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Thanksgiving Thoughts

Luke 12:16-21

¹⁶ *And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'*

¹⁸ *"Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹ And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."'"*

²⁰ *"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'"*

²¹ *"This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."*

A man has a rich harvest, more than he needs to live. Thus he creates store and provides for the future. He is well provided for and rejoices in it.

We know this.

The need to provide for old age, illness or unemployment and our need to insure ourselves against real dangers and, beyond that, against every conceivable risk have found their expression in our economic system.

How many people say when they retire: "I have made good provisions. Now I want to enjoy the yield of my life's work and think of myself - Dear soul, have rest now; eat, drink and have good courage!

This seems plausible, as does the action of the grain farmer - and yet God says to him: You fool! This very night you will die. God shows him: Your peace of mind, your security is deceptive.

The death of the grain farmer raises the question of his life.

He has worked and labored to increase his goods - and that was it?

He must let himself be asked by God: To whom will belong what you have accumulated? His wealth no longer supports him; he stands there empty-handed.



This is how it is with the one who gathers treasures and is not rich with God. Gathering treasures and being rich with God are obviously two different currencies.

What does "being rich with God" mean for living and for dying? For our living and dying?

To be rich with God means to involve God in our life. That means discovering in his commandments helps for our life - as individuals and for our togetherness.

I am the Lord your God. Those who elevate possessions and power to their Gods can easily become obsessed with them, nurtured by the fear of losing something, driven by the desire to have more and to be more. Career and stock prices are more important than human closeness. The family is neglected; employees are only noticed when something is not working.

The second commandment spontaneously came to mind in this context:

You shall keep the Sabbath day holy. Full appointment books underline the importance of a person. Sunday has to be used for this meeting.... that lecture.

Less would be here surely rather, to be rich with God. It would mean saying goodbye to the claim that we have to do everything alone; it would

mean letting go of this or that task, also foregoing recognition and some success. This would benefit the togetherness in the circle of family and friends, our health, the recharging of strength and finally also our spirituality and our creativity.

Our life will be rich if we share it with others without the fear of falling short. If I do not rely on my efficiency and performance alone, I will ask myself to whom do I owe what I have achieved - to which people, to which circumstances, and finally to which gifts I have been given.

Our lives will be rich with God if we share our faith with each other.

When we share our lives with each other, we will have different treasures than the grain farmer. Our life's yield will not be measured by what we have accumulated, but how we have handled what God has given us, how far we have accepted His offer of guidance, His help for living.

We need not be afraid to give ourselves away, for God gives us more than we give.

Pastor Judith Kierschke

President Report

Fellow Parishioners:

The Covid pandemic is slowly receding, most of you are hopefully vaccinated and fortunately we can have regular services (albeit constrained by social distancing rules) again.

As you will have notice, we rented the basement for the summer to the STEM camp for young children under 12 runs by the Ottawa Science Museum. The kids only use the basement and the garden. They do not use the new kitchen. While some damage is being done to the garden, (kids will be kids) on the whole the usage so far has been troubling free. The lease ends August 27.

We had planned to take advantage of the closure, to have the floors of the Narthex and Sanctuary covered with a new protective coating. This would have involved removing: first all the pews, moving the electric organ and the piano on the elevated platform, second, the cleaning and coating the floor and third, putting benches, piano and organ back into their place. What no one told us till the floor men arrived was the fact that the coating is extremely toxic. The men wear protective gears and mask and the church has to be empty and closed while the work is going on. That is of course not possible as the basement is used by the STEM

camp. So, we had to postpone the coating until the week beginning August 28. The piano and the electric organ had already been moved and our main organ is wrapped in a plastic cover. This will remain so until September 3. Any music to accompany the services will just the piano, which now stands on a pedestal.

We also had the sump pump under the elevator replaced, as the recent deluges flooded the space under the elevator and made it unsafe to use the elevator.

Olaf kindly repainted both of the doors of the church which was urgently needed. He did a wonderful job. Thank you, Olaf.

