

# The Morningstar

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF

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How would you complete the following sentence? “The most important thing that I need in this world is...”

Well, one could say shelter, sustenance, a means of earning, family, or friends. All are plausible responses. However, if we but look around us in the environment or world in which we live there is much unrest, animosity, lack of understanding, abuses, and misuses. We live in a world driven by companies telling us that we need to buy their particular product in order to simplify or better our quality of life. But! What do we say to the person who has had to leave their home in rubble with nothing but the clothes on their back? What do we say to the person who has been wrongfully imprisoned for a crime he or she did not commit? How do we respond to violence within our communities?

If we look around we might better understand and be able to put the Lutheran World Federation's Reformation slogans into perspective:

**Creation – not for sale!** Creation cries for caring hands to tend its fields and forests, gardens, birds

of the air and beasts of the land and waters so that species do not become extinct.

**Human beings – not for sale!** Children cry out in war torn countries and ask, “Why must I become a child soldier and die in conflict before I have lived and loved?” Children and women cry out and ask, “Is there not more to life than being under the control of men who force us into human trafficking?” Do these people not have a right to be free, to experience justice, to live in peace?

**Salvation – not for sale!** This takes us back to our Lutheran heritage. Luther broke away from the Church because it proclaimed that people could be saved if they paid for indulgences declaring them forgiven. People chose

to pay rather than feed their families with that money. The poor would never be forgiven under such circumstances.

With this last slogan we come full circle to the thing we need most in life: that is mercy! If we are honest with ourselves, then we ought to be able to acknowledge our shortcomings, our sins, and those qualities which hinder us from

**mer·cy**

noun

**compassion or forgiveness shown toward someone whom it is within one's power to punish or harm.**

being whole. Surely we all have our moments of anger, of lashing out before we hear the whole story, of misinterpreting what someone says to us. Sometimes we are the cause of conflict and the distress it causes all parties. Sometimes we become so self-absorbed that we do not listen to what the other person needs. Sometimes relationships break for reasons beyond our control and we are left devastated. In all of these cases what we truly need is mercy. When things get out of hand, when we lose control of ourselves, and the situation, we need mercy. When life seems to be breaking apart and we don't know how to mend it or put the pieces back together, we need mercy.

For the despairing heart, have mercy on us Lord!

Wash away our sins! Have mercy!

Save us from ourselves! Have mercy!

Help us respond to the needs of others!

Have mercy!

Forgive, restore and renew us! Have mercy!

*Kyrie eleison! Christe eleison! Kyrie eleison!*

***“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy!” – MATTHEW 5:7***

**Pastor Rasma**



### **Decorating for Thanksgiving**

We thank God for the bounty He gives us and welcome your contributions of fruit, vegetables, flowers or grasses to help decorate the altar for Thanksgiving.

Please bring your gift to the church by 10 a.m. on Saturday October 8. Any questions, kindly call Erika Haebe at 416-266-8660.

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### **A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO A SPECIAL PERSON**

I am sure there are many unsung heroes in our congregation who spent countless hours working on behalf of our congregation. Unfortunately since they are unsung I probably don't know half of them although I am fairly active in the congregation. I am aware of one however through my involvement with property and that person is Frank (Franz) Fuerst.

In my position on property I have occasion to be aware of all the projects that our “Handyman Extrodinaire” is continuously involved in. I sometimes assist when the lifting and toting gets tough but any work requiring skill or finesse is done by Frank. In this year alone he has done numerous jobs at the Church and even more at our former Parsonage to keep our tenant happy. I hate to even speculate the cost of these ventures if they all had to be contracted out.

On behalf of myself and the congregation I would like to thank Frank (and his sometimes assistant Edda) for all their efforts on behalf of the Epiphany Community.

**Fred Killian (Property Guy)**

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### **Pastor Rasma away October 12-25 “On the Trail of Martin Luther”**

Pastor Rasma will be away in Germany from October 12-25. Nalini Badley and Dorothea Cameron from our congregation are among the group Pastor Rasma will lead “On the Trail of Martin Luther” tour.

In case of pastoral need during that time, please contact Pastor Sebastian Meadows-Helmer from October 12-19 at 905-889-0873 and Pastor Sue Nevile from October 20-25 at 905-441-3283.

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## A Message from the Property Committee

**1** The property committee is looking for new members as well as members who could help out whenever a more onerous project needs to be done. If you fall into either of these categories please let Fred Kilian or Franz Fuerst know that you are available. Thanks in advance for any and all volunteers. (The property committee does not hold meetings. We arrange everything via phone or email.)

