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NOVEMBER

is a month in which the autumn leaves lose their luster and fade before they fall. Like the lives of people who have touched us, Nature, too, seems to die at the time we mark the end of the church year on All Saints Sunday. In the German tradition, the end of the church year is called Toden—oder—Ewigkeitssonntag, which is a day for remembering the dead; but we have adjusted the calendar to celebrate the lives of all the saints who have gone before us on the Sunday after Reformation Sunday. This year it falls on the first Sunday of November.

At the 40th anniversary concert of my vocal ensemble, we commemorated the lives of those who once sang with us (whose voices are no longer heard) with a song I cannot get out of my head, called "Sing Me to Heaven" by Daniel E. Gawthrop. The lyrics express responses to the lives of those once loved and now remembered:

*... my soul finds primal eloquence
and wraps me in song.*

*If you would comfort me,
sing me a lullaby;*

*if you would win my heart,
sing me a love song;*

*if you would mourn me
and bring me to God,*

*sing me a requiem,
sing me to heaven.*

*Touch in me grief and comfort,
love and passion, pain and pleasure.*

*Sing me a lullaby,
a love song, a requiem.*

Love me, comfort me, bring me to God...

We have all been touched by grief and yet our memories are filled with a variety of emotions: sadness, joy, deep regret; and thoughts of what might have been.

Yet, if we were to imagine life as a song, would it be harmonious or dissonant; would it be percussive or melodic, as if played sweetly on a violin or hauntingly on a flute? What would your song of life sound like? Having sung in this ensemble since its inception, I sing this song for my friends of all voices, I sing for those who once sang with me, and I wonder whether they now sing in tune with the beautiful harmonies in heaven. Heaven is where life goes on; where they enjoy being seated at the banquet hosted by Christ, like we gather around our Lord's Table at church, or like we once sat in the home of our director at Christmas.

Might we continue to sing our laments, our songs of joy, our songs without words and be profoundly influenced by their lyrics? Will we continue to sing a lullaby, a love song, or a requiem for those who sing in the heavenly chorus? Will we rejoice for having lived with and loved them? Will *your* soul be wrapped in song? **Pastor Rasma**



**FOOD OF THE
MONTH FOR
NOVEMBER**

Baby Food



.... BUT NOT TODAY

*I shall grow old, perhaps, but
not today. Not while my hopes
are young, my spirit strong, and
my vision clear. Because life has
a way of smoothing out our
wrinkles with a song.*

*I shall grow old, perhaps, but
not today, in my own style, and
in my own sweet time, with no
night so dark that ray of light
shines along my pathway as
upward I climb. Just say to me,
when my last hour slips like one
brightly coloured leaf to softly
rest among the others...*

*"Life was summer to the heart
of one, who died believing
she was young." — GRACE EASLEY*

VIER KERZEN

*Eine Kerze für den Frieden,
weil der Streit nicht wirklich ruht.
Für den Tag voll Traurigkeiten*

*Eine Kerze für den Mut.
Eine Kerze für die Hoffnung
gegen Angst und Herzensnot,
wenn Verzagtsein unsren Glauben
heimlich zu erschüttern droht.*

*Eine Kerze, die noch bliebe,
als die wichtigste der Welt;
Eine Kerze für die Liebe,
weil nur diese wirklich zählt.*

— RAINER MARIA RILKE

(Four candles lit: one for peace,
one for courage, one for hope,
and the most important one,
for love) **Pastor Rasma**

2018 Advent Bazaar

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 1
1-3 PM**

**Craft Table
White Elephant Table
Bake Table & Raffle**

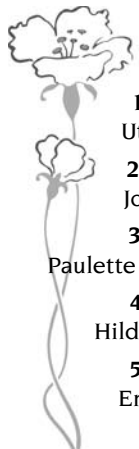
RAFFLE TICKETS: \$2 each or
3 for \$5 / Book of 15 for \$20



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.*



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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

