



# The Morningstar

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF

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Have you ever imagined yourself as a work of art? Walking through an art gallery we see the old masters, expressionists, and impressionists; there are paintings and sculptures, tapestries and displays, some we may not understand. Where do you belong in this art gallery of life? Do you consider yourself someone in a pastoral painting—calm, resting against a tree, taking in the fresh air and the warm breeze; or do you see yourself reflected in Edvard Munch's "The Scream"? Do you see yourself in the beautiful lines and shapes of a Rodin sculpture—dancing, embracing? Perhaps you see yourself more through the sounds of melodies played in a symphony: Mahler's melancholy, Strauss' wistfulness, van Beethoven's dramatics. This is life in motion. These are pieces which reflect the God-given talents of those who create.

"YOU  
MUST  
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ABRAHAM JOSHUA HESCHEL

So, what about you as the work of art? Are you an incomplete painting, not knowing what colour to use for the next step in life? Are the threads in your tapestry missing or torn in some way? Is the sculpture clipped or malformed? If God created you, as the potter working with clay, if God is the master artist and you his masterpiece,

what have you done with his piece of art? Have you appreciated it, or have you hidden from yourself as if not trusting yourself? Is it that you do not see yourself as a masterpiece?

There are pieces missing; there are nicks and grooves showing some imperfection; there are some blemishes on the inside as well as the outside. Are you still exploring what shape you want your life to take; what textures you may discover along the way; are they in sync, or scattered in no particular order or place? God, in the risen Christ, has given us a new life through his resurrection. So?

As a new creation, how might we engage? How might we be able to accept this newness of life and be transformed? What does this mean for you? Some of the broken pieces have been mended in the forgiveness of our sins and shortcomings. Our form is being remolded by our faith in a God who is creative, making beauty out of nothing. God has made you beautiful and will make you worthy to be called his child, perfected by his love for you and for me. Think about it! God stands back with a paintbrush in his hand swirling colours on our canvas; he is molding us out of clay, caressing us and loving us; God is the seamstress or crafty

entity mending and weaving each of our life experiences together so as to make us whole and perfect in the eyes of God.

Think about how you will continue to build a life as if you were a work of art—perhaps not yet complete, but making a difference in someone else's life. You, as a piece of art, can have a great impact on someone else. That is what freedom of expression is all about. Shape your life together with Christ, and he will help you perfect yours. For the new possibilities, which God offers us with each brushstroke, we give God thanks and praise.

*Pastor Rasma*

## **Oberammergau 2020**

Come travel with me in 2020 to Oberammergau! These are the new dates: June 9th to 22nd.

We begin our tour in Budapest, enroute to Vienna, Salzburg, Munich, Oberammergau, and Lucerne. You can get information in the brochure in the narthex, and book online at [pastorrasma.grouptoursite.ca](http://pastorrasma.grouptoursite.ca). A deposit of \$450 will secure your place and you will have another year and a half to pay the balance. Don't hesitate! We already lost a tour opportunity because it was sold out. I can guarantee that this trip has the potential to change your life and strengthen your faith.

*Pastor Rasma*

**APRIL FOOD OF THE MONTH:**

**Pasta**



## GTA East Joint Service

This year's GTA East joint service will be held on April 29th at Christ the King, Whitby. I encourage everyone to attend. There will be a hymn sing at 10:30 as people arrive, and the service begins at 11 a.m. That day we will offer a 9 a.m. joint service at Epiphany for those unable to make the trip to Whitby. If you need a ride, please let me know. You also have the opportunity to join the joint choir for this occasion. I have the music for anyone interested. The rehearsals will take place at Faith Lutheran in Oshawa April 11th, 18th and 25th. For a lift there, just ask.

Pastor Rasma

## REMINDER – April 3, 2018 at 1:30 pm

The Seniors invite everybody to join us on Tuesday April 3rd at 1:30 pm.

We will have a special guest speaker on that day. MR. GARY ANANDASANGAREE, the MP for Highland Creek, will inform us about his work in Ottawa and welcomes any questions we will have for him. Coffee and cake will be served afterward. HOPE TO SEE MANY MEMBERS OF EPIPHANY...(GERMAN AND ENGLISH SPEAKING!)

Our last meeting on March 6 was combined with the WELTGEBETSTAG – WORLD DAY OF PRAYER. It was a beautiful service and there were 35 people in attendance, including members from our sister churches. Everybody had a good time and enjoyed the fellowship after the service together with coffee and cake.

Ute Wentzel

## Combined ELW/Church Seniors meeting on Tuesday April 3 at 1:30 pm

The Church Women have been invited by Wilhelm Wittemeier of the Seniors group to join them at their April meeting. They will have a guest speaker who will give the presentation in English. This will be in place of our regular ELW meeting, so please come. Contributions to the afternoon coffeetime will be gladly accepted. Finally, please note the change of the date and time. Hope to see you there!

Plans are underway to organize a Springtime ladies luncheon. Last year's lunch at Gerhard's Cafe was very well received and we look forward to doing this once more. Stay tuned for more info.

Cake mixes for the June Strawberry Social will be distributed in May sometime, please help yourself. There will be a sign up sheet for help on June 16th.

Sunday Coffee Team... One never fully appreciates the Sunday Coffee Team until it's gone. We thank those who in the past took such wonderful care of everyone and for organizing the weekly church coffee. Now, how will we manage? Does someone have any ideas? Who likes hospitality, organizing volunteers, and shopping? Please contact Church Council or Lilli Kilian with your questions or ideas!

