



## THORNHILL LUTHERAN CHURCH

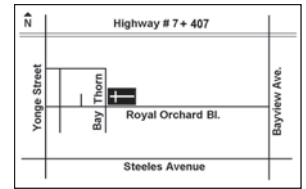
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*Welcome Back To Church!*

Dear Family and Friends at TLC:

On October 14, Canadians celebrate Thanksgiving Day. On November 28, our American neighbours do the same. I invite you to consider the six weeks in between as a "Season of Thanksgiving", to give thanks not only for God's past and present blessings, but also for God's promised future blessings – which is the focus for the season of Advent which begins on Sunday, December 1.

An "attitude of gratitude" is vital for one's personal health and wellbeing. Apostle Paul writes, "Give thanks *in* (not *for*!) all circumstances; for this is the will of God for you..." (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Our Holy Communion liturgy admonishes: "It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places, offer thanks and praise..." I can personally affirm the power of thankfulness I experienced over the previous year of my pilgrimage toward renewed health.

Weekly worship expresses our thankfulness – our joyful duty – to "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy." God's command is not issued in order to fulfill God's insecure *divinity*, but rather to bless our mortal *humanity*, promised and given in worship! I can personally affirm being blessed in worship during my recent vacation, gathered among friendly, familiar, faithful strangers for praise, prayer and preaching, without responsibility to plan, prepare and preside.

But beyond the personal, worship is also the best thing we can do for the health and wellbeing of our family and friends, our church and neighbourhood, this nation and the whole world. Renowned Lutheran artist, Richard Caemmerer, founder of the Gruenwald Guild, explains: "The most important reason for you to worship on Sunday is because other people need you there."

To those of you who remain faithful in our thankful duty and joy of serving God and neighbour in worship, "Welcome back to church." To those of you who have become negligent in our thankful duty and joy of serving God and neighbour in worship, I would like the chance to say "Welcome back to church!"

*Pastor Peter Lisinski*

## *Willkommen Zurück Zur Kirche!*

Liebe Familie und Freunde bei TLC:

Am 14. Oktober feiern die Kanadier das Erntedankfest. Am 28. November tun unsere amerikanischen Nachbarn dasselbe. Ich lade euch allen ein, die sechs Wochen dazwischen als eine "Zeit des Erntedankfestes" zu erwägen, um nicht nur für die vergangenen und gegenwärtigen Segnungen Gottes zu danken, sondern auch für die versprochenen zukünftigen Segnungen Gottes – das der Schwerpunkt in der Adventszeit ist, die am Sonntag, den 1. Dezember beginnt.

Eine "Haltung der Dankbarkeit" ist entscheidend für unsere persönliche Gesundheit und unser Wohlbefinden. Der Apostel Paulus schreibt: „Seid dankbar *in* allen Dingen (nicht *für* alle Dinge!); denn das ist der Wille Gottes an euch..." (1 Thessalonicher 5:18). Unsere Liturgie zur Heiligen Kommunion mahnt: „Es ist zwar richtig, unsere Pflicht und unsere Freude, dass wir in allen Zeiten und an allen Orten Dank und Lob aussprechen..." Ich kann persönlich die Kraft der Dankbarkeit bestätigen, die ich im vergangenen Jahr auf meiner Pilgerreise zur Erneuerung meiner Gesundheit erfahren habe. Wöchentliche Anbetungen sind die Erfüllung unserer Dankbarkeit, unsere freudige Pflicht, - „Gedenke des Sabbattages, dass du ihn heiligest." Gottes Gebot ist nicht herausgegeben, um Gottes unsichere *Göttlichkeit* zu erfüllen, sondern unsere sterbliche *Menschheit* zu segnen, wie es in unserer Anbetung versprochen und gegeben ist! Ich kann persönlich bestätigen, dass ich während meines letzten Urlaubs im Gottesdienst gesegnet war, versammelt unter freundlichen, vertrauten, treuen Fremden zum Lobpreis, Gebet und Predigen, ohne Verantwortung für Planung, Vorbereitung und Leitung.

