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TAKING TIME

Do you remember the days when the correspondence you received came in the form of a letter, handwritten or typed, but sent by mail? This is what is often referred to as snail mail, today, a real envelope and a real stamp delivered by a real person from Canada Post. Even that has changed but that's another story.

There is something appealing about that scenario, at least to me. The correspondence often indicates a thoughtful and measured response. There was time to consider, ponder, and reflect.

In contrast, we now live in an age of instant and constant communication. We allow ourselves to be available at all times and places. We are expected to reply to questions as soon as the question is received, rarely given time for measured thought. Electronic devices begin to define our identity. People often feel lost when they

can be plugged or wired in. We are unsure of what to do next. It is as if we have lost the ability to be by ourselves and to give thanks for times by ourselves. We are so often "doing" that we neglect the "being".

Eventually, we find that we have given others tremendous power over us. We enable others to interrupt us, whether at home or at work or at play. Others dictate how and when we shall work even when we should be enjoying leisure and renewal. Don't misunderstand me. I am grateful that we have the technology we do. There are times when it is vital that I can reach others or others reach me. However, I do question our society's willingness to give up our boundaries. My own willingness.

Do we think so highly of ourselves that we must be available at a moment's notice to the beck and call of any and all? Conversely, do we think so little of ourselves that we fail to guard a most basic part of God's intention for us? After all, one of the gifts of creation is what happened on the seventh day - God rested. There in the genesis of our life, we not only see the sacredness of life itself but we also see how God builds Sabbath in to the very fabric of the created order.

Further into the biblical narrative, we observe another radical departure from the ways of the world. When God gave Moses the Ten Commandments, imagine the Israelites' surprise and delight when

they are informed that they get to have one day off per week. Again, God knows how much we need a time to focus on our relationship with God, with others, with creation, and with self. We have ample time for work and busyness through out the rest of the week, but God knows that we also need to be restored and renewed. Or do we think we can place ourselves above God when we insist on ignoring our weekly and yearly Sabbath rest?

Something to think about as I watch a Lake Huron sunset, this summer.

God's Peace. Happy summer.

Rev. Douglas Reble
Assistant to the Bishop
Eastern Synod, ELCIC

Grow Hope— Share the Harvest

is a new opportunity to raise funds and 'grow hope' for families who don't have enough to eat.

Visit clwr.org for details.



Canadian Lutheran
World Relief

Faith, Deep River Helps Camp Lutherlyn

submitted by Frank Russell

Camp Lutherlyn is in urgent need of repairs, upgrades and replacement of equipment and Faith Lutheran responded to this need. We pray that this important Outdoor Ministry will continue to flourish with God's blessing.

Lutherlyn Camp and Conference Center is located on the shores of Golden Lake off Highway 60 in the Ottawa Valley of Renfrew County. It has been in existence for over 50 years. This facility offers weekly camp for children ages 8 – 15, teens 14 – 16, as well as adult & family summer programmes. It is also rented for family reunions, wedding retreats and corporate events.

Right: Members of Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, Deep River/Chalk River, Ontario gathered together with their interim pastor, the Rev Bruce Thompson on 30 April, 2017 to present a cheque of \$50,000 Cdn to the Lutherlyn Camp and Conference Center. The cheque was presented by Chairperson Susan Autio, holding the cheque at left to Amanda Ryan, Treasurer for the center



Zion's sewing ministry

submitted by Rev Brad Mittleholtz

As part of the commemoration of the 500th year of the reformation, Pat Mathews of Zion Lutheran in Sault Ste. Marie had a dream. Her dream was to create 500 dresses for CLWR out of pillow cases. This project was completed in the early part of 2017. As the pastor, I was pleased with the project and proud of the accomplishment of the congregation to produce 500 dresses. I also thought that would be the end of sewing projects at Zion for awhile.

But I was wrong. Pat had a greater vision! With her strength, gumption and passion an unused Sunday school classroom was converted into a permanent sewing room at Zion. Its mission wasn't to sew items to sell at sales or bazaars but to give back to the community. Pat's only rule was that nothing was to be for sale. Everything would be given away for free.

Pat began on faith that resources would come. And they did! Extra materials from one person, patterns and ideas from another person, some funds were generated locally. But a big blessing was a grant from the Women and Faith Fund. These monies will go a long way to creating an even more useable sewing room.

