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I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to the members of the Toronto Conference and everyone celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

I am sure that you will enjoy this opportunity to highlight your church's history of upholding Christian ideals of faith and service. The first Lutheran congregation in Canada was established in 1752 in Halifax. Initially, the small number of followers led to Canadian congregations being tied to American synods; but in 1861, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Canada (Canada Synod) was organized by the former Canadian Conference of the Pittsburgh Synod, thereby founding the predecessor of the present-day Eastern Synod.

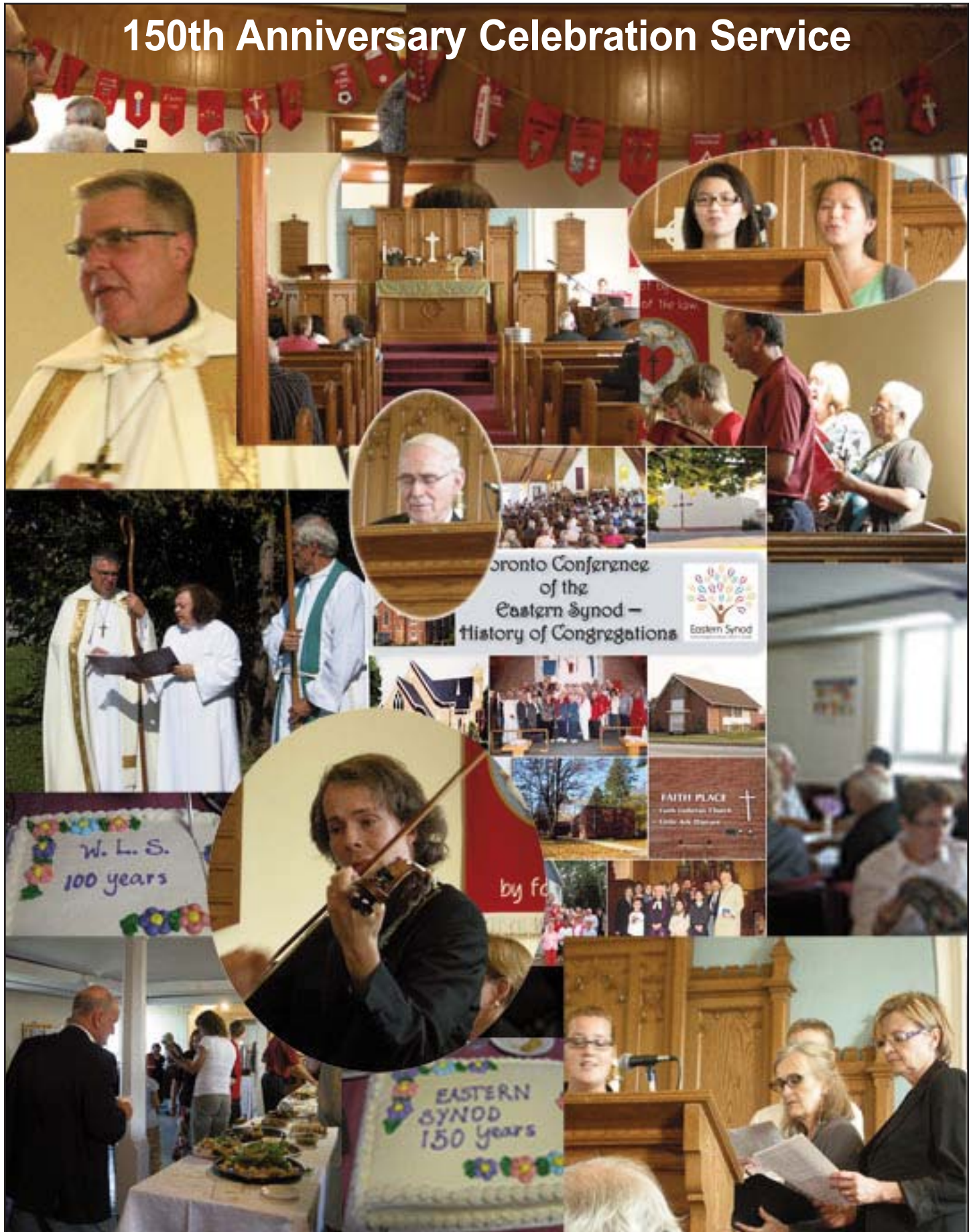
From the beginning, the Lutheran Church in Canada has promoted values and traditions that are fundamental to our way of life in Canada. This anniversary offers you a chance to reaffirm your deeply held spiritual beliefs and to reflect upon the events that have shaped your church's history and legacy.

