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I seems this was a summer of many disasters, both within our city and across our country. How apropos then, that this year's National Worship Conference theme was "Responding in Disaster: Prayer, Song, Presence". One can interpret disaster from different perspectives: personal, familial, global. It could be the result of a devastating accident such as in Humboldt, Saskatchewan; or an act of violence such as in Toronto: the van attack on Yonge street, or the shootings on the Danforth. Whether the result is due to a person with mental challenges, or natural disasters like floods and forest fires, all having life-changing effects on many people and communities. We as human beings do not always know what to say or what to do in such situations.

Rituals have always been important as demonstrated by the vigils held, the make-shift memorials, or books of condolences at these different scenes. Some rituals have shown a sense of solidarity with the victims and their families; others are a wish to remember someone or something; for survivors there has been a desire for reassurance in their disbelief

(why am I still here?); and for others it's a need to cry out for justice. It is a time for relationship building beyond the community in which we live. It is a time to lament together, asking God: Why did it have to happen? Why did I survive? Asking for help in understanding and hearing a response.

It is said, "You can only lament if you have hope, as if you feel that it is going somewhere." The psalms are often written in this way, when the psalmist acknowledges the presence – or absence – of God and issues a complaint; yet, through remembrance gains hope. It is a hope that things will change for the better and therefore, there is a wish to respond by praising God for the good things God has done. Songs of lament are to be brutally honest. Everything is on the table before God. That is why there is hope. It is a plea for a better understanding of the circumstances and their effects. It is an opportunity to be angry with God, and at the same time to thank God for community, for the support that we all need, for reassurance and healing. What might your lament look or sound like if you were to write it for yourself? Would it be for personal healing, or ease of confrontation, for our community of faith, or for the environment which seems to be dying under the ravages of climate change?

During the National Worship Conference, we were asked to meditate on the word "solace." At the healing service, the resulting words or phrases were hung on an intertwined clothes line and some of these were included in our cacophony of improvised song:

"healing comfort;" "Be still;" "Be;" "Behold! God is with us!" "Wholeness;" "neighbours & friends;" "anxiety relief;" "gently flowing water;" "resting in the arms of God's mercy." So many thoughts on one single word. What does the word "solace" mean for you? Take a moment to enjoy your solace and out of it might flow that resolution to your lament that you have been yearning for.

Pastor Rasma

VISIONING...

As I rummaged through my files I found this prayer, which could encourage us to think about the future of this congregation and what it might look like in five or ten years, and how we live our lives in order to be more conscious of the world in which we live. Let's open up the windows of our lives, learning not just to survive but thrive. Let's learn to pace our race, to pray and live the words of Orin Crain:

Slow me down, Lord.

*Ease the pounding of my heart
by the quieting of my mind.*

*Steady my hurried pace with a vision of
the eternal reach of time.*

*Give me, amid the confusion of the day,
the calmness of the everlasting hills.*

*Break the tensions of my nerves and
muscles with the soothing music of the
singing streams that live in my memory.*

*Teach me the art of taking minute
vacations of slowing down to look at a flower,
to chat with a friend, to pat a dog,
to smile at a child,
to read a few lines from the good book.*

*Slow me down, Lord, and inspire me
to send my roots deep into the soil
of life's enduring values,
that I may grow toward my greater destiny.*



Remind me each day that the race is not always to the swift;
that there is more to life than increasing its speed.

Let me look upward to the towering oak
and know that it grew great and strong
because it grew slowly and well.

God made only one you, so budget yourself.
Spend yourself wisely. Seek to be able to say to the Lord
at the end of your life,
"I have brought glory to the earth by completing the work
you gave me to do."

(John 17:4) No less. No more.

Now that you are more relaxed and mindful of what this congregation has meant to you and how it planted roots deep within the soil, what will it look like in the future? What role might you take on in order for it to continue to grow—not necessarily in numbers in the pews, but rather in the depths of your personal spirit and the collective spirit. On the long weekend, I will hand you a piece of paper on which you will write one asset that this congregation holds. This could be something physical such as the altar and paraments, or people: the altar guild, the council; or it could be a trait: perseverance, willingness to serve; or a feeling: connectedness. We will use these as part of a brainstorming session by posting them on a wall at the back of the sanctuary. Then we will see just how rich we are and how we can use these assets for the greater good. They can help us decide what we might need in the future in order to rethink our vision, and our activity within this community in which our congregation sits. This is just a jumping off point. We would like to start a visioning committee or group, who will be able to use your input in imagining the future of our congregation based on our needs and our work within the community in which we dwell. This would help us to imagine what kind of a pastor we might need five years from now, so that when the time comes there are no surprises, but that the decisions made will be clear and self-explanatory. Now is the time for reflection and then we will experience a time for action. If you are interested in being a part of this visioning team, speak to the pastor or any member of council.

Pastor Rasma



Membership Change

Through death:
KLARA STREICH 1926-2018

*"Now let your servant go in peace,
for my eyes have seen your salvation."*

EPIPHANY'S ANNUAL PICNIC

will take place **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**
following a 10am joint Communion Service.



**Barbeque, buns and
beverages will
be provided.**

**Contributions of
salads and desserts
are welcome!**

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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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

Membership Review

This fall we will be delving into a comprehensive membership review, so that we know who we consider as a member here. I thank Sigrid Engler for digitizing our registry book, which hopefully will help in reviewing our records more easily: births, baptisms, confirmations, marriages, deaths and funerals. Thanks also to Denise Dennis for her willingness to be a part of this team. If you would be willing to help out let me know. Once we have established how we will approach this review, we may need people to mail out letters, and make phone calls, and perhaps even visit someone. Think about what your role might be. Even if you are homebound, you can help in this process.

