which brings forth the crops for harvest. With all our toil, we can never guarantee plentiful growth. It is God who gifts us with the fruits of our labour. Obviously we work hard to improve the conditions for growth, but in the end we depend on heaven above.

In the German original, Claudius depicts in the second verse how God sends his blessing down to earth, wrapped in thaw and rain, as well as sun and moonlight: "It passes through our hands, but it comes from God the Lord!" For me, this is one of the most beautiful ways to describe the way God's blessing comes to us and into our world. With our own hands we can share God's blessing! The work of our hands is part of God's work in our world! It is in and through our work that God is at work. At the same time, this image sheds a different light on our achievements. The refrain says: **"All good gifts around us are sent from heav'n above."** Whenever something good comes from our labour it is granted to us by God. It is never just our own but always God's doing which brings forth good. Thus, **"We thank you, Lord, we thank you,**

### **Lord, for all your love!"**

I am glad that music plays such a huge role in the Lutheran tradition. We have an impressive and ever growing repertoire of church music. It is a fountain of inspiration for our worship services and our daily life. Martin Luther said, **"Music is a pure gift and a blessing from God. It drives out the devil, produces happy people and makes you forget all ill."**

For Luther, the text was as important as the melody itself, such that "you sing not only with words, but with sense and understanding of the heart." In our hymn books, we find a great variety of songs from many centuries. We find songs narrating biblical stories, songs praising and worshipping God, songs of lament and of adoration, songs which voice all the different feelings of our heart and mind. Every song in our hymn books has its own theological profile and individual intent, based on the faith of the authors and the contexts of their lives. I love to discover these profiles and intents to dwell on their images and reflect on their meaning. Surprisingly, I don't only discover new songs. Often the well-known open anew when I sing or hear them in a different context or study them in detail.

I really would like to share such moments with you and warmly invite you to our upcoming "Song Study." Linda Marcinkus and I have prepared five evenings to discover five centuries of church music. I am looking forward to exploring old and new lyrics and bringing melodies to life.

## Remarks and Reports

### Gospel Events



*St. Martin Gospel Choir from Nienburg, Germany*



*Gospel Unity Choir from Bockenem, Germany*

## 5 Superior



**Open House on September 1, 2015:** *Counsellor Grimes with a certificate in acknowledgement of our work*

**Fun fact:** Mark Grimes' mother worked as secretary for our long-standing parishioner, Herr Haack!

**Update:** What would you like to hear first? The good news or the bad? OK! Here comes the bad. There have been more delays due to late or wrong production, parts and delivery. What else is new? The good! Yes! We passed all inspections and are running for the finish line. Top floor completion is expected before October. Day Care completion October 1st or 2nd. Alleluia! Thanks be to God. And thanks be to all who have helped in silent prayer and working hands.

Please continue to spread the word about our special donation account at our local Bank of Montreal Branch and BMO banks city wide. "5 Superior Trust," account no. 2435 8978-800. Each dollar counts to successfully open the Day Care again.

## Newsletter



We thank Karen Hoffmann for taking over the layout of the newsletters. She shares her talent and skills to make the newsletter even better and joins a passionate team of volunteers in our congregation that helps our Martin Luther Church continue its mission.

## Council Led Service



*Sunday August 15 service with (from left to right): Patrick, Nicole Koo Tze Mew, Dan Sommerfeld, Philippe and Inge Koo Tze Mew, Marlena Muller and Jocelyn Sommerfeld*

## Summer Camp at Camp Lutherlyn 2015 Save the date: Camp 2016 is August 20-26



## We Congratulate...

On August 8, 2015  
**Alexander Wilhelm and Emily Gibb** were married in Stratford at Zion Lutheran Church.



Also on August 9, 2015  
**Birgitt Maslowski and Donald Turner** were married at our church. We offer heartfelt congratulations and wish them God's blessing on their path together!