Aber über das Persönliche hinaus ist die Anbetung auch das Beste, was wir für die Gesundheit und das Wohlbefinden unserer Familie und Freunde, unserer Kirche und Nachbarschaft, dieser Nation und der ganzen Welt tun können. Der renommierte lutherische Künstler Richard Caemmerer, Gründer der Grünwald Gilde, erklärt: "Der wichtigste Grund für dich, am Sonntag zu beten, ist, dass andere Leute dich dort brauchen." Denjenigen von euch, die treu bleiben in unserer dankbaren Pflicht und Freude, Gott und dem Nächsten im Gottesdienst zu dienen, "Willkommen zurück in der Kirche". Denjenigen von euch, die in unserer dankbaren Pflicht und Freude, Gott und dem Nächsten im Gottesdienst zu dienen, fahrlässig geworden sind, möchte ich "Willkommen zurück in der Kirche" sagen.

*Pator Peter Lisinski*

## From the Pastor's Pen...



### *Our Future In Jeopardy?*

In the very first sentence of my very first sermon after accepting the call to become Thornhill Lutheran Church's next pastor, I said, "I have dreamed of this day for just about as long as Alex Trebek has been the host of the television game show *Jeopardy*."

Little did I know that shortly thereafter Alex and I would share a distant companionship on the heavily travelled road of cancer patients – as many of our members, family and friends, have also done. Thanks be to God that both our year-long pilgrimages have ended happily, for the moment, and brother Alex was able to return to work at the beginning of September, just as I returned from my vacation. I hope you are all as enthusiastic as I am to learn where God's Holy Spirit may lead us "In Mission for Others", as our National church and Eastern Synod challenge us to become.

To orient our mission compass to the "magnetic north" of faithfulness to Jesus Christ, I'd like us to play *Jeopardy* together for a moment. For those unfamiliar with the game show, the format reverses the question-and-answer pattern typical of most quizzes – whether on television or in the classroom. Contestants are presented with the *answer* for which they must supply the *question*! For example, in Jordan Peterson's book, *Twelve Rules for Life*, he says, "Everyone is destined for pain and slated for destruction." That could be a *Jeopardy* answer to Apostle Paul's question in 1 Corinthians 15:12: "If Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some say there is no resurrection?" Another valid *Jeopardy* question could be the one raised in a favourite recent TV commercial offering a remedy for the question haunting a sleep-deprived woman at 3:00 a.m.: "What if the Hokey Pokey *really is* what life is all about?"

Are you ready to place yourself in *Jeopardy*? Okay ...

The first answer is: "The only jewel in the crown Jesus wore at his coronation." (see Matthew 27:29) ... And the question is: "What is a thorn?"

The second answer is: "A four-letter word for the lofty throne of Jesus' royal exaltation" (see Matthew 27:37) ... And the question is: "What is a hill?"

Put the words 'thorn' and 'hill' together and the very name of our congregation, as well as three others within our Thornhill Ministerial community, proclaims the central message of what Apostle Paul proclaims as "the Gospel of God".

To explore the theme further, I invite you to take part in three "Sacrament and Word" sessions on Sunday mornings – September 29, October 27, November 24 at 11:15 a.m., following our monthly German Worship Service – for a brief Bible study of Paul's letter to the Romans, (auf English) to answer Martin Luther's famous question, "What does this mean?"

See you there,

*Pastor Peter*

p.s. Don't forget to bring your Bible!

On All Saints Sunday, November 3, 2019, 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.



