



# The Morningstar

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF

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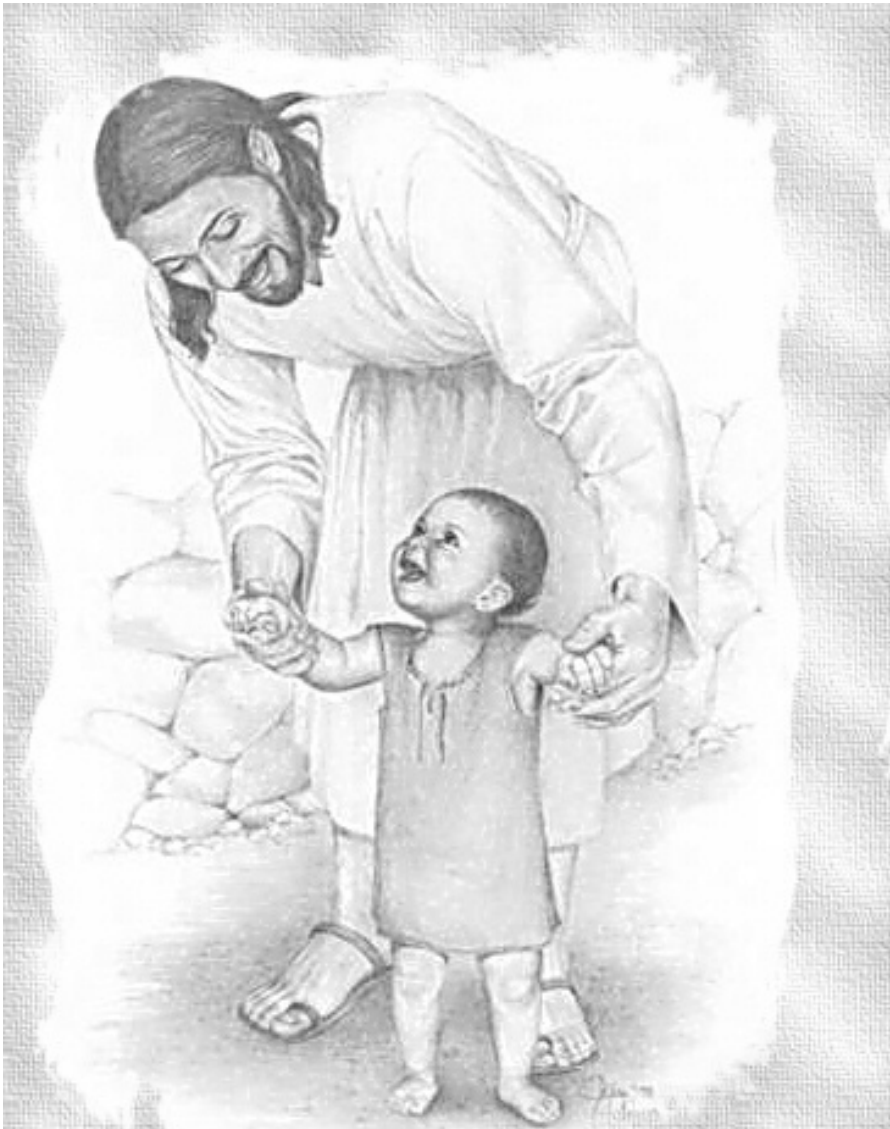
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*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

— 1 PETER 1:3 —

**FOOD OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY  
OATMEAL/  
HOT CEREALS**



**A PENCIL MAKER TOLD THE PENCIL FIVE IMPORTANT LESSONS JUST BEFORE PUTTING IT IN THE BOX:**

- 1** Everything you do will always leave a mark.
- 2** You can always correct the mistakes you make.
- 3** What is important is what is inside of you.
- 4** In life, you will undergo painful sharpenings, which will only make you better.
- 5** To be the best pencil, you must allow yourself to be held and guided by the hand that holds you.

We all need to be constantly sharpened. This parable may encourage you to know that you are a special person, with unique God-given talents and abilities. Only you can fulfill the purpose which you were born to accomplish. Never allow yourself to get discouraged and think that your life is insignificant and cannot be changed and, like the pencil, always remember that the most important part of who you are, is what's inside of you and then allow yourself to be guided by the hand of God. from cyberspace

**JANUARY 6, 2019** — Join us for our joint Epiphany service after which we will “un-decorate” or “defrock” our Christmas tree and take down our Advent wreath and enjoy refreshments including “glühwein” or mulled wine. It will lift your spirits as we come to the end of the Christmas season and prepare for the next. Let us sing our carols for the last time on this 12th day of Christmas.

