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"Behold I am doing a new thing!" (Isaiah 43:19)

One of my favourite Scripture passages is Isaiah 43, verse 19. "Behold I am doing a new thing says the Lord; even now it springs forth. Do you not perceive it?"

It reminds me that our God is a creator God who is always doing some "new thing!" God is engaged in a mission to love and reconcile the world. That means that we, like most of the highways I drive on these days; are always under construction! Admittedly, that doesn't always make for an easy or comfortable ride. But that's what it means to be engaged in a relationship with a living, engaged, creative God.

The Scriptures teach us again and again that we can't have a relationship with God without having that relationship bring about change within us; whether as individuals, or together, corporately, as a Church. Luther wrote, "This life, therefore, is not righteousness but growth in righteousness; not health but healing; not being but becoming; not rest but exercise. We are not yet what we shall

be, but we are growing toward it. The process is not yet finished, but it is going on. This is not the end, but it is the road. All does not yet gleam in glory, but all is being purified."

A mature biblical faith is a faith that is continually under construction. Fidelity to our scriptural origins demands the continued movement of God's people in every age. The Bible chronicles the epic story of a people who struggled to do precisely that. And like our biblical forebears, we are similarly called to identify the new thing that God is doing, and then to struggle with discovering how we might help that new thing come to fuller expression.

Easter reminds us that God's work of creating and renewing never ends, even in the face of death! Darkness and despair do not get the last word. Life and love do! "Behold I am doing a new thing says the Lord; even now it springs forth. Do you not perceive it?" I hope and pray that we do, fueled and inspired by a blessed and watchful Easter!





Martin
LUTHER
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Federated with
Wilfrid Laurier
University

COMMUNICATIONS

workshop for young adults

Saturday, May 4, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.



STUDENTS

Learn skills that you can use to fulfil your required **volunteer hours** through high school!

CONGREGATIONS

Develop young parishioners who will be able to help **publicize parish events!**

PROGRAM

Learn how to make and execute a publicity plan for your congregation's events.

Create a flyer for one church event.

Publicize the event in a comprehensive and co-ordinated way.

Hear how to pitch your ideas to an audience of 1 or 100.

See Luther's renewed building and Laurier's campus in Waterloo.

LOCATION

Corner of Albert Street and Bricker Avenue in Waterloo

Supported by the Youth and Young Adult ministry of the Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

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WHO

Students who will be entering Grades 9, 10 or 11 in September 2019. Open to young adults from all denominations.

COST

\$20 per person, includes T-shirt, lunch and certificate. (Limited to two students per congregation. Maximum 20 participants.)

REGISTER

Deadline: Register by April 26 at bit.ly/LutherWorkshop

NEED MORE INFO?

Contact Dorinda Kruger Allen at dkrugerallen@luther.wlu.ca or call 519-884-0710 x3241

luther.wlu.ca

Spring Cleaning

Each spring, we ask that congregations take a minute to ensure the contact information we have here at synod office is correct. Thanks to all those of you who filled out the form recently sent out by national office. If you haven't done so, please take a moment to make sure that we have the correct information not just for congregations but for the congregational leaders as well. If there are any changes, please let either Cathy or Liz know and we will take care of them.

Please also go to our website, easternsynod.org and click on Find a Church, verify that the information about your congregation is correct and if not send the changes to Liz, ezehr@elcic.ca.

A reminder to congregational treasurers; when you send cheques to synod office please include a remittance form, (available on our website by clicking on the Treasurers/Financial button <https://www.easternsynod.org/content/treasurer-and-financial>). This ensures your benevolence dollars are directed accurately.

Interims

Rev Peter Mikelic begins at Zion, Maple

Rev Jim Koellner begins at St. Stephen's, Kitchener (sick leave)

Rev David Julien begins at St. Paul, Richmond Hill

Martin Luther House! – Bedrooms still available

Located at 453 Highland Road in Peterborough the house is a short bus ride to Trent University and Fleming College.

Martin Luther House offers a unique living experience for four students while attending school in Peterborough. It fosters Christian community in which residents can bring together faith, life and the university and college.

Four spacious, furnished bedrooms accommodate the residents. A large, cozy living room and an ample kitchen are also fully furnished. Several convenience stores, restaurants, and grocery stores are all within short walking distance. There is a bus stop in front of the house. Rent for a student-budget includes: power, water, heat, internet & laundry.

Applications for Fall/Winter/Summer residency (a 12-month lease) should be received as soon as possible.

Please visit <http://www.christlutheranpeterborough.com/application.html> for further information and application form. Use the 'Martin Luther Student House' tab (if the links in the info don't work).

Or contact johannacoombs55@gmail.com or by phone 705-878-8459 or cell 705-928-2474

Upcoming Events

K-W Women of Faith Event
April 27, 2019

Healthy Boundaries– Hamilton
May 1, 2019

Healthy Boundaries– London
May 2, 2019

Pics in the 6ix
May 3-12, 2019

Healthy Boundaries– Listowel
May 9, 2019

Healthy Boundaries– Ottawa
May 14, 2019

Healthy Boundaries– Toronto
May 16, 2019

Joy in the Journey Women's
Retreat
May 24-27, 2019

Dubrick Summer Institute
May 27-29, 2019

150th Anniversary– Gadshill
June 2, 2019

For more information and to see further events click [here](#).

Report of the Treasurer (To March 31st, 2019)

We have now reached the end of the first quarter of 2019. Although it's a bit early to ring the alarm bells, offerings remitted to the synod office for benevolence are tracking 12% behind last year's pace and donations to Canadian Lutheran World Relief are 15% behind. For details refer to [Report of the Treasurer](#) or go to <http://www.easternsynod.org/> and click the orange Treasurers/Financial Info button.

Does your congregation prepare a newsletter?

