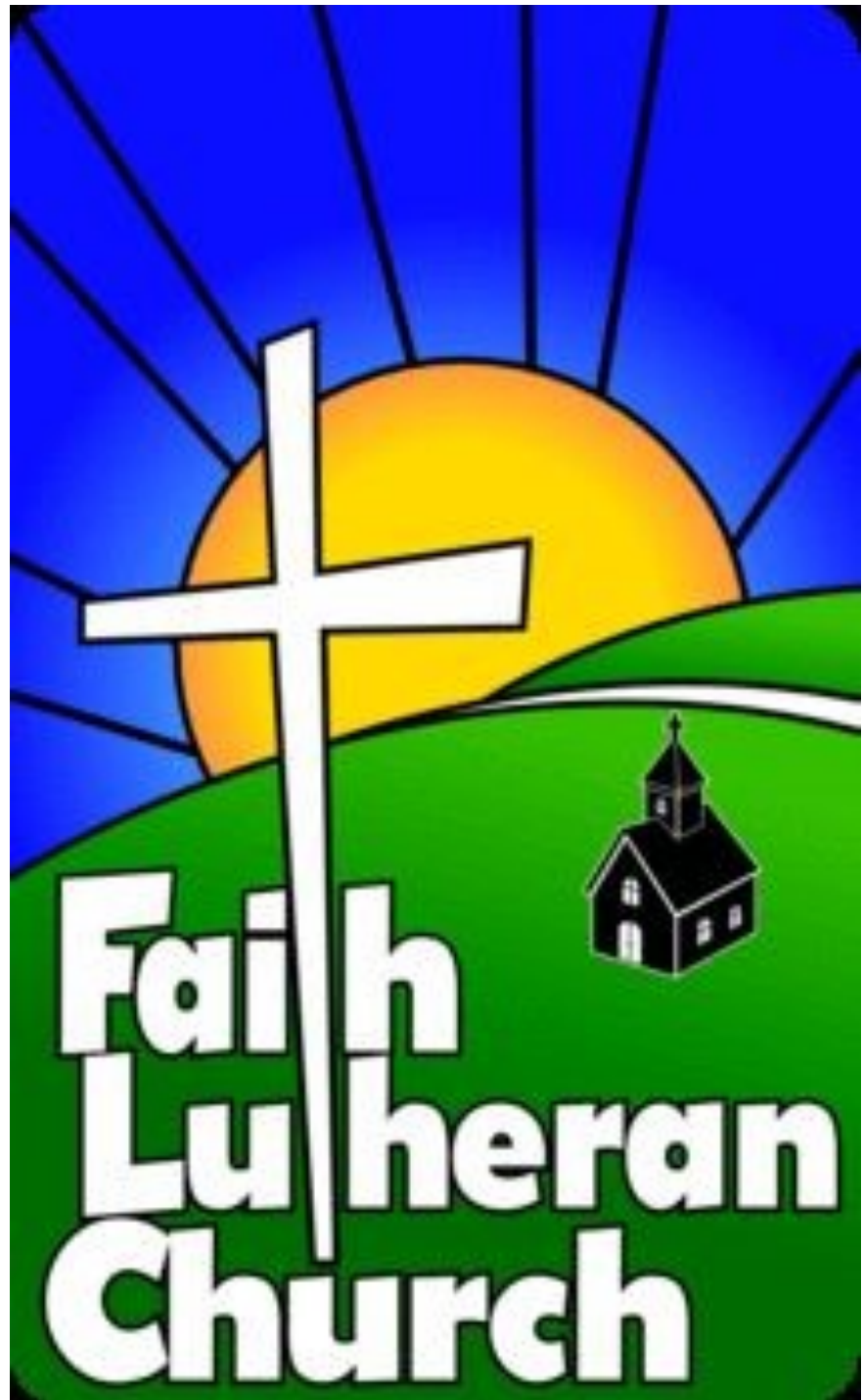


The Grapevine

May 2026

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Clippings from the Vinedresser

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

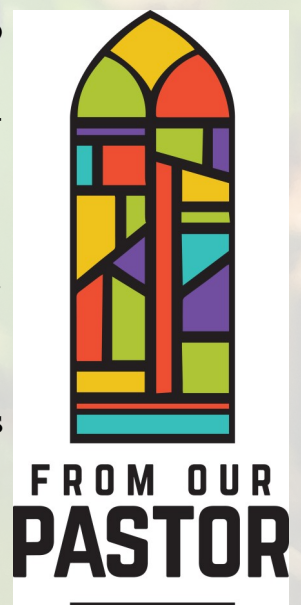
Grace and peace to each of you as we journey within the season of Easter.

