



The Morningstar

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF

EPIPHANY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Greetings to Epiphany

As you may be aware the Easter season lasts for 50 days (ending on the Day of Pentecost) and it is with that in mind that it is Easter greetings that I send your way. Additionally I write this just after returning from Montreal where we celebrated with

a Greek Orthodox friend their Resurrection celebrations this last weekend. Geoff asked me to write a brief “self-intro” for the newsletter so here are a few things about me:

I received my Bachelor of Arts degree (majoring in Religious Studies and Sociology and minoring in Philosophy) from University of Toronto, and I received my Master of Divinity and Master of Social Work degrees from Wilfrid Laurier University. For the next 5 years I served as Pastor of Baden-Philipsburg-St. Agatha parish (just west of Kitchener-Waterloo) and then moved to serve the people of Faith Downsview for 11 years, where I also served as Dean of the Toronto Conference for two years. Following that I provided spiritual care in two long term care centres and the University Hospital Network in Toronto. I ended my working career as a Child Welfare Floater at Children’s Aid Society of Toronto where I worked for the last 19 years. During this time I provided interim ministry Pastor at Augsburg Brampton, Grace Oakville (twice), St. Paul Richmond Hill and Advent Toronto. I am married to Annette, father to Matthew & Danielle and father-in-law to Shanna. I am an avid curler.

I look forward to meeting many (if not all) of you as I begin interim ministry in your midst as of May 26.

Pastor Ernie Skujins



JUNE CALENDAR

SUNDAY JUNE 2

PENTECOST 2 (GREEN)

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

SUNDAY JUNE 9

PENTECOST 3 (GREEN)

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

THURSDAY JUNE 13

7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
(In-person & Zoom)

SUNDAY JUNE 16 (FATHER'S DAY)

PENTECOST 4 (GREEN)

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

SUNDAY JUNE 23

PENTECOST 5 (GREEN)

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

SUNDAY JUNE 30

PENTECOST 6 (GREEN)

10:00 a.m. Service of Word and Sacrament
Pastor Ernie Skujins (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

Day of Pentecost, Sunday May 19, 2024

Pastor Jordan Smith with members of the congregation following his last service as interim Pastor of Epiphany. We are grateful for his ministry to us this past year and a half, and wish him and his family God's grace and blessings. Thanks to Marg Crewe for taking and sharing this photo.

Epiphany welcomed its new interim Pastor Ernie Skujins, leading the service on Trinity Sunday, May 26.

