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Eastern Synod Assembly 2021 Post-Assembly Information

Together we did a new thing, and while it wasn't without its hiccups, it worked quite well.

The business of the synod was dealt with; though not in person we could still worship together and we were able to enjoy presentations by two very engaging guests— Diana Butler Bass and Jeff Chu.



Looking for information or resources from the Assembly?

Go to easternsynod.org and click on the Post-Assembly Information button.



Staff changes at the Synod office

This summer has seen some changes to our Eastern Synod office team. Sue Heimpel, who has been the Synod's Accounting Assistant for almost nine years, is retiring. Sue has been a great support and delight to work with over these past years and we will be sad to see her go. As we wish Sue a very happy retirement, we welcome a new member to our team.

Danielle Arsenault is the new kid on the block and we welcome her as the new Accounting Assistant. Danielle comes with over 15 years financial experience in a variety of different areas. She is married with a young son and hails from St. George. Danielle is bilingual and is sharing her language skills with her son. She enjoys board and card games and is an avid hockey fan. As well, she is a die hard Gilmore Girls fan, which some of you may recall as a fan favourite. Danielle can be contacted at darsenault@elcic.ca and at extension 217. Please join me in welcoming Danielle to our team.

Thank you,
Kim Marcy



2021 YTD- Midway through the year Financial Update (as of June 30th, 2021)

It is hard to believe that we are midway through 2021. Where did the time go?! The YTD benevolence offerings in June 2021 were up slightly from 2020 by just under 1%. The month of June 2021 was up over June 2020 by 1.5%.

Offerings designated for Canadian Lutheran World Relief, that were received by the Synod office, saw a sharp increase of almost 45% over June 2020 due to additional donations to Covid-19 relief for India during the month. There was an overall increase of almost 3% on a year to date basis.

We are grateful for the many members and congregations who continue to faithfully remit their offerings on a regular basis. The ministries that you support through your offerings have always been important and continue to be critical as there remains the uncertainty of when life will return to more of a routine.

For details, refer to [Financial Update](#) on the syn-

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New Life at Edgewood Farm

Organic Market gardener Matt Jones and his family are breathing new life into the sportsfield.
Look for a new greenhouse to be added this fall.



Ministry Opportunities

Redeemer, North Bay, ON
Trinity, Walkerton, ON
St. Paul's, Magnetawan, ON
Christ the King, Whitby, ON
Christ, Peterborough, ON
St. Peter's, Cambridge
Faith, Brantford
Faith Lutheran & St. Peter's Anglican,
Elliot Lake, ON
Chaplain- Trinity Village, Kitchener, ON

For more information contact Rev Douglas
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Our prayers are with Rev Bonnie Schelter- Brown
and her family as they mourn the death of her
mother.



Synod Office this fall

As we slowly begin to return to more normal routines we here at the synod office will also be returning to our desks.

Beginning Tuesday, September 7th we will be returning to our normal office hours (assuming no new COVID restrictions are put in place).

Our office will not be open to the public.

COVID protocols will remain in place and access to the office for any reason must be done by appointment only.



Congratulations to our Class of 2021!

The class consists of 34 graduates including two Graduate Diploma; four BA; 26 MA and two PhD. Those not pictured: Loza Abebe, Selene Ou, Nathan Kendall, Mary Ross, Emily Whelan. View the [video](#) of our Ceremony of Thanksgiving and Blessing.



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SUMMER 2021

Sept. 19: Gratitude gathering, and commissioning service

Heather Main, chairperson of Luther's Board of Governors, invites you to two events taking place on Sept. 19. From 2-4 p.m., we gather at Luther for a Day of Community and Gratitude. And at 7 p.m., we assemble at Trillium Lutheran Church in Waterloo for a service of commissioning for Rev. Dr. Kristine Lund, principal-dean, and new faculty and staff. Details and RSVP for the gratitude gathering bit.ly/LutherGratitude. Details and RSVP for the commissioning service at bit.ly/LutherCommissioning

Technology for Remote Learning campaign

Luther has launched a \$150,000 fundraising campaign to pay for technology upgrades. "While we have been providing online learning for many years, the global pandemic has accelerated our need to improve access for students who are not able to attend classes in person," said Kristine Lund, principal-dean. Technology upgrades will also enable Luther's community to participate — from a distance — in lectures, worship, workshops and other public events. Read the [announcement](#).

Aug. 18: New certificate in disability info session

Pastors, lay leaders and volunteers who support people with disabilities in congregations and other faith settings are now able to upgrade their skills through Luther's new certificate program. For details and link to register for the Aug. 18 information session, read the full [announcement](#).

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Centre for Spirituality and Media

If you were not able to participate in the launch of the Centre for Spirituality and Media, a collaboration between Luther and the Eastern Synod, view a [video](#) of the conversation Back to the Future.

Oct. 27: Glebe Centre breakfast

The sixth annual [Delton Glebe Counselling Centre](#) Breakfast is set for Wednesday, Oct. 27. This year's theme is "Resilience and Recovery." Silent auction proceeds will go



to the centre's We Care fund to subsidize fees for counselling. To donate items to the auction, please contact (519) 884-3305 or send an email to glebecentre@wlu.ca

About @LutherWaterloo

Welcome to this regular feature for those who would like to explore a bit more about our school. Luther's management team is composed of Kristine Lund, principal-dean, Mary Philip (aka Joy), assistant principal and associate professor, and Allen Jorgenson, assistant dean and professor of systematic theology.

Stay connected

In addition to following us on social media (@LutherWaterloo) there are many ways to stay connected with us! You can subscribe to this monthly newsletter; to our occasional Donor Update, or our quarterly alumni newsletter. Learn how to subscribe to any of our publications by visiting the [Stay Connected](#) web page.

Welcome Dr. Ara Parker

Rev. Dr. Kristine Lund, principal-dean of Martin Luther University College, invites you to welcome Dr. Ara Parker to the faculty. Parker has accepted the role as assistant professor of Spiritual Care and Psychotherapy.



The position became vacant as Lund assumed the principal-dean role. Parker takes up her new post on Aug. 1. For details about Parker's background, read the [announcement](#).

Research videos

Check out the new research [video playlist](#) on our YouTube channel. So far, it features videos of research projects by members of our Class of 2021 including the PhD dissertation defence by Debbie Lou Ludolph and abstracts of capstone projects by undergrad students. Feel free to also visit [ResearchAtLuther.ca](#)

Luther about town

Debbie Lou Ludolph, Luther instructor and dean of chapel, and Anne Anderson, community pastor, served as panellists during the Lutheran-Anglican [National Worship Conference](#). A column about Luther's pivot away from Facebook, by communications director Mirko Petricevic, appeared in [Academica Forum](#).

Progress Pride

In honour of Pride Month (June), we added a Progress Pride flag to the footer of luther.wlu.ca. We will continue to display it for the foreseeable future. The new design includes representation for people of colour and transgender people. For details about the flag's design, visit the creator's [website](#).

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