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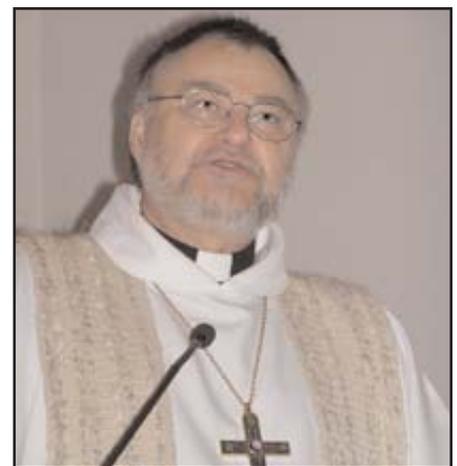
National Bishop Raymond Schultz Preaches at our Closing 40th Anniversary Celebration Service

February 6 was a very special day in our 40th anniversary year celebrations when National Bishop Raymond Schultz joined us as our guest preacher.

Bishop Schultz began his sermon by bringing greetings from the ELCIC across Canada. He thanked Advent for its 40 years of ministry and noted this represents a three-generation cycle. He said that the name "Advent" means waiting and expectation – there is more to come. He said he wonders what our future holds as he brings us greetings and wishes us God's blessing.

He based his sermon from the second lesson, II Peter 1:16-21. This passage tells about people who lived around the time Jesus was alive. He said the New Testament is a set of testimonies to the confidence that Jesus was God's beloved Son in whom God was accomplishing God's will for humankind. These words were written to encourage trust in Jesus.

He went on to speak about the transfiguration and said it has a lot more to do with letting-go experiences than mountain-top experiences. The disciples would soon be on their own after Jesus



left them. He spoke about some of the differences in the books of the New Testament and said some of the points they made still guide our patterns. In other words, the New Testament tells the story of a people who muddled around pretty much the way we do.

He ended the sermon by asking the question, "So what are you expecting of your future? Who knows?" He answered, it will go wherever faith and imagination lead you in a universe that has almost endless options. Nothing is fixed except God's faithfulness to you.

Please see the photo story of the Bishop's visit on Pages 4 and 5. ♦

**Change in procedure
 for distribution of the
 Parish Visitor – See
 Page 2 for details.**

 **Celebrating 40 years
 Come join us!**

Peanut Shell



Our 40th anniversary year celebrations are now over. We were privileged to have National Bishop Raymond Schultz with us on February 6 to preach at our final anniversary celebration service. This event gave many members an opportunity to meet him and speak with him. This is probably our last large photo issue until a time when we again have a large event that warrants lots of pictures.

We thank everyone for their help with all the anniversary events over the past year, particularly Brit Missirlian and Marion Knaus. It was a busy but exciting time for all of us.

Please note the change in distribution for the *Parish Visitor* beginning in April. This has been done as a cost-saving incentive.

We offer many opportunities to assist with the Sunday School. Let's keep the excited faces of our young children happy and give them the help they need.

Please note our Holy Week and Easter services and attend all that you are able – and invite others to come with you.

We held our Annual Meeting on two separate Sundays this year because we lost our quorum on the first date. Please note the budget, financial and stewardship information. We need everyone, not just the person sitting next to us, to contribute more this year to meet our budget. We also need to keep our donations coming to meet our 40th anniversary appeal.

Tara Lindemann has suggested some interesting reading material for the spring in *Children...Children*. We could also use more assistance with the Sunday School program. Please help if you can.

I don't know about you, but I'm looking forward to the snow melting and seeing the signs of Spring and new growth in the gardens soon. Enjoy the nicer days ahead.

Judy

Distribution Changes for Parish Visitor

Beginning with the April issue, the *Parish Visitor* will no longer be mailed except by request. With the concurrence of Congregational Council at its February meeting, we made this decision to help cut our expenses. By discontinuing mailing we will save printing, postage and envelope costs – saving a few hundred dollars a year.

The *Parish Visitor* is now available on our website, and I will send an email to everyone for whom I have an email address when a new issue has been posted. By printing, or reading, it from the website you will get it much sooner than by mail. We will also post a copy on our bulletin board.

