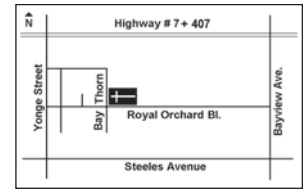




## CHRIST THE KING - DIETRICH BONHOEFFER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Dear Congregation,*

On Sunday October 16th, we celebrated Stewardship Sunday and focused on being generous with what God has given us, especially for the work of the church. The Biblical text was 1 Corinthians 16: 1-4 "concerning the collection for the saints". In it, Paul stresses three important points about our church offerings. Firstly, we should strive to **give regularly**. Paul advises the Corinthians to make a collection every week on Sundays. This way is easier and more convenient for both givers and those who have the task of collecting. Secondly, Paul advises the Corinthians to make giving a **priority**. We should think first of our giving, before budgeting for our needs. Time and time again, the Bible stresses giving our first fruits (Genesis 4:4), not our leftovers, as a gift to God and those in need. Lastly, Paul reminds us to give **in proportion**. He does not mention a particular percentage or a amount, but to "save whatever extra you earn".

Since all we have is a gift received first from God, our mission as Christians is to live a life of generosity and caring for those who are in need. God blesses us so richly so that we may become a blessing for others.

In my sermon on October 16th I issued the assembly two challenges: You may not be able to physically attend worship every Sunday, but consider making your offering appear every week nonetheless. Include postdated cheques in your envelope, or mail or drop off your cheque to the office during the week. Secondly, consider increasing your offering by 10% this coming year. Perhaps you haven't increased your Sunday offerings in a few years. This may be a good time to start.

Finally, as the season of Advent and Christmas comes upon us, and as we celebrate the coming of Emmanuel, God-with-us, let me wish you all God's blessings.

*Sincerely in Christ,*  
*Pastor Sebastian Meadows-Helmer*

*Liebe Gemeinde,*

Am Sonntag, d. 16. Oktober, begingen wir den Haushalterschaftssonntag. Das Thema war: „Großzügig zu sein mit dem, was Gott uns gegeben hat, vor allem für die Arbeit der Kirche“. Der biblische Text dazu war 1. Korinther 16: 1-4 „die Geldsammlung für die Heiligen“. Hier betont Paulus drei wichtige Punkte über unser Opfergaben. Erstens, wir sollten uns bemühen, **regelmäßig** zu geben. Paulus rät den Korinthern in jeder Woche jeweils am Sonntag eine Kollekte einzuführen. Dieser Weg sei einfacher und bequemer für beides, Geber und Kollektenresultat. Zweitens, Paulus rät den Korinthern, dem Geben **Priorität** zu geben. Wir sollten zuerst an unsere Spenden denken ehe wir unseren Bedürfnissen Vorrang geben. Immer wieder betont die Bibel, unsere „Erstlinge“ (1. Moses 4:4) und nicht unsere Speisereste, als ein Geschenk an Gott und Bedürftige zu geben. Schließlich erinnert uns Paulus daran, dass unsere Gaben **im Verhältnis** zu dem stehen, was wir selber haben. Er erwähnt keinen bestimmten Prozentsatz oder Menge, sondern „soviel ihm möglich ist“.

Da alles was wir haben ein Geschenk von Gott ist, haben wir als Christen den Auftrag, in Großzügigkeit und Fürsorge für alle die in Not sind zu leben.

In meiner Predigt am 16. Oktober stellte ich der Gemeinde zwei Herausforderungen: Falls Sie nicht in der Lage sind, aus körperlichen oder anderen Gründen jeden Sonntag zum Gottesdienst zu kommen, so können Sie vielleicht erwägen, uns Ihre Spende auf andere Art zukommen zu lassen: Sie können jederzeit vordatierte Schecks in Ihrem Umschlag in den Kollektenteller legen, oder persönlich oder per Post ins Büro kommen lassen. Zweitens, überlegen Sie sich, ob Sie Ihre Spenden im kommenden Jahr um 10% erhöhen können. Es ist ja möglich, dass Sie schon seit Jahren bei dem gleichen Betrag geblieben sind. Dies wäre ein guter Zeitpunkt, eine Änderung vorzunehmen.

