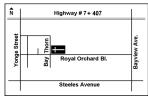


#### CHRIST THE KING - DIETRICH BONHOEFFER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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#### Dear Congregation,

"Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people" *Luke 2:10* 

In Luke's account of the birth of Jesus, the angel tells the shepherds two things: Firstly, not to fear, and secondly that the coming of Jesus, God's Son, Emmanuel (God-with-us) is good news that will make a lot of people happy.

I think this message, in a nutshell, is one that we need to share with our friends and neighbours. There is fear, despair and sadness all around us in society today, and many people are looking for meaning for their lives in all the wrong places. Yet as people of faith, we believe that the Bible's message of hope and God's love is one that counters the consumerism, greed, and politics of power that govern our world.

The birth of Jesus reminds us that the world is constantly being renewed, and that we need to be part of God's plan to bring good news of redemption and salvation to all people: that God's love does trump everything, that life is stronger than death, and light stronger than darkness.

Wishing you and yours a blessed Advent and a Merry Christmas!

#### Liebe Gemeinde,

Fürchtet euch nicht! Siehe, ich verkündige euch große Freude, die allem Volk widerfahren wird" Lukas 2,10

Laut der Beschreibung von Jesu Geburt im Lukasevangelium, verkündet der Engel den Hirten zweierlei: erstens, dass sie nichts zu fürchten hätten und zweitens, dass das Kommen Jesu, Sohn Gottes, Immanuel (Gott mit uns) eine gute Nachricht sei, die viele Menschen glücklich machen sollte.

Ich meine, dass wir diese Botschaft des Engels mit unseren Freunden und Nachbarn teilen sollten. Es gibt viel Angst, Verzweiflung und Trauer in der heutigen Gesellschaft und Menschen suchen nach dem Sinn des Lebens an den falschen Orten. Aber als gläubige Menschen wissen wir, dass die biblische Botschaft der Hoffnung und der Liebe Gottes größer ist als die Verbraucherherrschaft, die Gier und die Machtpolitik, die unsere Welt regieren.

Jesu Geburt erinnert uns daran, dass die Welt sich ständig erneuert und dass wir uns als ein Teil von Gottes Plan eingliedern sollten um die gute Nachricht der Erlösung an alle Menschen weiterzuleiten: dass Gottes Liebe alles übertrumpft, dass das Leben stärker ist als der Tod und dass Licht stärker ist als die Dunkelheit.

Ich wünsche Euch und Euren Angehörigen eine gesegnete Adventszeit und frohe Weihnachten!

Sincerely in Christ, / Herzlichst, im Dienst Christi, Pastor Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

## From the Pastor's Desk

#### Why an English-only 9.30 a.m. service during the year?

On a trial basis for 4 months, once a month we have started having only an English Sunday service at 9.30 a.m. This was a proposal from the Worship and the Arts Committee, agreed to by Council. I anticipate that there will be discussion on this subject at the February annual meeting and then options to vote on moving forward. It raises many questions and I'm glad that people are interested and discussing it.



The underlying question is this: "Will there be a German service in this church in 10-15 years?" If the answer is no, then the 2nd question: "How do we get there?" that is, "what decisions do we make in the interim so that we will have a self-sustaining English-only service congregation by that time, in 10-15 years?"

My preference would be to have two well-attended services every Sunday, just like it was when I arrived in 2010. However, for various reasons, unfortunately attendance has been dropping at both services. Two services every Sunday is no longer an option that makes sense, and it doesn't seem like we'll be returning to this practice in the future.

Now I believe a Christian principle that Jesus embodied is that the strong should support the weak. And since the merger, this has been the case here: the German side was stronger, and it has supported the English side. Our congregation has made many decisions along the way to support and strengthen the English side over the last few years, such as increasing the number of joint services, creating new programming in English only, etc. Part of these decisions were meant to strengthen our identity as one congregation, not two.

The question raised by this trial service is: "What is the best way to support a low-attendance English service?" The Worship Committee saw that the English-only 9.30 a.m. services in the summer (which we've had for years!) were the best attended normal English services all year. Could the 9.30 a.m. English service be continued once a month? When you get below a critical mass of people at a service, say a dozen, it becomes very hard to attract newcomers. Yet, if a service has 20-30 people attending, it becomes viable. Furthermore, the Engage! service, while it is an active community and faith-building worship service, was not designed to become the main English language worship service at our church. It remains a complement, but our efforts must remain with strengthening the traditional English Sunday service.

