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Through the good and the bad

August 2024 Congregational Newsletter

Dear congregation!,

A few weeks ago, I attended an assembly of our Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) for the first time. The most exciting thing for me was the bishop's election. In no less than 6 ballot rounds, the delegates decided who should lead our congregations as spiritual

**Do not follow
the majority if
it is wrong.**

- *Exodus 23,2*

leaders for the next 6 years. In the end, it was one vote that made the difference. On my way home, I couldn't stop thinking: My opinion matters and my voice may even have made the difference today in this important question - and 190 delegates probably had the same thought! Maybe that's the message the verse from the 2nd Book of Moses wants to convey. It speaks to me directly, shakes me up. I am asked not to blindly follow the majority, but to use my own heart and mind to make sound decisions.

What can happen when people blindly follow a crowd, we are currently seeing in Germany. My friends there told me in shock about the European elections, in which parties like the Alternative for Germany (AfD) scored higher than ever and the traditionally popular parties in many countries lost many votes to them. While it was frowned upon a few years ago to support such groups, there are now many people from all sorts of backgrounds who do so. It seems to have become acceptable to express irritation about the current government in this way to teach them a lesson. The possible consequences of this could be that exclusion and discrimination become more common in our societies and that mistrust against everything new or different is fostered. Not all AfD voters might be Nazis, but they support a group that not only tolerates right-wing extremist ideas and radical slogans in its midst, but promotes them.

Certainly, the monthly verse from the Bible does not give us the right to condemn people who follow the majority at the wrong moment. We are not entitled to this because none of us always make the right decisions. If parties like AfD should at one point gain a majority, I hope we will have the courage to oppose them. But even with small things in our everyday life, I notice how difficult it is to speak up and speak our truth when other people don't agree.

Nevertheless, our responsibility remains to stand up for what we believe in, so that history does not repeat itself and we don't have to live through a new "Third Reich" again. For example, you may have already experienced how certain groups of people are being discriminated against in a conversation, may it be immigrants, people of other faiths or just different from the majority. Unfortunately, there are many prejudices in the world, especially about people at the margins of society. At such a point, it is necessary for us to take a stand.

In this context, we should take our own feelings seriously. This "inner guide" can tell us what is right or wrong. If we say it out loud, we may even succeed in awakening the conscience of other people. One thing is clear: We have to make decisions and will not always do the right thing. However, we can trust that we will receive the strength and courage from God to follow our conscience and feelings even in difficult situations.

In Sunday School, there used to be a song: "Be a living fish!" One verse goes like this:

"Only the dead fish always swim with the stream // They let themselves float with everyone else. // They have neither the power nor the courage to do anything else and want to stay in the big mass. // Have the courage to be different than most people around you! If they tell you you're not normal - just ask: what does the Lord want?"

I believe: God is with us in every situation of life. With his help, may we learn to be brave fish that learn to swim against the stream. Amen.

A. Klappert - Pastor Annika Klappert

Messages & updates

Pastor Annika Klappert Parental Leave of Absence

Dear Martin Luther family!



It's time to say goodbye - for now! After almost 3 wonderful years, during which I was able to experience and create so much together with you, I will be going on maternity leave at the beginning of August. After that I will take parental leave, so that I will be away from my position for a full year.

I am very grateful for the support of Vicar Alice and Pastor Nkanyiso as well as our lay preachers, who ensure that our church services and congregational life remain lively. Pastoral care and pastoral services (funerals, baptisms...) are also ensured.

I would like to thank you very much for all the good wishes and prayers that have accompanied my pregnancy so far. It is really good to know that you are supported by a community in this special phase of life, in which we work, live, learn and believe together.

On July 21, I celebrated my penultimate church service with the congregation for the time being, but I will definitely be popping up again here and there - as a member of the congregation!

My husband Tim and I don't expect any gifts for the birth, your support and prayers are all we need. But if you can't help it: We are happy to receive gifts of diapers (different brands and

sizes for the coming year - please drop them off at the office). I will also compile a list of things we can use. If you would like access to it, please contact me here: klappertannika@gmail.com.

