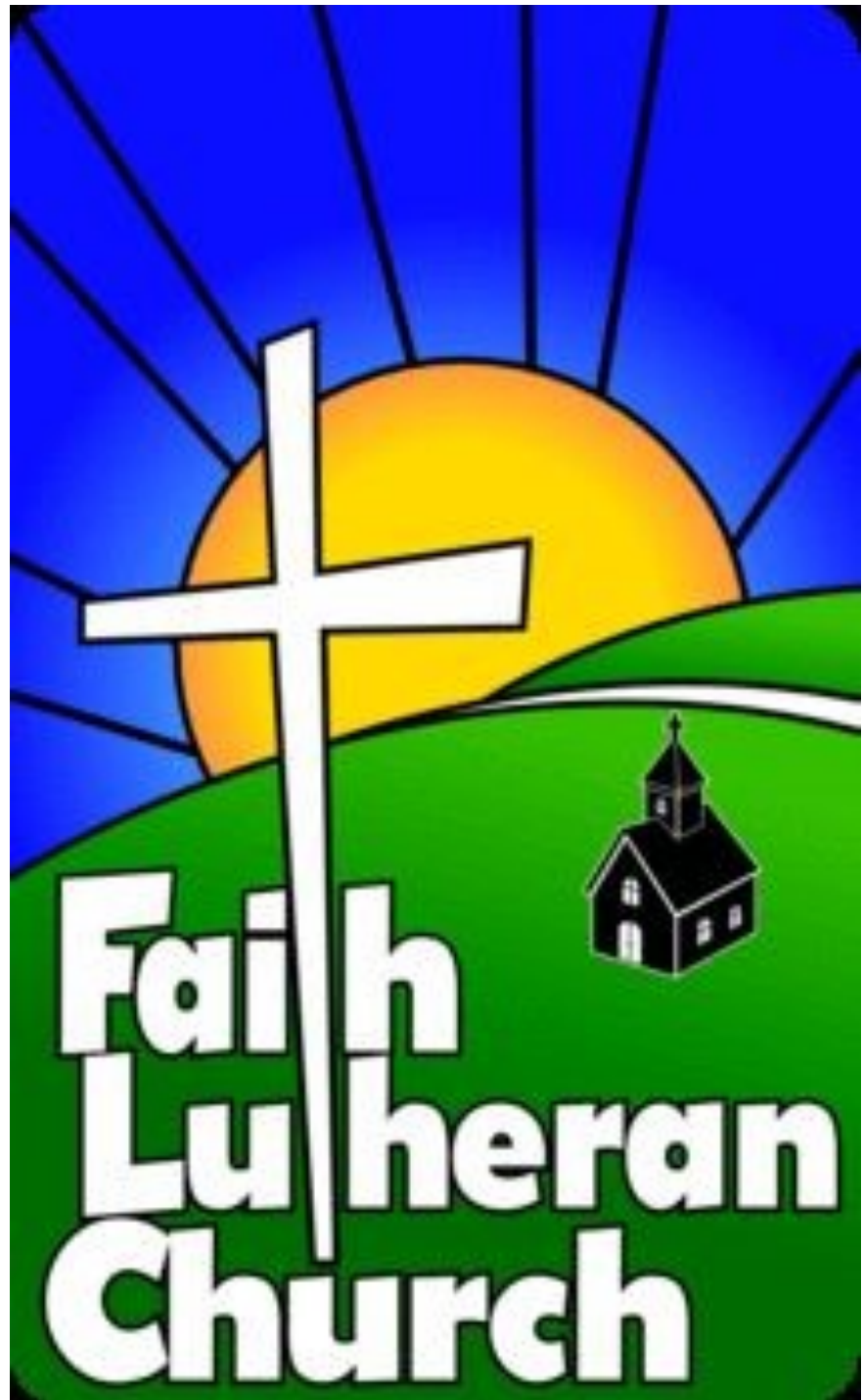


# The Grapevine

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## Clippings from the Vinedresser

Grace and peace to each of you!

As I start this note to you the congregation, it is the beginning of Holy Week. Our Sunday school children processed throughout the sanctuary waving their palms today Palm Sunday as we sang the hymn “All glory, laud, and honour to you redeemer, king, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring”. A beautiful tradition.

