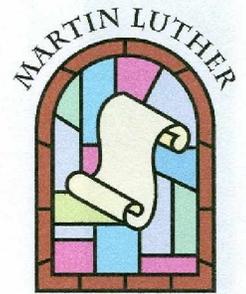


CONGREGATIONAL NEWSLETTER



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Devotion on the Verse of the Month for April

Dear Congregation,

Do you think that faith can wear out? That faith grows “old”, useless? What a strange question, you may perhaps think, because faith is indeed not like a bag of milk which must be consumed by a certain date so that it does not spoil. Still, I dare use the idea in this devotion

now that many of us encounter the problem in their daily life that enthusiasm quickly passes and the question remains, what faith truly achieves. Even after special festivities, it does not take long before the “Aroma” of God’s love has evaporated. However, at Easter it is clearly put before our eyes, that God goes even through death for us and gives us the hope through eternal life that once and for all everything is well, not just for the moment, but forever and ever. God’s love has no “to be used before” date, it does not turn bad. God’s love shall be food for us, a “means to live”, from which we can cut a thick slice every day, without the danger that the supply runs out. – In our

verse for the month, the whole even world is taken into view, not only we, not only our church, not only this city, this country, no, the whole world is reconciled with God, can experience that God comes close to it, forgives, gives hope. This is truly a great message which simply puts before us the grand possibilities God has for us. Why does

**Jesus Christi is the expiation
For our sins, and not for ours only,
but also for the sins of the
whole world.**

1. John 2, 2

this thought not keep for long in every day life? The answer lies herein that we are very quickly preoccupied with ourselves only. Our life often

seems to us as a one-way street, where there is no way out and where we are all alone on the road. But many Easter stories, as the one about the disciples on their

way to Emmaus, are about the fact that the risen Jesus Christ is with those who “labour hard and are heavy laden”. What does Christ say at the very end of the Gospel of Matthew: “*Lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.*” (Matthew 28, 20) Recently, I have met a couple, who, after many happy and carefree years, experience a serious

illness entering their daily life. A complicated, lengthy operation and an uncertain future burden these two people now; they only have each other, no children, no close relatives. I called and had a long telephone conversation with the wife. I quickly realized that, because there is not other topic at the moment

but cancer – which is understandable - any message from God, no matter how good it may be, is not at all in focus any longer. I have explained to the woman: “I know how you feel. You think that you have to get through this all by yourself. But I want to tell you: You are not alone! Others think of you and pray for you. I believe that you



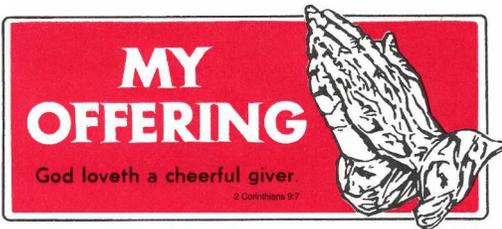
Not with Christ!

have to be told this right now, because you by yourself will probably not realize this any more.” – She agreed with me. And somehow, we all are in the same situation. Particularly good things pale very quickly before the things that determine daily life. We need reminders of the communion with God, his love for us and of the community other people share with us. Easter, too, our most important feast is not a story from long ago. It is

God’s message to us. The message that God loves us and that he is with us, no matter where our road in life leads us. A message that does not grow old and that never wears out.

With best wishes for April and for a blessed Easter Season,

I remain with kind regards,
Your Pastor,



Special Collection

Please note the separate information concerning the special collection this year. We hope that you will participate and thank you now already for *every* gift.

Went Swimming !



It was extraordinary fun. For the third time, the Sunday School invited to go swimming. This time to “Memorial Pool“. The facility is not very old yet and very well kept. Tanya Zielke and Monika Schmidt have organized everything wonderfully. After swimming there was pizza in a separate party room. We could even celebrate the birthday of Dennis Todorovic , who is nine years old. With about 40 participants we were a nice big group. We will most certainly repeat this next year.

New Confirmand Group

Naledi Cheda and Fynn Wolf are the new confirmands, who came to the beginning of the new course on April 3rd. As a congregation, we are glad for every young person who wants to express his or her faith through confirmation instruction. We commend the confirmands to the congregation for their prayers. In case there are more children interested to begin instruction, please contact Pastor Wolf (416-567-2487)). The next date is April 17th, at 7:00 p.m. Instructions take place at the parsonage (3203 Gatliff Ave., Mississauga).

