



The Morningstar

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For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now we only see in part; then we will see fully, even as we have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love. — 1 COR. 13:12

As we enter into the summer months, ready to kick up our heels and relax a bit, whether at the cottage or in the backyard, as we check out the progression of our tans, take the time to look more deeply into the mirror. In it see if you can discern those qualities, those gifts, which God has given you for building up this body of Christ. Your God-given gifts do not remain dormant even when we begin to tire of our responsibilities.

Look into the mirror and see if you can remember why you decided to worship at Epiphany, whenever that might have been. Can you recall a joyous occasion or celebration in this community of faith? What was it about that occasion that you would like to recapture?

Look into the mirror and see something that has been done in a certain way for what seems an eternity, which has outlived its effectiveness. How might ministry of any kind, by anyone in this congregation, including you and me, be made better, be renewed and refreshed?

Can you grasp a vision of the future and what it might look like? It can be exciting! It can be frightening! It can be life-giving!

Take the time this summer to reflect, to look into that mirror in which we can only see in part, where the image is dim and unclear now. When we are deliberate and

honest about our self-examination as a community of faith, and of ourselves within it, then we can build our future so that we along with St. Paul may say: *“And now faith, hope and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.”*

Pastor Rasma

Future Directions

While on vacation, think about visioning for the future. In September we would like to form a Future Directions committee. What is your vision of Epiphany five years from now?

Resources Reminder

Just because summer has arrived and vacation time is in full swing, don't forget our congregational financial needs. If you are going away, leave extra envelopes at the church for those Sundays you will miss, or just put one larger cheque into your offering envelope to cover that time away. This helps us stay financially afloat in summer, and prepared for any maintenance issues that may pop up. Thank you in advance!

Event Report

“The ties that bind us together” was the theme of this year's GTA – East's ELW day retreat.

The logo was five hearts intertwined with ribbon to symbolise our five churches: Epiphany, Peace-Pickering, Christ the King-Whitby, Faith-Oshawa

and Christ-Peterborough. For one of the exercises we brainstormed what it meant to be tied together as women of the church. The suggestions were then written on a giant-sized heart. Here are some of the findings: being one in Christ; having a sense of togetherness, fellowship, friendship, sharing, caring and having compassion; sharing food for the body and spirit, leadership, praying for one another, service; experiencing empathy, tears and laughter, encouragement, patience, thankfulness, and acceptance.

We sang together; we were also entertained with a skit, a choir, and solos; and we enjoyed fellowship at the lunch. Other activities scheduled for the afternoon were crafts, more entertainment, and worship.

Thanks to Christ the King, Whitby for hosting this year and the women of the churches who came together to plan. Now that two GTA-East churches have hosted, perhaps next year it might be our turn. As we look toward the future, it is important to expand our vision to be more inclusive by inviting others in. Hosting offers us an opportunity to participate in the wider church expression, make new friends, and share our gifts.

Pastor Rasma



Kudos

Thanks to all who helped out with the Strawberry Social: those who set up and cleaned up; for those who baked; those who scooped the ice cream and cut the strawberries. It yielded \$500. Thanks again!

Thanks also to Ron Heino and Ute Wentzel for leading worship on June 24 while I was at the Eastern Synod Assembly.

The Children's Creed

I believe in God

the Father.

He has made heaven and earth,
and me too.

He holds the whole world in his hand.

I believe in Jesus Christ.

He is the Son of God,

and became a human being, just like us,
because he loves us.

Once he died,

but he was stronger than death.

Now he lives together with God.

I believe that God's Spirit is with me and protects me.

In Church God's family comes together.

Because I am baptised I am part of this family.

God will always be there for me,

even when I've done something wrong.

I don't need to be afraid.

And when people die,

they go to God and live forever with him. Amen.

Pastor Rasma will be taking a week's vacation from July 9th to 15th and combining it with a week's continuing education as she attends the National Anglican-Lutheran Worship Conference in Victoria BC from July 16th to the 20th. In her absence please call Pastor Peter Lisinski at 905-424-7649 in case of pastoral need.

Summerfest will take place on Sunday July 22 following our 10 a.m. Joint Holy Communion Service.

Summer Joint Services will be held July 1 and July 22, August 5 and August 19. *Pastor Rasma*

Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is hardly a waste of time.

— JOHN LUBBOCK

EASTERN SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2018

The theme of the Assembly this year is Liberated By God's Grace ... to be a neighbour. I was very fortunate to be able to attend for the first time. Opening worship was inspiring and was a demonstration of respect and inclusivity to indigenous peoples as well as all others. We heard passages in a variety of languages including Finnish, Chinese, French, German and Spanish. Members of other faiths participated in a panel discussion.

Over the 4 conference days we explored what it is to be a neighbour. Bishop Susan Johnson stated that neighbour is the one who shows mercy. Bishop Pryse spoke of Stewardship, saying that "our mission is not the business of supporting and maintaining the institutional church. The business of the institutional church, rather, is the service and support of God's mission." Time was spent exploring racism and what it feels like to be marginalized. In addition, there was business conducted.

