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REFLECTION REFLECTION

When you feel down in the dumps or under the weather, where do you find solace or a place for healing? Here are some suggestions from Martin Luther:

My heart, which is overflowing, has often been solaced and refreshed by music when sick and weary.

Prayer is a very precious medicine, one that helps and never fails.

The human condition lends itself to question, doubt, confusion and disbelief. If this is the case why would we ever come to church; what do we get out of it? Here's what Luther says:

Anyone who is to find God must first find the church. How could anyone know where Christ is and what faith is in him unless he knew where believers are?

Faith is permitting ourselves to seize the things we do not see.

The heart overflows with gladness, and leaps and dances for the joy it has found in God. In this experience the Holy Spirit is active, and has taught us in the flash of a moment the deep secret of joy. You will have as much joy and laughter in life as you have in faith in God.

Take a moment to ponder those things that weigh you down, but more so, ponder that which lifts you up, gives you strength, and holds everything in balance. Then you will experience love and peace within, gain new understanding, and begin living in hope. Pastor Rasma

National Convention July 5-8, 2017

This was the first time that convention met according to the new format in which 150 delegates are elected across the synods, both lay and clergy. This being a special year focusing on the Reformation 500 theme, "Liberated by God's Grace," we had many guest speakers from among our sisters and brothers of the Anglican, Presbyterian, Mennonite, United, and Roman Catholic churches.

Once again we were able to hear Bishop **Munib Younan**, Bishop of Jordan and the Holy Land and LWF President, speak. The Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada acknowledged that 20 years have passed since we have been in full communion with them and quoted from 1 Thessalonians in appreciation:

"We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."

He continued to speak about the discipline of always reforming in and for the world. Friendship is essential for effective conversation in partnership with the gospel of Christ.

A panel of ecumenical partners reflected on the significance of the Reformation. The Roman Catholic representative emphasized the spirit of dialogue, honouring one another's gifts, common prayers and projects saying that "we must start from a faith based in love together."

The United Church called upon the assembly to recognize that the reformation was the beginning of colonization in the Americas where we did not recognize the image of God in indigenous peoples.

The representative from WCC (World Council of Churches) mentioned the schisms, yet called for continued renewal, which comes from the Spirit. We ought not define ourselves from that moment we saw each other as different.

The ELCA representative spoke of ecumenical healing and repentance and that now is the time to respond to the spiritual hunger to find unity by being bold, creative, and joyful.

The Presbyterian saw the reformation as Eurocentric, which is to say, it's easy to dance with your cousins – that's family fun. However, the dangerous and exciting partners are those who will step on your toes, who are odd and yet exhilarating.

Mennonites acknowledged themselves as a historical denomination that grew out of the reformation. They said, while we must remain focused on the Bible, which stresses community discernment as authority, we must also learn to be flexible.

Dr. K. Johnson, the director of ecumenical interreligious relations of the ELCA, asked for prayers as they struggle to make a difference in the USA. She spoke of having a *new imagination*, which allows for speaking the truth boldly, being open to learn and understand, being courageous

National Convention *continued*

and yet disruptive, so as not to become complacent.

Regarding the truth and reconciliation with our indigenous peoples we were encouraged to go to the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation, which houses survivor records, art, poetry, and music and is accessible online. It is a place where one can learn about the history, the petitions, and also teach each other.

Statements regarding *climate change*, the *ELCIC Statement to Muslims in Canada*, and *Encountering People of Other Faiths-Interfaith Guidelines* were approved. The opening quote regarding such documentation came from Luther, who stated:

"We do not tell lies about our neighbours, betray or slander them, or destroy their reputations. Instead, we are to come to their defense, speak well of them and interpret everything they do in the best possible light." – Martin Luther

This also goes along with the *Welcoming the Stranger* affirmation from the UN. We are to pray that greater understanding and co-operation may continually grow between Lutheran Christians and Muslims in Canada. This document is based on Christ's invitation to love our neighbours as ourselves.

The above implies also that some constitutional changes will be made regarding inter-faith relationships. A new model constitution will be worked on by NCC. Congregations are also encouraged to examine the *Decisions at the End of Life* policy of the ELCIC. The task force has created a study guide that is available online.

Though there was less business to vote on, the collegiality and respect among participants was genuine. We prayed, worshiped, and experienced the joy of the Gospel within this community of faith. The Bulletin of Reports for the National Convention is available online or will be available on the counter in the narthex.

Pastor Rasma

KUDOS!