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

April 16th, 5:30 a.m.

“The greatest Story of all”

HUMBER BAY PARK WEST

Come to the Easter Sunrise Service! We go to different Stations along the shore of the lake, accompanied by stories about Jesus. Our Service ends at sunrise.

5:30 Meeting on the last parking lot of “*Humber Bay Park West*” (this is about 1.5 km east of the church, south side of Lake Shore, directly behind the large apartment buildings complex “Marina del Ray”; near the Yacht-Club!), stay to the right and drive along the road to the last parking lot. That is the meeting place!

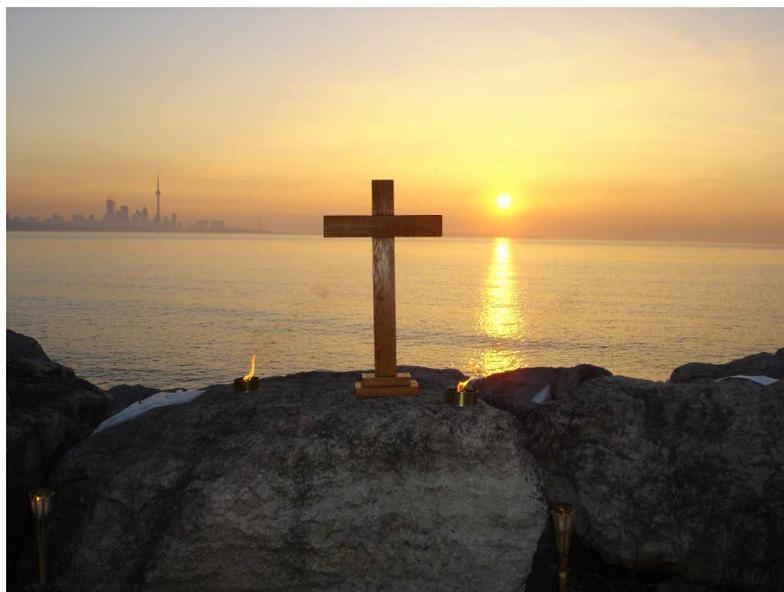
5:45 Beginning of the Service

6:34 Sunrise, a time to reflect on what was heard

6:45 Closing with a prayer

7:30 Breakfast of Pancakes and Toast

8:30 Easter Egg Hunt, games and crafts for children



All are cordially welcomed. Last year there were more than 50 participants. Please do come! It is a unique experience!

Let us know if you need transportation. Please call the church (416-251-8293) or Pastor Wolf (416-567-2487).

10.00 am: Joint EASTER SERVICE

With participation of the Church Choir and Sunday School

Church Services during the Easter Week

As usual, on **Maundy Thursday** (13.04.) and **Good Friday** (14.04.) Communion Services take place. Please note the times on the overview at the end of this newsletter. On **Easter Sunday** (16.04) we invite you to the „Easter-Sunrise-Service“ at 5.30 o'clock in the morning (!) to Humber Bay Park *West* (west of „Parklawn“). Please stay on the right and drive to the last parking lot! Following the Service, we offer a joint breakfast. At 10.00 a.m.(!) a bilingual Easter Church Service Please mark May 28th on your calendar. This year, too takes place with the participation of the Church Choir and the Sunday School. Please take notice of the detailed program in this congregational newsletter.

Important Dates and Church Services till Summer

Family Service April 23rd

Immediately after Easter we want to celebrate a Family Service with the theme “Spreading the Light of Easter”. We invite all families to come to this Service with a baptism at 11:00 a.m.

Cordial Invitation to the Mother's Day Service

On **Sunday, May 14th**, is Mother's Day again! On this day we will have a joint Service at 11:00 a.m. with the traditional Luncheon prepared and served by the men of the congregation. For this purpose, the men meet at 8:00 a.m. at the church! We would be very happy to greet a large number of members and visitors.

Church Service on Christ's Ascension Day

As we did last year, we will again hold a Joint Service with the other Lutheran Congregations on

Christ's Ascension Day. It will take place in our church on **Thursday, May 25th**, at 7:00 p.m. Following the Service, we invite to a cup of coffee. After that, the Contact Circle of the Lutheran congregations takes place.