On August 9, 2015  
**Evan Reddy Haeferle** was baptized at our church. We offer our heartfelt wishes for God's blessing to Evan and his family.



On September 13, 2015  
**Laura Arndt** was baptized at our church. Her parents Carmen and Marcus chose the following Baptismal verse for Laura:



**For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.**

**On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.** (Psalm 91:11+12)

## Groups and Contacts

**Altar Flowers** Sign up on the list in the church entrance. Arrange to have flowers delivered or drop them off before the services on Sunday. You can also donate to the flower fund. Please notify the church office of your plans. You and the person(s) you are donating for will be included in the church announcements.

**Contact:** Church office, Tel: 416-251-8293, churchoffice@martinluther.ca

**Bible Study** Discussion of texts on Tuesdays usually the first and third Tuesday of the month. October 6 & 20, November 3 & 17 at 7.30 pm in English.

**Contact:** Pastor Christian Ceconi, Cell: 416-567-2487, pastor@martinluther.ca

### Choir

Practice every Tuesday at 6 pm for 1st of Advent and 60th Anniversary Celebration on the 2nd of Advent.

**Choir Director:** Linda Marcinkus, Tel: 416-255-2612

### Welcome Team

**Next meeting:** Friday October 2 at 10 am in the church.

**Contact:** Iris Schweiger, Tel: 905-625-9174

### Women's Group

2nd Wednesday of the month at 11 am at church.

**Next meetings:** October 14, November 11

**Contact:** Daina Wienecke, Tel: 905-939-2601

### Summer Camp Planning Team

**Next meeting:** TBD

**Contact:** Anna Lisa Wienecke, Tel: 905-939-7494

### Sunday School Team

Sunday School every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month.

**Next meeting:** TBD

**Contact:** Tanya Zielke, Tel: 416-622-7032, sundayschool@martinluther.ca

### Website Team

**Next meeting:** TBD

**Contact:** Eike Schamburek, eike.schamburek@gmail.com

**Worship Team** Usually the last Tuesday of the month.

**Next meetings:** October 27, November 24 at 7:30 pm

**Contact:** Pastor Christian Ceconi, Cell: 416-567-2487, pastor@martinluther.ca



**Church Coffee Team****Contact:** Waltraud Laser, Tel: 416-766-9373**60th Anniversary Celebration Committee****Contact:** Church office, Tel: 416-251-8293, churchoffice@martinluther.ca**Youth Group****Next Meeting:** See MLC Youth Group page on Facebook**Contact:** Amy and Sonja Schweiger, Tel: 905-625-9174, youthgroup@martinluther.ca**Martin Luther Church Daycare Office****Contacts:** Helen Schmidt (Administrator), Teresa Kurek (Supervisor), Tel: 416-259-2861, daycareoffice@martinluther.ca**Martin Luther Church Daycare Board****Contact:** Ulrich Karthaus, Tel: 519-942-6244**Confirmation Classes****Next classes:** October 3-4 & 24-25**Retreat:** November 20-22**Contact:** Pastor Christian Ceconi, Cell: 416-567-2487, pastor@martinluther.ca**Support Team for Syrian Families****Syrian Refugee Workshop:** October 24, 12-3 pm**Contact:** Dieter Schill, schill@rogers.com**Building Committee****Next Meeting:** October 7 at 7 pm**Contact:** Margarete Kaufmann-Bühler, mkb1708@gmail.com**Translation Team****Contact:** Church office, Tel: 416-251-8293, churchoffice@martinluther.ca**Community Partners****Wesley Mimico United Church****Community lunch** 12-1 pm every Saturday and **Food Bank** 11-1 pm (except for the last Saturday of the month). Volunteers always welcome!**Contact:** Kim, Tel: 647-677-5628**Drum Circle** every Wednesday at 10 am**Contact:** Iris Schweiger, president@martinluther.ca**Stonegate Ministry & Great Finds**