To prevent the annual flooding of the basement, we installed eavestroughs on the side of the church facing Smyth rd. For some reason there were no eavestroughs on that side. Since the have been installed the basement has been dry notwithstanding the bouts of severe rainfall, we had this summer.

As you know for the Pastor's note the kindergarten has been closed due to the resignations of both teachers. What we will do with respect to the kindergarten, what major repairs and/or capital projects we will undertake will among the many items we will discuss at the next

council retreat on September 18th and on our AGM in November.

Let us all hope and pray that this Covid pandemic is soon over and we can return to normal life, normal church services, finally install our new Pastor formally (23 of October)

Have a wonderful fall, enjoy a beautiful Indian summer

You Co-Presidents

Konrad and Sonny



Walter and Pastor Schneider

By: Gunther Bauer

In May 1986 my wife and I flew to Brazil for four months. The Faculty of Engineering of the University of Paraiba in Campina Grande had invited me to give two courses in Geotechnical Engineering to graduate students. We had lived in Campina Grande twice before, for a year each in 1977 and 1983, respectively, with our three daughters. We had hesitated to visit Brazil this time, because the rate of inflation was 200 % and was spiraling upwards daily. It eventually reached 2000 % in 1994, until the government got it under control with issuing a new currency.

But we accepted the invitation, because we love the country and the people. The inflation did not bother us too much, since we were supporting ourselves there with our own American dollars. That was the only inflation-proof currency. We exchanged it on the black market, like most visiting foreigners. The University provided us with a furnished apartment. The four months went by quickly.

We decided to spend our last weekend in Recife, the provincial capital of Pernambuco, the Province adjacent to Paraiba. We know the

city well from previous visits. The city has a population of about two million people and many good shopping centres. It has also beautiful beaches. We were mostly interested in the big indoor Old Market for Craft and Arts (Mercado de Artesanato Velho), where one could buy hand-made “treasures” made in Brazil. The city can be reached from Campina Grande by bus in 3.5 hours.

We got on the bus in Campina Grande on Friday morning. The bus was full, standing room only. But this is quite common in the Northeast of Brazil, where buses are the only means of public transportation. We knew that once the local people got off, we would get our reserved seats. A young man got up and offered my wife his seat. He must have heard that we spoke English, because he asked me in good English: “Are you Americans?”. When I told him, that we were Canadians, he wanted to know if we were Lutherans. When I told him that we are, he grabbed my hand and shook it excitedly and said: “So am I, my name is Walter”. The chances of a young man of Lutheran faith meeting a couple from Canada having the same faith, on a bus in the Northeast of Brazil, must be 1 to 100 million. Brazil has 210 Million people, 65 % are of catholic faith and there are 240,000 baptized Lutheran persons, mostly living in the southern part of Brazil. So, I could

understand Walter's excitement. He kept telling us, that Pastor Schneider would be coming the next day from Porto Alegre, the city of the Head Office of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Brazil. The Church had decided to expand their congregations to the Northeast of Brazil and Pastor Schneider had the authority to buy a property for a proposed church building. Walter asked us, if Pastor Schneider and he could meet with us this Sunday or Monday. Since we were coming back from Recife late Monday evening, we invited him and Pastor Schneider for Tuesday evening to our apartment. Walter was so excited, that he missed his stop, where he had to get off. We got back from Recife on Monday late afternoon. Then on Tuesday evening, the door bell rang. It was Walter with Pastor Schneider. We had completely forgotten about the appointment. But it turned out to be a very enjoyable evening. Pastor Schneider, despite his German name, could not speak any German. His grandfather had come from Germany after the first World War. He also told us that the Lutheran church in Brazil had 1,300 congregations, but so far only 860 pastors. The Church had decided to expand their membership to the northern part of Brazil and Campina Grande would be the first city, where a new church would be build. At the

end of the evening I asked Pastor Schneider, how many members the congregation here has. He looked at me and said: "If you and your wife will join, we will be four". I felt sorry, that I had to disappoint him, since we were flying back to Canada this Saturday. But I could assist him in finding a possible property, since my Brazilian friend and I were looking for a property for my friend two weeks ago. There was a nice property for sale we looked at, that could be suitable for a church. I showed it to Walter and the young Pastor the next day. Walter came by on Friday and told us, that the church had bought the property.