Schließlich, jetzt wo die Advents- und Weihnachtszeit auf uns zukommt und wir das Kommen des Emmanuel, des Gott-Mit-Uns feiern, wünsche ich Ihnen allen Gottes Segen.

*Herzlichst, im Dienst Christi,*  
*Pastor Sebastian Meadows-Helmer*

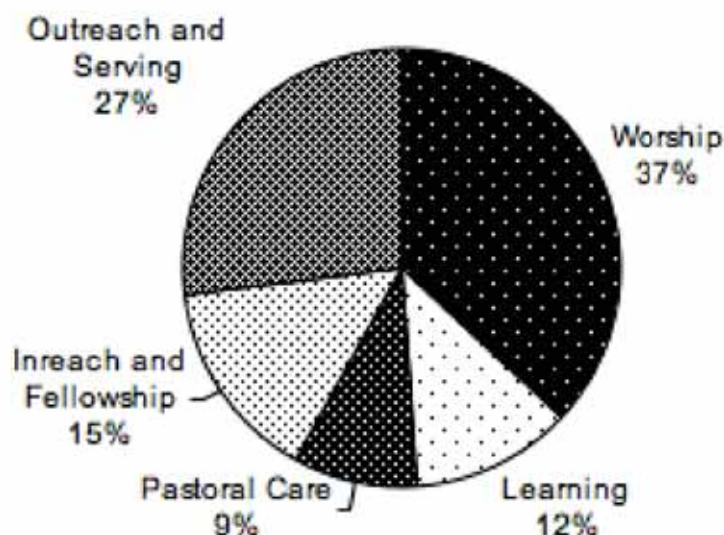
## Narrative Budget

On Sunday, Oct 16th I presented a Narrative Budget, which is an interpretation of the traditional line budget as you would find in our Annual Report. Its purpose is to focus more on what we do as church, and to help us to dream and vision for the future. I broke down our 2011 church expenses in terms of 5 mission areas (things the church does): **Worship, Learning, Pastoral Care, Inreach and Fellowship, and Outreach and Serving.**

Under the **Worship** heading we would find all the resources dedicated to making worship happen: pastor, organist and secretary's time to prepare, choir, and committee work. **Learning** includes Bible Study, Lunch and Learn, Confirmation Class and other events, as well as committee work.

**Pastoral Care** includes home, hospital, church and telephone visits within a caring context by both both pastor and laity. **Inreach and Fellowship** includes time and energy spent by the church on activities mainly for members and friends, such as the Groups, the Fellowship Times and internal events such as the Spring Fest. The mission area **Outreach and Serving** includes work and effort expended outside of our congregation, including rentals, work with the wider church, benevolence, mission opportunity and work with charitable organizations.

So for every dollar you give towards our church, 37 cents goes to provide **Worship**, 12 cents goes towards **Learning**, 9 cents goes towards **Pastoral Care**, 15 cents goes towards **Inreach and Fellowship**, and 27 cents goes towards **Outreach and Serving.**



### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### Financial Update

Jan. 1, 2011 - Oct. 31, 2011

#### OFFERING & DONATIONS

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
<b>BUDGET</b>	88,333.33	88,333.33
<b>ACTUAL</b>	70,910.71	67,949.32
<b>SHORTFALL</b>	-17,422.62	-20,485.01
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	2,541	2,781

Treasurer: Edith Schiller

Oct. 31, 2011

## 15 DOs and Don'ts of a Healthy Congregation (Part 2 of 5) (by Gregoire and Mehlmann)

### DO

Expect the pastor to teach and give the congregation a clear understanding of the highest vision of the Lutheran Confessions and of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

Keep the pastor and the parish leaders in your personal and family prayers.

Invite the pastor to your home, for coffee or for dinner. It offers friendship and appreciation.

Ask about anything in the congregation that you do not understand, since the pastor can't read your mind.

Keep laughter as the lubricant of your relationship.

