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Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

In Germany we speak of a 'watchword' or 'biblical quote of the year,' a 'Jahreslosung.' Such bible citations are selected and published annually since 1930 by the Ecumenical Bible Reading Association.

Many Christians adopt and adhere to such citations for the duration of the year for personal guidance.

By the way, last years (2020) biblical motto was "*I believe, help my unbelief*" from the Gospel of Mark 9:24. It would be worthwhile to think about how this Bible verse fits into the year 2020 in retrospect. Maybe we will do this in another place.

Today, I would like to take a closer look with you at the year's motto for the coming year 2021. It is:

"Jesus Christ says: **Be merciful, as your Father is merciful.** Luke 6,36



At the moment we face the perhaps most strikingly unusual turn of year imaginable. A crazy year has rushed by since the corona pandemic outbreak. And perhaps even more than in other years, individual and general social circumstances remain unpredictably uncertain. Largely because life is not running smoothly on familiar tracks. Will we revert to more familiar life patterns, or will everything remain significantly altered?

The corona pandemic has clearly brought about a confusing mix of uncertainties. It has shown how vulnerably exposed our lives are and will remain. Hence, so many of us are looking with a measure of anxiety of the year to come.

In this situation, the biblical motto for the year 2021 is special. We will find it in the "Field Speech" in Luke, the parallel part to the well-known „Sermon on the Mount“ in Matthew. Jesus speaks to a large crowd of people in a field. "*And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.*" (Verse 19) Healing happens here through the power that Jesus exudes. Where people meet and trust God, they experience such a healing, life-promoting energy of God. How urgently do we need this, especially in these times!

This energy is then described in greater detail. It is the power of love: "*Be merciful, as your Father is*

merciful! The energy of mercy - it can change lives. And we need that.



This is not always self-evident. The nerves of some people are tense after months in a state of emergency and that's understandable.

But I can't accept it when media, which - afterall - as 'social media' supposedly serve our togetherness, become playgrounds for hate speech, insults and conspiracies.

Self righteousness and lack of merciful generosity will not help bring about a healing in crises. We must not succumb and accept such tone of communication.

"Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful." Christ combines to call for mercy with the plain admonition: *"Do not condemn,"* and we all can put this into daily practise in our lives

But we must also not allow our perspective to shift. Mercy has been shown by many, especially in times of crisis: in nursing homes and hospitals. But also by protecting others, by spontaneously and creatively providing help in neighborhoods, congregation and

communities. Far from some shrill tones, the Corona time has long since become a time of experience of lived mercy.

"Be merciful, as your Father is merciful!" It is not a moral appeal that Jesus addresses to his church. Rather, it reminds us that we all have experienced mercy and grace again and again. We live from this power. Because God is love.

And precisely because we first experience mercy ourselves and are allowed to call God "Father", we can also pass on this power. With all the challenges we face in 2021, we need forces that heal. Of course, we hope very much for a medically effective vaccine, absolutely. But we also need healing for our coexistence. May one say: mercy - that is a vaccine for the soul? At least I believe so.

A blessed year 2021!

Your pastor Judith Kierschke

Report of the Co-Presidents

Dear Parishioners,

The strange times continue. Our church was closed to in person services until Ottawa reached Stage 3 which allowed us to reopen, but severely limited due to Covid. Persons attending each service may not number more than 24 (given the 2 meter distancing requirement). Everyone has to wear a mask and must leave their name and telephone number in case they need to be contacted if an infected person has attended service. There is no singing and no eucharist. Really quite different than our regular church services and not really spiritually energizing.

Our pastor does her best by providing every Sunday worship via the web. And of course she is available by telephone, email, Facebook, skype or zoom. This situation is difficult for all, especially how can all the congregation meet the pastor if we cannot get together.

And now the second wave is here. If either the government of Ontario or the ELCIC demand it we may have to shut down. Let's hope that will not be the case. Council and the pastor will discuss how we hold St. Martin's, family services and Christmas in these challenging times.

