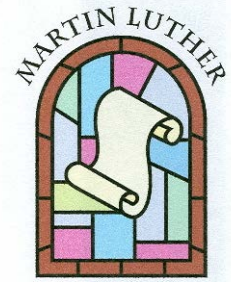


Congregational newsletter



LUTHERAN CHURCH
— Founded 1955 Gegründet —

October 2012

DEVOTION

*Dear Fellow Christians
in the Martin Luther Church,*

In Canada and Germany, October is the month of Thanksgiving (whereas in the USA Thanksgiving at the end of November marks the beginning of the Christmas Season). In our MLC, we love to gather for this celebration and express our gratefulness before God from whom we do receive so many blessings during this year.

There is a good old story about gratitude and thankfulness: There was a mediaeval king who regularly used the advice of a wise man. This sage was summoned to the king's presence. The monarch asked him how to get rid of his anxiety and depression of spirits, how he might be really happy, for he was sick in body and mind. The sage replied, "There is but one cure for the king. Your Majesty must sleep one night in the shirt of a happy man." Messengers were dispatched throughout the realm to search for a man who was truly happy. But everyone who was approached had some cause for misery, something that robbed them of true and complete happiness. At last they found a man – a poor beggar – who sat smiling by the roadside and, when they asked him if he was really happy

and had no sorrows, he confessed that he was a truly happy man. Then they told him what they wanted. The king must sleep one night in the shirt of a happy man, and had given them a large sum of money to procure such a shirt. Would he sell them his shirt that the king might wear it? The beggar burst into uncontrollable laughter, and replied, "I am sorry I cannot oblige the king. I haven't a shirt on my back."



When we compare our journey of life with this beggar's life, immediately we become aware of the abundance of good things we have been given and entrusted. However, so often we don't care about this, so often we completely forget to thank God for this in prayer.

"Gratitude changes the pangs of memory into a tranquil joy", wrote Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Thanking God, this strengthens our heart and changes our daily life. "Give thanks in all circumstances", this is Paul's advice in 1 Thessalonians 5:18. Our celebration of Thanksgiving provides an excellent opportunity to start practicing this again.

*Kind regards and blessings,
your Pastor Alexander Mielke*

Dear Congregation !

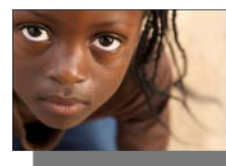
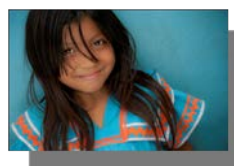
The work of the call committee is getting more exciting every day now that the EKD has sent us the résumés for 3 candidates. Please make sure to come out on the **14th of October**. We will be **introducing one female and two male pastors via word and video** after the joint service and a quick lunch (bring your own sandwich and drink).

Please note in your calendar: **4th and 11th of November** are the two definite dates where you can **meet the pastors in person**. Also the **1st Sunday of Advent**, December 2, is planned to be the date of the **official vote**.

Iris Schweiger, Pastor Call Committee

Voice for the Voiceless

Eine Stimme, für die keine Stimme haben!



Voice for the Voiceless. Photo Presentations by Susanne Childers

Susanne Childers is a photographer missionary from Germany. With over 10 years experience as a professional photographer, Susanne and her husband Paul have travelled around the world to raise awareness on social justice issues and they document how nations are revived and rebuilt. Susanne and Paul are living in Kona, Hawaii where they lead the ministry photogenX International. They are a “Voice of the Voiceless”

- for refugees who flee from war or genocide;
- women who suffer from circumcision;
- children who have been forced into prostitution; and many more.

Photo Presentations on Saturday, October 27, 2012 – 4:00 p.m. in German

Monday, October 29, 2012 – 7:00 p.m. in English

Entrance free, donations welcome.

PENNY DRIVE

Congratulations on raising over \$170!

CAMP LUTHERLYN 2013

Our theme next year will be "A River Runs through It". We will be exploring the many uses of water throughout the Bible.

Remember to bring extra clothes and beach towels, this one is guaranteed to make you wet!

Camp dates have not been confirmed yet, but please keep the latter part of July open.

I will communicate the exact dates when I know.