Our Community Impact Event (October 21)

I realise that we are not used to doing outreach ourselves and going into the community to serve, but that is exactly what Jesus has called us to do. We are to be “servant of all.” This was our first attempt at getting involved—cleaning the Valley as stewards of creation; writing cards of welcome to homeless seniors, whose new shelter will be moving closer to us; hosting a food drive which stretched out into the surrounding community. The luncheon following was a great reward for a job well done. Sitting around the table people had more ideas for such events in the future. It was even more rewarding that we did this as an exercise in faith as part of the GTA-East cluster of churches. With each shared event, we learn from one another and become inspired to look even further within our context to see what new possibilities for mission are needed and most helpful. “Well done good and faithful servant!”

Pastor Rasma

A Word or Two from Fred Kilian of Epiphany Property Committee

First and foremost, I thank Peter von Gemmingen for maintaining the Church lawns and Nalini Badley and Dorothea Cameron for their efforts caring for the Church property flower beds, plants and shrubs again throughout the past growing season. If Epiphany had to hire for these services, it would have a severe impact on our budget and we could not afford the calibre and dedication of care these people take in maintaining Epiphany's grounds.

Thanks go out also to Greg Furan for doing an outstanding job in keeping the community informed of Epiphany's activities by updating the outdoor church sign on a regular basis, despite all weather conditions! Passing traffic definitely takes in the sign message!

Not to forgot those of Epiphany who “work behind the scenes” maintaining regular repairs and property maintenance; Franz Fuerst, Werner Kinder, Martin Wittemeier and any other willing workers. I am especially grateful for your support recently.

This summer we had a blower break down in the new air conditioning unit. The good news is that all parts are guaranteed for ten years, the bad news is that the labour is not, so Epiphany had the expense of labour for the replacement of the blower.

The Property Committee has no plans for any major work during the upcoming winter months; but you never know what the future holds. If all goes well we should have little added expense for the rest of the year, knowing that the Church Women are faithful supporters of Church Property repairs. We will keep the congregation posted on any plans for next Summer.

Fred Kilian • 416-267-5300.

Altar Flowers, Sunday October 21

The lovely flowers donated for the altar were from Matilda Abrahams in memory of Larry Brant. Thank you.

Paulette Correia

Stewardship Sunday NOVEMBER 18, 2018

Please be sure to attend our 10 a.m. joint (German/English) service on Sunday November 18, when we will explore the theme of stewardship and various forms it may take. We have been fortunate to attract a very accomplished speaker, Mr. David Newland, who will make a presentation to us as part of the worship service. David is a writer, performer and speaker who is a Fellow of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society, with a lifelong passion for Canadian landscapes and stories. He has travelled to the Canadian Arctic, East Coast, Gulf of St. Lawrence, Faroe Islands, Iceland and Greenland as a Zodiac driver and expedition host with Adventure Canada. He is currently working on a new album, "Northbound", based on his travels. David will address the idea of stewardship through his own lens, which is that of someone who works with Indigenous people through the arts and travel. He may discuss how non-Indigenous people might be able to pursue stewardship both in human and non-human relationships. As well, he intends to present a couple of songs he has written based on his experiences.

Following the worship service, the congregation is invited to stay for a potluck lunch. Please sign the attendance sheet posted on the bulletin board in the narthex to indicate how many from your family will attend and if you're able to bring a salad or dessert. I will supply cold cuts, cheese, buns, beverages, etc.

While stewardship is only addressed formally at this time each year at Epiphany, it really is a year-round practice. A biblical view of stewardship can be defined as "utilizing and managing all the resources God provides, for the glory of God and the betterment of His creation." We are not owners but stewards of all that comes into our arena of responsibility— income, property, our environment, time, talents, and our very selves. We are called as God's stewards to manage that which belongs to God. While God has graciously entrusted us with the care, development and enjoyment of everything He owns, as His stewards, we are responsible to manage His holdings well and according to His desires and purposes. As Christians, we need to embrace this view of stewardship, which goes beyond church budgets or building projects; it connects everything we do with what God would have us do in the world to glorify Him, serve the common good and further His Kingdom. So often we make our plans and ask God to bless them. Instead, we are called to discern the plans of God and then to ponder how we can bring our lives into conformity with them.

