

### Thornhill Lutheran Church

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Dear Congregation,

Don't remember the prior things; don't ponder ancient history. Look! I'm doing a new thing; now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it? I'm making a way in the desert, paths in the wilderness. (Isaiah 43:18-19, CEB)

A new name, a fresh beginning! This is the first newsletter published under our new church name: Thornhill Lutheran Church! It seems an eternity since our congregational meeting in May 2016 when the decision was made. Since the Fall, people from inside and outside our church have been frequently asking me: "so, is it official yet?", and I have been responding that we were waiting until January 1st, 2017 to start the new fiscal year with the new name. And what a relief! As of the writing of this article, almost all administrative tasks associated with the change have been completed.

While change is never easy, and some of us may look back wistfully at our unique and lengthy old name, I believe it was the best decision to have a new name that focusses on two simple facts: we are Lutherans in Thornhill! Of course, we'll still have Jesus Christ as the center of our church life, and continue to honour the legacy of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, someone whose message and life are models for us especially in times like these.

We do not know what the next few years will bring us as Thornhill Lutheran Church, whether our way will be through the wilderness or not. Yet, we can draw comfort from God's promise: that he will be making the way for us, and new opportunities will sprout up, if we only keep our eyes open for them.

Sincerely in Christ, Pastor Sebastian Meadows-Helmer Liebe Gemeinde,

Gedenkt nicht an das Frühere und achtet nicht auf das Vorige! Denn siehe, ich will ein Neues schaffen, jetzt wächst es auf, erkennt ihr's denn nicht? Ich mache einen Weg in der Wüste und Wasserströme in der Einöde. (Jesaja 43,19-19, Lutherbibel 2017)

Ein neuer Name, und einen Neuanfang! Dies ist der erste Gemeindebrief, der unter unserem neuen Kirchennamen "Thornhill Lutheran Church" veröffentlicht wird! Es scheint eine Ewigkeit seit unserer Gemeindeversammlung im Mai 2016, als die Entscheidung getroffen wurde. Seit dem Herbst fragen mich immer wieder Leute: "Na, ist es jetzt soweit?", und ich antworte darauf, dass wir bis zum 1. Januar 2017 gewartet haben, um das neue Geschäftsjahr mit dem neuen Namen zu beginnen. Und was für eine Erleichterung! Schon Mitte Februar sind fast alle administrative Aufgaben, die mit der Namensänderung verbunden sind, abgeschlossen.

Änderungen sind niemals einfach, und manche von uns blicken auf unseren einzigartigen und langwierigen alten Namen mit etwas Nostalgie zurück. Jedoch glaube ich, dass es eine gute Entscheidung war, einen neuen Namen zu haben, der zwei Schwerpunkte hat: Wir sind Lutheraner in Thornhill! Natürlich werden wir Jesus Christus immer noch als Mittelpunkt unseres kirchlichen Lebens bewahren und weiterhin das Erbe von Dietrich Bonhoeffer ehren, dessen Botschaft und Leben uns, vor allem in diesem Jahr, ein Vorbild ist.

Wir wissen nicht, was die nächsten Jahre uns als Thornhill Lutherische Kirche bringen werden, ob unser Weg sich durch die Wildnis schlagen wird oder nicht. Dennoch tröstet uns Gottes Verheißung, dass er den Weg für uns machen wird, und neue Gelegenheiten werden aufblühen, wenn wir nur die Augen für sie offen halten.

Herzlichst, im Dienst Christi, Pastor Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

# From the Pastor's Desk



Would you like the pastor to give you a visit? Please let him know! He'd love to set up a time with you!



A few thoughts from Jeff Pymm's workshop on "Providing for the Future":

-If you give from your "right pocket" during your life (your income), consider also giving from your "left pocket" (your assets) after you die.

-Continue supporting the church, which you have supported through your life, even afterwards!

-Why is it that lifelong church members, in their obituaries, so often mention donations to the charity that supports medical research on their

disease? Shouldn't Christians want to support "what they lived for (the church and their faith), rather than what they died from?"

Are you looking for a convenient way to support our church? **Consider signing up for Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR)!** It's easy... just fill out a form (on our website under Resource>Info & Links) or on the entranceway ledge. Payments as specified will be withdrawn from your bank account or credit card on a monthly basis. This also saves bank fees for our church and provides a steady stream of income to help pay our monthly bills. Over a dozen households have already signed up.