Pastor Rasma

Craft Circle

Please be advised that the Craft Circle meetings will change as follows: We will be meeting only once a month (fourth Monday) starting on September 24 to November 26, 2018. We will keep you updated after that last meeting. Thanks.

Ute Wentzel

Thank You

We are grateful to the community of Epiphany for their prayers, cards, calls and visits since my diagnosis. Your support means a great deal to our family.

Lilli and Fred Kilian

APPLEFEST 2018



Epiphany will be hosting the annual APPLEFEST social on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, October 13 from 2pm to 4pm. FaithLife Financial will provide us with a matching grant of \$300. We hope to have orchard fresh apples to distribute to bakers the first two Sundays in October. Please bake for us and ask your friends to bake for us, especially those who enjoy this activity, and invite them to join us that day. Please invite and bring along members and friends of our congregation who would enjoy this afternoon social, for that is what Applefest is, an opportunity to visit and enjoy a variety of apple cakes.

Nalini Badley



Hello German Seniors, a new season is starting! Please join us at our next meeting on September 4 at 1:30pm. At this meeting we will honour Wilhelm Wittemeier for serving as our President for the past 10 years. We wish Wilhelm and Eva all the best for the future. NO NEED TO BRING CAKES.

Ute Wentzel

Egg Cartons

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TREASURER'S REPORT

JUNE 2018	RECEIVED	SPENT	SURPLUS(DEFICIT)
CURRENT	\$3,774.44	\$11,650.76	
BENEVOLENCE	1,371.45	1,371.45	
AMMS RENTAL INCOME	3,775.00		
BETHEL RENT	300.00		
MEMORIAL - L. PAPE	50.00		
REFORMATION BAGS	20.00		
ROOF REPAIRS BALANCE		1,807.21	
CURRENT MONTH TOTALS	\$9,290.89	\$14,829.42	(\$5,538.53)
YEAR TO DATE TOTALS	\$74,716.06	\$80,225.81	(\$5,509.75)
JULY 2018	RECEIVED	SPENT	SURPLUS(DEFICIT)
CURRENT	\$4,431.63	\$11,143.09	
BENEVOLENCE	1,371.45	1,371.45	
AMMS PARSONAGE RENT	2,575.00		
BETHEL RENT	300.00		
LOONIE BIRD	2.00		
ELW - ROOF REPAIRS	1,100.00		
AMMS FELLOWSHIP HALL RENT	850.00		
CURRENT MONTH TOTALS	\$10,630.08	\$12,514.54	(\$1,884.46)
YEAR TO DATE TOTALS	\$85,346.14	\$92,740.35	(\$7,394.21)

Yours in Christ, Nalini Badley, Treasurer

September 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>Try to remember the kind of September, when life was slow and oh so mellow. Try to remember the kind of September, when grass was green and grain so yellow. Try to remember the kind of September, when you were a young and a callow fellow. Try to remember and if you remember, then follow ...</p> <p>— TRY TO REMEMBER, LYRICS BY TOM JONES AND HARVEY SCHMIDT</p>						<p>1</p>
<p>2 15th Sunday after Pentecost GREEN 10 AM Joint Communion Service</p>	<p>3</p> <p>LABOUR DAY</p>	<p>4 1:30 PM—German Seniors</p>	<p>5 10 AM—GTA East Clergy Ministerium at Epiphany 11 AM -2 PM Church Office</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 5:30 -7 PM —AMMS in Sanctuary 7 PM—GTA East Meeting</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9 16th Sunday after Pentecost GREEN 10 AM Joint Communion Service followed by ANNUAL PICNIC —please bring along a salad or dessert to share!</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 10:30 AM—ELW Meeting 11 AM -2 PM Church Office</p>	<p>13 11 AM—German Clergy Ministerium</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16 17th Sunday after Pentecost GREEN 9 AM German Service 10:30 AM English Service</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 11 AM -2 PM Church Office</p>	<p>20 7:15 PM —Council Meeting 6:30 -10:30 PM —Bethel in Sanctuary</p>	<p>21 10 AM-11:30 AM —Bible Class 6:30 -10:30 PM —Bethel in Sanctuary</p>	<p>22 6:30 -10:30 PM —Bethel in Sanctuary</p>
<p>23 18th Sunday after Pentecost GREEN 9 AM German Communion Service 10:30 AM English Communion Service</p>	<p>24 1 PM—Craft Circle</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 11 AM -2 PM Church Office</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Morningstar Collating</p>	<p>29</p>
<p>30 19th Sunday after Pentecost GREEN 9 AM German Service 10:30 AM English Service</p>	<p>Equal dark, equal light. Flow in Circle, deep insight. Blessed Be, Blessed Be. The transformation of energy! So it flows, out it goes. Three-fold back it shall be. Blessed Be, Blessed Be. The transformation of energy!</p> <p>— NIGHT AN'FEY, TRANSFORMATION OF ENERGY</p>					
			<p>A late summer garden has a tranquility found no other time of the year.</p> <p>— WILLIAM LONGGOOD</p>		<p>For man, autumn is a time of harvest, of gathering together. For nature, it is a time of sowing, of scattering abroad.</p> <p>— EDWIN WAY TEALE</p>	