On behalf of the Government of Canada, I offer my best wishes for peace and happiness, now and in the future.

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150th Anniversary Celebration Service



Our Pastors Comment

Pastor Alexander Mielke Martin Luther, Toronto

There was a terrible drought in a region south of the Sahara. The animals didn't find any water any more, the desert expanded, wells and rivers were dead, there was no harvest at all. Only one tiny flower survived this drought, kept alive by a tiny spring. But even this tiny spring was very desperate, "What sense does it make what I am trying to do? Everything around us has already starved!" But now an old tree bent down to the tiny spring and said, "Dear little spring, take courage! Nobody expects you to rescue all this huge region! Your task is just to help this one tiny flower, nothing more."

We are God's work, and we have been given eyes, hearts and hands in order to do God's work in this world. Whatever we have been given, it is our responsibility to use this for the benefit of others.

Pastor Claudine Carlson Interim, St. Philip's, Toronto

Another way to cultivate thankfulness is by taking time at the end of each day to thank God for five good things in your day. Try to step outside the standard list of thank you for my family, my health, etc. (not that there's anything wrong with that) and use the time to look back on the day. Recall where God showed up in even the small ways. Did someone flash you a big smile or give you their seat on the subway? Remember those kinds of things and say "thank you". There's no doubt that if we remember to say thanks for the "small things", that we'll be grateful for the "big things" as well.

The psalmist tells us that "the earth is the Lord's and all its fullness" (24:01); what that means is that the whole creation belongs to God, not to us. All that we are and all that we have are gifts of God's grace. Gifts to enjoy, to use, and for which we may always – always – give thanks. May this season of

Thanksgiving inspire us to be more grateful and joyful people each day of our lives. Thanksgiving blessings to all of you and to all whom you love.

Pastor Karen Jenkins Christ, Peterborough

We are stronger when we work and worship together. It is one of our primary strengths at Christ Lutheran. We gather together on Sunday mornings: we sing, we pray, we listen to the Word, we greet each other with a hearty peace, we welcome visitors warmly, we break bread together, we drink coffee together and we worry about our future together. There can be no doubt among us that we are at a pivotal crossroad in our future. While I disagree with the future wave of the church residing in parking lots or fully invested in computers, our future will only be realized if we capitalize on our sense of community in Christ. It is the core of our life and our love for one another, because that is our 'church'.

We need everyone to be involved if we are going to realize what the wave of the future for our church is going to look like. What new thing can we do here that will envision a life together in Christ?

Pastor Carey Meadows-Helmer Interim, Epiphany, Toronto

Each of these points calls us to some reflection on our life together. Perhaps we are mindful in wondering how does Epiphany fare? At a glance, it's pleasing to see many of these marks alive and well within the congregation. A diligent group gathers for bible study, singing echoes joyfully in worship, and certainly there is much wisdom among you. In addition, the mark of being generous is something you reflect on each and every year at this time. This is good. At the end of October the journey toward Epiphany's annual Stewardship Sunday begins with four weekly temple talks where volunteers share some thoughts with the congregation. Thank you volunteers.

These are certainly important pieces of the spirited discipleship picture. We live freely as spirited disciples in the world because God freely gives the gift of faith for faith. God so freely gives, that through the death and resurrection of Jesus, new life is abundantly ours. Thanks be to God.

Rev. Martha Tatarnic St. David's, Orillia

... because an inevitable part of our relationship with God is transformation. If each of us were entirely well, healthy, guilt-free, comfortable and content with everything about who we are and who we experience ourselves to be, then we have no need of God or of each other. Relationship with God calls us to transformation: healing of places broken, freedom from what binds us, sight to see the world differently. Our churches may not be full of people who are perfect, with whom we always agree. But it is through relationship with people different from us, surprising to us, that God most effectively and consistently challenges us and invites us to new possibility.

Because when we talk about who we are, we are talking about relationship: we are created for relationship. When we talk about our purpose, we are talking about relationship: we are here to figure out how to make this human journey together. When we talk about God, we are talking about relationship: we cannot know and love God apart from knowing and loving our neighbour, our brother, our sister. The primary and necessary component of a relationship with our Creator is through the enactment of community.

