

# Christ the King - Dietrich Bonhoeffer

## Lutheran Church

NEWSLETTER \* GEMEINDEBRIEF

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"Easter Faith!

*"He said to them: 'It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'"(Acts 1:7-8)*

The church in Acts exists as the church has always existed- as a people who claim to know something that we would not have known, had it not been given to us.

Had God done nothing or said nothing, there would be no community. Today, our church exists in the same situation - as a result of the dialogue between the God who keeps on speaking and a community that keeps on trying to hear!

When scripture like Acts is read and interpreted, the church participates in this same primal dialogue and the question is not only "What does the Bible say?" but also and importantly: "What is God telling us in this Word?"

Acts is God's story. God makes the story possible, and God reveals God's nature and God's purpose in its telling!

Revealing God's nature and purpose in Acts is "News that stays News", because every generation yearns to discern the nature of God and God's purpose for each individual and each faith community.

Acts does not claim to be actual history, an objective, dispassionate reporting of facts. The truth of Acts is not found in its accuracy in reporting historical fact, but rather in its conformity and consistency to the faith in Jesus Christ, the faith of the Apostles, the faith of the church.

When Peter addresses the crowd in Acts 2, he does not speak to people in Jerusalem, but he speaks to the church, to us! When Paul speaks before Agrippa and then Felix, he does not speak to a court of Roman law, but to us! And this does not mean that the framework of the speeches is purely fictional, but rather that Luke uses the theological purpose to shape the historical material.

Historical questions are not irrelevant to the study of Acts. It may not make a difference if some of the characters really lived. But it makes a difference whether or not a man named Jesus lived. And He lives!

We stake our lives on it! To hear the story of Acts is to hear truth and to preach Christ is to preach history "That you may know the truth" (Lk 1:4) that Christ lives the resurrection life, and we participate in living that resurrection life with him.

For we are an Easter people! And Alleluia is our Song!

Death and darkness no longer have a hold on us! Alleluia! Easter joy to all! Pastor J.R

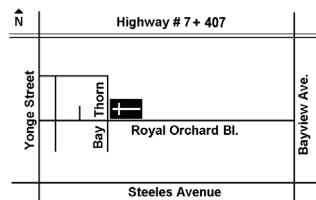
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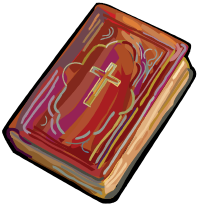


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Oster Glaube!

*"Er sprach zu ihnen: Es gebührt euch nicht, Zeit oder Stunde zu wissen, die der Vater in seiner Macht bestimmt hat, aber ihr werdet die Kraft des heiligen Geistes empfangen der auf euch kommen wird, und werdet meine Zeugen sein in Jerusalem, in ganz Judäa und Samarien und bis an das Ende der Welt." (Apostelgeschichte 1:7-8)*



Die Kirche der Apostelgeschichte lebte wie die Kirche immer gelebt hat, als Menschen die ein Wissen zu besitzen behaupten das wir nicht behaupten könnten wenn es uns nicht gegeben wäre! Hätte Gott nichts getan oder gesagt dann gäbe es keine Glaubensgemeinschaft. Heute lebt die Kirche in gleicher Weise, als Ergebnis der Unterhaltung zwischen Gott der immer wieder spricht, und eine Gemeinschaft die immer wieder versucht zu hören. Die Kirche partizipiert in dieser grundlegenden Unterhaltung wann immer die Apostelgeschichte gelesen und ausgelegt wird. Die Frage ist nie nur "Was sagt die Bibel?" Aber auch, wichtig, "Was spricht Gott uns in diesem Wort?" Gott ist der Autor der Apostelgeschichte. Gott ermöglicht die Erzählung, und entblößt die Natur und die Absicht Gottes im Erzählen.

