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2021 YTD- Back to Fall routines Financial Update (as of September 30th, 2021)

With the return of September many people are getting back into a comfortable routine, especially if there are younger children around. We are thankful that this year holds more optimism for getting back to our familiar lives than we felt at this time last year.

Year to date benevolence offerings as of September 2021 are down from 2020 by just over 2%. The month of September 2021 was up over September 2020 by almost 22%. Part of the monthly increase was due to the timing of some congregations giving their annual benevolence in one time payments.

Offerings designated for Canadian Lutheran World Relief that were received by the Synod office saw a decrease of almost 18% over September 2020 in part due to a large donation made by a congregation in 2020 that didn't reoccur in 2021. There has been a decrease of 1% 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 uncertainty remains as to when life will return to a more normal routine.

For details, refer to [Financial Update](#) on the synod website.

A Tax Efficient Way to Give

Did you know, when you sell publicly traded securities privately, you are taxed on 50% of the capital gains? However, if you give the securities directly to charity as a gift-in-kind, you pay no tax on the capital gains and receive a donation tax receipt for their full market value.

Join Greg Kippers, CFP as he explains how to give a gift of publicly traded securities to a charity of your choice. Learn when it may be best for you to provide this gift - now, in the future, or through a gift in your Will .

Time will also be provided for Q&A regarding this or other financial planning questions you may have.

This [free webinar](#) is hosted by ELFEC (Lutheran Foundation of the ELCIC), the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa, and the Anglican Diocese of Niagara .

Date and Time: Tuesday, October 26, 2021 from Noon to 1:00 p.m. EDT

Register [Here](#)

Ministry Opportunities

Christ the King, Whitby, ON
Christ, Peterborough, ON
St. Peter's, Cambridge, ON
Faith, Brantford, ON
Faith, Port Elgin, ON

Faith Lutheran/ St. Peter's Anglican, Elliot Lake, ON

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Dedicated to Earth consciousness, gender justice

People from three continents helped dedicate Luther's new Centre for Earth Consciousness and Gender Justice on Oct. 6.

Co-presiders from Kitchener and Brazil officiated at the dedication, which was held during our weekly

Open Door service. The sermon was delivered from Geneva, Switzerland. Children planted vegetation in Luther's courtyard, and joined others in painting a new mural (pictured above). The goal of the centre, founded by Mary (Joy) Philip, Luther's assistant



principal, is planetary well-being and justice that works towards the common good, not just for the present but for all future living beings on the planet. Working with Earth Charter International and other community

partners, the centre will offer courses for both undergraduate and graduate programs at Luther and Laurier. View the [photo album](#). Video will be posted to [YouTube](#) soon. Visit [the centre's web page](#) or read the full [announcement](#).

Welcome back!

It is such a treat to have students back on campus 18 months after we dispersed due to COVID-19!

This fall we welcomed 400 (including Laurier BA students taking electives). Some are learning in class while others are participating remotely. In any case, it's great to see them back!



Program info sessions

Register [here](#) for the **PhD program** information session 10 a.m. - noon on Friday, Nov. 5. Register [here](#) for the **master's programs** information session (MA and MDiv), 10 a.m. - noon on Friday, Nov. 12.

Glebe (virtual) breakfast

There is still time to [register](#) for The Delton Glebe Counselling Centre's sixth breakfast. Theme: Resilience and recovery to thrive.

Truth and reconciliation

On Canada's first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Kristine Lund, principal-dean, delivered a short [video](#) address and all were invited to paint a rock orange and place it in our garden. [See photos](#).



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Upcoming events

Keep up to date on the many ways you can pause, learn and/or worship with us. Visit our [website](#) or public [events calendar](#).