

The Call

THE NEWSLETTER OF AUGSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCH



ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

This is your last chance to secure tickets to Augsburg's **65th Anniversary Banquet Dinner**.

The dinner will be at the church and the tickets cost \$25/Adult and \$15/child 12 and under.

They are for sale after worship until October 12.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us on

October 5 and

November 2 & 9

for Sunday School. We meet in the back room at 10:15 am. Bring a friend!

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

All Saints Sunday is on **November 2**. At this service we are going to include a moment in the liturgy, where members can come forward to light a candle in memory of a saint. Do you have a loved one that you would like to remember? Give it some thought. No sign up is required.

A FUTURE VISION FOR AUGSBURG

The Augsburg Council is entering into a stage of visioning for the future of Augsburg. Who we are now, and how we function, is not what we once were. The council has decided to create a congregational vision and mission for the next 3-5 years.

On **Friday, November 28 and Saturday, November 29**, through a workshop called *Mapping the Sacred*, we are going to deepen our self-understanding, discern shared values and shape faithful responses to the future.

If you would like to be a part of this process, we have 15 open spots. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex by November 23. Your voice is most welcome.



SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS

There are many opportunities for you to volunteer for Sunday Morning duties. Dates are available until the end of **November**. Please sign up on the sheets that are in the narthex. Many hands make light work.

65TH ANNIVERSARY WORSHIP SERVICES

Join us on **Sunday, October 19** to celebrate Augsburg's 65 years of mission and ministry. Augsburg's former pastor, **Doug Kramer** will be with us to offer the sermon.

Also join us on **Sunday, November 23** for our 65th Anniversary Finale service. The reverend **Adam Snook**, assistant to the bishop, will be joining us to help mark this wonderful occasion.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

This year, Sunday School will continue to meet two consecutive Sundays a month during the school year. We are aiming to have all the classes on the first and second week of the month. Here are the meeting dates from now until December: **October 5; November 2 & 9; December 7 & 14**. Please mark these dates on your calendar and we hope to see you for Sunday School!

AUGSBURG YOUTH AT CAMP KINTAIL

This past August there were two campers and one counsellor at this year's Summer Lutheran Youth Camp (SLYC). All of them had a great time making friends and connecting with their spirituality at Camp Kintail on Lake Huron. A big 'thank you' to Pastor Brian who lead the youth from Augsburg along with the youth from All Saints, Guelph.



WELCOME ANALISA CHAND

We are pleased to welcome Analisa Chand as an MDiv placement student from Martin Luther University College (formerly Waterloo Lutheran Seminary). Analisa will be participating in various worship leadership roles throughout the school term in 2025/2026. Let's warmly welcome her into our congregation.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of the end of August:

Income from donations and rentals[not including the daycare rental]:	\$72, 874.20
Expenses	\$132,019.31
Surplus left from 2024	<u>\$1,885.58</u>
Total (deficit)	(\$57,259.53)

FROM THE ARCHIVES

As we head toward the final Anniversary Service on November 23 and the end of our 65th year here at Augsubrg, we'd like to share with you what was written in the bulletin from the first anniversary:

Our first year, beginning with Sunday, November 6th, 1960, was important not because of its length but because of what was done during that time. On Sunday, November 27th, 1960 the congregation extended a Call to Rev. A.J. Datars to become the first pastor. On Sunday, December 18th, 1960 the congregation decided to purchase the property at 90 Harold St. as it's parsonage. The first pastor was installed on Sunday, January 15th, 1961. On Sunday April 23rd, 1961 the congregation unanimously decided to purchase the property, located on the corner of Mill St. S. and Ambleside Ave., as a church site.

*These words of a Christmas hymn, "How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given", remind us that the aforementioned events are expressions of many silent and invisible acts of God through His people, who serve very faithfully but also inauspiciously in their various capacities and according to their individual talents. **The most significant portion of the history of a congregation never appears in print.***

These words are just as true today as they we in 1961. We give praise and thanks to God for the faithful members of our congregation over the many years. Your commitment and faith help Augsburg in its mission and ministry.





JOIN US IN GIVING THANKS!