Entblößen Gottes Natur und Absicht ist bleibende Neuigkeit, weil jede Generation sich sehnt Gottes Natur und Absicht für jeden Menschen und jede Gemeinde zu erkennen. Die Apostelgeschichte behauptet nicht ein objektiver und leidenschaftsloser Bericht der Tatsachen zu sein. Man findet ihre Wahrheit nicht im fehlerfreien Berichten der geschichtlichen Tatsachen,, sondern in ihrer Übereinstimmung und Beständigkeit im Glauben in Jesus Christus, dem Glauben der Apostel und der Kirche. Wenn Petrus die Menschenmenge anspricht (Ap.2) spricht er nicht zu den Menschen in Jerusalem, sondern zu uns! Vor Agrippa und Festus spricht Paulus nicht zu einem römischen Gericht, er spricht zu uns! Das macht die Rahmen der Reden nicht Fiktion, sondern zeigt dass Lukas es dem theologischen Zweck erlaubt das Geschichtliche zu formen. Geschichtliche Fragen sind nicht bedeutungslos im Studieren der Apostelgeschichte. Es ist vielleicht weniger wichtig ob alle der Personen wirklich lebten, aber es ist sehr wichtig das der Mensch Jesus Christus wirklich lebte! Und er lebt! Wir verbürgen unser Leben darauf! Die Geschichte hören und Christus predigen ist geschichtlich, "damit du die Wahrheit der Lehre erfährst"(Lk 1:4), daß Christus das auferstandene Leben lebt, und daß wir an seinem auferstandenen Leben Teil nehmen! Denn wir sind die Ostergemeinde und singen Halleluja! Tod und Dunkelheit kann uns nichts antun! Halleluja! Osterfreude sei euch allen! Pr. J.R.

Herzlichst, im Dienst Christi,  
Sincerely, in Christ,

*Pastor Joachim R. Bestvater*

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### **Introducing our New Pastor**

In an overwhelming vote of confidence the congregation has chosen **Sebastian Meadows-Helmer** to be our new Pastor. Should Sebastian accept the call, he and his wife the Rev. Carey Meadows-Helmer will take up residency in the parsonage, Sept. 1.

Sebastian has successfully completed his Master of Divinity degree from Waterloo Lutheran Seminary and will be ordained at the Synod Assembly ordination service, June 25, here in Toronto. His talents go beyond the expected spiritual gifts and include; Master of Music degree and Master of Theology in Pastoral Counseling, to be completed by September. His fluency in English, German and French languages is another asset to our congregation and as a professional violinist he will inspire us with his gift of music.

The information included in Sebastian's Availability for Call form discloses that we can anticipate great things. An official welcome will be planned at which time we can express our congratulations and indicate our willingness to support his ministry among us.

Ruth Boothby

## Congregational News – Aus dem Gemeindeleben

### New Baby/Geburt



**Joshua Liam DeAbreu** was born on March 27 to proud parents Karin & Jason - a new playmate for big brother Jacob, and cousins Samantha and Matthew.

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### Funeral/Beerdigung



**Margot Wussow, 84** passed away on March 18. Her funeral took place on March 25. We extend our deepest sympathy to her daughters, her relatives here and in Germany, and to her many friends.

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### **Good Wishes....**

Again, we would like to express our concerns and offer our prayers for all members and friends who are currently unwell. We are thinking of you and wish you courage and strength in dealing with your suffering. We also think about your caregivers and wish that they will continue to find the strength they need.

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### Positions on Council:

**Petra Georges** continues as Chairperson

**Marika Samulewitsch (Speck)** continues to serve as Vice-Chair

**Edith Schiller** will continue as Treasurer

**Freya Hellwinkel-Sahu** has been elected as Secretary

**Olga Jurgeneit** has agreed to continue as Financial Secretary



We thank all of them for giving their time and commitment in the service of our congregation.

We also thank **Ed Stahlberg** and **Leni Schwartzel** who have completed their term on Council for their many years of service in this important office.

## **Highlights of Council Meeting February 16, 2009**

- Thank you celebration for Leni Schwartzel and Ed Stahlberg for contributing to Council for 6 consecutive years
- \$140 was given towards Haiti relief
- The English service will adopt the confession within the service
- Service of the Word will be implemented every third Sunday in the English service
- Endowment fund will provide \$100 per participant for the Hand On gathering for the youth in London, ON
- Gisela N. resigned as Chair from Fellowship. Petra Boehringer and Ruth Moskowitz will share joint Chair Fellowship
- Review of Annual Meeting

## **Highlights of Council Meeting March 7, 2010**

- Council and Call Committee met
- Call Committee presented their chosen candidate: Sebastian Meadows-Helmer
- Call Committee was unanimous in their decision
- Candidate's profile was discussed at length along with compensation package
- Council unanimously agreed with the Call Committee's chosen candidate
- A Congregational meeting was scheduled for March 28, 2010 with announcements being made at each of the subsequent Sunday Services
- Each Council member was given two pages of names to call and invite to the meeting

## **Highlights of Council Meeting March 24, 2010**

- Elections were held and all votes were unanimous
- Manfred and Kevin were officially welcomed as our newest Council Members
- Children's Choir will sing at the end of the German Service and during the English Service
- A new photocopier has been graciously donated to the church
- Rene Samulewitsch and Pastor JR will be attending the Eastern Synod Delegation on our behalf
- Preparation for the General Congregational meeting that will be held on Sunday, March 28