Pastor Christian Schweter First Lutheran, Toronto

While I was preparing for the 160th anniversary of First Evangelical Lutheran Church, I could not stop thinking about one thing: how much we are rooted in the groundwork that was laid by our forefathers and foremothers in

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faith who came before us. Not only when founding our congregation 160 years ago, but again and again people have walked great lengths in their faith and in their trust in God in order to ensure the future life of their church. I am deeply grateful to our ancestors in faith for the ability to meet in this gem of a church where our faith is strengthened and our community is nurtured. Sometimes the obstacles seemed insurmountable: there was no more money, there were not enough faithful coming together, the location of the church building seemed unsuitable. And still the “Van der Smisens”, “Heinzmans”, “Müllers”, and “Grünwalds” were not led astray and made sure that this church would be a home for generations after them – until this very day, for us all.

Pastor Mark van House Peace, Pickering

Thanksgiving and Reformation are two significant celebrations this month. We give thanks to God for all we have, our very life and our faith. We remember Rev. Dr. Martin Luther, as he led the way with other reformers to change the church for the better, forever – with some 500 million protestants worldwide. “This one and firm rock, which we call the doctrine of justification,” insisted Luther, “is the chief article of the whole Christian doctrine, which comprehends the understanding of all godliness.”^[2] He also called this doctrine the *articulus stantis et cadentis ecclesiae* (“article of the standing and falling of the church”): “...if this article stands, the Church stands; if it falls, the Church falls.”^[3] Join us as we celebrate the body of Christ, as Lutheran members of the faith, yesterday, today and tomorrow.

^[2] *Selected passages from Martin Luther, “Commentary on Galatians (1538)” as translated in Herbert J. A. Bouman, “The Doctrine of Justification in the Lutheran Confessions,” Concordia Theological Monthly 26 (November 1955) No. 11:801.*

The Rev. Peter Lisinski will be installed as Pastor of Advent Lutheran Church 2800 Don Mills Road, Toronto, on Sunday, October 30, at 5:00 p.m. Refreshments to follow the service. Everyone is invited.

^[3] *In XV Psalmos graduum 1532-33; WA 40/III.352.3*

Pastor Lowell Nussey Christ the King, Whitby

One of the reasons we have such difficulty envisioning God as being beautiful, is because our human experience of beauty has been so infected by the various perversions of beauty that we encounter on a daily basis.

Our modern society frequently equates physical beauty with sexual attractiveness. The photographs of the so called beautiful people, that litter magazines and newspapers, are of people with beautiful bodies that are dressed in sexually attractive ways. We often forget that being sexually attractive is not the same as being beautiful or handsome.

Another way we misuse the idea of beauty is to associate it with wealth. We often see poverty as being ugly, and in one sense that is true. On the other hand, when you stop and think about it, wealth can be ugly too. And yet, how often are we encouraged to think about the ugliness of wealth? No, in our culture, wealth and beauty often seem to go hand in hand.

The Bible makes it clear that our Creator God, is a beautiful God – a God whose splendour and beauty have no earthly equal. God, alone, is the source of all true beauty. Whenever we encounter things like the autumn beauty of nature, or the light in a child’s eyes, or the beauty of a life-long friendship, we are seeing reflections of the beauty of God.

This is also the beauty to be found in Jesus’ sacrificial love for our human race. Jesus’ death was an ugly death, that had the power to destroy the ugliness of sin and death with the life redeeming power of God’s beautiful love.

Pastor Susan Climo Peace, Mississauga

Gratitude is such an essential, life-giving element in our lives. When we recognize and celebrate God’s rich blessings, when we express our thanks for all God has given and done, it refreshes our souls and lifts our spirits. But many of us find gratitude mainly surfaces in the ‘big moments’ – times of great joy, or great challenge. We even have a statutory holiday we Canadians celebrate this month – Thanksgiving Day – that suggests giving thanks is a special occasion activity. Instead, I invite you to join me in embracing an everyday attitude of gratitude. Let’s try mindfully making room in our lives for daily gratitude, identifying God’s amazing grace even in our most ordinary moments. I’ll begin right now, by thanking God for all of you, and the joy of serving God alongside you.