Augsburg's 65th Anniversary Banquet

Come and celebrate this milestone with
our members and friends

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

at Augsburg ~ 224 Mill St. S. Brampton

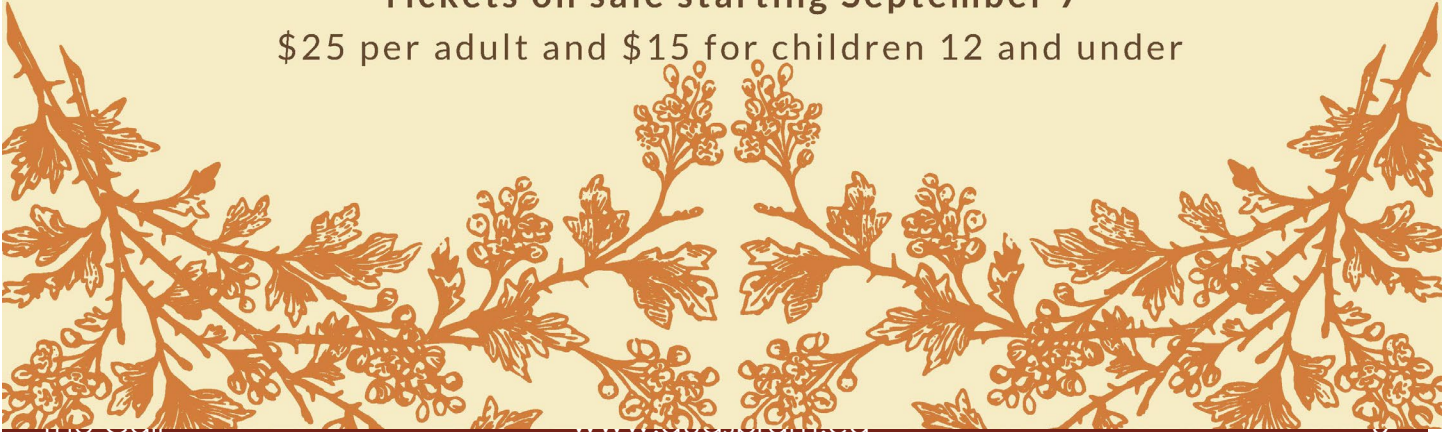
5:30pm - Mix, Mingle & Mocktails

6:00pm - Dinner

7:00pm - Slideshow and 'Entertainment'

Tickets on sale starting September 7

\$25 per adult and \$15 for children 12 and under





Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

Living Out God's Grace & Unconditional Love

Dear friends in Christ,

We are writing to you today with heavy hearts. For nearly two years, the people in Gaza, the West Bank and Jerusalem have been suffering under devastating violence, a deepening humanitarian crisis, and uncertainty. Recently we received an update from Bishop Dr. Sani Ibrahim Azar of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, our Global Mission and Companion Synod partner. Bishop Azar shared that while the church continues to pray for the peace of Jerusalem, as we all do, he fears, “that peace is increasingly hidden from our eyes.”

“There is an atmosphere of deep fear and uncertainty across our land,” he continued. “No one knows what the next day will bring. The prospect of a regional war weighs heavily on a population already exhausted by suffering.”

Yet, despite everything, the ELCJHL remains steadfast in its mission.

- Congregations continue to gather in prayer and fellowship.
- The schools of the ELCJHL have successfully completed their 2024-25 academic year.
- Diaconal ministry is providing food, rent assistance, medical care and school tuition support to hundreds of families across the West Bank.
- Gender justice and environmental ministries are still working towards a more just and sustainable future.

“For years,” Bishop Azar writes, “we have worked to sustain the Christian presence in the Holy Land. Today, we are struggling to preserve our very existence.”

As partners in mission, we are called to respond. Together, the National Office and Eastern Synod are launching an appeal to support the ministries of the ELCJHL. Our goal is to raise \$50,000 to assist in supporting this vital work that embodies faith, resilience and hope of a just peace. [Donate Now](#)

At our recent ELCIC National Convention, we welcomed Bishop-Elect, Rev. Dr. Imad Haddad, of the ELCJHL. Speaking on the theme Rejoicing in Hope, he shared these powerful words, “I will really cling to hope, but it is a hope that is not alienated from reality, a hope that understands the challenges. A hope that is great enough to choose life, a hope faithful enough to pose a question, ‘my Lord, why have you forsaken me?’, yet without losing faith in the justice of God. God is just. That is our hope.”

Dear members of the ELCIC, our church’s long-standing relationship with the ELCJHL is a vital expression of our shared faith and commitment to justice and peace.

Together, we invite you to:

- Pray for peace.
- Learn more about the work of the ELCJHL.
- Give generously to the ELCJHL Appeal.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Susan C. Johnson, Bishop, ELCIC,

Rev. Dr. Larry Kochendorfer, Bishop-elect, ELCIC,

Rev. Carla Blakley, Bishop, Eastern Synod

WORSHIP SERVICES

October 5	<i>Season of Creation</i>	9:15 am Choir 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship*
October 12	<i>Thanksgiving</i>	10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship*
October 19	65th Anniversary Service with Pastor Doug Kramer	9:15 am Choir 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship*
October 26	<i>Reformation Sunday</i>	9:15 am Choir 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship*
November 2	<i>All Saints Sunday</i>	9:15 am Choir 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship*
November 9		9:15 am Choir 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship*
November 16		9:15 am Choir 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship*
November 23	65th Anniversary Finale Service with Pastor Adam Snook ~ assistant to the Bishop	9:15 am Choir 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship*
November 30	<i>Advent One</i>	9:15 am Choir 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship*

**Please note: Coffee Fellowship will happen only on those days we have volunteers.*