



The Morningstar

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF

EPIPHANY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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I remember being at a party and the conversation was about dates. "I was born on Christmas," one person said. Another said she was born on Canada Day. Yet another said, "I was born on Labour Day." We all chuckled – weren't we all?

As the summer grows old and fall approaches, everyone's thoughts turn to Labour Day – the unofficial end of the summer. Labour Day marks the beginning of school for children and a return to the normal pace at work and at church. Labour Day has many meanings but its original significance was to mark the achievements of the labour movement and unions – a day that we think about our jobs and how we can work safely and so on.

This is the first Labour Day that I will mark since my retirement. So it will be different for me. My wife Annette reminds me that retirement means just that – re-tiring (putting on new tires). When I think of it, we are constantly putting on new tires in our lives: accepting new roles and responsibilities, stepping away from some old tasks. Retiring doesn't mean doing nothing – it means we still do things. The big difference is that we have the ability to choose what we do and are no longer tied to doing only the things that our employers want us to do to earn our wages.

So what do you want to do? Let me also ask you what do you want to do that involves the congregation. We are a small group of people and many hats are worn by a few people. Thanks to those that are wearing all these hats! Is there a hat that you would like to wear? Perhaps you can volunteer to be someone who reads the lessons every now and then, or serve on council, or participate in bible study or visit a shut-in or have an idea for the church. The possibilities are endless, I have named just a few. The congregation is always in need of support in terms of human resources as well as financial resources. I know I have been with you for only a few months but it seems to me that if people don't step up and participate, then the future of Epiphany will not be as bright as it would be with more participation (the same is true about each and every congregation). The life of the congregation and the church at large is always enhanced by more participation, more hands, more voices, more opinions.

It's Labour Day. What will be your labour of love?

Peace, Pastor Ernie

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 1

PENTECOST 15 (GREEN)

10:00 a.m. Service of Word and Sacrament
Pastor Ernie Skujins (In-person & Zoom)

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8

PENTECOST 16 (GREEN)

10:00 a.m. Service of Word and Sacrament
Pastor Ernie Skujins (In-person & Zoom)

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15

PENTECOST 17 (GREEN)

10:00 a.m. Service of Word and Sacrament
Pastor Ernie Skujins (In-person & Zoom)

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 19

7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22

PENTECOST 18 (GREEN)

10:00 a.m. Service of Word and Sacrament
Pastor Eric Schultz (In-person & Zoom)

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 29

PENTECOST 19 (GREEN)

10:00 a.m. Service of Word and Sacrament
Pastor Lowell Knussey (In-person & Zoom)

Zoom Link to EPIPHANY LUTHERAN

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9890800583?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9890800583?pwd=R05md05jWjZBTnNwc202SWJpSG5kZz09)
[pwd=R05md05jWjZBTnNwc202SWJpSG5kZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9890800583?pwd=R05md05jWjZBTnNwc202SWJpSG5kZz09)

Or by phone following the prompts:

+1 647 374 4685 Canada

Meeting ID: 989 080 0583 Passcode: 095565

On my recent trip to Newfoundland and Labrador we stayed two nights in a small place called "Cow Head". There, beside the Church was a well looked after Botanical garden. The figure of an Angel displayed a plaque that read:

God's Garden

**The kiss of the sun for pardon,
The song of the birds for mirth,
One is nearer to God's heart in the garden
Than anywhere else on Earth.**

by Dorothy Frances Gurney

To all the gardeners, submitted by Dorothea Cameron

PASTORAL NOTE

Our interim Pastor Ernie and his wife Annette will be away for a long awaited trip to Africa this September.

We welcome Pastor Eric Schultz to lead our Sunday Service on September 22. And on September 29 we will welcome Pastor Lowell Knussey.

In case of pastoral need during Pastor Ernie's absence, please contact Pastor Peter Lisinski at 905-697-6231 or Pastor Rasma Caune at 647-382-5093.



BIBLE CLASS

We look forward to Bible Class led by Marg Crewe, resuming in October. All are welcome. Stay tuned.