As we cannot wait forever and as the legislation demands annual meeting for our church (which is a non-profit

corporation incorporated in Ontario) we finally held our annual General meeting virtually on October 18, 2020. Over 40 members of the congregation participated and the meeting surprisingly well given the unfamiliarity of many members with Zoom.



Several key decisions/announcements were made.

1. We accepted the budget for 2020, although it was drawn up before Covid-19. There will undoubtedly be some revenue shortfalls, but with your generous donations we hopefully can weather the storm.
2. The present council was re-elected.
3. The pastor explained that the dorsal curtains will be put up on special occasions, such as Easter and Advent.
4. By a large majority the congregation voted on the placement of the 4 glazed glass windows (now framed in oak boxes and backlit) stemming

from the Preston Street premise. All four will be placed behind the altar against the brick wall. They will be attached to the wall and will stand on small pedestals. Hopefully they will be in place by Christmas



5. The planning for a full time Kindergarten in a building on our premises will be halted due to Covid. We need to know what new requirements the government will impose before we proceed with serious planning. Our present business case based on 24 children (12 English, 12 German) may have to be revised. Annegret Hayward, an architect and member of our church advised that building on the premises would be possible but getting firm answers from the city or from manufacturers of prefab buildings is challenging in these days of Covid restrictions. The issue of the present half day Kindergarten will be discussed at next council meeting.

6. Heather Ladouceur reported that the kitchen renovation is now complete. Indeed final payment has been made and we just need the pandemic to go away before we can use it full time.
7. Where to place our church Bell and when we want to install a new elevator are issues that will have to be decided at a future AGM

We had a successful church cleaning day in October. Thanks for all who participated. We are now ready to face winter.

Given the continuing pandemic there is really nothing else to report.

Please remember that church costs continue unabated when if the church is closed or only partially used. Given the church's present situation our income has been sharply reduced. While we have received some help from the government for help with the pastor's salary and that of the two Kindergarten teachers, that is unfortunately not enough, so please continue your donations.

Thanks for all of you who have donated by sending checks or donating via the "donate" button on our website.

Let's hope and pray by the time we write our next report a vaccine is available and Covid is disappearing fast.

Konrad and Sonny

When and where was Jesus born?

from Gunther Bauer

Most Christians would answer to this question without hesitation: in the night from December 24 to 25, in the year 0, in Bethlehem, in today's Israel.

One thing is certain, that Jesus was not born in the night of December 25th, nor in the year 0.

Even the ancient Teutons celebrated their Mitwinter or Yule on December 25. The Romans adopted this pagan custom.

In the year 275, under Emperor Aurelius, they celebrated the sun festival, dedicated to the sun God Saturn, the Natale Solis Invicti (birth of the invincible sun) on December 25.

The young Christian community in Rome contrasted this pagan feast to their Natale Christi, the feast of Jesus' birth. For the Christian communities, Jesus was the true light of the world (John 8:9). In 313, the Roman Emperor Constantine allowed the people to believe in Christianity. Thus the birthday of Jesus was imperially fixed on December 25th.

Today we also know that Jesus was not born in the year 0, but rather 7 to 4 years before the new era. The monk Dionysius, set the year 0 in the year 525. The year 0 is not possible anyway, because after the year 1 before Christ, the year 1 after Christ must follow logically.

Probably Jesus was not born in Bethlehem in Judea, but in Bethlehem in Galilee. The Galilean Bethlehem is only a two hour walk from Nazareth, where Jesus' parents lived. Judean Bethlehem, which is mentioned in the New Testament as the birthplace of Jesus (Luke 2:4), is located near Jerusalem along the Jordan River. Here the 12-year-old Jesus later stayed with his parents and brothers and sisters (Luke 2:41). The early Christian church chose the Jewish Bethlehem for Jesus' birthplace, where King David was born and where, according to the Old Testament, the Messiah will be born.

For Christians today, it should not be of too much importance where and when exactly Jesus was born, as long as they are convinced and believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

He lived and lives on!



What happened at the First Christian Council in Nicaea in 325 AD?