Pastor's office hours:

Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

October 2, 9, 23, 30

November 6, 13, 27

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

### ***Financial Update***

***Jan. 1, 2019 - Aug. 31, 2019***

### **OFFERINGS & DONATIONS**

	<b><u>2018</u></b>	<b><u>2019</u></b>
<b>Budget</b>	<b>46,666.65</b>	<b>43,333.28</b>
<b>Actual</b>	<b><u>-30,717.63</u></b>	<b><u>-20,372.00</u></b>

<b><u>SHORTFALL, Aug. 31, 2018 &amp; Aug. 31, 2019</u></b>	<b>15,949.02</b>	<b>22,961.28</b>
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<b>Please help us to eliminate our SHORTFALL of</b>	<b>22,961.28</b>
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<b><u>ATTENDANCE</u></b>	<b>886</b>	<b>974</b>
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Treasurer: Edith Schiller, Aug. 31, 2019



## Frohe Runde Trip to Elmira

On April 6, 2019, a lovely early morning the people arrived at the church to be seated on the bus tour of Mary Morton.

Our first destination was The Maple Syrup Festival in Elmira, the oldest and largest, which we noticed following a long line of cars to the festivities.

There were already thousands of people but were buses and cars arriving galore.

Thousands of people stood in line to catch a ride around in open wagons. Stall after stall were selling different food and of course Maple Syrup lined the grounds. It was a lot of walking, not so pleasant for the elderly. A craft show in one of the schools was a little disappointing, except for beautiful handmade quilts. Along the streets there were Menonites offering their Maple Syrup products.

A buffet lunch at Crossroads was well organized and the selection was plentiful. Adjacent to the restaurant there was a beautiful gift shop which shouldn't be missed.

Before heading home, we enjoyed a little walk in the sunshine in the village of St. Jacob's with little boutiques.

Happy and very tired we arrived at the church safely at 6:30pm.

We all spend a lovely time together, laughed a lot and came to the conclusion: Maple Syrup Festival is not for elderly people!

Gutta Gleue



## Springfest 2019

On May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 6:30pm several members and guests came together for a fun filled evening, to help raise funds for the Yellow Brick House. Dinner, singing, raffle and many laughs were had by all.

The Yellow brick House is an organization in Richmond Hill that helps abused women and children. They are available 24 hours a day, 7 days providing help and hope. They have two emergency shelters. One has 7 bedrooms providing 25 beds, 7 cribs, 4 bathrooms, a kitchen, a kid's playroom, homework area, living room, sitting room, and a laundry room. The second shelter has 16 beds, 3 cribs, 5 bathrooms, a kitchen, meeting room, children's resource area, moms 'room, living room, and laundry room. These shelters provide a safe environment and gives these women a chance to rebuild their lives. Once the women leave the shelter, they are able to go to Reta's Place Transitional Housing where they can receive more counseling and legal support.

We enjoyed a fantastic dinner of Bourbon Maple Glazed Ham with apple – cranberry chutney, balsamic roasted vegetables, mushroom and lentil ragu, roasted garlic butter parmesan potatoes, and a very nice spring mix salad. Our vegan guests enjoyed roasted tomatoes and coconut risotto.

Our dinner was cooked and chattered by (Bala) Balasaravanan Shamuganathan this year. We would like to thank Bala for an amazing meal.

For dessert we had a very yummy Bienenstich from Dimpflmeier Bakery.

A sing a long was led by Ed Stahlberg and Tony Streiss.

We would like to thank Longos, Boehringers, Moulsons, Erika Koepke, for their donations for the raffle and table decorations.

A huge thank you to Melissa Moskowitz and Martin Pymm for setting up the hall.

Thank you, Eric Moulson and Austin Wort, for helping serve dinner, clearing tables and helping with clean up afterwards.

Thanks to our kitchen support volunteers Diana and Martin Habekost, and Harvey Pymm Finally we would like to thank the Fellowship Committee Ruth M, Annette H, and Petra B for a great evening.

Nancy Moulson





Im September 2019 war the Frohe Runde gut besucht!

Submitted by Erika Koepke



Wo zwei oder drei  
in meinem Namen versammelt sind,  
da bin ich  
mitten unter ihnen.  
Matthäus 18,20

## Volunteer need for Financial Secretary position!



We would like to thank Olga Jurgeneit for her years of dedication, care, and professionalism as our church's Financial Secretary. Unfortunately, Olga has decided, in 2020, it is time for her to step down from this position. The Financial Secretary is an important part of our church mechanism.