Tribute for Bishop Michael Pryse

This was in the recent e-newsletter from Synod, and is worth repeating in the Morningstar:

"In honour of his ministry, Martin Luther University College is refurbishing the Casavant Pipe Organ in Keffer Chapel and rededicating it as the Bishop Michael J. Pryse Commemorative Pipe Organ. Given Bishop Mike's love for congregational worship and his longstanding support of Luther, it is a fitting tribute for such a life of service. The rededication of the organ will be held at a special event scheduled for Sunday, October 20 at 3 PM at Keffer Chapel. Further information will be forthcoming in September. Please consider making a generous gift in appreciation of Bishop Mike's longstanding service and in support of ongoing ministries which have been so important to him."

The link to make a donation is: <https://secureca.imodules.com/s/1681/giving/19/form.aspx?sid=1681&gid=2&pgid=4917&cid=13918>.

Denise Dennis

IN MEMORIAM

Richard Hermann Alfred Bauer

JULY 14, 1929 — JULY 28, 2024

One of Epiphany's founding members, Richard Bauer passed away on July 28th at the age of 95.

Richard belonged to Epiphany's founding steering committee in 1962 and original council started January 1963. He and his wife Marion belonged to Epiphany's congregation until they moved to Mississauga and transferred to Grace, Oakville in 1979. They were devoted members to both congregations.

A funeral service was held on Friday August 2nd at Epiphany Evangelical Lutheran Church.



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(from Instagram)

Invisible glory! I went out to photograph the Perseid meteor shower, only to come home frustrated by the strange colouration in my images. Little did I know the northern lights were very active! The camera could pick it up even though my eyes could not. It's a beautiful metaphor for God's presence within us. If you're looking for miraculous signs that blaze briefly like meteors, you'll miss the underlying radiance always there, waiting to be seen—not by our eyes, but by the simple awareness of our hearts. God's presence is not a flash in the sky, but the ever-present light that illuminates our being, even when we don't see it. Trust in the quiet, constant glow within, and you'll find it guiding you in ways beyond the spectacular.

David Maginley – Spiritual Care Practitioner, author, speaker, 4X cancer survivor, weekend photographer, lucky guy

CHURCH COUNCIL

Council Chair:	Geoff Crewe
Council Vice-Chair:	Denise Dennis
Council Secretary:	Vacant
Councillor-at-Large:	Greg Furan
Councillor-at-Large:	Gord Munro
Councillor:	Gordon Vollmer
Councillor:	Sigrid Engler
Treasurer:	Nalini Badley

COMMITTEE LIAISONS

Education:	Open
Finance:	Geoff Crewe
Property:	Geoff Crewe
Stewardship:	Denise Dennis
Visioning:	Gordon Vollmer
AMMS Liaison:	Geoff Crewe
Worship & Music:	Marg Crewe
Morningstar:	Sigi Sommer
Seniors Group:	Ute Wentzel
Advertising Coordinator:	Nalini Badley
ELW:	Sigrid Engler
Envelope Secretary:	Sigrid Engler
Mutual Ministry:	Open
Spiritual Society Liaison:	Open

German Worship Connections

We are happy to share opportunities for our German speaking members to worship and hear occasional sermons in your native tongue.

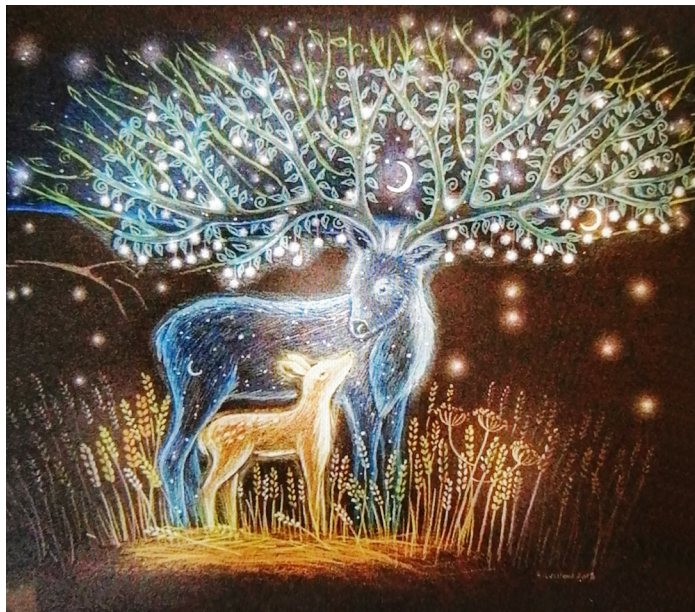
Pastor Katharina from St. George's in downtown Toronto will hold an occasional prayer and social gathering in Scarborough at the Schwabenclub. Please speak to Ute Wentzel for more information.