The question to the German mother-tongue speakers is this, I believe: "What are you willing to further sacrifice for the long-term goals of our congregation?" Is the once a month 9.30 English service a good solution, where the strong help the weak, for the greater good of the whole church?

I don't think there are any easy answers here. But at least let's try it out for four months, keep discussing it, and prayerfully determine whether this is something that we should continue.

Pastor Sebastian

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#### Members giving back...outside our walls, Part 6.

(The idea of this newsletter column is to highlight how various members and friends of CTKDB are giving of their time, talent, and treasure to support those in need *outside of our church.*)

On Saturday, September 26th, **Prisca Kenel**, along with daughters Evelyn, Christine and grandson Jonah, walked 20 kilometres for "The Great Camp Adventure Walk" in support of Sick Kids Hospital. The walk occurred in "perfect weather" conditions in downtown Toronto, taking about 6 hours. Prisca canvassed church members to help sponsor her and raised \$45. Some people were quite surprised that she made it, but her children were most surprised she completed it "even without blisters!". Prisca definitely will do it again!



Our beautiful **Thanksgiving Display** with a facsimile of Luther's 1534 Bible (display by Leni Schwartzel)



On Saturday, September 19th, **Edith Schiller and Gitta Urbschat** joined the pastor to represent the Thornhill Ministerial (the group of Thornhill Churches) at the annual **Thornhill Community Festival**: fortunately it rained later in the day—the Catholics really got wet! (Pastor Sebastian also played his violin).





Just to prove that being on Council can be fun, at the **June Council retreat**, there was time for some **5 pin bowling**! (Marika and Rene Samulewitsch, Edith Schiller, Doris Lottermoser, and Deborah Tobin)

Our annual **St. Martin Lantern Walk** was held on November 6th this year on a warm and dry evening. Around 25 were in attendance for stories, goodies and a lantern walk through the ravine.





You may have noticed that the church cross on the Royal Orchard side is more visible. This is because an **old**, **large evergreen bush** on our property was removed by Karl Liske. Its branches were so ingrown that it could be rolled into the ravine! Thank you!



Congratulations to **Martin Pymm** on receiving an Eastern Synod post-secondary Scholarship! Martin is studying voice at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo.

A big **thank you** to those of you who attended the congregational meeting end of September and who responded to our appeal. **There is still time** to help us reach our goal of balancing our 2015 budget! Donations are welcomed until December 31st!





What is the **social ministry fund?** It is a small budgeted amount which allows me to discreetly aid various people who require assistance during the year. At the moment, I purchase grocery gift cards and I am thus able to help families purchase food and other necessities. It is a great way for us to locally help the less fortunate. Pastor Sebastian

Ian White, a local photographer, artist, and spouse of a Petronella Dance Group (renting our hall on Wednesday evenings) member has generously donated a **illumination "recreation of the first word of the Gospel of John"**. This wonderful work of graphic art will be displayed in the entranceway from December until Lent. It will be available for you to bring home through **a silent auction**, which will conclude after the Advent Family Sunday Service on December 13th. Proceeds will go towards our church.





Through October and November, I put together **a display in our entranceway on "Saints".** I included saint cards depicting mainly the apostles and their symbols. (e.g. John the Evangelist with the Eagle) In the middle was the result of a sermon discussion during an August service, where I asked people to share their rules of life (in the fashion of the letter of James) to the next generation. Entries included: "always be thankful, no matter what", "be honest". "be responsible", "strengthen your family" etc.

Popular understanding is that "Lutherans do not have saints", yet the Augsburg Confession is clear: "...saints should be kept in remembrance so that our faith may be strengthened when we see what grace they received and how they were sustained by faith. Moreover, their good works are to be an example for us, each of us in their own calling". In the the New Testament, the word "saint" applied to all believers, and Luther famously exclaimed that all Christians were at the same time, "saint and sinner". The Evangelical Lutheran Worship includes a calendar of Festivals and Commemorations on pages 15-17. I believe we can learn a lot from the lives of the Christians who have gone before us in the faith, both our living elders as well as those from centuries past.