We are looking for a volunteer who would be interested in the following types of duties:

- \* Entering all monthly donations' information into the computer program; including from PAR.
- \* A monthly report prepared for Council; reflecting donations and record of attendance.
- \* Year-end reports for the Annual Report and Council.
- \* Yearly tax receipts/ statements for donations received for each household.
- \* Funeral Acknowledgements; i.e. bereaved family notified that a donation has been made, standard letter and donation statement to those who have donated, etc.
- \* Ordering donation envelopes and assigning donation envelope numbers.

Please contact Doris Lottermoser ([dori\\_hamburg@yahoo.ca](mailto:dori_hamburg@yahoo.ca) or 416-903-5712) or Olga Jurgeneit (905-889-7894) regarding further information.

Once again, we would like to thank Olga for all her dedication and work.

## THANK YOU

We would like to give a big Thank You to Harvey Pymm who barbequed our delicious sausages in the rain for our annual September BBQ. Your kindness is well appreciated.







## 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.*

## Annual Committee and Group Reports

As every year, we require reports from Committee and Group Chairs by Dec. 7th 2018, so that the Annual Report can be distributed 2 weeks before the February Annual meeting. Please send your report to Nancy Moulson [nmoulson1@rogers.com](mailto:nmoulson1@rogers.com) who will be collecting and assembling the reports for the Annual Report. Thank you, Nancy for doing this important task.



Mosaic Inter-Faith is hosting two events:

Sunday, October 27, 2019

2:30 p.m.

"From Abraham Three Faiths"

St. Luke Roman Catholic Church

39 Green Lane, Thornhill

Sunday, November 24, 2019

2:30 p.m.

Annual Peace Meal

Jaffari Islamic Centre

9000 Bathurst Street, Richmond Hill

Please bring a Vegan dish to share!



# Invitations - Einladungen

Please join us for these important events  
*Bitte nehmen Sie teil an den folgenden Gottesdiensten/Veranstaltungen*

Sunday, October 6

10:00 a.m.

English Holy Communion

Sunday, October 13

10:00 a.m.

English Holy Communion - Thanksgiving



Sunday, October 20

10:00 a.m.

English Holy Communion  
Congregational "Thanksgiving Lunch" follows

Sunday, October 28

10:00 a.m.

11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Reformation Sunday / Reformationssonntag  
Deutscher Gottesdienst  
English Bible Study



Sunday, November 3

10:00 a.m.

All Saints Sunday / Allerheiligensonntag  
English Commemoration of the Departed Holy Communion  
followed by Potluck Coffee Hour  
*Englischer Allerheiligen-Abendmahlsgottesdienst  
gefolgt von Potluck-Kirchkaffee  
Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians*



Sunday, November 10

10:00 a.m.

English Holy Communion  
Remembrance of Martin Luther's Baptism (Nov. 11)

Sunday, November 17

10:00 a.m.

English Holy Communion

Sunday, November 25

10.00 a.m.

11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Christ the King Sunday / Christkönigsfest  
(Last Sunday of the Church Year)  
German Holy Communion Service  
*Deutscher Christkoenigsfest-Abendmahlsgottesdienst*  
English Bible Study



Saturday, November 30

10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Annual Advent Bazaar  
*Unser Weihnachtsbasar findet an diesem Tag statt.*



# Congregational News – Aus dem Gemeindeleben



## Funeral

Else Heldman - September 7, 2019  
Memorial Service & Committal  
Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Toronto  
Saturday, September 14

Our deepest sympathy goes out to her family and friends.

*Those who live in the Lord never  
see each other for the last time.*

## Upcoming Birthday

Edith Schiller - October 21



## Best Wishes



As always, our thoughts and prayers are with all those of our members and friends, who are sick in hospital or at home. May they, with God's help, get better soon to again join us in our Services. We also pray for their caregivers who are doing all they can to reach that goal.