It was wonderful to have congregants of all ages gather a second year in a row during the coffee and Fellowship Time following the Palm Sunday Service to make the Palm Crosses for the Good Friday Worship Service. Thank you to each of you.

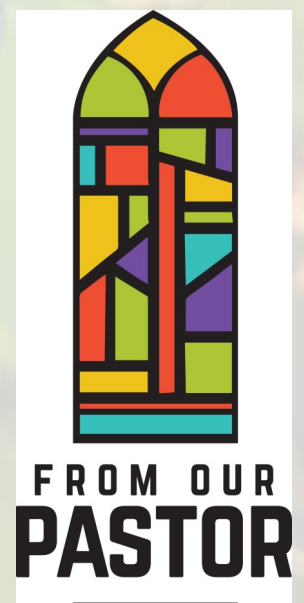


On my way home from the Palm Sunday Worship Service, I stopped by a store and there were a few little 4” pots of potted daffodils with some of them just starting to bloom. One of them now sits in the middle of my dining room table with hand painted wooden eggs from Hungary, Poland, and Ukraine encircling the pot of daffodils.



I patiently wait with hope and anticipation as the daffodil plants become taller, the buds grow and start to open ... waiting until just the right moment to burst open to reveal the beautiful flowers ... bringing forth life, love, hope, and beauty, a gift from God’s Creation for the world.

The world is hurting, it is experiencing pain, death, and grief, within the choices made by human beings. Many of you have shared with me during the fellowship times, visits, and phone calls, how present-day happenings are affecting you, your families, and friends. I hear you and hold you all in my prayers. Our National Bishop Rev. Dr. Larry Kochendorfer mentioned in his Easter message “Grief is not weakness. Grief is what love feels like when life is threatened... So this Easter, I’m not reaching for certainty. I’m reaching for courage.”



## Clippings from the Vinedresser

How do we choose to faithfully respond within what is happening in the world? God chooses to work within and through to bring peace, hope, love, and newness of life. Each one of us can make a difference within how we live our daily lives. Easter's promise of new life and hope is echoed within each day, as we take the time to see and experience God working to create and renew within the world around us.

I hope you will join us for our 6pm Maundy Thursday Seder Meal with a potluck meal, on Good Friday for our Service/Drama at 10:30am, and Easter Morning for our 8am SONrise Service with Holy Communion, 9am Easter SONrise Breakfast, and our 10:30am Traditional Easter Sunday Worship Service with Holy Communion.

Blessings to each of you  
as we journey through Holy Week to Easter Day and into the season of Easter  
when we will proclaim

**Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**



I pray you experience Christ's Peace, Hope, Love, Courage, New Life, and Joy,  
Pastor Pamela

# Sunday School



This Month  
April 19th

Only one date this April, so make sure you come and enjoy the fun!!

## April Fellowship – Soup

We would like everyone to join us for our Annual Soup Lunch during the Fellowship hour after service on April 26, 2026.

There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board after Easter for soups and breads. We encourage you to sign up so we can ensure there will be enough soup for us and the residents who come down to enjoy this hour with us. It is one of the events that they look forward to each year.

We will also be looking for volunteers to help set up and clean up after the meal.



## Pint Night

Join us for a fun and relaxed evening of connection at our upcoming Pint Night on Wednesday, April 22nd! This is a great opportunity to step away from the usual routine and enjoy some good conversation, laughter, and fellowship in a welcoming setting.

We'll be gathering at Wendell Clark's on Simcoe St. N., where we can share some cheer, catch up with familiar faces, and get to know others in our church community a little better. Whether you come for the conversation, the food, or just a chance to unwind midweek, there's a place for you at the table.



Bring a friend, come as you are, and enjoy a great night out together—we look forward to seeing you there!

## Blessing of Your Home

**Luke 10:5 “ Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’**

If you just moved or even if you have lived in your current dwelling for many months or years, have you ever thought about a “Blessing of Your Home”, the people who live within your home, and those who visit within your home?

**Proverbs 24:3-4**

**“By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures.”**



Please feel free to be in touch with me, Pastor Pamela, if you would like to have a conversation regarding having your home blessed.