Despite our current financial difficulties, I'm proud we kept our benevolence commitment of 10% of our offerings, in support of the wider church. Benevolence increases our church's ministry reach, and enables us to be active participants in God's work even outside our walls.



Das Leben ist nicht ein Frohsein, sondern ein Frommwerden, nicht eine Gesundheit, sondern ein Gesundwerden, nicht ein Sein, sondern ein Werden, nicht eine Ruhe, sondern eine Übung.

Wir sind's noch nicht, wir werden's aber.

Es ist noch nicht getan oder geschehen, es ist aber im Gang und im Schwang.

Es ist nicht das Ende, es ist aber der Weg. Es glüht und glänzt noch nicht alles, es reinigt sich aber alles.

### **Martin Luther**

Herr, mein Herz ist voller Dank.

Ich danke dir für diesen Tag; ich danke dir für mein Leben; ich danke dir für meinen Glauben.

Ich erinnere mich an viele Jahre meines Lebens, an schöne, beglückende Stunden, an schwere Zeiten – und ich danke dir.

Ich denke an Menschen, denen ich begegnet bin, die ich liebe und die mich lieben – und ich danke dir.

Ich danke dir für alles, was mir in meinem Leben gelungen ist.

Und auch das Schwere lege ich in deine Hände, alles das ich nicht verstehe.

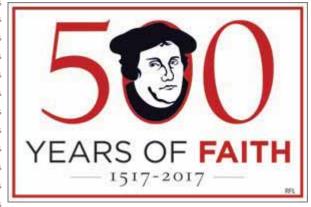
Ich danke dir für deine Liebe, die mich finden wird, wo ich auch bin.

#### Hermann Müller

The massacre of six Muslims and injury of many other at a Quebec City mosque on Jan. 29th shook us all. I was invited to participate in two vigils, one at St. Luke's Catholic on Feb. 12th, where I played some Bach on my violin, and another at the Imam Mahdi Islamic Centre on Feb. 11th, where I was invited to speak, along with other religious leaders and local politicians. That talk is posted on our church's Facebook page and bulletin board.



[Pastor Sebastian speaking at the Imam Mahdi Islamic Center]



In 2017, Christians (and particularly Lutherans) are commemorating **500 years of the Reformation**, recalling how Martin Luther posted 95 theses on the church doors in Wittenberg on October 31st, 1517. Our church will be celebrating this occasion in a variety of ways: a Reformation 500 concert on Saturday June 3rd, a joint service with other German Lutheran Churches on Sunday, October 15th, and as part of the DELKINA conference, a day-long sym-

posium and concert at First Lutheran and St. George's on Saturday, October 14th.

Two questions to ponder this year:

- -What are the central things you value from your Lutheran heritage?
- -What are things you associate with the Reformation that would be more peripheral or local?

(For example: putting scripture into conversation with daily life would be a central value; celebrating German ancestry would be a more local one)

Am Donnerstag, den 25. April, haben wir zum ersten Mal in einer Weile einen deutschen Himmelfahrtsgottesdienst. Um 19 Uhr laden wir alle Gemeinden des deutschen Kontaktkreises bei uns ein zum Gottesdienst, und danach zu einem Imbiß. Seit Jahren feiern die deutschen Gemeinden gemeinsam diesen Kirchenfest, und jetzt sind wir auch dran, diesen Gottesdienst zu organisieren. Alle sind herzlich eingeladen!



## Lenten Series 2017



Once again, the churches in Thornhill will be gathering together in Lent for Sunday afternoon worship. If you've never been, consider coming this year! They are great opportunities to hear excellent sermons and fellowship with Christians from different denominations. The final service on April 2nd is always a highlight with the joint choirs from all churches. More information is on the entranceway ledge.

(All times are 4 p.m.)

March 5th: "Renewal in Mind" (Rev. Gibbon) @ Thornhill Presbyterian,

March 12th: "Renewal in Heart" (Rev. Meadows-Helmer) @ Thornhill Baptist,

March 19th: "Renewal in Commitment" (Rev. Ty) @ Holy Trinity,

March 26th: "Renewal in the Church" (Mr. Humphries) @ Thornhill United,

April 2nd: "Renewal of Creation" (Rev. Fields) @ St. Luke's.