Realize that the person next to you at the Sunday service has been invited to the church by Christ, just as you have been.

Pray to see the face of Christ in each and every member of the congregation, -- and every person you meet in your life.

Sit beside the mother of a small child at the service, ready to offer assistance if necessary.

Consider seriously any invitation to serve as a teacher, godparent, confirmation sponsor or mentor.

Let absent members know that you miss seeing them. Inquire about their health and offer to update them on any congregational news or events they may have missed.

### DON'T

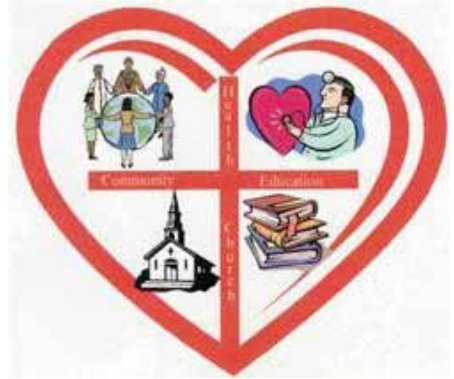
Be shocked if the pastor and leaders display ways of working that irritate you.

Assume that the pastor can like everyone equally.

Become polarized on any issue.

Allow a display of negativity from a pastor or parish leaders to infect the congregation.

Assume that the pastor and leaders share the same vision and experience of the church that you do. Your vision may be ahead of or behind that of your pastor and leaders.



### Discovering what's going on at Church Council



Please remember that if you have questions about what is going on in Council, you have a few options. First, read the highlights found in the newsletter. Second, ask a Council Member or the Pastor. Third, ask the Secretary to read the Council Minutes found in the Council Binder in the office. Fourth, attend a Council Meeting (you will not have Voice or Vote in the proceedings, but you may ask questions!)

### Council Resignations

In October 2011, Manfred Lupke and Helga Freund resigned from Church Council, due to work and personal scheduling conflicts. Many thanks to both of them for their dedication and work while serving! Their positions will be filled again at the Annual Meeting in February 2012.



## Definition of Confirmation

Some members have noted that our understanding of Confirmation has changed over the years. Most mainline churches' (including the ELCIC) current understanding of communion, for example is that it is a gift for all the baptised, and is not contingent on Confirmation. The definition for Confirmation I use is the one provided by the 1970 (ALC-LCA-LCMS) Report of the Joint Commission on the Theology and Practice of Confirmation : "Confirmation ministry is a pastoral and educational ministry of the church which helps the baptized through Word and Sacrament to identify more deeply with the Christian community and participate more fully in its mission."



## Affirmation of Baptism Service



On Sunday, Oct. 9th, five youth affirmed their Baptismal promises: Stefan Langin, Melissa Moskowitz, Fiona Tobin, Alicia Bender and Katarina Boehringer. This concludes their year-long Confirmation class, which included participation in confirmation camp, instruction in the Bible and the Small Catechism, as well as opportunities for service and field trips. Many thanks to the Confirmation sponsors Mary Pavlik, Ed Stahlberg, Jackie Sumner, and Petra Georges.

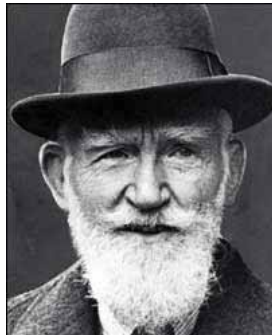
## Increased English Communion Frequency

Starting in January 2012, as approved by Worship & Arts and Council, we will be celebrating Holy Communion in the English Services additionally on the third Sundays of the month and on Feast Days. This was the practice of this congregation until 1996.



## Ein Zitat von George Bernard Shaw

"Ich bekenne, dass ich, nachdem ich 60 Jahre Erde und Menschen studiert habe, keinen anderen Ausweg aus dem Elend der Welt sehe, als den von Christus gewiesen Weg. Es ist unmöglich, dass die Erde ohne Gott auskommt."



