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A reminder to everyone that while the synod office is closed, staff are working remotely from home and we are confident we will be able to continue our core functions.

Feel free to contact any one of us either via telephone or through the contact page on our website, <https://easternsynod.org/contacts>

Please be assured of our continued prayers for you and your dear ones.



Our prayers are with the family and friends of Rev Vernon Cronmiller as they mourn his death.



What She Lived For!

Stop and think for a minute. Who are the people who have made a positive impact on you by the way they lived their life. Is it someone from your church community? From your family? Someone from the community – a neighbour, a politician, a friend? What makes that person special? Why do they come to mind?

I can think of a number of people, but today I would like to share just one story of a very special person.

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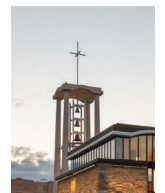
Virtual learning

In the wake of the novel coronavirus pandemic, our faculty has found novel ways of delivering course content and keeping in touch with students. Allen Jorgenson's class Jesus and Salvation 'gathered' in March. Visit our [Facebook page](#) to learn how he structured his class to make it engaging for students.

#RingingEndorsement

We're truly grateful for our health care and other front-line essential workers. So we have partnered with the Centre for International Governance Innovation and the Balsillie School of International Affairs and launched a campaign to share our #RingingEndorsement

Each evening at 7:30 p.m. bells at Luther and the CIGI campus, which includes the Balsillie school, ring for one minute. The timing aligns with the Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario (RNAO) campaign encouraging people to show their support by going to their windows and porches and making some noise.



We're inviting all churches and institutions with functioning bells to join the campaign. So far, participating churches include Trillium, Waterloo; St. Matthew's, Conestogo; St. Peter's, Kitchener; St. John, Ottawa; and St. Louis Roman Catholic Church in Waterloo. Please join us! If your church decides to join the campaign, please [let us know](#) so that we can thank you. For more details, see the [announcement](#).

Wynne talk now online

Former Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne shared how her faith and United Church work influences her life in politics. Her talk, followed by question-and-answer period, is now available on our [YouTube page](#).

We're here to help

As one of Canada's leading schools in spiritual care and psychotherapy, we're here to support the entire Lutheran community and beyond. We understand that anxiety and stress levels may climb for many people during this challenging time. In addition to caring for the physical health of yourself and your loved ones, please be mindful of mental health. Our [Delton Glebe Counselling Centre](#) offers phone and secure online chat therapy. Call 519.884.3305 or email glebecentre@wlu.ca. If in crisis, please call 1.844.437.3247



Virtual worship

If you're searching for connection on Sunday mornings, join Rev. Anne Anderson as she leads 10:30 a.m. liturgy for the alternative worshipping community [thirdspace](#). Participate by visiting the community's [Facebook page](#) or through the Zoom video chat platform. You can access Zoom chats using a web browser — you don't need special software. To join through Zoom, email Anne.

Contemplative Music Pause

Are you looking for a meditative musical break? Check out [Contemplative Music Pause](#). Hosted by adjunct faculty member Gerard Yun, episodes feature vocalists and musicians in various styles/genres. The series is sponsored by the [Kanata Centre for Worship and Global Song](#).

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