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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I would like to take a look at a painting with you. It was painted by Rogier van der Weyden. He was one of the great masters of Dutch art, born in Tournai around 1400 and died in Brussels in 1464.

The painting "**The Adoration of the Magi**" is the central part of the Columba altar, which takes its name from its place of origin, the church of St. Columba in Cologne.

Today it is displayed as one of the main attractions in the Alte Pinakothek in Munich. It is actually a three-part painting, but we are only looking at the middle part here:



In the center of the picture, we see **Mary**. She (the only woman in the painting) is wrapped in a robe deep blue like the night sky. A white veil peeks out from her head. (Blue is the color of fidelity and trust, white the color of purity and innocence). Mary is seated, even enthroned, holding the naked child in her arms. Her left hand points humbly to her breast. A gesture that may remind us that she considered and pondered all the words and events in her heart, yes, that she

herself carried under her heart, received and accepted the Word that has now become flesh. Mary said yes with faith. Now she shows us Jesus, the blessed fruit of her womb. Only these two, the mother and the child, have a nimbus of golden rays around their heads.

On the left stands **Joseph** in a red robe. He seems calm and serene. He is depicted - as so often - as an elderly man. In his hands he holds a staff and hat.

From the right come the magnificently dressed "**kings**". None of them, however, has a crown on. They represent three different ages, often also different parts of the world. Here in the picture they are rulers of the time.

The king in the center wears the features of the Burgundian Duke Philip the Good (+ 1467), the young king on the right in the picture the face of his son, Charles the Bold (+ 1477). The king on the left is probably the Burgundian duke Johann Ohnefurcht, who was murdered in 1419.

Other visitors crowd through an archway. Through a small window above the head of the second king, a whole procession of people in different clothes and skin color becomes visible. They "line up" at the manger. And a "traffic jam" forms at the archway. The scene recalls the prophetic prophecy of the "pilgrimage of the nations": "Darkness covers the earth and darkness the nations. High above you the Lord rises shining, his glory appears over you. Nations wander to your light and kings to your radiant splendor" (Is 60:2f).

In Jesus salvation has come for all people.

Behind Mary, between her and Joseph, the **ox and the donkey** can be seen (which have entered the manger scene from Is 1, 3). The ox looks curious and interested. The donkey looks rather uninvolved in the feeding trough for food.

Behind Joseph kneels at the left edge of the picture the founder of the picture and prays (the eyes downcast, the hands folded) in devotion sunk the rosary. It is believed to be the mayor of Cologne at the time, Goddert von dem Wasserfaß, who commissioned and paid for the altar.

And can you see it?

Above Mary, the stable with its arches forms the letter M, while the mantle of Our Lady with the Child Jesus and together with the kneeling king forms an A: "Ave Maria".

The Latin greetings of the angel (according to Lk 1, 18).

A peculiarity of this painting is the small crucifix on the central pillar of the stable. At first glance, it doesn't seem to fit in very well with Christmas. It could not have been hanging in the stable of Bethlehem yet. Rogier van der Weyden also knew that.

Crib and cross belong together. They are, so to speak, "of the same wood". What began in the stable of Bethlehem will be completed on the cross of Golgotha. God enters into the misery of this world to make it whole again. Not to be overlooked is also the cross-shaped halo of the child.

The completely naked child not only shows us with all consequences what incarnation, "becoming flesh" means, it also already points to the crucified one stripped to the linen cloth. And vice versa: the crucified one only provided with a linen cloth corresponds to the naked child on the white cloth on the lap of the Mother of God. Mary, however, with her bowed head and lovingly sad look, is indeed also a "Mary under the cross". At the same time, the contours of Mary and the kneeling king trace the outline of Mount Golgotha, which already bears the cross above it. According to legend, Adam, the first man, is buried under it, so that Jesus appears here as the second Adam, who as true man and true God brings salvation and life.

Presidents Report:

Dear members of the congregation,

now that fall is over it is time to give you an update:

As you will have noticed our parking lot has been fixed. The worst holes have been filled, although in a sloppy fashion. In addition, the lot lines have been repainted.

