

The Grapevine

June/July/August 2026

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Clippings from the Vinedresser

Grace and peace to each of you!

This spring when we were driving along the river we were gifted the experience of witnessing a beautiful bald eagle with wings spread wide flying and gliding in the beautiful blue sky. One of our Lord's majestic creatures. I love the hymn On Eagle's Wings. One of my favorite images of God comes from this well know hymn: "He will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand."

I invite you to read through the lyrics of this hymn and ponder them in your heart.
On Eagle's Wings

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in this shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

2. The snare of the fowler will never capture you, and famine will bring you no fear;
under God's wings your refuge, with faithfulness your shield. Refrain

3. You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. Refrain

4. For to the angels God's given a command to guard you in all of your
ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a
stone.

Final refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of
dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand;
and hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

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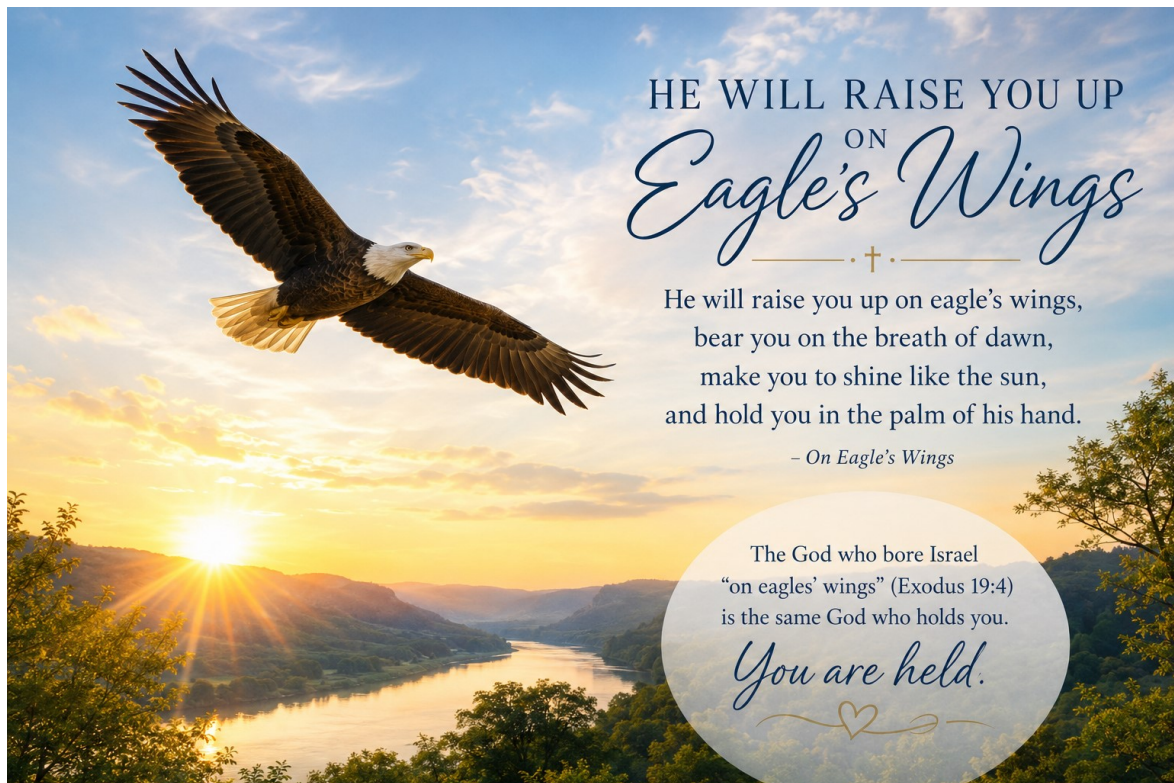
Clippings from the Vinedresser

June invites us into that kind of care. The days are long, the gardens are growing, and many of us are moving into a different pace — whether that means travel, rest, or simply a little more breathing room. It is a good month to remember: you do not have to carry everything alone.