As our church name has changed, effective January 1st, 2017, please ensure your **cheques are made out to "Thornhill Lutheran Church"**. If you have included the church in your will, to help avoid any future problems, please update our name in your will as well. Thank you for your support!





On Saturday, June 3rd at 7 p.m., we will be having a Reformation 500 fundraiser concert at our church. I will be playing Brahms and Schubert with my father, local musical celebrities Lona and Bob Richardson will be playing piano duets, and there will be a Jazz trio headed by pianist George Marton. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$5 for children, and will be available for sale in May by Leni Schwartzel and Ruth Boothby. Proceeds will go to-

wards one of the ELCIC's Reformation Challenges (Planting 500,000 trees), and we will aim to fundraise for the planting of 2,000 trees in Eastern Africa.

As in past years, this looks to be another fantastic evening. Bring your friends! Pastor Sebastian

### **Lenten Church Swap**

On Ash Wednesday, March 1st at 7.30 p.m., we will be worshipping at St. Paul's Richmond Hill, 10131 Bayview Ave., and for Maundy Thursday, April 13th, they will be coming to join us at 7.30 for worship. Building relationships with our neighbouring congregations is good stewardship and enriches our faith lives. Please note that if you bring your church envelope along, your offering will be forwarded to our church.



## A 2017 challenge for the congregation!

(As excerpted from my annual report)



The Finance and Stewardship Committee asked me to examine whether I could reduce my salary for 2017. Discussed with Council, I agreed to halve my Salary increase for 2017. This amounts to a reduction in our potential budget of \$650. With this measure, I would like to challenge all members of our congregation to match my commitment of \$650 with an additional increase in their offerings for 2017. If 30 households would also give \$650 more next year, we would have a budget surplus for sure!

### Members giving back...outside our walls, Part 8.

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



Martin Pymm writes: I joined the Optimist Club of Richmond Hill in the summer of 2014, just after my graduation from High School. I had won an award from them during the graduation ceremony for recognition of my positive attitude around my school and the 800+ community service hours I had collected over 4 years. After I was invited to a meeting, I fell in love with the club members and the work they do for the community, which really inspired me to become an active member.

Optimist International is a "worldwide volunteer organization made up of more than 2,500 local Clubs whose

Members work each day to make the future brighter by bringing out the best in children, in their communities, and in themselves."

I was nominated and elected as Chair Representative for the Children's Cancer Campaign & the Canadian Children Optimist Foundation, where I collect money from certain events and attend meetings with other Chair members all over Ontario. We also vote on activities and causes we feel the Board will approve.

One story I keep very close to me, I would like to share with you: We received a request from a family asking for an iPad for their 11-year-old son who had Cerebral Palsy. He had had an old iPad for the purpose of communicating with other people, as he has difficulty standing and talking because of his condition, yet that iPad had developed many technical issues over the years and had stopped working. As a club we gave a new iPad to him in person, and it was very emotional for all of us to watch his eyes brighten and smile proudly; it was incredibly rewarding!

I wouldn't say I participate in the Optimist Club out of a religious faith directly, but more out of my own understanding and ideology of community and to respect and help a neighbor, which Lutheranism has taught me over my 21 years of life so far.



As part of the simplification of our church name from Christ the King - Dietrich Bonhoeffer Lutheran Church to Thornhill Lutheran Church, we also have simplified our electronic addresses!

Our website is now at <a href="http://www.thornhill-lutheran.org">http://www.thornhill-lutheran.org</a> Or Google: "Thornhill Lutheran". We are the first link. The layout of our website has hardly changed, so you should feel right at home.

Our Secretary, Bita's email is now office@thornhill-lutheran.org

My email is <a href="mailto:pastor@thornhill-lutheran.org">pastor@thornhill-lutheran.org</a>

And our Council Chair, Rene's email is chair@thornhill-lutheran.org

Thank you for updating your records! Pastor Sebastian

### Jokes:



Q: Did you know that they had automobiles in Jesus' time? A: Yes, the Bible says that the disciples were all of one Accord.

A married couple were arguing who is making the coffee. The wife said: "in the Bible it says that men should make the coffee!"

The husband asked her where it said that.

The wife opened the Bible and said: "Right here in HEBREWS!"