I would like to thank our gardeners, Dorothea Cameron, Nalini Badley, and Peter von Gemmingen, for keeping our property so beautiful. Thanks also to Nancy Kostroman and Sigrid Engler for helping to paint the cloakroom and narthex and Franz Fuerst for making the new counter in the narthex. Thanks also to the actors under the direction of Margaret Crewe at the Summerfest and to the team of Jennifer Albanese, Lilli and Fred Kilian, the sauerkraut cooks, and the Crewe family for the tent and chairs, and for all of the behind the scenes preparations. A special thanks goes out to Margaret Crewe for her ability to step in at the last minute and play for our worship services. Blessings to you all!

Installation Service

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17 AT 3 PM — All are invited to the installation service for Hilla Lahtinen and Ronnie Smith at Peace Lutheran Church, 928 Liverpool Road South, Pickering (South of Bayly, next to Tim Hortons)

Prayer Service

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 23 AT 2 PM — The Rt. Rev Michael Pryse, Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada - Eastern Synod, and His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto, invite you to a prayer service commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation at St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church, 1498 Avenue Rd. (at Lawrence West). RSVP to churchoffice@martinluther.ca by Monday, September 25, 2017.



'On the Trail of Martin Luther'

SUNDAY OCTOBER 1 AT EPIPHANY —

On Sunday October 1st we will have both German and English services but each will be shortened by 15 minutes to permit Pastor Rasma to show her slide presentation of the trip 'On the Trail of Martin Luther' between the services. To allow for this our services will be hymn-sings with scripture and prayer. I invite you to

write your favourite hymns on a piece of paper and place it in the offering plate during September services. We will make allowances for seasonal selections. What I am suggesting is a time change:

German service will begin at 9:15 and go to 10 am. The presentation will begin at 10:15 and the English service will begin immediately after the presentation which is about 30-40 minutes long, so the English service will hopefully end at the same time as usual.

GTA East ~ Oktoberfest Event

SATURDAY OCTOBER 14 AT 6 PM — Oktoberfest dinner and dance at the Loreley Club, 389 Dean Avenue in Oshawa. Dinner served at 6:30 pm (Oktoberfest buffet) followed by the dance. Tickets are now available from the pastor at \$30 a person. Only 30 tickets per congregation are available so get your dancing shoes on.

Pastor Rasma



The collage below was created by Robert Hoinkes, a former active Epiphany member. He and his wife Irene now live in Burlington. In honouring the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther's Reformation, Robert wanted to share this special Epiphany memory with his current congregation at Grace Lutheran Church in Hamilton. With thanks to Robert Hoinkes and to Norbert Sommer for sharing this tribute in the MORNINGSTAR.



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A Message from your Property Committee

The property committee would like to thank Pastor Rasma, Sigrid, Nancy and Franz for their stellar work in beautifying our Narthex. I'm sure it was a lot of work and as my family and I were relaxing at the cottage these folks were sweating their way through renovating and painting the Narthex. Congratulations on a job well done.

We would also like to thank Huma and AMMS for rejuvenating the Fellowship Hall with a new coat of paint. It certainly brightens up the place.

We are fortunate to have willing volunteers in our midst to mitigate the cost of these projects. Thanks again to all involved.

Fred Kilian on behalf of the Property Committee

Waterloo Lutheran Seminary Request

The Women's Auxiliary, Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, is seeking help to continue providing bursaries for the Clinical Pastoral Education Program (CPE) required for those preparing for ordination. The cost is \$1500, above and beyond their Seminary tuition.

If you can help, please make cheques payable to your church and mark "Attention: Women's Auxiliary WLS." The total amount received will be forwarded to the Women's Auxiliary, Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, c/o Lynda Karn, 335 Keewatin Ave., Kitchener, ON N2B 3W2. Your contribution will be receipted with your year-end church charitable donations. Thank you.

If you wish to provide flowers for the altar,
please let the Altar Guild member
for that Sunday know.



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Hello German Seniors! Do not forget that we
will have our next get together on Tuesday
September 5th at the usual time, 1:30 pm.

The manager from Moll Berczy Haus, Gabriele, will join us to
give us some information about the German Seniors Residence.
This should be especially interesting for elderly people.

I hope to see you all! Bring your friends along, too.

