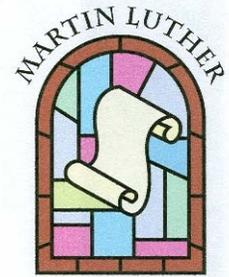


Congregational newsletter



LUTHERAN CHURCH
— Founded 1955 Gegründet —

June - August 2010

DEVOTION

Dear Fellow Christians !

On Pentecost Sunday, six of our young people were celebrating their confirmation. At the beginning of the worship, the confirmands' choir, led by Iris Schweiger, sang:

"525600 minutes, 525000 moments so dear, 525600 minutes. How do you measure a year? In daylights, in sunsets, in midnights, in cups of coffee, in inches, in miles, in laughter, in strife, in 525600 minutes. How do you measure a year in life? How about love? Measure in love! Seasons of love!"

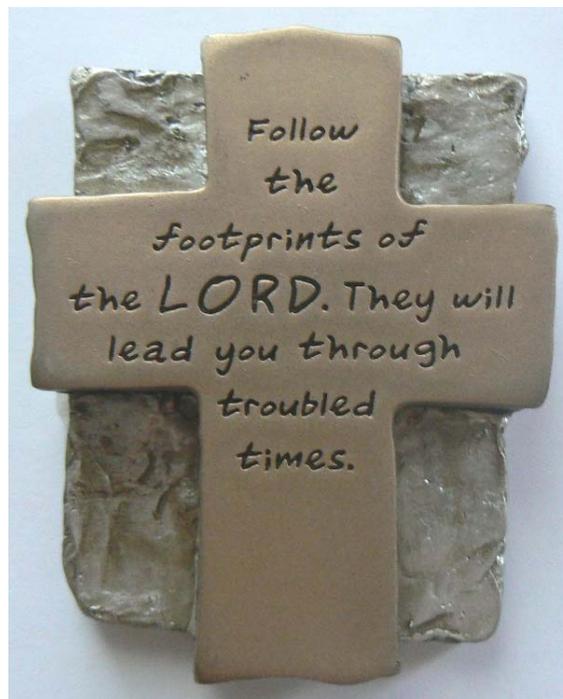
The celebration service was a moment where we looked back on more than 1 million minutes, on a two-year period.

We had fun together, especially in the camps, the first time at Camp Edgewood, where we experienced an exciting Saturday afternoon because of a thunderstorm (for 2 hours there was no electricity, but no further harm was done), or the weekend in Ottawa with visiting the Parliament and Museum of Civilization, enjoying Winterlude and Rideau Channel. And we looked ahead, into a future with major decisions concerning the lives of our confirmands.

The confirmands were presented with bronze crosses in the name of the Martin Luther Church, one having the inscription: "Follow the footprints of the Lord, they will lead you through troubled times." That is

my heartfelt wish for our youth: that they understand what Jesus did for us, that they know his love on the cross and his power in the resurrection. And that they have courage to follow Jesus, Jesus, who can show us a good way for our lives.

And that is clear, they can trust Jesus throughout all their lives. In a book with many church signs from across North America, I had discovered some particularly interesting ones:



"Looking for a lifeguard? Ours walks on water!" This is so special about Jesus: where others sink into fear and despondency, he remains the powerful Lord. If we hold fast to his hand, we are able to endure hardships.

In this age of SMS, Twitter, and Skype a very important note: "Prayer is the best wireless connection."

And another good word: "God takes us as we are and makes us what we can become". Confirmation is only one step on a long road. Just like every Sunday service. We hear God's promise: "You are my beloved child, I am with you." And God has a goal for us: "This is what you are destined for - shape your daily life by God's Word more and more, let your life be transformed by the Spirit more and more."

*Kind regards and God's blessings,
Your Pastor Alexander Mielke*

Dear Fellow Christians !

In the church council, we consider it important to give you an overview of where we are in our congregational work and what we want to achieve under God's guidance.

