



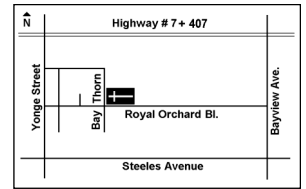
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Dear Congregation,

School children often must write an essay in September on "what I did during summer vacation". Similarly, here are three things I learned while on parental leave:

While my wife was busy Sunday mornings, I brought Gabrielle and James to church. I discovered how difficult this is! It is hard and stressful to keep even church-accustomed children to play silently, not cry or disrupt the service. Families need all the help and goodwill possible. **An understanding smile can go a long way.** A glare or frown can cause embarrassment and likely will chase someone away. I found that friendly churches realize that noise, mess and energy are part and parcel of having young children around.

Life is precious. God's gift of life to us continues to boggle my mind as I watch my children play, sleep, eat, learn, laugh and cry.

I'm glad to be back. You were never too far away from my thoughts, and I grew excited as the last weeks ticked down to start again. The past 6 years have been a wonderful journey for me as a beginning pastor here at CTKDB, and I'm looking forward to many more.

Liebe Gemeinde,

Schulkinder müssen oft im September einen Aufsatz mit dem Thema: "Was ich während den Sommerferien gemacht habe" schreiben. Ebenso sind hier drei Dinge, die ich während meiner Elternzeit gelernt habe:

Während meine Frau sonntagmorgens beschäftigt war, brachte ich Gabrielle und James in die Kirche. Ich entdeckte, wie schwierig das ist! Es ist stressig Kinder während dem Gottesdienst zu betreuen, damit sie nicht zu sehr stören, sogar mit Kindern die jede Woche zur Kirche gehen. Familien brauchen viel Hilfe und guten Willen. **Ein verständnisvolles Lächeln kann dabei viel helfen.** Ein stechender Blick oder ein Stirnrunzeln kann einem in Verlegenheit bringen und wird wahrscheinlich einen verjagen. Ich fand, dass freundliche Kirchen erkennen, dass Lärm, Chaos und Energie ein wesentlicher Bestandteil von jungen Kindern sind und sie willkommen heißen.

Das Leben ist kostbar. Gottes Geschenk des Lebens an uns erstaunt mich immer wieder wenn ich meine Kinder beim Spielen, Schlafen, Essen, Lernen, Lachen und Weinen zusehe.

Ich bin froh, wieder hier zu sein. Ich habe oft an Euch gedacht und ich wurde schon ein wenig begeistert, als die letzten Wochen zu Ende gingen. Die vergangenen 6 Jahre waren eine wunderbare Zeit für mich als beginnender Pfarrer, und ich freue mich auf viele weitere Jahre.

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

From the Pastor's Desk:

Thank you!

As of the writing of this newsletter I have been back for a month since my 13-week parental leave and wanted to say thank you to everyone for supporting me and this leave. I had a wonderful time with my family and was able to spend some quality time with Gabrielle and James.

Thank you to Church Council, Pastors Kwiatkowski and Hanssmann and all those who stepped up in my absence to make this time as smooth as possible for our church.

Thank you also to the Property Committee and Fred Neitzert for parsonage upgrades: a new screen door and garage door opener.



[The Meadows-Helmers at the beach in Florida]



Pastor Sebastian's new office hours

Starting in September, my office hours will be **Tuesdays 11-2 and Wednesdays 2-4. My days off will be Fridays and Saturdays.** I always welcome visits or calls during my office hours. You can always contact me to schedule another time which is more convenient.

Pastor Sebastian

A new name for our congregation!

On April 10th, at a special congregational meeting, our congregation overwhelmingly voted to change our name to "**Thornhill Lutheran Church**". Our constitution required this vote to be ratified within a month, and on Sunday, May 8th, a second congregational meeting was held which confirmed this decision. Council anticipates our new name to go into effect on January 1st, 2017.



"Church swap"

Our summer church swap with St. Paul's Lutheran, Richmond Hill went as planned, with members of St. Paul's attending our service on July 10th (when Pastor Mark was on holidays), and our members attending St. Paul's on August 7th (when Pastor Sebastian was away). Good conversations were held after the services, and the bonds between our two congregations were strengthened.