Gunther Bauer

In 312 AD the Roman emperor Constantine won the deciding battle outside Rome and became the sole ruler of the Roman Empire. On the previous day he had seen a cross in the sky and heard a voice that said: "with this sign you will win". Apparently, Constantine removed the Roman eagle from the standards and replaced it with the Christian cross. This is a nice story, but without any historical proof. Maybe Constantine had a heavenly vision, similar to Paul on his way to Damascus. Now Constantine's empire reached from England, across the South-European countries, including Egypt, to Syria. To have a better control of his empire, he moved the capital from Rome to Byzantium on the Bosphorus Sea. He called the city Nova Roma (New Rome). Later it was named Constantinople and since 1453 the city is called Istanbul. In 313 AD, the Christian faith became the religion of the empire. Constantine however, remained a believer of the "God of the Invincible Sun" (Natale Solis Invicti), but he was baptized in 337 when he was dying. There were disagreements in the Christian churches in his empire, mainly between the Egyptian Bishop Arius of Alexandria and the various Syrian

and Greek congregations, Constantine invited in 325 AD all bishops, chairpersons and clerics of the Christian congregations to a meeting in Nicaea (today Iznik, Turkey).

According to different sources, between 800 and 1500 persons attended. The reason for the invitation was to determine the church holidays, in particular Easter and Christmas, and establish consensus and unity of faith within the various congregations. Also, he wanted to resolve the conflict between the two Bishops of Alexandria, Arius and Athanasius. They disagreed about the nature of Jesus' relationship to God. Athanasius' position was that Jesus was from the same nature and substance as God, whereas Arius claimed that Jesus was the Messiah that the Jewish people had expected. This conflict was discussed for a whole week. Then it came to a vote. There were no minutes taken, but after the vote the 220 bishops present had to record their names on a list. This list has survived in the antiquity museum in Istanbul. Except for two negative votes, the other bishops agreed, that Jesus, the SON, was of the same nature and substance as God, his FATHER. With this First Christian Council, Constantine had established himself as patron and head of the Christian Church, but also as the greatest and mightiest emperor on earth. The Nicene Creed originated at

this meeting and is today being used by all Christian confessions. The version, that we confess to every Sunday in our congregations, was finalized at the next Council meeting in Konstantinopel in 381 AD. Again, the Trinity of God, the father, Jesus Christ, his son, and the Holy Spirit was reconfirmed at that meeting. This “First Council” is generally considered as the beginning of the Seven Ecumenical Councils in the history of Christianity. The Roman Empire, or the Byzantium Empire, as it was called later, survived thousand years and the Christian Church became the most populous religion on earth.



About our Confirmation Class and Kindergarten

Since October we started a new confirmation class in our church. We joined together with Faith Lutheran Church and Pastor Malina. Because of Corona we are unfortunately only online at the moment and meet once a week in the evening via zoom.



First we talked about churches inside and outside and now we are preparing the nativity play online. All confirmands (10!) are taking a part and some of their siblings as well.

Also the children from our kindergarten will be in the online nativity play:



You can watch the online nativity play Christmas on Youtube. I will send you the link by mail.

By the way, one of our confirmands is Even, read some of his story!

Awesome and Amazing

Even Araya fled the violence in Eritrea. Trudging through the Eritrean desert, his feet cracked and bleeding, he carried his five-year-old brother Simon to neighbouring Sudan, where they, their mother Tsega and sister Feven reunited with Abraham Araya, their father. Even was just nine.

In January 2017, Even Araya landed in Canada with his family. He didn't speak a word of English. His first leap into snow was on his first day at school, where he sat alone,

knowing no one and unable to communicate. He began making friends through the universal language of sport: first soccer, then cross-country running, at which he was so fast that he was made to compete against older students.



In that same year 2017, the Araya family had begun faithful attendance at our Sunday services. Naher, their youngest daughter, was baptized here. The boys, Even and Simon, regularly volunteered to take the collection.

Now 14, the young refugee had been chosen to speak to other graduating pupils as Hawthorne Public School's Grade 8 valedictorian.

Lillie Kennedy was one of Even's first teachers at Hawthorne, through a program called English Language Development. She said Araya quickly picked up English, along with some Arabic from his many Syrian and Iraqi classmates.