## **Highlights of Congregational Meeting March 28, 2010**

- Quorum established, Rene Samulewitsch and Anthony Georges were appointed tellers
- Recommendation was presented by Church Council secretary, Freya Hellwinkel
- Recommending Sebastian Meadows-Helmer as pastor for a three year term
- Ruth Boothby presented the candidate
- Questions were posed by the congregants, answers were given by Call Committee Members
- Ballots were distributed by tellers and collected and counted
- Chair read Letter of Call to congregation, which outlined the Pastor's duties and responsibilities and the Congregation's duties and responsibilities
- Chair presented results: 80 votes cast: 78 votes in favour, 2 opposed
- Ballots were destroyed

Respectfully submitted  
**Petra Georges**  
Chair

## Invitation – Einladung

Please join us for these important events:

Saturday, May 8

10:00 am Cooking Mothers' Day Luncheon



Saturday, May 8

6.30 pm Springfest



Sunday, May 9

10:00 am Bilingual Mothers' Day Service followed by lunch

*Gemeinsamer Gottesdienst zum Muttertag mit anschließendem Mittagessen*

**Mother's Day**

Monday, June 7

7:00 pm Discussion Evening with Les Kotzer - Presentation on Wills and Powers of Attorney (see separate page for details)

*Diskussionsabend mit Les Kotzer - Hinweise zu letzten Verfügungen und Fragen der Vollmachterteilung (Einzelheiten an anderer Stelle)*

Sunday, June 27

10.00 am Bilingual Outdoor Service at the Gleue's property in Brampton - Annual BBQ with Potluck and Family Activities.

*Zweisprachiger Freiluft Gottesdienst bei Familie Gleue in Brampton - Gefolgt von BBQ mit Potluck and Spielen für die Kinder.*



### **Directions: Winfried and Jutta Gleue,**

37 Leone Drive, Brampton, Tel. 905-794-3547 Cell 416-270-3927



#### **Via Hwy 7**

Go West on Hwy 7 about 4 minutes past HWY 427

Turn right on McVean Drive

Turn left at traffic light on Castlemore Rd

Turn right on Evergreen

Pass first exit into Leone Lane and take the second

The first house on the left hand corner is the Gleue's

#### **Via Hwy 407**

Go west on Hwy 407

Exit on Goreway Drive and turn right (North) Watch after passing Queen Street, Road is changing name for only 200 meters!

Turn right into Goreway Drive and go further North

Pass Castlemore Road and after 500 meters turn right into Luana Court

After 100 meters turn left into Leone Lane

The last house on the right hand corner is the Gleue's

#### **Via HWY 401**

Go West on HWY 401

Turn right on HWY 409 towards the Airport

Turn right on HWY 427 (North)

Exit on Queen Street (HWY 7) and turn left (West)

Go West for about 4 minutes past Hwy 427

**From here, follow the instructions as given for HWY 7**

#### **What to bring:**

- 1) Food suitable for potluck, especially salads to go with the sausages and buns which are supplied.
- 2) Also **Very Important:** desserts and cakes!!!!!!
- 3) Portable chairs if available.

## World Day of Prayer / Weltgebetstag



On Friday, March 5, people from all our partner congregations in Thornhill gathered at our Church to celebrate the **World Day of Prayer**. The Service was written by the women of Cameroon. Leni Schwartzel was our Worship leader and Pastor Heike Block-Mielke was the guest speaker. As Pastor Heike and her husband had at one time served as missionaries in Africa, she was able to speak from personal experience and provided a vivid picture of the life of women on that Continent. She also brought a number of souvenirs and artifacts from Africa, and decorated the altar in a touching and appropriate way. Her sermon was very well received by all.

As usual, refreshments were served afterwards in the Church Hall. We are grateful to Grace Nikolaus who organized the entire event, and to all those ladies who helped her and also brought cakes and cookies. Special thanks to Leni Schwartzel on her significant contribution.

The World Day of Prayer has been observed in Thornhill since 1966. The six congregations making up the Thornhill Ministerial all take part, and have a turn every six years.