*Wir denken auch ständig und beten für alle Mitglieder und Freunde der Gemeinde, die krank liegen zu Hause oder aber im Krankenhaus. Allen wünschen wir gute Besserung und hoffen, dass sie bald wieder bei uns sein können.*



# Christmas Bazaar – Weihnachtsbasar

Saturday, November 30, 10.00 a.m.—2:30 p.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. All donations towards the raffle must be in by November 23. 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. Alle Preise müssen bis zum 23. November in der Kirche sein.*

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 handcrafts, 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

# Christmas Bazaar

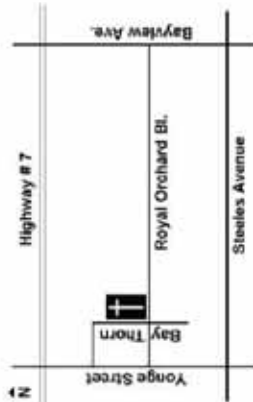


**Saturday, November 30, 2019**

**10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**Thornhill Lutheran Church**

**149 Bay Thorn Drive, Thornhill**



**Homemade Cakes, Cookies, and other Goodies**

**Handcrafted Items for Big and Small**

**White Elephant Sale**

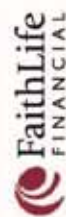
**Raffle Tickets**

**Coffee and Cake**

**Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m.**

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# Council Highlights

## Feb 10, 2019 Annual Meeting

- Mentioned that Petra Georges has resigned from council 1 week ago, and wished her well.
  - Mentioned that there is one spot vacant on council now
  - Following nominations put forward to elect Edith Schulbeck, and mentioned that Martin Habekost would officially start his term
  - All in favour to elect Edith Schulbeck and Martin Habekost
  - Motion carried
  - Chairperson's Report - Doris Lottermoser presented report
  - Pastor's Report - Pastor Peter Lisinski presented his report
  - Treasurer's Report - Edith Schiller presented her report
  - Financial Secretary's Report - Olga Jurgeneit present her report
  - Thanked Olga Jurgeneit for all her time spent on the tax receipts
  - Auditor's Report - not available at this time
  - Mentioned that it will be done within the next few months
  - Gisela Neitzert stepped down from News Letter Committee
  - Jutta Gleue stepped up and will take over Gisela's position on News letter Committee
  - Rene Samulewitsch thanked for all the work on the Rental Committee
  - Martin Habekost updated congregation on how to use web stream
  - Martin Habekost updated congregation on new photocopier in office
  - Diana Habekost to make up reference sheet on how to use photocopier
- Deborah Tobin read aloud Worship and Arts Committee Motion:  
The Following motion was presented from Worship and Arts Committee:  
Motion that the Church Council adopt the following worship schedule:
- \**Maintain one German service on the last Sunday of each month.*
  - \**The remaining Sundays be English services.*
  - \**Christmas services to remain; two German, one English*
  - \**Good Friday; one German, one English*
  - \**Easter; one English service*
  - \**All other services in English*

## Second Amendments

*Council proposed the following amendments in red:*

*The Following motion was presented from Worship and Arts Committee:  
Motion that the Church Council adopt the following worship schedule:*



- \*Maintain one German service on the last Sunday of each month.
- \*The remaining Sundays be English services.
- \*Christmas *Eve services* to remain; two German, one English
- \*Good Friday; one German, one English
- \*Easter; *joint* service
- \**New Year's = German*
- \**July and August = Alternating Sundays German then English*
- \*All other services in English

### Final Amendments

The Following motion was presented from Worship and Arts Committee:

Motion that the Church Council adopt the following worship schedule:

- \*Maintain one German service on the last Sunday of each month.
- \*The remaining Sundays be English services.
- \*Christmas *Eve services* to remain; two German, one English
- \*Good Friday; one German, one English
- \**Easter; one German service and one English service*
- \**New Year's = German*
- \**July and August = Alternating Sundays German then English*
- \*All other services in English

- Doris Lottermoser presented our 5-year plan, and out reach ideas
- Explained Easter invite ideas, advertise and get a gift
- after school programs
- outdoor camp
- calling an English speak Pastor next time becoming a 2.0 parish 1 pastor for 2 churches
- Doris Lottermoser asked people to come forward and sign up for outreach committee. No one came forward

