



November

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Mission Statement: "As Christians living in God's grace we seek to demonstrate our faith in Christ by caring, listening, and responding to the needs of the whole person, serving each other and those beyond our Lutheran community."



From the Pastor's Desk

A renewed Reformation

On October 31st a historic service is being held in Sweden to commemorate the Reformation with Pope Francis and from the Lutheran World Federation Bishop Munib Younan and General Secretary, Rev. Martin Junge.

It can be livestreamed over the internet at www.lutheranworld.org/content/joint-commemoration-livestream beginning Monday October 31 at 8:00am until approximately noon.

The following is a press release prior to the event giving us some background about how this came to be.

Joint Catholic-Lutheran Commemoration of the Reformation

October 27, 2016

(Vatican Radio 26/10/2016)

Pope Francis' visit to Sweden for a joint ecumenical commemoration of the Reformation is a big step forward because Catholics and Lutherans are "no longer defining themselves in opposition to each other", but in communion with one another, Those were the words of the head of the Holy See press office, Greg Burke, to journalists at a briefing on Wednesday ahead of the Pope's departure for southern Sweden on Monday October 31st. Pope Francis and the heads of the Lutheran World Federation will be jointly presiding at an ecumenical prayer service in Lund cathedral, followed by a public witness event in the nearby city of Malmö. On the following morning, All Saints Day, the Pope will also celebrate Mass in Malmö for Sweden's tiny Catholic community.

Also addressing journalists in the Vatican press office about the significance of this unprecedented ecumenical event was the **General Secretary of the Lutheran World**

Federation, Rev Martin Junge, and the head of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, Cardinal Kurt Koch.

The Cardinal and the Lutheran leader looked relaxed and upbeat as they explained the importance of the Pope's presence in Sweden for this 500th anniversary commemoration. The event comes as the culmination of years of theological progress, from the signing of the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification in 1999, to the publication of a shared history of the Reformation in the 2013 document 'From Conflict to Communion'.

From the impossible to the possible

A few years ago, Rev. Junge stressed, the idea of Catholics and Lutheran marking together such a historically divisive event would have seemed simply impossible, yet today it's a powerful sign of Christian witness to our suffering and fragmented world. "We are working on the last details of what we truly believe is a historic commemoration..... We do this a year ahead of the 500th anniversary, thereby hoping to give a very strong ecumenical signal, that we understand because of our dialogues, because of the trust that has grown among us, because also we have been able to remove some of the obstacles of doctrinal differences among us, that the time is mature, is ripe, to move 'from conflict to communion'. And this is what we'll do publicly, this is for what we'll be praying, for God to be with us, this is what we want to encourage our communities, to live out that commitment".

Three aspects of commemoration

Asked about those Catholics who question the idea of celebrating the Reformation, Cardinal Koch pointed to the three aspects of the common commemoration: gratitude for the past 50 years of progress, common witness as a sign of hope for the future, but also repentance for the terrible religious conflicts which transformed Europe into "a sea of blood" in the 16th and 17th centuries.

Reassessing Luther's life and legacy

Questioned about the possibility of lifting Luther's excommunication, the cardinal said that's not something the Church can actually do, but he pointed to the very many positive statements that recent popes have made in reassessing Luther's contribution to the understanding of our common Christian faith.

"The Catholic Church cannot lift the excommunication because it's just finished by the death of a person. But on the other side is what we can say about Luther, and here we have many beautiful things that the popes have said.....the words of John Paul II on his visit in Germany, in Mainz, he said that we can learn many things from Luther. Then we have the beautiful speech of Pope Benedict in Erfurt, where he said the greatest concern of Luther was the question of God, the centrality of the question of God and the Christocentrism are the key concerns in the life and work of Luther and Pope Benedict recognised this very well. This is, for me, more important, what we can say about Luther and what we can learn from the theology and concerns of Luther".

Longing for Eucharistic sharing

While theological differences around ministry, the Church and the Eucharist remain, the Cardinal and the Lutheran leader said they hope the events in Sweden will give impetus to new understanding and even new agreements on sharing at the Eucharistic table.



Commemorating the Reformation Then and Now

Human Beings Not for Sale – A Study

When: Weekly beginning Tuesday November 22 at 10am or 7pm.

Where: Christ Lutheran Church, 453 Highland Road Cost \$10

The Lutheran World Federation's theme to commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, Liberated by God's Grace, is linked to the doctrine of justification by faith, which has also been called "the doctrine by which the church stands or falls". In Christ, God's grace is given to us as a free and unconditional gift. We will be exploring the influence of this Reformation insight from different perspectives, and its importance to the world in 1517 and now.