One of our ongoing challenges is to keep the principle of stewardship top-of-mind in all aspects of our daily lives. It is a responsibility (and a joy) we carry every day. Thank you to all the good stewards at Epiphany who play various roles to enrich our spiritual and social lives as well as those of our neighbours, be they close to home or far away.

Geoff Crewe, Director of Stewardship



Membership Change through Death

WILLI PAUL BEK

August 2, 1922 - October 19, 2018

*"I am the resurrection and the life.
Those who believe in me, even though they die,
will live, and everyone who lives and
believes in me will never die."*

JOHN 11:25B-26

Pastor at Conference

November 16 to 18, Pastor will be at a conference, "The Missional Leadership Cohort: a three part series, which explores, integrates, and engages congregations to explore their context, mission, discern their needs, develop their disciples and engage the un-churched and de-churched."

Pastor Rasma

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ELW NOTES

October was another wonderful month in the life of the ELW. Not only have the fall colours been uplifting, but we have super supporters to whom we would like to express our gratitude. Our Applefest was such a great success for which we thank our bakers, who continue to outdo themselves with their delectable contributions, our servers/clearers who always have a cheerful greeting while making your visit enjoyable, all our guests, who remain faithful in their attendance, in particular Bob Haebe's Birchmount Pool swimming group and our neighbours from St. Joe's who turned out in good numbers. We would be remiss if we did not also mention our apple suppliers, Terri and Joe Werner who hand-picked the apples at their neighbour's orchard, The Hipple Farm, in Beamsville and delivered them to Epiphany. And lastly, we appreciate the generosity of the Markington Metro at Markham+Eglinton for providing us with a \$50 gift certificate usable at Metro and Food Basics, to reduce our expenses. Please remember, if any one of these groups were missing, we would not have this wonderful event. You are all very much appreciated in our circle of success. Epiphany will also realize a \$300 FaithLife matching grant.

SOMEONE is required to host/set up the Fall Property Clean-up Coffee Break on Saturday November 24th. Your expenses will be reimbursed by ELW, just present your costs to Sigrid. We hope to hear from YOU.

As years before, ELW plans to host the December 18th Christmas Tree trimming by providing their famous Glühwein and hot chocolate. We would ask the congregation to supply assorted light snacks and finger foods.

2018 ADVENT BAZAAR Saturday, December 1, 1-3 pm

Items are needed!

BAKED GOODS — We are calling upon our bakers, their friends and neighbours who have provided us with such wonderful baking in the past. Or, we'd welcome any new bakers – this is not just the ladies, but get out your aprons men, surprise us.

CRAFTS — Hand made decorations, as well as knit, crocheted or sewn items such as hats, mitts, scarves and table coverings.

WHITE ELEPHANT "BOUTIQUE" SALE — Christmas theme kitchen or decor items and new or nearly new items suitable as gifts such as gently used scarves, jewelry and accessories. Please no used clothing. If possible box jewelry items, although loose will also be accepted. Kindly wash and press scarves.

RAFFLE ITEMS — Our Raffle Convenor again this year is Nalini Badley 416-281-3162, who assures us that there is still time to ask for gift certificates as Raffle Prizes from your place of work or where you shop or eat out. Businesses often appreciate the publicity. "Official" donation request letters



are posted on the narthex bulletin board. Even if you may not know someone to approach just now, take one along in case the opportunity presents itself.

VOLUNTEERS — How can YOU, a grandchild or friend support or help out at the Bazaar? Just enter your name/s and phone number on the Sign-up Sheet in the entrance and we'll contact you for a placement which suits you best. For example, we need Friday evening set-up and pricing help; Saturday bake and sale-table assistance; pre-Bazaar sale of Raffle Tickets available between services.

