



# Eastern Synod Newsletter

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## Each Stitch Was Sewn in Love *submitted by Rev Darlyne Rath*

Our small village church in Williamsford has been able to assist the Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) in a big way. At a worship service yesterday they blessed and then boxed up for shipping 584 knitted teddy bears, 86 quilts, blankets and afghans and 26 baby and children's knitted hats and sweaters. Home Hardware staff in Southampton helped us to box up these gifts to be sent to those in need. They will be shipped to Winnipeg to CLWR and then flown out to those in need in all parts of the world.

It is so gratifying for our congregation to be a part of this well needed project – helping those in other parts of the world. People in need will be able to cradle and hug these teddies and others will be wrapped in the quilts thus receiving warmth, love and caring from us.

May God's grace be upon these shawls, quilts and teddy bears, warming and comforting and enfolding and embracing.

Each stitch was sewn with love.

This is a very exciting and meaningful project for our church members. As well, many friends of congregation members became involved in the project and contributed knitted bears and quilts.



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Some of the graduates and pastors who supervised them in field placements or internship at Martin Luther University College Convocation 2019. Congratulations everyone!

Front row, left to right: Rev Jeff Laustsen, Jonah Bruce, Leanne Darlington, Brooklyn Lane, and Pam McNeil. Back row l-r Rev Philip Mathai, Rev Tanya Ramer, Rev Joanna Miller, Rev Fred Ludolph and Rev Jennifer Hoover, absent Rev Kimberlyn McNabb. *Photo credit Christopher McNeil*

We want to hear your news. We want to share what's going on in your congregation. Please send us your ministry stories directly or through links to other publications or invite me to visit to see for myself and to learn what is happening in your congregation.



[Pastor Riitta](#)



Our prayers are with Rev Virginia (Gini) Cookman and her family as they mourn the loss of her daughter, Kendra.

*My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.  
Psalm 73: 26*

### Upcoming Events

Ordination Service, New Denmark  
November 19, 2019

Treasurer's Workshop, Stratford  
November 23, 2019

Seaway Conference Retreat  
Camp Lutherlyn  
November 24 - 27, 2019

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

## Mixed Results For Offerings Received To Date in 2019

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

I'm pleased to report that for the second consecutive month, on a year-to-date basis 2019 Benevolence offerings are tracking slightly ahead (+1%) of those received in 2018. However, offerings designated for Canadian Lutheran World Relief are considerably lower than those received for the same period in 2018 (-7%). For details refer to [Report of the Treasurer](#) or go to <http://www.easternsynod.org/> and click the orange Treasurers/Financial Info button.



*On behalf of the*



**Eastern Synod**  
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

**Bishop Michael J. Pryse**  
cordially invites you to attend the  
**Synod Ordination Service of**

## **Jonah Anthony Andrew Bruce**

*to be held at*

**St Peter's Lutheran Church**  
249 Main New Denmark Rd  
New Denmark, NB

**Tuesday, November 19, 2019**  
at 7:00 p.m.

*Clergy are asked to vest*  
(Liturgical colour is red)

**Vesting Clergy please RSVP by November 15, 2019**  
to  
Cathy Caron Grahlman  
<[ccaron@elcic.ca](mailto:ccaron@elcic.ca)> or (519) 743-1461

## **Reception to Follow**

Looking for a great Christmas gift idea?

Want to know more about what Lutherans are doing across the country?

Contact Barb [bwiebe@elcic.ca](mailto:bwiebe@elcic.ca)



### **Interims**

**Rev Anders Fehn** began at Swedish Lutheran, Toronto

### **Transitions**

**Rev Stephen Scheidt** began at Zion, Pembroke

**Rev Heike Toeller** began at St. Luke's, Kitchener



# LUTHER

November 2019

## New board members

We welcome four new members to our Board of Governors including **Ken Seiling**, former chair of the Regional Municipality of Waterloo; **Mary Thompson**, distinguished professor emerita at the University of Waterloo; **Linzy Abraham**; speech-language pathologist with Waterloo Region District School Board; and **Liz Hood**, a recent graduate of Luther's MA in Theology program, in the field of Spiritual Care and Psychotherapy.

We also thank departing members **Andrew Thompson**, **Chun Zhang**, and **Karen Redman** for sharing their time and wisdom during a period of significant transition. For more details on the appointments, see the [announcement](#) on our website.

For more information on how our school is governed, check out [governance](#) and [affiliations](#) webpages.

## Fall Class of 2019



Congratulations to 21 of our students who graduated in October including two PhD; 11 MA in Theology (Spiritual Care and Psychotherapy); two MA-MDiv; three MDiv; three Graduate Diploma. Blessings to all in your work! Photos: [Facebook](#), [Flickr](#).

## Inshallah carol sing

[Inshallah](#), the community choir based at Luther, presents "Carol Sing With a Global Twist" at Kitchener City Hall on Friday, Dec. 13, 7-8 p.m. Donation proceeds to Reception House Waterloo Region, supporting refugees.

## Blue Christmas

The [thirdspace](#) alternative worshipping community based at Luther will be holding a Blue Christmas service in Keffer Memorial Chapel, 4-5 p.m., followed by hot apple cider and fellowship, on Saturday, Dec. 21.

## Water is Life

Inshallah, the choir based at Luther, helped raise more than \$1,500 for the All Nations Grand River Water Walk during an event hosted by Harcourt Memorial United Church in Guelph. Photos on [Facebook](#), [Flickr](#).

## Auxiliary AGM

Allen Jorgenson, professor of systematic theology and Luther's assistant dean, delivered the keynote talk during the Auxiliary's annual general meeting at Trillium Lutheran Church in Waterloo. See photos on [Facebook](#), [Flickr](#).

## Eco-anxiety, eco-therapy

Our thanks to all who participated in the [The Delton Glebe Counselling Centre's](#) annual breakfast and lunch and learn. Pamela



McCarroll, associate professor of practical theology at Victoria University in the University of Toronto, (pictured) spoke on finding hope in an age of eco-anxiety. More than 120 attended the breakfast and lunch and learn. See photos on [Facebook](#), [Flickr](#).

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## An Indigenous Anglican church

Our deepest thanks to the Most Rev. Mark MacDonald, the Anglican Church of Canada's National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, for being the keynote speaker for our latest Circle of Dialogue event. View more photos on [Facebook](#) and [Flickr](#).



# A Community Christmas Concert

for **sanctuary** refugee health centre

[www.sanctuaryrefugee.com](http://www.sanctuaryrefugee.com)

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& **St. Peter's**  
choir

Your chance to  
**SING**

&

be a part of a  
national **CTV**  
television  
broadcast

A Message of  
**HOPE**

**Sunday December 8 ❄️ 3pm**

**St. Peter's Church ❄️ 49 Queen St N ❄️ Downtown Kitchener**  
[www.stpeterskw.ca](http://www.stpeterskw.ca)

**Reception**

**Freewill Donation**