On Sunday October 30th, the following Confirmands will affirm their baptismal vows at the 10 a.m. **Confirmation Service**: Ronan Langin, Eric Moulson, Cynthia Romo, Iris Habekost, and Kyle MacLean. Congratulations to these new full members of our Congregation!



The Choir will be rehearsing twice to sing at this service. If you'd like to join the choir for this special occasion, please talk to Tony Streisslberger.

A new Confirmation Programme will be starting soon.

If your child, or a child you know is in Grade 7 or is aged 13 or older, please talk to the pastor.



Bible Study



The **2015/16 German Bible Study** will continue investigating the book of Zechariah (using "Ökumenische Bibelwoche" materials) on the following Wednesdays at 10.30 a.m.: Oct. 12th and 26th. Alle sind willkommen!

An **English Bible Study series** will begin on Wednesday, Nov. 9th, with a second session on December 7th, continuing into the new year. The topic is Borg/Crossan's "The Last Week", discussing the Passion of Jesus according to the Gospel of Mark, TBC. Each session begins at 10.30 a.m.

Back to Church Sunday



On Sunday, September 25th, we will be repeating our Invitational Back to Church Sunday. We are asking all friends and members of our church to ask someone they know these 9 words: "Will you come to church with me this Sunday?" If you haven't invited someone to church this year yet, this Sunday would be a good Sunday to invite someone. All you have to do is ask!

Even if they say no, that's OK...but come all the same!

On October 9th, 2016, we will be holding our annual **ELCIC Praise Appeal**. Special envelopes will be available on the entranceway ledge.

The ELCIC Praise Appeal helps fund the work of the National Church. We are fortunate to have a strong national expression of our church, which is able to partner with the Lutheran World Federation, the World Council of Churches, work with national social justice groups such as KAIROS, and speak with a national voice on national justice issues such as poverty, indigenous rights and affordable housing to parliaments and leaders across Canada.



On **All Saints Sunday**, November 6, 2016, we'll be remembering the names of the faithful departed of the last year.

If you would like a name added to the list (any name- not just those who have died in the last year!), please tell the pastor.

Providing for the future:

November 6, 2016



According to legend, Martin Luther once said, "Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree today."

It is unlikely that the world will go to pieces tomorrow, but we have to wonder what the future will be like for our family and for our church. In the midst of uncertainty, do we dare to plant an apple tree?

As individuals, couples and families we can provide for our future and our church's future as well. Many Lutherans have chosen to leave a gift to the church in their will because their faith means so much to them. Some have chosen to honour a family member with a tribute gift.



You are invited by the Discipleship and Generosity Group to **stay for potluck lunch and a workshop following 10 a.m. worship on November 6.**

Our speaker will be Jeff Pym of Lutheran Planned Giving. You'll hear **stories** about people and the different ways they have made their gift.

You will also learn:

- how you can **include the church** in your financial and estate plan;
- how **income tax savings** make generous gifts possible;
- How a gift to the our Endowment fund **keeps on giving.**

There will be lots of time to get answers to your questions.



Schedule

11:30 Lunch

12:00 Presentation, questions & answers

1:00 Conclusion ("on our way rejoicing")

Myths and Models of Planned Giving, by Jeff Pym



Planned giving is a relatively unknown concept in our church, so it is not surprising that some people harbour fears and misconceptions.

One of the biggest myths is that we want to persuade people to disinherit their children and leave everything to the church. Most of us feel an obligation to leave something to family members: spouse, children, grand-children,

siblings, and so on. This is perfectly natural and appropriate.

But there are many ways we can remember the church as well as our family in a will. It's not just about finding the right number. It has more to do with coming up with a formula that makes sense to the donor. Here are a few models that donors have told me about.

Tithing the Estate: To someone who has always put 10% of their income on the offering plate, designating 10% of the residue of their estate will seem only natural. As one person said to me, "If my children aren't happy with 90% of my estate, too bad — they probably wouldn't be happy with 100% either!"

Endowing the Pledge: Many congregations, particularly smaller ones, are hard hit by the loss of even one member's offerings. To spare their congregation this pain, some individuals ensure that their regular offerings continue indefinitely. They do this by creating an endowed gift in their will. This specifies that the amount of the gift be invested and only the income spent. I recommend that people think about the rule of twenty-five: to create a perpetual income equal to current offerings, an amount 25 times that size must be invested. This assumes a 4% interest rate, a good return these days.