## A Quote by George Bernard Shaw

"I confess that I, after 60 years studying the earth and people, see no other way out of the misery of the world than the way pointed out by Christ. It is impossible that the earth does not need God. "

## Invitation – Einladung

To our Special Worship Services and Events  
*Zu unseren besonderen Gottesdiensten und Veranstaltungen*

### **Sunday, December 11**

10 a.m. Joint Hymn Sing Service  
*Gemeinsamer Gesangsgottesdienst*



### **Sunday, December 18**

10 a.m. Advent Celebration – *Adventsfeier*  
Joint Service followed by Potluck Lunch. The children will be performing their annual Christmas Play, and Santa will make an appearance. Raffle prizes from the Bazaar will also be given out.  
*Gemeinsamer Gottesdienst mit anschließendem Potluck Lunch. Unsere Kinder, zusammen mit Erwachsenen, führen ihr Weihnachtsspiel auf. Auch der Weihnachtsmann kommt vorbei. Die Preise aus der Tombola sind an diesem Festtag zu gewinnen!*



### **Saturday, December 24**

4 p.m. **Christmas Eve Services – *Weihnachtsgottesdienste***  
Christvesper – *Deutscher Gottesdienst\**  
5.45 p.m. *Christvesper – Deutscher Gottesdienst*  
7.30 p.m. English Candlelight Service  
*\*Der erste Gottesdienst richtet sich vor allem an Kinder und ist oft überfüllt. Im zweiten Gottesdienst findet sich meist leichter Platz.*



### **Sunday, December 25**

10.00 a.m. English Service with Communion at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 140 Brooke Street



### **Saturday, December 31**

4 p.m. German New Year's Eve Service  
*Deutscher Silvestergottesdienst mit Abendmahl*

### **Sunday, January 1, 2012**

11 a.m. English Service



### **Sunday, February 5, 2012**

9.30 a.m. Joint Service – *Gemeinsamer Gottesdienst*  
Followed by Refreshments and **Annual Meeting** (see special notice on another page).  
*Im Anschluss an den Gottesdienst findet unsere **Jahreshauptversammlung** statt. Kaffee und Kuchen werden gereicht.*



### **Sunday, February 26, 2012**

4:00 p.m. Lenten Series at Thornhill Presbyterian

## Congregational News

### New Members



**Ryan Leggett, Sabine Lauffer** and their children **Charlotte** and **Oliver** became members of our congregation on October 30. We welcome the family and look forward to them joining in our services and all other activities.

### Members who have left

**Sabine Fischer and her mother Ursula** have recently moved to Cobourg.

**The Breitschwerdt Family** has left Canada and moved to England, except for Nathalie who is now at McGill University.

**Lorianna Koenneker**, confirmed in 2007, has moved to Germany where she is attending Marburg University.



### Achievment of our Members and Friends



***Frau Ilse Brandhoff wurde kürzlich mit dem Bundesverdienstkreuz am Band ausgezeichnet, in Anerkennung ihrer Verdienste um die Erhaltung der deutschen Sprache in Kanada.***

*Die Verleihung des Ordens durch die Generalkonsulin Frau Sparwasser fand am 15. September im Generalkonsulat statt. Viele Freunde waren anwesend bei der Zeremonie.*

*Am folgenden Abend dann wurde in unserem Gemeindesaal mit vielen Gästen tüchtig gefeiert.*

*Wir freuen uns mit Ilse Brandhoff und gratulieren ihr sehr herzlich zu dieser hohen Auszeichnung.*

Mrs. Ilse Brandhoff recently received the equivalent of the Order of Canada from the German Government in recognition and appreciation of her many years of tireless effort to maintain the German language in Canada working within the framework of German language schools, primarily in Richmond Hill.

We congratulate Mrs. Brandhoff on this well-deserved honour and wish her continued success in the future.

### A BIG THANK YOU

I would like to thank the members of the Property Committee for their hard work. During my first year of serving you as secretary they were always supporting me when I needed some help. Especially I would like to give a big thank you and a huge hug to Fred Neitzert, who is our trusty handyman. He did many little repairs which are normally not seen, but are highly appreciated. Thank You Fred!!!