But the story is not finished yet. Two years later, I had a free year (sabbatical) again and I had decided to spent the first four months in

Campina Grade and the remaining eight months in Saudi Arabia. So my wife and I came back to Campina Grande and there was a church (see photo) standing on the property. Pastor Schneider and his wife were pleased to see us. The first question he asked was, how long we were staying in Brazil. Walter, he said, returned to his hometown, Blumenau, a beautiful city in southern Brazil that was founded in 1850 by 18 immigrants from Bavaria. The church in Campina Grande had a Kindergarten serving breakfast and lunch to the children every day. The Sunday morning and evening services were lively with many young people singing in the choir and the music was provided by a band of three to five young musicians. My wife found the music not quite suitable for a church. But I am convinced that Martin Luther, who had introduced music into church service, would not have objected. The congregation celebrated on August 12, 2012. its 25th Anniversary. There were 173 people present. A Brazilian friend told us recently, that the church has now a female Pastor, Maria Claudia Monteiro. A female pastor? That sounds familiar..

Discussion group

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,
since it is still Corona time and we can't meet in groups, there is an online conversation zoom meeting since January every second week.

You are all welcome to join us. So far we are more of a small discussion group.

You can just drop in on a topic that might interest you. This is also a possibility to stay in contact and meet other church members, even if it is only online.

The invitation always comes by mail, if you do not get an invitation, please contact me and I will send you one.

I'm looking forward to perhaps seeing you at one of the upcoming discussion groups as well.

Here are the dates and topics for the coming weeks Thursdays at 6 pm:

9. September (english) Apocalypse and end of the world

23. September (english): Questions that test our faith...

14. Oktober (englisch) Martin Luther and the time of Reformation

21. Oktober (english) Martin Luther and time of Reformation 2 (The Anabaptist Kingdom in Münster)

11. November (english)

The sermon on the mount

25. November (english)

Resurrection of the body? What do we actually believe happens after we die?

Pastor Judith Kierschke

A HOPE BOX IN OUR GARDEN!?

We can be so happy as a congregation because we have such a beautiful garden. Especially at this time, when many things are still not possible because of Corona, you can sit down in our garden, relax and discover a lot.

- The Peace Soul
- The Labyrinth
- The Hope Box



The Hope Box is new and it will be in the garden of Martin Luther Church for the whole month of September.

What is a hope box?

We all need hope and we all carry hope within us. Our faith bears witness to our hope.

We now want to collect and distribute hope.

The box - what makes it a hope box?

It is meant to collect signs of hope. You should be encouraged to think about hope and to find symbols for hope or to express your hope in writing, designing or creatively, for example with a camera or whatever.

Throughout the month of September, we invite you to go to our garden, look for the hope box (it has this picture visibly pasted on it) and put a little bit of hope in it (no materially valuable things please!). If you put a symbol in the box, we would be happy to receive a small explanation on a piece of paper. What gives you hope? What do you hope for? What has already given you hope?

In the Thanksgiving service, we want to look together at what can be found in the Hope box. Maybe something will come to mind right away, maybe you'll think about it for a few days.

I HOPE for a lively participation and I am already very excited about what we will find in the box on Thanksgiving. Maybe your children or grandchildren will have an idea?

Pastor Judith Kierschke

Goodbye Martin Luther Kindergarten

"A time for everything"

The German-speaking kindergarten of the Martin Luther Church has existed since 2006. At that time Pastor Ernst built it up with many parents and volunteers and invested a lot of work.

15 years of joy, children's laughter, German singing and playing are in this kindergarten, many services have been enriched by the children, families have found their way to our church through the kindergarten.