Adopting the Church: Often a will specifies that, after the death of the second spouse, the estate be divided equally among the children. Adopting the church means treating it just like one of the kids. In a family of three children, each would get 25% of the estate and the church would also get 25%.

Gifting the RRIF: Income tax will diminish the balance left in a Registered Retirement Income Fund (RRIF) or RRSP. Some donors choose to direct that a portion of the balance in any registered plan be given to the church. The resulting tax credit offsets part of the loss to the heirs. These donors prefer to see the money used by the church rather than governments.

What all of these strategies have in common is the determination to do good. A gift to the church creates many possibilities for ministry. If you choose to remember the church in your will, you can be sure that God's mission for the world will benefit the most.

For more information on making a gift to the church in your will, call Lutheran Planned Giving at 1-888-308-9461.

Stewardship



November 13th is designated our **Stewardship Sunday**, a special Sunday to discuss generosity, giving and our response to what God has first given us.

On the Third Sunday of Advent, December 11th, 2016, at 10 a.m. we'll be holding our annual **Joint Family Advent Service**. We're looking for people, "young and old", who would like to share their talent, and read, sing, play, dance, paint or otherwise perform during that service. If you would like to participate, please tell the pastor by November 15th.



Church Jokes:



Reasons churches don't ask clown ministries to return:

1. They force people to smile during the 8 am service.
2. It's hard to say with dignity, "The sermon today will be given by Brother Umpa-Doody."
3. Whoopee cushions inevitably appear under pew cushions
4. Sermons take a lot longer when they are in pantomime.
5. Many denominations do not recognize seltzer water baptism.
6. They have to pay janitors extra to get all of the silly string off the ceiling.
7. The kids pop their balloons during closing prayer.

There will be a meeting of the Board immediately after the service," announced the pastor.

After the close of the service, the Church Board gathered at the back of the auditorium for the announced meeting. But there was a stranger in their midst -- a visitor who had never attended their church before.

"My friend," said the pastor, "Didn't you understand that this is a meeting of the Board?"

"Yes," said the visitor, "and after today's sermon, I suppose I'm just about as bored as anyone else who came to this meeting."

Ein Gebet:

Von Liebe umgeben

Vater, dein Leben ist in mir.
Deine Liebe umgibt mich.
Hilf, dass dein Leben in meinem Leben wirkt,
heute und jeden Tag,
so dass ich meine Aufgaben fröhlich erfüllen kann,
ohne Hast und ohne verwirrte Gedanken!
Lass mich an meine täglichen Aufgaben gehen
im Bewusstsein der Fähigkeiten, die du mir geschenkt hast!
Hilf mir, so jeder berechtigten Forderung
nachzukommen! Hilf, dass ich auch in kleinen Dingen
die tiefere Bedeutung sehen kann.
Lass mich Schönheit und Liebe überall entdecken!
Im Bewusstsein deiner Gegenwart lass mich
durch die kommenden Stunden hindurchgehen.
Bewahre mich vor ängstlicher Hektik,
und lass mich aufatmen
in der Gegenwart deiner Liebe! Amen.



von Ida Scudder

Good news for the Endowment Fund!



In July, our Endowment Fund received a generous bequest of \$30,000 from the Estate of the late Rudolf Bernhardt. We are very grateful to Mr. Bernhardt for having considered supporting us even after he passed on, and his generosity is a role model for all of us. Our Endowment Fund is thus greatly strengthened to support such key mission priorities as **special programs and camps for families and children, and visitations and communication for those in need.**

Das deutsche Altersheim Moll Berczy hat freie Zimmer!

Das Moll Berczy Haus (Ecke Victoria Park und McNicoll) untergeht gerade Renovierungen und sollte von allen Deutschen Senioren in Erwägung genommen werden! Das deutsche Personal und die Betreuung insgesamt hat viel zu bieten gegenüber den Großkonzernen wie z. B. Revera usw. Wegen der kleinen Anzahl von Zimmern, ist das Haus wie eine Familie (alles auf einem Stock!). Jede zweite Woche gibt es auch einen deutschen Gottesdienst, welchen ich vierteljährig leite. Reden Sie mit mir oder rufen sie 416-497-3639 an für eine Rundführung. Pastor Sebastian



Family Outdoor Service with Potluck BBQ



On Sunday, June 12, we had a very successful outdoor service followed by a potluck BBQ, all on our own premises. This annual event was traditionally held on a farm or country place belonging to one of our members or friends. Of course, this required quite some organization such as providing maps, ride sharing, and help to transport altar, sound equipment, etc. to the location.