The elevator is hopefully fixed till Christmas. It was totally rewired and new fuse panels were installed. The doors no longer open or close automatically but have to be opened by hand. Hopefully this will avoid the constant breakdown because an impatient person pushed the automatic door. In the past this resulted each time in a breakdown.

The pastor's car (which the church furnishes) had over 200000 km, and needed a new air condition unit and new suspension. Rather than throwing good money after bad we bought a 5 year old Nissan Rogue with 70 000 km for her trading in the old Honda. The new car is in excellent shape and should be good for many years. The total cost was \$22000.

Klaus Moritz has installed new lights at both our side entrances with motion sensors which turn on when anyone approaches. This should greatly facilitate entrance at night. Many thanks, Klaus.

We also had three major fund raising events in our church this fall (See article about Fundraising events).

A great concert, a rummage sale and Turkey Dinner.

Thanks to everyone who participated, helped and contributed in different ways and made these events happen!

All these events helped our coffers and were good for our feeling of solidarity.

Unfortunately one member of our council Barbara Turner had to resign for personal reasons. Obviously, the council can still carry on with a reduced membership but it would be wonderful if another member of the congregation would be prepared to take this place. If anyone is so unclined please speak to the pastor or me.

Although Covid has abated, many members are still not comfortable coming to the services. Thanks to the excellent IT talents of our pastor they can follow the service on the internet the same Sunday, albeit with a slight delay. Many thanks Pastor Judith for doing this so professionally and quickly.

I would like to remind everyone who does not attend services for whatever reason that your donations are still required to run our church. Either send in your donation

by mail to **Martin Luther Church, 933 Smith St, Ottawa, Ont K1G1P5.**

Or go to our **website** www.glco.org click on the DONATE button and follow instructions. It is really quite simple.

wishing you a peaceful white Christmas

Konrad

Picture of our Church Council Meeting...



What's been going on at our church:
OUR FUNDRAISING EVENTS

The last three months have been packed with great fundraising events. So there has been a lot going on in our church. Thank you to everyone who helped out and who attended and donated!

It all started in September with a rummage sale. That's when you all helped out and turned in your old stuff so we could sell it.

We made a nice profit for the church of just over \$750. Especially Donna Kennedy, the Wendorfs, Heidi Rausch and Gertraude Martin helped, thank you very much!



Two weeks later we had a wonderful concert in our church with many different musicians. The Concordia Choir and the Qudlibet Choir and several great soloists and we also had sing-alongs and Ute Davis had read something from a book about Martin Luther. A very nice evening and we raised a good \$1050 dollars.



And then we had a **Turkey Dinner** in October. Here Sheri Pendlebury and family and Christina and Lutz Wendorf especially went all out and cooked and baked and prepared, thanks also to Heather Bent! There were a few cancellations that evening due to Covid, but this evening also turned out well and netted us \$850 dollars. Thanks again, to all who helped make these evenings possible. Besides the financial win, it was a lot of fun, enriched our congregational life and brought us a bit closer together again.



Not a fundraising event, but nevertheless necessary, was again our garden cleaning in October and the snow fence. Unfortunately, we are getting less and less here as well, so that it is hardly possible to do. The garden is big and beautiful, but as you all know, it is a lot of work.

And there was even more going on:

We had another "service on the road", this time on Petri Island, with wonderful weather -and we saw turtles too.



And then our german “Erntedankfest” was again (after 2 years Corona break) in the garden of the German Embassy, together with our Catholic brothers and sisters. Once again we had beautiful late summer weather and the Quodlibet Choir provided musical support. We had children service and the kids painted little birdhouses to care for God's creatures in the winter.



On Sunday 30th of October we celebrated Reformation Day, followed by the "Züricher Wurstessen", also a beautiful service.

And finally, the year is coming to an end and we celebrate **St. Martin** with the children and lots of lanterns and music. Unfortunately, it rained that day so we couldn't get out and walk through the neighbourhood but instead we sang in the basement of our church.