I wish everyone a wonderful summer and a colorful autumn! In the words of Erich Feyerabend: May God be with you!

- Your Pastor Annika Klappert

Presidents' Report

Dear Congregation,

Congratulations! A new life is on the way. Pastor Annika Klappert will be starting her parental/maternity leave on August 1, 2024 and we look forward to her return one year from now in August 2025. Best wishes and God bless! Ahead of her leave and vacation the last 2 weeks of July, we gathered at the Sunday service on July 21, 2024 to send Pastor Annika off. It was a special service with our church choir and musician Magnus Hjerpe. You can send well wishes to office@martinluther.ca.

Council has made the following arrangements for Pastor Annika's coverage:

We are blessed that Vicar Alice Rothgordt from Germany was interested in spending one year exploring/working outside of Germany before starting with her own congregation, and she chose us! After two interviews, both with representatives of our Martin Luther Church and the EKD, the position was approved. Vicar Alice is arriving to serve our congregation full time from October 2024 (date TBD) to September 2025. Once she arrives, you may reach Vicar Alice Rothgordt at vicarrothgordt@martinluther.ca (cell TBD).

Once a German-speaking vicar was secured to serve the German-speaking members of our congregation, Council began looking for an English-speaking minister to complement our ministry team. Fortunately, we were able to hire Pastor Nkanyiso Kingdom Maphumulo to cover for one year on a part-time basis. Pastor Nkanyiso is from South Africa, the Diocese of Zululand, a diocese of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa (<http://anglicanchurchsa.org/>), and educated at the University of KwaZulu Natal. He is currently residing here in Canada and working on his PhD at University of Toronto, Trinity College (Doctor of Philosophy in theological studies). He was interviewed, then approved by Council and the Eastern Synod on June 25, 2024. Pastor Nkanyiso will be splitting his time between us and his other part-time position at St. Margaret's Anglican Church, New Toronto (<https://www.smnt.ca/>) located down the road. Meet Pastor Nkanyiso at his first service at MLC, co-presided with lay preacher Iris Schweiger, on August 11, 2024. Beginning August 15, 2024, you may contact Pastor Nkanyiso Kingdom Maphumulo at pastorkingdom@martinluther.ca, cell 416-723-7349.

Each of their biographies appears later in this newsletter. Council hopes you will make them feel welcome. Our lay preachers

(Tanya Zielke, Iris Schweiger, and Katja Brittain) graciously agreed to help with the worship services over the course of the year as well. We will also rebroadcast past radio devotions from Pastor Annika Klappert on Sunday mornings (CHLO 530 AM) at 9:30 am until our vicar from Germany arrives in October.

In other news, Council will be going on their annual retreat from September 13-15, 2024 to confirm priorities for the 2025-2026 term. If you have anything you would like Council to discuss, please reach out to president@martinluther.ca or vicepresident@martinluther.ca

Note that as part of the incorporation process, we will be reaching out to congregation members to confirm contact information. This includes the decision of whether they are voting vs non-voting members as per definition in our new constitution and bylaws. Stay tuned for this communication!

- Mona Frantzke and Jocelyn Sommerfeld
President and Vice President of the Martin Luther Church Council

Pastor Nkanyiso Kingdom Maphumulo introduces himself



I once heard a saying, "If you want to make God laugh, show Him your plans." This came to mind as I reflect on my journey from South Africa to Canada. Born in 1979, during the heydays of Apartheid, I was exposed to consequences of discrimination and violence. The end of Apartheid opened doors that were closed for many of us; education being one of those doors. I then went to the University to study Psychology. Perhaps, out of youthful naivety, I thought I could help people deal with traumas of Apartheid. However, God had other plans.

After completing my junior degree in Psychology, I felt an undeniable call to the ordained ministry. To this end, I began my theological formation in the Anglican seminary, The College of Transfiguration, where I obtained my Diploma in Theological studies. In 2010, I was ordained a deacon, a year later I was ordained a priest. From 2011, I served as a parish rector in three different parishes in the diocese of Zululand, South Africa. During this time, I furthered my studies, obtaining two degrees: a Bachelor of Theology Honours and a Master's degree in Theology. In 2021 God granted me an opportunity to pursue a PhD at the University Toronto (Trinity College). Through this opportunity, I now find myself coming to MLC.