As you know, every year in the summer months, the church attendance is significantly lower than usual, but our running costs do not change, unfortunately. So this summer too, as our congregation is financed solely through collection and donation, we ask for your additional financial support by the Special Collection.

The annual meeting on April 11th had decided to repair the bricks on church column (West side), as well as to repair or renew the roof on Superior Av. building #5. During the severe storm we had lately M.Zabel and E. Carl were repairing the damaged part. But this is only temporary.

These are projects that we want to run. We are very grateful if you provide us with your support for this important work. As Church Council, we try to the best of our knowledge and ability to make right decisions for the well - being of the congregation. Under God's guidance, we look ahead with optimism.

For all your support in the past and for all loyalty to the congregation, I thank you very much in the name of the council.

We wish you a relaxing summer. May our heavenly Father guard and keep you.

For the Church Council of Martin Luther Church
Your President : Edmund Scholz

Congregational Picknick in Camp Edgewood

We are looking forward to a fine day in Camp Edgewood. On **June 6**, we will start with a joint family service at 11:00 a.m.

And we will have a program suitable for young and old, suitable for all the family. End will be around 4:00 p.m.

Please bring your lunch, plate, dishes, cup. Very welcome!

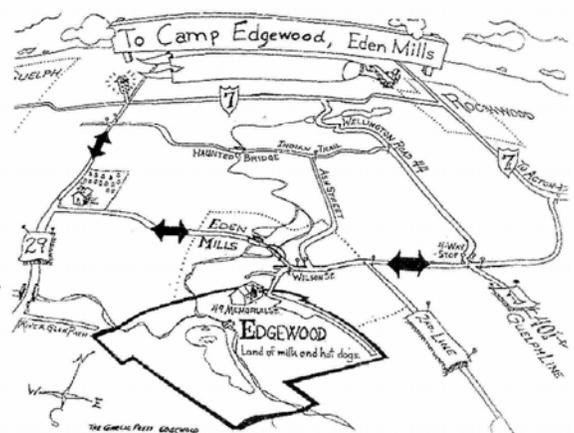
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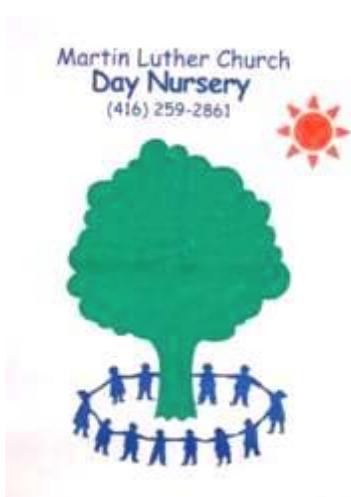
How you reach the Camp:

From Toronto:

- Highway 401 West
- Guelph Line, exit northbound
- Through town of Brookville
- Stay on Guelph Line until you come to a 4 way stop (huge stop-sign)
- Turn left to Eden Mills and follow signs to the Camp

Please come and bring along your Family!!!





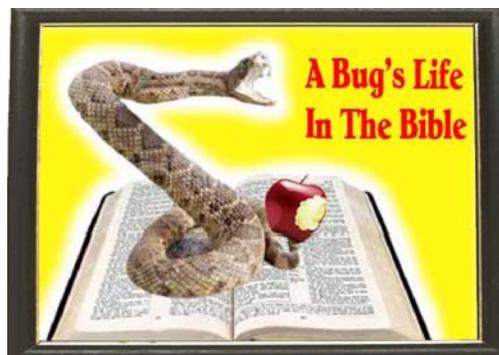
On **13 June**, we celebrate the **40th anniversary of our Martin Luther Church Day Care (and the 55th anniversary of our MLC)**! This will be a colourful, lively, happy celebration.

In the Joint Service at 11:00 a.m. **Bishop Michael Pryse** will deliver the sermon.

There will be many **fun activities for children** (face painting, henna, painting contest, flower planting, and much more). Magnus & Bruce will play jazz melodies. A warm welcome to all for the **Open House**.

We are grateful if you can **help as a volunteer** – please have a look at our list, placed in the church!