For members who don't have access to the Internet, we will have printed copies available for pickup. These will not have names on them, so please help yourself to a copy if you do not have Internet access.

Other congregations are also following this process as we are all cost-conscious, and this saving will permit the money to be allocated to an area of ministry where it is needed.

I encourage everyone who has not given us your email address to do so. There are other times when it is necessary to reach you and mail would be too slow, and it is sometimes difficult to reach some members by phone. Everyone seems to like keeping in touch with email, just like cellphones are becoming part of one's anatomy; so quite often email is the most efficient way of reaching everyone.

So please give us your email address (gandjaribeau@rogers.com) if we don't already have it, or phone me (416 264 4527) to request getting your copy by mail, or give the information to Pastor Mills to forward to me.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Judy Baribeau

Do You Like Children?

Too uncomfortable to teach Sunday School? Still want to help? We are looking for a snack volunteer, someone to provide a healthy and yummy snack for our budding, yet ever growing young theologians. No shellfish, no peanuts. Juice and any other form of food are preferred. Please help keep grumbly tummies at bay.

If you are thinking of teaching, you are most welcome to teach in pairs, with a spouse, a sibling, etc. Also, we welcome toys (in reasonable shape, please), Bibles, notebooks, markers, art supplies...anything.

Sew? We are planning to update the worship bags and are seeking anyone with a flair for sewing. This includes potential costume designing for future events.

Questions and information are on the Sunday School Board.

Gratefully,

Tara Lindemann

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Annual Meeting Highlights

Advent's Annual Meeting was held following the worship service on February 13. We needed a quorum of 45, and 47 members were present to start the meeting. The minutes of two Congregational meetings during 2004 were adopted as presented (February 15 and May 16).

Heinz Weltner, who served as treasurer since 1984, resigned at the end of 2004. Bill Wesioly who served as auditor for many years also resigned at the end of the 2004 audit. The congregation gave a round of thanks for the work these two people did for many years.

Reports

Pastor Mills added to his report that the 40th anniversary year was a lot of fun and thanked Marion Knaus and her committee for their work. He also highlighted the increased number of baptisms during the year, all except one being a member of the congregation.

Fred Roth's report, as Chair of Council, was clarified to add that the Eastern Synod has been recognized by Lutherans Concerned as being Reconciled in Christ.

Other chairpersons in presenting their reports thanked the many people that helped carry out the work in their respective areas. Marion Knaus added to her report thanks to the Men's Group who hosted the service on April 25 and to Alma Olson and Delores Prussak (who were charter members) and sang on May 9. Marion also reminded the congregation about our continuing financial commitment to the anniversary appeal.

Advent has been approached by three community groups asking to use some of our property for a community garden. The congregation gave approval in principal to free up some land and requested Congregational Council to continue discussions with these

groups and bring any recommendations to the congregation for approval.

Constitution

We had the first reading of a Constitutional change requested by the Eastern Synod. This would be Article I, Section 3: "The organization shall be carried on without purpose of gain for its members and any profits or other gains to the organization shall be used in promoting its objectives."

Elections

Three members of Congregational Council completed their second terms and are ineligible for re-election. They are Fran Brandes, Nizam Khan, and Fred Roth. Judy Baribeau, Tara Lindemann and Rebecca Taylor were elected by acclamation.

Sonja Brown was elected as the congregation's representative on the Mutual Ministry Committee.

Claus Brandes was re-elected to the Endowment Fund Committee. If he declines to accept, Heinz Weltner will accept the position.

New Business

We had only one item of new business. Fred Roth distributed copies of the Eastern Synod's Sabbatical Guidelines and reviewed the main points as Pastor Mills has indicated a desire for a five-month sabbatical in 2006. He outlined Pastor Mills' plans for this period. The congregation passed a motion for Congregational Council to create a parish sabbatical committee of six members (including the three members of the Mutual Ministry Committee) to work on this process as outlined by the Eastern Synod. The proposal needs to be in place six months prior to the start of a sabbatical.

Budget

We were unable to discuss the budget as we no longer had a quorum. A further

congregational meeting will be held on March 6 to discuss the 2005 budget.