I thank God for the support from my wife, Phindile and our three daughters – Kuya (10yrs), Mesuli (5yrs), and Nonka (4yrs), without whom this journey would be impossible.

I am grateful for the opportunity to be part of the community of Martin Luther Church. I am humbled by the welcome that I have received. I look forward to mutual learning and growth. The words of Saint Paul resonate, "being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1: 6 NIV).

- Pastor Nkanyiso Kingdom Maphumulo



Vicar Alice Rothgordt introduces herself



My name is Alice Rothgordt and I will be starting a one-year vicariate abroad in your congregation in October 2024, which I am really looking forward to. I am 31 years old and grew up in the picturesque northern German city of Hamburg. My final desire to become a pastor had to grow after graduating from high school, whereby I tried out many different fields of work beforehand and then completed my studies in Protestant theology in Kiel and Hamburg. For the vicariate, I made a conscious decision to venture out of the urban area and began my ministry in a small town in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern near the former East German border zone. I would describe my preferences and strengths within my pastoral work as organizing and holding church services, ecumenical networking and working with seniors. In my free time, I do a lot of sports, enjoy reading and socializing with friends, as well as spending time in nature and with animals. In general, I am a very open and curious person who loves to get involved in new things - so I am very excited about this year and look forward to meeting you in Toronto!

- Your (soon to be) vicar Alice Rothgordt

Financial Report from Council meeting June 25

Council has set up a Reserve Fund to hold any donations that are not intended for the General Household or Mission. The total is currently \$ 4,700.

Building Renovation

The Building Renovation contract is now completed and all invoices have been paid to DASD Construction and Larkin Architects (\$ 701,000). With this, we have depleted/used up the building fund gifted us from the German church in Seattle, Washington USA, the assets that were designated for the project.

We did have cost overruns in the following areas:

1. Asbestos was found in the wall plaster in the basement and needed remediation.
2. Pile anchors for the accessibility ramp needed to be extended and weeping tiles needed to be installed around the back.
3. Change order to replace the steel railing along the ramp with a clear glass wall structure to make it see through.
4. Fire alarm panel needed to be upgraded to pass inspection for continuous fire monitoring, a requirement of the Ontario Ministry of Education for the daycare program.

Maintenance Update

It was an opportune time after the church renovations to have the ducts cleaned. A new air conditioning unit was also installed in the parsonage. Further repairs are needed to the air conditioning at the church. Donations are welcome to help with these expenses.

Rental Update

On July 2nd, Martin Luther Child Care began renting the room in the church basement that was redesigned for another preschool program. Unfortunately, this room was damaged in the flood on July 16 and needs to be restored in order to reopen for child care.



The church rental committee is also working on the logistics of renting out our newly renovated foyer for the benefit of the community and to generate income. It is already being well used for Sunday hospitality, Bowls and Blessings, internal meetings and public events like the EURO football watch parties.

Finally, the one bedroom apartment at 5 Superior Ave. has become vacant after our tenant and custodian Robert Broderick and his family moved out. We wish them well in their new home in Hamilton. His father Michael Broderick remains in the 2 bedroom apartment and will continue to work for the church on the property. Please contact the office to help prepare the apartment for new tenants.

- Kai Hermann

Treasurer of the Martin Luther Church Council

Altar Art Update by Artist Michelle Reid

I've been focusing heavily on growing my skills as a painter the past few weeks. A trip to Italy was an idyllic setting to grow my practice painting "En Plein Air" (French for outdoors) where we paint outside from observation which allows us to "see" so much more than from a reference photo. The atmospheric perspective is outstanding and really helps to understand how to capture depth on a 2D surface. I'm very excited to incorporate this spirited approach to the much, much larger Altar Art piece to really create a multidimensional and effervescent landscape for your congregation.

I also went to the East Coast to compete in a Plein-Air festival. I was chosen as 1 of 30 international participants to capture the Bay of Fundy over 3 days, painting sea to sky, and breathing in the salty air. Upon my return from the adventure, the Altar Art will move from concept into a symphony of paint that celebrates the beauty of our "home" landscape as seen through fresh eyes.

