

The Easter Mini-Call

THE NEWSLETTER OF AUGSBURG LUTHERAN CHURCH



THURSDAY, APRIL 2

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Join us on **Thursday, April 2** at **6:00 pm** for a soup supper and a worship service remembering Jesus last supper with his disciples. We will eat together, hear readings, and end the evening after we strip the altar, getting ready for Good Friday.

Enrolment is required so we know how many we will need to feed. Sign up on the sheet in the narthex or contact the office by *Sunday, March 29*.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

GOOD FRIDAY

On **Friday, April 3** we gather at **10:00 am** in solemn devotion as we hear the story of Jesus' crucifixion. Standing with the disciples at the foot of the cross, we remember that Christ's death offers life to all.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 5 is Easter day. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's love and faithfulness.

Join us at 10:30 am

BISHOP'S RETREAT FOR LAY PERSONS

Date: April 10, 2024 6:00 pm - April 12, 2024 2:00 pm
Location: Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre Niagara Falls, Ontario
Cost: \$325.00 for room and all meals.
 The registration deadline is **March 27, 2026**
 Please speak to Pastor Nadine if you want more information.

SUMMER LUTHERAN YOUTH CAMP

Come and join us for a week at Summer Lutheran Youth Camp (SLYC) from **August 30 - September 4, 2023** at Camp Kintail located on beautiful Lake Huron. Youth entering grade 7 and up are invited to come for a week of intentional Christian community, expressed through fellowship, fun, worship, and learning. Registration information is out now. If you would like more information please speak to Pastor Nadine.

VOLUNTEERS

We are in need of volunteers to help out at Sunday Worship.

Don't know what these duties entail? Not to worry we will offer you an explanation and some training!

Please contact the office or Pastor Nadine if you would like to help.

Opportunities include:

- Ushering
- Greeting
- Readers
- Communion Servers
- Communion Set Up
- Coffee Fellowship Host



TREASURER'S REPORT

Here are the financial numbers to the end of February (not including Daycare rent):

Income:	\$16, 822
Expenses:	(\$33, 055)
<u>Surplus from end of 2025:</u>	<u>\$2090</u>
Total (deficit):	(\$14, 141)



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

March 3, 2026

And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds.
(Hebrews 10:24)

Dear members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC),

Last July, Bishop Imad Haddad, of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL), addressed the ELCIC convention regarding *rejoicing in hope*—a hope that is not alienated from reality and a hope that is brave enough to choose life. We give thanks that the ELCJHL embodies this hope and models this hope. We pray that our church will embody and model this hope.

It is with heavy hearts that we hear of the recent attacks on Iran by Israel and the United States. We are reminded of the horrors of war and its devastating consequences. And we are reminded of our call to be peacemakers and witnesses to God's grace. Our concerns are heightened and so is our sense of common mission.

Our hearts and spirits turn to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL), Palestinian Christians, and all the people of the Middle East. There are many we know as partners and friends. In this context of injustice, occupation, war, violence and deep suffering, they continue to offer ministries of diakonia, pastoral care and humanitarian response.

We commend to you [A Message to our Partners](#) from ELCJHL Bishop Haddad. His words are clear, strong and provocative—reminding us that “the continued decision to resort to war is a failure of human responsibility before God” and that the Christian vocation is one of being peacemakers and working for a costly, just peace that transforms hearts and structures.

We are moved by Bishop Haddad's words. We have replied to his letter including communicating the ELCIC's compassion, concern, solidarity and prayers for the ELCJHL.

As our partner is asking, we encourage you to act by writing to your Member of Parliament to express your concerns, advocate for an end to violence and share your hope for peace.

We give thanks for your faith, your witness, your service and all the ways you take courageous action in the name of God's love for neighbour and for the world.

In Christ Jesus,

Rev. Dr. Larry Kochendorfer National Bishop,

ELCIC Rev. Kathy Martin
Bishop of the British Columbia Synod

Rev. Patricia Schmermund
Bishop of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories

Rev. Dr. Ali Tote
Bishop of the Saskatchewan Synod

Rev. Jason Zinko
Bishop of the Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario Synod

Rev. Carla Blakley
Bishop of the Eastern Synod