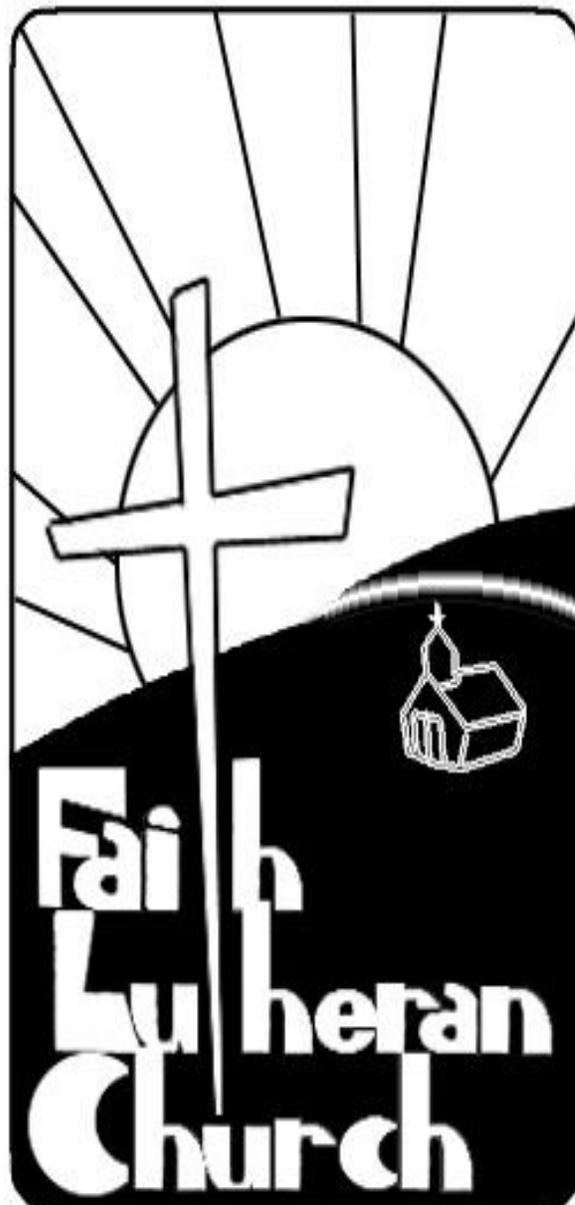


# The Grapevine

October 2017

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## Clippings from the Vinedresser

*O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Psalm 136.1*



*"I am thankful, that  
out of all the people  
in the world, God  
chose me..."*

There are some folks that you never ask, "So, how are you today?" If you do, you get an itemized list of every ache and pain, every perceived slight, the merest cloud in the sky. A terse, Good Day, is the best greeting.

But I still ask, "How are you?" In an elevator just this week, I asked that question of an elder gent. How refreshing to hear a litany of all the good things going on in his life, from the bright sunny summer day (in September), to the joy his grandchildren bring, to the surprising bouquet of flowers someone left by his wife's graveside. That elevator trip was an absolute joy. I thank God for men and women like him.

It is customary at this time of the year to ask ourselves, "For what do I give thanks?" And it is good for us to pause and think about it. I did. Here is some of what I came up with.

Birth. I am glad I was born; it means I am alive. More specifically, I am thankful to have been born to the parents I have, in the country where I am. Daily we see children born to parents who don't care for them or abuse them; aren't we thankful for our parents, imperfect though they are/were?

I am thankful that I was born in this country. Nah, Canada isn't perfect, far from it, but I love it anyway. We have freedom to speak, to move, to worship, to vote, to love. And for the most part, we aren't in the line of most of the natural catastrophes we see happening around the world.

I am thankful for decisions made, actions taken that brought a certain young woman to Canada for school, and for a young man who interrupted his university studies to go to a Bible School. Forty years we have been together and it seems like one.

I am thankful for our children, with whom I played, over whom I prayed, to whom I lectured. Perfect and without blemish, not. But I love them to death anyway.

Grandchildren? Don't get me started.