As the storm raged, the captain realized his ship was sinking fast. He called out, "Anyone here know how to pray?"
One man stepped forward. "Aye, Captain, I know how to pray."
"Good," said the captain, "you pray while the rest of us put on our life jackets - we're one short."

### Some very timely words of advice from Dietrich Bonhoeffer:

"We are not to simply bandage the wounds of victims beneath the wheels of injustice, we are to drive a spoke into the wheel itself."





Mutual Ministry Changes: After quite a few years, Fred Neitzert is stepping down from the Mutual Ministry Committee. Thank you for your willingness to serve! The other members on the committee are Ruth Moskowitz, Ruth Boothby and Lise and Gunther Kunzelmann. If you have any questions, concerns or comments about our life as a congregation, do not hesitate to talk to these wonderful and friendly people! However, be prepared for them to challenge you in return and ask "what are you doing to

improve the ministry of our congregation?" Ministry is not just done by the pastor, but by the whole congregation; we all have a role to play in God's kingdom. The members will also remind people that anonymous comments about the pastor are not as helpful as comments where the pastor is able to directly follow up and address the situation.

## **Special Easter Offering**

The Easter Offering this year is again designated for Waterloo Lutheran Seminary. Please use the special envelope included with your regular set. Should you wish to direct your Easter Offering to another cause, please mark this envelope accordingly.



Die Osterspende ist wieder für Waterloo Lutheran Seminary bestimmt. Bitte benutzen Sie dafür den Sonderumschlag, den Sie in dem Kästchen mit den anderen Umschlägen finden. Sollten Sie Ihre Osterspende einem anderen Zweck zukommen lassen wollen, vermerken Sie dies bitte auf dem Umschlag.



## **Canada Lutheran Subscriptions**

Evangelical Lutheran We wish to remind all recipients of this publication that subscriptions were renewed in January, and would ask you to submit the price of \$19.50 for the year 2017 as soon as possi-

ble. You may place a special envelope with your name and envelope number in the donation plate, hand in the money at the office, or give it directly to our treasurer Edith Schiller. Thank you.

The Thornhill Christmas 2016 Assistance program was again a success, with 104 needy local families receiving hampers (including food and gifts). Thank you to all who contributed!



The past few months have been busy with **Youth and Young Adult** get-togethers (all planned with St. Paul's, Richmond Hill). On December 4th, the Youth got together for a Christmas Party, on Feb. 1st, the Young Adults went out for Archery Tag, and the youth went up north to Georgina for Tubing on Feb. 11th!



[Pastor Santa waiting for the youth to arrive at the Christmas party]



[Young Adults' Archery Tag pose]



[Tubing at the Georgina ROC]



### **Council and Annual General Meeting Highlights**

• The Endowment Committee agreed unanimously, that any interest and dividends accumulated by endowment in 2016 will sponsor 2017 budget items that fall under the endowment funding priorities (i.e., choir, confirmation classes,

Christian education and youth camp)

- Council noted with appreciation the work of the Finance Committee to create a budget for the AGM.
- Many name change tasks were completed as follows:

CRA- officer assigned to our application,

**Properties**- our lawyer has all necessary documents to file change on January 1, 2017; an error occurred in 1989 when the properties' ownership was not (fully) transferred to CTKDB from "Trustees of Christ the King Lutheran" This hopefully will be resolved in January by our lawyer, and we have requested that the lawyer do a title search after 1 month in February to check if the titles are filed correctly (\$ 1 000 max. overall lawyer cost).)

**Bank changes**-chequing account transferred from RBC to Scotia Bank, Thornhill, effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, Edith Schiller will assist ushers as deposit protocol is a bit different

Church Stamps- purchased

**New Church Logo and Typeface**- Edith Schiller will send new name letter to all businesses; Olga Jurgeneit will manage changes to PAR accounts,

Domain name for website- finalized www.thornhill-lutheran.org;

This was a lot of work. Thanks to Pastor Sebastian, and Edith who were instrumental coordinating many of these changes.

• Mandatory Backflow Assembly installed, and report submitted to The City of Markham. (Submitted Jan. 17, 2017-Passed).

