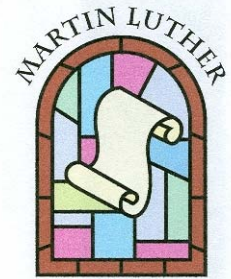


# Congregational newsletter



LUTHERAN CHURCH  
— Founded 1955 Gegründet —

July & August 2011

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## DEVOTION

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*Dear Fellow Christians  
in the Martin Luther Church !*

"A Stone Drops in the Pond" – we love doing this in the summer. Standing on the bank of a lake, picking a stone, throwing the stone into the water, and then watching the ripples. It is amazing! There was this still lake, and now a tiny stone is being thrown, look what happens! Circles form, ripples are sent, far away, the whole lake now is in movement!

"A Stone Drops in the Pond / Ins Wasser faellt ein Stein" – this is a famous song by Manfred Siebold, actually a German interpretation of the English song "Pass It On" (Melody by Kurt Kaiser). It is part of our German hymnbook (No. 659).

"Ins Wasser fällt ein Stein, ganz heimlich, still und leise, und ist er noch so klein, er zieht doch weite Kreise. Wo Gottes große Liebe in einen Menschen fällt, da wirkt sie fort, in Tat und Wort, hinaus in unsre Welt." Which means: "A stone drops in the pond, calmly and inconspicuously, and even so, it sends ripples, far away. When God's great love drops in a human, it brings about so much, in word and deed, all over our world."

Here it is an image for the transforming power of God's love, sending circles through one person's life, and then to so many others.



In 1 John 4, we are told, "In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Let us love because he first loved us."

It all started at the Sea of Galilee. God's love dropped in the life of a few people; in the very beginning Jesus found little more than 12 disciples. This brought about so much, though, and sent circles so far.

Nowadays the Church of Jesus Christ is present on each continent, in every country – and these are still the expanding circles of that first tiny beginning.

It happens again and again in our congregation too. In every day life as well as at special events. Our Summer Camp is such a special event to look forward to.

And we can look forward to another special event this summer – **Manfred Siebold who comes to our Martin Luther Church on Sunday, July 31** (please find more information inside this newsletter). Every worship and every prayer provides this opportunity that God's love drops in our life, like a stone sending circles, bringing about so much in our world.

*Kind regards and blessings,  
Your Pastor Alexander Mielke*

## **Manfred Siebald will be in our Martin Luther Church on July 31 !**

Since the seventies, he has been one of the bestknown Christian singer-songwriters in Germany. His songs form an essential part of contemporary worship in many congregations and groups (such as "Geh unter der Gnade", "Gut, dass wir einander haben" and many more).

Every year, he performs many concerts, in Germany and internationally. He has produced more than 17 disks and CDs. Being a lecturer in American Studies in Mainz, in this summer he is a visiting professor in Toronto.

**On Sunday, July 31, 2011, first he will make musical contributions to our Joint Service at 11:00 a.m.**

**After that, at 12:00 p.m., he will present a Matinée Concert with the title "Songs about Successful Losers".**



In July, **Yvonne Karthaus and Brian Mackie** will marry – our best wishes, may our Lord Jesus Christ bless and guide them! In autumn, Brian will start working for "Campus for Christ" in Nova Scotia. Brian will **present his work in our services on July 10**, for which he needs continuing support by Christians. So we cordially invite you to our services on July 10!

Welcome to an **excursion to a Sikh Temple on Saturday, July 16, 2011**, 4:00 p.m. at Ontario Khalsa Darbar, 7080 Dixie Rd, Mississauga (north of 401). This is an event within our series "Getting to Know Neighbours – Understanding World Religions". In the temple, a representative of the Sikh community will give us an introduction to their gurdwara and faith. If you like to learn more about why Sikhs wear turbans and carry daggers – just welcome! **We will just be meeting at the main entrance at 4:00 p.m.** Please register beforehand with Pastor Mielke (416-567-2487 or [alexander.mielke@rogers.com](mailto:alexander.mielke@rogers.com)).