As you can see, there has been a lot going on in our church in the last three months.

It's great to have you all join in and help and support with good cheer. Let's see what the next months will bring. I am looking forward to it!

Holden Evening Prayer in Advent

As we did last year, we are again offering two special evening prayers during Advent.

This year together with Faith Ottawa Church on in Nepean and Pastor Malina.

On Tuesday, November 29th, we will meet at Faith Church (43 Meadowlands Drive, W) at 5pm, sing and listen together to this short devotion (about half an hour) and then have a hot soup together.

On Tuesday, December, 13th, we will do the exact same thing, only this time at our Martin Luther Church.

I would love for you to come to these two special devotions.

The devotions calm us down in the otherwise hectic Christmas time and they also prepare us well for the One who is coming.

These are meditative, musical evening devotions. The music is perhaps somewhat comparable to Taizé music. Marty Haugen wrote the Holden liturgy during the winter of 1985 and 1986.

In 2012, Marty Haugen told how he came to write the vespers service in the winter of 1985 and 1986 when he was working at Holden. He said they had been snowed in and had been "trying things out quite a bit" because they weren't happy with the vespers music in LBW, which at the time was fairly new and not universally welcome - so Haugen began experimenting with an evening prayer liturgy.

"With nine feet of snow," he said, "there was nothing to do after vespers but sit around and critique vespers."

Who is Marty Haugen?

Marty Haugen was born on Dec. 30, 1950, in Minnesota. He grew up in the American Lutheran Church (ALC) in Minnesota and became a member of the United Church of Christ. He writes contemporary hymns and liturgical music for the Lutheran Church. Haugen holds a B.A. degree in psychology from Luther College and an M.A. degree in pastoral studies from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. Haugen is active as a liturgical composer and workshop leader.

It's best to come and hear for yourself how beautiful his works are.

What is going on in 2023?

A new year is soon to begin and therefore it is time to try out new things. The offers of a coffee with singing or playing cards, as well as the Discussion group have been partly attended by only 3 people, which is a pity, because it was always very funny and interesting, but with so few participants, it will be discontinued for the time being.

We will try something else.

Every first Tuesday of the month we now invite you to a hot lunch with conversation and maybe playing cards or singing. Maybe you feel more like having lunch together. We will try it out.

We are also thinking of opening this lunch (starting Easter), together with the Anglican Church, for people in the neighborhood. We will see.

And then it will be new this year:

Discovery of the Bible With the Bible through the year 2023



Have you ever made a New Year's resolution to read the entire Bible and then stopped because it was too long and difficult?

Now you have the chance! Our Discussion group this year will be a **Bible reading group**. We will meet monthly on Thursday evenings at 7pm. And we won't be alone. The good thing about Zoom is that you can be far apart in space and still be together.

We meet on Thursday evenings for this offering with church members from Martin Luther Church in Toronto. Just like us, they have German and English church members and a German Pastor.

So, we meet together on Thursdays and then in Zoom we separate into a German group and an English group for parts of the evening.

And we want to read the Bible together this year. On Sundays, in the church service, you always hear only a small part, but the Bible of course belongs in a larger context. It builds on each other and so there is a lot to discover.

Of course, you don't have to read the whole Bible, it is probably too much – but we will read important excerpts together - and you will get a general overview through the discussion groups.

So that you can be prepared, this is the plan for this year. Of course, it would be best if you could participate in all the events, because that way you will get the best overview. And if you want, you can of course read the respective biblical books until the dates!

January: Genesis 1 (**12th of January 7pm**)

February: 2nd-5th book of Moses (**9th of February 7pm**)

March: Joshua - Kings

April: Prophets

May: Psalms and Wisdom texts

June: Conclusion Old Testament

July: Summer break

August: Summer break

September: 4 Gospels

October: Pauline letters

November: Letters that are not from Paul

AND WE HAVE ANOTHER GREAT EVENT IN FEBRUARY.