Diana Habekost—Church Secretary

## Thanksgiving Dinner 2011



As in previous years, we were all looking forward to this event, and we were not disappointed. The turkey dinner with all the trimmings was again prepared by Peter Colberg, and picked up in Mississauga by Dewan Sahu. However, we have to thank the following cooks for preparing four huge turkeys, namely Anthony Georges, the Lottermoser ladies, Gisela Neitzert and Kevin Tobin. I could only try one of them – it was delicious. Marika supplied the very popular bean salad.

The children were with their beloved Entertainer all night and allowed ALL adults to have a good conversation. Rene Samulewitsch in his role as Master of Ceremonies was terrific as always. And Pastor Sebastian played a beautiful piece for us on his lovely violin.

The entire evening was prepared and executed by the ladies from the Circle of Friends, including Petra Boehringer, Annette Pym, Ruth Moskowitz, Gisela Neitzert and Marika Samulewitsch.

They were assisted by a number of our younger members who helped with the serving and the clean-up. We thank all of them for their great effort!

Gitta Urbschat

**Ruth Moskowitz** writes: We had 73 adults, 7 youth and 9 children attending Thanksgiving Dinner, for a total of 89 persons. We raised **\$726.65** after expenses which will be going to Sunday School for their fundraising project for CLWR.

### Message from the Newsletter Committee

**Inge Mueller** has resigned from the Newsletter Committee. She has also retired from her job, and will be spending the winter in Florida before moving to Ajax where her daughter Anita lives.

Inge has done an outstanding job as layout editor on our Newsletter since 2003. She put each issue together from input provided, added pictures and vignettes, and always managed to fit everything in. She worked very well with the committee on all aspects, often under considerable time pressure. We are extremely grateful to her for her service in this capacity. She will be sorely missed!



We are lucky to have **Diana Habekost** on board now to take over from Inge Mueller and look forward to working with her

We would also like to take this opportunity to wish all members and friends a blessed Christmas season, combined with all good wishes for the New Year.

Pastor Sebastian Meadows-Helmer, Diana Habekost, Edith Schiller, Gitta Urbschat

Gitta Urbschat

## Annual Lantern Walk at our Church

On Friday November 4, our annual Lantern walk took place. Before the children could take off through the neighbourhood singing lantern songs, Pastor Sebastian told the story of St. Martin. He also practised the lantern songs with the children. Approximately 10 children came with their parents and grandparents.

At some points the Lantern walk seemed to turn into a lantern run. Thank goodness there are no real candles in these lanterns, otherwise a few of them would have gone up in flames. Half-way through the walk the children started to get excited about the hot chocolate, the hot-cross buns and clementines that were waiting for them in the fellowship hall.

After everyone had warmed up inside from the hot chocolate and eaten a few hot-cross buns the children played in the play area. Judging by the noise level they seemed to have a lot of fun.



Martin Habekost

## Our CTKDB Sunday School



Hello once again: As you all know, December is quickly approaching and our children have had a great time learning, and spending time with the teachers.

First, as of January 2012 there will be Sunday school classes twice monthly only. We are trying to find a way to increase the number of children that might attend our Sunday school. We will give the dates once we know them. Also on January 10, 2012 at 7:30 we are going to be having a Sunday school teacher orientation meeting. We encourage those who would like to take on teaching our children to come to this meeting at the church.

The next initiative the Sunday school has is a toy drive for the Yellow Brick House as we are planning a play date for May of 2012. We have registered with Miko-Samko Sales as a group under "Christ the King-Dietrich Bonhoeffer Lutheran Church", in an effort to purchase some of the toys we will need. If any of our members or friends go to Miko on the following dates: Dec 7-11, Dec 14-18 and Dec 21, 22, 23, all you need to do is give our group name, get the receipt stamped and submit it to the church office, as monies will then come back from Miko, so that we can go shopping for toys. Feel free to get more details from any of the teachers.

Speaking of Christmas, the teachers and the children will once again be preparing a little treat for our 4<sup>th</sup> of Advent service. This year we hope all will enjoy it!!