Gitta Urbschat

P. S. Over the past 25 years, a morning service has been conducted for the residents at Glynwood Seniors Residence on Bayview Avenue in Thornhill.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### **Financial Update**

Jan. 1, 2010 — Mar. 31, 2010



OFFERING & DONATIONS	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
BUDGET	26,000.01	26,499.99
ACTUAL	<u>18,587.65</u>	<u>19,771.51</u>
SHORTFALL	<b>-7,432.36</b>	<b>-6,728.48</b>
ATTENDANCE	799	740

Treasurer: Edith Schiller March 31, 2010

## **Introducing your New Council Members**

**Manfred Lupke** was born in Germany in 1939. Before immigrating to Canada with his wife Renate and two young children, Annette and Stefan, in 1969, Mr. Lupke was educated and subsequently qualified as a Mechanical Engineer.

In 1973 Mr. Lupke founded Corma Inc., a manufacturer of machinery to produce corrugated plastic pipe. He travels worldwide frequently but together with his wife he faithfully attends our services whenever he can. He is also active in the community, including being a Director on the Board of York Central Hospital Foundation. The Lupke Family has lived in Thornhill for 41 years.

The daughter Annette, her husband and two sons moved to Los Angeles in 1990. His son Stefan and his family are also members of our Church.

Gitta Urbschat

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### **Kevin Tobin**



Born and raised in Winnipeg, I was confirmed at Peace Lutheran Church where my mother is still a member. After graduating from the University of Manitoba, I travelled to Ontario to pursue graduate studies at Queen's University. There I met Deborah. Coincidentally, Deborah's German and my Icelandic heritage shared our common religious tradition. (I think that this also scored big points with her father!) We were married at CTKDB in July of 1990. Our eldest daughter, Erin was confirmed in the fall of 2008, and Fiona hopes to participate in confirmation classes next year. I have had a life-long passion for philosophy and religion that I hope will inform me during my term on church council.

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The congregation welcomes both Manfred Lupke and Kevin Tobin to their new positions. We count ourselves lucky to have secured the services of these two exceptionally capable and talented men for our Council; and we wish them well in their service to all of us. Thank you Manfred, and thank you Kevin!

Gitta Urbschat

### **Worship and Music Committee**

We would welcome new volunteers for this important Committee. The members meet between four and five times a year, usually on a Wednesday.

Please call Deborah Tobin at 905-508-1048 for more information.

# SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Thornhill Wills lawyer **Les Kotzer** has been featured on CNN, CTV National news and in TIME, The New York Times and The Toronto Star. He is a regular guest on CFRB and AM 740.

Les is a wills lawyer with a special focus on avoiding inheritance battles. He is on a mission to save families from the devastation of an inheritance dispute.

He will be our speaker on JUNE 7 at 7 pm . He will be talking about what you need to know about wills and powers of attorney. He will be discussing how to keep the government out of your life if you become incapacitated. He will also be discussing important will planning issues. Tips and strategies you need to know.

Les is co author of THE FAMILY FIGHT, THE FAMILY WAR and his latest book WHERE THERE'S AN INHERITANCE (stories from inside the world of 2 wills lawyers). He will be sharing stories from this book — stories that may shock you, touch your heart and even make you laugh.

**As a special note to our congregants, Les is pleased to offer a free Will and Power of Attorney review for those who have Wills and POA'S but are not sure if they are up to date or a recipe for a family fight. He also offers a free will consultation for those who do not have a will and are not sure where to start. For a free Will review or Will planning consultation appointment you can call his law office FISH AND ASSOCIATES at 905 881-1500 or visit:**

[www.willappointment.com](http://www.willappointment.com)



## Summer 2010/2011 Youth Events

As previously announced, the Endowment Committee is pleased to offer youth financial support for the two following events:

### Camp Edgewood

This Christian organization encourages growth and development for all in the midst of God's creation at their year-round camping and retreat facilities.

\*We will contribute 25% of any one week in which a young person wishes to attend.

<http://www.edgewood-camp.om.ca/>

### "Hands On", CLAY

**This event announced in our last Newsletter has been postponed to 2011**

For further information, visit the website: <http://www.clay2010.ca/>



# May 2010



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<b>2</b> 9:30 am Gottesdienst (Abm) 10:30 Choir practise 11:00 am Wors. Service (Comm)	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 10-12 am Office Time 7:30 pm—Frauengruppe	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 10:00 am—Cooking Mothers' Day Luncheon 6:30 pm Springfest
<b>9</b> 10:00 am Joint Bilingual Service	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 10-12 am Office Time	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 2:00 pm—Frohe Runde
<b>16</b> 9:30 am Gottesdienst 11:00 am Wors. Service	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 10-12 am Office Time 7:30 pm Church Council	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 9:30 am Gottesdienst 11:00 am Wors. Service	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 10-12 am Office Time	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 9:30 am Gottesdienst 11:00 am Wors. Service	<b>31</b>					

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