Pastor Sebastian Meadows- Helmer, Christ the King – Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Thornhill

Learning about context, history, and theology is a way that our faith can seek understanding and shouldn’t be a process that ends after Confirmation. It is important to talk to God and daily and to pray, and there are many different types of prayer practices that you could start. One of the ways God speaks to us is through the Bible, and so it is vital to spend time in daily devotion reading Scripture. Gathering together for communal worship with other Christians helps encourage one. Singing hymns alone may be fun, but it’s much better to be part of a choir. We are fortunate in the ELCIC to be part of a church that values critical thought and study. At the Last Supper, when Jesus bent down to wash his disciple’s feet, he modeled a servant

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life for us. We are called to serve each other, not only friends and relatives, but strangers as well, those needy and less fortunate than us. Generosity and money is a sensitive subject in church, but it is important to give, both for the work of the local and the wider church, but for the needy across the globe and in our backyard. Finally, as people with good news to tell, we are invited to share with others how God is working in our lives, and why we find it important to spend a fine weekend morning at church.

Pastor Dennis Becker Faith, Oshawa

Years ago, someone came up with the expression, "Slow down and smell the roses." In light of our verse from Proverbs, I take that to mean, "Hey people, give a thought to all that God has done for us." The blessings of God are everywhere, yet so often we don't see them, or rather, don't give God credit for them. Too often we are so hung up in accumulating things or experiences, so busy trying to keep ahead of things, that we don't appreciate God's blessings.

Stop a moment. Look around. Catch your breath. The rat race will still be there when you choose to re-enter it. But stop. See what God has done? See the blessings of God all around you? Then give thanks. For true riches, riches that last this life and for all eternity, come only from the Lord.

Pastor Ilze Kuplens-Ewart St. Andrew's Latvian, Toronto

What does that mean? Well, let's begin with the word "community". It appears in many places in a Christian context: the first people to hear Peter address them with the passion of faith form a community, the first church. When we meet to worship we receive Holy Communion, the mysterious connection with one another through the presence of Jesus coming alive in us through the bread and the wine. In our church community, the focus and aim and the way

we express community is in Christ. Like Moslems gathering for prayer in the mosque, or Jewish people in the temple, Christians experience their point of deepest connection when they gather in their place of worship to be strengthened and renewed.

Pastor Peter Lisinski Advent, Toronto

On Sunday, September 25, the Toronto Conference will celebrate the 150th anniversary of our Eastern Synod. We will gather at Zion Lutheran Church, Maple – the Eastern Synod's birthplace – at 3:00 p.m. Bishop Michael Pryse will preach the sermon. In conjunction with this historic occasion, our synod is encouraging all our congregations to observe "Back To Church Sunday" that morning. Accordingly, I encourage you to consider inviting someone you know to join you at our 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion liturgy. I will be preaching what I am calling "The Most Important Sermon You May Ever Hear", in hope of reaching people wondering about the truth of God, the relevance of church, or the value of personal faith.

Pastor Katharina Moeller St. George's, Toronto

Therefore we understand what we have to do in today's time: It is our task to build bridges between people and congregations. Together we should follow Jesus. In the greater community of Christians we will solve our own problems and get energy to care for those in need and work on God's kingdom on earth. This makes us strong and helps us to reach goals that seemed to be far away. The Holy Spirit accompanied people in congregations of Jesus Christ throughout the centuries. We trust that he will lead us and will use us to make the world a better place.

Together we can radiate God's love and peace much more effectively. We ask for the Holy Spirit to inspire us to move on and follow Jesus as individuals, as single congregation and as congregations of Jesus Christ throughout the world. We ask for the Holy Spirit to guide us in reaching out to all people,

approach them as brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, invite them and pass on the Good News about Jesus. We ask for the Holy Spirit to help us learn from one another that we may grow in faith and strengthen our community. In this way we build bridges between people everywhere.

Pastor Nadine Nicholds Augsburg, Brampton

I think that God may be trying to teach me not to hold on so tight. I think that all of us can be preoccupied with our stuff, but the fact is, we can certainly live without a great deal of that stuff. After the initial shock of the loss of my camera, I've come to realize that I really don't miss it. I certainly would have liked to have my photos, but even those are quickly fading from my emotional memory. I was still able to visit some beautiful countries, and that makes me quite privileged. Not everyone gets to travel overseas.