"I have never met a student more driven or more determined to

improve. He was not just focussed on language or math, but also drama and art. He has a unique ability to bring everyone together," Kennedy said.

His Grade 7 and 8 teacher Karen Kelland said: "He is exactly what you would want in a valedictorian. He is popular with everyone, he is kind and well-rounded, he works hard and he is someone that everybody would look up to."

"I know it has been difficult during this pandemic. Learning online and going into lock-down in our homes and not being able to be with each other. But guess what? We have made it this far. And even though we are apart, we are getting through this together." That he told to his students in a video address he needed to make in place of the usual speech at an in-person graduation ceremony. He now attends St. Patrick's High School.

Pray that Even's sentiment will reach us all in our congregation and repeat with him: "even though we are apart, we are getting through this together."

Most of the above was posted by Christine Maki on CBC News, Ottawa, on 26 June 2020. The pictures were submitted by Even.

By Sylvester Damus

What else was going on and is coming up in our congregation...

Church property and grounds maintenance - care of God's earth:

We have such lovely grounds and they have been quite helpful for our neighbors and our parishioners to enjoy outdoor space during the pandemic.

Fall cleanup went well this year. There were about 10 people turned out on a nice but cool morning to rake, put up the fence, deadhead Daisies and Hostas and paint one of the outdoor benches.



We were a bit too early to catch some of the leaves, but that's ok. The upkeep is an ongoing process through the year and we can add that to the spring cleaning list.

The forest floor bed remains alive with fall colours. One bench has been repaired and painted a spectacular colour, and will be wonderful to put into the garden in the spring. We plan to store it indoors through the winter. The snow fence is to guide the snow plow operators to not push the snow too far into the garden and labyrinth. Last year we lost a tree and had a lot

of work to do on the labyrinth because of snow and dirt from parking lot being pushed into it. The leaves and other material have been composted.

There was a sharing of muffins and aloe vera plants.



Tulip bulbs have been planted in the front beds, to brighten up our spring. Watch for those when the snow melts!

It is so nice to work outside together on a common goal. Thank you to those who participated on the day and for those who use the space to relax and enjoy God's earth.

Marianne Thornton

There has been 2 special Birthdays in the last few months:



-Ruth Kaufmann turned 98 years in September.

-Christa Jachan turned a remarkable 101 years old in October.

By the way: Did you know that the Wendorff couple took the work on themselves and create an up-to-date **church directory** for our congregation. It is finished and will be distributed in the church service on Sundays. If you don't have one yet and can not come to the service because of Corona, please contact Pastor Kierschke, so we can send you a church directory.

Many thanks to Christina and Lutz Wendorff!

Services in Corona Times

We are celebrating services in the church, on the german Erntedankfest even in our church garden.



And every week the church service is posted in the Internet. You can find it on Youtube and then you have to search for PASTOR JUDITH, then you will get to the videos. I send the link also weekly by mail.



At this point I would also like to thank the musicians, especially Signhild and Martin Damus (and of course Mary Ann and Peter Foley, for the wonderful musical arrangement in the services).

ST. MARTIN

Also St. Martin was celebrated differently this year. We were just outside, sang together, listened to the Martin story and walked through the neighborhood with our lanterns. There were many children and families, so there were many, beautiful and shining lanterns - and that in Ottawa, where you can't just buy the lanterns in the supermarkets!





Maybe you have followed the online readings of Paul's letter to the Philippians and Galatians in the last months and participated in the zoom meeting afterwards. I won't offer this in this form anymore, because I would rather like to talk with you. I'd like to hear your questions and comments on the topics. Because of Corona it is still not possible to meet personally, but let's try to meet via ZOOM.

From January on every two weeks on Thursdays in the evening at 6 pm for 1 - 1 1/2 hours. You will receive the link from me. For the first 4 sessions I have thought up topics (you did not need to be prepared), and after that you are welcome to bring in topics you are interested in and always wanted to know more about.

