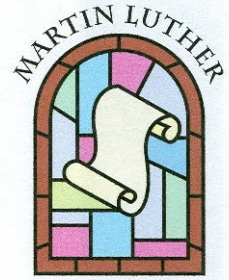


Congregational newsletter



LUTHERAN CHURCH
— Founded 1955 Gegründet —

November 2012

DEVOTION

*Dear Fellow Christians
in the Martin Luther Church,*

"Ruins" – this is the title of the photo which you would find in Susi Childers's book "Broken – A Call to Restore the House of Humanity". "Ruins – the remains of something destroyed." And this is so significant in November, the month of Remembrance Day in Canada. A shattered woman, holding her fatigued baby in her arms. Desperately looking at the ruins of the village which had been her home. The village which now is devastated by war. Susi's photos were a kind of eye-opener, confronting us with the terrible truth that there are so many places where people suffer from the enmity and brutality of others. Here the older members of our congregation may be haunted by personal memories. They suffered war in their lifetime. They know that war destroys families and that even those who survive suffer lifelong wounds.



At the beginning of the month November is the celebration of Reformation, at this occasion we read Psalm 46 which inspired Luther's great Reformation hymn:

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow..."

This is the motto of the ecumenical Peace Decade in November. Because Jesus told his disciples to put away the sword (Mt. 26:52), we know this with certainty: The way of God is the way of Peace. The way of God is the way of Compassion with the victims. The way of God is the way of great Hope – it is not human cruelty and bestiality which will triumph, but God's goodness and mercifulness will shine over human history.

"He breaks the bow" – this is the mandate of the Christian Church to work for Peace. We are called to bear witness to peace, reconciliation and non-violence. We are called to refuse war and aim at peace with justice, freedom and security for all. "A Culture of Peace" – this was the motto of our Annual Meeting, and this is the mandate of the church.

*Kind regards and blessings,
your Pastor Alexander Mielke*

Pastoral search! Build your own informed opinion!

We are looking forward to the **visits of the 3 pastoral candidates from Germany on the 4th, 11th and 18th of November** as they take the time to preach in each of our services. Afterwards we have the opportunity to get to know them better. After each English service there will be a short question and answer period, in addition after each German service we will be going down into the basement for lunch as well as for another question and answer period. Lunches will be prepared by different groups of women. We will be asking you for a small donation to cover the cost. In addition, please let me know if you can help with set up or take down. Thank you already to all the helpers. Please continue to keep the pastoral search in your prayers.

Iris (phone 905-625-9174)

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

Matthew 7:7

PS. Please bring your children. Each Sunday there will English as well as German Sunday School. Peggy will start rehearsals for the Christmasplay (16.12.2012) during the German Sunday School.

Dear Congregation and friends of Martin Luther Church:

I'm very excited about my Swedish Meatballs, well at least now that they are coming closer to being done!

I sifted through my slow cooker recipes, looking at ingredients, seeing what I had in stock. Do I want to try a new

Recipe?.....yes. Am I feeling adventurous enough to make substitutes?.....yes. How will it taste? Well, I do not have all the answers to my questions yet.....

But the moment of truth is getting nearer. So too is our search for a new Pastor!

Our wonderful search committee led by Iris has sifted through all the information, looking at their experience and knowledge.

Many of you have seen the videos presented a few weeks ago in Church, only but an appetizer.

The executive chefs of Council and Church groups are busy putting together the final touches of an amazing Itinerary that will show our 3 candidates what ingredients we are truly made of!

Please join us on these next three very important Sunday Services in November so you can get a good taste of which Pastoral Candidate will be a great fit for our Church, your future depends on it.

If you really enjoy the Service, please remember to leave a good tip! We hope to be able to cover all our flight expenses through your generous donations. I would like to extend a special thank you to all who are going the extra mile in providing personal time, accommodation, meals, and transport to our guests.

As for my Swedish meatballs...They're done! I substituted the mushrooms with pearl onions and cooked up a nice batch of Spaetzle.

I'm sure that it will become a family favourite, you've got my vote on that.

God Bless and regards,

Dan Sommerfeld, President of MLC



Martin Haefele and Susi Childers grew up together in Nagold/Wuerttemberg.

We are thankful that their childhood friendship brought Susi with her presentation "Voice for the Voiceless" to our Martin Luther Church !

1st Advent Sunday, December 2, 11:00 a.m. Joint Service, with our Congregational Choir, followed by the **Election of the New Pastor** (and the Christmas Bazaar of our Youth Group)

2nd Advent Sunday, December 9, 9:45 a.m. Engl. Service; 11:00 a.m. **German Service with the Edelweiss Choir**

3rd Advent Sunday, December 16, 11:00 a.m. , **Christmas Play of the Sunday School**

4th Advent Sunday, December 23, 11:00 a.m. German Service, **5:00 p.m. English Candlelight Service for the Young at Heart**

December 24, Monday: 5:00 p.m. German Service on Christmas Eve
6:30 p.m. English Candlelight Service

December 25, Tuesday: 11:00 a.m. Festive German Christmas Service

December 31, Monday: 5:00 p.m. German Service on New Year's Eve with Holy Communion

With Jazz and Swing, we will have a good start into the New Year. Very welcome to our Joint Service on Tuesday, January 1, 2013, Sunday, 5:00 p.m.: Magnus and friends will play saxophone, guitar and bass.

**Please support us with your Christmas Donation!
Thank you so much!**

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Heinrich (Henry) Ganter

on October 20, 2012

As for me, I am poor and needy; but the Lord takes thought for me.
You are my help and my deliverer.
Psalm 40:18

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Watchword for November 2012:

We are the temple of the living God. 2 Corinthians 6:16

Sonntag	Montag	Dienstag	Mittwoch	Donnerstag	Freitag	Samstag
November 4 9:45 Engl. Service 11:00 Germ. Serv. With Pastor Candidate ! Pastor CECONI Day Light Saving Time !	5	P.Mielke in Church Office 9:30 - 12:30 6:00 p.m. Congregational Choir	7	8	9	10
November 11 Remembrance 9:45 Engl. Service 11:00 Germ. Serv. With Pastor Candidate ! Pastor KRUEGER	12	10:00 a.m. Worship in Moll Berczy Haus 6:00 p.m. Congregational Choir	14 11 am - 1 pm Ladies' Group	15	16	17
November 18 Volkstrauertag 9:45 Engl. Service 11:00 Germ. Serv. With Pastor Candidate ! Pastor HENKEL	19	P.Mielke in Church Office 9:30 - 12:30 6:00 p.m. Congregational Choir 7:15 p.m. Church Council	21 7:00 p.m. German Service Repentance and Prayer Day Pastor Mielke	22	23 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class	24
November 25 Christ the King 9:45 Engl. Service 11:00 Germ. Serv. Both with Holy Communion Pastor Mielke	26	P.Mielke in Church Office 9:30 - 12:30 6:00 p.m. Congregational Choir	December 2 1st Advent 11:00 Joint Service Followed by Election of New Pastor	December 6 Thursday 7:00 p.m. German Contact Circle in MLC	December 9 2nd Advent 9-45 Engl. Service 11:00 Germ. Serv. with Edelweiss Choir Pastor Mielke	December 16 3rd Advent 11:00 a.m. Joint Service with Christmas Play of Sunday School Pastor Mielke

Sunday School and Open Nursery During Each English Service