## Council brought forward several motions to the annual general meeting (Feb. 5, 2017), as listed below:

Be it resolved: That except for Good Friday and Easter, all 11 a.m. services be eliminated, and all 9.30 a.m. services be moved to 10 a.m. Passed at AGM

Be it resolved: (Endowment Fund Bylaw) Article B.13: "no more than 2 consecutive terms" be changed to "no more than 5 consecutive terms". Passed at AGM. With the passing of this bylaw change, this permitted both Olga Jurgeneit and Petra Georges to stand for re-election. Both members were elected at the AGM. Petra Georges was elected for a 4th term, Olga Jurgeneit, for a 3rd term, and Denise Jack for a 1st term.

Motion that council initiate a new 5-year plan 2018 – 2023. Passed at AGM

Constitutional Updates/Housekeeping: Council approved 6 Constitutional articles to be changed. Articles A, B, C, D, E, and F were approved unanimously. Article C was carried with 1 vote opposed. Congregation to vote on these changes during Annual Meeting. A second congregational vote must be taken to finalize these changes which passed at the AGM. (see AGM appendix for specific changes).

Motion that a new LED Sign be purchased from Greentak Electronics, for approximately \$13,000. Presented at AGM. This motion was discussed and changed to permit a cost ceiling of \$18 000. These monies would pay for the signage, electrical work, and associated costs (trench digging-hope to get volunteers) for the complete project.

Erika Koepke of the Frohe Runde announced a donation of \$200 to support our church's current account. It was gratefully received with much applause.

Here is the list of Council Members for 2017-18:

Rene Samulewitsch

Marika Samulewitsch

Deborah Tobin

**Edith Schiller** 

Prisca Kenel

Doris Lottermoser

Petra Georges

After serving two full terms on the Stewardship and Finance Committee, Ed Stahlberg is

stepping down. Thank you!

invaluable!

**Annette Pymm** has agreed to committee. Thank you for



fill the vacant position on this agreeing to serve!

Your contributions have been

# Invitations - Einladungen

Wednesday, March 1, 2017

**7.30 p.m.** Ash Wednesday Service

at St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

10131 Bayview Avenue, Richmond Hill

Friday, March 4, 2017

**1:30 p.m.** World Day of Prayer / Weltgebetstag

at Thornhill Presbyterian Church,

271 Centre St, Thornhill



Sunday, March 5, 2017

**10:00 a.m.** Joint Family Service of Holy Communion

(Installation of newly elected Council Members)

followed by brief congregational meeting

and Potluck Coffee Hour

Gemeinsamer Familiengottesdienst

(Einführung der neugewählten Gemeinderatsmitglieder),

gefolgt von kurzer Gemeindeversammlung sowie Kaffee und Kuchen

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

**6:30 p.m.** Messy Church



Saturday, March 25, 2017

First Day of Spring Cleaning

Saturday, April 8, 2017

Last Day of Spring Cleaning



Sunday, April 2, 2017

**10:00 a.m.** Joint Dietrich Bonhoeffer Service of Holy Communion

followed by Potluck Coffee Hour and the Annual Altar Guild Meeting

Gemeinsamer Dietrich Bonhoeffer Gottesdienst

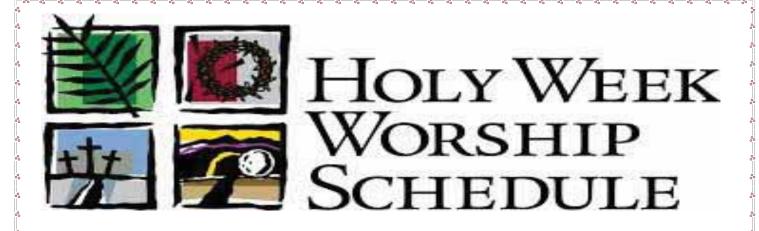
gefolgt von Kaffee und Kuchen und der jährlichen Altarküsterversammlung

April 9 - 16, 2017

Holy Week (see next page) Karwoche (siehe nächste Seite)







