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Advent Lutheran Church

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## Holy Week and Easter Worship

■ **Palm Sunday** – March 29. Join us as we begin our journey through Holy Week.

■ **Maundy Thursday** – April 2. Service with Holy Communion 7:30 p.m.

■ **Good Friday** – April 3. Worship at 10:00 a.m.

■ **Easter Vigil** – Saturday, April 4. 6:30 p.m. Easter Vigil with baptism

■ **Easter**, April 5. 10:00 a.m. Join us as we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection

On Sundays February 22-March 22, Pastor Lisinski's sermons will focus on Holy Baptism and Anointing with the Holy Spirit. A Bible Study on the Book of Joshua follows the service each week starting at 11:45 a.m.

## Peanut Peace Project Workshop

Saturday, April 4, 4:30 p.m.  
Candlelight Vigil at 6:15 p.m.

# Lent and Easter 2015



Taste And See  
The Goodness Of The Lord

# Advent's Giving to January 31, 2015

Commitments	Received to 31/1/2015	Received to 31/1/2014	Difference
Current, Festival & Loose	\$5,144.15	\$5,102.00	\$42.15
Received Other Charities	\$2,853.00	\$2,853.00	\$0.00
Sunday School	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>\$7,997.15</b>	<b>\$7,955.00</b>	<b>\$42.15</b>
Facilities	\$8,137.20	\$4,079.92	\$4,057.28
Regular Benevolence	\$515.00	\$832.00	-\$317.00
<b>Total Received</b>	<b>\$16,649.35</b>	<b>\$12,866.92</b>	<b>\$3,782.43</b>
Other Giving			
Global Hunger	\$148.00	\$253.00	-\$105.00
Parking Lot Fund	\$1,445.00	\$401.00	\$1,044.00

*Fred Roth  
Treasurer*



## World Day of Prayer Friday, March 6 2:00 p.m.

Immanuel Baptist Church, 1100 Finch Avenue East, will host this year's service. The service will be held in the Fellowship Room. The service this year is written by the women of The Bahamas. Everyone is invited.



## Time for Seniors

Our seniors are looking for male and female seniors to join our group. We meet the first and third Tuesday of each month from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We play cards and dominoes and share stories – and we serve refreshments. It is an enjoyable afternoon for everyone. If you are interested, please speak with Cynthia Stewart

*Cynthia Stewart*

## Coffee Time

Thank you to all members who have volunteered to host coffee. The "donation box" covers the cost of supplies for our coffee-only Sundays.

The average amount collected is about \$13. We need \$15-\$20 to cover the cost of supplies purchased for each Sunday.

The system is working. Thank you for your donations and your participation.

*Olga Cosburn*

## Lent 2015

Beginning March 1, Pastor Lisinski will preach a series of four sermons on the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit given in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

- March 1 – Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding
- March 8 – Spirit of Counsel and Might
- March 15 – Spirit of Knowledge and Fear of the Lord
- March 22 – Spirit of Joy in God's Presence

The series will conclude at the end of Lent, on Saturday in Holy Week with the celebration of baptism at the Easter Vigil on April 4 at 6:30 p.m. This liturgy will be preceded at 4:30 p.m. with an educational workshop on the environment and the Peanut Peace Project's monthly candlelight vigil.

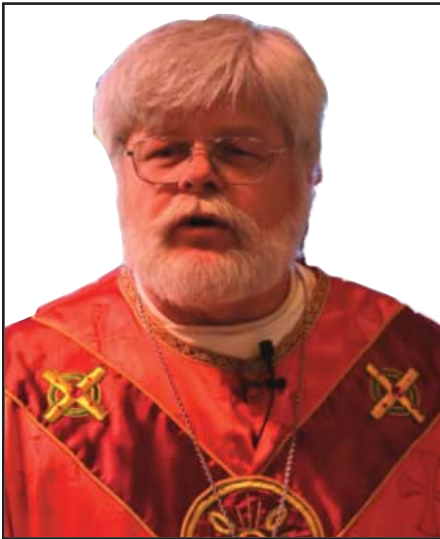
If you have not yet been baptized, but would like to be, you are invited to prepare for baptism on April 4 during our Easter Vigil. Please speak with Pastor Lisinski. ♦

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# Ask the Pastor about...