"A time for everything" so it is written in the Bible in the book of Kohelet (Ecclesiastes Solomon).

What was a very good idea 15 years ago is sometimes no longer appropriate today. In the last few years we still had a few children who loved our kindergarten, but unfortunately there were fewer and fewer of them. Finally, we could hardly reach families with a half-day place.

Unfortunately, we had to close the Martin Luther Kindergarten after 15 wonderful years.

Let us look at the Bible text in the Book of Kohelet, chapter 3:

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; there is a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; there

is a time to kill, and a time to heal; there is a time to break down, and a time to build up; there is a time to weep, and a time to laugh; there is a time to mourn, and a time to dance; there is a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather up stones, there is a time to embrace, there is a time to refrain from embracing; there is a time to seek, there is a time to lose; there is a time to keep, there is a time to throw away; there is a time to tear, there is a time to sew; there is a time to be silent, there is a time to speak; there is a time to love, there is a time to hate; there is a time to strive, there is a time to be at peace.

God has made everything beautiful in its time, he has also put eternity in its heart; only that man cannot fathom the work that God does, neither the beginning nor the end. Then I realized that there is nothing better in this than to be joyful and to make merry in one's life. For every man that eateth and drinketh, and hath good courage in all his labour, this is the gift of God.

Let us rejoice in what we have achieved, in the children and the families which this kindergarten has enriched. Let us be thankful for the children who have enriched us as a congregation.

Nobody knows what the future will bring, maybe we as a congregation will once again have a daycare center, or maybe it is not our way.

At this point one thing remains: to say thank you to the many full-time staff

members, volunteers, especially the parents and families who have put a lot of energy and heart and soul into this kindergarten.

Here you can read some farewell words from parents about the kindergarten..

- *We loved sending our two kids to the MLK. We always felt that they were safe, well cared for, and learned so much. We always enjoyed hearing and seeing how much they learned, especially with regards to German culture, traditions, and music for children. It was so helpful to have that added support as parents and our children still talk about their fond memories at MLK. (Class of 2010 and 2012). Best regards Chrissy und Henrik*
- *My children were enrolled as siblings at the Martin Luther Kindergarten and they always looked forward to going there. While the teachers were kind and full of creative ideas, my children also improved their German through songs and play, they became accustomed to the German culture, and they found long-lasting friendships. The small group environment allowed the teachers to care for the individual needs of each child and to follow a child-led approach. For example, whenever the children were*

found to be specifically interested in a specific topic, such as huskies or gymnastics, they would modify their program for the week to allow the children to learn about the topic through songs, crafts, and other activities. My children also liked that they could play together as siblings because of the mixed-aged groups. The parents were always given the opportunity to participate in the cultural celebrations that take place throughout the year, which enabled them to become a community and enforced friendships among many of the children. My children are still close friends with some of the children who they played with during their time at the Martin Luther Kindergarten and after the children started school, many families continue to meet for occasions such as the crafting of lanterns for the Sankt Martins Celebration or for the cleaning of the boots for Nikolaus. After their preschool time, my children integrated well into the English/French elementary school. Best regards Esther

- *The Martin Luther Kindergarten brought years of joy to our family. First my son, and then my daughter found a warm and welcoming environment with wonderfully caring and creative teachers, who tended to their every need. My children sang*

German songs, learned German nursery rhymes, made crafts, celebrated the seasons in tune with nature, marked festive occasions—all in thoughtful, meaningful, and merry ways. As for myself, I made some great friends along the way and shared so many special moments with my children, I can hardly count them. We have truly special memories from the MLK. I enthusiastically recommend the Martin Luther preschool to anyone. Best regards Claudia