Wilhelm Wittemeier

TREASURER'S REPORT

JUNE 2017	RECEIVED	SPENT	SURPLUS(DEFICIT)
CURRENT	\$2,334.55	\$9,462.68	
CHANGE IN INVESTMENT ACCT	0.00		
BENEVOLENCE	1,334.00	1,334.00	
AMMS RENTAL INCOME	2,575.00		
AMMS FELLOWSHIP HALL RENT	1,200.00		
AMMS RENTAL/DONATION	100.00		
INITIAL OFFERING ENVELOPE	30.00		
YCC RENTAL	150.00		
REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP	540.50		
YARD SALE FOR REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP	1,121.50		
MILEAGE DONATION	49.00		
REFORMATION BAGS INCOME	650.00		
CURRENT MONTH TOTALS	\$10,084.55	\$10,796.68	(\$712.13)
YEAR TO DATE TOTALS	\$85,427.13	\$68,914.18	\$16,512.95

JULY 2017	RECEIVED	SPENT	SURPLUS(DEFICIT)
CURRENT	\$4,703.15	\$12,145.66	
CHANGE IN INVESTMENT ACCT	0.00		
BENEVOLENCE	1,334.00	1,334.00	
AMMS RENTAL INCOME	2,575.00		
AMMS PARSONAGE UTILITIES	906.25		
AMMS FELLOWSHIP HALL UTILITIES	423.98		
AMMS INSURANCE	604.08		
AMMS RENTAL/DONATION	100.00		
FAITH FINANCIAL INCOME	300.00		
INITIAL OFFERING ENVELOPE	10.00		
LOONIE BIRD	0.50		
SUMMERFEST - REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP	225.75		
CURRENT MONTH TOTALS	\$11,182.71	\$13,479.66	(\$2,296.95)
YEAR TO DATE TOTALS	\$96,609.84	\$82,393.84	\$14,216.00

Yours in Christ, Nalini Badley, Treasurer

All are welcome to the Epiphany Lutheran Women's

APPLEFEST

for Homemade Apple Baking with Ice Cream and Beverage

SATURDAY OCTOBER 14, 2017 • 2-4 PM (Saturday after Thanksgiving)

We hope to have fresh picked apples available to our volunteer bakers at the beginning of October.
Welcoming your baking contribution, whether it's apple cake, pie, strudel or streusel... Thank you!

*FaithLife Financial will provide a matching grant for this event.





**Women of Epiphany –
Let's meet and mingle
on Tuesday September 12
from 10-11:30 am**

Something NEW for September, a new DAY and TIME for our monthly gathering in the hope that this change is better for you to attend. We sure hope you can join us as we meet with past friends and welcome new ones; discuss upcoming congregational/area events and program themes.

The Reformation 2017 Summerfest was super, thanks to the efforts of many, especially Pastor Rasma, Jennifer & Marg of the Committee; Sigrid for the guessing game jars; Erika, Edda, Doris & Wilhelm, our Sauerkraut cooks; Lilli & Fred for the Picnic sponsors, Bob's Birchmount swimmers and the set up & take down volunteers!

Epiphany will now gear up for the October APPLEFEST social, the Saturday after Thanksgiving. We hope to have local Brighton apples available for the bakers the beginning of October. Now is the time to check through your favourite apple cake/dessert recipes!

After careful consideration, the format of the December 2nd Advent Bazaar will return to its ORIGINAL format, that of an afternoon coffee and cake social with a raffle prize table, Craft tables and a Christmas themed White Elephant area ... that means we will only accept holiday decorations and items suitable for the season. This proved to be very successful last year.

We have not forgotten those who have requested the Church women bring back their delicious soup lunch. With that in mind and our limited resources, we hope to host a Wintertime Soup Lunch sometime in January/February! Please stay tuned!

It is truly a pleasure and privilege to congratulate and commemorate special events in our lives. With that in mind we recognize these church women on their recent significant milestones/birthdays: Wilhelmine, Nancy, Irene, and Dorothea! Our thanks to Sigrid for compiling a lovely Epiphany photo album available for your viewing pleasure at ELW meetings and events.

Looking forward to enjoying morning coffee with many of you on September 12th. Please join us at meetings and if that is not possible, you are always welcome to participate in our events in whatever way you can contribute! We welcome your support. Thank you.

Lilli Kilian, 416-267-5300

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September 2017

Every man's life is a fairy tale written by God's fingers. – HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						
3 13th Sunday after Pentecost <small>GREEN</small> 9 AM German Worship Service 10:30 AM English Communion Service	4 LABOUR DAY	5 1:30 PM — German Seniors	6 11AM -2 PM Church Office	7 7 PM — GTA East Reformation Committee Meeting at Epiphany	8 10-11:30 AM — Bible Class	9
10 14th Sunday after Pentecost <small>GREEN</small> 10 AM Joint Communion Service. Followed by EPIPHANY's ANNUAL PICNIC ~ join the fun! If you can, please bring along a salad or dessert to share.	11 1 PM — Craft Circle	12 10 AM — ELW Meeting *NEW DAY, NEW TIME*	13 11AM -2 PM Church Office 7:30 PM — Worship & Music Mtg	14 GTA German Clergy hosted by Pastor Rasma 7:15 PM — Council Meeting	15 6-8 PM — AMMS Sanctuary (Parents Only)	16
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