### ***Small Report on the Start of This Summer's Renovation Works***

It is exactly 8:30am. All volunteers for the project „take down the basement ceiling“ were supposed to be assembled. Oh no, we were only 3 people. Luckily within the next half an hour the number grew to 12 and a little later to a whopping number of 8 women and 6 men. The pastor tried to get hit by ceiling tiles or beams, yet the protective hand of our Lord ensured his safety so that our pastor still was able to help wash and paint the basement walls later. His wife achieved the honorary award for taking down the most amounts of tiles with one stroke. Around 11:30 Irene Zielke mysteriously disappeared. We were just starting to wonder if she was hiding from paint duty as at exactly noon her voice called all volunteers to a delicious buffet of buns, fruits, vegetables, cake, water, juice, coffee, tea..... We all piled food on our plates to eat outside in the sun and fresh air.

We are grateful for an enjoyable day that successfully started the extensive renovation efforts planned for 2011.

A big thank you to  
Heike, Marlena, Tanya, Irene, Anna-Lisa, Johanna, Gisela  
Dan, John, Mark, Peter, Alexander, Martin  
and to all those too who help and support – not only on July 2 –  
Yours, Iris Schweiger

**A big endeavour this summer –  
renovation works**  
our basement meeting room, the exterior foundation of the church,  
and the roof of 5 Superior  
This means a great financial challenge for our MLC  
Please support us with these very important tasks!  
Your donation is most helpful and very much appreciated, thank you so much!

### A NOTICE ABOUT CAMP LUTHERLYN 2011

#### **Dear Congregational members and friends of Martin Luther Church (MLC).**

Summer camp is fast approaching and I urge you to submit your forms and payment now.

If you are considering going or sending your children, please let me know of your intentions. I will be accepting campers till the start of camp as long as there is space available and I have enough counselors to properly care for your child.

#### **Date & Price:**

SATURDAY July 23rd to FRIDAY July 29th.

Camper: \$288 Group rate: \$250/person (families with 3 or more, aged 8 and up).

Contact me for special Family and Senior rates. All prices quoted herewith are for the full week and contain all applicable taxes. Daily camp rates are also available for those who cannot stay the week.

Bus rate is \$62/person or \$94/family, see more information below.

#### **Important Forms required:**

You will find copies of all in the Church, or at our website [www.martinluther.ca](http://www.martinluther.ca)

#### **Bus ride to camp:**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bruno and Trott Transit for their unbeatable pricing for the bus to/from camp this year. The bus is a safe, fun, and convenient means of sending the kids to camp. Without this special pricing we couldn't even dream of offering this to parents. Please arrive at the Church at 1pm, for a 1:30 DEPART on SATURDAY July 23rd. The bus will arrive at Camp at approx. 7pm. We will meet at the cul-de-sac on Superior Ave. (in front of the MLC daycare) south of Lakeshore. We plan to return on Friday July 29th, 6:00pm at the place of departure.



### Events happening at camp:

I would like to remind parents to refrain from sending their kids to camp with hand-held gaming devices, and encourage them to bring an active imagination! Attention ye scurvy sea dogs and young swashbuckler's!

This year I would like to work with the theme "PIRATES". I would like to explore this topic, through the eyes of the Bible, perhaps starting with JONAH! Anyone who has seen the VeggieTales movie knows the trouble Jonah has with the "Pirates who don't do anything". More recently we know about Jack Sparrow's quest for the fountain of youth. The Lord has given us Eternal Life, so what Treasures are we truly looking for? Well, get ready to swab the deck or even walk the plank as we set sail on the mighty Pirate ship MLC DIVINE and chart a course for the unknown Treasures that await! Don't forget to decorate your cabins in a pirate theme and dress as a "PIRATE" for our dress-up dinner. Arghhhhhh!

### Exciting news:

This year or the first time ever, you can pre order your very own MLC Camp Lutherlyn T-shirt! 1 amazing price, 4 awesome colours, 15 incredible sizes. It says "Martin Luther Church at Camp Lutherlyn" Hurry! All T-shirt orders must be received no later than Wednesday July 6th to be ready for Camp Lutherlyn 2011. After this date any orders received will be filled in August and available before school starts. E-mail Tanya directly at [tanya.a.zielke@gmail.com](mailto:tanya.a.zielke@gmail.com) with your order and pay her directly. Or fill out the attached form with a cheque made out to Martin Luther Church "T-shirts" and either mail it to church or hand it to Tanya Zielke, Dan Sommerfeld or Pastor Mielke.