Pastor Annika from Martin Luther Church has a weekly devotion that airs on Sunday at 9:30am on CHLO Radio AM530 and which is also posted on their website.

Please follow the links below if you wish to hear her devotion.

AM530 Website: <https://am530.ca>

Martin Luther Church Website: <https://martinluther.ca/worship-services/radio-devotions-podcasts/>



 **hannahwillow.artist** (from Instagram)

When one day the world is too much
 Too cruel
 Too profitable
 When monetisation screams
 And algorithms laugh
 When it's all a heavy cloud
 Walk out into the green fields.
 Bathe in the light of the sky
 See the specks of tiny birds soaring
 Hear buzz and hum of bees
 Feel the drum of life, the heartbeat
 beneath it all
 Our mother Earth will hold
 And sustain
 And hear
 She holds out her hand and draws you close
 Close to green leaves and fragrant moss
 Holding tight to the trembling of
 disconnected grief
 And remembers you
 Welcomes you home
 And recognises you as her, and herself in you
 And one day you'll return
 Into the fold of her gown
 The earth's green mantle enfolds
 And time ceases to care

TREASURER'S REPORT

JUNE 2024	RECEIVED	SPENT	SURPLUS (DEFICIT)
OFFERINGS	\$4,635.00		
AMMS PARSONAGE RENT	2,575.00		
AMMS FELLOWSHIP HALL RENT	1,500.00		
AMMS PARSONAGE UTILITIES	356.22		
AMMS FELLOWSHIP HALL UTILITIES	943.44		
AMMS PROPERTY TAX	1,401.74		
GST/PST RECEIVABLE	118.88		
CURRENT MONTH TOTALS	\$11,530.28	\$9,065.53	\$2,464.75
YEAR TO DATE TOTALS	\$65,316.16	\$68,248.73	(\$2,932.57)
CIBC BANK BALANCE AT JUNE 30, 2024			38,248.15
CIBC INVESTOR'S EDGE ACCOUNT BALANCE AT THE END OF JUNE			148,040.92
SCOTIA BANK NON REDEEMABLE GIC AT 5% MATURING AUGUST 28, 2025			30,000.00

JULY 2024	RECEIVED	SPENT	SURPLUS (DEFICIT)
OFFERINGS	\$4,490.00		
AMMS PARSONAGE RENT	2,575.00		
AMMS PARSONAGE UTILITIES	1,091.57		
AMMS PROPERTY TAX	1,233.46		
GST/PST RECEIVABLE	58.75		
CURRENT MONTH TOTALS	\$9,448.78	\$8,075.53	\$1,373.25
YEAR TO DATE TOTALS	\$74,764.94	\$76,324.26	(\$1,559.32)
CIBC BANK BALANCE AT JULY 31, 2024			39,829.08
CIBC INVESTOR'S EDGE ACCOUNT BALANCE AT THE END OF JULY			154,398.80
SCOTIA BANK NON REDEEMABLE GIC AT 5% MATURING AUGUST 28, 2025			30,000.00

Yours in Christ, Nalini Badley, Treasurer

I am not okay today.
 So, in the absence of okay,
 what else can I be?

I can be gentle.
 I can be unashamed.
 I can turn my pain into connection.
 I can awake to nature.
 I can sharpen my empathy
 against the stone of my
 discomfort.

I am not okay today,
 but I am many worthy
 things.

Jarod K. Anderson