Together with our neighboring church (around the corner), St. Aidans Anglican Church, 934 Hamlet Road we are making **February Bible Month!**

We meet in person, Thursdays at 11 am and discuss the sermon text for the coming Sunday. We meet twice at our church and twice at St. Aidan's Church. It is definitely exciting to meet other people for once and look at biblical texts with them. The Pastor of the church Rosemary Parker and I will be there. I hope that some of you will also want to take advantage of this great opportunity.

The dates are in February:

02.02. 11 at Martin Luther Church (Text: Matthew 5:13-20).

09.02. 11 at St. Aidans Church (Text: Matthew 5:21-37)

16.02, 11 at Martin Luther Church (Text: Matthew 17:1-9)

23.02. 11 at St. Aidans Church (Matthew 4:1-11)

MARTIN LUTHER CHURCH COOKBOOK



In winter you are more likely to be at home cooking something nice and reading a good book.

Let's combine that and write a cookbook together!

Think about it and pick out 1-4 good and maybe special recipes that maybe not everyone has. It doesn't matter if it's an appetizer, main dish or dessert.

Until Easter we want to try to collect everything and put it together.

To make it even more interesting, there will be stories of biblical meals or church-historically interesting meals in between the recipes, such as Luther's Table Talks or The Zyrich Sausage Dinner. Feel free to think about this and send me stories about it! You can write a story even by yourself about a meal.

By Easter the book will hopefully be ready with German-Canadian recipes and some more.

So that we can put it together until Easter, please send or give me your contributions by March 5.

Naturely this will only work if you all participate again and send me your recipes or historical meals (best as an email to pastorkierschke@gmail.com or on a paper in the church).

Thank you and have fun picking out recipes! I am looking forward to your input!

The last Journey of Martin Luther

By: Gunther Bauer

Martin Luther has travelled only twice in his lifetime beyond the borders of Saxony. In 1510 he went on foot with his fellow monk Nathin to Rome, to have a certain controversy of the Augustinian order resolved by the Pope. The second time, Luther was summoned to the Diet of Worms in April of 1521, where he was branded a church heretic and an outlaw of the empire. But the emperor has guaranteed Luther a safe travel. Luther has travelled many times to Eisleben, where he was born and to Mansfeld, where his parents had moved to when Luther was a few months old. Mansfeld is located only ten kilometers from Eisleben. Luther had a good relationship with the two brothers Albrecht and Gebhard, Counts of Mansfeld. Both had joined the evangelical faith. Only lately, Luther had to travel there several times to settle a dispute between the two brothers. The last time, in October 1545, Melanchton had joined him. This time, Melanchton was sick, so Luther's wife, Kathie, suggested that he take their three sons along; Hans, 16, Martin 14 and Paul 13 years old. They also were accompanied by Johannes Aurifaber, Luther's assistant. When the group left Wittenberg on the morning of January 23, 1546, it was very cold. Luther was 62 years old and did not feel well. The journey from Wittenberg to Eisleben was about one hundred kilometers and Luther knew, that he would be in Eisleben again for two weeks or more. The group reached the city of Halle the next day. They had to stay a few days in Halle, since the Saaleriver was unsafe to cross due to high water. Luther gave several church services there, before they could continue their journey. They entered Eisleben on January 28 and Luther was quite ill. It seems, that he had become unconscious and was revived with warm towels. He wrote a letter two days later to his wife and Melanchton in Wittenberg about his illness and the lack of progress negotiating with the two quarrelling brothers. In the letter to his wife Kathie, Luther mentioned only, that he had a dizzy spell and he blamed it on the devil. Kathie had made it clear at the start of the journey, that her worries about his health were severe and that she was losing her sleep over it. In his last letter to his wife on February 14, Luther wrote: " To my dear wife, Katherine Luther, doctress and self-tormentor at Wittenberg, my gracious Lady (Luther was not well, but he could not stop teasing his wife about being concerned about his health). Grace and peace in the Lord! Read, dear Kathie, the Gospel of John and my Small Catechismus, of which you once said, everything is about me. But now you want to take on the care of our God. If HE were not almighty, could HE not be able to create ten Dr. Martins, if this old one had drowned in the Saale river. Leave me in peace with your worrying! I have a better caretaker than you and all the angels in heaven. HE is lying in the manger

and being nursed by a virgin's breast, but at the same time, sits at the right hand of God, the almighty Father. Therefore, be at rest. Amen".