This study is one of three booklets published by the Lutheran World Federation for the Reformation anniversary. This is one of three sub-themes: Human Beings – Not for Sale, Salvation – Not for Sale, and Creation - Not For Sale.

Come and learn more!

Please contact Pastor Scott Schellenberger at sschellenberger@hotmail.com or 705-313-0333 if you plan to attend.



MEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB

The men will meet at 8:30 am at the Saturday November 12th.

Great discussions and food will be consumed by all! The next one is at the church Saturday December 10th at 8:30 am.



P.A. Day Kid's Klub is happening again on **Friday, November 25**. The children come to Christ Lutheran as though it were a school day with their lunches and snacks. Activities are provided that usually center on a particular theme. While particular activities have not yet been planned for November they will probably center on Christmas. Times are 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Tell anyone you know that may have to find daycare or can't afford any of the activities provided around town which have a fee. We are free! Anyone wanting to help is welcome!



BUCKHORN SINGERS BENEFIT CONCERT

On **Sunday, December 11 at 2:30 the Buckhorn Singers** will be singing another benefit concert at Christ Lutheran. Free will donations from the concert will support the students attending the schools of Jordan and the Holy Land. This is a program through Canadian Lutheran World Relief and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. A scholarship of \$1400 will allow a student to attend school for one year. Spread the word to family and friends. Do you know anyone that would like to share their skills at the concert? Let me know!

Sincerely Marlys



Health and Wellness Team

Blue Christmas Services for December 2016 - Will be posted as soon as available



MANY THANK YOU'S!

Our Oktoberfest social fundraiser was a great hit and a great big thank you to all. To Barry who contributed the "suds" and to everyone who helped in every/anyway. We raised \$1220. Thank you so much for your support and we did have a lot of fun!



One Roof Community Diner a welcoming place to share a meal

PARISH OUTREACH

Thank you to Men's Breakfast Club donation of their monies and time to the One Roof Diner on Thursday Oct. 27th. Cal and Barry organized a delicious chicken stew dinner for a great meal & fellowship with our Peterborough community. Many helpers Christ Lutheran made light work of the meal. Thanks to all!



LUNCHEON

Join your friends on **November 3rd at 11 am.** in the basement of the church for a time of singing, eating, and communion. Gerry will accompany us on the piano; Pastors Scott and Mike will arrange communion; you will provide the laughter and fellowship. There will be a lunch and dessert will be provided by the Health and Wellness Committee. See you there!



WORKSHOP: Canada Helps.org Church Fundraising, Trends and Strategies in 2016 – Wednesday November 16th 7 pm at Christ Lutheran Church – Free of charge. Our speaker, Paul Nazareth has will be presenting how giving patterns through internet and social media have changed and ways which congregations can adapt. Paul has worked with a central Church team where he supported 230 churches and 1.9 million congregants in their personal giving and has won an international Stewardship award for Christian fundraising. Please see Pastor Scott to register or email sschellenberger@hotmail.com



Commemoration of 500 years since Reformation

The Lutheran churches of Peterborough, Oshawa, Whitby, Pickering, and Scarborough will be gathering to celebrate in unity the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation. The first event will be a joint-worship service January 22 2018 10:30am in Whitby. Bishop Michael Pryse will be joining us. Those interested in joining a planning committee from the five churches please talk to Pastor Scott.



PETERBOROUGH SINGERS SEASON - Concert Series 2016 – 2017

Enjoy our full season of concerts! Or join us for a three- or two-concert "mini-season"!

[Yuletide Cheer](#)

Saturday, November 26, 2016, 7:30 pm

[Handel's Messiah](#)

Monday, December 19, 2016, 7:30 pm

[Canadian Women of Song](#)

Saturday, February 25, 2017, 2 pm

[Mozart: Requiem & Arias](#)

Saturday, May 6, 2017, 7:30 pm

From Christ Lutheran Church to the Peterborough Churches Covenant Commission re: The June Report of Preliminary Options

Thank you for all this work.

As a church council and as a voice for our parishioners we wish to again thank the Commission for all the work they have done.

We held a circle discussion on September 18 (approx. 35 members attended). It was once again voiced very clearly that moving forward is desirable, but there is much fear of losing our 'identity' in the community.

As a church family we know the need for, and are becoming increasingly willing to transition to something different. We are at a point where many congregational members would like to know the actual steps/procedure involved in transitioning to something new. The governance and decision-making structure(s) came up often.