Wishing you all the best,  
Pastor Pamela

## Faith Ladies Lunch Group



Join our Ladies Lunch Group, we meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 1:00pm, at a different restaurant. The restaurant for the next month will be chosen each month at our lunch. ALL ladies are welcome!

There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Please sign up as we will need to know numbers so we can reserve a spot at the restaurant we have chosen. The last day for sign will be the Sunday 10 days prior to the lunch. Please indicate on the sheet if you NEED a ride and also one if you are able to GIVE a ride. We will do our best to accommodate everyone.

**Our lunch will be on Wednesday, April 15th at 1:00pm at, Boston Pizza Whitby, 20 Taunton Rd E, Whitby (at Brock). Please sign up no later than Sunday, April 5th.**

Please contact Pastor Pamela if you have any questions at [Pamela@faithlutheranministries.ca](mailto:Pamela@faithlutheranministries.ca) or 905-725-2755

# Easter Food Drive

We hope you all are enjoying the winter season and it is surprising that we are soon into Easter. We greatly appreciate the support that you have given over the past several years for our Church's Easter Food Drive in support of Gate 3:16 and Simcoe Hall Settlement House. There is a lot of uncertainty in the world and the need for the food bank is high. We know Easter Sunday isn't until April 20th but we plan on running our collection through the month of March so that we can deliver your donations to these charities **by April 9th**. This gives them enough time to sort through your gifts and package the food baskets for Easter.

We understand that everyone is struggling with the cost of living and uncertainty. We ask that you only give if you can to help those that find it difficult to put food on the table and provide a clean home environment during the Easter season.

Our plan for the Easter Food Drive is pretty much the same as before, we will be accepting your food and monetary donations at our Sunday Church Services **until April 6th**. Please put Easter Food Drive on your Offering envelope if you wish to support in this way.

If you would prefer, you can also give financially by e-transferring funds to:

**envelopesecretary@faithlutheranministries.ca**

Please make a note within your transaction that your donation is to be allocated to the food drive.

We will still be accepting calls to make an appointment to have your food donation picked up from your doorstep, simply call us at 905-433-0265 **before April 2nd**. If we don't answer, please leave your name and phone number, and we will return your call.

The current grocery needs for Simcoe Hall foodbank are listed below: **please check the Best Before dates on each item, expired product will be discarded**. We ask that you place non-perishable canned and dry goods in a bag or a box.

- Juice Boxes
- Peanut Butter/Jam
- Cereal/Oatmeal & Pancake Mix
- Snack Cups
- (Apple Sauce, Fruit, Jell-O, Pudding, Etc.)
- Granola Bars/Cookies
- Packaged Side Dishes
- (Sidekicks, Potatoes, Mac&Cheese, etc.)
- Dry Pasta and Sauce

## Canned Goods

- Meat
- Pasta (ravioli, Alphagetti, etc.)
- Beans
- Vegetables
- Soups Large and Small

## Personal Care Items

- Toothpaste and Adult Brushes
- Deodorant
- Toilet Paper/Facial Tissues/Baby Wipes
- Laundry Pods
- Bar Soap/ Body Wash
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Ziplock Bags Snack and Sandwich
- Diapers size 3-6

Thank you for your continued support.

Take care and God bless.

Paul and Charlotte Wolfenberg

## SONrise Breakfast - April 5th



Following the 8am SONrise service on the 12th floor, Breakfast will be hosted in Cana Hall Starting approximately 9:00am.

All are welcome to join!!

This is a free will offering breakfast, Pay what you can.

Donations of: Sausages, Eggs, Butter, Juice or your Time is greatly appreciated.

Volunteer and donation sign up are posted on the Church bulletin board

Please reach out to John or Laurie Molson if you have any questions.

## Confirmation

Are you interested in attending Confirmation Classes?

Are you 13-14 years of age?

Please feel free to be in touch with Pastor Pamela if you are interested in Confirmation Classes or have any questions.

289-321-2727 or [pastor@flmoshawa.ca](mailto:pastor@flmoshawa.ca)



## Faith Lutheran Church new website!

We are Live - Please take some time to look through our New Website:

[www.FaithOshawa.ca](http://www.FaithOshawa.ca)

# Seder Meal



## Seder Meal

Seder Meal will take place on Thursday, April 2nd at 6:00pm in Cana Hall.