**Changes in Membership**

 BY BAPTISM ~ **Declan James MacDougall**  
**Born: May 26, 2018 Baptised: December 9, 2018**

Sponsors: Carl Andrew Dennis and Lindsay Susan Marie McCauley  
 Parents: Olivia Grace MacDougall, née Dennis and Tom Floyd MacDougall  
*Cradling children in his arms, Jesus gave his blessing.  
 To our babes a welcome warm he is yet addressing.  
 Take them, Lord, give life anew in the living waters!  
 Keep them always near to you as your sons and daughters.*

 BY DEATH ~ **Ruth Jung, née Albrecht**  
**May 30, 1930 – December 20, 2018**

Funeral December 28th at McDougall & Brown Funeral Home.  
 Interment at Resthaven Cemetery.  
*So nimm den meine Hände und führe mich bis an mein selig Ende und ewiglich.  
 Ich mag allein nicht gehen, nicht einen Schritt: wo du wirst gehen und stehen,  
 da nimm mich mit.  
 Lord, take my hand and lead me...*

**KUDOS** — Thanks to all readers and worship leaders and choir and Marg Crewe for their participation in the many services throughout the Christmas season.

Also thanks for the many gifts I received from you! **Pastor Rasma**

**Refugee Sponsorship: The News and the Gnarl**

**The News:** Below is the latest correspondence sent to Jennifer Ardon, our CLWR Refugee Sponsorship liaison with the Nadrous family. These notes, from December 2 and 3 respectively, represent hopefulness for the new year!

Hi Jennifer (sic),  
 I hope that you are doing well.  
 Just to inform that we made the first stage of the interview in Beirut since 2/11/2018 and we are waiting for second stage.  
 Best Regards, George

Good morning Jennifer,  
 The first interview was done at Focus organization office in Beirut and we were told that another interview should be done at Canadian Embassy in Beirut also. They said that we should wait for their call to come to the second interview.  
 B.R  
 George

**The Gnarl:** This year, the IRCC has implemented more strict settlement requirements for private sponsorship. This means the relatives of the Nadrous family must now contribute an additional sum of over \$6500 to comply with the new requirements. If the family receives free accommodations, the new amount does not apply; however, CLWR must receive proof that free accommodations will be provided.

As Jennifer has put it, “failure to comply with these new requirements will be in violation of the sponsorship agreement and can result in a sponsorship breakdown.”

Keep praying; we will keep you posted.

**Denise Dennis, on behalf of The Refugee Sponsorship Committee**



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**TREASURER'S REPORT**

<b>NOVEMBER 2018</b>	<b>RECEIVED</b>	<b>SPENT</b>	<b>SURPLUS(DEFICIT)</b>
CURRENT	\$3,694.34	\$11,695.78	
BENEVOLENCE	1,367.45	1,367.45	
AMMS PARSONAGE RENT	2,575.00		
AMMS FELLOWSHIP HALL RENT	1,200.00		
BETHEL RENT	300.00		
FAITH FINANCIAL	300.00		
LOONIE BIRD	5.50		
CHURCH INSURANCE EXPENSE		2,288.52	
SNOW REMOVAL EXPENSE		1,307.58	
PARSONAGE ROOF REPAIRS		310.75	
<b>CURRENT MONTH TOTALS</b>	<b>\$9,442.29</b>	<b>\$16,970.08</b>	<b>(\$7,527.79)</b>
<b>YEAR TO DATE TOTALS</b>	<b>\$135,576.48</b>	<b>\$144,923.80</b>	<b>(\$9,347.32)</b>
INCLUDED PARSONAGE REIMBURSED EXPENSES			<b>\$18,949.99</b>
REVISED YEAR TO DATE TOTAL EXCL. PARS. EXP.			<b>\$9,602.67</b>

*Yours in Christ, Nalini Badley, Treasurer*



## ELW NOTES

Wishing everyone a Happy, Healthy New Year! This report falls a month late as our Annual Advent Bazaar was held on December 1st. We had yet another great Annual Advent Bazaar and we are very grateful to all of our supporters. They come in all forms: bakers, members of Epiphany, their friends, neighbours and relatives, as well as our corporate sponsors, which provided gift cards and raffle prizes.

