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of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

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To find tools and resources for worship, missions, and ministry, visit the Eastern Synod website: [www.easternsynod.org](http://www.easternsynod.org)

**TOGETHER**  
for the *love* of the world

**Assembly 2014 is coming.....**

A breakdown of costs is posted on our website. Go to [www.easternsynod.org](http://www.easternsynod.org) and click the Synod Assembly button.

The lay delegate credential form is also available.

## Report of the Treasurer

The final report for 2013 is now posted on our website.

To view go to [www.easternsynod.org](http://www.easternsynod.org) and click on the Treasurers/Financial info button.



**Luther Hostel**

Luther Hostel is coming....  
June 2 - 6, 2014.  
More info coming soon.

## EVENTS:

**Visit the Eastern Synod website for more information on all these events**

**Atlantic Pastors' Conference**  
Feb. 9 – 12, 2014

**Art and Vespers Service**  
Feb. 9, 2014

**Hope Is Here**  
Feb. 14 -15, 2014

**A Day of Continuing Education and Conversation on Faith and Science**  
Feb. 20, 2014

**Bishop's Spiritual Retreat for Clergy**  
Feb. 23 – 26, 2014

**Diaconal Sunday**  
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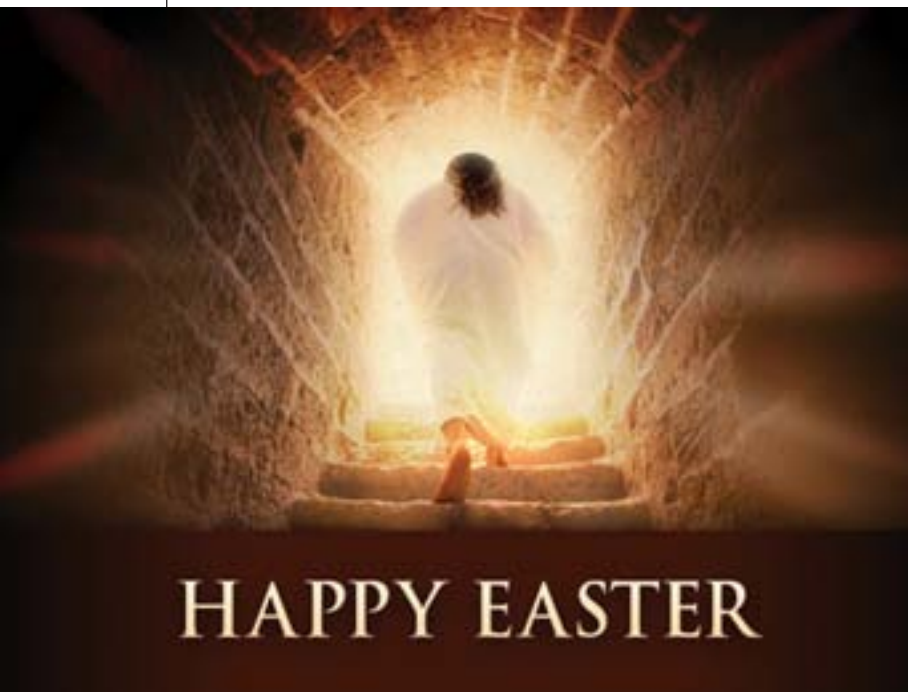
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

# CONFIRMATION CLASS

On Thursday, December 12, the youth of our parish gathered for Dinner and then baked cookies to serve at the coffee hour after the Children's Christmas concert and pageant. Everyone thought the shortbread cookies were incredibly delicious. (Anything with that much butter and those many calories has to be delicious!) While we were baking cookies, we also constructed and decorated three Gingerbread houses with great creativity. Several building experts had to be called in to repair one of the Gingerbread houses, but all three were eventually completed. They were sold at a silent auction at the coffee hour, with proceeds going to the CLAY gathering this Summer in Kelowna.

We hope that you can join us

**Isabel H., Claire Mahon, Lindsay Todd, / Youth attending this baking session: the above mentioned and Dysan Nanda, Jason McKay, Julia H, Emma Mahon, Markus Kunej, Joshua Miller,**



on Sunday, February 23, as Jane Redin receives the LAMB Award at our 10:30 A.M. Service. The LAMB Award is given by the Lutheran Council in Canada in recognition of significant service to the Scout program by a member of the Lutheran Church.