-Michelle Reid

BASEMENT FLOODING: URGENT APPEAL!

On July 16, 2024, Martin Luther Church suffered considerable flood damage in the church basement and at the 5 Superior Ave building due to record rainfall. It will still take some time to get a full understanding of the true extent of the damage –especially in financial terms– but it is evident that significant repair and remediation work, as well as comprehensive disinfecting are necessary before the basement will be fully safe and usable again –especially for the children who attend Martin Luther Child Care, which was in the middle of summer programming and just opened a new preschool room on July 2, 2024. The Wesley Mimico United Church Food Bank in the church basement was also flooded so remaining food will be distributed from the sanctuary for now. We will keep everyone posted as this ongoing –still very opaque — process becomes clearer and hopefully begins to yield results that will help offset our substantial costs. A special thanks to all those who already have jumped in so generously and helped weather this unprecedented emergency, especially those selfless stalwarts among church council, staff, volunteers and parents of the child-care. The church council and volunteers have connected with the City of Toronto for immediate help, compensation and continuing infrastructure improvements in and around the pumping station, along Lakeshore and Superior Ave. In addition, efforts are on the way to reach out to the greater German community and our direct neighbours to help. We welcome all additional donations –however small– to help us through this difficult time. Sunday worship services will go ahead as scheduled since both sanctuary and foyer are intact. Hope to see you there!



Church Basement



Basement
of 5 Superior

9 inches
of floodwater

The Ministry of Music

“My heart, which is so full to overflowing, has often been solaced and refreshed by music when sick and weary”
- Martin Luther

God calls us to work in his vineyard. In my case that place is the organ loft and in the sanctuary of the church accompanying the choir on the piano. God also calls us to bear fruit and this places a responsibility to choose music for organ preludes and postludes and choir songs that are worthy musical offerings, meaning the music must have quality and be performed with the best attainable standard. It is an offering to God.

Music must speak to the heart. Melody and rhythm move a person’s spirit and the text of hymns and songs inspire spiritual connection and devotion, bringing us closer to God. Singing spiritual texts enlivens our prayer life. According to Saint Augustine: “He who sings, prays twice”.

It is a great privilege to serve in the music ministry and provide an emotional enrichment to the church community as we celebrate the great feasts of the church calendar. Surely, music speaks most profoundly at a funeral service when the organist/pianist chooses a special instrumental piece of music to honour the memory of the deceased and give family and friends a gift of love expressed in music.

-Linda Marcincus, Organist





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The Wider Church

The ELCIC is excited to announce its new logo and tagline "Living out God's Grace & Unconditional Love", inspired by a new vision statement developed through extensive consultation with members across the church. The logo includes the dove holding an olive branch symbolizing peace and hope. The shape of the abstract design can also be seen as an open hand, representing truth, honesty and lending a helping hand. The 2023 Annual Report for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada is now available. Read about the work of our church, our connection to our partners, and how together we are Living out God's grace and unconditional love! They are a great way to share more about the mission and ministry of the ELCIC with your members AND with those new to the church. A PDF version is available online here.

What's happening?

Let there be greening: Tending God's garden in partnership with the GARDENS Pod Project this summer

Many cooks spoil the soup but many gardeners make gardens grow and look good!



Empty Jam Jars needed!

With berries and fruit at their peak, it's the perfect time to make jam for the Christmas Bazaar. If you have any spare jam or canning jars at home (straight top only - with no shoulders), please consider dropping them off at the church office.

Community Outreach Painting Fundraiser Fall 2024

Sign up to paint a piece of art at our church in the fall with the guidance of our very own church member and artist Kristine Stuef (date TBD). Supplies and snacks will be provided. Please sign up with Marlena in the church office with a donation of \$25 or more. Funds raised will support our community outreach projects like Bowls and Blessings and gardening.