The God who bore Israel “on eagles’ wings” (Exodus 19:4) is the same God who holds you. Not only in the big storms, but in the quiet moments too — in the morning light, in the unfinished tasks, in the worries you cannot yet name. He does not just watch from afar; he carries each and everyone of us close.

So this summer, may you feel that shelter. May you know that whatever this season holds, you are held.

Peace and Blessings,
Pastor Pamela



Sunday School



With summer fast approaching, and a congregational get together, we will be having only ONE last class. It will be on the first **Sunday, June 7th**. This will be the last class til we start up again in the fall. We look forward to seeing all the children there for songs, crafts & stories.

Confirmation—UPDATE

We are planning to offer pre-confirmation classes starting in the fall!

John is looking forward to holding these pre confirmation classes for youth 13 to 14 years of age to go over some foundational material often taught in the later years of Sunday School. This will give those youth who are planning to attend confirmation class with Pastor Pamela, a base to build on the following year.

Please feel free to be in touch with Pastor Pamela if you have any questions regarding this new plan for pre confirmation classes from fall 2026 to spring 2027 and confirmation class from fall 2027 to spring 2028.



Pint Night

It has been great seeing people join us for the monthly pint nights. It's always a great time of lively conversations with friends. We will have one more in June before taking a break for July & August.

Marty & Wendy Schieman have graciously volunteered to host the June gathering at their place.

It will be **Wednesday, June 24th, keeping the 6:30 time.**

We ask that everyone bring a chair, and their beverage of choice. Their address is **216 Verbena Court, Oshawa.**

We look forward to seeing you there. And a big thanks to Wendy & Marty.



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

Ladies Lunch Group - Last one until September



Join our Ladies Lunch Group, we meet on the 3rd 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 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, June 17th at 1:00pm at, East Grille, 555 Rossland Rd. E.(@ Wilson Rd) in Oshawa . Please sign up no later than Sunday, June 14th

Please contact Pastor Pamela if you have any questions at Pamela@faithlutheranministries.ca or 905-725-2755

Worship Leader Volunteer Opportunities

A Call to be a Servant of God in our Faith Community

There are many ways to serve our God, our church and each other. Taking the time to delve into the scriptures to reflect on God's Holy Word and the life of His Son, Jesus Christ is one way. Using the life of Christ as our model for daily living is another. Taking the time to understand and reflect on our God-given gifts and talents and how we use them is also another.

Finding our "servant" heart through prayer, interaction with other believers; and non-believers; stretching out to help others in need; supporting your church; and most of all sharing the Gospel of Christ with all those you meet will bring you closer in faith and to a daily walk with Christ.



Starting in September, we are going to try something a little different, as it pertains to the fellowship hour following Sunday Services. The **first Sunday** of the month, we will **NOT** be having a fellowship/coffee hour. This is due to a number of factors: 1) the current lack of volunteers, 2) the higher cost of providing the refreshments and; 3) the difficulty for some to carry the number of items required to provide the refreshments (to & from vehicles).

Therefore, until more volunteers step forward to help out, a decision has been made that we will make up teams of 2 with the existing volunteers, for helping each other to provide the fellowship/coffee hour. This will be for two to three times a month with the last Sunday of the month continuing to be a potluck lunch.

Responsibilities of the teams:

- be a little early to church to set-up Cana Hall for fellowship/coffee hour
- bring light refreshments (milk, cream, juice, cookies/cake, etc.)
- clean up after and put away coffee maker, etc.

Other critical areas that are needed for additional "helping hands" are for communion set-up/clean-up, communion servers and offering counters.



Why not begin this new church calendar year by renewing your commitment to serve God and your church by becoming more involved at Faith Lutheran? There are many ways to use a variety of talents and gifts within and outside of the congregation and the walls of the church building. Your servant heart and willing hands are needed.

We will be putting out a new 2026-2027 Ministry/Volunteer List for Signup in September.

Do you hear the call?

Bible Circle - Summer Break

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Bible Circle this past season. We have enjoyed gathering together for conversation, reflection, and fellowship with Christ and Scripture at the heart of our time together.

Bible Circle is now taking a break for the summer months and will resume in the fall.