Pastor Sebastian

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Once again we will be collecting in December non-perishable food items and monetary donations for the **Thornhill Christmas Assistance Programme.** 

Last year over 100 needy families in the area received Christmas baskets through this programme, run primarily out of Thornhill United Church.

#### Sein Herz schenken

Ein behinderter, heruntergekommener Mann sitzt am Straßenrand und hält den Vorbeikommenden bettelnd die offene Hand hin. Die meisten nehmen vom Bettler keine Notiz. Ein einziger bleibt stehen und sagt "Ich würde dir gern etwas geben, aber eben habe ich bemerkt, dass ich nicht eine Kopeke in der Tasche habe."

Darauf gibt ihm der am Straßenrand die erstaunliche Antwort: "Du hast mir mehr als eine Kopeke gegeben. Du hast mir ein Stück deines Herzens gegeben!"



(aus dem alten Rußland)



This year's **Christmas Tree setup** and decoration will be done by the youth/young adults and will happen Tuesday, December 22nd at 7.30 p.m.

Everyone (of all ages!) is welcome to the first ever **Confirmand's Christmas on Thursday**, **December 17th at 7 p.m.!** There will Christmas storytelling, a scavenger hunt, and other fun activities, and of course, food and drink! More information to come!

Join us at our Christmas Party!



#### Name Change survey and town hall meeting, Sunday January 3

In October, a new church name change survey was circulated. If you did not receive one, please contact the office asap. After the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, January 3rd, the submitted names will be discussed at

a town hall meeting, and 5 best names chosen. Please consider attending this special meeting and helping with this important venture!

#### **DELKINA Conference 2015**

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From October 14-19th, my family and I attended the biennial conference of the DELKINA (German evangelical Lutheran churches in North America), this year held in San Diego, California. As to be expected, it was a warm conference, with temperatures ranging from 20-35 Degrees! The hosting church, the *German Church in San Diego* is a small congregation, part of First Lutheran (downtown), and currently worships once a month on a Sunday afternoon.

In attendance were representatives from 12 member congregations, some families, a few individual members, as well as Ms. Ostarek, EKD superintendent and two further representatives from the German National church. Besides the regular business meetings, (which included the elections for the new executive, where I was elected president), there was time for sightseeing (including *Chicano Park*, site of the Mexican migrant worker's civil rights movement under Cesar Chavez, and also the Mexican border at the Pacific Ocean, where families, often separated for decades, can briefly talk through a thick metal fence once a month.) See a good German account of this at

<u>https://germanpastornyc.wordpress.com/2015/10/21/mauer-reloaded/</u>, as well as Christian Ceconi's account posted on our bulletin board and on <u>www.delkina.org</u>

The conference enabled networking and exchange of best practices for congregational leaders of German North American churches, most of whom are struggling with the same issue of decline in German immigration over the last 40 years. I believe there still is a need for such a "special interest conference" like the DELKINA (that is why I let myself be nominated), as there still is life and future left for German language Lutheran ministry here in this continent, and we need to invest in it.

On January 3rd, 2016, "DELKINA Sunday", I will be showing a few more pictures and talk about the work of DELKINA in more length. Looking ahead, the next conference will be held in October 2017 here in Toronto! Pastor Sebastian





[Chicano Park mural, Mexican-USA border at the Pacific Ocean]

From March 28th to June 26th 2016, I will be taking **parental leave** according to our church's parental leave policy that we adopted last year, in order to spend time with my growing family and to allow Carey to return to work a little earlier. Church Council and I will be working together with the Synod office to plan interim pastoral coverage. Thank you for your understanding! Pastor Sebastian



#### **Thanksgiving Benefit Dinner - 2015**



It was an evening filled with fellowship, good food and thanksgiving. About 90 friends and members enjoyed the bounties of a beautifully prepared hall with tables decorated with apples and fall colour.

A four course meal including turkey, cranberries, beans and our favourite red cabbage, satisfied our ample appetites. There was even enough for those hungry guys to have seconds!