## Anointing



Some of our members have questions about some of our worship practices or items in the church. If you have any questions, please forward them to Pastor Lisinski to explain in our newsletter. In the last issue he described the Paschal Candle.

Judy Baribeau

At my ordination – at St. Peter Roman Catholic Church in London, Ontario, on June 20, AD 1986 – Bishop William Huras, Advent’s first pastor, laid his hands on the head of each one of our church’s twelve new pastors and, for the first time in the history of our synod, included a rite of anointing our hands, with the admonition: “Accept this anointing with the oil of gladness. Recall the ministry of service to which you are enjoined under the sign of the cross.” Since then the practice of anointing has become a standard rubric of ordinations, as well as an increasingly familiar practice in local parish ministry, including our own congregation.

In the early church, the sick were anointed with oil, in conjunction with prayers for healing, confession and forgiveness (James 5:13-16). Most commonly olive oil was used, as a sign of reconciliation with God rooted in the story of a dove returning to Noah’s Ark with an olive branch in its beak after the

flood waters had receded. Anointing has long been central to the Christian sacrament of Holy Baptism, which culminates with laying on of hands and prayer for the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit (the subject of our Lent sermon series on the first four Sundays in March). The sign of the cross is traced – either with oil or water – on the baptized person’s forehead as a ritual expression of the presence and power of



God’s Spirit, binding the newly born child of God together with Jesus Christ.

“Christ” is the Greek translation of the Hebrew word “Messiah”, which means “Anointed One”. And although the traditional title of Messiah became associated with the royal line of King David, to whom God gave the promise of an eternal kingdom, perhaps Israel’s first Messiah was actually Joshua (the focus for our weekly Bible Studies during Lent). Though not formally *anointed* by a priest, Joshua was divinely appointed by God to lead the chosen people into the Promised Land after the death of Moses. It is surely no accident that the name Jesus – given to Mary and Joseph by the angel of the Lord announcing his conception (Matthew 1:21; Luke 1:31) – is the Greek

translation of the name Joshua, which means “God saves”. Thus Jesus Christ is the One anointed by God to save the children of God from everything that distorts our humanity and all that destroys the communal life of justice, peace and freedom for which God created and pre-destined us.

God accomplishes all of this in baptism, as Rev. Dr. Martin Luther explains in his *Small Catechism*: “It brings about forgiveness of sins, redeems from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe it, as the words and promise of God declare” (*Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, p. 1165).

Whether it be the oppression of the weak by the strong, as in the story of Exodus; the suffering of the sick and out-cast restored to fullness of life in the ministry of Jesus, or humanity’s bondage to sin overcome by Jesus’ death on the cross, God’s salvation means victory over everything that makes those created in the divine image of God less than fully human. This is the promise and power signified in baptism, and the meaning of all other symbolic rites of anointing practiced among God’s faithful people since ancient times.

Whether with oil or water, anointing is a sign of humanity’s reconciliation with God. And as the people of God in Christ, baptized and anointed with the same Holy Spirit, the divine calling to which we are enjoined under the sign of the cross is to serve the world – as dearly beloved teacher of worship and liturgy in our synod, Pastor Paul Bosch, expresses it “Messiah the world” – in the human hope of eternal peace within the holy communion of God’s new creation, established in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the world’s Messiah, Saviour and Lord.

Pastor Peter



# Annual Meeting Highlights

On February 15, thirty-four voting members attended Advent's annual meeting.

## Reports

Fred Roth reviewed the Treasurer's report and noted that our cash flow stabilized during 2014 and thanked everyone for their efforts. Fred thanked Jai Sahadeo for his help in preparing the financial statements and Brenda Kroeker for her work in keeping in touch with our users and ensuring their payments are on time. The Peace Pole cost of \$8,475 has been completely covered through donations and everyone was thanked for their contributions. We still have short and long term debt related to the parking lot with \$85,000 still owing. Members are encouraged to help eliminate this debt as soon as we can.

