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## echoes newsletter

We want to feature the news and events of the Family of Faith at Faith Lutheran Brantford. Contact us if you would like to be in future editions, have an article you'd like to submit or an event you want to promote. Submitted manuscripts accepted but may not be returned. Authors of selected materials only will be contacted. No portion of the magazine, including advertisements, pictures or editorial content may be reproduced without permission.

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### REMINDER:

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### PARISH COUNCIL AND COMMITTEES:

Please consider volunteering for Church Council and/or working with one of our Committees.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Income for 2016:	\$142,402.00
Expenses for 2016:	\$155,964.00
Deficit for 2016:	(-13,562.00)

Year-to-date (January 1 - January 31) receipts:	\$9,765.00
Year-to-date (January 1 - January 31) expenses:	\$5,755.00
Year-to-date (January 1 - January 31) surplus:	\$4,010.00

*Thank you for your prayerful consideration and contribution to support our faith filled activities.*

## Calendar

Tuesday February 28

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at 5 pm

Wednesday March 1

Ash Wednesday Service at 12:15 noon

Wednesday March 8

Parish Council at 7 pm

Saturday March 18

Men's Breakfast at 8:30 am

Thursday March 30

Last Thursday Fellowship at 1:30 pm

Wednesday April 5

Parish Council at 7 pm

Saturday April 22

Men's Breakfast at 8:30 am

Thursday April 27

Last Thursday Fellowship at 1:30 pm

Wednesday May 3

Parish Council at 7 pm

Saturday May 20

Men's Breakfast at 8:30 am

Thursday May 25

Last Thursday Fellowship at 1:30 pm

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear friends in Christ,

Each year the Christian Church pauses for the 40 days before Easter to examine our relationship with our God and with each other. This time of Lent calls us to examine our own relationship to God and to the Church of Christ and all its members. I have often found it difficult over the years to "give up something for Lent" as it seems a false and disingenuous way of acting out my piety. I have liked the notion of "taking on something" for Lent...a service project, more spiritual reading, spending intentional time with family and friends. But that too seems somewhat false and too temporary. If those things



are good for me (or not good for me) in Lent then why not do or not do them during the rest of the year? The Benedictine Monastery in Belmont, NC, published this list a number of years ago. I share these words with you in the hope that they are helpful when we are planning to "give up something" or "take on" (feast) on something in these days leading to the Easter joy!

Fast from judging others; feast on the Christ dwelling in them.

Fast from emphasis on differences; feast on the unity of life.

Fast from apparent darkness; feast on the reality of light.

Fast from thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God.

Fast from words that pollute; feast on phrases that purify.

Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.

Fast from anger; feast on patience.

Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism.

Fast from worry; feast on divine order.

Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.

Fast from negatives; feast on affirmatives.

Fast from unrelenting pressures; feast on unceasing prayer.

Fast from hostility; feast on non-resistance.

Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness.

Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others.

Fast from personal anxiety; feast on eternal truth.

Fast from discouragements; feast on hope.

Fast from facts that depress; feast on verities that uplift.

Fast from lethargy; feast on enthusiasm.

Fast from thoughts that weaken; feast on promises that inspire.

Fast from shadows of sorrow; feast on the sunlight of serenity.

Fast from idle gossip; feast on purposeful silence.

Fast from problems that overwhelm; feast on prayer that undergirds.

Pastor Kevin+



## REFORMATION CHALLENGE UPDATE

Our achievements as of December 31, 2016:

- Refugees sponsored: 5
- Refugee Fund: \$295
- ELCJHL scholarships: \$915
- Trees planted: 1288
- LWF Endowment Fund: \$760

Please consider helping us reach one full ELCJHL scholarship of \$1400 (we have \$485 to go) and \$1000 to the LWF Endowment Fund (we have \$240 to go).

On April 22nd our youth and others will be planting 2000 trees on the Hilgendag Farm. All are welcome to participate. Although this planting will be on private property, it is being done in conjunction with the Grand River Conservation Authority and will be done along the banks of the Grand River to help stabilize and protect the banks from erosion. Some funding is still needed to purchase the trees. You can help by dropping some change into the glass boot on the table at the back of the church.

At the National Church level, as of February 1, 2017

- Refugees sponsored: 536
- ELCJHL scholarships: 130
- Trees planted: 60,071
- LWF Endowment Fund: \$135,695



Bring a Bell on Easter Sunday...