Dan Sommerfeld

The new confirmation course has started. More young people are very welcome to join the group. Please tell others in your family or among friends about this! Please feel free to contact me, my cellphone no is 416-567-2487. Your Pastor Alexander Mielke

Our Congregational Choir under the direction of Linda Marcinkus will be singing in both services on Thanksgiving, October 7. After that, we will practice for the 1st Advent Sunday as well as Christmas. We would be very glad if other singers could join our group, very welcome! We usually meet on Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m.

In Epiphany Lutheran Church/Scarborough, the installation of their new pastor Rasma Caune will be held on Sunday, October 21, 3:00 p.m. We very cordially welcome her, best wishes and blessings!

Our dean Linda Douglas cordially invites to the Joint Reformation Celebration of the GTA ELCIC Congregations: Sunday, October 28, 3:00 p.m. (8795 KEELE STREET (South of Rutherford and North of Highway #7 – Keele Street is closed north of Finch as well as a section south of Finch – subway construction)).

Please note the Day Light Saving Time in the night of November 4. Please do not be too early for our services as clocks are turned backward 1 hour!

*IMAGINE – Focus on Housing in Mimico
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT - Consultation with the current residents of the community is essential for healthy development. "Nothing About Us, Without Us"*

*The event on October 13 will focus on housing for renters and families, will help inform renting residents and other about the Mimico 20/20 Vision project and about City housing policies affecting tenants, and will make participants aware of the means to engage the planning currently affecting their area. With panelists: Matthew Premru – Community Planning, Etobicoke York District
David Spence – Community Policy, City of Toronto
Sheila Cuthbertson – South Etobicoke Community Legal Services
Very Welcome!*

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at 2282 Lake Shore Blvd W (Polish Hall at Fleeceline Rd)

Visit the website: <http://mimicolakeshorenetwork.wordpress.com/>

BAPTISM

Logan Colter Cassiel Wilmer

on September 16, 2012

I've commanded you to be strong and brave.
Don't ever be afraid or discouraged! I am the Lord, your God,
and I will be there to help you wherever you go.

Josua 1:9

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Watchword for October 2012:

The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. Lamentations 3:25

Sonntag	Montag	Dienstag	Mittwoch	Donnerstag	Freitag	Samstag
October 7 Thanksgiving Festive Services with Congr. Choir 9:45 Engl 11:00 German P. Mielke	8	9 <i>P. Mielke in Church Office</i> 9:30 – 12:30 6:00 p.m. Congregational Choir	10 11 am – 1 pm Ladies' Group	11 12:30 p.m. Meeting of German Pastors 7:00 p.m. Church Council	12 <i>This week Confirmation Class</i>	13
October 14 11:00 Joint Service Pastor Mielke Followed by Videos of the Pastor Candidates	15	16 <i>P. Mielke in Church Office</i> 9:30 – 12:30 6:00 p.m. Congregational Choir	17 6:00 p.m. Board of Directors/ Day Care	18 3:45 p.m. Singing & Praying in Day Care	19	20
October 21 9.45 Engl. Service 11.00 Germ. Serv. Both with Holy Communion Pastor Mielke	22	23 <i>P. Mielke in Church Office</i> 9:30 – 12:30 6:00 p.m. Congregational Choir	24	25	26 <i>Confirmation Class & Youth Group: Photo Presentation S. Childers</i>	Saturday 27 4:00 p.m. Voice for the Voiceless – Photo Presentation in German
October 28 Reformation 11:00 p.m. Joint Service with Potluck Luncheon Pastor Mielke	Monday 29 7:00 p.m. Voice for the Voiceless – Photo Presentation in English	30 9:30 a.m. Faith Network in Presbyterian Church 6:00 p.m. Congregational Choir	31 10:00 a.m. Worship in Moll Berczy House			
November 4 9.45 Engl. Service 11.00 Germ. Serv. With Pastor Candidate ! Day Light Saving Time !		November 11 9.45 Engl. Service 11.00 Germ. Serv. With Pastor Candidate !		Sunday School and Open Nursery During Each English Service		December 2 1st Advent 11:00 Joint Service Followed by Election of New Pastor