After the Service, there will be a time of coffee and fellowship in Luther Hall.

The youth of our parish will gather on Thursday, February 12 at 6:00 P.M. for a quick dinner at the Church.

Then, we will journey to the 10,000 Villages store in Hamilton to learn about fair trade and how it helps people throughout the world.

We will also have a chance to view items made by artisans from around the world, who sell their goods through 10,000



Villages.

Our group will be back at the Church for pick-up by their families at 8:45 P.M..

This Lenten season, I hope that you can join us at 12:15 (Noon) for our Wednesday mid-week services.

We will be following a series entitled, Restored in Christ, adapting it a bit to our own parish setting

and our own life as Christians in this community of faith. As we honestly face together the brokenness of our lives and our world, we can together know the healing that Christ brings.

The Gospel readings in this series come from Holy Week, so it will allow all who traditionally focus on the passion in Lent to be enriched in their understanding and appreciation of Christ's holy work. As usual, the services will last about a half-hour, though the Church will be open well before 12:15 P.M. for all who wish to come in earlier for prayer and quiet reflection.

Blessings, Stephen

# BEAVERS BOWL SCOUTS PREP VENTURERS WORKSHOP

Our Leaders are providing a wide range of activities for the youth to experience. Library, Police Station, Bowling, Leadership training and Winter Camp. Even while they are having fun, they are earning badges to better prepare them for the road to what life has to offer them.



**The Beaver section went bowling the night they couldn't meet in the church because of the heating issue. They had a 'ball!'**



**A youth from our group at the Area Beaver Bur-r-r where 20th Faith hosted the event of fun winter game activities.**

A special Scout Sunday this year. As in the past our Scouting membership will be hosting the morning service, along with a Coffee Hour for the congregation. Jane Redin will have a formal presentation of her Lamb Award. Recognizing her involvement and commitment to the church and Scouting at Faith.

Scout Week we will also have Brant Area Kub Kar and Beaver Buggy races to participate in. This will qualify the Kub Kars for Council races.

Pack and Troop are twinning at the Warplane Heritage sleepover in March.

Plans are in the works for our Annual Faith camp where ALLL sections of Scouting go to Camp Impeesa for the weekend



**Scouts preparing for Winter Camp**

of games, experiences and memories.

**Group Commissioner Jane Redin**

**Venturer Leadership Workshop in Kitchener**



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## ~ AN INVITATION ~

Waterloo Lutheran Seminary is pleased to invite you to A Day of Continuing Education and Conversation on Faith and Science with the Pastors of the Suomi-Conference and the Faculty of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary.

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Tapio Luoma Bishop of Espoo the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland

February 20, 2014..... 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre  
7021 Stanley Avenue  
Niagara Falls ON, L2G 7B7  
tel: 905-356-4113

Dr. Luoma will speak in the morning on the Theme **CHURCH IN THE CURRENT OF TIME** Facing Challenges through the Ages

## Ministry Changes

Rev. Daniela & Rev. Thomas Mertz finish at St. Paul's, Leamington on January 31 and begin at St. John's, Hamilton on February 1.

Rev. Rebecca Klages begins at South Grey Bruce Parish on February 1.

Rev. Michael Lees begins as interim at St. Paul's, Leamington on February 1.

Rev. Olaf Baumann begins as interim at St. John's, South Porcupine on February 1.

Rev. Kristin Baumann finishes as interim at Trinity, Sudbury on February 1.

Rev. Glenda Morrisette begins at Trinity, Sudbury on February 2.

## Reformation, Resistance and Renewal Luther, Bonhoeffer and the Church in Eastern Germany

Waterloo Lutheran Seminary has arranged an amazing study tour. Sixteen days of exploration treading in the footsteps of Luther, Bonhoeffer and other renewers of the church.

This Study Tour can be taken for Academic Credit, Continuing Education or Personal Interest.

Apply online at: [www.wlu.ca/seminary/studytourgermany](http://www.wlu.ca/seminary/studytourgermany)

The registration deadline is March 7, 2014

## A friendly reminder to pastors:

Please keep us updated on the best ways to reach you.

Send us your new contact information by email or give us a call.