Pastor Roy Thakurdial Bethesda, Unionville

In preparing for his lectures on Romans he discovered the liberating truth of God's love and righteousness not as judgement and condemnation but as justification and grace. He became a new man in this new knowledge and experience. Filled with this new power of God's justifying grace through faith in Jesus Christ, Martin Luther set about addressing the errors of the church; the corrupt practices, false teaching and doctrines were severely attacked by Martin Luther. His struggles to reform the church were firmly grounded in scripture. Such is his legacy to the church.

As heirs of the Reformer, Lutherans can benefit from the example of Martin Luther's life and work. He teaches us to be serious about our discipleship and faith. Importantly he teaches us to be grounded in God's word. Moreover his life as a Reformer is a demonstration of the power that comes from trusting in God's free grace through our faith in Jesus for our salvation. ♦

Our Congregations at Work

■ **St. Andrew's Latvian, Toronto**, is holding a Halloween Family Fun Day at Sidrabene on October 29 which includes haunted house, magicians, pumpkin carving and live bands. All proceeds will go to Sidrabene's new water system.

■ **St. Andrew's Latvian** and **St. John's Latvian, Toronto**, worshipped together on October 9.

■ On October 30, **St. Andrew's Latvian and Estonian congregations, Toronto**, will hold a service in English, Latvian, and Estonian to commemorate 60 years of St. Andrew's. Rev. Riita Hepomaki, Assistant to the Bishop, will be guest preacher.

■ Members of **St. Andrew's Latvian, Toronto**, are holding a "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" evening on November 12.

■ Katarina Prosenjak, curate at **Martin Luther, Toronto**, will leave for Germany to start in her own congregation in January. A special service will be held on November 20 at Martin Luther to ask God's blessings and guidance for her. Rev. Dr. Karen Hamilton, General Secretary of the Canadian Council of Churches, will be present at the service.

■ The Edelweiss Choir will present a service of Christmas Carols on the first Sunday in Advent at **Martin Luther, Toronto**.

■ Rev. Dr. Helmut Edelmann, Assistant Bishop of the Northelbian Church and Oerkirchenrat at the VELKA, Germany, is visiting German congregations in the US and Canada doing research on Lutheran pastors from North Germany who immigrated. Included in his visits locally were **Martin Luther and Epiphany, Toronto**.

■ On September 24, **St. Philip's, Toronto**, held a Service of Pet Blessing.

■ On September 26, **St. Philip's, Toronto**, held a jazz Eucharist.

■ Marcia Powers-Dunlop, **St. Philip's, Toronto**, has been honored as a "Top-100 Alumni of Achievement by Wilfrid Laurier University. Other

recipients from the ELCIC are National Bishop Susan Johnson, former Eastern Synod Bishop, The Rev. Dr. William Huras, and former Seminary Dean Delton Glebe.

■ **St. Philip's, Toronto**, will hold an evening of Food, Faith and Fun on October 26.

■ On October 20, the 50+ group at **St. Philip's, Toronto**, will celebrate an Oktoberfest Luncheon.

■ **Christ, Peterborough**, will hold a Healing Service on October 23.

■ **Christ, Peterborough**, is holding a Silent Auction Fundraiser on November 12.

■ **Christ, Peterborough**, will hold its bazaar on November 26.

■ **Epiphany, Toronto's**, ELW held an Applefest on October 15. The revenue will be distributed between a selected ELW charity and a congregational expense.

■ **Westside, Barrie**, is planning to use the "New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program" this year.

■ **Westside, Barrie**, is giving the ALPHA Bites course this fall.

■ **Westside, Barrie**, is preparing We Care bags for CLWR.

■ **Peace, Pickering**, has designated its Thanksgiving offering to the Pickering Food Bank.

■ **Christ the King, Whitby**, is holding its Annual Fall bazaar on October 22.

■ The women of **Christ the King, Whitby**, are hosting the Fall Conference for all women of the Toronto Conference on November 5. The theme is "Way's to Praise".

■ Members of **Peace, Mississauga**, are holding adult a Christian education sessions this fall studying Galatians.

■ **Peace, Mississauga**, held a games night with finger foods on October 1.

■ Members of **First Lutheran, Toronto**, are holding Bible study groups this fall studying Richard Foster's book *Prayer*.

■ **St. David's, Orillia**, is presenting an adult study this fall using a DVD series

by John Domenic Crossan and Marcus Borg as they trace Paul's footsteps throughout the Roman empire.

■ **St. David's, Orillia**, is presenting a program for children in grades one through six called "Route 66".

■ **Christ the King-Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Thornhill**, is holding Bible studies on "Making Sense of Christian Faith".

