

Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Congregational Newsletter

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A Different Perspective on Things

In the last newsletter our Pastor wrote about fake news. In addition to this fake news, there has recently also been talk of alternative facts. If you read about these alternative facts in the last few months, they were mostly about lies but were not supposed to be thought of as such and were supposed to be sold as the truth.



As a Christian I believe in something like alternative facts, but I mean something completely different by this. I believe that there is more than meets the eye, more than mere facts and photos and more than the suffering that we see so often around us.

I see, and search and hope for, a deeper meaning in the things that I encounter. I am not satisfied with the ominous headlines of so many newspapers; I don't accept starving children in my neighbourhood or in war zones. I believe that it can be different.

Paul writes to the Christians in Corinth how absurd our Christian faith appears to people who do not believe that God became man, lived among us, died on the cross for us and rose after three days:

"For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." (1 Cor 1:18)

While the White House's alternative facts are to keep people ignorant and stifle any opposition, the alternative, or maybe based on their impact we should better call them effective, facts of the bible, of faith, encourage us to question the world, to look under the surface and then possibly also to do something to change the world. We are not satisfied with what is visible. We are not content with the way things are now. We believe that there is more and that more is possible. We may not be able to save the world. We don't even need to since Jesus already did this on the cross. What we can do is help to see and to shape the world a little more as God wants it to be for us. Perhaps others will think of us as crazy, as living in a dream world, as fools because for them the cross is foolishness. Perhaps we are a stumbling block for these people. I can, and want to, live with this.

May God guide you through the summer time and may you not be afraid to look at things differently!

Sincerely, Your Vicar Catharina Klein

Vice-President's Message

Lutherans by the Lake

2017: 500 years Martin Luther. This year, we are celebrating the Luther anniversary with different activities. In April, May and June, as the banner in the front of the church suggests, we are offering Table Talks which are based on a well-known tradition in the household of Martin Luther. He would gather people around his table to talk, listen and learn about current social issues. We follow his example: We invite guest speakers, set up a table in our foyer and invite any interested party to join in.

Celebrating Faith

In recent times we have heard from different people how much they value the traditional way of celebrating communion right at the altar, yet how difficult it has become to make it up the steps and how impossible it is by now to kneel down on the step as before. In addition, there is a group of people who are receiving communion in their seats, therefore being left out of the shared communion experience of all believers, since they cannot master the stairs at all anymore. During the May council meeting options were considered; how best to accommodate all members to celebrate a meaningful communion as one congregation. In a trial phase of six months, we will bring a communion altar to ground level. In that way, all can come forward to receive communion, standing and sitting in the front pew, in a semicircle. Your feedback is very valuable to us. Please let us know how you experience the communion with all members.

Serving

Again and again we discover how vital the act of serving is as part of the Martin Luther Church experience. One such act of serving is becoming more and more important as our congregation is getting older and many are unable to come to church on a regular bases. Our pastor alone does not have enough hours in a day to provide adequate pastoral care to all individuals without neglecting other important parts of his work. We are and have always been very blessed that congregational members follow Martin Luther's call to be part of the priesthood of all believers. Eight people have officially been appointed by the congregation to help make essential calls and visit as part of the visiting ministry in our church. This group has the potential to grow and we ask you to pray to find out if it is also something God calls you to do.

Inspiring People



On the last Sunday in April, the Etobicoke Lakeshore Faith Community Leaders welcomed the public to attend the First Inter Faith Festival held in the area. From a spark of an idea two years ago, a project grew to fruition with the help of many volunteers. The doors to the Tibetan Canadian Cultural Centre on 40 Titan Road opened early in the afternoon so that participants could deepen their understanding of and celebrate the richly diverse faiths in the GTA.

12 people from the Martin Luther Church were in attendance. Some helped organize the event, some participated on the day in many different capacities: looking after the Martin Luther Info Table, singing and playing instruments in the impromptu choir, giving testimony about their faith, some just enjoyed learning and watching the performances.

> God's richest blessings, Iris Schweiger—Vice-President

Confirmation on Pentecost, June 4

Erik, Holden, Thomas and Willem will be confirmed during the joint service on June 4 at 11:00 am. Please come in large numbers to the Pentecost service and let the confirmands experience being part of a joyous faith community. The service will include Holy Communion, performances by the church choir, as well as Sunday School.