Sunday, April 9, 2017

10:00 p.m. Palm Sunday

Joint Holy Communion

followed by Potluck Coffee Hour

Gemeinsamer Abendmahlsgottesdienst,

gefolgt von Kaffee und Kuchen



Wednesday, April 12, 2017

**6:30 p.m.** Messy Easter



Thursday, April 13, 2017

**7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday** Service



Friday, April 14, 2017

**9:30 a.m.** Karfreitagsgottesdienst mit Abendmahl

**11:00 a.m. Good Friday** Service



Sunday, April 16, 2017

9:30 a.m. Ostergottesdienst mit Abendmahl

**11:00 a.m. Easter** Holy Communion



# Invitations - Einladungen

Saturday, May 6, 2017

**6:30 p.m.** Springfest Dinner / Fundraising Event

Frühlingsfest mit Abendessen

**SPRINGFEST** 

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

**6:30 p.m.** Messy Church



Saturday, May 13, 2017

Cooking Mother's Day Luncheon



Sunday, May 14, 2017

**10:00 a.m.** Joint Mothers' Day Hymn Sing Service

followed by luncheon

Gemeinsamer Gesangsgottesdienst

zum Muttertag mit anschliessendem Mittagessen



Saturday, June 3, 2017

**7:00 p.m.** Reformation 500 Fundraiser Concert



Sunday, June 4, 2017

**10:00 a.m.** Joint Pentecost Confirmation Service

followed by Potluck Coffee Hour

Gemeinsamer Konfirmationsgottesdienst

gefolgt von Kaffee und Kuchen



Sunday, June 11, 2017

**10:00 a.m.** Joint Trinity Service

followed by Potluck BBQ Luncheon

Gemeinsamer Gottesdienst

gefolgt von BBQ



# Congregational News - Aus dem Gemeindeleben

### **Birthdays**

Ilse Klingeman celebrates her 94th Birthday on March 3.

Mary Pavlik will be 94 years old on March 12.

Elli Gottwald will be 90 years old on May 15.

Helga Kosubek has her 92nd birthday on May 30.

We wish all of them a Happy Birthday and God's Blessings.

### **Anniversary**

**Ilse and Werner Wanschura** celebrate on April 20th their **60th wedding anniversary**. We wish both of them all the best!

#### **Funeral**

### Helen M. Georges

(May 19, 1922 to January 30th 2017), mother of Anthony Georges. A funeral service was held on Feb. 8th in Hastings. A memorial service will be planned at our church sometime later in the year.

### **Moved away**

In November, a few longtime members moved away:

Irene Busse moved to a home in Mississauga, to be closer to her daughter.

The Klose and Wichtler families moved to King City.

We'll miss you!

### **Best Wishes**

As always, we are also thinking of those members of the congregation who are sick, in hospital or at home, and about their family members and/or caregivers. We sincerely hope that they do not have to suffer too much, and wish them a speedy recovery, so that they once again can join us in Church.



### **Spring Cleaning**



Please sign up for the tasks you would like to take on, at a time convenient to you. When completed, please sign off on the same sheet (to be found on the board in the hallway) We need volunteers of all ages and both genders for these important tasks.

Am Anschlagbrett im Flur befindet sich eine Liste aller zu verrichtenden Aufgaben. Bitte tragen Sie sich dort ein und zeichnen sie ab, wenn die gewählte Aufgabe beendet ist.

### Introducing our new local Faithlife Representative:

Karen A. Baker, FIC, FMA, FCSI, CLU,

FPSC Level 1<sup>®</sup> Certificant in Financial Planning

Karen has worked in the financial services industry since the age of 18. Her humble beginnings started with a simple application to the Reach for the Top Program organized by our then Mayor – Mel Lastman for visible minority students. Karen's hands-on application of financial principles will assist you in the areas of tax minimization, estate planning and preservation, charitable bequest, increasing cash flow before and during retirement and most importantly helping you to build a better world with what



God has entrusted you with. She has also partnered with one of Ontario's lead advisor in the special needs market to work with families of special needs children in creating written plans for taking care of them during and after the care giver's normal life. Blending faith and finances one generation at a time is her motto.

If you have any questions or would like to become a Faithlife member and support our church, contact Karen at:

Mobile 416.993.6999 | Office: 905.366.3829 | E-

mail: kbaker@faithlifefinancial.ca, www.faithlifefinancial.ca

### Please join us for our



Saturday May 6, 2017 Doors open @ 5:30pm

Ticket Price: TBA

Tickets are available at the church, or by phoning fellowship committee members.



We need your
HELP!
Raffle donations
and volunteers are
needed!