Sign up is required, and is on the bulletin board in the Church lobby. If you would like to attend and cannot get your name on the list, please reach out to Pastor Pamela: [pamela@faithlutheranministries.ca](mailto:pamela@faithlutheranministries.ca)

There will be a potluck meal within this time of gathering, and we invite you to bring a dish of your choice. We hope you will come and join us.

## Special Services

We invite you to join us for:

- Palm Sunday Worship March 29th 10:30am
- Maundy Thursday April 2nd at 6pm to experience in a Seder Meal  
(please sign up in advance as we need exact numbers)
- Good Friday April 3rd at 10:30am for our Service/Drama.

We will continue with the Easter morning traditions on Sunday, April 5th

- 8am SONrise Service with Holy Communion, on the twelfth floor in the Upper Room
- 9am Easter breakfast
- 10:30am Easter Service with Holy Communion in Augustana Hall.



## Join us for Bible Circle

“Bible Circle” is a time a time of gathering when we all have an opportunity to join in conversation, with Christ and scripture at the heart of our conversations.

**When:** April 9th  
the Second Thursdays of the month

**Where:** Augustana Hall Chapel

**Time:** 10- 11am

Led by Pastor Pamela

You are invited to attend as you are able. Please feel free to invite a friend or neighbour. These are informal times of gathering where all are welcome, and no experience is necessary.

**Please bring a Bible and an open and loving heart.** I will have a few Bibles available for those who may not have one.

If you have any questions, please feel free to be in touch with Pastor Pamela.

I look forward to this time together,  
Pastor Pamela



## Worship Leader Volunteer Opportunities

First of all, thank you to everyone who has volunteered for the various positions and duties that help our congregation run smoothly. We appreciate your gifts of time and talent. We can always use more volunteers, especially in the areas of Counters, Coffee Hosts, Communion Set Up and Clean Up, and Communion Servers. The more people who volunteer, the lighter the load for everyone.

We are especially low on Counters right now. Two people are needed each week, which currently means everyone is counting at least twice a month. The task is simple, opening envelopes received during the service, recording the amounts, and tallying the totals. It usually takes about 15 minutes after the service.

At the request of our insurance company, Counters are now required to have a Level 1 Police Record Check, which is completed online and is a straightforward process. Pastor Pamela has a letter prepared for the “volunteer” rate, and the church will reimburse you for the cost.

Please give prayerful thought to becoming a Counter—or serving in another volunteer role and contact Laurie Ikeda ([laurieikeda@gmail.com](mailto:laurieikeda@gmail.com), 905-621-2004) or Arden Baechler ([robertarden@rogers.com](mailto:robertarden@rogers.com), 905-809-3162) this helps keep our congregation running efficiently.

# Faith Lutheran Church Trivia



## FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

For those who were able to attend the 60th Anniversary Celebration, Pastor Becker prepared a fun list of history trivia for everyone to enjoy. Take a moment to see how many you can answer!

**As Promised - find all the answers below!**

1. Name the council chair who brought a gavel to council meetings—and used it! Hint: He rode a motorcycle - **Dick**
2. At what venues did Faith Lutheran Church worship before Faith Place was built? - **Masonic Temple, Grandview School**
3. Name a favourite youth fundraiser that still happens today (not a fundraiser anymore).—**Spaghetti Dinner, Pancake Supper & Sunrise Breakfast**
4. Who was the first “Flower Lady” of FLC, supplying flowers for the altar every Sunday? (She also handed out fresh buns at worship!) Who was the second “Flower Lady”? - **Katie and Eve**
5. Can you name the five churches which participated in our ecumenical Ash Wednesday services? (One church later dropped out) - **St. Paul Presbyterian, Knox Presbyterian, St. Luke and St. James Presbyterian, Northminster United, Westminster United (only 2 times)**
6. At what church did the congregation gather, then march to our first worship service in Augustana Hall? - **St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church**
7. Who is the artisan who crafted the flower stands? - **Charlotte**
8. Our youth group was once large and active. Can you name at least three places to which the group traveled for National Youth Gatherings? (Bonus if you can name some to the adult supervisors who accompanied them—and survived!) - **Vancouver, Camrose, Winnipeg, Halifax, London, Hamilton. (Jane, Bill, Mary, Gabriele, Rick, Ray, Lori, Al, Pat, Wendy, and...)**
9. Most young couples opted not to be married in Augustana Hall. Do you remember the two churches with whom we had agreements to use their facilities for weddings? Do you know who was the first ever couple married in Faith Lutheran Church (long before Augustana Hall)? Who was the last couple to be married in Augustana Hall? - **Christ Memorial Anglican; Christ the King Lutheran, Whitby. (the first Irv and Helen the last Amarta and Nathan)**
10. What was the name of the sassy pup who came to children’s time occasionally, and who irreverently called Bishop Mike, Top Dog (The Bishop laughed, phew!) **Ralph the Dog**
11. To commemorate Holy Humour Sunday (the Sunday after Easter) our intern Mike Lees, did what (or didn’t wear what) to worship? **Mike came barefoot**
12. What was the name of the second-year seminary student who did a placement with us? - **Ralph**