When you're gathering up all your belongings to bring to Church on Easter Sunday, don't forget your bell! YES! Your bell. Pastor Kevin will be using the bells throughout the service so, please remember your dinner bell, your cow bell, your school bell, your desk bell – whatever helps ring in the good news of Jesus' resurrection. Phone Apps simulating bells will also be welcome!



# MY FAITH JOURNEY

By Rev. Peter Mogk

We Lutherans tend to be cautious about sharing our faith, though the church and we grow in all ways when we do. So, when I was approached to talk about my "faith journey," which is my complete life, I answered cautiously. I opted to share one small facet stirred by the lesson read that Sunday.

After Jacob wrestled with a man until daybreak at the ford of Jabbok, Jacob named the place Peniel because *I have seen God face to face* (Genesis 32:22-31). This is for me a particularly potent and meaningful episode.

Jabbok means "dried up" and "as good as dead." This was Jacob as he faced the showdown of his life with limited experience in the reconciliation which was demanded of him. Thank God that Jacob was not alone. God went ahead to open new possibilities, painful as they might be. This pretty well sums up the story of Jacob's life and mine.

After a night of life-and-death wrestling that left him permanently marked, Jacob knew that he had been "face-to-face with God" (Peniel) and survived. Jacob's new name reflected his resistance and struggle with God. Though he limped onward, he knew a new passion for life on God's terms.

I too was at a Jabbok

moment when I was diagnosed with cancer and placed outside death's door. When I was taken into emergency with an uncontrollable fever, my oncologist wondered why I was so calm.

I explained that for me this fever was "God's way of burning the hell out of the cancer."

Initially many had asked why I was being so morbid and preparing to die. I responded that, if I did not have things organized to die, I could not be ready to receive life as a gift. After this experience, life could be only and totally a gift to be lived in thankfulness.

Like Jacob, I was marked with a limp; mine from an overdose of chemotherapy. Still at that end-of-life place, I have been indelibly marked in body and in faith. I have difficulty standing still and

balancing. However, I invited two friends to hike with me in 60 days the 885 km of the well-known Bruce Trail as an act of praise and celebration.

This is just a peek at my faith journey. God has work for us to do and continues to invite us forward on the journey of faith.

Part of what I am trying to share is that faith is not simply what I believe or learn but also a journey where discerning God's will is a true calling beyond fumbling footsteps. I also need to express a deep concern that, when we do not share the Word, people are deprived of these faith witnesses like Jacob who shape our lives and help us to cope amidst the challenges of life.

Without biblical knowledge and living faith, how will our children, grandchild-

ren, neighbours, etc., cope with the inevitable demands and frustrations of life? If they do not know of Jacob, the Jabbok and Peniel, how will they know the meaning of their wrestling? How will they make sense of their life experience? Who will help them to know that they are at one of those places in life where they really are wrestling with God?

God does not give us what we can handle. God helps us handle what we are given.

Here is a link to a friend's story of his journey with cancer with his speech at Health Quality Transformation 2016: [goo.gl/xVEfXG](http://goo.gl/xVEfXG).

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**Rev. Peter Mogk is a retired pastor encouraging lay ministry development and recognition, living in Brantford, Ont.**



**Rev. Peter Mogk looks at a Bruce Trail reference book that holds maps for the Bruce Trail. The retired hospital chaplain and cancer survivor completed the entire trail during 2012.**

# SERVICES AND EVENTS



## Faith Lutheran Church 2017 Lenten and Easter Services and Events

Tuesday February 28	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5-7 pm in Luther Hall Donations to Youth Group gratefully accepted
Wednesday March 1	Ash Wednesday Service at 12:15 noon If you wish, please bring a brown bag lunch for a time of fellowship after the Service. Coffee will be provided.
Sunday April 9	Palm Sunday with distribution of palm branches and crosses.
Thursday April 13	Maundy Thursday Service at 7 pm
Friday April 14	Good Friday Service at 10 am
Sunday April 16	Easter Sunday services at 9 am and 10:30 am with Easter breakfast between the 2 services hosted by our Youth.

### Wednesday Lenten Noon Hour Services at 12:15 noon

This year the services will be led by Dorothy Emerson and will be based on  
Luther's Small Catechism.