The meeting adjourned following a closing prayer.

Budget Meeting

The annual meeting was reconvened on March 6 following the worship service.

Treasurer Fred Roth reviewed the budget in detail and stressed that passing this budget required the commitment of everyone in the congregation, not just those present at the meeting. Approving the budget will require an additional \$10,750 from our members than was given in 2004. This amounts to between two and three additional dollars per giving unit during the year. We are anticipating \$7,750 - \$10,000 less income from users during 2005 unless additional groups use our facilities during the year.

Fran Brandes mentioned that if we are aware of any group who is looking for space to use, particularly during the day, to be in touch with her to see if we can accommodate the group.

The above increase is required in addition to the additional amounts remaining on our commitment to the 40th Anniversary Project for the NUC-TUCT program and the Refugee program which will carry over to February 2007. Approximately \$25,000 is still needed for this fund and this must be over and above regular offerings (not included in the two-three dollars regular increase per giver above).

Following discussion, the operating budget of \$145,300 was approved. Congregational Council will monitor our finances carefully and by September will review whether we need to make changes in our budget. It is our hope that everyone will pitch in and contribute the increased money required for this year, retroactive to January 1. ♦

Judy Baribeau

40th Anniversary Year Celebrations Draw to a Close

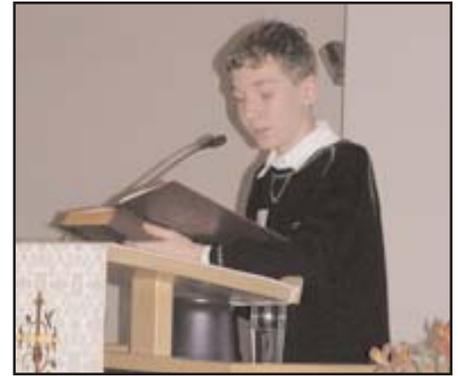
National Bishop Raymond Schultz's visit to Advent on February 6 was a momentous occasion for the congregation. We had many special guests during the year, and ending our celebrations with our National Bishop joining us was a special honour. As our anniversary year draws to a close, here some photos as a memento from the day's activities.



Assisting Minister Carol Peck, Bishop Schultz and Pastor Mills sing the opening hymn.



Bishop Schultz participates in the affirmation of Baptism.



Jonathan Roth read the first lesson, Exodus 24:12-18.



Mercy De Silva read the second lesson, II Peter 1:16-21.



Chlöe Shantz-Hilkes gives the children's message.



Bishop Schultz preaches on the transfiguration theme and says it is more about letting go than mountain top experiences.



Bishop Schultz, Pastor Mills and Carol Peck prepare for Holy Communion.



Lester McLean provides special music accompanying organist Kevyn Dawe.



Alexander Taylor-Dawe listens attentively while his father Kevyn accompanies a hymn.

The choir sang a beautiful arrangement of “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” as the benediction. We closed by singing “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”. Worshippers then greeted each other and joined in a special luncheon hosted by members of the congregation. We thank everyone who assisted in any way during this special day. Thank you to Marion Knaus for taking the photos.



We sing the closing hymn, “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee.”



Members have an opportunity to greet the Bishop as they leave the worship service.



What’s a celebration service without food? Members enjoyed lunch and fellowship after the service.



Karen Doak, Joyce Strebel and Erna Krause enjoy a friendly conversation at the reception.



Marion Knaus, Chair of the Future Directions Task Force, enjoys a cup of coffee with Mercy De Silva.



Olga Cosburn, Walter Rothenburger, Erna Krause and Carol Peck help with dishes after the lunch.



Timothy enjoys the festivities with his dad Derrick Mohammed.



A special celebration cake was a fitting end to the meal.



The celebration ended with cutting the special cake made for the occasion.

Mission Report

Brian Rude sent a report on a very disturbing incident from El Salvador. The information in this article is taken from various news articles.

“The Salvadoran Lutheran University was attacked both materially and spiritually on January 29, 2005. The perpetrators of this crime chose a dark and isolated part of the University near the laundry. This enabled the criminals to break into the university facilities and steal computers, television sets, microscopes, survey instruments, and an unknown amount of university funds. At this time it was undetermined how much damage was done to the premises.