Then for the last couple of years we realized what a great property we have and followed the suggestion of the famous German poet, Goethe: "Why seek far afield when the good is so close". Chairs and a table serving as altar could be set up under the pines.

Just this year we were facing some opposition. The temperature was way below the average for June 12. On top of that a strong wind was blowing. When Pastor Moeller from the St. George Lutheran Church came with members of her congregation she persuaded us that it would still be possible to hold the service outdoors on the open south side of the church. There was a lot less wind there.

It was a wonderful service with almost 70 participants. Pastor Moeller's service was interspersed with singing a verse of a hymn praising God's creation that surrounded us: Trees, grass, flowers, birds and blue sky and the warm rays of the sun.

The "picnic and BBQ" was then held indoors in our church hall. We needed to warm up. Special thanks go to all who helped and supplied the food and drink, especially master chef Martin Habekost who grilled the sausages to perfection.

Edward Stahlberg

New Trial Worship Schedule

In August, Worship and the Arts proposed to Council that **starting September, until end of the year, we only have one service per Sunday.** The Engage! and 11 a.m. English services would thus be cancelled. We would continue our goal of having two German services per month.



Proposing changes to the way we worship is a big responsibility and we do not take this responsibility lightly. However we believe this proposed schedule is the best compromise for the future of our congregation, and will contribute to its unity. Any new proposal will please some and displease others. The fact remains that we do not have enough Sunday attendance to justify two services on a regular basis at the moment. Our alternating summer schedule has been working quite well for many years, and so we hope to continue this. We sincerely welcome any and all feedback. Please talk to myself, any member of the committee (Leni Schwartzel, Ruth Boothby, Doris Lottermoser, Gunther and Lise Kunzelmann) or a member of Council.

Pastor Sebastian, on behalf of Worship and the Arts

Great time had by all during this years Spring Fest Dinner



This year the annual Spring fest fundraiser, sponsored by Faith Life Financial was a great success!

All of us attending enjoyed not only a delicious dinner and great raffle prizes, we also had fun entertaining and being entertained with songs, sing- a -longs, stories, and poems.

A hearty thank you to Pastor Hanssmann with his wife sharing their great talents on both the guitar and the accordion, Tony Streisslberger on the piano, Herr Kunzelmann for his story, Prisca Kenel for the lovely flowers used to decorate the walls. Thank you also to René Samulewitsch who seems to get better every year as our MC as well as to Diana and Martin Habekost who performed in the kitchen along with Christina and Annie from the Korean church.



Once again food was delicious thanks to the Village Grocer for the main dish and to Stonemill Bakery for their generous donation of bread and strudel.



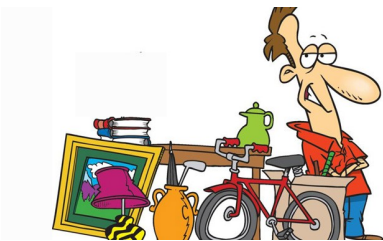
Finally thanks to the Fellowship committee Petra Boehringer, Ruth Moskowitz, Marika Samulewitsch, and Annette Hinrichs-Pymm for managing and organizing the "who does what".

We raised \$630.50 which qualified for a \$500 matching grant from Faithlife Financial. Money raised went into our general expense account for the church.

Many thanks to everyone helping out to make this year's dinner happen.

Annette Hinrichs-Pymm

One person's JUNK is another person's TREASURE!



Many helping hands and muscles contributed to the organization of another Yard Sale on June 11.

Our church hall and parking lot were transformed into a paradise for those seeking some special item at a price that could not be resisted.

Thank you to all who participated by donating items and to those who supervised during our community fund-raising event. A special thank you to those who tidied up and found a home for the left-overs.



Mother's Day Lunch

With God's Blessing, Mother's Day had the Fresh Air of Spring outside. After the wonderful Joint Church Service we were greeted by the sweet smell of Chili in the reception hall. For those adventurous the Meat Lover's HOT with the options of EXTRA HOT SPICES was available. For those with a softer palate the milder version with Ground Beef or the Vegetarian

Delight was available. Some of the guests created their own mix. A bit of one; a scoop of another!

