

# The Morningstar

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF

**EPIPHANY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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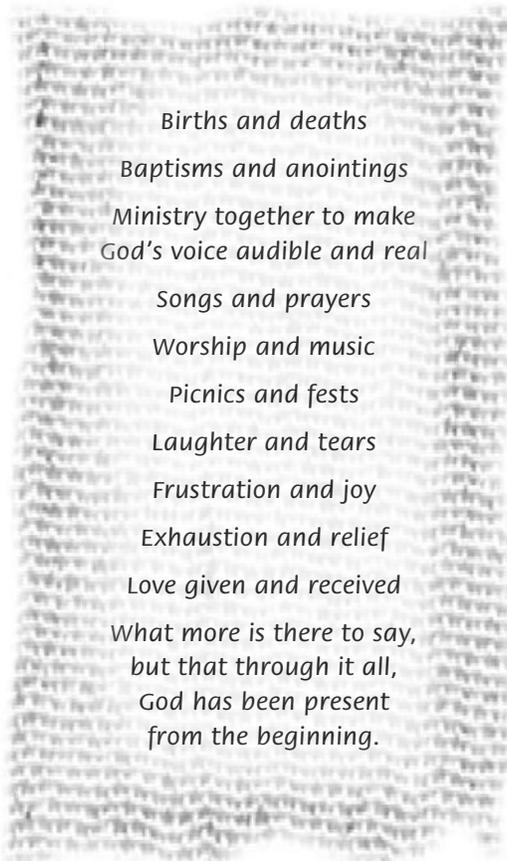
## PASTOR'S REFLECTION

**O**n June 11, 1993 I was ordained in the Eastern Synod of the ELCIC, as well as the Latvian Lutheran Synod LELBA, receiving the red stole as a sign of ordination from the former, and the pectoral cross from the latter.

What has this meant for me over the past 25 years? Life changed that day. Nerves played a role. My emotions fluctuated from tears rolling down my cheeks to a smile so wide that my cheeks began to hurt. I felt the heaviness of the laying on of hands, and felt the Spirit descend as the congregation sang "Come, Holy Spirit, Come." That day, I promised to walk with my congregations that I would serve and love, just as it says in the hymn "Here I am Lord." It is a hymn I often used at my installations, singing the refrain alone: "Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart."

Over the years I have attempted to do as the hymn says. I have experienced compassion upon the deaths of my parents, and my brother. I have been on the receiving end of anger when bringing too much innovation into worship all at once, but have learned to listen to people and apologize for my miscalculations. I have walked with families who have rejoiced at baptisms—including the 70 year old woman who came to faith

and celebrated her baptism with the congregation each anniversary. Many have been baptized—some screaming,



others enjoying the bath. Some confirmands were trying at times, while others asked questions leading to intriguing discussions. I rejoiced with couples exchanging their vows of marriage, sat with the sick and dying, praying and singing with them and to them. The dying were anointed with oil and reminded that in life and in death we are the Lord's. Even in death, some

grieved deeply while others celebrated the life long- and well-lived. Some deaths were more difficult to deal with:

the deaths of children at the hands of a mother who thought it an act of mercy, or the unexpected deaths of people I had grown to know well over the years of service. Each was meaningful and precious.

I have been privileged to walk with people through their life's transitions from pain, sorrow, and despair, to those moments of great joy and a sense of fulfillment. However, it is not about what I have done or accomplished over these 25 years, but rather about what God has done through me and for me.

You have entrusted me with your life's passages, shown me your compassion and love. That is what I hold dearly in my heart: the love of God, which I have experienced in the Christ within you. For all that your lives have given me, I give God thanks for all of you being such a great part of my ministry.

*Pastor Rasma*

### JUNE FOOD OF THE MONTH:

**Canned Meats and Fish**



## Membership Change

Death: INGEBOG SCHWERMANN

March 26, 1920 - April 23rd, 2018

*"Lord, now let your servant go in peace!"*

**KUDOS** — Thanks to my lay worship leaders who are always willing to step in.

Thanks to Pastor Peter Lisinski for serving during my vacation.

Thanks to our church musicians and readers, ushers and counters and altar guild without whom worship would not run so smoothly. *Pastor Rasma*

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## Property Committee Report

Thank you to those faithful friends who came out in May to help clean out the Winter debris ... it was a good turnout .... we enjoyed the coffeefreak out doors. We appreciated those who could not join us on the Saturday, but who came out throughout the week and helped gather a few bags of leaves and branches. Thanks also to those who sent their regrets.

Throughout May our neighbours, the Kelly Tree people will remove two trees that pose possible problems, the one tree in front of the AMMS and another tree in our parking lot beside the Ehatare. We are grateful for this tree maintenance from Kelly's who do an excellent job. Please keep this company in mind should you ever require their services.

Another good friend of the Property Committee for the Spring/Summer and Fall lawn season is Peter von Gemmingen, who will once again maintain the grounds to be trimmed. We thank him for his diligent care of the property.