Until the next Newsletter, we wish you a Merry Christmas and God's blessing for the New Year.

Denise Jack for all Sunday School Teachers and Children

## Sunday School CLWR WE CARE Project

On November 12, 2011 the Sunday School Children, Youth Group and Circle of Friends assembled 50 Hygiene Kit backpacks for CLWR. The children were excited to help and Fiona Tobin and Melissa Moskowitz showed the true spirit of helping others. Due to your generosity some money was left over and will be sent to CLWR to set off shipping cost for our backpacks. Thank you all and a great "Vergelt's Gott" for all your support.

Diana Habekost - Sunday School Teacher





You are invited to  
the **“Messy Fiesta” Workshop**

**Saturday, February 18, 2012**

**at 10:00 a.m.**  
at our church

Lunch is provided.

Considering the current low interest and involvement in Sunday morning Sunday School, the Education and the Worship and Arts Committee is looking at new exciting family-oriented church programs. One such very popular international phenomenon is Messy Church, a lay-led inter-generational worship, craft and activity event.

So please come and learn about the new and exciting way to be together and share our faith.

If you have questions, please contact:  
Pastor Sebastian: 905-889-0873 or  
Denise Wanschura – Jack: 905-770-2375



Children's Holy Communion Session

Young parents and children please be invited to join our **Children's Holy Communion Education** Session on **Saturday, January 14, 28 and February 4, 2012 at 2:30 p.m.**

This program is for 6 - 12 year olds with their parents, who would like to learn about the importance and the practice of Holy Communion.

The series will be held by Diana Habekost under the guidance from Pastor Sebastian.



Diana Habekost

Invitation

**Circle of Friend's**

**Annual Christmas luncheon**

On Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011

At 1:30 p.m.

At **Paisano's Italian Restaurant**

(416) 222-5487

116 Willowdale Ave.

Toronto



Remember to bring an ornament (under \$15.00) for our Annual ornament exchange game!

Please confirm that you will be attending by **Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011** to Doris Lottermoser [dori\\_hamburg@yahoo.ca](mailto:dori_hamburg@yahoo.ca)

The Newsletter Committee wishes everyone

Merry Christmas

and a Happy and Healthy 2012



## Candles in the Window



On Saturday, October 15, 2011, we hosted the thought provoking play "Candles in the Window". Actresses Kathleen Ann Thompson and Agnes Von Below brought us through the pain and confusion of dealing with the Nazi regime and what we can learn from the life and teachings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

The mood/ambience was set at the beginning by the lighting of candles and the playing of Hymns. Then it was off to the train station, where we meet our two ladies. Kathleen Ann Thompson and Agnes Von Below portrayed characters who were dealing with the life, death and life lessons of Dietrich Bonhoeffer and times in which he lived.

Kathleen's character deals with the issues by self medicating; while Agnes' character is aware of the issues but has built a "wall" around her so that she can not see.

We are lead through their growth, which involved a better understanding of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the Jewish prosecution, the Nazi regime and how their personal lives intermingled with it.

Sporadically throughout the play, visuals and sound bites were played to enhance its mood. Many of the visuals and sound bites were of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, his family, and his thoughts and teachings.

At the end of the play, there was a group discussion time. Kathleen shared her personal journey through times of struggle and how she was in denial of all that was going on in the world. She found that reading the teachings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer brought her back to God and lead her to want to write this play. The end question was "Do we behave in an extreme passive state to the issues occurring in the world today, or do we wear blinders?" It is time for all of us to be aware of our state and how we can help change the issues.



Doris and Erika Lottermoser

## **Carmen Amrein Concert**

On Sunday, Oct 2nd, Carmen Amrein performed at both services and at a noontime concert on the hammered dulcimer. Ms. Amrein, a graduate of the Munich University of Music and the Performing Arts, delighted us with a wide range of styles and composers an instrument which can be best described as "heavenly".