Party in the Park

When: Tuesday June 13th from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm Where: George R. Gauld Junior School, 200 Melrose St.

Come join the community for an evening of fun for all families, as we celebrate the 20th anniversary of Party in the Park and Canada's 150th birthday! There will be live entertainment, bouncy castles, face painting, refreshments, free giveaways, and much more to celebrate this special year! The drum circle that practices at our church will also be performing.

We are also looking for volunteers to help manage the Martin Luther booth—if you are interested, please contact Marlena at the church office for more information.

Psalm Workshop on June 17

Dear congregation, carissime musici, revered lovers of ancient Christian Tradition!

As you may have noticed, we have been **singing the Psalms** in our German and English worship services for over two months now. This is the perfect time to learn more about it!

On Saturday, June 17, 2017, 9 am-12 pm, in the church sanctuary, we will delve into the history and background of Psalm-chanting, and try it out ourselves. Whether you are young or young at heart, whether you enjoy music or tradition, you are very welcome for three hours of expanding your musical horizons. I'm confident that it will be worth it! Sign Up: Alena Mathis, Tel: 905-717-7024, alena.mathis@gmx.de or the church office. No sign up fee, no knowledge of Latin required, simply fun!

Church Picnic on June 18 at Sidrabene Retreat Centre

This year, our outdoor service is on Sunday, June 18th at 11 am. It will take place at Sidrabene Retreat Centre (5100 Appleby Line, Burlington, ON, north of 407) because Camp Edgewood is unavailable. We invite you to join our fundraiser BBQ after the service (hosted by the Summer Camp Team), to enjoy meeting and mingling with fellow church members and campers and of course to participate in the traditional annual soccer game. The Coffee Duty Team will provide coffee, tea and cake. We are grateful for all the support. Don't forget your soccer shoes and see you at the picnic!

If you need a ride or can offer one, please contact the church office.

Lutheran Table Talks in 1517 and in Toronto in 2017

Three "Table Talks" are announced on the banner over the doors of the Martin Luther Church. These events consist of short talks and informal discussions of key issues facing society today. A Church committee organized these evenings in celebration of Luther's posting of the "95 Theses" on the Wittenberg Church. Committee members have just "3 Theses" to challenge the Church community to debate. The steering committee consists of Michele Flisar, Pastor Christian Ceconi and Andrew Rettig.

The first table talk took place on April 26 when three speakers focused on "Restorative Justice" and its related issues. How can society better allow an individual who has broken the law make amends to a victim? Speaker lain Leithead, a retired deputy manager of correctional facilities in Alberta and Ontario, spoke from personal experience. He has worked on a panel to bring together young offenders and their victims after a legal process. He said there is hope in that victims often wish to be involved in meetings, but long delays make the restorative justice discussions difficult to realize. Leithead felt the correctional systems in U.S.A. and Canada had built newer larger facilities in the 1970s and 80s to save money rather than to humanize the environment.

Lana Armstrong, the senior social worker at the Toronto South Detention Centre, noted that her place of employment was receiving considerable media attention. She manages a team of social workers that advises "clients" and organizes educational activities for them. She stressed a reform is underway, affecting those behind bars and the staff. The reforms give better protection of "clients" from gangs by having guards circulate in greater numbers through the holding areas. More security for "clients" means more chances for rehabilitation.

Cynthia Richards from the Elizabeth Fry Society of Toronto works with young women released into society after being held in a prison facility. Richards helps them set up a survival plan. Some young women return to a College program. She searches for work and shelter for others. They need an opportunity to change their lives. An obstacle for many young women with a minor offence such as possession of marijuana is a \$500 fee to have the criminal record dropped after a two year period. Otherwise, many work places are closed to them.

After each speaker, the listeners sitting around the Churches' four large tables took part in discussions. On May 24th, 2017, the "Table Talk" topic dealt with the issue "Public Transit: Does it make for a better life?" A discussion of "Human Trafficking" will occur on June 21. Pastor Ceconi noted that Luther's own "Table Talks" demonstrated his keen interest in the world around him. We, too, need to undertake a careful consideration of important social issues facing Toronto society. Thank you to our organizers, speakers and participants!

Interview: Back of Church Renovation Plans

Iris: Hello Dan, hi Martin! I got a few requests on Sunday for an update on the planned renovation. I thought I would talk to you both. I figured that I would get the complete picture when finance and project management get together. Dan, what has been done so far?