“It is worrisome to think that the motive for these actions has not been only theft, but rather to frighten in order to curb commitment which we assumed. This reminds us of the horrors of the years of the armed conflict.

“This aggression signifies significant damage to our university, a blow to a space of academic thought, rooted in the life of poor persons and objective science; but beyond the blow received there is solidarity, fraternity, a stimulation also received by our institution from the entire Salvadoran people from

its social organizations, from numerous churches and Christian organizations as well as from representatives.

“The most horrendous part of this crime was the atrocity committed on one of the night watchmen, Manuel de Jesus Martinez, who was 46 years old, father of three children. Jesus was tied by the neck and hung from a branch of a tihuilote tree. His wrists were tied with nylon as were his knees. His left foot was bare; the other foot had a white tennis shoe. His eyes were covered with a red handkerchief. The criminals dragged Jesus to where he was hanged which was right near the main entrance of the University. The police figured it took at least three men to overpower Jesus and carry him.

“The police and financial authorities agree that the characteristics of this murder are unique: it was vicious and pre-meditated. They think that the perpetrators were trying to leave a message. The university will begin its academic year despite the tragedy that has overtaken it.

“The investigations into this case are not going too well as the two departments responsible for the investigation are not giving each other support. As a result of the first public hearing, the people arrested in the case were set free. This concerns us since it sends a message of impunity in an atmosphere of incredible freedom from punishment.

“We ask the help of all our sisters, brothers, and friends in these difficult moments, assuring everyone of our commitment in the development of our educational work, in the strengthening of our principles and in the growth of our role as an education and social actor in our country.

“Remember the Martinez family in your prayers and that the people responsible for this horrendous crime will be brought to justice.”

Joan Fox

Mission Representative

Evelyn Arnett

Children



Children

Spring is all about miracles, be they small or be they great. Be they scientific regularities or be they completely unexplainable. The world awakens, alive and vibrant.

We have spent the last month in Sunday School exploring the life and miracles of Jesus. Very cool is that we journey and celebrate His sacrifice and the ultimate miracle that is His resurrection in a time where miracles happen all around us.

There are some wonderful stories to read. *Easter*, by Gail Gibbons, for ages 2-7 is a picture book that, in my view follows the holiday thoroughly and respectfully explains all other aspects of Easter some may find difficult to share with children.

There is, of course, one of my favourite books of all time, *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe*, by C. S. Lewis (intended for ages 8-15 years). Though he maintained that it was not an Easter story, this marvellous and thrilling tale put in perspective for me exactly that.

Speaking of miracles, PARENTS, there is a lovely picture book, *One Grain of Sand*, by Pete Seeger (yes, the musician). It is a beautifully illustrated lullaby.

So watch for the earliest signs of Spring. Go pond watching (with an adult) and witness the transformation of tadpoles into frogs and newts. Follow news articles in the paper or on the Sunday School Board and watch how time and human spirit perform extraordinary things. And come to worship Easter Sunday (there is no Sunday School that day).

Let us celebrate the season of miracles.

Happy Spring, Happy Easter.

Asyeye – Rejoice,

Tara Lindemann



Evangelical Lutheran Women

- Our next ELW meeting will be on March 9 at 7:30 p.m.
- On April 3 we will observe Daffodil Sunday.
- We certainly enjoyed the play, “Flea in Her Ear” on February 12.
- We thank the Youth for helping out on our Day of Renewal on February 26 held at Advent. A special thank you goes to Cynthia Stewart for her assistance and to Karen Doak for serving as pianist.
- The Seniors will meet on March 1 and 15 at 1:00 p.m.