With all the added options of Sour Cream and/or Grated Cheddar Cheese, no taste buds were left out, no stomach left unfilled! To soak up the succulent sauces Martin Habekost made certain that fresh buns were in abundance.

We can only thank the sons, daughters and husbands, too many to mention, that helped out - serving up the meal, the dessert and pouring coffee and tea and of course the never ending clean-up after such a large meal. Our special thanks goes out to them all, for being team players and making the event so wonderful

God Bless and thanks to all
Anthony Georges



A big Thanks goes to Anthony Georges who organized and cooked the luncheon this year. Great Job!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Update

Jan. 1, 2016 - Jun. 30, 2015

OFFERINGS & DONATIONS

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Budget	49,249.98	48,999.96
Actual	<u>-34,981.60</u>	<u>-29,707.90</u>

SHORTFALL Jun. 30, 2016 **14,268.38** **19,292.06**

Please help us to cover our SHORT-
FALL of **19,292.06**

ATTENDANCE **1,300** **1,108**

Treasurer: Edith Schiller Jun. 30, 2016

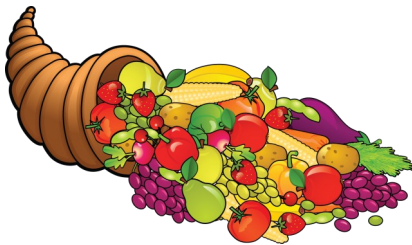
Lantern Walk - Laternenumzug

All children, parents, grandparents, and friends are invited to join us in this year's Lantern Walk on **Friday, November 11 at 7:00 pm**. We will meet at the Church. Lanterns can be brought along or can be purchased on location. Following a short welcome, we will walk through the neighbourhood with our lanterns. Coming back, there will be refreshments and a brief ceremony to end the event.



*Der Laternenumzug findet am **Freitag den 11. November um 19.00 Uhr** statt. Alle Kinder, Eltern, Großeltern und Freunde sind herzlich dazu eingeladen. Laternen können mitgebracht oder vor Ort erworben werden. Nach einer kurzen Begrüßung ziehen wir mit unseren Laternen durch die Nachbarschaft. Danach folgt ein Imbiss und ein Abschluss in der Kirche. Lieder, Rezepte und Informationen über das Laternenfest und „Sankt Martin“ sind ebenfalls erhältlich.*

Thanksgiving Donation



As in previous years, our special Thanksgiving Donation is destined for the **Daily Bread Foodbank**. Please use the special envelope included with your set. Should you prefer your donation to go to another cause, be sure to indicate this on your envelope.

*Die besondere Opfergabe anlässlich des Erntedankfestes ist auch in diesem Jahr wieder für die **Daily Bread Foodbank** bestimmt. Bitte benutzen Sie dafür den Sonderumschlag, den Sie in ihrem Umschlagkästchen finden. Soll Ihre Gabe einem anderen Zweck zukommen, geben Sie dies bitte auf dem Umschlag an.*

Thanksgiving Decoration - Erntedanksdekoration

If you are interested, and wish to contribute to decorating our Church for Thanksgiving Day, please bring suitable items on **Saturday, October 8 from 10 - 1 p.m.** and help decorate the altar.

*Wenn Sie Zeit und Lust haben bei der Ausschmückung der Kirche zum Erntedankfest zu helfen und/oder einen Beitrag zu den Dekorationen zu leisten, bringen Sie bitte dazu Geeignetes am **Sonnabend, den 8. Oktober von 10 bis 1 Uhr** in die Kirche und helfen Sie bei der Ausschmückung des Altarraums.*





Weihnachtsbasar Saturday, November 28, 10.00 a.m

Important Priority:

We urgently require donations of suitable prizes for the lucky winners of our Raffle Tickets. We need these as early as possible to allow us to assign prize numbers. We usually sell 500 tickets!
Dringende Bitte: *Wir suchen passende Preise für die Tombola, für die wir gewöhnlich 500 Lose verkaufen. Wir brauchen die Artikel rechtzeitig, so dass wir die Numerierung vornehmen können.*

The format of the Bazaar will be the same as before: we will be serving a lunch as well as coffee and cake, for which we need plenty of potato salads and lots of lovely cakes. In addition, our homemade baking table is always a huge success, so we would appreciate contributions to that table as well - as many goodies as possible.

