



The Morningstar

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE:

What's in a Story?

There's the narrative, the characters, the mood, the tension, the different types or genres, themes...

Then, we wonder at the purpose of it: to intrigue the reader, to challenge our morality, to provoke curiosity, to teach; to help the reader identify himself in the story; to give hope in difficult situations; to relate history to our story?

What is your choice of story? Is it mystery, fantasy, reality, self-help, travelogue, romance, history, or a family saga? Did you ever think that what we choose to read reveals something about who we are, what we hope for, or what we fear most? What about our own story? Are we able to relay it to others in its entirety, or do we leave out certain parts deliberately?

Have you ever considered the Bible as story? In it there are murders, adultery, wars, hoarders, power seekers, poor and humble people, sinners and saints, paradoxes, anger

and release, acknowledgement of sins and forgiveness. What about the story of Jesus? We hear of his birth, briefly about his life as a child, and then his three years of ministry before being tried, put to death, and rising from the dead to ascend to the Father. We learn that he was determined to bring good news to all people. We learn of his cultural background and of those in surrounding areas. We learn about those who follow him, and those who oppose his teachings and actions. He is so charismatic that many follow him around from place to place to be fed, healed, or forgiven. He teaches that life has consequences. He relates stories in the form of parables that teach the unexpected hearer who identifies with the parable's characters. Jesus sets the scene; he narrates the story, and challenges the hearer to come to grips with difficult choices. He engages with the unlikely of his time and place: the woman, the sinner, the sick and dying, children, the outcasts of society: those without a voice. To all these people, he gives worth and hope. Through his stories, we learn to include people in our lives who would otherwise be ignored. He teaches us how to be good neighbours and who that neighbour might be. We learn to love and have compassion, to repent of our anger, frustrations, and shortcomings so that we might have hope for a better future together with him.

Reading the Bible as story we learn about ourselves. When reading it there are a number of questions

we might ask: Where do I fit into this story? Where is God in all this? What is the narrator trying to say to me? What lessons can I take away so as to live life fully?

Your life story is compelling and includes your story of faith, your story of ministry, your strengths and weakness, your vulnerability, and power. It is worth telling because you have worth, given to you through Christ, who lived to tell the stories we needed to hear. Through them we can gain new insights into just how our life is intertwined with that of God's.

What's in your story?

Pastor Rasma

Take Note...

Who are we?

What is our mission?

What is your hope for the future of Epiphany Evangelical Lutheran Church?

Our assets have been posted.

Now we need to examine them and move forward so that we have a vision.

We need you to think as if this were a church without walls.

What might it look like in five years?

Your input is important.

Join in the visioning process!

FOOD OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER

Soups and canned stews



Community Impact Event: October 21st

If we truly are to be a church without walls, then here is our opportunity to be just that. When the Eastern Synod restructured our areas, it came with suggestions as to how we might work together on projects, as well as getting to know each other in social settings. It was, in a sense, an opportunity to support one another. Such is the following project that the GTA-East churches will be involved in, but based on their particular plans. On October 21st we will have a shortened Joint service so that we might go into the community to be good neighbours. Whenever there is a new idea for ministry, we fear being vulnerable and make excuses not to participate. We acknowledge that physical limitations can prevent people from participating. However, we have a solution for that as well. Since this is our first attempt at doing something outside the box, the council decided to focus on the following projects:

1. Making cards for a seniors' shelter and shut-ins
2. Community food bank drive
3. Cleaning the valley
4. Preparing open-faced sandwiches for everyone to share together at the end of this experience. All food will be provided.

There will be a sign-up sheet for each area of interest and a contact person.

We will share the meal together and debrief with a closing prayer. **Pastor Rasma**

OCTOBERFEST

The GTA-East Churches celebrated Octoberfest last year by having an Octoberfest dinner-dance at the Loreley Club in Oshawa. It was such a successful and enjoyable evening, that Faith Oshawa decided to make it into an annual event. This is an evening for German food, friends, and dance.

WHEN AND WHERE: Friday, October 19th at Club Loreley, 389 Dean Avenue, Oshawa L1H 3E1

TIME: 6:00 pm. with dinner served at 6:30 pm.

COST: \$35.00 per person (includes dinner and dessert) Cash bar.

If paying by check please make it out to Faith Lutheran Church. You may purchase the tickets from Pastor Rasma by October 10th.

**[A]nd now I might
As happy be as earth is beautiful...**

EDWARD THOMAS, "OCTOBER"

My favourite colour is October.

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

Come to

APPLEFEST

**Saturday October 13
2-4 pm**

Enjoy Homemade Apple Baking
with Ice Cream and a Beverage!

*FaithLife Financial will provide a matching grant.