Treasurer's Report

Commitments	Received to February 28, 2005	Received to February 28, 2004	Required February 28, 2005	Surplus (Shortfall)
Current/Loose	\$10,553	\$12,341	\$14,000 *	\$ (3,447)
Mortgage	991	1,508	1,508 **	(517)
Sunday School	48	46	46	2
Sub-total	<u>11,592</u>	<u>13,895</u>	<u>15,554</u>	<u>(3,962)</u>
Facilities	7,136	6,597	5,477 ***	1,659
Regular Benevolence	1,617	1,844	1,667	(50)
Total Commitments	<u>20,345</u>	<u>22,336</u>	<u>22,698</u>	<u>(2,353)</u>
Other Giving				
GHDA	911	810		
40th Anniversary	501	-		

* 2004 Current and Loose increased by 13.6% as per Budget
 ** Same as 2004
 *** 2004 x 83% as per Budget

*Fred Roth
Treasurer*

Stewardship Matters

At our first Congregational Council meeting following the Annual Meeting, I volunteered to chair Stewardship for this year. While I am really looking forward to it, it also scares me. We approved a higher budget for 2005 than we have ever, to my knowledge, approved before without a solid commitment to meet it. I urge everyone to do their part to meet this budget, and even suggest creative ways that we can raise money. I can bring our needs to your attention, but only we can write our cheques.

One way we can contribute regularly is through Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR). Participants in PAR authorize automatic withdrawals from your bank account to Advent. This provides regular remittances to the congregation without your thinking about it, and perhaps forgetting to make a contribution. If you are interested, please let me

know and I will give you the necessary information.

Through the Treasurer, Finance Chair and/or myself, we will keep you updated this year with more detailed financial information. We will let you know what we require monthly compared to the amounts we actually receive.

I asked Claus Brandes to provide a distribution of 2004 offerings which I include below. This will help you see where you stood in relation to other contributors. The \$100 and lower amount includes one-time givers, which would be about 50. There are also some people who are not members who gave in the \$100-\$200 category. The two segments where we would particularly like to see members contribute more are the ones from \$200 to \$500 and \$500 to \$1,000.

Help me ease my fears and let's do our best to help Advent grow this year.

Judy Baribeau

2004 Donations to Advent			
Giving Range	No. of Giving Units	Average Amount	%
<\$100	85	\$ 35	2.63
\$100 to \$200	27	135	3.23
\$200 to \$500	30	359	9.53
\$500 to \$1,000	25	687	15.21
\$1,000 to \$2,000	11	1,214	11.82
> \$2,000	19	3,423	57.58
Total	197	\$112,956	100.00

Congregational Council Update

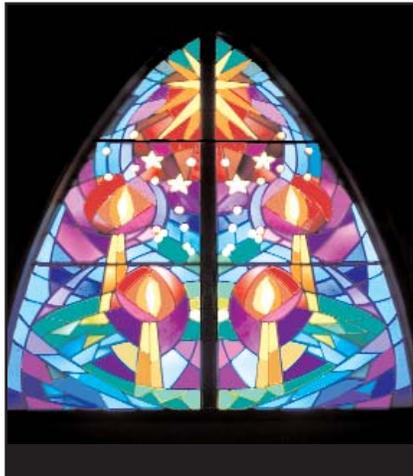
Members of the new Congregational Council met on February 21. The main order of business was selecting officers and chairpersons. These are:

- ChairCarol Peck
- Vice ChairBrit Missirlian
- SecretaryKristin Doak
- TreasurerFred Roth
- Christian Education .Tara Lindemann
- ESOSonita Dillon-Rhodium
- FinanceMartin Gangadeen
- Mutual MinistryBernd Brandt
- Property Liaison ...Sam Paronavitana
(to be confirmed)
- StewardshipJudy Baribeau
- Worship and the Arts .Rebecca Taylor
- YouthPriyan De Silva
(to be confirmed)
- Caring Conversation Task Force
.....Walter Rothenburger
- ESO LiaisonBrit Missirlian

Congregational Council has approved the addition of three Assisting Ministers – Jackie Fromme, Ingrid Schurr and Robert Wraith.

The following persons were appointed to the Garden Committee and will hold their first meeting on March 16: Pastor Mills, Rebecca Taylor, Tara Lindemann, Heinz Weltner, Olga Cosburn, Sonita Dillon-Rhodium and Judy Baribeau. ♦

*Inspirational Windows
of
Advent Lutheran Church*



Our official 40th anniversary celebrations are over, but we have one project to complete.