### March

- Doris Lottermoser welcomed Edith Schulbeck and Martin Habekost to council.
- Emailed Dominic – re: Verify that dividends are deposited directly to savings account and that previous dividends received be transferred to savings account.
- Edith Schiller accepted to stay on as treasure
- T4 send to Pastor Peter and Pastor Christian Ceconi
- Abuse coverage insurance needs to be reviewed, signed and send back.
- Parochial Report – Edith Schiller to fill out her part, and forward to Deborah (from the Synod)
- Doris Lottermoser to call Olga to see if she will stay on as Financial Secretary

## Elections of Officers:

Chair: Doris Lottermoser, all in favour

Vice Chair: Nancy Moulson, all in favour

Secretary: Martin Habekost, all in favour



- Need to fill out Church Property Survey, and send back to the Synod
  - check timer for light over accessible door by hall
  - need to replace kitchen counter. Get a quote from Chris Wanschura.
  - Send a request to Kevin and Fred to check Sunday night temperature
  - Printer in meeting room? Take to dump or somewhere else
  - Tree planting in spring, turn into a community outreach event.
  - Invite people to come and plant trilliums as a symbol of Ontario
  - Forward tree request to Karen Steiger to see which tree would be best to plant
  - Landscaping - final bush to be planted in the spring as required by the city (ongoing till Planted)
- Deborah T. to start list regarding confirmands, youth, young adults and families who have been disillusioned
  - Doris and Edith to review/update list and then send to Pastor.
- Outreach - though - start a group to do in the next few months. Ideas such as a "Strawberry Social" and invite the neighbourhood.
- Financial Audit - Petra will have done by the Spring.

## April

- Abuse Insurance Coverage - spoke with Keith Myra; sent him documentation, which he is reviewing; will confer after Easter (ongoing)
- Church Survey - one question outstanding. Then will present to council (ongoing)
- Thank you, cards, - for Diana and Norbert
- Church Secretary Contract: have revised and sent out copies to council.
- Financial Secretary: Doris to contact Olga after Easter to develop an ad for the newsletter, for a new FS in 2020
  - need to replace kitchen counter. Get a quote from Chris Wanschura.
  - Tree planting; community outreach event; plant trilliums (symbol of Ontario);
  - Pastor contacted Karen Steiger Tree dedication June 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - Persian Congregations lockbox: no request was made, or approved to install a lockbox. It was placed there in case the key holder was not able to attend.
  - Council discussed and agreed to allow for 1 month and then discuss again
  - Newlight Congregation thanked council for the reduction of the 2019 rental cost increase. They have signed up for Spring Cleaning and anticipate this will be done by mid-May.

## May

Olga Jurgeneit, our Financial Secretary, has decided that she would like to retire in 2020. Council decided that an ad would be put into our Newsletter regarding this volunteer position. Council would like to thank Olga for her years of dedication and care.

Pastor would like to call everyone on their baptismal day but if not possible, to at least reach out once a year.

Pastor's vacation time was adjusted to ensure that there will be 2 Communion Sundays per month during the summer. As per Worship & the Arts request, council completed the summer service schedule and was emailed to all W & A's and council members.

A Property binder, for the office, will be started. It will list repairs, replacements, etc. that need to be done.

Council put forward the idea of the Mutual ministry and Pastor Peter felt it was not needed at this time.

Deborah Tobin is organizing the purchase and planting (done by the gardening company) of the Bur Oak Tree. Dedication to be held June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Pastor and Deborah to get together to work on the Revelations computer system. It is time to update our Church Directory and over the upcoming months, Doris Lottermoser will be contacting congregational members regarding their information.

## June

Summer schedule was finalized and was resent to all W & A's and council members; and uploaded to our website.

Monday's and Tuesday's will be Pastor Peter's scheduled days off.

Attendance and donations are down from last year and thankfully, we have financial coverage via our investments and renters.