The Church. Universal. What a great gift God has given us. Brothers and sisters who share our ministry, our tears and our joys. We may be divided over doctrine (all matters of human interpretation and irrelevant to God) but we still share the deep unity of Christ.

The Church. This congregation and my first congregation in Saskatchewan. What a joy to work with people who love Christ and his Church. I am thankful that the Spirit has gathered us together, equipped us, and given us a mission. I am thankful for the many who share their bountiful gifts with others.

I am thankful, that out of all the people in the world, God chose me to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. Thankful, that despite my obvious sinfulness and flaws, God still considered me worthy of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Oh, there are lots of other things: cameras, computers, knives and beer. Flowers, bees, rascally chipmunks and rain.

The list goes on and on and on, because the God whom we serve blesses us endlessly. Open my eyes, Lord, to see and count my blessings. Amen.



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# October Social Events

## **Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> - Cana Hall**

Following Church Service is our Oktoberfest Potluck  
Bring your favourite German Dishses:  
Sausages, Sauerkraut, Pretzels,. Etc.



Sausages and Sauerkraut not your fave...  
We love variety so bring what you like!

## **Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**

Family Halloween Fun Fest!  
Join us at 6:30pm in Cana Hall



Dress up the kids & bring a shareable snack

There will be games, prizes and even a Parade!!

Lots of fun for kids of all ages!

Please let the Social Committee know if you will be able to attend so we have enough games and prizes!

## Oktoberfest



As part of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, Faith Lutheran is hosting an Oktoberfest at Club Loreley, October 14. This will be a dinner and dance evening. Tickets are \$30.00 each.

We have invited, and expect a good turnout from Epiphany in Scarborough, Peace in Pickering, Christ the King in Whitby, and Christ in Peterborough.

Together, we will celebrate the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther's nailing the 95 Theses on the Castle Church door in Wittenberg.

For tickets, contact Dayna Wolfenberg.

## Pictorial Directory

*"Please be sure you  
are part of our  
pictorial  
directory...For it to  
work...we NEED  
YOU!"*

Please be sure you are part of our pictorial directory. Photographs will be taken from October 25 through October 28. Each family will receive a free 8x10 portrait with options to purchase more if desired. Also, each family will receive a pictorial directory.

In addition to the directory, a picture board will be included, similar to the one hanging by the coat room. These tools will help us recognize each other, put

names to faces, and generally, bring us closer together.

For it to work, though, we NEED YOU! Please, please don't let us down.

*(For more information, see the poster on page 6)*

## Choir Notes

The choir got off to a fast and early start as we Kicked Off our new year of activities on Sept 10.

Our big focus for the next month will be the joint Reformation Service on Oct 29, at Peace, Pickering. We have started work on 2 pieces for the service, one of which is Luther's A Mighty Fortress. Singers from the other 4 congregations in the GTA area conference will be joining us for this celebration service. We

hope to see many congregation members at that service.

After that, we will be looking at Christmas music. We have decided to not participate in the Concert of Carols at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church this year. However, there is a special service in the works – stay tuned for updates.

Please consider joining us – even just to try it out!



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# Stewardship Report

Along with a gloomy wet summer, our congregational givings were equally gloomy. The Bon Voyage campaign raised approximately \$3200 but we are still experiencing a \$9000 deficit in our offerings.

It has become crystal clear that the low summer attendance is a major factor. How can we ease this burden every summer? Enrol in our PAR program (Pre Authorized Remittance). What is this?

Each month, your church donation will automatically be withdrawn from your bank account. This can be done once, twice a month or even weekly. This works just like having your household bills automatically withdrawn from your account.

You will receive offering envelopes and may use them as needed (special givings).

Advantages of PAR:

- 1 Your church now has a guaranteed monthly income (especially important during the summer). Hopefully, we can end the yearly reduction campaigns.

- 2 No more filling envelopes, trips to the bank or searching for cash on Sunday mornings.
- 3 Withdrawals are flexible. Funds can be withdrawn more than once per month (whatever you want).

The Stewardship Committee will host two sessions after church to offer more information on PAR and to assist sign-ups, October 1 and October 22.