Dan: You know, we've got a plan to reduce our heating costs. **Iris:** How do we intend to do that?

Dan: We're going to extend the ductwork into the back of the church. We can then eliminate the need for the very expensive electrical baseboard heaters. In fact, if you peek into the basement room, you can spot the hole I've already made to make sure it will work! The easy part will be installing the ductwork to heat the basement and the main floor offices. The hard part will be connecting to the existing ductwork connected to the basement furnace.

Iris: That's so cool, which reminds me, what about those clunky and noisy window air conditioners? They use up a lot of energy.

Dan: So did Mr.Carl when he puts them in! But seriously, the great part is that we could, in the future, add cooling to the furnace too.

Iris: Have you gotten any quotes?

Dan: Yes and there are more on the way.

Iris: Anything else you want to tell us at this time?

Dan: Eh! Oh, yes. I've got a meeting with Sonja in a few days to go over the plans in more detail.

Iris: Do you need more volunteers?

Dan: A few people have offered their help but it's always good to have more. I could use help sourcing suppliers for flooring, furniture, cabinets, and other items, as well as installation. Hopefully we can update some of the lighting too. The more volunteers we have, the faster we can get through this project. There will be some disruptions to the day staff while we move things around temporarily. I think the biggest thing that could derail our plans is the fundraising. We need to continually communicate the level raised to date, and the amount needed to achieve our goal. I will need

to know the \$\$\$ amount by our next council meeting June 14th so I know what we can afford to renovate over the summer. The EKD has committed to helping us financially this year, we hope you can too, so hop on board the MLC renovation train and help us reach our destination.

Iris: thanks for the update Dan. Hey Martin, Dan seems a little worried, what you can tell us.

Martin: Well Iris, the collection for the building fund/renovations up to the end of April are \$7,100 and I know when I was on duty in May there were at least another \$500 donated for a total of \$7,600.

Iris: What exactly does that mean?

Martin: It is almost 60% of our goal of \$12,000. So yes we need more.

Iris: Ok, thank you. That makes it clearer. On a side note, while I have you here. We are heading towards the summer months? I understand that we generally don't have that much revenue. Do you anticipate a problem?

Martin: We always rely heavily on the generosity of congregation members and friends of our church to make it over the slow summer months. I'd like to point out that, in addition to the anticipated "yellow summer collection envelopes" arriving with the newsletter, the option for Preauthorized remittances will start on June 10, and will also be made available to you. Anyone, who has not done so, can sign up with Marlena. Pre-authorized remittance ensures a constant stream of revenue, even during the summer months with lower attendance.

Iris: Thank you Dan and Martin. And thank you in advance already to each generous giver for the donations in time and money.

We Congratulate...

On February 11, 2017, **Dina Wancar and Miguel Cuevas** were married in Cayo Coco, Cuba. We offer heartfelt congratulations and wish them God's blessing on their path together!



We Mourn...

At the age of 83, Gertrude Ganter passed away.

At the age of 90 on April 18, 2017, Aurelia Mayer passed away. We said goodbye to her at a funeral service on April 26, 2017.

At the age of 53 on May 22, 2017, John Knopp passed away. We said goodbye to him at a funeral service on May 27, 2017.

Because I live, you also will live. (John 14:19)

News from ELCIC, EKD and DELKINA

Our Congregation is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) and the Eastern Synod. We are partnered with the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKD) and member of the Deutsche Evangelisch-lutherische Konferenz in Nordamerika (DELKINA)

Inspired by Other Congregations in Our Ministry Area

What happens when 25 Lutherans from congregations across the GTA get together on a Saturday morning? Certainly plenty of discussions, learning from another and just fun. Six members from MLC participated at this workshop that was organized by Lutherans Toronto. Altogether eight individual sessions were offered—covering topics such as Websites & Social Media, or Two Languages—Managing the Challenges of Bilingual Services, or No Books No Screens-Singing that makes Community. Especially our vicar who had just arrived from Germany, Catharina Klein, left the workshop and the liturgical innovative service with communion inspired: "For both among congregational members and theologians there is a wealth of detailed awareness of what works in congregations as well as the focus to see how best to approach the issues that hinder us from further growth. It's amazing to witness this."