The Church women thank the Church Council members for the lovely Easter breakfast. We look forward to this Easter hospitality each and every year.

Lilli Kilian, kilianlf@gmail.com, 416-267-5300



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## Worthy Thoughts...



You can't change the past,  
but you can ruin the present  
by worrying over the future!

Love...and you shall be loved.



God always gives His best  
to those who leave the choice  
with Him.

All people smile in the same language.



Everyone needs to be loved...  
especially when they  
do not deserve it.

Laughter is God's sunshine.

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## Church Property Committee Note

April is Earth Day month with lots of community clean-ups happening. Check what has been organized in your neighbourhood. Depending on weather conditions throughout April, stay tuned for our Church property clean-up.

Please let Fred Kilian know if you or someone you know will be able to help us out! Thank you.

## Friendly Reminders

SCENT-FREE SERVICES: Please be considerate of those with allergies and refrain from wearing scented products to church. Thank you!

Please contact Pastor Rasma in the church office at 416-284-5922, on her cell phone at 647-382-5093 or email her at epiphluth@bellnet.ca when:

- ☺ A member of your family is in the hospital.
- ☺ You would like to have Home Communion.
- ☺ You have a prayer request.
- ☺ A family member dies.
- ☺ Your home address, phone or email changes.
- ☺ You would like a call or visit.
- ☺ You have a joy or concern to share.

## EPIPHANY COUNCIL 2018 - 2019 AGM

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## Toronto East Area Women's Gathering

### "THE TIES THAT BIND"

"Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony". Colossians 3:14 (NRSV)

Epiphany

Christ the King

Peace

Faith

Christ

**Saturday, June 16, 2018**

Where: **Christ the King Lutheran Church**  
1825 Manning Road, Whitby

10:00am - Registration & Refreshments  
10:30am - Opening & Theme Thoughts  
12:00pm - Lunch & Creative Time  
1:45pm - Closing

*Join in the fun, visit friends  
and make new friendships!*

*Offering: Non-perishable food items for Deacons Cupboard Food Bank.*

**Registration Cost: \$5.00**



Theatrical Presentation



Special Music

*If you wish to provide flowers for the altar,  
please let the Altar Guild member  
for that Sunday know.*

### ALTAR GUILD

**1st Sunday of the Month**  
Ute Wentzel • 416-439-7996

**2nd Sunday of the Month**  
Josie Tedes • 416-283-0895

**3rd Sunday of the Month**  
Paulette Correia • 416-414-4497

**4th Sunday of the Month**  
Hildegard Kinder • 416-283-1836

**5th Sunday of the Month**  
Erika Haebe • 416-266-8660

### TREASURER'S REPORT

<b>FEBRUARY 2018</b>	<b>RECEIVED</b>	<b>SPENT</b>	<b>SURPLUS(DEFICIT)</b>
CURRENT	\$3,634.11	\$11,634.04	
BENEVOLENCE	1,371.50	1,371.50	
AMMS RENTAL INCOME	3,775.00		
AMMS PARSONAGE UTILITIES	297.32		
AMMS PARSONAGE INSURANCE	1,349.71		
BETHEL RENT	300.00		
INITIAL OFFERING ENVELOPE	10.00		
<b>CURRENT MONTH TOTALS</b>	<b>\$10,737.64</b>	<b>\$13,005.54</b>	<b>(\$2,267.90)</b>
<b>YEAR TO DATE TOTALS</b>	<b>\$23,637.52</b>	<b>\$25,946.35</b>	<b>(\$2,308.83)</b>

*Yours in Christ, Nalini Badley, Treasurer*

# April 2018

PLEASE NOTE: Sundays at 1:30 PM — Bethel Holiness Pentecostal Apostolic Ministries will hold their worship services in Epiphany's Sanctuary.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> <b>Easter Sunday</b> <small>WHITE</small> 6:30 AM Easter Sunrise Service followed by Breakfast 9 AM Joint Easter Communion Service		<b>3</b> 1:30 PM —Seniors & Everyone	<b>4</b> 11AM -2 PM Church Office	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10-11:30 AM —Bible Class	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> <b>2nd Sunday of Easter</b> <small>WHITE</small> 9 AM German Communion Service 10:30 AM English Worship Service	<b>9</b> 1 PM —Craft Circle  7 PM —Worship & Music Mtg	<b>10</b> —NO ELW Meeting	<b>11</b> 11AM -2 PM Church Office	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b> <small>WHITE</small> 9 AM German Worship Service 10:30 AM English Communion Service	<b>16</b> 7:30 PM —GTA East Meeting at Faith, Oshawa	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 11AM -2 PM Church Office	<b>19</b> 7:15 PM —Council Meeting at 2-152 Homestead  6:30 -10:30 PM —Bethel Special Event	<b>20</b> 10-11:30 AM —Bible Class  6:30 -10:30 PM —Bethel Special Event	<b>21</b>  6:30 -10:30 PM —Bethel Special Event
<b>22</b> <b>4th Sunday of Easter</b> <small>WHITE</small> 9 AM German Communion Service 10:30 AM English Worship Service	<b>23</b> 1 PM —Craft Circle	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 11AM -2 PM Church Office	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  Collate Morningstar	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <b>5th Sunday of Easter</b> <small>WHITE</small> 9 AM Joint Communion Service at Epiphany GTA East Joint Service at Christ the King, Manning Road, Whitby. Hymn singing at 10:30 a.m. followed by the service at 11.	<b>30</b>					