The plan from January is following:

-7.1. (6pm online)

Topic: Women in the Bible

-21.1. (6 pm online)

Topic: Importance of the church building inside and outside

-4.2. (6 pm online)

Topic: Liturgy - the course of the service - does it make sense?

-18.2. (6 pm online)

Topic: Our confession of faith - what do I believe?

I know that meeting via Zoom is not ideal and I am also aware that unfortunately not everyone who would like to participate can do so. These are extraordinary times and we all hope that next year we can meet again together in the church and in Mt. Calvary Hall and continue these Theological Discussion Evenings.

Your Pastor Judith Kierschke

What are we doing in Advent and Christmas in church this year?

There is normal service in our church every Sunday, as long as the government and the ELCIC do not restrict it because of Corona.

During the Advent season there is the beautiful tradition of the "Holding Evening Prayer" during the week of Advent. This will not happen in person this year.

But we will meet online on Wednesday evening.

On each of the four Wednesdays in Advent we want to offer you a little devotion.

Two of them will be recorded and the link will be sent to you. In addition to the recorded ones, two online meetings will be offered via zoom, so that we can get into an adventurous mood together.

Here are the dates:

-Wednesday, 2.12, 7pm

live zoom meeting

-Wednesday, 9.12, 7pm

Prerecorded Evening Prayer

-Wednesday, 16.12. 7 pm

Live Zoom meeting

-Wednesday 23.12, 7 pm

Prerecorded Evening Prayer

I will send the links for the zoom meetings and videos as well as the links for the church services to you via our mailing list.

If you haven't received any email from Martin Luther Church yet, but would like to receive them, please send me an email and I will add you to the list.

CHRISTMAS:

Since we are still allowed to have 24 members in the church at once, the Christmas service will be different than usual.

We offer following services:

On December 24th

-3 pm German service

-4 pm English service

-5 pm German service

-6 pm English service

-7 pm German service

25.12.

-9.30 am English service

-11.00 am German service

We ask you to register online for these services in advance.

Use this link:

https://mlk-heiligabend-christmas_eve.eventbrite.ca

This way we want to avoid that too many people come to a service and then have to be sent home.

The services on 24.12. last half an hour.

Despite Corona, Christ is and remains the reason for Christmas and therefore we want to make it possible for you to celebrate Christmas in the church. We are looking forward to you!

Additionally we offer an online alternative. The confirmands are working hard on an online nativity play and the musicians meet and play beautiful Christmas music.

On 24.12 there will be a Christmas service - prepared by many actors - with an online nativity play. I will also send you the link.

Christmas at home

This year we experienced that we could not celebrate Easter together in church.

We can not estimate at the moment if we can celebrate Christmas in the church this year. We hope so!

But I think some of you will not come to church this year. The corona virus does not stop at the church door.

We are happy for everyone who comes to church for Christmas, for everyone else a little devotion for Christmas Eve at home is printed here.

Take 20 minutes alone or in the family, read the Christmas story and sing the well-known songs. Pray.

Celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer - Christmas - and every day!

Home worship service for Christmas Eve

Preparation and arrangement

- The celebration becomes more festive when the songs are accompanied by instruments.

- Arrange in advance who will recite the scriptures and prayers and who will sing the songs. Place a Bible with the scriptural words (Luke 2:1-20) in your midst. It emphasizes the presence of God's word.

- Think about where you are going to celebrate the home worship service: gathered around the Christmas tree, at the table or in front of the manger?

- If it is possible, it is a good idea to place the baby Jesus in the manger only after the first passage of the Gospel.

- It is helpful for the attention and gathering of the children if the gifts are "hidden" under a large cloth or various cloths or are only brought in after the attunement.



Begin

On this night we celebrate the birth of a child.

We celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Every newborn child makes us marvel at the miracle of life.

On this night we celebrate: God becomes man.

The great God - very small and close to us.

It is and remains a mystery.

Let us begin our prayer with the sign of the cross:

In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Song

1) O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant! O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; Come and behold him, born the King of angels

O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

2) The highest most holy, light of light eternal, born of a virgin, a mortal he comes; Son of the Father now in flesh appearing!