—Katja Brittain

Martin Luther Church at the World Reformation Exhibition in Wittenberg, Germany, June 6-13, 2017

Right after this year's Kirchentag concludes in Berlin (Germany's national protestant church convention), another big event continues to celebrate 500 years of Reformation in Luther's hometown Wittenberg. Until September, a marketplace of exhibits, presentations, art installations and discussion rounds will showcase various aspects of Luther's influence in the 21st century. The EKD has invited Lutheran congregations from all around the world to present their angle on being Lutheran for one week at a time inside the "Ecumenical Guesthouse". Pastor Ceconi, Anita Ratz, Jocelyn Sommerfeld, Tanya Zielke, and Manya

Brunzema will be talking to visitors about being church in an urban, multicultural setting and our church life as a bilingual congregation, but also about aspects that are unique to Canada, like the church's stand on reconciliation and preserving creation. Martin Luther Church is the only ELCIC congregation that has been invited to this event. We are sharing our exhibition place with congregations from Costa Rica and Pretoria (South Africa). Joint devotions and activities are planned. We will be bringing lots of images from Toronto along, and lots of maple syrup also - to be served with pancakes to add a Canadian touch, and to also facilitate talks about the community lunch at Martin Luther Church or our work with refugees, for example. We are looking forward to sharing our church life with the people in Germany. —Manya Brunzema

https://r2017.org/en/world-reformation-exhibition/ programme/places#102

Invitation to the 15th DELKINA Conference, October 10-16 2017 in Toronto and Niagara Falls

At the core of the conference, we will offer a world-class symposium on the freedom concept of the Reformation, in discussion with the Canadian Charter of Rights

and Freedoms: How can German congregations perceive and live the gospel of freedom in their context in the 21st century?

Registration Fee: \$120 per person until the registration deadline July 1 More Information: delkina.org



Remarks and Reports



Harfentöne on Palm Sunday





Spring Cleaning at Camp Lutherlyn, April 29



Installation of Vicar Catharina (Thara) Klein on April 30

Report from Alena: "Music for the Spirit"— Experiences with the Music Program at Six Nations of the Grand River

Dear congregation,

I have a lot of answers to the often asked question of what my impressions of Canada are since I arrived in Toronto at the end of February. Apart from multiculturalism, politeness and an apparently functioning "all way stop", my image of Canada is certainly also influenced by what I've learned about its history over the past few months."Canada 150!"—a number that isn't only cause for celebration; "Canada 150!" reveals quite different sides of this country and this is apparently very necessary.

Preparing for my internship in Canada, I quickly realized that the group with the most social problems in Canada seem to be the indigenous peoples. Unemployment, high suicide rates, violence, drug abuse, unequal educational opportunities; several Canadian prisons are said to be occupied 100% by indigenous peoples. I only learned why this is after I got here.

150 years, that was also the time period in which the so-called residential schools were opened, which had the declared goal of exterminating "the Indian in the child". The last one closed in 1996, the year I was born—just 21 years ago. By taking indigenous children out of their families, "civilizing" them in these schools, punishing them for the use of their mother tongue, and letting them die from illnesses and suffer from abuse, these children were alienated from their own families and culture. After their return from these schools, they could not step foot in the communities from which they came. As terrible and traumatizing as it is, it's just a small part of the disenfranchisement of indigenous peoples in Canada.

What makes me very sad is the fact that after this chapter of dark Canadian history, the regeneration and reconciliation efforts are still in their infancy, and not all Canadian citizens seem to know this necessity yet. Now, I am a German student and my concern cannot be to teach you who you have lived so much longer than me in Canada. My concern is, however, to create awareness. I think this introduction is important for understanding my work at Six Nations of the Grand River, which I will tell you about now

In the middle of March I visited "Music for the Spirit" in Ohsweken for the first time. The after school program takes place every Tuesday for an hour and a half, led by Scott Knarr (deacon of Mount Zion Church, KW) and a half indigenous, half non-indigenous team of muscians. Two young adults from the community of the Six Nations, as well as another professional musician from Hamilton, work alongside him. The participants—about ten to fifteen interested children and youth—can choose between guitar, bass, percussion, keyboard and violin every week, and are instructed as necessary to play certain songs.