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13. Over the years we had an assistant pastor and a deacon. Do you remember their names? - **Pastor Rob and Sister Monika**
  14. Our confirmation class met in various rooms over the years, from Cana Hall, the Wartburg Room (Board Room), to Augustana Hall. There was one unique place we met for about three years (now a storage room). Hint: it had a strong smell of beauty products. - **The room behind Nancy the Hair Dresser**
  15. Speaking of confirmation: For what event did Paul W. and Pastor Dennis purchase a foosball table and ping-pong table? - **Confirmation Reunion**
  16. Before we settled on using Club Lorelei for our Congregation Picnics, we used several other locations. Do you remember them? - **Heber Down Conservation Area, Enniskillen Conservation Area, Grandview Conservation Area (once; this is now a dog park), Lakeview Park**
  17. We once held a weekend council/committee retreat at a local camp. The confirmation class also used this camp for two confirmation retreats. Can you recall its name? **The Baptist Education Leadership Centre (BLEC)**
  18. Our congregation once sponsored a young woman on a mission trip to Africa. The African Last Supper hanging in Augustana Hall was her gift to us. Do you remember her name? - **Stephanie**
  19. What was a favourite place where council and various committees went to celebrate a Christmas dinner together? Hint: Irv once thought his leather jacket was stolen from there. **Herrongate Barn Dinner Theatre**
  20. Who was our very accomplished pianist before Wendy took over? She moved to Seattle before settling in BC.—**Lynn**
  21. Who was our interim pastor before Pastor Pamela joined us? **Pastor Peter**
  22. Who served us when Pastor Dennis was on sabbatical? **Pastor Lowell**
  23. Before FLC purchased the parking lot, where did we park? Do you remember what prompted us to buy the property? And what was on the lot before we paved it over? - **Oshawa Times parking lot; The Times closed and we no longer had access to their lot; a rubble pile and a photography shop.**
  24. What was the somewhat controversial yet highly successful ministry/fundraiser the youth held on Friday nights? Our resident disk jockey Ed A. played a big role in this.—**Youth Dance. (Some folks felt it irreverent to hold a dance in Augustana Hall. Yet the adult chaperones will tell you that more than one young person asked us about what the church was all about, what the cross stood for, and who was the one on the cross. Major success!)**
  25. Do you remember the colours of the “beautiful” curtains that hung behind the altar before the backdrop was installed? - **Yellow and orange/red. (may they rest in peace)**
  26. Over the years the Stewardship Committee tried many creative ways to help us give, from a thermometer, to coloured lights in the ceiling, to a Joshua Tree. But Pastor Dennis’ favourite was... - **The Fisher Price nativity scheme on the altar. (Interesting fact: after on December funeral in Augustana Hall, a daughter of the deceased saw the thermometer on the bulletin board, and made a donation which settled our shortfall.)**
  27. What is the name of the little red chorus book we used to use at worship? - **The Book of Joy**
  28. Twice FLC participated in the Cancer Society’s Relay for Life. What was our team colour? - **Orange**
  29. A favourite but messy youth event (kids got really messy) in later years was called what? - **YUK Night**
  30. About four times a year, we gathered for worship in various people’s home. Do you remember what for? - **House Communion**
  31. Who were the mother/daughter team (residents of FP) who folded, stapled, and addressed the Grapevines? - **Viola and Marilyn**

# FLM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MAY 3, 2026, FOLLOWING WORSHIP

The Annual General Meeting for Faith Lutheran Ministries will be held on Sunday, May 3, 2026, immediately following the worship service.