Of the two options presented in the report option 2 appears to allow for the Lutheran voice to be heard a little more clearly. The idea of "Lutheran Identity" worship, space, and activities continues to be the concern that is voiced most often. Option 2 also has the advantage of a less complex transition for the 5 churches – the 2 large churches into one, and the 3 smaller churches into one.

Again,
Thanks for all this work.
Christ Lutheran Church Council



CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Church Council Meeting – Wednesday October 19, 2016 (6:30 to 8:00)

Council Members: Pastor Scott Schellenberger, Johanna Coombs, Connie Baker, Pauline Parsons, Milan Ichniovsky, Iris Gravel, Andy Laitila, Al Butson, Marlys Kerkman, Jeff Butson, Brenda Bastian

Regrets: Johanna, Milan

Opening Devotion (Pastor Scott)

Agenda / Approve: Motion by Marlys. Seconded by Iris. Approved.

Minutes of Prior Meeting / Approve: Motion by Pauline. Seconded by Iris. Approved

Correspondence:

- Request from member to consider having the second Christmas Eve service at 8:00 pm. Request was acknowledged and discussion of Christmas Services schedule deferred to November Council meeting.

Electronic Communications: No updates

Reports and Updates:

Worship (Pastor Scott): Report sent out electronically

Parish Support (Andy):

- The floors in the washrooms are mostly finished **[Andy]**
- Dishwasher hooked up and ready to go; Robin is organizing a training session with a Hobart service person **[Robin]**
- Floor quotes and installation method being evaluated **[Al]**

Outreach (Milan):

- Brown Bag Lunch October 23 at St. Paul's, last one for 2016; Sunday dinners will move indoors for hot meals. Christ will be volunteering for a couple of Sunday's over the winter **[Robin]**
- One Roof Diner: **Barry** organizing Men's Club and some of the lady volunteers to make and serve dinner October 27
- Council members collected \$100 donation for the First Methodist Church in St. Augustine, Florida for the youth group that lost their fund-raising pumpkins in Hurricane Matthew

Kid's Club (Marlys):

- 3 children and 3 adults enjoyed 'colour' on the September 30 PA Day
- Christmas Decorations will be the theme of the November PA day Kid's Klub **[Marlys]**

Health and Wellness (Iris):

- Visitation: Setting up a Visitation Workshop with Bev Thompson for Christ members **[Iris]**
- Hospice presentation after church on October 23 **[Iris]**

Social activities (Iris):

- Senior Luncheon at Christ on November 3
- Blue Christmas: A Blue Christmas service will not be held at Christ this year, but we are invited to attend other services in the area. The Health and Wellness committee members will attend these services with Christ seniors.

Stewardship/Fundraising (Pauline):

- Financial Secretary – Janice LeClair is our new Financial Secretary
- Letter distributed to Congregation updating how our resources are used
- CanadaHelps presentation "How to use social media for fund raising" at Christ on November 16 at 7pm. Everyone is invited. Place the invitation in the bulletin **[Robin]**
- Marlys organizing a Choir fundraiser with the Buckhorn Singers at Christ for December 11. Funds will be used towards providing one scholarship to support ELCIC's Reformation objective to help provide 500 scholarships for schools of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land **[Marlys]**
- Christmas Bazaar: November 19 from 9:30-1:00 with expanded Tea Room and more baked goods this year. Muffins, mini-loaves, squares, cookies and Christmas pudding are the favorite items. Contact Robin for details **[Robin]**
- Oktoberfest dinner and fundraiser October 23 at 4pm

Mutual Ministry (Sylvia): Nothing to report

Treasurer's Report (Brenda):

- Council discussed preliminary budget. Budget will be finalized at the next Council meeting in preparation for our 2017 AGM

Peterborough Anglican Lutheran Covenant:

- Summaries of feedback about the report from all 5 churches was shared at the October 12 meeting of the Commission and are attached to this e-mail – Final Report to be completed October 19 at the last planned meeting of the Commission
- The Covenant Council has proposed two shared events (for all 5 congregations to get together) - a Carol Service in December and another shared service at another time
- Bishop White met with the 5 Churches' Clergy on October 12

Update Calendars

- Men's breakfast: Next meeting Saturday November 12
- Reformation Anniversary Events for 2017 with Area Lutheran Churches [**Pastor Scott**]
 - Joint service in Whitby February 22
 - Second joint service in October to be determined
 - Sunday service and picnic at Zoo Park in Peterborough in 2017. Confirm the Zoo date [**Pastor Scott**] so that we can reserve the park space

Next Meeting: November 29, 6:30 pm, at the Church



FOOD FOR KIDS PROGRAM

The group meets every Tuesday at 12:30 pm in the Church basement to cut up snack food for the Kawartha Heights school children. All are welcomed to come out to help and enjoy the great fellowship experience.