Pastor Lisinski reported that the Peanut Peace Project evolved from the 50th anniversary emphasis during 2014. He is looking for volunteers to assist him in working on the project. Pastor Lisinski also mentioned that it is difficult to get Advent's profile raised in the community. Only one community person responded to the appeal for support for the Peace Pole. He has made overtures for joint ventures with the local Anglican congregation but so far nothing has been organized. He has contacted the local schools to get students involved but so far has had no response. In closing, he referred to his return to the congregation where he grew up and is now the pastor and feels blessed to serve Advent.

Judy Baribeau, as Chair, mentioned the neglect in the garden area and that two options are available: We can designate more of the property for the community garden plots or we can remove much of the shrubbery and return to grass. Members were reminded they agreed to look after the garden area when it was installed, but have not taken care of it.

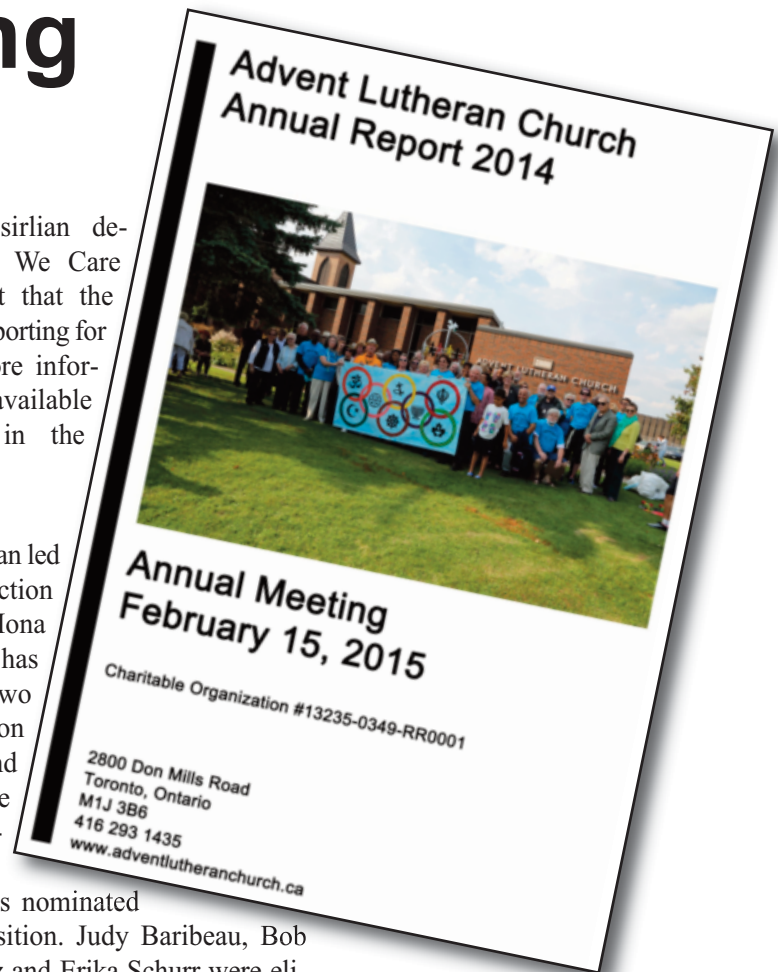
Brit Missirlian described the We Care Box project that the GWA is supporting for CLWR. More information is available separately in the newsletter.

## Elections

Brit Missirlian led the election process. Mona Marcobelli has completed two terms on Council and is not eligible for re-election. Brenda Kroeker was nominated to fill a position. Judy Baribeau, Bob Schickedanz and Erika Schurr were eligible for a second term and agreed to let their names stand. There were no further nominations, and these four people were elected by acclamation for three-year terms. Council is able to appoint additional persons to serve the two remaining positions until the next annual meeting. Council will meet on March 9 to appoint/elect officers and chairpersons. Gabi Schickedanz was re-elected as the Congregation's representative on the Mutual Ministry Committee, and Sonita Dillon-Rhodus was re-elected to the Endowment Fund Committee. At last year's Toronto Conference annual meeting, Pastor Lisinski was elected as a clergy delegate from the Conference to the ELCIC National Convention this year so we did not need to elect a lay delegate.