■ **Members of Christ the King-Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Thornhill**, will hold their annual Lantern-Walk on November 4.

■ **Christ the King-Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Thornhill**, designated its thanksgiving offering to the Daily Bread Food Bank.

■ **Christ the King-Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Thornhill**, is holding its Benefit Thanksgiving Dinner on October 22.

■ **Christ the King-Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Thornhill**, is holding its Christmas Bazaar on November 26.

■ Members of **Faith, Oshawa**, are holding a Talent Auction on October 30.

■ Members of **Faith, Oshawa**, are holding a pumpkin carving family event on October 28.

■ On September 25, **St. George's, Toronto**, celebrated the Golden Confirmation and 50th, 60th and 70th Confirmation Anniversary.

■ **Augsburg, Brampton**, is holding a Lunch and Learn Sunday on October 30 using the theme "No Bones About It".

■ Pastor Tom Doherty will be guest preacher at **Augsburg, Brampton**, on October 23 when the congregation celebrates its 50th anniversary.

■ On November 13, **Zion, Maple**, will hold its Sixth Annual Concert in support of the Olive Branch.

■ **Bethesda, Unionville**, will hold its annual Sharecropper Dinner on November 13.

■ **Bethesda, Unionville**, will celebrate Reformation Sunday which includes a presentation on the Reformation story, exhibition, unveiling of Martin Luther statue, item by Youths and fellowship prepared by the Bible study group. ♦

Parish Life Story

Investing in the Local – Free Neighbourhood Barbecue

Two years ago, I wrote an article for the *Packet* encouraging people to “invest in the local” and speaking of a free Neighbourhood Barbecue St. David’s church was offering in order to create space and energy for conversation to take place among neighbours.

That first barbecue was a fun-filled day which sparked numerous vital and life-giving conversations around local need: for affordable housing, for programs for our young people, and for resources to feed the hungry in our midst. And since then, we have seen people gathering together in this end of town in order to respond to these needs and to continue to build the relationships which are so integral in sustaining and strengthening any community initiative.

A weekly Community Breakfast is now offered here every Sunday. The breakfast involves people both from

within our church community and from the surrounding area, and is blessed abundantly by the generosity of local businesses like Brewery Bay, the Orillia Bakery and Apple Annie’s. It is our experience and mantra that “Food + Conversation = Recipe for Strong and Healthy Community”.

A Housing Committee has been formed, again involving both members of the church and of the neighbourhood, and addressing issues of Affordable Housing, our need for reasonable options in our community and offering support for creative initiatives.

We have developed our church land into a Community Garden, and at this date, that garden has produced more than 130 pounds of fresh produce which has been donated to The Sharing Place.


And this fall we have begun to offer a free evening program for children Grades 1 to 6 – Route 66 on Tuesday nights.

Now, two full years later, on Saturday, September 24, we are offering our third Annual Neighbourhood Barbecue. The barbecue runs from noon to 3 p.m. It is entirely free and will feature games, hotdogs, homemade chili and baked beans, and ice cream sundaes. Live entertainment is provided by the LeBarr Brothers, as well as St. David’s very own Jam Band.

Once again, we’re firing up the grill, we’re scooping up the ice cream, we’re providing the time and space for neighbours to talk and dream, laugh and get to know one another. The guiding principle behind starting this event in the first place has proven to be abundantly true: whatever the particular needs, we are always stronger when we know one another, when we know who our neighbours are, when relationships of concern and mutual support are built on the local level. And from the beginning of human history, one of the main ways in which human relationships are built is in sharing a meal together.

*Rev. Martha Tatarnic
St. David’s Orillia*

A Thanksgiving Prayer



Dear heavenly Father,
We thank you for food, remembering the hungry that they may be fed.
We thank you for water, remembering the thirsty that they need drink.
We thank you for homes, remembering the homeless that they need shelter.
We thank you for clothes, remembering the naked that they need be clothed.
We thank you for health, remembering the sick that they need be restored to good health.
We thank you for friends, remembering the friendless that they need be be-friended.
We thank you for freedom, remembering those in bondage that they need be set free.
May plight of the suffering, stir us without fail to share with them what you have blessed us with.
Help us, dear Lord, to sacrifice our wants to meet the needs of others.
For Jesus’ sake. Amen

*John Muttiah
Christ the King, Whitby*

Ecumenical Events

■ Members of **Faith, Oshawa**, choir are participating in a Joint Christmas Carol program in December at St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church.