Sightseeing Tour of Downtown Toronto November 17th, 2024

Join us for a sightseeing tour of downtown Toronto on Sunday November 17th from 8am to 3pm on a coach bus departing and returning from our church. Sure to be a fun adventure! It helps to have a climate-controlled coach bus (with WC) and an experienced team of veteran driver from Coach Canada and tour guide Andy Boettcher. Sponsored by a grant from Moll Berczy Haus, come enjoy a cordial chat with other German speaking seniors of the GTA. Sign up by contacting the church office by October 6.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

We will begin collecting items for our annual Thanksgiving food drive at the beginning of October! If you can spare any non-perishable food items, please bring these to church to stock our community pantry and the Wesley Mimico United church food bank!

Reflections

Mother's Day Fundraiser Sunday May 12, 2024

\$325 was raised at our Mother's Day Bake Sale on Sunday May 12, 2024 and will go towards an urgent organ repair.



UEFA 2024 Watch Party Fundraisers June 14, 19, 23, 29 + July 5

We thank everyone who helped out with and attended the UEFA EURO 2024 Team Germany soccer game watch parties, we hosted in the sanctuary and foyer, which raised money for our church. Although Germany lost in the quarter finals, we had a great time together!



What did we learn about the Seven Sacred Teachings of the Anishnaabe?

We were introduced to the Seven Sacred Teachings of the Anishnaabe over 7 weeks, May 26-July 7, 2024 in our Radio Devotions, Sermons and Dinner Church. What did we learn? Perhaps you remember a certain animal that symbolizes one of the teachings stood out: the bear for bravery, beaver for wisdom, turtle for truth, wolf for humility, sage for honesty, buffalo for respect, or the eagle for love. Maybe you remember one of the Bible verses that was chosen for a teaching. It's possible that the whole topic was confusing, uncomfortable, or didn't explain the Indigenous perspective enough from your perspective. Whatever the case may be for you, we hope to keep learning and continuing (the sometimes difficult) conversations about Truth and Reconciliation as Lutherans by the lake!

"Of all the North American Indigenous teachings, the Seven Sacred Teachings, also known as Seven Grandfather or Seven Grandmother Teachings, are the most commonly shared from coast to coast. Many Indigenous organizations and communities have adopted the seven guiding principles, in one form or another, as a moral stepping stone and cultural foundation. Each community has adapted the teachings to suit their community values. Despite where the teachings may have originated, they share the same concepts of abiding by a moral respect for all living things." - Seven Weeks for Seven Sacred Teachings, p. 5



Bike ride with the German Consulate Saturday June 15, 2024

Iris Schweiger was our guide and shared her many insights into German heritage sites in Toronto. It was a great way to bring together the bike community and the German community in Toronto.

The last stop was our Martin Luther Church. Along the way was a stop at First Evangelical Lutheran Church on Bond St which is located within the Toronto Metropolitan University campus (formerly Ryerson University) and Pastor Ralph Carl Wuschke.

Bowls and Blessings Team received an Award of Merit June 19, 2024



Eastern Synod Assembly Reflection: Let there be Greening June 20-22, 2024

"Peace be still." With these key words from Mark 4 Bishop Susan Johnson opened the hearts and minds of the approximately 200 delegates from churches in Atlantic Canada all the way to Niagara Falls. In this time of great upheaval, the delegates needed to hear the words loud and clear "Jesus is with us in our fearful moments saying peace be still. It's hard to hear. But Jesus is reminding us to lean into love. The deep love God has for us. The love that Jesus showed on the cross."

The leading team of our Eastern Synod, that retired together with the end of the convention, had accumulated 90 years of joint experience, which added some additional apprehension to the already exciting process of voting for the new officers. Bishop Michael Pryse strengthened the resolve of the delegates with his words of thanks and encouragement: "I am leaving office with a heart that is bursting with gratitude and full of hope and expectation for the life of our synod".