The after school program "Music for the Spirit" with Six Nations of the Grand River, Ohsweken, Ontario

Knowing the desire for a violin teacher existed for quite a while and seeing as how a girl had received a violin for her birthday, with which at first she had nothing to do with, I started working with her right away. No reading notes, no resources—it was all about seeing, hearing and imitating. Over the weeks, six girls to be sure learned a little folk song on the violin. Although not all of them have returned to playing every Tuesday, two girls proudly, nervously and bravely showed their skills to the best of their ability at our final performance on Tuesday, May 16th. On the trips to Ohsweken and back I learned a lot about the very rich culture, the society and the organization of the Six Nations, as well as about the role of the church and the ongoing socio-political problems. Especially since I am aware that many schools of the Six Nations do not offer music lessons and for many of the participants, this music program is the main access to music and instruments. I am incredibly grateful to have been part of it. You can safely assume—I consider music to be an extremely important educational element because not only does it foster creativity and expression, but also because community is formed through it. This obviously crosses borders—indigenous, non-indigenous; Canadian, non-Canadian; spiritual, christian, nonspiritual.

Isn't this a good way to facilitate reconciliation? Allowing oneself to be inspired by other people's differences?

Dear congregation, this is a long report and yet I feel that I have not said enough. If you would like to learn more or see more photos of our program, please contact me! I look forward to your interest! —Your Alena Mathis

What We Have Been Up to: The Support Team for Syrian Families

- assisted Ritta and her parents' move into their own apartment
- are grateful for the assistance with moving and donations of furniture and dishes from members of our congregation
- delivered a bicycle donated by Bikes without Borders to John
- initiated job search: In early May, John, age 59, began working for an aluminium window design company (with an Arabic-speaking boss)
- support Jeanette adapt to life in Canada. She says: "I like Canada "a lot."
- continue helping Ritta and Mary achieve their study goals and tutoring James and Salwa, who successfully bartered in English at the Salvation Army store.
- received all documents to sponsor our third Syrian refugee family, now in Kuwait
- led a workshop entitled "The Ministry of Welcoming the Stranger: Refugee Sponsorship for Congregations" at the Lutherans Toronto Workshop at Agricola Lutheran Church in Toronto on May 6, 2017. The aim was to encourage other

Lutheran churches to contact Canadian Lutheran World Relief so as to become refugee support constituent groups. Participants were very interested in the work that Martin Luther Church has been doing.

- expanded our web presence on the Martin Luther Web Page: Find us under Programs and Services
- upcoming events: "Beyond Tweets: Welcoming Refugees from Fortress America": Wed. June 7, 2017 at 7:00 pm at Church of the Holy Trinity (beside the Eaton Centre, Toronto) **Anyone interested in attending, please contact Anneli Andre-Barrett. Admission is free.**

Next Support Team Meeting:

Barbecue on Thursday June 15, 2017 at 7:00 pm. Please note the time change.

We Always Welcome New Members!

In addition, is there anyone would like to lend a welcoming hand and help with a one-time driving outing? Both families, 9 people in total, would like to see Niagara Falls. This would be a great way to honour Canada's sesquicentennial...

News from the Day Care

We Would Like to Introduce the New Board:

Cameron Watson—President Christian Ceconi—Vice-President Marc Kilchling—Treasurer Christiane Boeck—Secretary Inge Koo Tze Mew Edmund Scholz

Heidi Jonuschies has stepped down from the board after 14 years. We thank her very much for her commitment and her valuable contributions.

The daycare was again nominated for the 2017 Gems of Etobicoke-Lakeshore and awarded a certificate for excellent services. Many thanks to all who nominated us.

Contact: Margarete Kaufmann-Buehler, Tel: 416-259-2861, office@martinlutherdaycare.ca

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 Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 7:30 pm **Next meeting:** Resumes in the fall. **Contact:** Pastor Ceconi, pastor@martinluther.ca

Choir Practice on June 6, 12, 19 & 27 at 6 pm for Thanksgiving and Service for the Reformation Anniversary (not in July or August) **Choir Director:** Linda Marcinkus, Tel: 416-255-2612

Worship Team

Usually the fourth Tuesday of the month. **Next meeting:** Resumes in the fall. **Contact:** Pastor Christian Ceconi, Cell: 416-567-2487, pastor@martinluther.ca Welcome Team Next meeting: TBD Contact: Iris Schweiger, Tel: 905-625-9174

Senior's Group

2nd Wednesday of the month at 11 am at church. **Next meetings:** June 14 at church. Resumes in September at the Wienecke farm. **Contact:** Daina Wienecke, Tel: 905-939-2601, seniorsgroup@martinluther.ca