René our council chair, once again emceed the evening in his charming manner and managed to keep us engaged between

courses. The light entertainment included some readings then topped by Pastor Sebastian's talent with a violin selection. Lively conversation evident at each table, was heart warming to see as we were able to be re-united with friends and family, some of whom we had not seen for a time.

Because of the generosity of so many, we are able to support the Yellow Brick House once again with a \$500 donation and almost \$1000 for CTK-DB. This can only be done because the organizers, cooks, waiters, servers and kitchen crew, donated their time and talents.

A special note of appreciation goes to the confirmands and youth, for their willing participation. Seeing these young people having fellowship together is a positive sign for our future.

It was truly an event for which we can give THANKS!

Ruth Boothby

## Invitations - Einladungen

To our Special Worship Services and Events *Zu unseren besonderen Gottesdiensten und Veranstaltungen* 

#### Sunday, December 13

10:00 a.m. Joint Advent / Christmas Family Service – Adventsfeier Joint Family Service followed by Potluck Lunch. The children and youth will show off their talents and Santa will make an appearance. Raffle prizes from the Bazaar will also be given out.

Zweisprachiger Gottesdienst mit anschließendem Potluck Lunch. Unsere Kinder, zusammen mit der Jugend, zeigen ihr Können. Auch der Weihnachtsmann kommt vorbei. Die Preise aus der Tombola sind an diesem Festtag zu gewinnen!

#### Thursday, December 24

#### Christmas Eve Services – Weihnachtsgottesdienste

- 4:00 p.m. Christvesper Deutscher Gottesdienst\*
- 5.45 p.m. Christvesper Deutscher Gottesdienst
- 7.30 p.m. English Candlelight Service \*Der erste Gottesdienst richtet sich vor allem an Kinder und ist oft überfüllt. Im zweiten Gottesdienst findet sich meist leichter Platz.

#### Friday, December 25

Nativity of our Lord10.00 a.m.English Communion Service<br/>at Holy Trinity Anglican Church,<br/>140 Brooke Street

#### Sunday, December 27

10:00 a.m. Bilingual Hymn Sing Service Zweisprachiger Gesangs-Gottesdienst

#### Thursday, December 31

**3:00 p.m.** German New Year's Eve Service Deutscher Silvestergottesdienst mit Abendmahl









| Invi   | tations - Einladungen   |  |  |  |  |  |
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| To our Special Worship Services and Events<br>Zu unseren besonderen Gottesdiensten und Veranstaltungen |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sunday, Januar<br>10.00 a.m.   | y 3, 2016<br>Joint Epiphany Service<br>Gemeinsamer Dreikönigsfestgottesdienst   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sunday, Januar<br>10.00 a.m.   | y 10, 2016<br>Joint Family Baptism Service<br>Followed by Name Change Town Hall Meeting<br>Gemeinsamer Taufgottesdienst<br>Anschließend wird die Namensänderung besprochen.   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sunday, Januar   | y 24, 2016<br>Annual Report available<br>Der Jahresbericht 2015 ist erhältich.  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tuesday, Janua   | ry 26, 2016   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7.30 p.m.  | Lay Reader's Meeting  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sunday, Februa   | ry 7, 2016 Lay Readers  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10:00 a.m.   | Joint Family Service – <i>Gemeinsamer Familiengottesdienst</i><br>followed by Potluck Coffee Hour and <b>Annual Meeting</b><br><i>Im Anschluss an den Gottesdienst findet unsere</i><br>Jahreshauptversammlung statt. Kaffee und Kuchen werden gereicht.              |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wednesday, Fel   | bruary 10, 2016   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7.30 p.m.  | Ash Wednesday Service   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sunday, Februa<br>4.00 p.m.  | ry 21, 2016<br>Lenten Series at CTKDB   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Wednesday, Fel   | bruary 24, 2016   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6.30 p.m.  | Messy Church  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Friday, March 4,   | , 2016  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1:30 p.m.  | World Day of Prayer / Weltgebetstag at CTKDB  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sunday, March<br>10:00 a.m.  | 6, 2016<br>Joint Family Service of Holy Communion<br>(Installation of newly elected Council Members)<br>followed by Potluck Coffee Hour<br>Gemeinsamer Familiengottesdienst<br>(Einführung der neugewählten Gemeinderatsmitglieder),<br>gefolgt von Kaffee und Kuchen |  |  |  |  |  |

## Congregational News – Aus dem Gemeindeleben



As always, our thoughts and prayers are with all our members and friends who are sick, in hospital or at home. We also pray for their caregivers who are doing all they can.