Before each vote Chaplain, Rev. Martha Tatarnic grounded us in scripture and prayer, and in trust that God is leading each one of us, to cast the next ballot. The race towards becoming the next Bishop of the Eastern Synod was emotionally laden. Especially the reveal of the last and final voting screen was accompanied with a quick intake of breath of the entire assembly, followed by a deep silence and then heartfelt applause for our new Bishop elect Rev. Carla Blakely. For detailed information please open the following website at <https://easternsynod.org/about-us/synod-assembly/>

You will be able to listen and watch the assembly unfold and familiarize yourself with the faces of the newly elected officers. These include, and are not limited to Sara Whynot, Vice Chairperson and first officer elected from the Atlantic Ministry Area. Fred Mertz, Treasurer, and Chris Hulan, Secretary, who have been shadowing the outgoing officers for the past year. You will also be able to see the recipients of the Eastern Synod Leadership Awards and hear National Bishop Susan Johnson speak about the resolutions made during the National Assembly in June 2023. Among other topics she highlighted the Task Force Addressing Ableism, Task Force Addressing Racism, White Supremacy and Racial Justice Issues, The Task Force Addressing Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia, and the Task Force on Carbon Neutrality.

Pastor Annika Klappert and layperson Iris Schweiger attended the Convention as voting members. Katja Brittain supported the Convention as a visitor.

Grateful for your trust in me to represent the Martin Luther Church is,

- Iris Schweiger

We celebrate...

Dinner church Maundy Thursday March 28, 2024 featuring our church choir



April 24, 2024 with **Guest Speaker Katja Brittain** on the topic of appreciating kindness.



May 29, 2024 with **Guest Speaker Pastor Tuula Van Gaasbeek** talk about food ministry at St. Philips Lutheran Church



June 26, 2024 with **Guest Speaker Iris Schweiger** on the topic of the Seven Sacred Teachings. Iris helped 20 people in attendance continue to learn and get inspired.

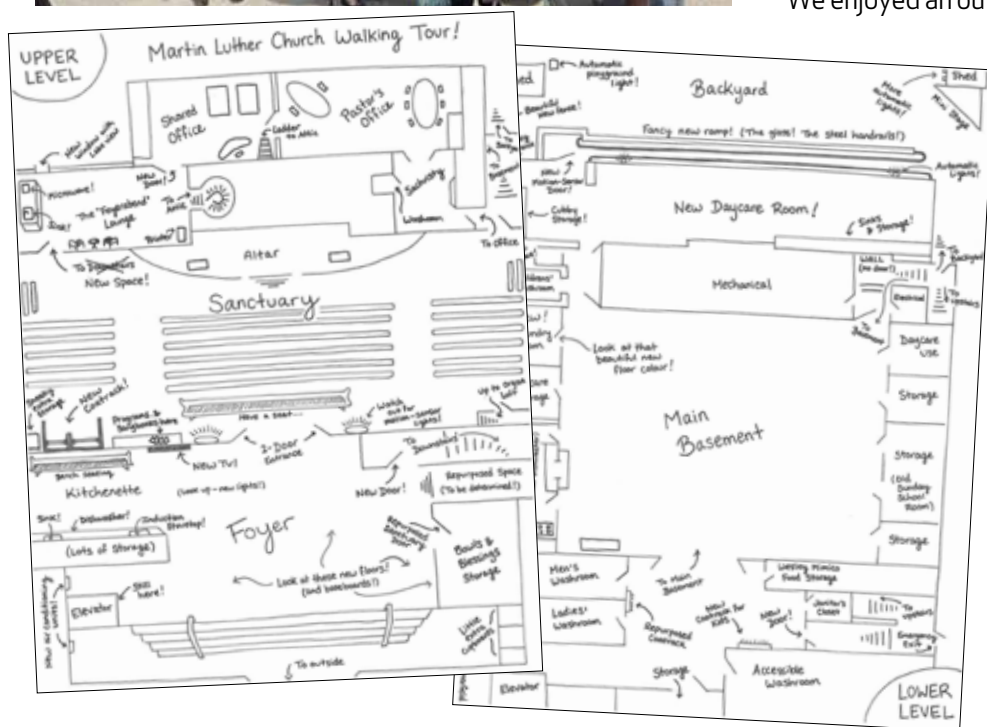


More dinners are coming up at **7:00 pm on Wednesday, July 31, 2024, September 25, 2024 and October 30, 2024**
Please sign up for the potluck dinners with the church office!

On **Pentecost**, May 19, 2024, we celebrated a worship service with a blessing of members who have been confirmed. We had a reception with pizza and ice cream in our backyard.