The first project was to make aprons created out of old dress shirts to be used by Zion's volunteers at a local hot meal program. Next was a project dear to many. Several chemo caps were created to be distributed at Sault Ste. Marie's cancer center. Regular caps wouldn't be good enough – instead "Canada 150" caps were created from special materials. Partnering with another member of Zion matching pic line covers were created. The pic line covers cover up the tubing that is used and left attached to the arm when receiving chemotherapy treatments.

When this project was completed and shared with Zion it was also announced that the project was dedicated to Helen Jayne Fremlin who was the daughter of Carolyn and Brian Fremlin. Their daughter Helen Jayne had just recently died after a journey with cancer.

Even in the summer the sewing room will be busy with more caps, dresses, and other projects.



Images for ELCIC Worship Bulletin Covers

In Mission for Others. This theme of the ELCIC invites us to look out into our communities and see the people around us, loving our neighbours as ourselves. The ELCIC Program Committee for Worship (PCW) is putting out a call for images of doors and windows that look out and see in, evoking this mission that we all share across the church, to be used on worship bulletin covers for the 2017-2018 liturgical year.

Images can be of doors and windows of any sort. Doors are thresholds of welcome to invite people in. Windows see into the lives of our neighbours and inspire us to reach out. Images of doors and windows that invite us into the light, into contemplation of stability and beauty, and into transition and change are all welcome.

Please send images attached to an email to BulletinPictures@gmail.com indicating the PHOTOGRAPHER who took the image and the LOCATION where the picture was taken. Tell the STORY: say something about why you took the image. Include the name of the congregation if appropriate.

The PCW has asked David Solheim, who prepared the current bulletin series, to select and prepare the set of images for the bulletin covers again for 2017-2018. Since the bulletin covers require a square image (like Instagram), Dave will crop your image as needed. Dave says that, from a practical point of view, any jpeg (.jpg) image that is 2.6 MB or more in size can work.

All images for the first half-year need to be submitted by **September 30, 2017**. Please continue to send images for the second half until April 4, 2018.

Report of the Treasurer

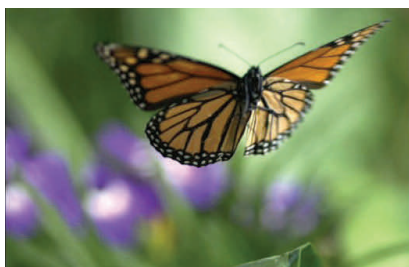
(To June 30th, 2017)

Benevolence offerings received during the first six months of 2017 are in line with budget requirements, tracking 1.2% ahead of those received for the corresponding period last year. For details refer to [Report of the Treasurer](#) or go to <http://www.easternsynod.org/> and click the orange Treasurers/Financial Info button.

Donations totalling approximately \$18,000 directed to Canadian Lutheran World Relief's "Stop the Famine Together" appeal were received by the synod office as of June 30th. These funds, eligible for government matching, have been directed towards helping to alleviate the food crisis that is currently occurring in a number of African countries.

FYI, the Eastern Synod's 2016 audited financial statements are available on the synod website. To review these, click on the following link: [2016 Audited Financial Statements](#).

Our thoughts and prayers are with the friends and family of Rev. Joachim Knaack as they mourn his passing.



Vacancies

Faith, Brantford
Faith, Fergus-Elora
St. Matthew's, Kitchener
St. Peter's, Ottawa
Advent, Toronto
St. James, St. Jacobs
Bethany, Woodstock

For further information please contact Rev Douglas Reble, Assistant to the Bishop, dreble@elcic.ca or call 1-877-373-5242.

Women's Auxiliary Waterloo Lutheran Seminary Annual Meeting

October 21, 2017
St. John's Lutheran Church
22 Willow St.
Waterloo, ON

10am-4pm

Registration 9:30 am

Theme: Women of the Reformation

Guest Speaker: Rev Henry Fischer "Queen Maria of Hungary, A Supporter of the Reformation" also: "Meet Katharina von Borra, wife of Martin Luther."

Come out and enjoy a wonderful day of worship, a Luther Hymn Sing and fellowship. Meet the new Seminarians and see the beautiful quilts.

Cost for registration and lunch is \$22.