- *My two sons spent a total of 4.5 years at the German Kindergarten in Ottawa. I particularly enjoyed the caring environment in a mixed age group. The kids were able to follow their interests in a child-centered and play-oriented environment. Besides a cozy playroom, a spacious hall allowed them to play and exercise vigorously. Many happy hours were spent free playing in the garden. I appreciated that my sons had the opportunity to experience German festivities and customs and speak German in their early years. The close parent community was a particular bonus with friendships extending to this day. Many happy first memories were made at the German Kindergarten and it has a special place in my*

sons' life. Best regards Marion

- *I loved my German MLK! There are so many endless things to do, for example, playing in the backyard, baking at Christmas, painting, crafts and so much more. You always feel so welcome and well taken care of. Everyone was so nice, it felt like a second home in the hours I was there! Even when I was in school I loved to go back for a visit. Sometimes I was helping out and still being a part of the special events like Nikolaus. Charlize (now 10 years old)*
- *A couple of memories I have from the German MLK I cherish the most was riding the "Bobby car" during gym class as well as building forts with building blocks and mats. There were so many activities in the backyard /playground. I also loved the large tent in the classroom to relax and look at all the German books. Every day was a new adventure and many things to do. Julian (now 16)*



On June 24 we confirmed 3 confirmands in a beautiful service at Faith Lutheran Church Ottawa.

We will start our classes in September and still have some confirmands from last year. We would be very happy if new young people would join us!

NEW CONFIRMANDS WANTED

Do you have children or grandchildren who are of confirmation age (12-14 years)? Then we would be happy if they would like to join us or look in. After the summer is the best opportunity to do so!

The course is in English and we do it together with Faith Lutheran Church Ottawa. The course last 2 years. It's more fun when there are more youth together. We hope to be able to meet in person - and not just online - starting in September. We also want to go on trips together.

We learn about faith, the Bible, Jesus Christ, but also where faith itself

affects us. We can pray, that can relieve us. We learn about the church holidays and their meaning, we think about what gives us hope, or why and how the world was created.

There are no prerequisites for this class, no prior knowledge is necessary.

Please feel free to contact Pastor Kierschke (Martin Luther Church) or Pastor Malina (Faith Lutheran).

We look forward to seeing new faces

FILM EVENING "PASTOR"

Because of the Corona situation, it has not yet been possible to offer anything in the church in addition to the service. Unfortunately we don't know how it will develop in autumn and winter. But we want to start again slowly. Let's start an attempt with the German documentary film "PFARRER". You'll notice I'm also in the film.



What is the film about?

In Germany, pastors are trained in 2 different stages. First, the pure theological study, which lasts a good 6-8 years. Then follows the 1st theological exam. If you want to become a pastor in a congregation, 2 years of VIKARIAT follow. During this time one is already in a congregation, quasi an assistant pastor. You have a pastor as a mentor, get to know everything practically and try it out (similar to the traineeship for teachers or lawyers). Within these 2 years there are several weeks that the vicars spend together in the preacher's seminary. Here the practical side of the vicariate is

enriched by exercises (speaking, singing, gestures) and by reflection and discussion. This part of the training is very intensive, because it takes place in a common working and living community of about 20 vicars on site in the preacher's seminary.

I did my preacher seminary in Wittenberg (we remember Martin Luther) and in my course this documentary film was made in Wittenberg.

I invite you to watch this film together with me, I can give you some background knowledge and we can talk about it.

Unfortunately it is only in German and has no subtitle. But you get quite an idea and a feeling of this preacher seminary...

So that we do not become too many people at once, I offer the film on two evenings, and I think it will divide well. Maybe you will be interested! If so, come to Martin Luther Church either on:

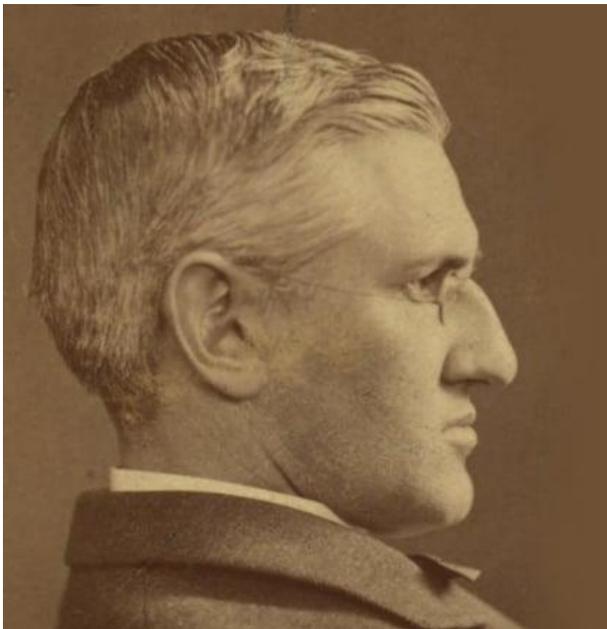
October 8 at 7 pm

Or: October 29 at 7 pm

Pastor Judith Kierschke

In autumn - in the transition to winter, in November we also always remember our deceased. They are missing.

We have to deal with this loss. A very beautiful song from our "Evangelical Lutheran Worship" hymnal deals with a difficult loss and at the same time shows how faith can also face such an unimaginable loss. It is well with my soul...



The Story behind the song “It is well with my soul”

Imagine everything in your life is coming up roses — you’ve married your soulmate, have five beautiful children and a booming career. Do you think you’d be able to say to God, “It is well with my soul?” Now, imagine all of that is taken away — it’s just you and your grief-stricken spouse, nursing horribly broken hearts. Would it be as easy then to say to God, “It is well with my soul?”

Horatio G. Spafford (1828-1888) was a successful lawyer and businessman in Chicago with a lovely family - a wife, Anna, and five children. However, they were not strangers to tears and tragedy. Their young son died with pneumonia in 1871, and in that same year, much of their business was lost in the great Chicago fire. Yet, God in His mercy and kindness allowed the business to flourish once more.

On Nov. 21, 1873, the French ocean liner, Ville du Havre was crossing the Atlantic from the U.S. to Europe with 313 passengers on board. Among the passengers were Mrs. Spafford and their four daughters. Although Mr. Spafford had planned to go with his family, he found it necessary to stay in Chicago to help solve an unexpected business problem. He told his wife he would join her and their children in Europe a few days later. His plan was to take another ship.

About four days into the crossing of the Atlantic, the Ville du Harve collided with a powerful, iron-hulled Scottish ship, the Loch Earn. Suddenly, all of those on board were in grave danger. Anna hurriedly brought her four children to the deck. She knelt there with Annie, Margaret Lee, Bessie and Tanetta and prayed that God would spare them if that could be His will, or to make them willing to endure whatever awaited them. Within approximately 12 minutes, the Ville du Harve slipped beneath the dark waters of the Atlantic, carrying with it 226 of the

passengers including the four Spafford children.

A sailor, rowing a small boat over the spot where the ship went down, spotted a woman floating on a piece of the wreckage. It was Anna, still alive. He pulled her into the boat and they were picked up by another large vessel which, nine days later, landed them in Cardiff, Wales. From there she wired her husband a message which began, “Saved alone, what shall I do?” Mr. Spafford later framed the telegram and placed it in his office.

Another of the ship’s survivors, Pastor Weiss, later recalled Anna saying, “God gave me four daughters. Now they have been taken from me. Someday I will understand why.”

Mr. Spafford booked passage on the next available ship and left to join his grieving wife. With the ship about four days out, the captain called Spafford to his cabin and told him they were over the place where his children went down.

According to Bertha Spafford Vester, a daughter born after the tragedy, Spafford wrote “It Is Well With My Soul” while on this journey.

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows, like a sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Tho’ Satan should buffet, tho’ trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

My sin- oh, the bliss of this glorious thought-
My sin- not in part but in whole,
Is nailed to His cross and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, oh, my soul.

And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The triumph shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
“Even so”- it is well with my soul.

What happens then?