We will be available to answer questions, help you complete forms, if needed. If you want to complete the paperwork and register that day, please bring a VIOD cheque. All paperwork is confidential.

Once again, we will be kicking off a deficit reduction campaign to raise \$9000 to meet our 2017 offering obligations. For every \$500 given, a Christmas tree that the Sunday School children have made, will be placed on the alter. Please mark your offering envelopes "Debt Reduction" so we can track the money raised.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Stewardship Committee

(Vickie Goddard, Leslie Morrow)



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Come to our Joint Reformation Service, Sunday, October 29 at Peace Lutheran, Pickering. We will be worshipping with our sisters and brothers from Epiphany (Scarborough), Peace (Pickering), Christ the King (Whitby), and Christ (Peterborough).

The morning begins at 10:30 a.m. with a Pre-service Hymn Sing, followed at 11:00 a.m. with a service of Holy Communion.

Refreshments will follow in the lower hall, which will include potluck finger foods (nothing that requires a fork, knife, or spoon please).

Please note: **(There will be no worship at Faith Place that morning)**

**JOINT  
REFORMATION  
SERVICE**

# AUCTION



## **Mark your Calendars!!!! November 12th**

It is that time of year we ask for you to donate your time, talents or items for the Annual Auction & Raffle!

This year the money raised will help struggling families in the community have a Merry Christmas!! We would love for you to all come out and support – it is also a great place to pick up Christmas Gifts!!

As always lunch will be served for a small fee.



You are invited to  
 ♥  
**Capture Memories  
 for a Lifetime**

Be a part of our new family directory program. Our goal is to include everyone!



We are partnering with Lifetouch for professional photography that will connect our families.

**Create treasured keepsakes**

More information will be coming soon about scheduling your photography session.

**Convenient**

Lifetouch will photograph at our location.

In your one-hour session you will:

- Be professionally photographed
- Immediately view your photographs
- Be able to purchase photography gifts



Each family will receive a complimentary 8x10 photograph & directory for participating



Exclusive products for your cherished memories

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# DIRECTORY

## Faith Lutheran Ministries

We Worship Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

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Gabriele Albrecht, Manager

**Treasurer**  
Linda Fisher ..... 905-723-0291

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Will Bachewich ..... 905-433-1606

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Tammy Becker ..... 905-720-2444

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**Property Committee**  
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**Social Committee**  
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**Stewardship Committee**  
Vickie Goddard..... 905-432-7444



# October 2017



<b>1</b> Worship, 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour: Oktoberfest		<b>3</b> Bible Study, 9:45 a.m. Faith Council, 6:30 pm	<b>4</b> Choir, 6:30 p.m.	<b>5</b> Women's Circle, 5:30 p.m.	<b>6</b> Coffee Fellowship Hour 8: Vickie Goddard 15: Helen Linkie 22: Vivian Roth	<b>7</b> Readers 1: Carol Plath 8: Bernie Roth 15: Laurie Ikeda 22: Vickie Goddard
<b>8</b> Sunday School and Worship, 10:30 a.m.	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Choir, 6:30 p.m.	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Oktoberfest, Club Loreley, 6:00 p.m.
<b>15</b> Worship, 10:30 a.m.	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Bible Study, 9:45 a.m.	<b>18</b> Choir, 6:30 p.m.	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Sunday School and Worship, 10:30 a.m.	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Choir, 6:30 p.m.  Pictorial Directory	<b>26</b> Pint W/ Pastor, 7:00 p.m.  Photo Appointments	<b>27</b> Halloween Fun Fest, 6:30 p.m.	<b>28</b>  ↓
<b>29</b> Joint Reformation Service, 11:00 a.m. (NO SERVICE AT FAITH LUTHER- AN)	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Bible Study, 9:45 a.m.	Ushers: 1: Elmer Plath, Philip Plath 8: Bernie and Vivian Roth 15: Ken and Kathy Habec 22: Rob and Vickie Goddard  Communion Set-Up: 1: Carol Plath, Leslie Morrow 15: Wendy Ness, Laurie Ikeda Communion Servers: 1: Paul and Charlotte Wolfenberg 15: Tammy Becker, Leslie Morros			

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