We are grateful and proud to list all providers of Raffle prizes. They are:

- Gingerbread chest donated by **Lebkuchen Schmidt**
- Crocheted tablecloth from **Trudy Walker**
- Collector dolls from **Wilhelmine Hermann**
- Gift certificate for 2 New York steaks from **The Butcher Shop**
- Gift certificate from **Metro Grocery** (for Bazaar refreshments)
- Hairdressing products \$100 gift certificate from **Twin Images Hair Salon**
- 2 red and white throws worth \$80 and \$60 provided by **Pastor Caune**
- Wooden wall clock from **Alex Jacob**
- 2 fresh evergreen arrangements from **Paulette Correia**
- \$35 gift certificate from **Flowers in West Hill**
- Gift certificate for \$35.95 fruit flan from **Gerhard's Cafe**
- \$25 gift certificate from **Swiss Chalet**
- 5 gift certificates worth \$20 each from **Sunset Grill**
- Gift certificate from **Eggcellent**
- Christmas candle from **Heather Jacob**
- Set of 6 Euro Cup collector soccer glasses from **Alex Jacob**
- Set of 4 Martini glasses from **Heather Jacob**

In 2019, ELW's meeting format is changing to accommodate the demanding calendars and reduced number of its members. We plan to have our regular January meeting on Wednesday the 9th at 10:30am, for the annual financial review and distribution planning. Further into the year, in an effort to continue our special events such as the Strawberry Social, Summerfest, Applefest and possibly Bazaar, we will be meeting specifically to organize these, not monthly, as was previously the case. All meetings will be reflected in the MORNINGSTAR and we are always happy to welcome new members so, should you wish to join us, please come out on any meeting date as shown on the MORNINGSTAR calendar.

Many thanks for everyone's support. Blessings for 2019!

*Sigrid Engler*

*It is in the darkness that one finds the light.*

MEISTER ECKHART

### Our Seniors

24 seniors started their Christmas Party on December 4th with a schnitzel, potato casserole and red cabbage luncheon. We had quite the selection of salads and everybody enjoyed a glass of wine.

We sang German Christmas Carols, and Ute read a variety of Christmas poems and stories. Later there were Stollen and homemade cookies and coffee. Everybody had a good time.

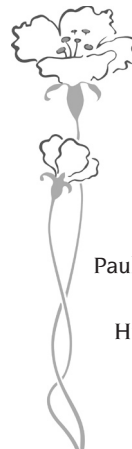
I would like to thank all who contributed and helped to make this a special afternoon. I wish all of you a very HAPPY NEW YEAR and GOD BLESS. Our next meeting is January 8th 2019 at 1:30pm.

*Ute Wentzel*

### EPIPHANY COUNCIL 2018 - 2019 AGM

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*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 • polly222001@yahoo.ca

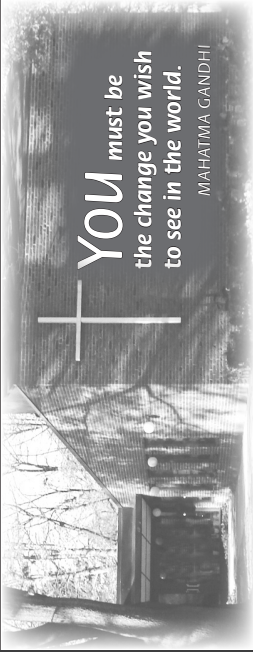
**4th Sunday of the Month**  
Hildegard Kinder • 416-283-1836

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

# January 2019

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**



**6** **Epiphany of Our Lord**  
WHITE  
 10 AM Joint Service followed by "un-decorating" the Christmas tree, along with refreshments and singing

**7**

**8** 1:30 PM  
 —German Seniors



**9** 10:30 AM  
 —ELW Meeting  
 11AM -2 PM Church Office

**10**

**11**

**12**

**13** **Baptism of Our Lord**  
WHITE  
 9 AM German Service  
 10:30 AM English Service

**14**

**15** Deadline for MORNINGSTAR articles and ANNUAL REPORTS

**16** 11AM -2 PM Church Office

**17** 11 AM—German clergy ministerium at Thornhill Lutheran  
 7:15 PM —Council Meeting

**18** 10-11:30 AM  
 —Bible Class  
 Jan. 18-20— Pastor attends second Missional Cohort at Crieff Hills

**19**

**20** **2 Epiphany**  
GREEN  
 9 AM Lay Led German Service  
 10:30 AM Lay Led English Service

**21**

**22**

**23** 11AM -2 PM Church Office

**24**

**25** Collate Annual Reports

**26**

**27** **3 Epiphany**  
GREEN  
 9 AM German Communion Service  
 10:30 AM English Communion Service

**28**

**29**

**30** 11AM -2 PM Church Office

**31**

**Feb 1** 10-11:30 AM  
 —Bible Class  
 Collate Morningstar

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