While we are still interested in handicrafts, we now also sell **NEW items**, more specifically items that might be suitable for gifting purposes. Examples would be crystals or linens, small electronic devices, cosmetics, pictures, etc. – **but they must be NEW.**

Most importantly: **We need your help!** Please be generous in supplying as much as you can for what is needed at this event: keep baking those cookies and cakes, making your crafts, and set aside the time to help with the set-up and the work on the bazaar day itself. **All ages are asked to become involved!**

Wie in jedem Jahr bitten wir um Ihre Hilfe für dieses wichtige Ereignis in unserem Gemeindeleben. Der Tag wird sich nach dem gleichen Muster abspielen wie bisher. Es gibt Lunch, Kaffee und Kuchen, und eine Anzahl von Artikeln, die zum Verkauf angeboten werden, vor allem auch soviel Selbstgebackenes wie möglich. Wir sind weiterhin interessiert an schönen Handarbeiten und hoffen dass Sie schon fleißig daran arbeiten!

Aber wir wollen auch wieder neue Sachen anbieten, u. a. und nur als Beispiel hier angegeben: Kristallsachen, Tischdecken, Servietten, kleine elektronische Geräte, Küchengeräte, Bilder, usw.- **nur muss alles neu sein!**

*Besonders wichtig ist natürlich **Ihr persönlicher Einsatz** bei der Vorbereitung und der Durchführung des Basars. Wir rechnen mit Ihrer Großzügigkeit im Hinblick auf alles was wir benötigen, insbesondere Backwaren aller Art. **Angehörige aller Altersstufen sind dazu eingeladen!***

For further information please call/weitere Informationen erteilen gerne:

Edith Schiller 416-225-5502

Leni Schwaertzel 416-222-5562

Doris Lottermoser 416-222-5712

Gitta Urbschat

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Invitations - Einladungen

Sunday, September 11

10:00 a.m.


Joint Family Service followed by annual Potluck BBQ
Gemeinsamer Familiengottesdienst mit anschliessendem Potluck BBQ



Sunday, September 18

CLWR Sunday  **Canadian Lutheran World Relief**

Sunday, September 25

Back to Church Sunday 

Wednesday, September 28

6:30 p.m.

Messy Church



Sunday, October 9

10:00 a.m.

Joint Thanksgiving Family Service followed by Potluck Coffee Hour
Gemeinsamer Erntedank-Familiengottesdienst gefolgt von Potluck-Kirchkaffee



Wednesday, October 26

6:30 p.m.

Messy Church



Sunday, October 30

10:00 a.m.

Reformation Sunday / Reformationssonntag

Joint Confirmation Service

Gemeinsamer Konfirmationsgottesdienst



Sunday, November 6 All Saints Sunday / Allerheiligensonntag

10:00 a.m.

Joint Commemoration of the Departed Holy Communion followed by Potluck Coffee Hour and Providing for the Future Workshop

Gemeinsamer Allerheiligen-Abendmahlsgottesdienst gefolgt von Potluck-Kirchkaffee und Workshop



Friday, November 11

7:00 p.m.

Lantern Walk - Laternenumzug



Sunday, November 20 Christ the King Sunday / Christkönigsfest

10:00 a.m.

Joint Family Service followed by Potluck Coffee Hour and Annual Ushers' Meeting
Gemeinsamer Familiengottesdienst gefolgt von Potluck-Kirchkaffee und Besprechung der Küster



Saturday, November 26

10:00 a.m.

Annual Advent Bazaar
Unser Weihnachtsbasar findet an diesem Tag statt.



Wednesday, November 30

6:30 p.m.

Messy Church



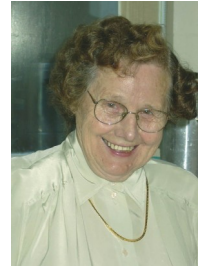
Congregational News – Aus dem Gemeindeleben

Special Birthdays



Both **Luise Weckesser** (September 6) and **Anneliese Guenther** (September 21) turn 92 years old this year!

We send our best wishes and ask for God's blessings as they reach these wonderful milestones.