## Pastoral Opportunities

The following  
Congregations are  
seeking a pastor. For  
more information,  
please contact **Rev.  
Douglas Reble**,  
Assistant to the Bishop  
(1-877-373-5242)

### Northern Conference

Trinity, Sudbury

### Toronto Conference

St. Paul's, Richmond  
Hill  
Christ the King, Whitby  
Emmanuel, Toronto

### Kitchener/Waterloo Conference

St. Stephen's, Kitchener

### Atlantic Conference

Grace Evangelical  
Lutheran Church and  
Zion Evangelical  
Lutheran Church,  
Lunenburg, NS

### London Conference

Zion, Stratford

# Events Calendar

## Last Wednesday Fellowship

### UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS:

#### FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 5	PARISH COUNCIL	7 PM
FEBRUARY 6	CLOTHING DEPOT	9:30 AM
FEBRUARY 16	ANNUAL MEETING	12:30 APPROXIMATELY
FEBRUARY 19	39'ERS	12:15 NOON
FEBRUARY 23	SCOUT SUNDAY	
FEBRUARY 26	LAST WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP	1:30 PM

#### MARCH

MARCH 4	SHROVE TUESDAY	
MARCH 5	ASH WEDNESDAY	
MARCH 5	PARISH COUNCIL	7 PM
MARCH 6	CLOTHING DEPOT	9:30 AM
MARCH 7	WORLD DAY OF PRAYER	
MARCH 17	WORSHIP COMMITTEE	7 PM
MARCH 19	39'ERS	12:15 NOON
MARCH 26	LAST WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP	1:30 PM

#### APRIL

APRIL 2	PARISH COUNCIL	7 PM
APRIL 3	CLOTHING DEPOT	9:30 AM
APRIL 6	LEARNING COMMITTEE	
APRIL 13	PALM SUNDAY	
APRIL 16	39'ERS	12:15 NOON
APRIL 18	GOOD FRIDAY	
APRIL 20	EASTER	
APRIL 30	LAST WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP	1:30 PM

### THE LAST WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP GROUP

We are taking our Christmas break now but will start up again on January 29th.

*Florence Smith*



# SEWING GROUP IN PARTNERSHIP, WE CARE

## In Partnership, We Care

Our church basement level was alive with activity on the evening of November 12. Faith's Sewing Group hosted a pot luck event which was a celebration of the 2013 K-W Baling Days filling a 40-ft. container destined for Mauritania.

In Partnership, We Care was the theme and the support shown by our Faith family and friends added to the already long list of partners involved in this Canadian Lutheran World Relief effort – Home Hardware for delivery and storage

Malian refugee recipients of this shipment and the desperate setting in which they live. A special request for many toys and school supplies was made by CLWR, the proceeds of which were added to the following goods loaded onto the container:

- 2,303 quilts/blankets
- 1,972 We Care kits
- 29 Teacher's kits
- 696 milk bag ground mats
- 424,000 servings dehydrated soups

The evening was rounded out with a short story by guest Jane Ann McLachlan from Christ Lutheran, Waterloo taken from her published book *Connections: Parables for Today*.

Among the many guests was Cyril Fraser, a member at St. Peters Anglican Church of the Six Nations Anglican Parish, which intern Janaki serves.

Attendees enjoyed viewing and/or purchasing many blankets and items made by the Sewing Group. This was truly a wonderful evening as we shared good food, fellowship, and the common desire to help those who are suffering. Yes, we care.

*(l-r) Inge and Janaki with Pauline Hennig, Hope, Kitchener, and Jennifer Ardon, Church Liaison & Volunteer Co-ordinator, CLWR, Waterloo.*



of our goods, Ontario Christian Gleaners for their huge donation of dehydrated soups and fruits, the Mennonite Central Committee for making its warehouse facility available, and area groups for making milk bag ground mats. Also, looking at the broader picture of partners, we include the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, the Lutheran World Federation, ACT Alliance (a coalition of more than 140 churches and organizations around the world), and the United Nations.

