

The Call

THE NEWSLETTER OF AUGSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCH



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

All Saints Day is on **Sunday, November 1**. 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us on

October 18 & 25

and

November 15 & 22

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

FALL BACK

On Sunday, November 1 at 2 am the clocks 'fall back' and we go back to standard time.

Don't forget to change your clocks. If you show up early for church the pastor will put you to work.

CHOIR

Augsburg is delighted to invite you to join our all ages choir. No experience is needed, just a joy for singing. The choir rehearses at **9:15 am** most Sunday mornings starting on **Sunday, October 18**, and is led by **Andrea Miersma & Tasha Serlic**.

The choir has lots of fun practising and they sing in worship about once a month from October through May.



SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS

There are many opportunities for you to volunteer for Sunday Morning duties.

From **October 18 until November 8**, we are going to be holding 20 minute learning workshops to help explain everything you need to know about Sunday Morning Duties. Whether you are interested in starting something new or are a seasoned volunteer, there will be something new for everyone to learn. We hope you will join us. Specific dates and topics are as follows:

October 18 – Communion Set Up

October 25 – Coffee Fellowship

November 1 – Ushering

November 8 – Readers and Communion Servers

We need your help to continue making Augsburg a vibrant congregation.

If you would like to sign up now, dates are available until the end of **November**. The sign up sheets are in the narthex.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

This year Sunday School will be meeting twice a month. Here are the dates for the next three months:

October 18 & 25
November 15 & 22
December 6 & 13

This year, the congregational, multi-generational, Christmas pageant will be held on Sunday December 13.

Mark these dates on your calendar to help plan ahead.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Do you have a Christmas tradition; past or present, that connects you in a meaningful way to Jesus' birth? Would you like share the details and explain how it brings you closer to the Christmas Story? If so, Andrea Miersma would love to get the details from you (orally or in writing) so that they can be shared with the congregation in this year's pageant, ***The Joy of Christmas Traditions***.

Contributions from all are welcome and should be submitted by the end of October, so that Andrea has time to compile everything. Send an email to: miersmaa@hotmail.com

- Describe the tradition.
- Explain how it enhances the meaning of Christmas,
- And if possible, explain why it is important to you



TREASURER'S REPORT

As of the end of August:

Income from donations and rentals[not including the daycare rental]:	\$70,971.00
Expenses	\$134,438.70
Surplus left from 2025	<u>\$2090.03</u>
Total (deficit)	(\$61,377.30)

Job Opening

The congregation is now turning our attention to trying to find someone to take over the office management job here at Augsburg.

A hiring team has been struck and a job posting is now available. We have a hard copy available in the narthex, and it is posted online (Charity Village etc.) More specific details will be available in the coming days.

If you or someone you know might be interested in a 10 hour a week job as a church office administrator, please speak to the pastor or anyone on the hiring team: Kathleen Anderson, Alana Lildhar, Anita Shwinath, or Andrea Nesbitt.



ADVENT PROJECT

Would you like to coordinate an Advent Outreach Project for Augsburg? Please speak with the pastor ASAP and so we can start planning to make a family's holiday a little brighter.



60th

ANNIVERSARY

of Contract Confirmation
Camp

— NOW KNOWN AS —

SLYC

(Summer Lutheran Youth Camp)



Whether you are a former or current pastor, nurse, staff, or camper of SLYC, you are invited to celebrate our 60 years of ministry.



October 25th

St. James Lutheran Church Perth East

(The Red Shed)

1998 Line 45 at Road 106 Gadshill



3:00 p.m. worship service



4:00 p.m. time for singing, catching up, camp fire



5:00 p.m. simple camp supper and fellowship



Bring your guitars, love of camp, and a lawn chair!

Donations are welcome –
cheques made out to
Eastern Synod – SLYC





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

As the **EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA CELEBRATES 40 YEARS** in 2026, members and congregations from across the church are invited to come together for a special National Worship Service on Sunday, October 25.

Led by National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer, the service will be livestreamed from Camp Kinasao at Christopher Lake, Saskatchewan, where youth from across the Saskatchewan Synod will gather for a weekend retreat.

Congregations across the ELCIC are encouraged to join the livestream as part of their Sunday morning worship (as timing and technology allow). Individuals and households are also invited to join the wider church in worship.

"This year marks 40 years in the life of our church," said Bishop Kochendorfer. "This milestone not only invites us to remember our story, but also to reflect on who we are today and how God is calling us forward as a church *Living out God's grace and unconditional love*."

The National Worship Service falls on Reformation Sunday and will centre on the theme 'One Body,' drawing from Ephesians 4:1-6: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling."

"Our worship's focus, *One Body*, reminds us that in a fragmented world and church, we are called to unity in the one body of Christ," Bishop Kochendorfer said. "One body rooted in the love of Christ, centred in the cross of Christ and united in service to God's creation. One body rejoicing together, liberated by grace, reaching out to the world in Christ's reconciling love."

Reflecting on the service's theme, Kochendorfer points to Ephesians as a reminder that the church is called to live into the unity God has already given in Christ.

"Ephesians reminds us that our witness binds us to mutual nurture, care and peace toward one another," he said. "Ephesians reminds us that we are called to be a diverse, inclusive community that celebrates all people. Ephesians reminds us that this growing up into Christ necessitates a changed life: a way of living characterized by love, by humility, bound to peace and to justice."

As the ELCIC marks four decades of ministry together, the October 25 service will offer an opportunity for the whole church to worship as one, across congregations, synods, communities and homes all over the country.

Further details, including the livestream time and link, to be shared in the weeks ahead.

WORSHIP SERVICES

October 4		10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship*
October 11	<i>Thanksgiving</i>	10:30 am Worship
October 18	<i>New Member Welcome</i>	9:15 am Choir 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship*
October 25	<i>Reformation Sunday & Bible Presentation</i>	9:15 am Choir 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship*
November 1	<i>All Saints Day</i>	9:15 am Choir 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship*
November 8		9:15 am Choir 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship*
November 15		9:15 am Choir 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship*
November 22		9:15 am Choir 10:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship*
November 29	<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.*