**2** Please sign up for caretaking duties on the calendar in the Narthex. The Church belongs to us all and if we expect it to be clean we must all chip in. It is not fair for a few people to be cleaning all the time. If all of us who are able bodied sign up we would only have to do it two or three times a year. Unfortunately our current finances have made it necessary to forgo a paid cleaning person and hence the necessity for a volunteer brigade. Please consider signing your name to the calendar. If you have any questions regarding what the job involves feel free to contact Fred Kilian at 416-267-5300.

**3** The property cleanup will take place late in November. Stay tuned for the exact date in the November MORNINGSTAR. In the meantime, warm up your rakes and be prepared to come out and help.

*Fred Kilian on behalf of the Property Committee*

### Property Cleanup “Coffee Break”

Seeking someone to prepare the coffee break at the Fall Property Cleanup. You would be required to prepare coffee and tea and provide some goodies for the volunteers. ELW will reimburse your expenses. Please call Lilli Kilian, 416-267-5300. Thank you.



As a congregation, we have agreed that helping someone escape conflict and persecution, or Refugee Sponsorship, is a worthwhile project for us to undertake. A working group has now been formed to organize the method and the means for bringing refugees into Canada, perhaps even our community: Dorothea Cameron, Nancy Kostroman, Giselle Bischoff (Peace, Pickering), and Denise Dennis. We have also been offered experiential support from Christ Evangelical Lutheran in Peterborough.

To express your interest, offer support, or to ask further questions, please contact Denise Dennis: [denise.dennis@outlook.com](mailto:denise.dennis@outlook.com)/416-264-4091 or any other committee member.

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### COFFEE TIME!

Friends and members of Epiphany are invited to meet in the church hall after every joint worship service to socialize and sip a beverage. Individuals or groups are encouraged to host a coffee hour by signing the sheet that will be posted on the bulletin board. Instructions for finding and using the equipment will be on the bulletin board in the kitchen. As host, you are asked to prepare coffee and tea so that it is ready to serve at the end of the worship service, and tidy up afterwards. Hosts supply fresh milk, and cream; the ELW stocks the church kitchen with coffee, tea, and sugar (also Coffeemate in the event that dairy products are unavailable).



“A cup of coffee shared with friends is happiness tasted and time well spent.”

*Denise Dennis*

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## Luther's Corner

From the Small Catechism  
Part Two: The Apostles' Creed

### I. The First Article: On Creation

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.*

**Question:** What does this mean?

**Answer:** *I believe that God created me, along with all creatures. God gave to me: body and soul, eyes, ears and all the other parts of my body, my mind and all my senses and preserves them as well. God gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and land, spouse and children, fields, animals, and all I own. Every day God abundantly provides everything I need to nourish this body and life. God protects me against all danger, shields and defends me from all evil. God does all this because of pure, fatherly, and divine goodness and mercy, not because I've earned it or deserved it. For all of this, I must thank, praise, serve, and obey God. Yes, this is true!*

All of what Luther has and is comes from God. To live out a life so focused on the faithfulness and grace of God is a gift. We have all studied the Small Catechism in confirmation classes or even Sunday school. Some learned it by heart, and others put it on the back shelf, out of sight, out of mind. If we believe that God created us in his image, that all of who we are and have belongs to God, we are truly blessed. It makes us mindful of life as a gift, rather than a burden. It helps us realize our life work and being is empowered and encouraged by God. The God of creation is a motivator inviting us to continue creating – creating a world based on God's grace and love. Thanks be to God!

**Pastor Rasma**

*If you would like 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 • 416-414-4497

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

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

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**Our Seniors**

After the summer break the seniors met by still summerlike temperatures on September 6th. Wilhelm read some funny and true (?) little stories for people over 70 and what they would have to face, especially looking into the mirror, forgetfulness, etc. All 11 of us agreed having discovered some or many of the symptoms in their own life. We discussed the topics and had in spite of it all a good time. We would have been able to accommodate many more at our meeting and I hope to see you all on October 4th! **Wilhelm Wittemeier**

**Treasurer's Report**

AUGUST 2016	RECEIVED	SPENT	SURPLUS(DEFICIT)
CURRENT	\$4,068.98	\$9,296.74	
CHANGE IN INVESTMENT ACCT	0.00		
BENEVOLENCE	1,334.00	1,334.00	
AMMS RENTAL INCOME	2,575.00		
AMMS PARSONAGE UTILITIES	1,047.66		
AMMS FELLOWSHIP HALL UTILITIES	84.77		
REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP	978.90		
CURRENT MONTH TOTALS	<b>\$10,089.31</b>	<b>\$10,630.74</b>	<b>(\$541.43)</b>
YEAR TO DATE TOTALS	<b>\$89,765.70</b>	<b>\$96,145.65</b>	<b>(\$6,379.95)</b>

*Yours in Christ, Nalini Badley, Treasurer*

**And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. — COLOSSIANS 3:17**

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# Celebrate **APPLEFEST** at Epiphany!