Luther also mentioned that the boys were still in Mansfeld with their uncle Jakob, who took good care of them. Luther preached four sermons while staying in Eisleben and at his last service on the fifteenth of February, Luther had to sit down as his ill health overtook him. He ended his sermon earlier than he wished, saying his final words from the pulpit, that were: " This and much more might be said concerning the Gospel, but I am too weak and we shall let it go at that". On the seventeenth his health would not permit him to attend the meeting with the two brothers and their lawyers. After dinner, he retired to his chamber and asked Johannes Aurifaber to get his three sons and Count Albrecht and his wife. Luther fell asleep on the daybed in the sitting room. When he awoke at about midnight, Luther was surprised to see the many people that were in the room. He sat up and said: " Into your hands I commit my spirit. You have redeemed me, God of Truth". These words are from Psalm 31.5 and are the last words Jesus should have spoken from the cross. There were two physicians present as Luther went through periods of chest pain and cold sweat. Luther then cited the words from Luke 2:29: " Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace. Amen". And then he prayed three times the words from Psalm 31.5 and fell silent. The two pastors present were aware that Luther's death would be known throughout the empire and the way he died would be important. The catholic church, being aware of Luther's ill health, had already spread rumours that Luther was punished by the devil for his heretic writings. For the historical record, the two pastors, therefore spoke loud that all persons could hear it: " Revered father! Are you ready to die trusting in your Lord Jesus Christ and to confess the doctrines which you have taught in his name". Luther must have heard these words, he answered loud and clear: **Ja (yes)**.

This was Luther's last word. It was 2:45 in the morning of February 18, 1546. All attempts to revive Luther were unsuccessful. The message of Luther's death arrived in Wittenberg the next morning. Luther's coffin would arrive three days later. In all towns where the funeral procession went through, the main streets were packed with people to pay their last respect. The procession arrived in Wittenberg in the morning on the twenty-second of February and it went to the *Schlosskirche*. The coffin was carried inside and placed in front of the altar. A grave had already been dug close to the pulpit, where Martin Luther had preached the Gospel so many times. His death face-mask was placed on the altar. Death masks were traditional for people of stature. But what was not common, that the casters also had made casts of Luther's hands. These hands had written the New and Old Testaments, books, thousands of letters to friends and foes. Katharina was devastated by Luther's death. She still owned the Black Cloister and some land, but she did not receive any pension from her husband's salaries

as a professor and a pastor, because Luther's last will did not conform to the laws of Saxony. When the Schmalkaldig war reached Wittenberg, Katherina was fleeing the town with her children to relatives in Magdeburg. After the war, she returned to Wittenberg and found the Black Cloister ransacked and the animals stolen. During the outbreak of the Black Plague in 1552, she fled to Torgau, where she was born. The carriage, she was riding in had an accident and tipped over. Katharina fell into a ditch with icy watert. She died two months later from her injuries at the age of 53 years. She was interred in Torgau in the Church of Saint Mary.

A year after Luther's death, the Emperor Charles V, rode his horse into the Schlosskirche in Wittenberg, right to the pulpit where Luther was interred. According to a reliable source, his Spanish general should have asked the emperor, if they should have Luther's body dug up, so it could be burned publicly as a heretic. The emperor should have answered: " I do not make war on dead men", he turned his horse and rode out of the Schlosskirche.



The plaster cast death mask and hands of Luther.