Wednesday March 8	Lent 1 – 10 Commandments
Wednesday March 15	Lent 2 – Creed
Wednesday March 22	Lent 3 – Lord's Prayer
Wednesday March 29	Lent 4 – Baptism
Wednesday April 5	Lent 5 – Holy Communions





# 20TH FAITH SCOUTS

We continue to encourage and provide training for youth and Adults. Our membership is growing as a result of this. We are all in a learning curve with the new Canadian Path program that we're sharing with our youth. It is 'Youth Led' where they 'Plan' their events, 'DO' the events then 'Review' how it went and what they learned from it. This helps shape our youth to become accomplished, confident and

**Scout George at Start Gate for Scout Trucks**



**Winter Scout Camp @ Camp Nemo -February 4, 2017**



**Owen, Julien & Sam at the finish line**

THANK YOU to the congregation for giving us a meeting place for the youth to enjoy their programs. Scouts Canada states that one of the requirements is you must have a basic spiritual belief. Spirituality has been one of the main principles of Scouting around the world.

Gearing up for our Annual All Section Faith Camp in April at



**Brant Area Rally Scout Truck Winners!**

**Flame Ceremony during Scout Sunday service**



**Winter Scout Camp**



Camp Impeesa which is growing every year.

20th Faith Scouting continues their fundraiser to collect 'returnable bottles and cans'. Please contact Scouter Jane Redin for pick up or leave at the church.

better citizens of our community. On Feb. 22 we celebrated the Birthday of our founder Lord Baden-Powell. As we do every

year, the week leading up to this birthday. At 20th Faith, we end the week off by joining the church service as a way to say

This will assist the group with their programs and a week long canoe camping trip this summer.

## Anglicans, Lutherans team up for Treaties Recognition Week

By Tali Folkins on December, 20 2016

A small group of Anglicans and Lutherans in southern Ontario has formed to raise awareness of issues related to Indigenous-non Indigenous reconciliation.

The Treaties Recognition Week Work Group consists of seven lay and clergy members from both churches, drawn largely from the Brantford, Ont., area. It formed last June after the Ontario government's announcement May 30 that the first week



***The Rev. Peter Mogk, a member of the Treaties Recognition Week Work Group, and Janice Luksic, a parishioner at Grace Anglican Church in Brantford, Ont., take part in the Blanket Exercise, an activity for teaching Indigenous Canadian history, at St. Mark's Nov. 9, 2016.***

of every November henceforth would be known as Treaties Recognition Week. The government said the week is intended to be a time for raising awareness about the history of treaties between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, both in schools and among the wider public.

The group's formation also followed a call last March by Archbishop Fred Hiltz, primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, that Canadian Anglicans engage with the 48th of the 94 Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The 48th Call

to Action asks churches that were party to the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP). To show their commitment to UNDRIP, Hiltz called on "every diocese and territory of our church to ensure opportunity for learning about the history and lingering legacy" of the Doctrine of Discovery, the notion that when Europeans arrived in the Americas, they discovered a land that belonged essentially to no one and was theirs to claim.

In response to this call, the Treaties Recognition Week Work Group undertook a number of activities. The Rev. Peter Mogk, a retired Lutheran pastor, prepared seven daily Bible readings. In advance of Treaties Recognition Week, the group held a screening of *Trick or Treaty?*, a documentary film about Treaty 9, an agreement agreed to by northern Ontario Indigenous peoples in 1905, in Hamilton.

On November 9, St. Mark's Anglican Church in Brantford hosted the Blanket Exercise, a teaching tool in Indigenous Canadian history.

On November 13, the group hosted a meeting in Brantford involving presentations by Nathan Tidridge, a teacher and author of several books on Canadian constitutional history; and Phil Monture, a land claims specialist for the Six Nations of the Grand River, a Brantford-area Indigenous community. After the presentations, the roughly 60 participants gathered in a sharing circle and prayer in Her Majesty's Royal Chapel of the Mohawk, near Brantford.

Organizers Mogk, Canon Tim Dobbin, rector of St. Mark's, and St. Mark's parishioner Nancy Harvey, who is also co-chair of the Anglican Church of Canada's Creation Matters Working Group, say they look forward to putting on similar events next year and beyond, and to partnering with like-minded groups on similar events.



## Press Release: A joint Catholic-Lutheran "Common Prayer" for 500 years of Reformation

GENEVA/VATICAN CITY, 11 January 2016 - The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity (PCPCU) have invited Lutheran churches and Catholic bishops' conferences across the world to make use of a jointly-developed Common Prayer to prepare commemorations for the 500 years of the Reformation in 2017.