**Saturday October 15 from 2-4 pm**

**A**s we celebrate Thanksgiving, consider baking an extra **APPLE** dessert to contribute to our Applefest social and mention this to friends and family—bakers often enjoy sharing. Apples will be distributed October 2nd and/or 9th. It is important for Epiphany to reach out to the greater community and let people know we exist and so we ask **YOU** to distribute some flyers, please.

There will **NOT** be a daytime ELW meeting in October. Instead the church women ask for your help on the 15th with the room set up at 10 a.m., your help at the serving table and some **BAKING**. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board or call Lilli at 416-267-5300.

The 2016-2017 ELW year at a glance was discussed in September and we announce many familiar events as well as some new ideas; e.g., the Martin Luther trip travelogue? We are also actively recruiting people to come, at their convenience, say on a Saturday, for about an hour to straighten chairs, vacuum and dust the Church Sanctuary to prepare for Sunday service. This could be a regular commitment, e.g., 3rd Saturday of the month or sign up on the posted calendar whenever you are available.

We are happy to announce that Gingerbread World/Lebkuchen Schmidt will again be donating a Festive Chest to the Advent Bazaar Raffle happening on Saturday November 26. We ask



**YOU** to take a Donation Letter from the bulletin board to request gift certificates or a gift basket from your favourite store or restaurant. They might appreciate the exposure and advertising. Please give it a try! Besides the raffle, the Bazaar will offer coffee and cake; our “famous” bake table, a craft area and a Holiday “white elephant” area that will offer only good condition seasonal/Christmas items and regifted presents/items. Now is the time to look through your closets and cabinets for never opened or never used items and bring them to church for the Bazaar table. Last minute Bazaar details will be fine-tuned at our November 9th meeting.

**NEW** for December. We invite all to gather after the December 18th service to help decorate the Christmas Tree. ELW will host a Glühwein/Apple Cider social with requests for plates of sandwiches and/or Christmas baking. This will be an opportunity to celebrate the season with your faith-family at Epiphany.

The inaugural mid-Winter Sauerkraut (and Schnitzel) luncheon January 2015, was a great success. The Church Women in co-operation with the Church Seniors, plan to hold it again on January 11th, 2017. This event is not limited to only the Church Women or Seniors. If you are available, please plan to join us! Look for the sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

*Lilli Kilian*



# October 2016

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b>
<b>2 20th Sunday after Pentecost</b> GREEN 9 AM German Service 10:30 AM English Communion Service	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 1:30 PM—German Seniors	<b>5</b> 11 AM -2 PM—Church Office	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 10 AM—Bring fall fruits, vegetables or flowers to church for decorating Thanksgiving altar
<b>9 Thanksgiving Sunday</b> GREEN 9 AM German Communion Service 10:30 AM English Service	<b>10</b>  THANKSGIVING DAY	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 10 AM-11:30 AM —Bible Class	<b>15</b> 2-4 PM—APPLEFEST  MORNINGSTAR submissions due
<b>16 22nd Sunday after Pentecost</b> GREEN 10 AM Joint Lay Led Service	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 7:15 PM—Council Meeting	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23 23rd Sunday after Pentecost</b> GREEN 9 AM German Communion Service 10:30 AM English Service Services led by Pastor Herbert Harms	<b>24</b> 1 PM—Craft Circle	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 11 AM -2 PM—Church Office	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 10 AM-11:30 AM —Bible Class  MORNINGSTAR collating	<b>29</b>
<b>30 Reformation Sunday</b> RED 10 AM Joint Communion Service	<b>31</b>	<p>The human soul is slow to discover the real excellence of things given to us by a bountiful Creator, and not until the shadows of death begin to gather around the object that we love, do we see its worth and beauty. Autumn is the dim shadow that clusters about the sweet, precious things that God has created in the realm of nature. While it robs them of life, it tears away the veil and reveals the golden gem of beauty and sweetness. Beauty lurks in all the dim old aisles of nature, and we discover it at last. — NORTHERN ADVOCATE</p>				

All are welcome to the  
 Epiphany Lutheran Women's  
**APPLEFEST**

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 15**  
**2-4 PM**

(The Saturday after Thanksgiving)



*Homemade Apple Baking  
 served with Ice Cream  
 and Beverage—\$8*

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Your apple contribution (strudel, cake, pie, tarts, streusel coffeecake, apple fritters/donuts, cupcakes, crumble, bars/slices, cookies) would be welcome and appreciated. Thank you!

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