A NOTICE ABOUT THE SUMMER CAMP
IN CAMP LUTHERLYN AT BEAUTIFUL GOLDEN LAKE
JULY 24th till 30th, 2010



Dear Congregational members and friends of Martin Luther Church !

Summer camp is fast approaching and I urge you to submit your forms and payment without delay. If you are still considering going or sending your children, please let me know of your intentions. I will be accepting campers till the start of camp as long as there is space available and I have enough counselors to properly care for your child.

Some important details about camp:

The registration form is required for everyone attending camp, including parents.

The bus form is required if you are taking the bus to/from camp.

Where payment for the above is required, please make a cheque payable to MLC.

NEW this year is the Multimedia Release Form, please attach with registration.

You will find copies of all in the Church, or at our website www.martinluther.ca

Events happening at camp:

I would like to remind parents to refrain from sending their kids to camp with hand-held gaming devices, and encourage them to bring an active imagination!

This year I would like to work with the theme "A bugs life in the Bible".

I would like to explore this topic, perhaps starting with Adam & Eve and the snake!

The plague, when Moses leads out of Egypt also comes to mind.

For the simplicity of this topic, we will call any of these creatures a "bug".

Don't forget to dress as a "bug" for our dress-up dinner, kudos to someone who dresses up as a praying mantis!

Hopefully we don't find flies under our plates like last year!

.....let alone dirt-cup worms.....for dessert.....mmmm.....dirt-cup worms.....

So dig thru your costumes and decorations and find something fun to bring to camp.

Bus ride to camp:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bruno and Trott Transit for their unbeatable pricing for the bus to/from camp this year. The bus is a safe, fun, and convenient means of sending the kids to camp. Without this special pricing we couldn't even dream of offering this to parents. Please arrive at the Church at 1pm, for a 1:45 DEPART on SATURDAY July 24th. We will meet at the cul-de-sac on Superior Ave. (in front of the MLC daycare) south of Lakeshore. We plan to return on Friday July 30th at 6:30pm.

Final remarks:

Remember, camp starts SATURDAY evening July 24th! For those of you driving up, please plan to arrive anytime after 7pm. Lutherlyn camp is such a wonderful time of fellowship and Christian spirit (as many of you know).

Please keep us in your prayers for the week that we are at camp.

Yours very truly, Dan Sommerfeld (aka Dan Sommercamp!)

P.S.Please forward this to friends that may not be on the mailing list, but are going to camp.

Contact Dan Sommerfeld at 905 274-6602

New in the church council

Unfortunately, Gordon Weber moved to Midlands and could not continue to participate in the church council. We thank John Knopp for being willing to join our team!

In gratitude to Mrs. Marion Holtorf for their donations for church windows as well as two information boards, a small plaque has been placed in the entrance hall, also in memory of Reinhardt Carstens, for whom a memorial service at the MLK had been held in the year 2004.

Please mark your calendar !

Congregational Bus Trip for Young and Old
with Grand River Boat Cruise
on Saturday, September 25



Now in church council (from left to right): Keith Rabey, secretary; Ernst Carl; Sylvia Kunde; Dan Sommerfeld; Martin Haefele; Doris Cheda; John Knopp; Irene Zielke; Anna Lisa Wienecke, treasurer; Iris Schweiger, vice president; Larissa Mattwich. Unfortunately not on this photo: President Edmund Scholz (who was in Germany at this point of time) and Pastor Alexander Mielke (who was taking this photo).

Stay in Germany of Pastor Alexander Mielke, according to the contract with EKD

This summer we will be in Toronto and the MLC for three years already. According to the contract between EKD, MLC and Eastern Synod, the EKD (Evangelical Church in Germany) finances a stay in Germany for me and my family (with a length of 8 weeks, following this contract). So I will be in Germany, and during this time attend an EKD-Overseas-Conference, as well as continuing education courses. Furthermore this vacation, of course, presents a good opportunity to visit family and friends. I am very pleased that Pastor Gerhard Hille will be available as substitute pastor for the greater part of this time. He is the father of Anna Lisa Wienecke and, therefore, quite familiar with the MLC, and I think it is optimal to have permanent substitute pastor to turn to in matters of church services and pastoral care. Through a continuing education course in preaching, which he has attended in Chicago for some time now, he is also well acquainted with the English language. A heartfelt Thank-You to Pastor Hille for his readiness to help! He also will be responsible for bible study and devotions at the summer camp.