Pastor Sebastian Meadows-Helmer



# Council Highlights

## September 18, 2011 Council Meeting

- A big thank you goes out to Fellowship for putting on a fabulous September BBQ and they are now preparing for our Thanksgiving dinner!
- Church roof repair is ongoing
- Property completed their Terms of Reference
- Confirmation camp was a great success
- Piano Charity Fundraiser with a view to another concert has been set for June 23, 2012 at 7 pm
- Fellowship requested that proceeds from Thanksgiving go to CLWR initiative, approved
- Treasurer noted that our donations are down from last year same time
- Need to develop a stewardship program that will cover the costs of running our church
- Terms of Reference for Financial Secretary have been developed
- Amrein Concert planned for Oct. 2 service
- W&A working on updating Altar Guild Appendix
- Lunch and Learn series to start up again on October 19<sup>th</sup>
- Fellowship suggested changing Mayfest to May 5<sup>th</sup> for next year, approved
- Fellowship suggested changing Thanksgiving Dinner to October 27<sup>th</sup> next year approved
- Bible study classes running from September through March next year
- Candles in the Window is planned and will be running on Oct. 15 at 4pm
- Sunday School will be packing their CLWR backpacks on Nov. 12
- Christmas play is being developed by Sunday School
- Newsletter committee has streamlined their emailing list and postal service mailings
- Big Thank you goes out to the Circle of Friends for cleaning up the flower beds for the end of the sea- son
- Choir is progressing beautifully

## September 28, October 26 and October 27

On these three evenings, Council continued with their workshop that started at the end of June. By the end of the third evening, Council completed a "Proposed Mission and Vision Statement for Christ the King - Dietrich Bonhoeffer Lutheran Church. The proposed Vision and Mission Statement will be present in the Annual Report and then will be opened up for discussion with the entire congregation. A proposed congregational workshop date will be set at the Annual meeting in February 2012.

## October 18, 2011 Council Meeting

- A big Thank You goes out to the Christian Education Committee for organizing a great event with "Candles in the Window"
- Preliminary Proposed Calendar has been developed
- Annual Report Timeline has been developed and implemented
- Youth Advisory Group has been started with Pastor Sebastian and Ingrid Lottermoser
- CD's are now on sale from Music Concert held in June
- Video of "Spiritual Renewal Jingle" developed by our own Pastor has been posted on ELCIC media
- Preliminary Budget talks have started
- Treasurer's Terms of Reference have been developed
- Mutual Ministry Terms of Reference have been developed
- M&A is hiring a soloist for each of the 3 Christmas services
- M&A has increased Choir practices to 32 weeks per year
- Big Thank you goes out to Fellowship for putting on a fabulous Thanksgiving Dinner

Respectfully submitted, Petra Georges, Chair

## Annual Meeting – Jahreshauptversammlung

Please be sure to attend the Annual Meeting on February 5. You will be informed about past, present and future events concerning our congregation and will be asked to vote on items important to our congregation. This includes election of Council Members, and/or members of Committees. If you would like more information, please contact the Council Chairperson Petra Georges at 905-770-1253, E-Mail: [petrageorges@aol.com](mailto:petrageorges@aol.com)



Your presence is urgently requested.

*Bitte kommen Sie am 5. Februar nach dem Gottesdienst zu unserer Jahreshauptversammlung. Wir informieren über das vergangene Jahr und bereiten uns auf das laufende Jahr vor. Auch müssen wir wahrscheinlich über gewisse Punkte abstimmen. Für weitere Informationen, wenden Sie sich bitte an*

*Petra Georges, Vorstandsleiterin, Tel. 905-770-1253. E-Mail: [petrageorges@aol.com](mailto:petrageorges@aol.com)*

*Ihre Anwesenheit ist dringend erforderlich.*

Gitta Urbschat

## Special Christmas Offering



A special blue envelope is included with your regular envelopes for a donation to “**Global Hunger and Development Appeal**”. The money actually goes first to Canadian Lutheran World Relief who handle all donation distributions. Should you prefer to donate to another cause or to the congregation, please mark your envelope accordingly.