In a joint letter today to the Catholic Bishops' Conferences and to LWF member church bishops, presidents and other leaders, LWF General Secretary Rev. Dr Martin Junge and PCPCU President Kurt Cardinal Koch introduce the Common Prayer for Lutheran-Catholic common commemoration of the Reformation in 2017. The document is the first jointly developed liturgical order prepared by a liturgical task force of the Lutheran Catholic Commission on Unity of the LWF and PCPCU. It is based on the recent study report *From Conflict to Communion: Lutheran-Catholic Common Commemoration of the Reformation in 2017*, and is calling the Catholic and Lutheran communities for joint prayer in this commemoration.

The Common Prayer includes materials that can be adapted to local liturgical and musical traditions of churches in the two Christian traditions.

"This common prayer marks a very special moment in our common journey from conflict to communion. We are grateful for being able to invite you to participate in this journey in witnessing to the grace of God in the world," Junge and Koch write to the Lutheran and Catholic Church leaders.

The two leaders express gratitude for the many joint initiatives and commitment by Catholics and Lutherans in studying together the document *From Conflict to Communion*, in which the two church bodies describe together for the first time the history of the 16th century Reformation and its intentions. The report developed by the Lutheran-Roman Catholic Commission on Unity in 2013 has been widely distributed to Catholic and Lutheran communities. It is available in the four LWF's official languages – English, French, German and Spanish – and has been translated into several other national and regional languages.

The Common Prayer is a practical guide to a process of worship for a joint Catholic-Lutheran commemoration of 500 years of the Reformation. It is structured around



**Rev. Martin Junge (left) and Cardinal Koch. Photo: LWF/S. Galla**

the themes of thanksgiving, repentance and commitment to common witness. The aim is to express the gifts of the Reformation and ask forgiveness for the division perpetuated by Christians from the two traditions.

"It offers an opportunity to look back in thanksgiving and confession and look ahead, committing ourselves to common witness and continuing journey," states the preface of the Common Prayer.

It offers suggestions of how Catholic and Lutherans should preside and read together at a common prayer service. Examples are provided of hymns and songs from a variety of multicultural contexts, as well as biblical and confessional readings that reflect mutual joy and repentance, and the desire to serve and witness to the world together.

In their joint letter, Junge and Koch remind the church leaders that the year 2017 also marks the 50 years of global ecumenical dialogue between Catholics and Lutherans, which includes other major study processes and documents. For the LWF, the year coincides with its Twelfth Assembly, to be held in Windhoek, Namibia, under the theme "Liberated by God's Grace."

In October this year, the LWF and PCPCU will host a joint Ecumenical Commemoration event in Lund, Sweden, where the LWF was founded in 1947.

<https://www.lutheranworld.org/news/press-release-joint-catholic-lutheran-common-prayer-500-years-reformation>





## Thank You

"Val Pfeiffer, along with his daughters and their families, would like to thank all members of the congregation for their kindness and concern during the loss of Jutta. The wonderful donations in Jutta's memory as well as the many cards, flowers and meals were deeply appreciated. Thank you from all of us. Val Pfeiffer and family."



## EUROPEAN REFORMATION TOUR 2017

Oct. 28-Nov. 9, 2017

*Join Pastor Kevin & Gail Baglole*

*in Wittenberg on Oct. 31, 2017 for the*

## 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

We will travel over 11 days from Berlin to Munich, following the development and the lives of the the 16th Century Reformers, their cities and notable sites, including being in Wittenberg, Germany on Oct. 31, 2017. Renew your Baptismal vows in the Church where Martin Luther was Baptized!

**\$3419 per person with a 10% discount if you book BEFORE Nov. 29th, 2016.**

**Includes:** 11 breakfasts, 7 dinners, guided tours, luggage transfers and many opportunities for free time to explore on your own.

**Excluded:** flights\*, meals not specified, gratuities, and items of a personal nature.

**CONTACT Kevin – [kjbaglole65@cogeco.ca](mailto:kjbaglole65@cogeco.ca) or call 905.865.4686 for more information or to book your spot**

*\*Group Flights may be arranged in January 2017*

# LAY SPIRITUAL RETREAT

## Moments of Joy, Seasons of Grace...

### Lay Spiritual Retreat 2017

**March 31 – April 2**

@ Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, Niagara Falls

**Host:** Bishop Michael Pryse

**Spiritual Director:** Rev. Claudine Carlson

**Worship Leaders:** Rev. James Brown and Rev. André Lavergne

**Retreat Director:** Dorothy Frook  
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*Having served for more than 23 years as a pastor in the Eastern Synod, Claudine Carlson retired in February 2016. Throughout her pastoral ministry, she served the wider church in various capacities, including teaching Spiritual Formation at WLS and serving on NCC. Prior to ordination, her careers included teaching grade 2 in California and management as a department head at the UW Library.*

*She wants her retirement years to be both productive and creative, and has embarked on a busy year living as an "Alongsider" of the Anglican Sisters of St. John the Divine in Toronto. She hopes to return to Kitchener-Waterloo when the program concludes at the end of July 2017.*

*Her theme, "Moments of Joy, Seasons of Grace", is the title of a book she'd like to write someday.*

**Please join us for community, conversation,  
contemplation, worship and renewal.**

*\*Please note that this is a fragrance free event!*

To register on-line, please visit [www.easternsynod.org](http://www.easternsynod.org).