Please get your coffee as quickly as possible and come back to Augustana Hall for the meeting.

Please consider giving of your time to join the Council/Board, as we can always use new members. There will be time at the meeting for nominations for these positions.

The Annual Meeting reports will be emailed to you by April 19. A few hard copies will be available for those who would prefer that medium.



## National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer Easter Message for 2026

ELCIC National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer has shared an Easter message with the church ahead of Easter Sunday, offering a reflection rooted in hope, grief and the promise of new life.

Kochendorfer acknowledged the weight many are carrying, inviting the church into a more reflective understanding of the resurrection. "Maybe this year we are being invited into a quieter kind of rising – a slower hope," he said.



Reflecting on a hurting world, he spoke on the ongoing challenges overseas, while pointing toward a faithful response in difficult times. "Grief is not weakness. Grief is what love feels like when life is threatened... So this Easter, I'm not reaching for certainty. I'm reaching for courage."

Congregations and individuals are invited to watch, share and download the 2026 Easter Message below:

[Watch the video via our YouTube page.](#)

# Spring Givings Initiative

As part of our deficit reduction plans, we will be holding a few smaller fundraising events throughout the year. Our hope is that by having a few smaller fundraisers we won't need a big push at the end of the year. The first one will be similar to the Christmas tree ornaments that we did around Christmas.

You may have noticed the garland around the door between Augustana Hall & the lobby. As donations come in, we will add flowers, birds, butterflies, etc. to this garland. The donation breakdown is as follows:

\$1000 ~ hummingbird	\$50 ~ red rose
\$500 ~ dragonfly	\$25 ~ pink rose
\$300 ~ ladybug	\$10 ~ peach rose
\$200 ~ large monarch butterfly	\$5 ~ ivory rose
\$100 ~ small monarch butterfly	

You can pick up an envelope at the back table. Then it can be placed in the offering plate the next time you're in church. If you prefer, you can do an e-transfer, just be sure to label the donation as deficit reduction, and who the donation is in memory of, and of course the amount.

All deficit reduction donations received between March 29th and May 3rd, will go towards this spring fundraising event.



# Canadian Lutheran World Relief

As violence in the region escalates, CLWR, the ELCIC and the Humanitarian Coalition are asking for your help to provide life-saving aid. Please join us in prayer and consider donating today. Give now at [clwr.org/middleeast](http://clwr.org/middleeast) or call 1-800-661-2597 (Mon-Fri 9am-4pm CST).



## MIDDLE EAST EMERGENCY

CLWR is providing relief to people displaced by the escalating conflict in the Middle East. Please pray for those affected and donate now.

Middle East Emergency  
HUMANITARIAN  
COALITION

Canadian Lutheran  
World Relief

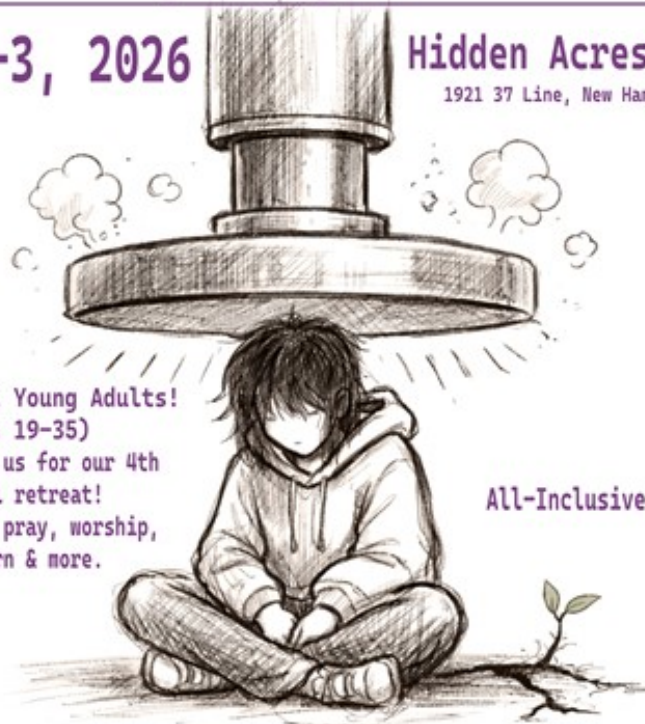
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middleeast](http://clwr.org/middleeast)