Funerals

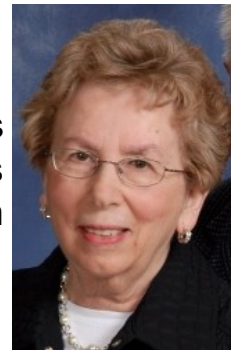
Karl Krutzler: February 26, 2016

Wachilt Wüstefeld: February 27, 2016

Gunther Bundels: May 2, 2016

Eva Wichtler: May 13, 2016

Farewell to Janet Siemash, longtime member of our church, who is moving to Georgetown to be closer to her son. Janet has served as Usher, on the Altar Guild and the Worship and Arts committee and in various capacities for many years. Thank you, Janet!



Baptism

Gabriel Danny Tiano
(son of Ingrid and Danny Tiano)
was baptized on Easter Sunday, March 27th.

Best Wishes



Our best wishes also go out to those members and friends who are sick and suffering at home or in hospital, and also to their caregivers. We look forward to perhaps seeing you in Church soon!



Winter 2016:

Our treasurer noted that the water meter reading was incorrect, as usage was greatly increased. A mistake was made and we received a \$655.00 refund. (Thank you Edith, for resolving this issue.)

Members of **Newlight Presbyterian Church** attended our service and coffee hour on March 6th. They also met with council after their service on March 16th. We discussed the possibilities of doing more together.

Members of the Newlight Church participated in spring cleaning. Other ideas: attending a service once a month; joint music at our BBQ

The Eastern Synod will be electing delegates to the 2017 ELCIC National Convention (which is a change in procedure, to become more financially responsive). A motion to nominate **Carey Meadows-Helmer** to be a delegate at the National Convention in Winnipeg 2017 was unanimously approved by Council.

Spring 2016:

Revenue Canada's T3010 long report for Charities has been filled out and submitted. Thank you to our treasurer.

Spring Fest went very well and was successful. Thank you to attendees and members of the Fellowship Group.

Church name change ratifying vote was held May 8, 2016. In response to the question: "*That our congregation changes its name to **Thornhill Lutheran Church**: 'Yes or No'*" The vote was as follows: **Yes: 36 No: 4 PASSED.**

We can apply for a grant of \$2 800 from the Eastern Synod Mission Committee towards the purchase of a new sign. The deadline is the end of September 2016, and Pastor Sebastian will be filling out the form.

Council continues to discuss our Congregational priorities, and will report back after our September 2016 Saturday retreat at the Schiller home.

Respectfully Deborah Tobin



September 2016

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
Pastor on Vacation						
Pentecost 15 ■ 9:30 AM German Service						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Pentecost 16 ■ 9:30 AM German Communion Service		■ 10:30 AM Office Hours – 2 PM ■ 2:00 PM Frauen-gruppe	■ 2:00 PM Office Hours – 4 PM		Pastor's Day Off	Pastor's Day Off
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Pentecost 17 ■ 10:00 AM Joint Family Service		■ 10:30 AM Office Hours – 2 PM	■ 2:00 PM Office Hours – 4 PM ■ 7:30 PM Mutual Ministry	Pastor's Day Off	Pastor's Day Off	■ 9:00 AM Council Retreat ■ 2:00 PM Frohe Runde
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
CLWR Sunday Pentecost 18 ■ 9:30 AM German Service	■ 6:30 PM Confirmation	■ 10:30 AM Office Hours – 2 PM	■ 2:00 PM Office Hours – 4 PM ■ 8:00 PM Council		Pastor's Day Off	■ 2:00 PM Circle of Friends – Craft Circle
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
Back to Church S. Pentecost 19 ■ 9:30 AM English Service		■ 10:30 AM Office Hours – 2 PM	■ 2:00 PM Office Hours – 4 PM ■ 6:30 PM Messy Church		Pastor's Day Off	Pastor's Day Off