Advent is the time of Advent calendars, this year I would like to propose a different Advent calendar. Let's collect food for the needy. Collect it at home or bring it to church on Sundays and we collect together. After Christmas bring your gifts or I will drop off the donated gifts at church then at the Food Bank. Here are some suggestions:

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

**EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO A BOX.
ON CHRISTMAS EVE DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A
FOOD BANK.**

- December 1 - box of cereal
- December 2 - peanut butter
- December 3 - stuffing mix
- December 4 - boxed potatoes
- December 5 - macaroni and cheese
- December 6 - canned fruit
- December 7 - canned tomatoes
- December 8 - canned tuna
- December 9 - dessert mix
- December 10 - jar of applesauce
- December 11 - canned sweet potatoes
- December 12 - cranberry sauce
- December 13 - canned beans
- December 14 - box of crackers
- December 15 - package of rice
- December 16 - package of oatmeal
- December 17 - package pasta
- December 18 - spaghetti sauce
- December 19 - chicken noodle soup
- December 20 - tomato soup
- December 21 - can corn
- December 22 - can mixed vegetables
- December 23 - can carrots
- December 24 - can green beans

FROM OUR CONGREGATION HAVE GONE HOME TO GOD:**KATE HONTI 25.03.1971 – 23.08.2022**

„And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.“Revelation 21,4

RUTH KAUFMANN 05.09.1922– 15.09.2022

Shortly after her 100th Birthday Ruth Kaufmann passed away.



This picture was taken on Ruth Kaufmanns 100th Birthday. Ruth Kaufmann, Christa Jachan (she turned 103 in Oktober), Pastor Kierschke and Gunther and Irmgard Bauer.

DR. GUDRUN CURRI JULY 28, 1941 - SEPTEMBER 8, 2022

Suddenly, after a short illness, Gudrun died on Thursday, September 8, 2022 in the Ottawa Civic Hospital, Ottawa.

After coming to North America from Germany as a young woman, Gudrun pursued a variety of careers, married and settled in Toronto.

She was Registrar, first on the Scarborough Campus of the University of Toronto, and then at Dalhousie University in Halifax. On completing her PhD, Gudrun moved to Dalhousie's Faculty of Management where she taught until her retirement.

Gudrun loved to travel, ski, hike, swim, always up for the next adventure - an incredible spirit, a "glorious Oma"!

She leaves behind her sons Michael and Oliver, her grandchildren Anika, Marshall, Thomas, Fiona, Yann, Elia, and Alexander, her sisters Rike and Ansgard, and many friends who will always remember her with a smile. She was very involved in our congregation, e.g. in the German Book Club.

WELL INFORMED - WhatsApp group !?

Do you have the feeling to be well informed about events in our congregation? We have this newsletter, email distribution list and our homepage where all dates are in the calendar. Then there is Facebook and Instagram (which of course not everyone uses).

As you know, sometimes something has to be cancelled quickly, we had the case when I had Covid or when there was freezing rain last winter.

I know from colleagues abroad that they also have a congregational WhatsApp group. There is no discussion in the group, but only the pastor writes there. I would offer such a group, of course you do not have to join. You can get all the information in the above mentioned ways.

This WhatsApp group would just be faster for you or if there is an event in the evening, I could remind you again in the morning.

I will also occasionally put photos in this group from church events, such as St Martin's, the concert or rummage sale, special church services or our trips or sometimes a little greeting in between. You can leave the group yourself at any time, it is in no way an obligation, but should inform you even better and make the church more visible to you. And maybe it is also nice when you are sitting at home and a picture comes to you of what is happening in the church. If you would like to take advantage of this, you need to have WhatsApp on your phone and give me your cell phone number and off you go!



IMPORTANT DATES AND SERVICES

As there will be a lot of people in the Christmas Services, please wear a mask in the services on 24th of December. So everybody can enjoy Christmas. Thank you! Also the ELCIC recommend that we should wear masks in all services again during winter.