P.A. Day

Friday, November 25 - 9:00 to 3:30 Children bring their own lunch and snacks.
Family and friends welcomed!



Hymn "Sing & Study"

Four weeks of singing & studying old & new Advent hymns... who wrote them what inspired them when they were written why they have become favourites Please join us on Wednesday mornings from November 23 – December 14th 10 am worship and study 11 am-noon St. Luke's Anglican Church.



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Saturday November 19th

The Craft group is busy preparing for the Christmas Bazaar set to take place on Saturday November 19 9:30 am – 1:30 pm No admission charge. Hand-made craft items are gratefully accepted. The bake table, the ladies are asking for donations of Christmas baking, squares and fancy Christmas cookies to make up mixed dessert plates to sell. The proceeds will go towards our current account. We will also receive up to \$500 in a matching grant from Faith Life Financial. **Christmas Bazaar handmade goods** can be delivered to the church today until Friday Nov. 18th. We welcome **baked goods to be delivered on Friday Nov. 18 only**. Thank you!



CHRISTMAS CONGREGATIONAL DINNER

On **Sunday December 11th** after worship come out and enjoy a traditional turkey dinner. Please bring family and friends. Free will offering.



Joy to the World!

COVENANT CAROL SING ALONG

Carol Sing Along at All Saints at 3 pm on Saturday December 17th. Refreshments to follow. All Covenant churches are invited. Please plan to attend.

Clothing Drive



WINTER CLOTHES NEEDED

We **need men, women, children winter jackets, hats, gloves, underwear and socks** for people that come to the One Roof Community Diner and the Warming Room. Please put items in the box in the vestibule at church. Thank you!



JOBS! JOBS! JOBS! Reader

Ushers

Assistant

All Saints

November 6	Johanna Coombs	Johanna & Glenn	Johanna Coombs
November 13	Cal Taillefer	Sylvia & Marlys	Cal Taillefer
Christ the King Sunday			
November 20	Iris Gravel	Al & Robin	Iris Gravel
Advent 1			
November 27	Marlys Kerkman	Glenn & Johanna	Marlys Kerkman
December 4	Al Butson	Al & Connie B	Al Butson

Counters for the month of November – George Maschke & Sylvia Shea

Counters for the month of December – Al Butson & Ilse Donnelly

Altar Care for the month of November – Johanna Coombs

Altar Care for the month December – Robin Butson

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>NOVEMBER 2016</h1>						
		1 Bible study 10 am & 7 pm Slice & Dice 12:30 pm Craft group follows	2 Community Living 1-4	3 Senior's Luncheon 11 am	4	5
6 All Saints Holy Communion 10:00 am Coffee time	7 Community living 9-12 noon	8 Bible Study 10:00 am 12:30 pm Bag Snacks 1:30 Craft 7 pm Bible study	9 Community Living 1-4	10	11	12 Men's Breakfast 8:30 am at church basement
13 Pentecost Holy Communion 10:00 am Coffee time	14 Bazaar setup Community living 9-12 noon	15 Bible Study 10:00 am 12:30 pm Bag Snacks 7 pm Bible study	16 Community Living 1-4 Church fundraising event 7 pm	17	18 Bring your Bake Goods for Bazaar Till 7 pm	19 Christmas Bazaar 9:30am -1:30pm
20 CHRIST THE KING Holy Communion 10:00 am Coffee time sponsored by the Craft group	21 Community Care 9-12 noon	22 Bible Study 10:00 am 12:30 pm Bag Snacks 7 pm Bible study	23 St. Luke's Advent Sing & Study 10 am Community Living 1-4	24	25 PA Kid's Club 9 am - 3:30 pm	26 Peterborough Singers Yuletude cheer 7:30 pm
27 Advent 1 Holy Communion 10:00 am Coffee Time	28 Community Living 9-12 noon	29 Bible Study 10:00 am 12:30 pm Bag Snacks 7 pm Bible study	30 St. Luke's Advent Sing & Study 10 am Community Living 1-4	Dec 1	Dec 2	Dec 3
Dec 4 Advent 2 Holy Communion 10:00 am Coffee time after worship	5 Community Living 9-12 noon	6 Bible Study 10:00 am 12:30 pm Bag Snacks 7 pm Bible study	7 St. Luke's Advent Sing & Study 10 am Community Living 1-4	8	9	10 Men's Breakfast 8:30 am at church