Special thanks to Tanya and Leanne for making this happen.

Lutherlyn camp is such a wonderful time of fellowship and Christian spirit (as many of you know). Please keep us in your prayers for the week that we are at camp.

Yours very truly, Dan Sommerfeld

Captain: Loose Cannonball DAN)

P.S. Make sure to come up with your own edgy pirate name!

**I cordially invite to a new confirmation course.** It leads to confirmation on Pentecost Sunday in 2013, May 19. By meeting every second week, the burden of transport for parents is not as heavy. Children are welcome to be registered also at a younger age, even shortly before they reach the age of 12. **Please tell others in your family or among friends about this!** Please feel free to contact me, my cellphone no is 416-567-2487. Your Pastor Alexander Mielke

With the tsunami of March 11, the disaster of the nuclear reactors in Fukushima began, of which the full extent cannot yet be determined (according to an article in the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung of June 14, most probably more radioactivity has been released to the environment than in Chernobyl 1986, if the contaminated cooling water is taken into account too).

This disaster gives a particular significance to this year's Hiroshima Day. A second time – now in peace times and by technical failure – the people of Japan has to suffer the destructive forces of nuclear power.



**Hiroshima Day is a severe reminder that humanity faces the horrifying threat of destruction and annihilation by nuclear weapons and weapons of mass destruction. Even 22 years after the Fall of the Wall, the USA and Russia have deployed huge quantities of nuclear weapons which are permanently on hair-trigger-alert.**

**There is a Hiroshima Day Ceremony in Toronto on August 6, at the Anglican Church of the Holy Trinity, 10 Trinity Square (close to the Eaton Centre), 6:30 – 9:00 p.m., with speeches by Archbishop Michael Peers and Reverend Seiichi Ariga.**

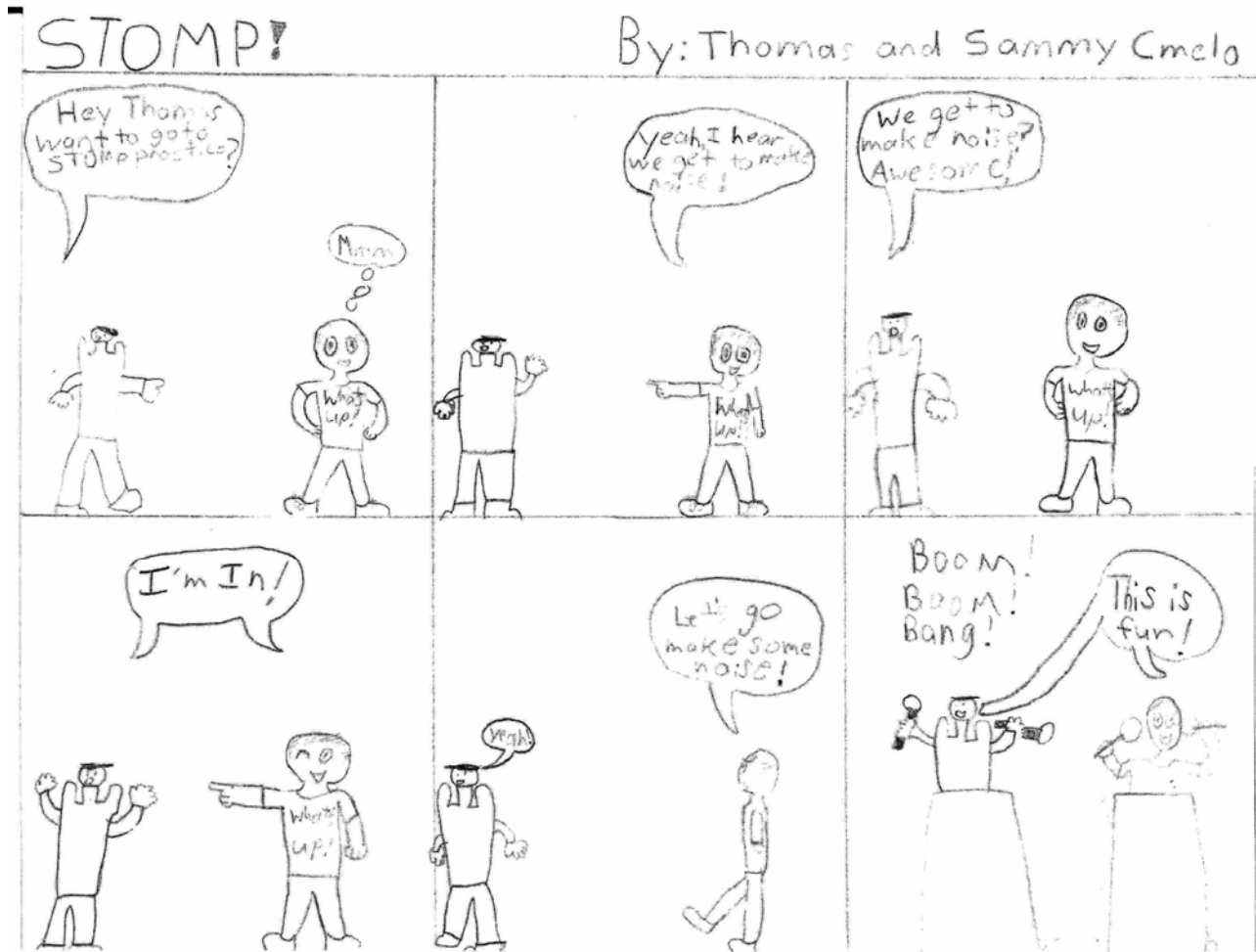
On the weekend of June 19, we had 30 guests in the MLC, of the Lutheran Institute of Theological Adult Education in Noerdlingen/Bavaria, led by Elke Herzog. We enjoyed the contributions of their brass band in our worship, under the direction of Ute Baierlein. Later on, we had a wonderful day at the Wienecke Farm, a big thank you to Daina and Ernie for their kind hospitality!