O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Prayer:

Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

The Birth of Jesus (Luke 2)

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while ^[a] Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ And everyone went to their own town to register.

⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

Song

*1) O little town of Bethlehem, how still
we see thee lie! Above the deep and
dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth the
everlasting light. The hopes and fears
of all the years are met in the tonight.*

*2) For Christ is born of Mary and
gathered all above, while mortals
sleep, the angel keep their watching
of wondrous love. O morning stars,
together proclaim the holy birth, and
praises sing To God the Kind, and
peace to all on earth.*

⁸ And there were shepherds living out
in the fields nearby, keeping watch
over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel
of the Lord appeared to them, and the
glory of the Lord shone around them,
and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the
angel said to them, “Do not be afraid.
I bring you good news that will cause
great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today
in the town of David a Savior has
been born to you; he is the Messiah,
the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you:
You will find a baby wrapped in
cloths and lying in a manger.”

¹³ Suddenly a great company of the
heavenly host appeared with the
angel, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest
heaven,

and on earth peace to those on
whom his favor rests.”

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and
gone into heaven, the shepherds said
to one another, “Let’s go to
Bethlehem and see this thing that has
happened, which the Lord has told us
about.”

¹⁶ So they hurried off and found Mary
and Joseph, and the baby, who was
lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they had
seen him, they spread the word
concerning what had been told them
about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard
it were amazed at what the shepherds
said to them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured up
all these things and pondered them in
her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned,
glorifying and praising God for all the
things they had heard and seen, which
were just as they had been told.

SONG:

*Away in a manger, o crib for His
bed, the little Lord Jesus Lay down
his sweet head. The stars in the sky
Look down where He lay, the little
Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.*

*The cattle are lowing, the poor Baby
wakes, but little Lord Jesus no
crying He makes. I love Thee, Lord
Jesus, look down from the sky and
stay by my side 'Til morning is nigh*

*Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to
stay close by me forever and love
me, I pray. Bless all the dear
children in your tender care and fit
us for heaven, to live with you there.*

Prayer of Intercession & The Lords Prayer

Rejoicing in the good news of Christ's birth and dwelling in hope, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Holy God, from you comes all grace and righteousness. Bind your church together during this Christmas season, that we bear witness to the truth of the gospel throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy.

hear our prayer.

Holy God, in the midst of chaos, your Son was born for us. Instill in politicians, military leaders, and civil servants a desire for justice and peace, Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Holy God, you care for your children in this and every place. Grant relief to those in fear, shelter to the homeless, community to the isolated, joy to expectant parents, relief to those who yearn for children, and healing to the sick. Lord, in your mercy.

hear our prayer.

Holy God, protect us and our families these Christmas even if we are not together, comfort those who are alone, accompany those who celebrate, and make your presence known among those who gather around word and sacrament. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Holy God, your Son became incarnate to provide salvation for all. Lead us by the example of the faithful departed as we await the

blessed hope of the life to come. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Hear the prayers of your people, glorious God, for the sake of the one who took on our nature and form to redeem the whole world, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Lord bless us and keep us,

the Lord let his face shine upon us
and be gracious to us;

he turn his face toward us and give us
his peace, the Father and the Son and
the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Song: Silent Night (281)

*1) Silent night holy night! All is calm,
all is bright Round yon virgin mother
and child. Holy Infant so tender and
mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep
in heavenly peace.*

*2) Silent night, holy night! Shepherds
quake at the sight Glories stream
from heaven afar, heavenly hosts
sing, alleluja! Christ the Savior is
born! Christ the Savior is born!*

*3) Silent night, holy night! Son of God,
love's pure light Radiant beams from
your holy face, with the dawn of
redeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at your
birth*

God gave us his love!

God gave us his son!

Out of this joy we want to give each
other gifts and wish each other a
Merry Christmas.

Remembering the Deceased

On All Saints and on the German
“Ewigkeitssonntag“ we
commemorate those who have died
from our congregation in this church
year. We light a candle for them and
place it on the baptismal font.
Through baptism we remain united in
Christ.