Congregational Picnic at Camp Edgewood on May 28th

We draw to your attention the congregational picnic now already; a fantastic program for every age is awaiting you! We begin with a Family Service at 11:00 a.m.! This time again, the bus will drive from the church to Camp Edgewood! More details will be announced in the next congregational newsletter!

Confirmation

Confirmation will take place on June 4th, at Pentecost, at 10:00 a.m. This will be preceded by a Communion Church Service on Saturday, June 3rd at 6:00 p.m. for the confirmands, their families and foremost for the congregation.

Synod Conference

The Synod conference takes place this year at Waterloo from July 5th to 8th..

Summer Camp

The date for the summer camp is confirmed. This year, it takes place from July 30th to August 5th. Camp Lutherlyn is situated near Eganville on Golden Lake. Please register with Dan Sommerfeld (905-274-6602) or Pastor Wolf (Email: fralupus@rogers.com; 416-456-2487), we will be glad to send you information and registration forms. At the same time we ask all, who want to come along as counsellors, to contact Pastor Wolf immediately. As in the years before, we will have a bus for the trip there and back.



Excursions

Walking Tour

On May 6th, a walking tour of about 10 kilometres along the Grand River takes place. The path is flat and the landscape charming. The drive will be organized in private cars. The meeting place is Applewood Plaza on North Service Road in Mississauga, between Dixie and Cawthra, at 10.30a.m.

Visiting the Shaw Festival in Niagara-on-the-Lake

We invite to a visit to the theatre in Niagara-on-the-Lake on **October 21st**. The play "Arms and the Man" by George Bernard Shaw will be performed. A bus will be organized. A ticket costs \$ 58. Please register now, as long as the tickets are available!

Please note the information for both events in the foyer of the church or contact Hans Vetter (416-367-0378).

The last Word:

**In the light of the Easter sun,
the secrets of the world receive a
different light.**

(Friedrich von Bodelschwingh)

Help needed

On April 23rd, I will hold a Service at the Trillium Hospital on Queensway, McCall Wing Nursing home, at 2:30 p.m. I need a few helpers to accompany the patients to the chapel. Who is willing to help?

We buried

**Mr. Bruno Kloetzel
Mrs. Anneliese Vortisch**

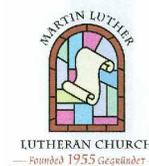
**And I shall dwell in the house
of the Lord for ever. Psalm 23, 6**

Short Vacation

Pastor Wolf is during the time from April 25th to May 6th on vacation. We are grateful that Pastor Katharina Moeller will take on the replacement (905-277-2631).

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April und Beginning of May 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Judica 2 09:45 Engl.Service 11:00 German Service Pastor Wolf	3	4	5	6	7	8
	19:00 Parents' night for new confirmands (Group II)		09:00 Mission Circle 19:00 Lent Service 20:00 Ladies' Group 20:00 Church Council	18:00 Nursery Board	19:30 Church Choir	09:00 – 13:00 Spring cleaning at the church/ Volunteers needed!
Palm Sunday 9 09:45 Engl.Service 11:00 German Service Holy Communion Pastor Wolf	10	11	12	Maundy Thurs. 13	Good Friday 14	15
	19:00 Confirmand Group I	10:00 Service at Moll Berczy House	09:00 Mission Circle 15:00 und 16:00 Church Service for Nursery Children	19:00 German Service with Holy Communion	09:45Engl.Service with Holy Communion 11:00 German Service Communion, Church Choir, Pastor Wolf	
Easter Sunday 16 05:30 Easter Sunrise Service 10:00 Joint Easter Service Pastor Wolf	Easter Monday 17	18	19	20	21	22
	19:00 Confirmand Group II	11:00 – 13:00 Seniors' Circle	09:00 Mission Circle 13:00 German Bible Conversation Group 19:00 AGM Moll Berczy House	19:00English Bible Conversation Group	19:30 Church Choir	
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			09:00 Mission Circle		19:30 Church Choir	
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			09:00 Mission Circle		19:30 Church Choir	
Jubilate 7 09:45 Engl.Service 11:00 German Service Pastor Wolf 12:00 Visiting Group	8	9	10	11	12	13
	19:00 Confirmand Group I	16:00 Literary Circle 18:00 Nursery Board	09:00 Mission Circle 19:00 Ladies' Group 19:00 Church Council		19:30 Church Choir	