## March 2017

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Transfiguration  10:00 AM English Service	27	= 11:00 AM Office Hours - 2 PM	Ash Wednesday  10:30 AM Bible Study 2:00 PM Office Hours 4 PM 7:30 PM Service at St. Paul's Lutheran, 10131 Bayview	2	Pastor's Day Off  11:00 AM World Day of Prayer at St. George's 1:30 PM World Day of Prayer at T. Pres- byterian	Pastor's Day Off
Lent 1  = 10:00 AM Joint Service = 4:00 PM Lenten Series at T. Presbyterian	6	= 11:00 AM Office Hours - 2 PM = 2:00 PM Frauen- gruppe	= 2:00 PM Office Hours - 4 PM = 6:30 PM Messy Church	9	Pastor's Day Off	Pastor's Day Off
Lent 2  Daylight Savings Begins  10:00 AM German Communion Service  4:00 PM Lenten Series at T. Baptist	=6:30 PM Confirma- tion	=11:00 AM Office Hours - 2 PM	= 10:30 AM Bible Study = 2:00 PM Office Hours - 4 PM = 8:00 PM Council	16	Pastor's Day Off	Pastor's Day Off  2:00 PM Frohe Runde
Lent 3  = 10:00 AM English Service = 4:00 PM Thornhill Series at H. Trinity	20	=11:00 AM Office Hours - 2 PM	= 2:00 PM Office Hours - 4 PM	23	Pastor's Day Off	Pastor's Day Off  Spring Cleaning Begins  2:00 PM Circle of Friends – Craft Circle
Lent 4  = 10:00 AM German Service = 4:00 PM Thornhill Series at T. United	=6:30 PM Confirma- tion	= 11:00 AM Office Hours - 2 PM	= 10:30 AM Bible Study = 2:00 PM Office Hours - 4 PM	30	Pastor's Day Off	Pastor's Day Off

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DietrichBonhoefferSunday  10:00 AM Joint Service 11:30 AM Altar Guild 4:00 PM Thornhill	3	<ul><li>11:00 AM Office Hours - 2 PM</li><li>2:00 PM Frauen- gruppe</li></ul>	= 2:00 PM Office Hours - 4 PM	6	Pastor's Day Off	Pastor's Day Off Spring Cleaning Ends
Palm Sunday  10:00 AM Joint Family Service	■7:30 PM Finance Cte.	■11:00 AM Office Hours - 2 PM	= 10:30 AM Bible Study = 2:00 PM Office Hours - 4 PM = 6:30 PM Messy Church	Maundy Thursday  7:30 PM English Service	Good Friday  = 9:30 AM German Communion Service = 11:00 AM English Service	Pastor's Day Off
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Easter 2  10:00 AM German Service	=6:30 PM Confirma- tion	<ul><li>11:00 AM Office Hours - 2 PM</li><li>7:30 PM Worship &amp; Arts</li></ul>	= 2:00 PM Office Hours - 4 PM = 3:30 PM Newsletter = 7:00 PM Mutual Ministry	27	Pastor's Day Off	Pastor's Day Off  2:00 PM Circle of Friends – Craft Circle
Easter 3  10:00 AM English Service	1	<ul><li>11:00 AM Office Hours - 2 PM</li><li>2:00 PM Frauen- gruppe</li></ul>	= 2:00 PM Office Hours - 4 PM	Pastor's Day Off	Pastor's Day Off	=9:00 AM Toronto Area Workshop =6:30 PM Springfest

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Easter 3  10:00 AM English Service	1	<ul><li>11:00 AM Office Hours - 2 PM</li><li>2:00 PM Frauen- gruppe</li></ul>	= 2:00 PM Office Hours - 4 PM	Pastor's Day Off	Pastor's Day Off	= 9:00 AM Toronto Area Workshop = 6:30 PM Springfest
Easter 4 ■ 10:00 AM German Communion Service	8	■11:00 AM Office Hours - 2 PM	= 2:00 PM Office Hours - 4 PM = 6:30 PM Messy Church	11	Pastor's Day Off	Pastor's Day Off  9:00 AM Preparations for Mother's Day lun- cheon
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■ 10:00 AM Joint Hymn Sing Family Service		■11:00 AM Office Hours - 2 PM	<ul><li>2:00 PM Office Hours</li><li>4 PM</li><li>8:00 PM Council</li></ul>			■2:00 PM Frohe Runde
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