This year following members from
our congregation went home:

Horst Hardtke

Karin Splett

Anne Robison

Käthe Zeisig

Helga Neumann

Ingeborg Osmers

We have guided our deceased out of
this transitory world in trust in God.
We pray to God for their loved ones
and ask that He comfort them and
stand by them.

Resurrection is our faith

Reunion our hope

Remember our love

Please use this link for Christmas service preregistration. If it does not work call Pastor Judith Kierschke.

https://mlk-heiligabend-christmas_eve.eventbrite.ca

Services December – February

	English Service	Gottesdienste in Deutsch
29.11.2020 1. Advent	9.30 am	11 am
2.12.2020	7pm zoom	7pm zoom
6.12.2020 2. Advent	9.30 am	11 am mit Abendmahl Confirmation Nicolas List
9.12.2020	7 pm online	7 pm online
13.12.2020 3. Advent	9.30 am	11 am
16.12.2020	7pm zoom	7pm zoom
20.12.2020 4. Advent	9.30 am	11 am
23.12.2020	7pm online	7pm online
24.12.2020 The donations in the Christmas Service will be collected for the: <u>CANADIAN LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF</u> www.clw.org	24.12.2020 Christmas Eve Please register for the Christmas Service in advance. Due to Covid only 24 visitors are allowed in one service!	24.12.2020 Bitte melden Sie sich im voraus für die Weihnachtsgottesdienste an. Wegen Corona können immer nur 24 Personen einen Gottesdienst besuchen.

24.12		3pm Deutsche Weihnachtsandacht
24.12	4 pm English Christmas Devotion	
24.12		5 pm Deutsche Weihnachtsandacht
24.12	6 pm English Christmas Devotion	
24.12.		7 pm Deutsche Weihnachtsandacht
25.12.2020	9.30 am Christmas Service	11 am Weihnachtsgottesdienst
27.12.2020	Online Service	Online Service
01.01.2021	4 pm New Years Service	6 pm Gottesdienst zum Jahresbeginn
03.01.2021	9.30 English Service	11 Deutscher Gottesdienst
10.01.2021	9.30 English Service	11 Deutscher Gottesdienst
17.01.2021	9.30 English Service	11 Deutscher Gottesdienst
24.01.2021	9.30 English service	11 Deutscher Gottesdienst
07.02.2021	9.30 English Service	11 Deutscher Gottesdienst
14.02.2021	9.30 English Service	11 Deutscher Gottesdienst
21.02.2021	9.30 English Service	11 Deutscher Gottesdienst
28.02.2021	9.30 English Service	11 Deutscher Gottesdienst



Belong - become a member of our congregation!

We welcome you to join our congregation – even if you live in Ottawa only temporarily. Our church is and stays alive through those who belong to it and support it.

Yes, I want to belong to Martin Luther Church Ottawa:

Last name, first name:

Address:

Phone, Email:

Place and date of birth:

Place and date of baptism:

Place and date of confirmation (if applicable)

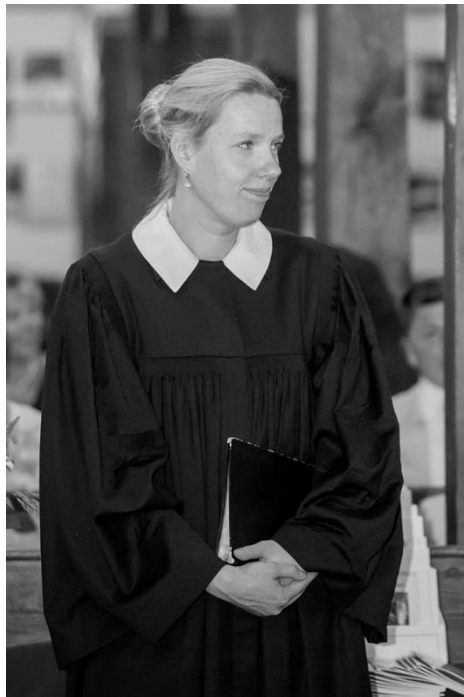
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