## Young Adult Retreat – Register Now!

### Pressure Spiking & Small Hope

May 1-3, 2026

Hidden Acres Camp  
1921 37 Line, New Hamburg, ON



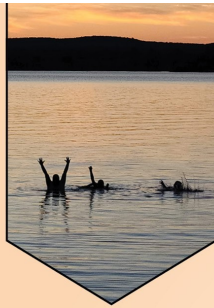
Calling all Young Adults!  
(ages 19-35)  
Please join us for our 4th  
annual retreat!  
Rest, play, pray, worship,  
discern & more.

All-Inclusive: \$100

Jotform Link for Registration: <https://form.jotform.com/riehlejohns/youngadultretreat2026>  
For more information, please contact Pastor Bethan Riehle-Johns [Pastor@faithlutheranbrantford.com](mailto:Pastor@faithlutheranbrantford.com)

# Camp Lutherlyn Summer Camp Programs

Summer is on it's way and Camp Lutherlyn is in full swing preparing for our 2026 camp programs. We can't wait to see you this summer!



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### Summer Camps include:



#### CHILDREN'S OVERNIGHT CAMP • Age 8-14

- Check dates on our website • Friends, Food, & Fun • Small cabin groups

#### LEADER IN TRAINING PROGRAM • Age 15 and up

- Theory and practical leadership experience • Make friendships to last a lifetime.

#### FAMILY CAMP • Fun for the whole family



### Camp Activities include:

- Archery • Canoeing • Gaga Ball • Arts & Crafts • Music • Sports
- Capture the Flag • Low Ropes • Campfires • Talent Show
- Swimming at the BEST BEACH ON THE LAKE

*And so much more!*



For more information email: [registrar.lutherlyn@gmail.com](mailto:registrar.lutherlyn@gmail.com)

*Register For Camp:*

[www.lutherlyncamp.ca](http://www.lutherlyncamp.ca)





## God is on our side

Good Friday Message 2026  
Oberkirchenrat (ret.) Michael Martin



Jesus is making his way up to Jerusalem with his friends. What hopes, what expectations they must have had. With this Jesus, a new world is dawning. Soon, our dark world will become a more just, more compassionate, and more loving place. This new world is the world of God, the one Jesus spoke of and lived out through his devotion to humanity. But then came this: arrest, trial, conviction, execution. Suddenly, all the hopes and expectations Jesus' friends had placed in him were called into question. Instead of hope for love, justice, and life, there was only hatred, contempt, and death.

We still remember this today on the day of Jesus' crucifixion. Yet it is astonishing that this day is called "Good Friday" in English. What is good about this day full of pain, suffering, and death? The author of the Letter to the Hebrews (Heb 4: 14-16) gives us a clue: "For

# Canadian Lutheran World Federation

we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are" (Heb 4:15).

That is the beauty of this day of Jesus' death. Jesus draws very close to us. He is one of us—standing with those who suffer, who are afflicted, at a loss, hopeless, at the end of their strength, at the mercy of the powerful, without any prospects. Jesus descends into the deepest depths of human existence. He suffers. He dies. It is precisely this solidarity with us that is the good thing about this sad day of death. Jesus knows us and bears what burdens us. When we feel we have reached the end, when we don't know which way to turn, when we are powerless and hopeless, then Jesus is at our side. He is not a God of the hereafter. He does not stand above things. Rather, he is right in the midst of our world, in our lives, in our challenges. Jesus knows loneliness and fear. He knows what it is like to feel powerless and abandoned by everyone. He knows the tears, the despair. He has experienced them himself. Thus, he—the compassionate God—is on our side. He gives us strength and courage in the midst of all our dark experiences.

We "hold fast to our confession" of this Lord (Heb 4:14). He strengthens us on our journey, he encourages us to take steps on the path of peace, and he gives us strength in the midst of all our afflictions. That is why the day of Jesus' death is "Good Friday," and his death is an encouragement to life.