Another daughter, Bertha, was born in 1878 as well as a son, Horatio, in 1880, though he later died of scarlet fever. After the birth of daughter Grace in 1881, Spafford and his wife moved to Jerusalem out of a deep interest in the Holy Land. There they established the American Colony, a Christian utopian society engaged in philanthropic activities among Jews, Muslims and Christians.

Horatio Gates (H.G.) Spafford died of Malaria in Jerusalem on October 16, 1888, and is buried in American Colony in Jerusalem

On the death of Joachim Moskau
(12.11.1935 - 12.07.2021)

The death of Joachim Moscow came very surprisingly, Joachim himself had hardly time to adjust to it.

Joachim did not want a funeral and many obituaries. In the german RUF you'll find more obitruaries.

The memory of him is vivid, his presence, his voice! Unmistakeable. That style. That rhythm. Those distinctive pauses. The hand, almost conducting along. Joachim was a master of language. In writing, in reading, in singing, in speaking. He was good at it. And he loved it.

He had the artistic gift of phrasing, in German as well as in English. He was constantly asked to translate texts, documents. He worked for the protestant church in Germany in this way until the very end.

He was an old school Journalist. "How many characters, what's the deadline?" Efficiently and reliably, for the parish newsletter in the same manner as for big newspapers. He'd been a correspondent for the "Globe and Mail", he'd written for the "Handelsblatt. "I had a life, you know..." he would say with a smile. Whenever he would recount of that life, it was thrilling, merry, and unique in perspective. He seemed to be an inexhaustible well of stories, anecdotes, lived history. An astute observer and analyst.

As the thoroughbred-Journalist he was, he had innumerable contacts. He loved to bring people together, to connect themes, to create cultural events. Germans and the German Culture in Canada were a matter of the heart for him and he deserves an award for all his engagement. All he made happen, all he was a part of, all the energy and movement he brought. Joachim thought big, he had such a continuous flow of new ideas that many had to stay "in the drawer". He loved opera. Why don't we play the public streaming service of the Metropolitan Opera in the church, with the projector and soundsystem? Just one of his ideas that wasn't realized.

JayJay, as he was known by many, had real empathy. He was involved in the Ottawa Lutheran Refugee Sponsorship Committee, the visiting service and the MS Society, he supported the dying. He stood out with his sense for beauty, his tender, affectionate care. He knew how to enchant and enthrall. Take this story for example: Every day he visited a woman over 90 who had lost her joy in life, just to bring her a little flower, every day in a small new vase. He went on tiny little walks with her, encouraging her to greater and greater distances until it became a regular, lively undertaking.

His dream was the house of prayer for all peoples. His thoughts about 75 years of history in our parish newsletter in May of 2020 are a legacy. They encompass a theme central not only for him but for all Germans. "How do we deal with terms like 'Auschwitz' and 'May 8.

1945'?", he asks. Talks about a clean break in history worried him. What happens when the last eye witness dies? When the next generation has to be the one to bear witness? Are they ready? This is an urgent task with which he leaves us.

In June of last year before our flight to Germany, we met one last time by the Ottawa River, at the rapids where the stone sculptures stand in the water, beauty for a heartbeat, renewed each year. A picture of impermanence and eternity to say goodbye. We felt it, we knew we would not see each other again. We are thankful for the years we had with him. An Ottawa without Joachim — that is a somber and heavy thing.

By Friedrich & Alexandra Demke

Peter Wilhelm VOGEL
June 3, 1936 - July 13, 2021



Passed away peacefully on July 13, 2021 at the age of 85. Beloved husband of 57 years to Gisela. Loving father to Claus, Anke (Paul), Reinhard (Tomislava) and Bernie. Proud grandfather to Caleb, Margriet, Evelyn, Ava, Johan and Kristina. Son of the late Johannes and Charlotte Vogel. Dear brother of Ursula Bettenhäuser (Hermann) of Hildesheim, Germany. Special Uncle of Cara (Christian) and Bernard.