If a lot of this sounds like Lilli's message from last year, it's because much of it is. "You don't mess with perfection" and I don't plan to start. She inspires many of us to keep working. A quote from Lilli: "Keep reaching out, keep welcoming others, keep believing and inspiring others."

Sigrid Engler for ELW • 416-283-8536



We had a great turnout at our October meeting. 19 seniors celebrated Thanksgiving with songs and readings for this special day. Afterwards we enjoyed delicious cakes and coffee at a festively set table. Ute told us about her trip to Budapest.

Our next meeting will be on November 6th. We will discuss plans for our Christmas Party. **Ute Wentzel**

Cyber Message

My name has recently been used by not-so-friendly users of the Internet to solicit urgent responses for meetings and money. This was definitely not me. I've had this looked into and just to let you know, this can happen to you very easily. It appears that the person/s doing this have used our Web site to get names of people shown there to make the email look real by soliciting to groups which seem connected, ie council members. As I was told, BEFORE you open an email, ALWAYS check the source sender's email address, not simply the name which has been used as the sender. We can't hear it often enough, be careful who you answer. Hoping to save you grief. **Sigrid Engler**

TREASURER'S REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2018	RECEIVED	SPENT	SURPLUS(DEFICIT)
CURRENT	\$4,582.21	\$10,247.19	
BENEVOLENCE	1,367.45	1,367.45	
AMMS PARSONAGE RENT	2,575.00		
AMMS FELLOWSHIP HALL RENT	1,200.00		
AMMS PARSONAGE UTILITIES	1,514.81		
AMMS SANCTUARY RENT	100.00		
BETHEL RENT	500.00		
LOONIE BIRD	2.00		
MOVIE PARKING	1,500.00		
PICNIC	37.00		
CURRENT MONTH TOTALS	\$13,378.47	\$11,614.64	\$1,763.83
YEAR TO DATE TOTALS	\$114,455.10	\$116,433.51	(\$1,978.41)

Yours in Christ, Nalini Badley, Treasurer

November 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
 <p><i>November comes And November goes, With the last red berries And the first white snows.</i></p> <p><i>With night coming early, And dawn coming late, And ice in the bucket And frost by the gate.</i></p> <p><i>The fires burn And the kettles sing, And earth sinks to rest Until next spring.</i> — ELIZABETH COATSWORTH</p>						
4 All Saints Sunday <small>WHITE</small> 9 AM German Communion Service 10:30 AM English Communion Service DAYLIGHT SAVINGS – FALL BACK	5	6 1:30 PM — German Seniors	7 11AM -2 PM Church Office	8 7 PM— Kontaktkreis at Epiphany	9 10-11:30 AM — Bible Class	10
11 25th Sunday after Pentecost <small>GREEN</small> 9 AM German Service 10:30 AM English Service REMEMBRANCE DAY	12 8-9 AM and 3-5:30 PM— AMMS use of quiet room for parent meetings	13 8-9 AM and 3-5:30 PM— AMMS use of quiet room for parent meetings	14 10:30 AM — ELW Meeting 11AM -2 PM Church Office	15 7:15 PM — Council Meeting	16	17
18 Stewardship Sunday <small>GREEN</small> 10 AM Joint Service with Guest Speaker, David Newland Followed by Potluck Lunch	19	20	21 11AM -2 PM Church Office	22	23 10-11:30 AM — Bible Class	24 9AM — Fall Property Cleanup with Coffeefreak
25 Christ the King <small>WHITE</small> 9 AM German Communion Service 10:30 AM English Communion Service	26 1 PM — Craft Circle	27	28 10AM— Pastor at Moll Berzcy Haus leading worship 11AM -2 PM Church Office	29	30 Collate Morningstar	Dec 1 1-3 PM — Advent Bazaar