Please share it with us, we want to hear what's happening in your world. With your permission we may want to share your stories with the whole synod .

Please send electronic copies of all your newsletters to Liz, ezehr@elcic.ca. Thanks everyone!

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LUTHER

April 2019



Inshallah supports Indigenous students

Inshallah, the 130+ voice singing community at Luther, helped raise more than \$4,700 to help Indigenous students at Wilfrid Laurier University during the Singing With Our Neighbours event at Knox Presbyterian Church in Waterloo on March 24. Jean Becker (above), Laurier's Office of Indigenous Initiatives and founder of the drum group Mino Ode Kwewak N'gamowak, received a special tribute. More than 400 attended. See photos on [Facebook](#) or [Flickr](#).

Workshop: Communications for Young Adults — May 4

Luther's communications director will be leading a workshop May 4 to help your congregation's young adults gain skills they can use to help publicize your church's events. In turn, we hope to help students gain skills they can use to fulfil the 40 volunteer hours required for high school graduation. For details and to register, [click here](#).



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Circle of Dialogue

We're grateful for the teachings of elder Edna Manitowabi who presented a workshop and talk during our Circle of Dialogue on March 19. Manitowabi played the role of grandmother Naomi in the film *Indian Horse*.



More than 80 people attended the talk. View photo albums on [Facebook](#) and [Flickr](#).

Vol. 2 Issue 4 *Luther* is a collection of news from Martin Luther University College in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada. **Website:** luther.wlu.ca **Events:** Dorinda Kruger Allen dkrugerallen@luther.wlu.ca **Stories:** Mirko Petricevic, mpetricevic@luther.wlu.ca



Kudos!

Congratulations to our BA students who presented their capstone projects. Such maturity! Also thanks to instructor Morgan Braganza for helping them focus four years of studies into projects that will carry them to graduation and, more importantly, into their lifelong work. Left to Right: Morgan Braganza, Bethany Van Pelt, Ernesto Smiley, Cassie Wolfe, Michele Martens, Maddie Bauman. Photos: [Facebook](#), [Flickr](#).

ELCIC Women of Faith Fund

The ELCIC Women of Faith Fund provides annual grants that encourage and facilitate the Christ-centred ministry of women within the ELCIC and *In Mission for Others*.

This fund was established in 2011 in recognition of the "significant contribution of the women of the Evangelical Lutheran Women (ELW) of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC)". The fund came from the monies remaining after the dissolution of the ELW. Individuals or groups may make additional donations to the fund.

Grants from the ELCIC Women of Faith Fund will be available on an annual basis. The **deadline for applications is MAY 1**.

Applicants will submit their proposals for review and consideration by the Women of Faith Fund Advisory Committee appointed by National Church Council.

[Women of Faith Fund Grant Application Form](#)

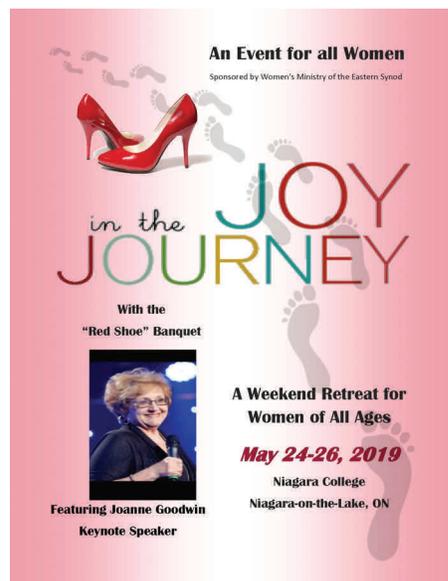
[Women of Faith Fund Reporting Form](#)

[Women of Faith Fund Funding Guidelines](#)

ELCIC Women of Faith Funds Approved for 2018

Single Parent Family Camp, ABT - \$ 4,300
Making of Quilts for CLWR & Local Charities, BC - \$ 1,500
Hands of Hope Quilting, BC - \$ 750
Kate's Place Quilts, SK - \$ 550
Masibumbane Sewing Project, BC - \$ 1,000
Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Quilting Group, BC - \$ 1,500
Lutheran-Anglican Women's Retreat 2018, SK - \$ 500
Sandwiches for the Homeless, ABT - \$ 1,200
Baby Bundles for CLWR, Eastern - \$ 500
Comfort Quilts, BC - \$ 1,000
Sunday Lunch at the Urban Mission, MNO - \$ 750
Transition Kits for the Homeless, MNO - \$ 2,500
Peace Lutheran Church Layettes, BC - \$ 2,500
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Outreach Ministries: Quilts & Blankets, SK - \$ 900
Young Adult Dinners, BC - \$ 1,500
Our Saviour's Lutheran Women's Quilting Group, BC - \$ 1,200
Joy in the Journey – Eastern Synod Women's Retreat, Eastern - \$ 4,000
Uncovering Grief Conference, ABT - \$ 4,000
Quilters and Knitters for Others, BC - \$ 1,200
Faith Outreach Ministry, Eastern - \$ 6,000
Women's Circle, ABT - \$ 3,000
Crafting Ladies Energetically Valuing Enterprise & Relationships (CLEVER), BC – \$ 700
CLWR Sewing Kits, ABT - \$ 750
Trinity Lutheran Church Knotty Knitters, BC - \$ 500
Organizing Justice: A Collaboration with Greater Edmonton Alliance (GEA) - \$ 4,000

Total projects approved amount to \$46,300 from an available \$46,330.



Synod Office Fax Number Discontinued

In our ongoing efforts to reduce costs, we have made the decision to discontinue our fax line (519-743-4291). Over the last few years the use of our fax number has diminished greatly. Most things are now sent via email. As such, we felt the expense of the line was no longer justified.

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