Celebration of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, June 12, 2011





Thomas and Samuel Cmelo were so enthusiastic about the confirmation celebration that they created this comic later on, for inviting kids to our Sunday school!

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## FUNERAL

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Helga Schmehl, at the age of 73 years  
on June 14, 2011

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

*Psalm 23*

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### **Watchword for July 2011:**

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.  
Matthew 6:21

### **Watchword for August 2011:**

Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.  
Matthew 7:7

**July 10, Sunday: 9:45 a.m. English Service, 11:00 a.m. German Service, Pastor Alexander Mielke with Brian Mackie and Yvonne Karthaus, presenting their future assignment with "Campus for Christ"**

**July 16, Excursion the the Sikh Temple "Ontario Khalsa Darbar", 7080 Dixie Rd, Mississauga Meeting at the main entrance at 4:00 p.m., with Pastor Alexander Mielke**

**July 17, Sunday: 9:45 a.m. English Service, 11:00 a.m. German Service, Both with Holy Communion Curate Katarina Prosenjak (& Pastor Alexander Mielke)**

### **July 23 – 29, Saturday – Friday, Summer Camp at the Golden Lake**

**July 24, Sunday: 9:45 a.m. English Service, 11:00 a.m. German Service**  
Pastor Heike Block-Mielke

**July 31, Sunday: 11:00 a.m. Joint Service – with contributions from the Summer Camp, musical contributions by the singer-songwriter Manfred Siebald – Pastor Alexander Mielke followed by a Matinée Concert at 12:00 p.m. by Manfred Siebald "Songs about Successful Losers"**

**August 7, Sunday: 9:45 a.m. English Service, 11:00 a.m. German Service**  
Curate Katarina Prosenjak

**August 14, Sunday: 9:45 a.m. English Service, 11:00 a.m. German Service, Both with Holy Communion**  
Pastor Alexander Mielke

**August 21, Sunday: 9:45 a.m. English Service, 11:00 a.m. German Service,**  
Pastor Alexander Mielke

**August 28, Sunday: 9:45 a.m. English Service, 11:00 a.m. German Service,**  
Pastor Alexander Mielke

**September 4, Sunday: 9:45 a.m. English Service, 11:00 a.m. German Service,**  
Pastor Alexander Mielke