We enjoyed an outdoor service during our **Church Picnic** at Amos Waites Park on Sunday June 16, 2024. It was a beautiful day to pray in the four directions, sing, collect natural elements inspired by the creation story, share food, games, and much more!



There was also a soft opening of our renovated spaces with walking tours and a fantastic floor plan drawn by our council vice-president Jocelyn Sommerfeld.



We celebrated **Ascension Day** with a German service on May 9, 2024 as we do every year with other German-speaking Lutheran congregations in the GTA, followed by a luncheon. We gathered in our church this year to sing and pray together and reflect upon the meaning of this special day, when Jesus finally said goodbye to his friends and left this earth to be with his father in eternity.



We mourn...

Erich Feyerabend passed away on April 19, 2024 at 89 years of age. Erich was a long-time member of Martin Luther Church offering much of his time, faith, and financial support. This included carpentry, visiting ministry team, council member, Sunday School teacher, camps, retreats, and having fun.

Frieda Kaehler passed away on June 2, 2024 at 96 years of age.

Reiner Mauke passed away on June 22, 2024 at 84 years of age. In 2018, Reiner Mauke made a generous donation toward the creation of a piece of art for the altar of our church in memory of his late wife Christine (née Huber). We are saddened that he will not be able to see the finished altar art but we are moving closer to completing the project that he envisioned. We are grateful for his support.

Upcoming services

Summer Schedule

For July and August the 9:45 English devotion and 11:00 am German service will be once a month, the rest of the Sundays will be 11:00 am bilingual services.

Sunday July 21, 2024 , 9th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 am German- English Worship Service with Holy Communion, Choir and music by Magnus Hjerpe. - Come wish Pastor Annika Klappert well at her last service before her maternity/parental leave.

Sunday July 28, 2024, 10th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 am German-English Worship Service (Katja Brittain, lay preacher)

Wednesday July 31, 2024

7:00 pm Dinner Church "Summer Camp". Families welcome!

Sunday August 4, 2024, 11th Sunday after Pentecost

9:45 am English Devotion with Fellowship + 11:00 am German Worship Service (Karin Schemeit, lay preacher, St. George's Lutheran Church)

Sunday August 11, 2024, 12th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 am German-English Worship Service (Iris Schweiger, lay preacher & introducing Pastor Nkanyiso Kingdom Maphumulo)

Sunday August 18, 2024, 13th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 am German-English Worship Service (Tanya Zielke, lay preacher)

Sunday August 25, 2024, 14th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 am German-English Worship Service (Nefeli Xiggos, our past Intern from Germany)

Sunday September 1, 2024, 15th Sunday after Pentecost -

9:45 am English Devotion with Fellowship + 11:00 am German Worship Service (Tanya Zielke, lay preacher)

Sunday September 8, 2024, 16th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 am German-English Worship Service (Karin Schemeit, lay preacher, St. George's Lutheran Church)

Sunday September 15, 2024 , 17th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 am German-English Worship Service (Friedrich Brunzema, lay preacher, First Lutheran Church)

Sunday September 22, 2024, 18th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 am German-English Worship Service (Pastor Nkanyiso Kingdom Maphumulo)

Wednesday September 25, 2024

7:00 pm Dinner Church

Sunday September 29, 2024, 19th Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 am German-English Worship Service (Tanya Zielke, lay preacher)

Sunday October 6, 2024, German Thanksgiving

11:00 am German Worship Service with Holy Communion and our church choir

Sunday October 13, 2024, Canadian Thanksgiving

11:00 am German-English Worship Service

Sunday October 20, 2024, 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 am German-English Worship Service.

Sunday October 27, 2024, Reformation

9:45 am English Devotion with Fellowship + 11:00 am German Worship Service

Wednesday October 30, 2024

7:00 pm Dinner Church

Sightseeing Bus Tour November 17, 2024

8:00 am bus tour through downtown Toronto

Choir Practices Resume September 10, 2024

Join us at Tuesdays at 6pm in preparation for the upcoming German Thanksgiving service on October 6th, and the All Saints with Remembrance of the Dead service on November 3rd.