A motion was passed to change the name of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary to Martin Luther University College. Bishop Michael Pryse was re-elected to the Eastern Synod as our Bishop and our own Denise Dennis was elected to attend the National Convention in 2019. All in all, it was a very memorable and energizing event. *Pat Bramley*

Our Seniors

I would like to thank everybody for their help at the Seniors picnic on June 5th. We had a good turnout, 23 people enjoyed Kentucky Fried Chicken and delicious salads. Even though we had to set up inside, we all had a great time by singing favourite songs and we ended the day with a big variety of cakes and coffee.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday September 4 at 1:30 p.m. *Ute Wentzel*

SAVE THE DATE!

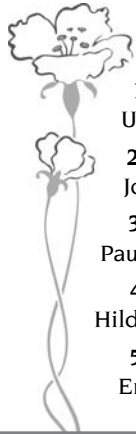
Our Annual Picnic will be held on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH following a joint Holy Communion Service at 10 a.m. Further details to follow.



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for that Sunday know.*



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Josie Tedes • 416-283-0895

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Paulette Correia • 416-414-4497

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

5th Sunday of the Month
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TREASURER'S REPORT

MAY 2018	RECEIVED	SPENT	SURPLUS(DEFICIT)
CURRENT	\$3,688.42	\$10,571.49	
BENEVOLENCE	1,371.45	1,371.45	
AMMS RENTAL INCOME	3,775.00		
BETHEL RENT	300.00		
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AMMS SANCTUARY RENTAL	150.00		
YCC RENTAL	150.00		
ADVERTISING FOR KELLY'S TREE CARE	100.00		
CURRENT MONTH TOTALS	\$13,637.94	\$11,942.94	\$1,695.00
YEAR TO DATE TOTALS	\$65,425.17	\$65,396.39	\$28.78

Yours in Christ, Nalini Badley, Treasurer

PRAYER FOR A SUMMER DAY

*Long warm days...
The pace of life slows...
A time for picnics and rest in the shade...*

*Lord,
help me to rest a while
in the cooling shade of your presence.
Slow down my restless heart and
fill me with gentle compassion
for all your people.
Amen.*

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2018 Summertime Calendar

JULY

SUNDAY JULY 1 (CANADA DAY)
(GREEN PARAMENTS ALL SUMMER)
10 am Joint Communion Service
1:30 pm Bethel Holiness Pentecostal
Apostolic Ministries in Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY JULY 4
11 am-2 pm Office Hours

SUNDAY JULY 8
9 am German Communion Service
10:30 am English Communion Service
1:30 pm Bethel Holiness Pentecostal
Apostolic Ministries in Sanctuary

MONDAY JULY 9-20
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vacation from July 9 to 15 and
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in Victoria BC from July 16 to 20.
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in case of pastoral need.

FRIDAY JULY 13
10 am Bible Class

SUNDAY JULY 15
9 am German Lay Led Service
10:30 am English Lay Led Service
1:30 pm Bethel Holiness Pentecostal
Apostolic Ministries in Sanctuary

SUNDAY JULY 22
10 am Joint Communion Service
followed by our **SUMMERFEST**
1:30 pm Bethel Holiness Pentecostal
Apostolic Ministries in Sanctuary

FRIDAY JULY 27
10 am Bible Class

SUNDAY JULY 29
9 am German Service
10:30 am English Service
1:30 pm Bethel Holiness Pentecostal
Apostolic Ministries in Sanctuary

AUGUST

SUNDAY AUGUST 5 (CIVIC HOLIDAY)
10 am Joint Communion Service
1:30 pm Bethel Holiness Pentecostal
Apostolic Ministries in Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 8
11 am-2 pm Office Hours

FRIDAY AUGUST 10
10 am Bible Class

SUNDAY AUGUST 12
9 am German Communion Service
10:30 am English Communion Service
1:30 pm Bethel Holiness Pentecostal
Apostolic Ministries in Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 15
11 am-2 pm Office Hours

Morningstar submissions
due for September issue

SUNDAY AUGUST 19
10 am Joint Communion Service
1:30 pm Bethel Holiness Pentecostal
Apostolic Ministries in Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 22
11 am-2 pm Office Hours

FRIDAY AUGUST 24
10 am Bible Class

SUNDAY AUGUST 26
9 am German Service
10:30 am English Service
1:30 pm Bethel Holiness Pentecostal
Apostolic Ministries in Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 29
11 am-2 pm Office Hours

FRIDAY AUGUST 31
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SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 2 (LABOUR DAY)
10 am Joint Communion Service
1:30 pm Bethel Holiness Pentecostal
Apostolic Ministries in Sanctuary

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 4
1:30 pm German Seniors Meeting

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 5
11 am-2 pm Office Hours

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 7
10 am Bible Class

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9
10 am Joint Communion Service
followed by our **ANNUAL PICNIC**
1:30 pm Bethel Holiness Pentecostal
Apostolic Ministries in Sanctuary

*Come summer with me, Lord;
summer deep down in my soul;
restore my faith in summer's time,
in rest, in joy, in play, in you...*

*Summer in my heart, Lord,
and dwell there
as if time would never end,
as if all time were children's time,
eternal time
when school is always out
and joy is ever in...*

*And let others summer in my shade, Lord,
and share whatever summer's peace
is mine to give,
whatever summer's light
is mine to shed,
whatever summer's warmth
is mine to share...*

*Good God of every season
and every day this week,
come summer with me, Lord,
and let the child in my heart
spend this summer in your love... Amen.*

(A PRAYER BY FATHER AUSTIN FLEMING
WHO BLOGS AT "A CONCORD PASTOR COMMENTS.")