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**Store hours:** M-Th: 9:30 am-5:30 pm; Fri: 9:30 am-6 pm**Contact:** Carol-Anne, Tel: 416-255-6282, 2358 Lakeshore Blvd. West Toronto M8V 1C3**Delmanor Prince Edward Retirement Home**

Services by Pastor Ceconi with Holy Communion the third Wednesday of the month at 10:30 am at 4180 Dundas St W, Etobicoke

**Next service:** October 21**Lakeshore Lodge Long-Term Care** Services on Sunday every few months at 2 pm, 3197 Lake Shore Blvd West, Toronto **Next service:** October 18**Moll Berczy Haus Senior's Home** German services the second Tuesday of the month at 11 am, and the last Wednesday of the month at 10 am, 1020 McNicoll Ave, Scarborough **Next service:** November 25 at 10 am**We're Here For You****Pastor Christian Ceconi**

Cell: 416-567-2487, Email: pastor@martinluther.ca

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Sundays 9:30 am on AM 530****Church Office: Marlena Muller**

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## Worship Service Plan

Oct. 4, 2015	<b>19th Sun. a. Pentecost German Thanksgiving</b>		9:45 am English Service 11:00 am German Service – Both with Choir	Pastor Ceconi
Oct. 11, 2015	<b>Thanksgiving</b>		9:45 am English Service with Holy Communion 11:00 am German Service with Holy Communion	Pastor Ceconi
Oct. 18, 2015	<b>21st Sun. a. Pentecost</b>		11:00 am Joint Family Service 2:00 pm Service at Lakeshore Lodge	Vicar Menacher
Oct. 21, 2015			10:30 am Service at Delmanor Prince Edward	Pastor Ceconi
Oct. 25, 2015	<b>Reformation Sunday</b>		9:45 am English Service 11:00 am German Service	Pastor Ceconi
Nov. 1, 2015	<b>All Saints Day – We remember all who we have lost</b>		9:45 am English Service with Holy Communion 11:00 am German Service with Holy Communion	Pastor Ceconi
Nov. 8, 2015	<b>24th Sun. a. Pentecost</b>		9:45 am English Service 11:00 am German Service	Vicar Menacher
Nov. 15, 2015	<b>25th Sun. a. Pentecost</b>		11:00 am Joint Service	Pastor Ceconi
Nov. 18, 2015	<b>Buss- und Betttag</b>		10:30 am Service at Delmanor Prince Edward 6:00 pm German Service with Holy Communion	Pastor Ceconi
Nov. 22, 2015	<b>Christ the King</b>		9:45 am English Service 11:00 am German Service	Pastor Ceconi & Vicar Menacher
Nov. 25, 2015			10:00 am Service at Moll Berczy Haus	Pastor Ceconi
Nov. 29, 2015	<b>1st Sunday of Advent</b>		9:45 am English Family Service 11:00 am German Family Service with Choir, followed by Advent Bazaar	Pastor Ceconi
Dec. 6, 2015	<b>2nd Sunday of Advent 60th Anniversary Celebration</b>		11:00 am Joint Service with Bishop Pryse and Holy Communion	Pastor Ceconi & Vicar Menacher
Dec. 13, 2015	<b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b>		11:00 am Joint Service with Christmas Play	Vicar Menacher
Dec. 16, 2015			10:30 am Service at Delmanor Prince Edward	Pastor Ceconi
Dec. 20, 2015	<b>4th Sunday of Advent</b>		11:00 am German Service 2:00 pm Service at Lakeshore Lodge 7:00 pm Candlelight Service	Vicar Menacher Pastor Ceconi Pastor Ceconi
Dec. 24, 2015	<b>Christmas Eve</b>		4:30 pm German Service 6 pm English Service – Both with Choir	Pastor Ceconi & Vicar Menacher
Dec. 25, 2015	<b>Christmas</b>		11:00 am German Service with Holy Communion	



Sundays with the Sunday School symbol have Sunday School take place at the same time as the worship. The children meet in the Church and have their own program after Children's Time.