Holy week and Easter Sunday gifted us opportunities to gather and share in meaningful and heartfelt Christ centered scripture stories from the Bible.

On Maundy Thursday we gathered in Cana Hall for the Seder Meal and potluck led by Pastor Dennis. Pastor Dennis started this tradition many years ago and therefore it seemed fitting to me that he continue to lead this Seder Meal. Thank you Dennis. It was a meaningful time of gathering and sharing in this Maundy Thursday tradition.

This was the second year for our Good Friday Service/Drama based on Bible scripture. I was very thankful for the wonderful response of people of all ages taking on the speaking roles for the drama. People continue to share how meaningful this Service/Drama is for them. Over the years people have mentioned that this is difficult scripture to read on your own, as so many emotions bubble up for them within the events that took place in the days before Jesus' death and resurrection. This time together gave the opportunity to experience the beautiful hymns and choir anthem, scripture readings were read, many congregants' voices shared what took place during these days, the children extinguishing the candles, and we prayed together. Thank you to each of you for bringing this together.

It was a cool and damp morning as we gathered for our traditional 8am Easter SONrise Service on the twelfth floor. We are Easter people and this was reflected in the congregation joining in the Joyous Alleluias as the children brought out the Alleluia after its rest during the season of Lent. Thank you to the staff of Faith Place who set up and dismantled the Twelfth floor for our SONrise worship service this year. Following the SONrise service we gathered for a wonderfully delicious SONrise breakfast and fellowship in Cana Hall. Thank you to Laurie and John who lovingly brought this breakfast together. Thank you to each of you who volunteered, gifting this breakfast to the congregation on Easter morning. Following the SONrise breakfast congregants gathered for our traditional 10:30am Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Sunday Service with Holy Communion in the sanctuary. Traditional Easter hymns were joyously sung, scripture readings shared the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, and Alleluias were proclaimed. Thank you to Wendy for the beautiful musical accompaniment and everyone who took on worship leader roles, helping to bring these services together with love and joy.



Clippings from the Vinedresser

At the April Church Council meeting we discussed the lower attendance of people attending the 8am SONrise service. We are planning to continue this SONrise service for Easter Sunday 2027, with the hope that people continue to attend this Easter service. We are willing to pivot within the needs of you, the congregation.

Thank you to Lowell, Laurie I., Arden, and each of you who helped to bring together the worship services and other congregational events while I was on vacation. It is a blessing to have people within the congregation lovingly share their talents and gifts.

Please take some time to look through this Grapevine to find out about the Spring Givings Initiatives. Thank you to Vickie, Val, Lisa, Will, and Debbie, for gifting your creative ideas, time, and talents to bring these initiatives to life.

We invite you to attend the upcoming Worship Services:

May 17th Ascension of Our Lord

May 24th Pentecost Sunday (please feel free to wear something red)

May 31st Holy Trinity Sunday

If you would like me to visit you please be in touch with me to arrange a day and time that works for you. Please feel free to contact the office, email me, or phone me to arrange a visit.

Peace and Blessings to you and your family,
Pastor Pamela

Sunday School



This Month

No Sunday school on May 17th

See you in June!!

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



Pint Night – May 27th

Join us for a fun and relaxed evening of connection at our upcoming Pint Night on **Wednesday, May 27th!** 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 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 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, May 20th at 1:00pm at, State & Main Whitby, 378 Taunton Rd E, Whitby (at Garden). Please sign up no later than Sunday, May 10th.

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

Financial Report

I would like to thank everyone for their continued financial support of our church and its ministries. This is just a brief report to let you know where our finances stand at the end of March, 2026.

As of the end of March, our current account has a deficit of \$12,886.83. There was a significant charge for snow clearing and removal this year, because of the many dumps of snow we had, which has contributed to this deficit. Our offerings are \$6,153.50 below budget.

We are currently running a Spring Deficit Campaign and I would like to thank Vickie, Lisa and Will for organizing this campaign. The garland around the entry doors of the sanctuary is starting to fill up with roses, butterflies and ladybugs, as well as a couple of hummingbirds. Thank you to everyone who has contributed thus far. It is already making a dent in our deficit.

Please consider giving your offerings Before leaving on summer vacations – our basic expenses don't decrease in the summer, but our income often does. This will help with our cash flow situation.

As always, if you have any questions or suggestions, please feel to contact me or any member of council.

Laurie Ikeda

Choir

Another “season” of choir has quickly come to an end. Our final contribution to the services will be sung on May 10. We will then be taking a break until September when we plan to start off the “new year” (I always feel that September is a new year for activities) by singing at the Kick Off Sunday service.