*By Oberkirchenrat (ret.) Michael Martin, a member of the LWF Council. Martin is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria, Germany, where he previously headed the department for ecumenical affairs.*

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FEDERATION

*Photo: LWF/Albin Hillert*

# Statement from the Bishop



**Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in Canada**  
Living Out God's Grace & Unconditional Love

## A Statement from the National Bishop on the recent Gun Violence

March 17, 2026

Depart from evil, and do good;  
seek peace, and pursue it.  
Psalm 34:14

Dear Beloved of God:

I am grieved, appalled and concerned by several incidents of Synagogues being attacked in Canada and the United States including several involving gun violence.

Attacks on sacred spaces and social gathering places are a threat to individuals and a wound to the communities who desire to come together in the name of faith, friendship and mutual support. Threats, intimidation and violence directed toward the Jewish community stir up deep emotions by touching on the long and sinful history of antisemitism. These acts of terror and hate generate even more fear in a world that is desperately yearning for peace, respect, safety and dignity.

In 1995, the ELCIC stated that *Anti-semitism is an affront to the Gospel, a contradiction of its central teachings, and a violation of our hope and calling. We pledge this church to oppose the deadly working of such bigotry in our own circles and in the society around us.*<sup>1</sup> Today, we are renewed in this commitment to oppose hatred in all its forms, to live out God's grace and unconditional love, to pray for our own transformation and to walk the paths of courage, healing, respect and truly equitable community.

In this moment when fear and division threaten the fabric of our communities, the church is called to be a witness to God's justice, mercy and peace. We do not stand against hatred simply because it is socially unacceptable; we stand against it because the Gospel compels us. Christ calls us to be people who resist violence, protect the vulnerable and proclaim the dignity of every human being.

Please join me in prayer:

Faithful God, surround us with your everlasting arms.  
Hear our cries of despair,  
Heed our calls for justice,  
and do not let us lose hope. Amen.<sup>2</sup>

In Christ Jesus –  
Shalom,

The Rev. Dr. Larry Kochendorfer, National Bishop (he/him)  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

<sup>1</sup> ELCIC Statement to Jewish Community, 1995.

<sup>2</sup> All Creation Sings

*The ELCIC acknowledges that its buildings and ministries, from coast to coast to coast, are on traditional territories of Indigenous Peoples.*

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>Coffee:</b> 5 - Easter Breakfast 12 - Vickie Goddard 19 - Carol Plath 26 - Fellowship		1 FP/FPSS—Council 1pm, Warburg Choir, 6:00	2 6:00pm—Seder Meal, Cana Hall	3 Good Friday 10:30am—Service and Drama, Augustana Hall	4
5 <b>8am</b> SONrise Service, upper room 9 <b>am</b> Breakfast 10:30 <b>am</b> Easter Church Service	6 Easter Monday Last day for Food Drive	7 6:00pm FLC Council, Cana Hall 4:30pm Property, Faith Place Roof Replacement Starts	8 Choir, 6:00	9 10am—Bible Circle, Augustana Hall	10	11
12 10:30am - Worship	13	14	15 Choir, 6:00 Ladies Lunch, 1pm @ Boston Pizza, Whitby	16	17	18
19 10:30am - Worship & Sunday School	20	21	22 Choir, 6:00 Pint Night: 6:30pm Wendell Clark's	23	24	25
26 10:30am - Worship Soup Fellowship	27	28 Finance, 9:00am	28 Choir, 6:00	30	<b>Counters</b> 5 - Irv & Wendy 12 - Laurie I & Kathy 19 - Vickie & Charlotte 26 - Laurie I. & Irv	
<b>Ushers:</b> 3 - Ken & Kathy 5 - Vickie (Sam) & Irv/Helen (10:30am) 12 - Vickie 19 - Linda K & Arden 26 - John & Laurie M.		<b>Readers:</b> 3 - TBD 5 - Tammy (Sam) & Arden (10:30am) 12 - Youth/Sunday School 19 - Debbie 26 - Chic		<b>Communion Set up:</b> 5 - TBD (Sam) 5 - Donna/Maureen (10:30) 19 - Laurie M. & Julie	<b>Communion Servers:</b> 5 - TBD (Sam) 5 - Kathy & Leslie M. (10:30) 19 - Laurie I. & Carol	