It was noted that the boulevard was not being cut by the town of Markham. When contacted, they stated that they were no longer cutting any of the boulevards. Now will be handled by our lawn service.

It was noted that the donated printer would be removed in July.

The Bur Oak has been planted and a donation has been made toward its cost.

Pastor to call members on their birthdays, baptismal day, and/or confirmation day.

## July – Timeline/planning meeting

Council decided that for the Advent/Christmas season, we will be putting an advertisement in the German (Das Journal) and the local newspapers.

Pastor Peter shared a brochure, which he created and then distributed following the July 14 service. Council acknowledged that it was to enhance conversation/ outreach and a lively discussion ensued, with various opinions. In conclusion, there was ambiguity expressed, regarding who was sending this brochure- Does it represent our Church mission?

Edith Schiller suggested personally calling members, who contributed during Christ-



mas time, to an outreach luncheon which will be held in October.

Flyer boards to be put up for Bazaar at Yonge and Bayview (D. Tobin) and an invitation to be placed on our LED message sign.

## August

Thank you to Newlight Church for contacting us so quickly regarding the leaking water heater. Thank you to Fred Neitzert and Edith Schiller for organizing its replacement.

Thank you to Rene Samulewitsch for all his hard work regarding rental issues.

The position as secretary will be left open, as there has been little interest in the position. Will review additional duties with Pastor at our next meeting.

Concern has been expressed regarding the health of the new Oak tree. It was noted that the Bur Oak's bark is different but we will be asking for the professional to look at it, just in case.

Pastor and Deborah to meet regarding the Revelations program ASAP.

The 2018 Audit has been completed and accepted by council. Thank you to Petra Georges.

Council reviewed an issue regarding the summer schedule. It was concluded that schedules for conducting services can be changed; but, should be initiated by the people involved. It is not appropriate to replace a scheduled reader without first asking the scheduled reader if they would like to be removed.

October 20<sup>th</sup>, we will be having a "Thanksgiving" luncheon. Invitations will be sent out by Edith Schiller.

## September

Pastor Peter's office hours have been finalized for every Wednesday, from 10am to 1pm.

Property binder has been started and is located in the front foyer.

Financial Secretary ad has been reviewed and completed; will be placed in our Newsletter.

Looking to keep a record of all committee and group duties, contact information, etc. where the council logs in on our church's website.

Pastor will be starting Bible studies on the last Sunday per month, after the German service.

Office phone line has been repaired.

Property will be getting quotes to replace the kitchen counters, faucets, and sinks.

We welcome Liana as our volunteer secretary and she will be helping with bulletins and newsletters.

Pastor Peter will start sending weekly emails regarding upcoming services and events to all church members and friends.

Submitted by Nancy Molson and Doris Lottermoser

# October 2019

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
<b>6 Pentecost 27</b> 10:00 English Com- munion	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>13 Thanksgiving</b> 10:00 English Com- munion	14	15	16 7:30 Council	17	18	19 2:00 Frohe Runde
<b>20 Pentecost 29</b> 10:00 English Com- munion followed by	21	22	23	24	25	26 2:00 Circle of Friends
<b>27 Reformation</b> 10:00 German Com- munion  11:15 - 12:00 English Bible Study  2:30 Mosaic Interfaith "From Abraham Three Faiths" @ St. Luke 39 Green Lane, Thorn- hill	28	29	30	31		

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<b>3 All Saints'</b> 10:00 English Com- munion	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>10 Pentecost 32</b> 10:00 English Com- munion	11	12	13	14	15	16 2:00 Frohe Runde
<b>17 Pentecost 33</b> 10:00 English Com- munion	18	19	20 7:30 Council	21	22	23 2:00 Circle of Friends
<b>24 Christ the King</b> 10:00 German Com- munion  11:15 - 12:00 English Bible Study  2:30 Mosaic Interfaith Annual Peace Meal @ Jaffari Islamic Cen- tre 9000 Bathurst St., Richmond Hill	25	26	27	28	29	30 10:00 Annual Christmas Bazaar