## Budget

Fred Roth reviewed the budget proposed for 2015 and highlighted that we need to cover \$89,530 from remaining envelopes



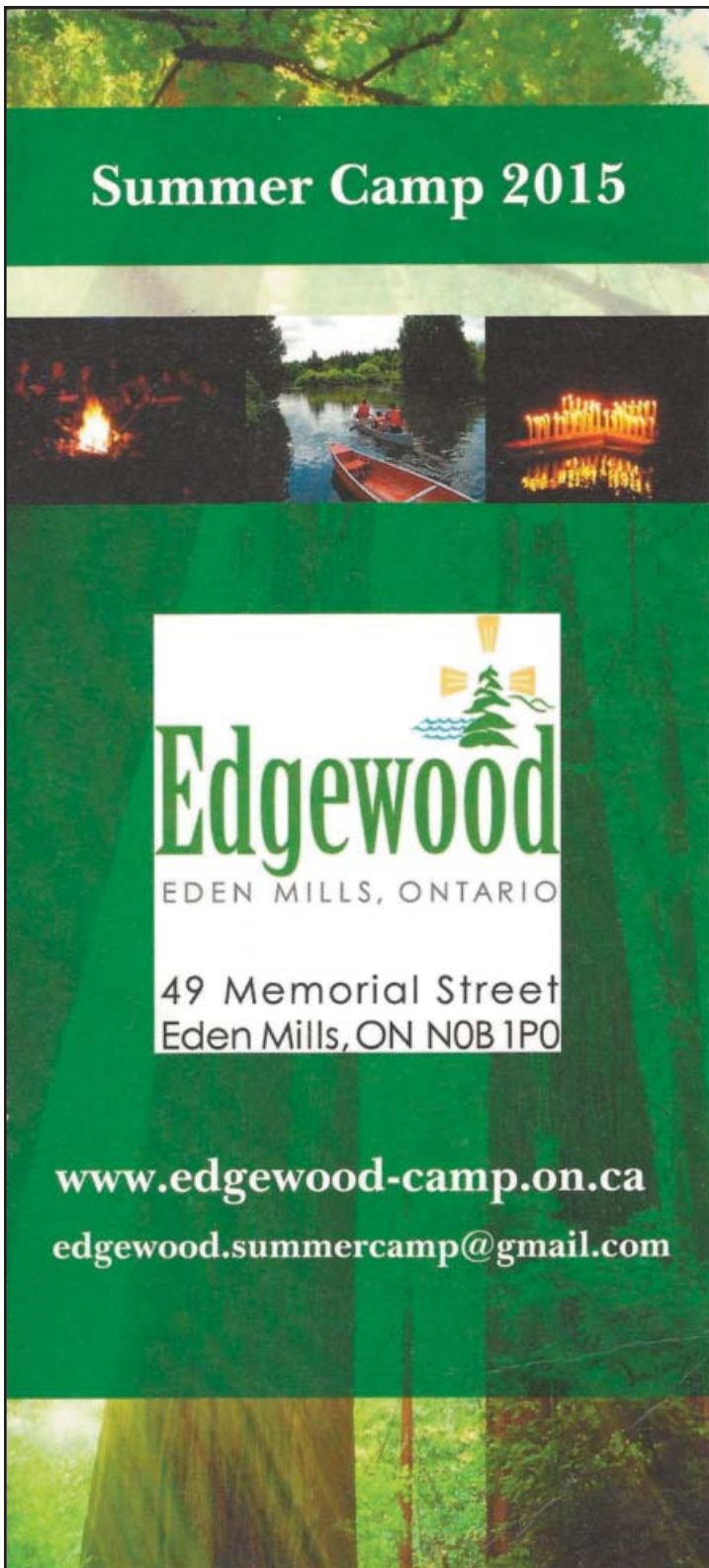
to balance the budget. We approved \$162,140 as our 2015 budget.

## Other



We are reminded that we should consider contributing to the Endowment Fund so that the interest received from the investment can be used for ministry projects. Members can designate Advent's Endowment Fund in their wills or in the event of a death, designate the Endowment Fund for memorial donations, rather than just the congregation. Other donations throughout the year are also welcome.

Annual Reports and financial statements are available at church for anyone who has not received them. Judy Baribeau thanked everyone for attending the meeting and the meeting was adjourned.