We look forward to welcoming both familiar and new faces when we return. Details regarding dates and times for the fall sessions will be shared closer to the start date.

Bible Circle is an informal and welcoming gathering where all are invited to participate as they are able. No previous experience is necessary, and friends and neighbours are always welcome.

Until then, we wish you a safe, enjoyable, and blessed summer.

Peace and blessings,

Pastor Pamela



Let's Get Social!

Your Social Committee has been a little quiet lately...
...but we're ready to shake things up!

Now we want to hear from YOU!

What kinds of activities, events, or outings would you love
to see within the Congregation?

Have you been wanting to try something new but don't
want to go alone?

Need a group for motivation, fun, or just good company?
We've got you.



On-site, off-site, daytime, evening — we're open to ideas and excited to explore new options together.

Drop us your suggestions and let's make this community more connected, more active, and a lot more fun.

Deficit Reduction Fundraising

Thank you for your donations toward the deficit.

We're off to a great start, as you can see by the garland. If you would like the item that goes with your donation please see me & I will take it down & give it to you. Otherwise, we will leave the garland up for the time being.

We are now ready to start our summer raffle fundraising. We will be raffling off 4 themed baskets. To help with this one we'd like to call on the congregation to help with donations that we can use to build up the baskets. We've put up a list for each basket with suggested donations, with lots of space to add something not already thought of. Since there are 4 lists, we will put them up on the bulletin board in the hallway beside the coat room. As things are donated, we will put a check (or two) beside the items. Please be sure your donation is handed in no later than Sunday, June 7th. We ask that all donations be new and unused.

The raffle baskets will be on display beginning Sunday, June 24th, and that's when we'll start selling the raffle tickets. With the actual draw on Sunday, July 12th.

Donations can be left in the robbery.

Feel free to talk to Pastor Pamela, Vickie or Lisa if you have any questions.

Raffle ticket prices: \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.

We look forward to your help with these events. Our hope is that by having a few smaller fundraisers we won't need a big push at the end of the year.



Financial Report

Financial numbers as of April 30, 2026

Year to Date Revenue - \$63,271.85

Year to Date Expenses - \$70,527.14

Deficit - (\$7,255.29)

How was your Summer?

Come September we will be hearing this question a lot - we'd love to showcase picture of your holiday spots - you can include family pictures, beautiful scenery even your pets living their best lives.

If you would like your picture(s) featured in the September Grapevine please forward to dayna@flmoshawa.ca Don't forget to include your location!

The Graham House is starting off strong, with a visit to a Cat Café in Port Hope, New Sod for the back Yard and Soccer Season has started!!!



Save the Date

Our Times and Talent Auction is returning.

Save the Date - Sunday, November 8th following the service.

There will be a purchase lunch available, Raffles and the Live Auction.

We will be looking for donation of new items and or a service you may provide.

More information to come in September—but if you have a burning questions you can reach out to the Auction Committee:
Lisa, Vickie, Will, Pamela and Dayna.



Church Picnic–June 28



Faith Lutheran Church will be hosting their annual picnic on June 28. The venue will be different this year.

Our service will be held at 10:30 am (as usual) in the 12th floor lounge. We will not be moving any furniture in the room. Please feel free to bring your picnic blankets and/or lawn chairs for seating.

Games will be held for the children outside on the patio after the service.

We will have a Potluck lunch (this is our regular Fellowship Sunday) in Cana Hall after the service.

We look forward to a great turnout for this event! Please talk to any Council member if you have questions.

Kick-Off Sunday–September 20

Please keep September 20 on your calendar, as this will be our Kick-off Sunday for the “new” year. September always feels like a new year, with all the regular activities starting up again!

We will have a Blessing of the Backpacks and Tools for Daily Living during the service.

The service will be followed by a Barbeque lunch of Hamburgers and Hot Dogs. Council will supply the meat, buns and condiments. We ask that the congregation contribute to the meal with donations of salads and desserts.

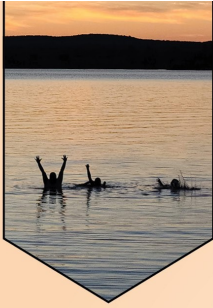
We will remind everyone again as we get closer to the date, but wanted you to mark the date now, since this is the last Grapevine until September.