**Birthday** 

Erna Humphries will celebrate her 90th birthday on December 1. We wish her all the best.





Die Weihnachtsfeier der Frohen Runde findet am Sonnabend den 19. Dezember um 14 Uhr statt. Wir freuen uns auch über alle Gäste. die daran teilnehmen möchten.

#### **Greetings from the Newsletter Committee**

The members of this Committee will always welcome contributions for upcoming newsletters. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with one of the undersigned if you wish to work with us. Meanwhile, we would like to take this opportunity to wish all members and friends a blessed Christmas season combined with all good wishes for the New Year.



Pastor Sebastian Meadows-Helmer, Diana Habekost, Gisela Neitzert.

#### **On loneliness:**



"Small groups are not just a sociological fad or clever gimmick to pump up church attendance. Small groups are a ministry format with a solid biblical foundation. The first and foremost small group in human history is the family, which tells us that God intends for people to be intimately connected with one another. Such connections are the first line of defence against the fear of disconnection."

Dr. David Jeremiah Submitted by Gunther Kunzelmann



## What is our response to God's call for the faithful management of all His gifts?

Dear Members and Friends of CTK-DB Lutheran Church:

Perhaps our first response is gratitude. Gratitude for the blessings in our personal lives and in our congregation. These blessings are alive in all the members and friends who support our mission. Especially we are blessed with our dedicated Pastor Sebastian who demonstrates the gift of being a pastoral shepherd to each of us. In addition, we are blessed with so many who volunteer to make this congregation a community where we can experience the spiritual food and the friendship we all desire and require.

Gratitude is usually followed by sharing or giving back. Giving back to God what He has given us.

When Jesus talked about money, he never spoke about giving to the church but rather about how our relationship with money affects our relationship with God.

Each of us then must decide what proportion of our resources is the right amount to make our relationship right with God. The decision to increase our giving, will contribute to the continuation of ministry here at CTK-DB. The big goal is to reach the 2015 budget and begin 2016 with adequate financial support for the whole year.

May God bless your decisions! Ruth Boothby, member of the Discipleship and Generosity Committee

#### Lob der Zweisprachigkeit



Eines will ich nicht mehr entbehren: zweisprachig zu sein. Ich finde es schön, nicht mehr definiert zu sein durch die Sprache nur (einer Kultur). Ich habe noch einen zweiten Blickwinkel. Zwar heißt das, dass ich weniger Heimat habe, als wenn ich nur in einer Sprache geblieben wäre. Aber ich bin auch weniger gefangen in dem Haus, in dem ich gerade lebe. Und diese Freiheit lass ich mir etwas kosten.

*Prof. Dr. Fulbert Spritualität des Alltags* Submitted by Pastor Sebastian

#### Special Christmas Offering

A special blue envelope is included with your regular envelopes for a donation to **Canadian Lutheran World Relief.** They handle centrally all donated funds for global aid and relief from all congregations.



Should you prefer to donate to another cause or to the congregation, please mark your envelope accordingly.

Einen blauen Umschag für Spenden an **Canadian Lutheran World Relief** finden Sie in dem Kästchen mit Ihren regulären Umschlägen. Diese Institution leitet alle Geldspenden an notleidende Gemeinden in vielen Ländern weiter. Sollten Sie es vorziehen für eine andere Organisation oder für die Gemeinde selbst eine Weihnachtsspende zu machen, vermerken Sie das bitte auf dem Umschlag. Gitta Urbschat



#### Did you smile today?

You do know what would have happened if it had been three wise WOMEN instead of men, don't you? They would have asked for directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned the stable, made a casserole, and brought disposable diapers as gifts!

A woman takes her 16-year-old daughter to the doctor. The doctor says, "Okay, Mrs. Jones, what's the problem?"

The mother says, "It's my daughter, Debbie. She keeps getting these cravings, she's putting on weight, and is sick most mornings."