EPIPHANY COUNCIL 2018 - 2019 AGM

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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

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5th Sunday of the Month
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Church Constitution

In 2017, Synod approved recommended updates to the model constitution that is used as the base for governing documents by individual congregations. Each congregation has been encouraged to review the changes and incorporate any they may find suitable into their individual constitutions. Imagine, being able to use e-mail as an additional way to notify members of important meetings, less “red tape” in changing our administrative procedures, and permitting participation in ecumenical worship along side our brothers and sisters of other faiths. Notwithstanding, your council will be taking a close look at the documents and will bring forward any recommended changes for approval at the 2019 Annual Congregational Meeting. Not to worry... there are no changes to our core beliefs. There remains a steadfast adherence to our traditional creeds and confession of faith.

Yours in Christ, Ron Heino



ELW News

Applefest 2018—Epiphany will be hosting the annual APPLEFEST social on the Saturday after Thanksgiving, October 13 from 2 pm to 4 pm. FaithLife Financial will provide us with a matching grant of \$300. We will 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

ELW October Meeting—This month's meeting will be held on Tuesday October 16th at 10:30 am. All ladies are welcome!

Bazaar Planning Has Started—The ladies of ELW will be holding our annual Bazaar and Bake Sale which of course includes a Raffle of a variety of prizes. To this end, there are copies of our “Donation Request” letter available in the narthex for persons who would like to approach retailers in our area. These identify you and us, something which some businesses may require. Please help yourself.

The Bazaar will take place on the last Saturday before Advent, Saturday December 1 from 1-3 pm.

Sigrid Engler

Our Seniors

On September 4th we said goodbye to Wilhelm Wittemeier as our president, and presented him and Eva with a bottle of Sekt and chocolates. I'd like to say thank you to all who attended, we were 17 Seniors. After our devotion and hymn singing we enjoyed coffee and cookies.

Our next meeting is on October 2nd at 1:30 pm. We will be celebrating Thanksgiving.

Ute Wentzel



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TREASURER'S REPORT

AUGUST 2018	RECEIVED	SPENT	SURPLUS(DEFICIT)
CURRENT	\$3,780.20	\$10,711.07	
BENEVOLENCE	1,367.45	1,367.45	
AMMS PARSONAGE RENT	2,575.00		
AMMS PARSONAGE UTILITIES	5,598.66		
AMMS F.H. UTILITIES	853.59		
AMMS SANCTUARY RENT	100.00		
BETHEL RENT	300.00		
LOONIE BIRD	2.00		
FAITHLIFE FINANCIAL	300.00		
CURRENT MONTH TOTALS	\$14,876.90	\$12,078.52	\$2,798.38
YEAR TO DATE TOTALS	\$101,076.63	\$104,818.87	(\$3,742.24)

Yours in Christ, Nalini Badley, Treasurer



October is a symphony of permanence and change.

BONARO W. OVERSTREET

October 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>May you Fall in love with October and all the beauty it brings, May your life be as colourful as the turning of the leaves, On each blessed autumn day.</i></p> <p>CHARMAINE J. FORDE</p>	1	2 1:30 PM — German Seniors	3 11AM -2 PM Church Office	4 11AM— German Clergy Ministerium at Martin Luther	5	6
<p>7 Thanksgiving Sunday GREEN 10 AM Joint Communion Service</p>	8 THANKSGIVING DAY	9	10 11AM -2 PM Church Office	11 10AM— GTA East Clergy Ministerium in Peterborough	12 10-11:30 AM— Bible Class 7 PM— Bach Concert at St. Georg's, downtown 7:30 PM— Celebration of Community at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. All invited	13 2-4 PM — APPLEFEST
<p>14 21st Sunday after Pentecost GREEN 9 AM German Communion Service 10:30 AM English Communion Service</p>	15	16 10:30 AM — ELW Meeting for this month	17 11AM -2 PM Church Office	18 7:15 PM — Council Meeting	19 7 PM— Octoberfest dinner/dance at Club Lorelei in Oshawa	20
<p>21 22nd Sunday after Pentecost GREEN 10 AM Joint Service Community Impact Event following the service</p>	22 1 PM — Craft Circle	23	24 11AM -2 PM Church Office	25	26 10-11:30 AM— Bible Class	27
<p>28 Reformation Sunday RED 9 AM German Service 10:30 AM English Service</p>	<p>29 30 <i>October is Nature's funeral month. Nature glories in death more than in Life. The month of departure is more beautiful than the month of coming—October than May. Every green thing loves to die in bright colours.</i></p> <p>HENRY WARD BEECHER</p>		31 11AM -2 PM Church Office	Nov 1	2 Collate Morningstar	3