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 Back to Church S. Pentecost 19 ■ 9:30 AM English Service	26	27 ■ 10:30 AM Office Hours – 2 PM	28 ■ 2:00 PM Office Hours – 4 PM ■ 6:30 PM Messy Church	29	30 Pastor's Day Off	1 Pastor's Day Off
2 Pentecost 20 ■ 9:30 AM German Communion Service	3	4 ■ 10:30 AM Office Hours – 2 PM ■ 2:00 PM Frauen-gruppe	5	6	7 Pastor's Day Off	8 Pastor's Day Off
9 Thanksgiving Sunday ELCIC Praise Appeal ■ 10:00 AM Joint Family Service	10	11 ■ 10:30 AM Office Hours – 2 PM	12 ■ 10:30 AM Bibel-stunde ■ 2:00 PM Office Hours – 4 PM	13	14 Pastor's Day Off	15 Pastor's Day Off ■ 2:00 PM Frohe Runde
16 Pentecost 22 ■ 9:30 AM English Service	17	18 ■ 10:30 AM Office Hours – 2 PM	19 ■ 2:00 PM Office Hours – 4 PM ■ 8:00 PM Council	20	21 Pastor's Day Off	22 Pastor's Day Off ■ 2:00 PM Circle of Friends – Craft Circle
23 Pentecost 23 ■ 9:30 AM German Service	24	25 ■ 10:30 AM Office Hours – 2 PM ■ 6:30 PM Confirmation	26 ■ 10:30 AM Bibel-stunde ■ 2:00 PM Office Hours – 4 PM ■ 6:30 PM Messy Church	27	28 Pastor's Day Off	29 Pastor's Day Off
30 Reformation Sunday ■ 10:00 AM Joint Confirmation Service	31	1 ■ 10:30 AM Office Hours – 2 PM ■ 2:00 PM Frauen-gruppe	2 ■ 2:00 PM Office Hours – 4 PM	3	4 Pastor's Day Off	5 Pastor's Day Off

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>30</div> <div>Reformation Sunday</div> <div>■ 10:00 AM Joint Confirmation Service</div>	<div>31</div>	<div>1</div> <div>■ 10:30 AM Office Hours – 2 PM</div> <div>■ 2:00 PM Frauen-gruppe</div>	<div>2</div> <div>■ 2:00 PM Office Hours – 4 PM</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div> <div>Pastor's Day Off</div>	<div>5</div> <div>Pastor's Day Off</div>
<div>6</div> <div>All Saints Sunday</div> <div>■ 10:00 AM Joint Service</div> <div>■ 11:30 AM Providing for the Future Workshop</div>	<div>7</div>	<div>8</div> <div>■ 10:30 AM Office Hours – 2 PM</div>	<div>9</div> <div>■ 10:30 AM Bible Study</div> <div>■ 2:00 PM Office Hours – 4 PM</div>	<div>10</div>	<div>11</div> <div>Pastor's Day Off</div> <div>■ 7:00 PM Lantern Walk</div>	<div>12</div> <div>Pastor's Day Off</div>
<div>13</div> <div>Pentecost 26</div> <div>■ 9:30 AM German Service</div>	<div>14</div>	<div>15</div> <div>■ 10:30 AM Office Hours – 2 PM</div> <div>■ 7:30 PM Worship & Arts</div>	<div>16</div> <div>■ 2:00 PM Office Hours – 4 PM</div> <div>■ 8:00 PM Council</div>	<div>17</div> <div>■ 7:00 PM Kontaktkreis @ Martin Luther</div>	<div>18</div> <div>Pastor's Day Off</div>	<div>19</div> <div>Pastor's Day Off</div> <div>■ 2:00 PM Frohe Runde</div>
<div>20</div> <div>Christ the King S.</div> <div>■ 10:00 AM Joint Family Service</div> <div>■ 11:30 AM Usher's Meeting</div>	<div>21</div>	<div>22</div> <div>■ 10:30 AM Office Hours – 2 PM</div>	<div>23</div> <div>■ 2:00 PM Office Hours – 4 PM</div>	<div>24</div>	<div>25</div> <div>Pastor's Day Off</div>	<div>26</div> <div>Pastor's Day Off</div> <div>■ 10:00 AM Christmas Bazaar</div>
<div>27</div> <div>Advent 1</div> <div>■ 9:30 AM English Service</div>	<div>28</div>	<div>29</div> <div>■ 10:30 AM Office Hours – 2 PM</div>	<div>30</div> <div>■ 2:00 PM Office Hours – 4 PM</div> <div>■ 6:30 PM Messy Church</div>	<div>1</div>	<div>2</div> <div>Pastor's Day Off</div>	<div>3</div> <div>Pastor's Day Off</div>