The doctor gives Debbie a good examination, then turns to the mother and says, "Well, I don't know how to tell you this, but your Debbie is pregnant - about 4 months, would be my guess."

The mother says, "Pregnant?! She can't be, she has never ever been left alone with a man! Have you, Debbie?"

Debbie says, "No mother! I've never even kissed a man!"

The doctor walked over to the window and just stares out it. About five minutes pass and finally the mother says,

"Is there something wrong out there doctor?"

The doctor replies, "No, not really, it's just that the last time anything like this happened, a star appeared in the east and three wise men came over the hill. I'll be darned if I'm going to miss it this time!"

#### Annual Meeting – Jahreshauptversammlung

Please be sure to attend the Annual Meeting

**on February 7.** You will be informed about past, present and future developments and events concerning our congregation and will be asked to vote on items important to all of us. This includes election of Council Members, and/ or members of Committees. If you would like more information, please contact the Council Chairperson Rene Samulewitsch at 647-588-7363,



E-Mail: rene\_s01@hotmail.com Your presence is urgently requested.

Bitte kommen Sie am 7. Februar nach dem Gottesdienst zu unserer Jahreshauptversammlung. Wir informieren über das vergangene Jahr und bereiten uns auf das laufende Jahr vor. Auch müssen wir wahrscheinlich über gewisse Punkte abstimmen.

*Für weitere Informationen, wenden Sie sich bitte an Rene Samulewitsch, Vorstandsleiter,* 647-588-7363, *E-Mail: rene\_s01@hotmail.com Ihre Anwesenheit ist dringend erforderlich. Gitta Urbschat* 

#### New work of art at our church

A large-format (100 x 70 cm) autographed etching by Bernhard Mannfeld (c.1880) "The Heidelberg Palace Courtyard" was recently donated by a friend of our church. **Fred Neitzert** hung it up in the fellowship hall prior to the Bazaar. It was printed to commemorate the invention of the Heidelberg Printing Press, which enabled largeformat reproduction such as this work, and a sister copy is held at the British Museum. Bernhard Mannfeld (1848 - 1925) was a German painter and graphic artist, known for his copper plate etchings of architectural subjects. Most of his well-known works are much smaller.







#### September

- Discussion on Pastor Parental Leave request (March 29-June 26 2016), and duties for an interim pastor. Chair to contact Bishop's office.
- Donation of an illustration from the dance group Council recommends accepting and hanging in the entrance over advent through epiphany, with a silent auction to be finalized at the advent afternoon
- Thanksgiving dinner donation to be given to the Yellow Brick House

#### October

- Name change survey approved- to be distributed to members.
- Attiwapiskat proposal approved. Donations will be accepted until Nov. 21. The space where donations will be stored needs to be emptied prior to the Bazaar.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Financial Update

Jan. 1, 2015 - Oct. 31, 2015

| <b>OFFERINGS &amp; DONATIONS</b>    | <u>2014</u>       | <u>2015</u>       |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Budget                              | 86,666.66         | 82,750.00         |
| Actual                              | <u>-68,258.25</u> | <u>-68,258.65</u> |
| SHORTFALL Oct. 31, 2015             | 18,408.41         | 14,491.35         |
| Thank you for your support to cover | our shortfall of  | 14,491.35         |
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#### <u>ATTENDANCE</u>

2,215 1,943

Treasurer: Edith Schiller Oct. 31, 2015

# We invite you to help us celebrate Advent and Christmas!

Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.: Messy Christmas

Sunday, December 13, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.: Joint Family Service followed by Advent Celebration Afternoon St. Nicholas comes for a Visit

> Thursday, December 24, 2015 at 4:00 p.m.: Christvesper (German) at 5:45 p.m.: Christvesper (German) at 7:30 p.m.: Candlelight Service (English)

Sunday, December 27, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.: Joint Hymn Sing Service followed by Potluck Coffee Hour

Thursday, December 31, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.: Silvester-Gottesdienst (German) mit Abendmahl