Have a wonderful, rest-full summer.



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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MEMBER



CAMP LUTHERLYN

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

Register For Camp:

www.lutherlyncamp.ca



From the Bishop



**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in Canada**

Living Out God's Grace & Unconditional Love

June 3, 2026

Dear Church,

Yesterday, I received urgent correspondence from Bishop Dr. Imad Haddad of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL), our partner church, requesting our advocacy and prayers for the safety and freedom of a youth of the ELCJHL.

"This morning a beloved youth from our church community, Natalie Abuddayeh, was taken at gunpoint by Israeli forces from her student apartment in Birzeit alongside three other women. We are deeply shocked and horrified by this news, as well as by the news that her family does not yet know where she has been taken. Natalie is a member of Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Reformation in Beit Jala, a graduate of Talitha Kumi Lutheran School, and a Media and Journalism student at Birzeit University." (Statement from Bishop Haddad: <http://www.elcjhl.org/statement-from-bishop-haddad-on-the-israeli-detention-of-natalie-abudayeh>)

In response, I prepared and sent a letter to Canada's Minister for Foreign Affairs, The Honourable Anita Anand, lifting up these concerns and calling on our Canadian Government to act immediately to address this injustice and to secure Natalie's release, along with the three other women. (Letter to Minister Anand: <https://elcic.ca/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/2026-06-02-Letter-to-Honourable-Minister-Anand.pdf>)

You may wish to add your concerns to this message by emailing your own MP and/or the Minister of Foreign Affairs. Perhaps the following draft will aid in preparing correspondence:

I have heard from my church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, that Natalie Abuddayeh, a young member of our partner church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land was taken at gunpoint yesterday (June 2, 2026) from her student apartment in Birzeit, alongside three other women.

I am deeply shocked and horrified by this news, as well as by the news that her family does not yet know where she has been taken.

I call on the government the Government of Canada to act immediately to address this injustice and secure Natalie Abuddayeh's release, along with the other three women.

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You can find a list of current Members of Parliament here:

<https://www.ourcommons.ca/Members/en/search>. And you can reach The Honourable Minister Anita Anand, Minister of Foreign Affairs by emailing anita.anand@international.gc.ca.

Our prayers and actions for justice are always intertwined, and so we join in prayer for our siblings in Christ:

God of Hope who blesses the peacemakers, we pray for the people of Jerusalem, the Holy Land and the Middle East. Comfort and heal those who grieve and suffer and hurt and fear. Uphold and protect Natalie Abuddayeh and the three women also detained. Walk with their families, their communities, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land. Bring safety and freedom. End the violence. Transform hearts so that there may be peace. We give you thanks for the witness, service and resilience of Palestinian Christians. Through the power of the resurrection, renew us in courage, hope, and love. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen

In Christ Jesus,



+Bishop Larry Kochendorfer

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June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 6:00pm Council, Cana Hall	3	4	5	6
7 10:30am - Worship & Sunday School	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 10:30am - Worship	15	16	17 1:00pm Ladies Lunch East Grille, Oshawa	18	19	20
Last day to sign up for Ladies Lunch						
21 10:30am - Worship HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	22	23 1:30pm Finance, Wartburg	24 6:30pm Pint Night, Wendy & Marty's house	25 Last Day of School	26	27
28 10:30am - Worship 12th floor & Church picnic at Faith Place	29	30				
Ushers: 7 - Ken & Kathy 14 - Arden & Linda K 21 - Iny & Helen 28 - John & Laurie M						
Readers: 7 - Chie 14 - Linda K 21 - Laurie I 28 - Vickie						
Communion Set up: 7 - Laurie M & Julie 21 - Wendy & Sina						
Communion Servers: 7 - Carrie & Iny 21 - Arden & Kathy						
Counters 7 - Wendy & Laurie I 14 - Iny & Vickie 21 - Kathy & Wendy 28 - Laurie I & Iny						
Coffee: 7 - 14 - Vivian 21 - Carol 28 - Pot Luck						