A slide presentation visually told the story of the



**Canadian Lutheran  
World Relief**

*Janaki with sampling of sewn blankets and items*





# MY FAITH JOURNEY BY BILL NEEB

*As I think about my faith journey, I realize that it started with my mother's prayer that we said every night. "Now I lay me down to sleep..." I recall attending Sunday School in our little Evangelical Lutheran Church at St Agatha. Sunday School was, and still is, taught in the front pews of that one room church. The lessons were printed in pamphlets with lovely pictures. I enjoyed the Bible stories that we studied. Eventually I became a Sunday School teacher at that church. My parents are buried in the church cemetery and I chose the inscription for their tombstone, "I know that my Redeemer liveth."*

*I was confirmed at the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Phillipsburg. Rev. G. Wuerscher ministered to three parishes - St Agatha, Phillipsburg and Baden. Our parents took turns driving us to the Baden Church for Saturday morning classes. We had to memorize the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles Creed and their meanings. My grandparents, Milton and Ella Neeb were my godparents. I was given a King James Bible from them which has my name engraved on the front. I still have that Bible.*

*After I was confirmed, the Herbers asked me to go to Luther League. They picked me up for the monthly meetings which were held jointly with the Phillipsburg young people as we did not have enough participants at our own church. This experience was very important for me because I was going out without my parents. I remember acting in two plays that were put on for the congregations and friends.*

*For a number of years we would have some joint meetings with the St. Matthew's Luther League in Kitchener. They had a group who brought their violins. It was here that I met Marvin Dubrick and we went to my first Luther League Convention in Kansas, U.S.A. We travelled by bus and I really enjoyed that*

*experience. In 1956, I went to an Ottawa Convention with many of our local Luther League members. These events deepened my faith.*

*After one year of secondary school, I decided to stay home and become a farmer. I worked for my father for five years. The*

*many years of schooling and the courses were too difficult. The good part is, that in spite of struggling, I finished my three years with the equivalent of my secondary schooling and the first year of my B.A degree. From there I went to Stratford Teachers' College. Following that I was employed in a rural school near Pembroke, Ontario where I stayed for two years.*

*In the summer of 1963, I was working on getting more university courses at Wilfrid Laurier University and I met Isabel Hogarth who was a teacher in Brantford. We had very similar backgrounds, the same profession and most of all, we both had a faith in God that we believed had led us to each other. We were married a year later. I resigned my position in Beamsville and came to Brantford. When I retired I had taught almost thirty-four years, twenty-five of those as an elementary school principal.*

*Isabel and I have been happily married for 49 years. We have been blessed with a loving family. We have been involved with our church for all of those years. We have both taught Sunday School for many years. It saddens us when we see the decline in enrolment and the changing world where many families do not attend church. We saw the former St. Peter's Lutheran Church on King George Road grow from a mission church, only to see it close some years later. We returned to St. Matthew's and it became Faith.*

*We believe that God's promises are true and nothing can separate us from God's love. To us Heaven is a real place. We have made life-long friendships here in this church where we find support and encouragement. I'd like to end with words from Paul in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, where he gives instructions for daily Christian living. "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."*



*Ontario Hydro built a sub-station near our farm where I worked as a labourer for one year until many of the employees were laid off permanently. I became allergic to the farm dust and realized that I had made a mistake when I left school.*

*In May, 1956 my mother died suddenly at the age of 39 years. I had just turned 20 and my sister was 16 years old. The president of our Luther League, also a farmer, was studying to be a minister and so was Marvin, my friend, mentioned above. I saw this as a vocation I would enjoy. I enrolled and studied hard for three years. But I had missed too*

# FAITH BULLETIN BOARD

Worship Services During Lent and Easter:

Ash Wednesday Services, Noon (12:15 A.M.) and 7:00 P.M.

Mid- Week Lenten Services

Wednesdays, March 12 –April 9, Noon (12:15 A.M.)

Holy Week Services:

Maundy Thursday, April 17, 7:00 P.M.

Good Friday, April 18, 10:00 A.M.

Easter Sunday, April 20, Celebrations:

9:00 A.M. Eucharist

9:30 A.M. to 10:15 A.M. Breakfast

10:30 A.M. Eucharist

*Wishing you a  
Blessed Good Friday  
and a  
Happy Easter*

# HAPPY EASTER



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## SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

March 4, 2014 - 5 P.M. to 7 P.M.

Hosted by the youth of our parish and  
co-sponsored by FaithLife #76018

We will not charge admission, but will  
gratefully receive gifts to help our  
youth attend the 2014 CLAY Gathering in  
Kelowna this Summer.



The meal will feature  
light and fluffy  
pancakes, delicious  
sausages, real maple  
syrup, fruit and really  
good coffee.