*Judy Baribeau*



**Summer Camp 2015**

**Edgewood**  
EDEN MILLS, ONTARIO

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**Summer Camp Program**

**Regular Camp, Sunday-Friday**  
**Ages 7-12, \$415\***  
July 5-10  
July 12-17  
July 19-24

**Day Camp (8am-5pm)**  
**Monday-Friday, Ages 6-11, \$230\***  
July 6-10  
July 13-17  
July 20-24  
July 27-31  
August 3-7

**Beginner Camp, Sunday-Tuesday**  
**Ages 5 & 6, \$230\***  
July 5-7

**Teen Camp, Ages 13-15**  
July 26-31, Sunday-Friday at **\$415\***  
August 3-7, Monday-Friday at **\$340\***  
Both weeks including the weekend at **\$965\***

**LIT (Leader in Training), Sunday-Friday**  
**Ages 15-18, \$830\***  
July 5-24 (excluding weekends)

**Register through our website!**  
[www.edgewood-camp.on.ca](http://www.edgewood-camp.on.ca)

\* HST will be added to all prices



If you are looking for a summer camp opportunity for your child, grandchild or someone else, please consider Edgewood. Edgewood is owned by the Eastern Synod and offers a wonderful experience. Please check Edgewood's website for more information.



## We Care Kits for CLWR



The GWA invites the congregation to participate in their project to collect items for We Care kits for CLWR. There is a box in the narthex for you to place your donations. Please bring whatever you are able, or you can donate \$5 per bag to cover the shipping costs. Each kit will contain:

- Three lined notebooks
- One metric ruler (30 cm)
- One pencil sharpener
- One eraser
- One pack of crayons or pencil crayons
- One bar of soap (new and wrapped)
- One toothbrush (new in original package)
- One tube of toothpaste (expiration date no earlier than one year)

Please contact Brit Missirlian if you have any questions.

*Brit Missirlian*

## Volunteer Schedule

Altar Care	Greeter	Assisting Minister/ Communion Assistant	Reader	Counters	Coffee Hosts
<b>March 1</b> Brit Missirlian	Elias Yousefi	Victoria Gangadeen Olga Cosburn	Brit Missirlian	Judy Baribeau Nalini Beekie	Adele & Peter Buckley
<b>March 8</b> Judy Baribeau	Jim Hicks Ted Winslow	Lester McLean Sonita Dillon-Rhodium	Erich Lisinski	George Tang Sonita Dillon-Rhodium	Coffee Only
<b>March 15</b> Rosarie Lisinski	Mona Marcobelli	Bill Wesioly Judy Baribeau	Bill Wesioly	Brit Missirlian Elias Yousefi	Brenda Kroeker Bebe Coupe
<b>March 22</b> Judy Baribeau	Cynthia Stewart	Gabi Schickedanz Waveney Kanhai	Judy Baribeau	Nalini Beekie Bob Schickedanz	Coffee Only
<b>March 29</b> Walter Rothenburger	Joan McLean	Bill Wesioly Indira Beekie	Martin Gangadeen	Judy Baribeau Bob Schickedanz	Drs. Lloyd and Sandra Carlsen
<b>April 2 – Maundy Thursday</b> Walter Rothenburger		Olga Cosburn		Bob Schickedanz	No Coffee
<b>April 3 – Good Friday</b> Walter Rothenburger		Lester McLean		Bob Schickedanz	No Coffee
<b>April 4 – Easter Vigil</b> Walter Rothenburger					No Coffee
<b>April 5</b> Walter Rothenburger	Adele Buckley	Nalini Beekie Sonita Dillon-Rhodium	Martin Gangadeen	Erika Schurr Bob Schickedanz	No Coffee
<b>April 12</b> Cynthia Stewart	Olga Cosburn	Victoria Gangadeen Sonita Dillon-Rhodium	Olga Cosburn	George Tang Sonita Dillon-Rhodium	Tracy McPherson and daughters
<b>April 19</b> Brit Missirlian	Joe Hunt	Erika Schurr Judy Baribeau	Carol Peck	Brit Missirlian Judy Baribeau	Coffee Only
<b>April 26</b> Judy Baribeau	Yvonne Cumberbatch	Bill Wesioly Indira Beekie	Mona Marcobelli	Erika Schurr George Tang	Karyne Holgate-Lemieux

Please check the Usher sign-up sheets on the bulletin board and volunteer for Sundays you are available.