Our neighbours and friends of the Spiritual Society mosque are celebrating one of their significant events during the next few weeks, Ramadan and then EID. EID should occur June 15/16 in which they will hold prayers and services first thing in the day, meaning they will require our church parking lot on those days and only into the morning. *Fred Kilian*

## CRAFT CIRCLE NEWS

The craft circle ladies will take the summer off. The last craft circle will be held on May 28 and we will commence again on September 10 at 1pm.

ENJOY THE SUMMER!

*Ute Wentzel*

### Our Seniors

At our last meeting, we celebrated the month of May with songs and learned about the traditions of the Maibaum (Maypole). We also finalized our picnic which will be held on Tuesday June 5 at 12 noon.

If you have not already signed your name on the invitation hanging in the narthex, please do so by June 3rd or phone Ute Wentzel at 416-439-7996 by that date.

This will be our last get together before September. We wish all a HAPPY SUMMER. *Ute Wentzel*

**Go out into the world today and love the people you meet. Let your presence light new light in the hearts of people. — MOTHER TERESA**



## It's Strawberry Season at Epiphany on June 16, 12-2pm

Please come out to support this Springtime social. Faithlife Financial will offer Epiphany a matching grant. We require volunteers for the following:

- Strawberries may be brought to the church—fresh or frozen, un-sugared. Please!
- We will be slicing the berries at 10 am Saturday morning in the church kitchen.
- Depending on the weather, the tables/chairs set up will happen Friday pm.
- One person to prepare the coffee and tea.
- People to bake a cake mix or two (these are available at the church)
- Two people to prepare the servings.
- A cashier to handle tickets sales.
- Offer a flyer to friends and neighbours.

### Tuesday June 12, 10 am-12 noon

Regular ELW monthly meeting with program speaker. Please come and join us in June to put the finishing touches on the Strawberry Social, the Summerfest picnic and the Toronto East Area Women's Gathering "The Ties that Bind."

Rhubarb should be in season – perhaps we might enjoy some with our morning coffee. And please bring in a contribution of canned meat or fish for the Food Bank.

Thank you, Lilli Kilian, 416-267-5300

P.S. The women of Christ the King, Whitby are asking for baking for the morning coffee break at the June 16th Women's Retreat. They would welcome muffins, coffee cake or tea loaves. Please let Lilli, Sigrid or Nalini know if you would bake a batch or two. We'll pick them up from Epiphany and deliver them to the Retreat. Thank you.

### Friendly Reminders

SCENT-FREE SERVICES: Please be considerate of those with allergies and refrain from wearing scented products to church. Thank you!

Please contact Pastor Rasma in the church office at 416-284-5922, on her cell phone at 647-382-5093 or email her at epiphluth@bellnet.ca when:

- ☞ A member of your family is in the hospital.
- ☞ You would like to have Home Communion.
- ☞ You have a prayer request.
- ☞ A family member dies.
- ☞ Your home address, phone or email changes.
- ☞ You would like a call or visit.
- ☞ You have a joy or concern to share.

## 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 • 416-414-4497

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

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

### TREASURER'S REPORT

APRIL 2018	RECEIVED	SPENT	SURPLUS(DEFICIT)
CURRENT	\$4,566.46	\$13,284.15	
BENEVOLENCE	1,371.45	1,371.45	
AMMS RENTAL INCOME	3,775.00		
BETHEL RENT	400.00		
FAITHLIFE	100.00		
LOONIE BIRD	1.00		
<b>CURRENT MONTH TOTALS</b>	<b>\$10,213.91</b>	<b>\$14,655.60</b>	<b>(\$4,441.69)</b>
<b>YEAR TO DATE TOTALS</b>	<b>\$51,787.23</b>	<b>\$53,453.45</b>	<b>(\$1,666.22)</b>

*Yours in Christ, Nalini Badley, Treasurer*

# June 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
					<b>1</b> 10-11:30 AM —Bible Class	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> <b>2nd Sunday after Pentecost</b> GREEN 9 AM German Communion Service 10:30 AM English Communion Service Pastor Peter Lisinski will lead the services	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 12 NOON —German Seniors Picnic	<b>6</b> 11AM -2 PM Church Office	<b>7</b> Clergy Ministerium	<b>8</b> 5:30-6 PM —AMMS Father's Day Outdoors	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> <b>3rd Sunday after Pentecost</b> GREEN 10 AM Joint Communion Service	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9:30-10:30 AM —AMMS in Sanctuary  10 AM -12 NOON —ELW Meeting	<b>13</b> 11AM -2 PM Church Office	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 10-11:30 AM —Bible Class	<b>16</b> 12 NOON -2 PM —STRAWBERRY SOCIAL
<b>17</b> <b>4th Sunday after Pentecost</b> GREEN 9 AM German Worship Service 10:30 AM English Worship Service  FATHER'S DAY	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 9:30-10:30 AM —AMMS in Sanctuary	<b>20</b> 11AM -2 PM Church Office	<b>21</b> 7:15 PM —Council Meeting	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> <b>John the Baptist Sunday</b> WHITE 10 AM Joint Lay Led Service with Bishop's sermon	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 11AM -2 PM Church Office	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 10-11:30 AM —Bible Class  Collate Morningstar	<b>30</b>