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A visit to St. John's, Arnprior

Jacob and Sawyer lead Prayers of the People while perched on their booster box - formerly a large candle stand.

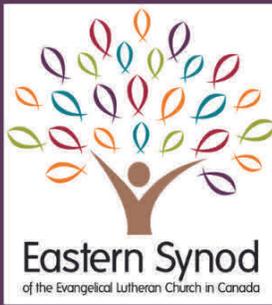


To close worship, we gathered outside for a blessing of our newly planted community garden, ecologically friendly with compost and earthworms part of the mix. Radishes, carrots and beets grown here will be given to the Food Bank.

Less ecologically friendly (but since we have no goats) Pastor Norine rides our "new to us" lawn tractor which was kindly donated by one of our members.

Submitted by Enid Blackwell





SEEKING APPLICATIONS

Treasurer & Secretary Positions

DEADLINE APPROACHING

The Eastern Synod Council is currently seeking applications for two key leadership positions that will become available in mid-2024: secretary and treasurer. Working in partnership with the bishop and vice-chair, the secretary and treasurer serve as officers of the Eastern Synod and the Synod Council. Both of these positions are available to rostered ministers and lay people, and are for a six year term, beginning June 2024 and ending in June 2030. The two successful applicants will have an opportunity to 'job shadow' until June 2024.

[Click here to find out more.](#)

National Indigenous Peoples Day

Today is National Indigenous Peoples Day across Canada. This year, we are grateful to the Rev. Janaki Bandara who has prepared a sermon for use on Sunday, June 19 or June 26. Our deep thanks to Pastor Janaki!

Additionally, Deacon Scott Knarr and Rev. Elaine Boone have written prayers for inclusion in worship those days as well. Thank you Deacon Scott and Pastor Elaine!

A link to both an audio recording, sermon manuscript, and prayers is now available and can be accessed [HERE](#).



Our prayers are with the family of Rev Joachim von Schmeling who passed away on May 22, 2022 and also with the friends and family of Grace Saabas, who died on May 24, 2022.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Matthew 5:4

Ministry Opportunities

St. Peter's, Cambridge
St. John's, Montreal
Trinity, Windsor

For more information please contact [Rev Douglas Reble](#), Assistant to the Bishop.

Back To The Future

A Discussion About Worship

July 4, 2022 @ 6:30 EDT
bit.ly/Church22

With Special Guests
Pastor Mark Ehlebracht
Debbie-Lou Ludolph



The program is hosted by the Centre for Spirituality & Media
and supported by Martin Luther University College & the Eastern Synod



Evolving from our original series of discussions entitled, "OK...What's Next", the Centre for Spirituality at Luther and the Eastern Synod invite you to join us for **Back To The Future: A Discussion About Worship**. In addition to our usual hosts, we are delighted to welcome Rev. Mark Ehlebracht and Debbie-Lou Ludolph who will share their expertise and guide us in a time of discussion and discernment. More information will be shared as it becomes available in the coming weeks. To register, please [CLICK HERE](#).

Generous outpouring of support Financial Update to May 31st, 2022

The Eastern Synod and its partners in ministry continue to receive generous support in 2022. Benevolence offerings received by the synod so far this year are up 3.8% over last year.

Offerings designated for Canadian Lutheran World Relief received by the synod office have increased sharply by over 187% year to date over year, due primarily to the very generous support for the CLWR Ukraine Appeal. For details refer to [Financial Update](#).

The audit of the Synod's 2021 financial statements was recently completed. These reports can be accessed by clicking on the following link: [2021 Eastern Synod Audited Financial Statements](#).



FINALE

We've gone in a new direction

In order to keep everyone as up to date as possible, we've developed a new resource called The Eastern Synod Weekly. It's filled with all the important stuff you need to know.

This will be the final edition of The Eastern Synod Newsletter!

If you don't already get the weekly edition, watch for it to land in your inbox soon. We'll be transferring the subscription list in early July. Should you not wish to check out the weekly mailer, simply click unsubscribe before then.

Don't stop sending us your stories and pictures!

We love reading your stories and hearing about what's happening in your congregations. We have the spot for those too. We're creating a local page on our website, easternsynod.org. So keep sending things in to ezehr@elcic.ca and we'll make sure to share them with everyone.

Keep sharing your news with us and we'll share it with everyone else.

Thanks everyone!