Summer Camp Planning Team

Next meeting: June 22 at 7 pm at Tanya's house **Contact:** Anna Lisa Wienecke, Tel: 905-939-7494

Sunday School Team Sunday School every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month (not in summer). Next meeting: TBD Contact: Tanya Zielke, Tel: 416-622-7032, sundayschool@martinluther.ca

Website Team Next meeting: June 22 at 7:30 pm Contact: Marlena Muller, churchoffice@martinluther.ca

Youth Group Next Meeting: Confirmands' Weekends

Confirmation Classes Next Meeting at MLC: September 2017 **Contact:** Pastor Christian Ceconi, Cell: 416-567-2487 pastor@martinluther.ca

Martin Luther Church Daycare Office

Contacts: Margarete Kaufmann-Buehler (Administrator), Teresa Kurek (Supervisor), Tel: 416-259-2861, daycareoffice@martinluther.ca

Martin Luther Church Daycare Board Contact: Pastor Ceconi, pastor@martinluther.ca

Support Team for Syrian Families

Usually 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm Next Meeting: BBQ on June 15 at 7 pm at Greg and Anneli's Contact: Greg and Anneli Andre-Barrett, anneliandrebarrett@gmail.com

Visiting Ministry Team Contact: Gisela Wilhem, Tel: 416-763-3789

Church Coffee Team Contact: Waltraud Laser, Tel: 416-766-9373

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

Drum Circle Wednesdays at 10 am **Contact:** Iris Schweiger, iris.g.schweiger@sympatico.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). **Contact:** Kim, Tel: 647-677-5628

Stonegate Ministry & Great Finds

Offering quality gently-used items. **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:** June 21 at 10:30 am

Lakeshore Lodge Long-Term Care Services usually on the third Sunday every other month at 2 pm, 3197 Lake Shore Blvd West, Toronto Next Service: June 25

Moll Berczy Haus Senior's Home

German services the second Tuesday of the month, and the last Wednesday of the month at 10 am, 1020 McNicoll Ave, Scarborough **Next Service:** June 28

We're Here For You

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German Radio Devotion Sundays 9:30 am on AM 530

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Worship Service Plan

June 4, 2017	Pentecost	Ð	11:00 am Joint Service with Confirmation, Holy Communion and Church Choir	Pastor Ceconi and Vicar Klein
June 11, 2017	Holy Trinity		9:45 am English Service 11:00 am German Service	Lay Preachers: Iris Schweiger (E) Katja Brittain (G)
June 18, 2017	2nd Sunday after Pentecost Lectionary 11	Ð	11:00 am Joint Service at Sidrabene Retreat Centre with BBQ for Camp Lutherlyn	Pastor Ceconi and Vicar Klein
June 21, 2017			10:30 am Service at Delmanor Prince Edward Retirement Home with Holy Communion	Pastor Ceconi
June 25, 2017	3rd Sunday after Pentecost Lectionary 12		9:45 am English Service 11:00 am German Service Both with Blessing for Summer Vacation 2:00 pm Service at Lakeshore Lodge Long-Term Care	Vicar Klein and Pastor Ceconi
June 28, 2017			10:00 am German Service at Moll Berczy Haus Retirement Home in Scarborough	Pastor Ceconi
July 2, 2017	4th Sunday after Pentecost Lectionary 13		9:45 am English Service 11:00 am German Service	Pastor Ceconi
July 9, 2017	5th Sunday after Pentecost Lectionary 14		9:45 am English Service 11:00 am German Service Both with Holy Communion	Vicar Klein
July 16, 2017	6th Sunday after Pentecost Lectionary 15		11:00 am Joint Service	Vicar Klein
July 23, 2017	7th Sunday after Pentecost Lectionary 16		9:45 am English Service 11:00 am German Service	Lay Preachers: Tanya Zielke (E) Friedrich Brunzema (G
July 30, 2017	8th Sunday after Pentecost Lectionary 17		9:45 am English Service 11:00 am German Service	Vicar Klein
Aug. 6, 2017	9th Sunday after Pentecost Lectionary 18		9:45 am English Service 11:00 am German Service	Pastor Ceconi

A library of Pastor Ceconi's German Radio Devotions is also available online at martinluther.ca



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.