### **December 2015**

Christ the King – Dietrich Bonhoeffer (Church Office: 905–889–0873, Pastor: 905–881–9154)

| Sunday  | Monday | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday   |
|---|--------|---|--|---|--|--|
| 29<br>Advent 1<br>= 9:30 AM German<br>Service<br>= 11:00 AM English<br>Service                  | 30     | 1<br>gruppe<br>= 10:30 AM Office<br>Hours – 2 PM                      | 2  | Pastor's Day Off<br>7:00 PM Kontak-<br>tkreis @ Martin<br>Luther  | 4<br>Pastor's Day Off  | 5<br>= 10:00 AM Office<br>Hours – 1PM                              |
| 6<br>Advent 2<br>= 9:30 AM German<br>Communion Service<br>= 11:00 AM Engage!                    | 7      | 8<br>= 10:30 AM Office<br>Hours – 2 PM<br>= 6:30 PM Confirma-<br>tion | <ul> <li>10:30 AM Bibel-<br/>stunde</li> <li>6:30 PM Messy<br/>Church</li> </ul> | Pastor's Day Off  | 11<br>Pastor's Day Off   | <sup>12</sup><br>= 10:00 AM Office<br>Hours – 1PM                  |
| 13<br>Advent 3<br>= 10:00 AM Joint Ad-<br>vent Family Service<br>= 11:30 AM Advent<br>Afternoon | 14     | = 10:30 AM Office<br>Hours – 2 PM                                     | =8:00 PM Council   | F Fastor's Day Off<br>Pastor's Day Off<br>7:00 PM Confir-<br>mands' Christmas   | 18<br>Pastor's Day Off   | 19<br>= 10:00 AM Office<br>Hours – 1PM<br>= 2:00 PM Frohe<br>Runde |
| 20<br>Advent 4<br>= 9:30 AM English<br>Service  | 21     | = 10:30 AM Office<br>Hours – 2 PM                                     | 23   | <ul> <li><sup>3</sup> 24</li> <li>Christmas Eve</li> <li>4:00 PM German<br/>Service</li> <li>5:45 PM German<br/>Service</li> <li>7:30 PM English</li> </ul> | 25<br>Christmas Day<br>= 10:00 AM English<br>Service at Holy<br>Trinity Anglican | 26   |
| 27<br>Christmas 1<br>= 10:00 AM Joint<br>Christmas Hymn<br>Sing Service                         | 28     | 29<br>= 10:30 AM Office<br>Hours – 2 PM                               | 30   | New Year's Eve<br>= 3:00 PM German<br>Communion Service   | 1<br>Pastor's Day Off  | 2<br>= 10:00 AM Office<br>Hours – 1PM                              |

## January 2016

#### Christ the King – Dietrich Bonhoeffer (Church Office: 905–889–0873, Pastor: 905–881–9154)

| Sunday   | Monday                    | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday                 | Saturday   |
|--|---------------------------|--|---|---|------------------------|--|
| 27<br>Christmas 1<br>= 10:00 AM Joint<br>Christmas Hymn<br>Sing Service                                | 28                        | 29<br>= 10:30 AM Office<br>Hours – 2 PM  |   | 30<br>New Year's Eve<br>= 3:00 PM Germar<br>Communion Ser |                        | <sup>1</sup> = 10:00 AM Office<br>Hours - 1PM  |
| 3  | 4                         | 5  |   | 6   | 7                      | 8 9  |
| Pastor on Vacation   |                           |  |   |   |                        |  |
| Epiphany<br>= 10:00 AM Joint Ser-<br>vice  |                           | <ul> <li>10:30 AM Office<br/>Hours – 2 PM</li> </ul>   |   |   |                        |  |
| 10<br>Baptism of our Lord<br>= 10:00 AM Joint<br>Family Service<br>= 11:30 AM Name<br>Change Town Hall | = 7:30 PM Finance<br>Cte. | = 10:30 AM Office<br>Hours – 2 PM  | <ul> <li>7:30 PM Messy<br/>Church Planning</li> </ul>                   | 13<br>Pastor's Day Off                                    | 14 Pastor's Day Off    | 15<br>= 10:00 AM Office<br>Hours – 1PM<br>= 2:00 PM Frohe<br>Runde                                     |
| 17<br>Epiphany 2<br>DELKINA Sunday<br>9:30 AM German<br>Service<br>= 11:00 AM Engage!                  | 18                        | 19<br>= 10:30 AM Office<br>Hours – 2 PM  | <ul> <li>10:30 AM Bibel-<br/>stunde</li> <li>8:00 PM Council</li> </ul> | 20<br>Pastor's Day Off                                    | 21<br>Pastor's Day Off | <ul> <li>22</li> <li>10:00 AM Office<br/>Hours - 1PM</li> <li>2:00 PM Circle of<br/>Friends</li> </ul> |
| 24<br>Epiphany 3<br>= 9:30 AM English<br>Service   | 25                        | <ul> <li>10:30 AM Office<br/>Hours - 2 PM</li> <li>7:30 PM Lay Read-<br/>er's Meeting</li> </ul> |   | Pastor's Day Off  | 28<br>Pastor's Day Off | <sup>29</sup> = 10:00 AM Office<br>Hours - 1PM   |
| 31<br>Epiphany 4   | Pastor away               | 2  |   | Pastor's Day Off  | 4<br>Pastor's Day Off  | <sup>5</sup> = 10:00 AM Office   |
| <ul> <li>9:30 AM German<br/>Service</li> <li>11:00 AM English<br/>Service</li> </ul>                   |                           | <ul> <li>= 10:30 AM Office<br/>Hours - 2 PM</li> <li>= 2:00 PM Frauen-<br/>gruppe</li> </ul>     |   |   |                        | Hours – 1PM  |