27.11.2022 1. Advent Joined Service	11 am Joined Service Advent feast afterwards 2pm soccer game Germany – Spain	11 Uhr gemeinsamer Gottesdienst, anschliessend Adventsfeier und um 2pm Deutschlandspiel gegen Spanien
Tuesday, 29.11.22 Holden Evening Prayer and Soup afterwards	5pm in Faith Ottawa Church 42 Meadowlands Drive, Nepean	5pm in Faith Ottawa Church 42 Meadowlands Drive, Nepean
04.12.2022 2. Advent	9.30 am English Service	11 am Deutscher Gottesdienst
11.12.2022 3. Advent	9.30 am English Service	11 am Deutscher Gottesdienst
Monday, 12.12.2022 7pm		Weihnachtsfeier vom Deutschen Buchclub
Tuesday, 13.12.2022 Holden Evening Prayer and Soup afterwards	5pm in Martin Luther Church	5pm in Martin Luther Church
Friday, 16.12.2022		Filmabend mit dem Deutschen Film: Die Feuerzangenbowle (Es gibt alkoholfreien warmen Punch zu dem Film)
18.12.2022 4. Advent	9.30 am English Service	11 am Deutscher Gottesdienst
24.12. Familiengottesdienst deutsch		3 pm Familiengottesdienst deutsch
24.12. Christmas Service english	4.30 pm Christmas Service english	

24.12. Deutscher Weihnachtsgottesdienst		6pm Deutscher Weihnachtsgottesdienst
25.12 10am English & German	A festival of nine lessons and Carols Christmas Services with reading and singing	A festival of nine lessons and Carols Christmas Services with reading and singing
1. January 2 pm Joint Service Afterwards New Years Reception	New Years Service 2 pm New Years Reception afterwards	2 pm Neujahrsgottesdienst mit anschliessendem Neujahrsempfang
Wednesday, 03.01. Soup & Talk 12pm	Enjoy a hot soup and let us talk	Geniessen Sie eine warme Suppe und unterhalten wir uns dabei
08.01.	9.30 English Service	11 am Deutscher Gottesdienst
15.01.	9.30 English Service	11 am Deutscher Gottesdienst
19.01 7pm	Discussion Group Zoom with MLCHURCH Toronto	Diskussionrunde Zoom mit MLCHURCH Toronto
22.01. Church on the way Sarsaparilla Trail NO SERVICE IN CHURCH TODAY	Church on the way, Meeting point: 10 am Sarsaparilla Trail Old Richmond Road ON, K2H8Y3 NCC22/ P7	Kirche unterwegs Treffpunkt: 10 am
29.01	9.30 English Service	11 am Deutscher Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl
02.02. Bible Group February	11 am in Martin Luther Church Text: Matthew 5,13-20	11 Uhr in Martin Luther über den Text Matthäus 5,13-20
5.02	10 am Joint Service With children Service and Coffee afterwards	10 am Joint Service with children service and coffe afterwards

Tuesday, 07.02 Soup & Talk	Enjoy a hot soup and let us talk	Geniessen Sie eine warme Suppe und unterhalten wir uns dabei
Thursday, 09.02 Bible Group February	11 am St. Aidans Church Text: Matthew 5,21-37	11 Uhr in der St. Aidans Church über den Text Matthäus 5,21-37
Friday 11.02 6pm	GERMAN CARNIVAL Join us disguised or not It will be fun!	Der Quodlibetchor laedt ein zur Faschingsfeier Martin Luther Kirche unten. Alle sind herzlich eingeladen.
12.02	9.30 am English Service	11 am Deutscher Gottesdienst
Thursday, 16.02 7pm	Discussion Group Zoom With MLCHURCH Toronto	Diskussionrunde Zoom mit MLCHURCH Toronto
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19.02	9.30 am English Service	11 am Deutscher Gottesdienst
22.02 Ash Wednesday	Ash and Devotion to go between 5-6 pm in Martin Luther Church	Asche und Andacht zum Mitnehmen in der Zeit zwischen 5-6 pm in der Martin Luther Kirche
Thursday, 23.02. Bible Group February	11 am in St. Aidans Church Text: Matthew 4,1-11	11 Uhr in der St. Aidans church über den Text Mattäus 4,1-11
26.02	9.30 English Service	11 am Deutscher Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl
Friday 04.03 Weltgebetstag World Day of Prayer		6pm Weltgebetstag Treffen 6pm in der St. Albertus Kirche

We are here for you

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