To register contact Mrs. Lynda Karn by October 13, 2017
[email: lkarn@rogers.com](mailto:lkarn@rogers.com)

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Oktober 14. 2017



LUTHER *fest* 5000

with MICHAEL COREN



award-winning
author, radio
and TV-
personality,
columnist
and speaker

WELCOME!

6:00 pm gathering, 6:30 pm dinner

ENTERTAINMENT

Tickets \$50,
purchase at
easternsynod.org



Venue: Holiday Inn
30 Fairway Road S.
Kitchener

Let the Bells Ring Out

submitted by Denis St. Onge

Three new bells will be ringing from the tower of St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ottawa this year.

A generous gift from a donor has allowed the congregation to add this wonderful addition to our church building.

Overlooking the Garden of the Provinces in the heart of Ottawa, we will be able to make ourselves heard as development continues in the area surrounding our church building.

Two bells were cast on June 15 and the third a week later. The largest of the three bells will be embossed with the words:

ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
OTTAWA, ONTARIO
SOLI DEO GLORIA
CELEBRATING 500 YEARS OF REFORMATION
1517-2017

The bells were cast at the FONDERIE PACCARD in Sévrier, France, a small town south of Geneva. This Foundry has been in operation since 1796 and is run by the seventh generation of Paccards. They have many famous bells to their credit including the 33,285 kg World Peace Bell in Newport, Kentucky. Once the three bells have cooled, been polished and tuned, they should be on their way towards their new home by late July. We are hoping they will be ringing in Ottawa by Reformation Sunday.

Denis and Betty St. Onge, members of St. Peter's, traveled to France to view the casting of the first two bells. "We simply wanted to be part of this historical moment".



60th Anniversary Celebration

submitted by Lawrence Lupton

On May 27-28, St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, Pembroke, celebrated its 60th anniversary. To mark the occasion, the congregation held a dinner on May 27 that included former pastors and members. On Sunday May 28, Bishop Michael



Pryse preached at the worship service. At this service, the congregation donated \$1,000 each to the St. Joseph's Food Bank in Pembroke, Eastern Synod benevolence, CLWR and Lutherlyn Camp and Conference Centre. Pictured are members and clergy representing each of the recipients. From left to right: Frank Schilling, Bernice Kranz, Bishop Michael Pryse, Helena Stalkie, Pastor Bruce Thompson and Ivan Stalkie. Frank is President of the Food Bank; Bernice, Helena and Ivan are long serving members of the St. Timothy's Food Bank team, Bishop Michael represented Synod and CLWR, while Pastor Bruce is the Vice-Chair of the Camp Board of Directors.



Waterloo Lutheran Seminary

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On a solid footing



In recent weeks, work crews created the concrete footing and foundation for the new entrance facing Bricker Avenue. Inside, workers have also started installing light-steel wall studs and heavy-steel support beams. To see what's happening behind the construction fence as the seminary's \$9-million renewal project unfolds, visit our [YouTube channel](#) for video-slideshow updates. And for details on this historic transformation, visit the website reformcapitalcampaign.ca

Save the dates

Sept. 17, Sing Fires of Justice featuring [Tom Jackson](#); **Oct. 26**, Second annual Delton Glebe Counselling Centre gala breakfast.

Keynote [Carrie Doehring](#); **Oct. 31**, Reformation 500 event.; **Nov. 6** — Circle of Dialogue with Bev Jacobs; **Nov. 15**, Abrahamic Faiths Forum. Please stay tuned for details.

Summer office hours

The seminary office, 190 Lester St. in Waterloo, will close at noon on Fridays to August 25 inclusive. Our office hours for Mondays to Thursdays remain 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Contact us

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Seminary stories: Mirko Petricevic, mpetricevic@wlu.ca

Inshallah East!



More than 60 members of Inshallah travelled to Nova Scotia in July and August as part of the choir's 10th season, Canada 150, and the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. View [videos](#) from their Peggy's Cove singalong (pictured above, courtesy of Rev. Steve Hoffard). Fall Inshallah events: **Nov. 5**, Inshallah Sings; **Nov. 25**, Inshallah ensemble sings for affordable housing, with Menno-Homes; **Dec. 4**, Inshallah ensemble sings for peace, Family & Children Services of the Waterloo Region; **Dec. 12**, Inshallah Sings Peace. Details TBD.