Although our numbers have decreased some over the last couple of years, we have a very faithful group of singers who come out every Wednesday. Thank you to all of you for your dedication and gifts to our congregation. A special Thank You goes to our Tammy, our accompanist – we couldn't do it without you!

I hope that everyone has a wonderful summer and I look forward to welcoming everyone, and maybe some new members (please!) back in the fall.

Laurie Ikeda



Join us for Bible Circle

“Bible Circle” is 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: May 14th and 28th
the Second and Fourth 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, 905-621-2004) or Arden Baechler (robertarden@rogers.com, 905-809-3162) this helps keep our congregation running efficiently.

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.



Easter Food Drive Summary

Hi to all, we would like to thank the congregation and the residents of Faith Place for their generous donations to the Faith Lutheran Church Easter Food Drive in support of Gate 3:16 and Simcoe Hall Settlement House. We collected and delivered 565 pounds of food and personal hygiene items to Simcoe Hall. This is in addition to your monetary support totaling \$900. Both organizations are very appreciative of your support.

We will hold our next drive at Christmas but the need is constant so if you wish to drop off goods during the year we will make deliveries as the cupboard fills.

Thanks and God bless,
Charlotte & Paul

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.

Flower's For Sale

You may have noticed some hanging baskets of flowers in the lobby prior to our Worship Service the last few weeks.

Debbie contacted Kingsway Greenhouse and they kindly offering us an opportunity for we the congregation to fundraise and give you our congregants an opportunity to buy your beautiful spring flowers.

We are currently selling vouchers for Hanging baskets and flats of flowers before and after worship services. Once you purchase the voucher from Vickie you will then have the opportunity to pick up your flowers at their greenhouse at 111 Clarence Bisenthal Drive, Oshawa.

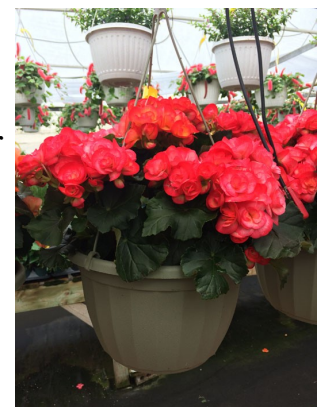
Voucher for an 11" Hanging basket is \$20.00

Voucher for a flat of 48 plants is \$25.00

The final day the vouchers will be sold is May 31st.

Please contact Vickie or Debbie if you have any questions regarding the baskets or the flats.

We hope you experience a beautiful blooming spring!



Social Committee



Thank you to all who came out and supported the Spaghetti Dinner.

Bellies, Souls and Hearts were all filled!

To our amazing volunteers, you are the backbone of the operation. Thank you for all of your hard work.

All of those who brought donations which allowed us to fill everyone's tummy, thank you!

Keep your eye out for the next dinner...
...maybe November?

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.

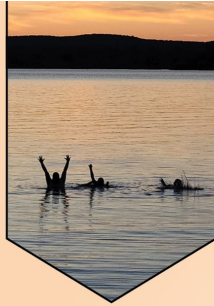


On-site, off-site, daytime, evening — we're open to ideas and excited to explore new options together.

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

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!



ACCREDITED
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

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May 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Coffee: 10 - Donna 17 - Mairreen 24 - Vickie 31 - Fellowship	Communion Set up: 17 - Carol & Leslie 31 - Laurie I. & Wendy		Communion Servers: 17 - Arden & Carrie 31 - Irv & Vickie		1	2
ANNUAL MEETING 10:30am - Worship & Sunday School	4	5	6 Choir, 6:00	7	8	9
10 10:30am - Worship	11	12	13	14 10am - Bible Circle, Augustana Hall	15	16
 17 10:30am - Worship No Sunday School	18 	19	20 1:00pm Ladies Lunch, State & Main in Whitby	21	22	23
24 10:30am - Worship	25 June Grapevine Deadline	26 1:30pm Finance	27 6:30pm Pint Night Wendall Clarks, Oshawa	28 10am - Bible Circle, Augustana Hall	29	30
31 10:30am - Worship Fellowship		Ushers: 3 - Donna 10 - Ken & Kathy 17 - Vivian & Bernie 24 - Irv & Helen 31 - Laurie & John		Readers: 3 - Linda K 10 - Youth 17 - Carrie 24 - Tammy 31 - Arden		Counters 3 - Wendy & Laurie I 10 - Irv & Vickie 17 - Charlotte & Kathy 24 - Kathy & Irv 31 - Laurie I. & Vickie