German Worship Connections

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

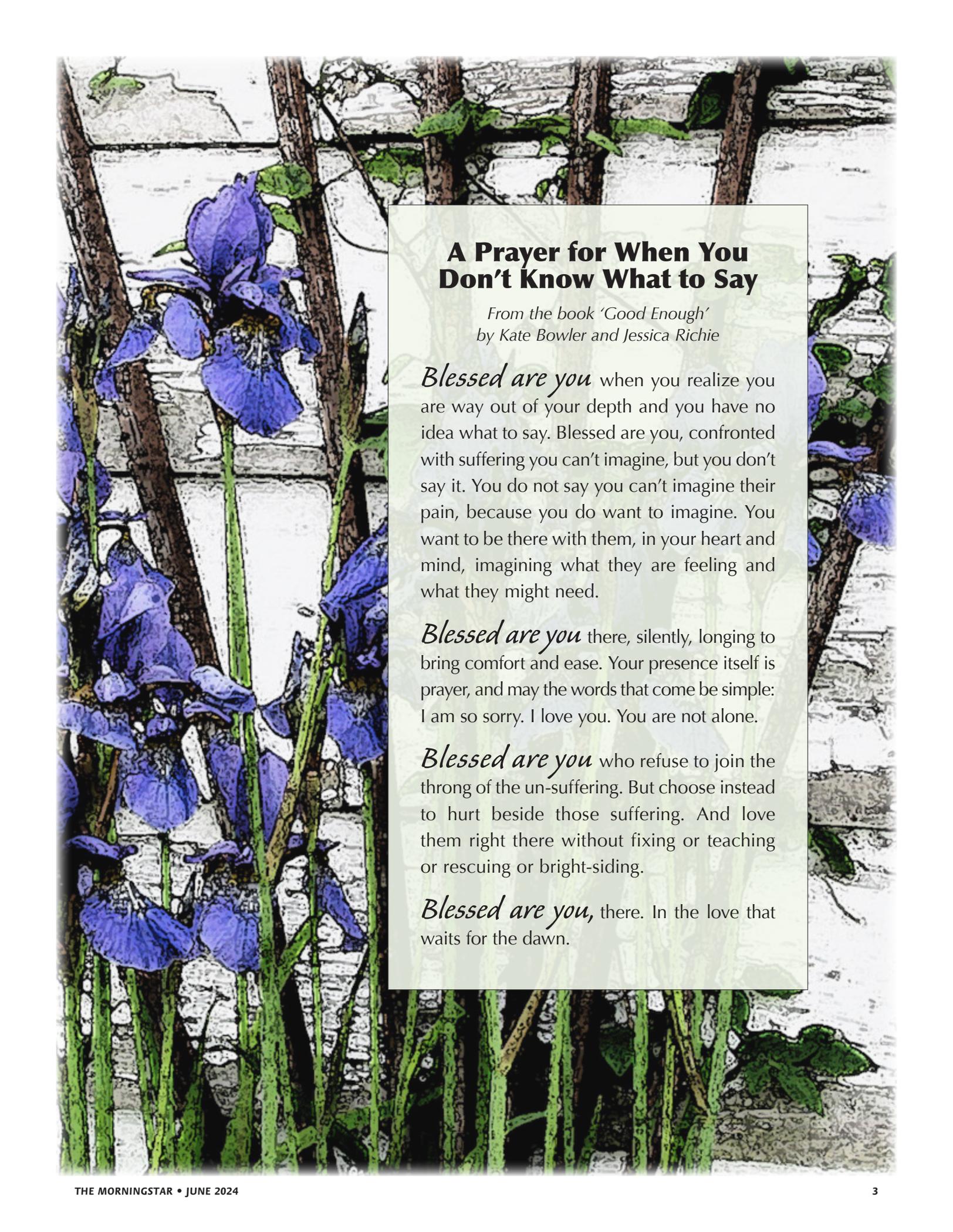
Pastor Katharina from St. George's in downtown Toronto will hold an occasional prayer and social gathering in Scarborough at the Schwabenclub. Please speak to Ute Wentzel for more information.

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 these links if you wish to hear her devotion.

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

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



A Prayer for When You Don't Know What to Say

From the book 'Good Enough'
by Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie

Blessed are you when you realize you are way out of your depth and you have no idea what to say. Blessed are you, confronted with suffering you can't imagine, but you don't say it. You do not say you can't imagine their pain, because you do want to imagine. You want to be there with them, in your heart and mind, imagining what they are feeling and what they might need.

Blessed are you there, silently, longing to bring comfort and ease. Your presence itself is prayer, and may the words that come be simple: I am so sorry. I love you. You are not alone.

Blessed are you who refuse to join the throng of the un-suffering. But choose instead to hurt beside those suffering. And love them right there without fixing or teaching or rescuing or bright-siding.

Blessed are you, there. In the love that waits for the dawn.



*Music is what language
would love to be if it could.*

— JOHN O'DONOHUE

CHURCH COUNCIL

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

COMMITTEE LIAISONS

Education:	Open
Finance:	Geoff Crewe
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ELW:	Sigrid Engler
Envelope Secretary:	Sigrid Engler
Mutual Ministry:	open
Spiritual Society Liaison:	open

TREASURER'S REPORT

APRIL 2024	RECEIVED	SPENT	SURPLUS (DEFICIT)
OFFERINGS	\$5,045.00		
AMMS PARSONAGE RENT	2,575.00		
AMMS FELLOWSHIP HALL RENT	1,500.00		
AMMS PARSONAGE UTILITIES	414.53		
AMMS PROPERTY TAX	1,404.00		
GST/PST RECEIVABLE	94.65		
CURRENT MONTH TOTALS	\$11,033.18	\$10,854.80	\$178.38
YEAR TO DATE TOTALS	\$44,043.41	\$47,812.06	(\$3,768.65)
CIBC BANK BALANCE AT APRIL 30, 2024			37,654.52
CIBC INVESTOR'S EDGE ACCOUNT BALANCE AT APRIL 30, 2024			137,485.95
SCOTIA BANK NON REDEEMABLE GIC AT 5% MATURING AUGUST 28, 2025			30,000.00

Yours in Christ, Nalini Badley, Treasurer

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