Here a greeting from Pastor Gerhard Hille:



Dear members of the Martin-Luther-Church, Pastor Mielke has asked me to serve as a substitute pastor during his stay in Germany this summer. I was very pleased and have accepted this invitation with a thankful heart. So I'm going to live in the parsonage from July 11 to August 11 and be available for you in all pastoral matters. May it be a blessed time!

A big thank you to Pastor Heike Block-Mielke who is conducting the church services on June 20 and 27. To Pastor Christian Schweter who will be available for pastoral contacts during the second half of June. To Pastor Joachim Knaack, who will be available for pastoral contacts July 1-9 and hold services on July 4 and 25.

With any concern, you can also contact our president Edmund Scholz (phone 905-625-0548) and our vice President Iris Schweiger (phone 905-625-9174).

Unfortunately Klaus Schneeberger resigned from his position as our main organist. In July, he and Katie are going to celebrate their wedding, and their new house is pretty far away from our church. We very sincerely thank Klaus for all the faithful and good service he has done for us (a special treat was when Katie accompanied him with the violin!). We wish them God's blessings and good guidance and hope that Klaus and Katie sometimes still find the way to us in the MLC.

From late June to early August, Linda Marcinkus will play the organ at MLC. As a pianist at the concerts of Edelweiss Choir and Harfentoene, she is already well known to us. Thank you and welcome, Linda, in the MLC!

Please note the ad for the position of an organist on our homepage www.martinluther.ca

In 5 Superior an apartment is for rent. If you are interested, please contact Edmund Scholz or Iris Schweiger.

(A very big thank you to the hardworking volunteers who have done so much for renovation and painting!)

Here We Need Your Help !

Flowers on the altar make our church beautiful for the Sunday. Flower donations which can be made in memory of loved ones are very much appreciated. Please sign up in the the list which you find in the entrance hall, for a Sunday which is still free and convenient for you. For coordination it might be helpful if you leave your phone number on a card.

*Please also have a look at the **Coffee Duty List** – thank you for helping on a Sunday!*



On Pentecost Sunday, May 23, we celebrated the confirmation of: Christine Rabey, Nicole Schwarz, Tonya Horn, Sonja Schweiger, Ben Schwarz and Rhys Buceta (on the photo from left to right, together with Pastor Alexander Mielke).

On **Friday, June 4, 6:30 p.m.**, we will have a **confirmation class reunion** in the church. This is an opportunity for looking back at the class and the celebration together. **Tanya is going to present photos of their gigantic Asian trip.** Other interested youth are very welcome too!

I cordially invite to a new confirmation course. It leads to confirmation on Pentecost Sunday in 2012, May 27. By meeting every second week, the burden of transport for parents is not as heavy. Children are welcome to be registered also at a younger age, even shortly before they reach the age of 12. A **first meeting will be on Friday, September 17, 6:30 p.m.** in the church. Please tell others in your family or among friends about this!

Many donations had been given for our Brazilian sister congregation. In May, we were able to send \$ 2,785.20 to Guarulhos, for the children project in Cabuçu (especially the purchase of musical instruments as well as assistance for the renovation of the local parish building).

Here a photo of the women's group of Guarulhos.



*For the following wedding anniversaries, our best wishes and God's blessings:
Jacob and Hilda Schaeffer, 50th wedding anniversary
John and Anna Schmidt, 60th wedding anniversary
Eugen and Ursula Pahnke, 50th wedding anniversary
Kurt and Julie Pieckenhagen, 50th wedding anniversary
God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.
1 John 4:16*



The cooks and otherwise to the Mother's Day Luncheon dedicated men.

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