(Hard copies of the registration form can also be found at [www.easternsynod.org](http://www.easternsynod.org))



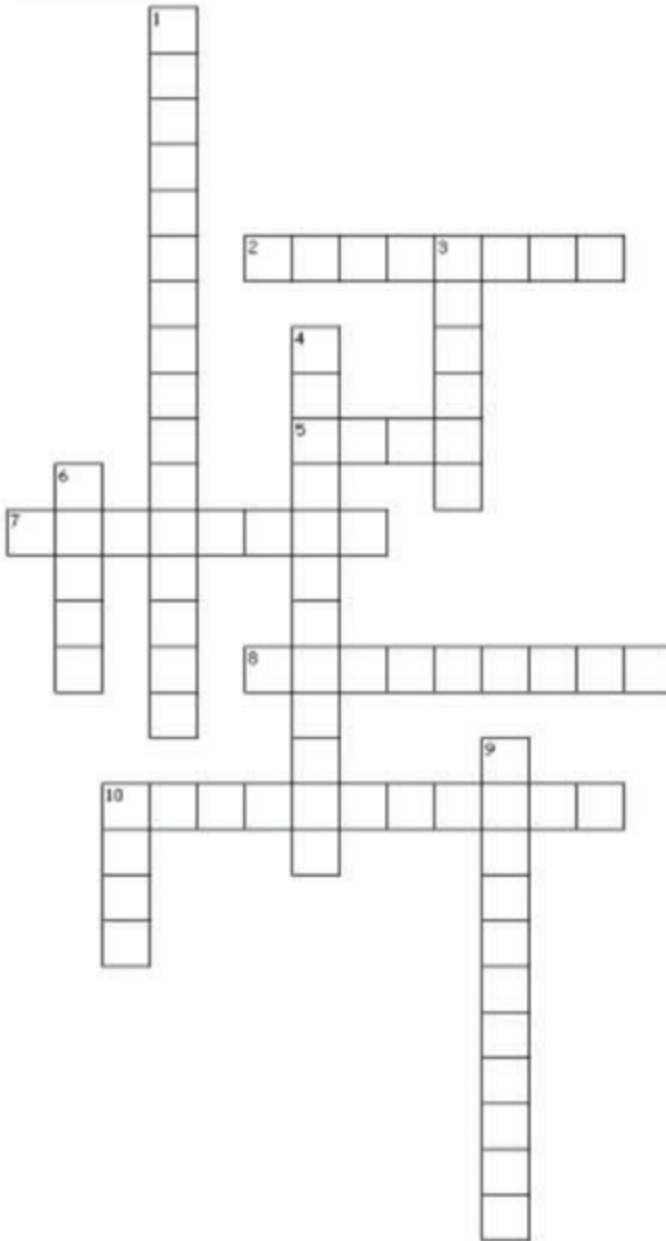


# The Reformation



By Mr Yelland

www.SchoolHistory.co.uk



## Across



- 2. One invention in particular helped the spread of ideas during the Reformation.
- 5. Luther visited which city in 1510?
- 7. In 1500 the majority of people belonged to which branch of religion?
- 8. The place where all the souls of dead people go.
- 10. Luther's supporters became known as?

## Down



- 1. The list of arguments which Luther nailed to the church door in 1517 is known as?
- 3. This person was sent to Wittenberg to sell "Letters of Indulgence".
- 4. A German reformer and one of the founders of Protestantism.
- 6. The Bible was written in which language?
- 9. Certificates or letters that absolved the buyer of sin and were used by the Pope as a way of raising money.
- 10. The head of the Catholic Church is called?





# WOMEN'S EVENT

## An Event for all Women

Sponsored by Women's Ministry of the



## Helping Us Grow Spiritually

Keynote Speaker Brenda Byers

Keynote Speaker Ruth Smith Meyer



**A Weekend Retreat for Women of  
All Ages**

***May 26-28, 2017***

**Kempfenfelt Conference Centre**

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