## February 2016

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| Sunday   | Monday      | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday               | Friday  | Saturday   |
|--|-------------|--|--|------------------------|---|--|
| Epiphany 4   | Pastor away | 2  | 3  | Pastor's Day Off       | 5<br>Pastor's Day Off   | 6<br>= 10:00 AM Office<br>Hours – 1PM                                    |
| <ul> <li>9:30 AM German<br/>Service</li> <li>11:00 AM English<br/>Service</li> </ul>             |             | <ul> <li>10:30 AM Office<br/>Hours - 2 PM</li> <li>2:00 PM Frauen-<br/>gruppe</li> </ul> |  |                        |   | HOUIS – IFM  |
| 7<br>Transfiguration   | 8           | 9<br>10:30 AM Office   | 10<br>Ash Wednesday                                    | 11<br>Pastor's Day Off | Pastor's Day Off  | 13 = 10:00 AM Office   |
| <ul> <li>= 10:00 AM Joint<br/>Family Service</li> <li>= 11:15 AM Annual<br/>Meeting</li> </ul>   |             | Hours – 2 PM   | = 7:30 PM Ash<br>Wednesday Service                     |                        | rastor's Day On   | Hours – 1PM  |
| 14<br>Lent 1<br>= 9:30 AM German<br>Service<br>= 11:00 AM Engage!<br>= 4:00 PM Lenten<br>Service | 15          | = 10:30 AM Office<br>Hours – 2 PM  | 17<br>= 10:30 AM Bibel-<br>stunde<br>= 8:00 PM Council | 18<br>Pastor's Day Off | Pastor's Day Off  | 20<br>= 10:00 AM Office<br>Hours – 1PM<br>= 2:00 PM Frohe<br>Runde       |
| 21<br>Lent 2<br>= 9:30 AM German<br>= 11:00 AM English<br>= 4:00 PM Lenten<br>Service at CTKDB   | 22          | = 10:30 AM Office<br>Hours – 2 PM  | 24<br>=6:30 PM Messy<br>Church                         | Pastor's Day Off       | 26<br>Pastor's Day Off  | 27<br>= 10:00 AM Office<br>Hours – 1PM<br>= 2:00 PM Circle of<br>Friends |
| 28<br>Lent 3<br>= 9:30 AM German<br>Service<br>= 11:00 AM English<br>Service<br>= 4:00 PM Lenten | 29          | 10:30 AM Office<br>Hours – 2 PM  | 2<br>= 10:30 AM Bibel-<br>stunde                       | Pastor's Day Off       | 4<br>Pastor's Day Off<br>10:00 AM Joint Ser-<br>vice on Sunday<br>March 6 | 5<br>= 10:00 AM Office<br>Hours – 1PM                                    |