Peter was born in New York City and raised in Germany where he acquired an interest in the Fine Arts leading to studies at the Academy of Fine Arts in Stuttgart. Gisela and Peter married in Bonn in 1964, then moved to Ottawa in 1966 with their son, Claus, where Peter worked at Library and Archives Canada before beginning a long and very distinguished career with the Canadian Conservation Institute as a Conservator of Fine Arts for over 30 years.

Peter will be affectionately remembered by many friends and colleagues for his wit and sense of humour. Known for his love of soccer, card tournaments, antiques and Crokinole; his fondest memories were of spending summers on the beaches of Cape Cod with Gisela, his children and grandchildren.

Our Services

All Services are celebrated under Corona Safety measures. If there is another Lockdown, there will be services online again.

	English Service	Gottesdienste in Deutsch
05.09.21	10 am joined outdoor service	10.00 joined Outdoor Service
12.09.21	9.30 am English Service	11 am Deutscher Gottesdienst
19.06.21	9.30 am English Service	11 am Deutscher Gottesdienst
27.09.21	9.30 am English Service	11 am Deutscher Gottesdienst
26.09.21	10.00 am joined Service outdoor	10 am joined Service outdoor
03.10.21 ERNTEDANKFEST	9.30 English Service	11 am Deutscher Erntedankgottesdienst
10.10.21 THANKSGIVING	9.30 am English Service	11 am Deutscher Gottesdienst
17.10.21	9.30 am English Service	11 am Deutscher Gottesdienst
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24.10. 21	9.30 am English Service	11 am Deutscher Gottesdienst
31.10.21 Reformation Day	10 am Joined Service	10 am Joined Service
07.11.21	9.30 am ALL SAINTS SUNDAY	11 am Deutscher Gottesdienst
14.11.21	9.30 am English Service	11 am Deutscher Gottesdienst
21.11.21 EWIGKEITSSONNTAG CHRIST THE KING	9.30 am English Service CHRIST THE KING	11 am Deutscher Gottesdienst EWIGKEITSSONNTAG
28.11.21 1st ADVENT	10.00 am Joined Service	10.00 am Joined Service

SPECIAL DATES IN THE CHURCH AT A GLANCE:

SEPTEMBER:

- Hope Box at Martin Luther Garden!!!
- Sunday, Sept. 05, 10am Worship together in the Martin Luther Church garden and then we will have ice cream and talk outside once again as a congregation when we already can't have church coffee right now.

OCTOBER:

- Monday, Oct. 4, 7pm German Book Circle (Barbara Zabel).
- Friday, October 8, 7pm "Pastor" movie night.
- Saturday, October 23, 2pm Installation service Pastor Kierschke.
- Friday, October 29, 7pm "Pastor" Movie Night

NOVEMBER:

- Saturday, Nov, 6, (start 10am) Yard Clean up and Preperation for the Winter.
- Saturday, Nov, 13, 6pm St. Martin's Lantern Parade.
- 14.11 Sunday after church service AGM



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)

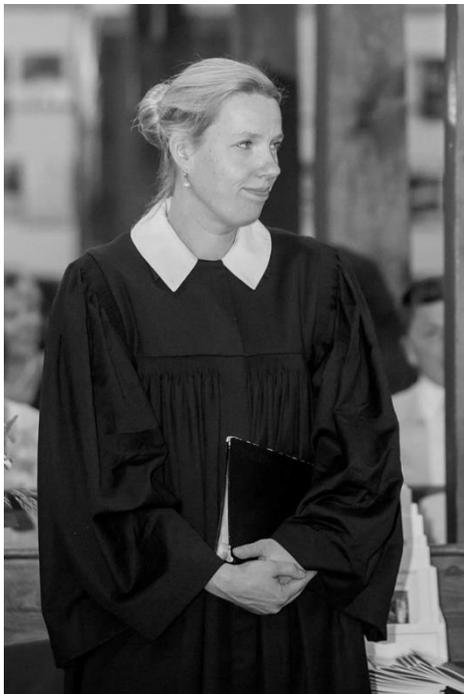
Date and signature:

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