*Einen blauen Umschlag für Spenden an die Organisation “Global Hunger and Development” finden Sie in dem Kästchen mit Ihren regulären Umschlägen. Die Geldspenden gehen zunächst an Canadian Lutheran*

*World Relief, von wo aus sie weitergeleitet werden. Sollten Sie es vorziehen für eine andere Organisation oder für die Gemeinde selbst eine Weihnachtsspende zu machen, vermerken Sie das bitte auf dem Umschlag.*

Gitta Urbschat

## Thornhill Ministerial Food Drive

We are once again supporting this Food Drive, and are looking to you for help with this undertaking. Boxes have already been placed in the entrance hall. Please fill them with non-perishable goods of all kinds, but especially protein-rich foods such as canned meat or fish, baby food, canned vegetables and fruits, pasta and rice. All Churches within the Thornhill Ministerial will contribute, and make up packages for needy families in Thornhill.

Cash donations are also welcome – please place your designated check or cash contribution in the collection plates on Sunday, or give your check to our Church secretary Diana Habekost. Thank you very much.



**Feeding the  
Community**



# December 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Office Hours:  Tue., Thu. & Sat. 10:00 - 1:00	Pastor's days off:  Thu. & Fri.			1 8:00 Choir	2	3
4 9:30 Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl 11:00 Holy Communion	5	6 2:00 Frauengruppe	7	8 7:00 Kontaktkreis St. George's 8:00 Choir	9	10
11 10:00 Joint Hymn Sing Service 1:00 Circle of Friends Christmas Lunch 7:00 Youth Group	12	13	14 10:00 Bible Study 7:30 Council	15	16	17 1:00 Play Rehearsal 2:00 Frohe Runde
18 10:00 Christmas Play followed by Advent After- noon with Potluck	19	20	21	22	23 7:00 2005—2008 Confirmation Reunion	24 4:00 Christvesper 5:45 Christvesper 7:30 Candlelight Service
25 10:00 Service at Holy Trinity Anglican	26	27	28	29	30	31 4:00 Silvestergottes- dienst mit Abendmahl

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 11:00 Holy Communion	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 2:00 Frauengruppe 7:00 Worship & the Arts	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:30 Gottesdienst mit Abendmahl 11:00 Holy Communion	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7:30 Sunday School Orientation	<b>11</b> 10:00 Bible Study 7:30 Annual Lay Reader	<b>12</b> 8:00 Choir	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 2:30 Children's Communion Education
<b>15</b> 9:30 Gottesdienst 11:00 Service of the Word	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 7:30 Council  Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins	<b>19</b> 8:00 Choir	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 2:00 Frohe Runde 7:00 Youth Group
<b>22</b> 9:30 Gottesdienst 11:00 Holy Communion	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7:00 Newsletter	<b>25</b> 10:00 Bible Study 7:30 Christian Education	<b>26</b> 8:00 Choir	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 2:00 Circle of Friends 2:30 Children's Communion Education
<b>29</b> 9:30 Gottesdienst 11:00 Service of the Word	<b>30</b> 7:30 Mutual Ministry	<b>31</b>			<b>Office Hours:</b>  <b>Tue., Thu. &amp; Sat.</b> <b>10:00 - 1:00</b>	<b>Pastor's days off:</b>  <b>Thu. &amp; Fri.</b>

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Office Hours: Tue., Thu. & Sat. 10:00 - 1:00	Pastor's days off: Thu. & Fri.		1	2	3	4 2:30 Children's Communion Education
5 9:30 Joint Holy Communion Service followed by Annual Meeting	6	7 2:00 Frauengruppe	8 10:00 Bible Study	9 8:00 Choir	10	11
12 9:30 Gottesdienst 11:00 Service of the Word 7:00 Youth Group	13	14	15 7:30 Council	16 8:00 Choir	17	18 2:00 Frohe Runde
19 9:30 Gottesdienst 11:00 Holy Communion	20	21	22 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 10:00 Bible Study 7:30 English Service	23 8:00 Choir	24	25 2:00 Circle of Friends
26 9:30 Gottesdienst 11:00 Service of the Word	27	28	29		<b>Feb 23 — March 2 Pastor on Vacation</b>	

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