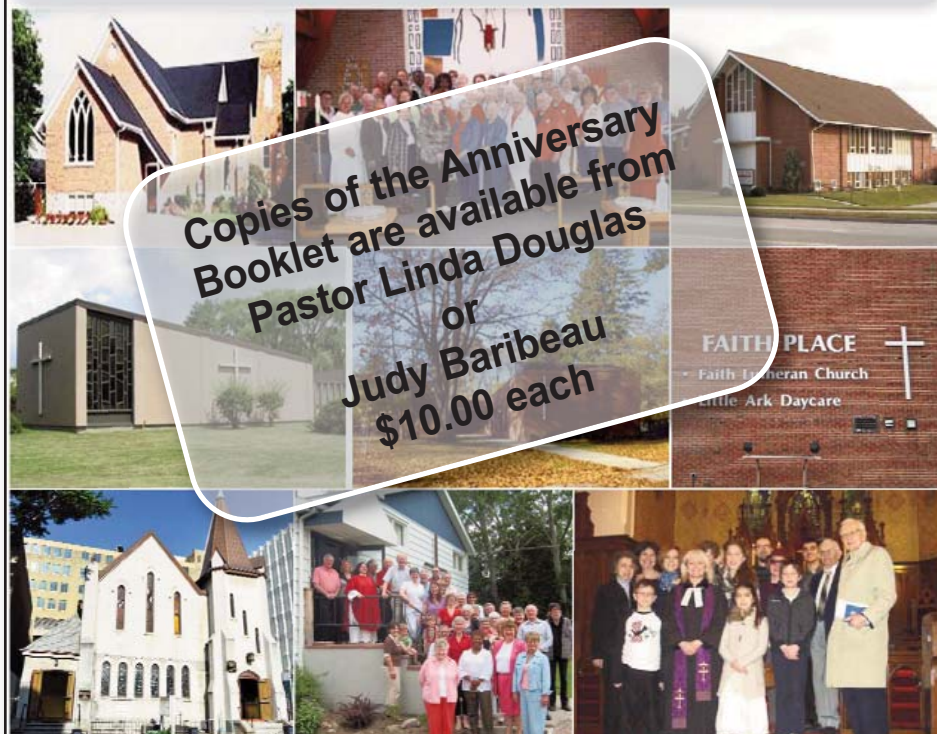
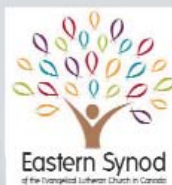
■ **Faith, Oshawa**, together with St. Paul’s Presbyterian, Knox Presbyterian, and Northminster United are holding weekly sessions October 11-November 8 on “Understanding our Neighbours”.

■ **Westside, Barrie**, participated in Northwest Barrie United Church’s “Cookie Walk” on October 1.

■ **Bethesda, Unionville**, has been invited to attend the 14th annual Markham Prayer Breakfast on November 18. ♦



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Youth

- Youth at **St. David's, Orillia**, are visiting Wonderland on October 21.
- The Younger Youth Group at **Westside, Barrie**, went on a hike September 25.
- Youth at **Christ the King, Whitby**, are holding a games and planning night on October 21. ♦

Congregational Contacts Needed

Congregations are asked to provide names and email addresses of administrative staff within their congregations to receive *The Lutheran Connection* and other information distributed by the Toronto Conference. Please send the information to Judy Baribeau at judybaribeau@rogers.com. ♦

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If you have any questions, please call me at 416-264-4527 or email to judybaribeau@rogers.com

Community Events and Service

- **Christ, Peterborough**, supports a Food For Kids program on Tuesdays to prepare snack food for the Kawartha Heights school children.
- Members of **Peace, Pickering**, are collecting men's fall and winter clothing for Cornerstone Community Association, Inc. – a homeless shelter and community residential facility in Oshawa.
- Members of **Peace, Pickering**, are supporting St. Paul's On the Hill Community Food Bank.
- Members of **Faith, Oshawa**, donated Thanksgiving food drive items to Gate 3:16.
- **Advent, Toronto**, ran a Youth Apprenticeship Program this summer with over 25 neighbourhood youth volunteering to help in the community garden and other activities.
- Members of **Christ the King, Whitby**, are supporting The Durham Inter-Group Immigrant Support Group. ♦

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