This project is the Windows booklet with photos and descriptions of all the stained glass and agate windows that were donated to the congregation. To accompany the photos, the donors provided a commentary describing the inspiration and design of their windows.

A sample booklet is on the bulletin board in the hallway at church with a sheet for you to indicate how many copies you would like.

As we don't have budget money to print the booklets and give them out, we need to charge for them and are currently negotiating the printing cost. The highest cost will be \$5 each, but they could be less.

Please consider getting a booklet for yourself, friends, relatives, or others as a memento from Advent. We expect to have these available by the end of March.

We thank everyone again for their donations, descriptions and photography to create this booklet.

LUTHER **HOSTEL** **5**
amazing days in June!

June 13-17, 2005
Waterloo Lutheran Seminary
Waterloo, ON

Make life-long learning
a life-long habit.

Luther Hostel

Waterloo Lutheran Seminary and the Eastern Synod have been working on developing the Luther Hostel program and now invite you to participate.

What is Luther Hostel

Luther Hostel will be five amazing days when an environment for continuing education will be created for all persons who wish to learn more about their faith and how to be more involved in the life of the church.

Who should attend Luther Hostel?

The answer is simple. Anyone in the congregation who wishes to continue to learn. The hope is that each person who attends will leave Luther Hostel refreshed and with a renewed sense of vigour to take on the work of the church.

What will happen at Luther Hostel?

Kelly Fryer will be coming to Waterloo for five morning lectures. She has a lot

to say about leadership in today's church. (At Advent, our adult discussion group has been discussing her book, *Reclaiming the "L" Word.*)

In the afternoons Waterloo's Certificate of Theological Studies courses continue with offerings from faculty members of Waterloo Lutheran Seminary. There will also be special classes for the newly ordained, transitional pastors, and a pastors' special topic colloquium. Woven throughout the week will be a number of opportunities to experience inspiring worship services.

The evenings are reserved for fun and visiting with pub nights, a special banquet and entertainment.

For more information or brochures, please call the Seminary at 519 884 0710, ext. 3234 or go to the website www.seminary.wlu.ca.

Waterloo Lutheran Seminary – June 13-17, 2005

Registration fees vary according to the package you select.

Toronto Conference Youth Event

The Toronto Conference Youth Council is planning a youth event for Saturday, May 7, (location to be announced). All youth are encouraged to attend. The theme is "Different Gifts that God has Given Us". The youth will also discuss their plan to form a band from members of Conference youth. There will be music, worship, individual/congregational performances, activities, and more...and food. ♦

Holy Week and Easter Services



March 20 – Palm Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – We celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem with palms.



March 24 – Maundy Thursday. 7:30 p.m. – Jesus gathers His disciples for the Last Supper. At the close of worship we strip the altar remembering Jesus' humiliation at the hands of the soldiers.



March 25 – Good Friday. 10:00 a.m. – We contemplate Jesus' death. At the close of the service the cross is brought into the sanctuary.



March 26 – Easter Vigil. 7:30 p.m. – We kindle the first fire, lighting the Easter candle and walking with the Children of Israel out of slavery to the promised land. This is the first service of Easter.

March 27 – Easter. 10:00 a.m. – Today we rejoice in the glories of Easter morning.

If you'd like to donate an Easter lily or other plant for the Easter services, please bring them to the church by Saturday afternoon, March 26.

Come to Camp

Saturday, July 2-Friday July 8, 2005

It's that time of year again when Agricola Lutheran Church (North York) is gearing up for yet another excellent summer of Vacation Bible School.

We will once again be located at our congregation's facility in Marmora (200 km NE of Toronto), staying in tents and enjoying the great outdoors.

Camp will include some old favourites, including sauna, swimming, sports, games, Bible lessons, music, and arts and crafts. This year we're also hoping to have some new and exciting things to offer: New all-camp activities, new day-trips, and maybe you – a new face to camp.

We are still looking for responsible young people who would like to serve as counselors. Registration is open for children aged 6-14 so feel free to contact the church secretary Liisa Ruotsalainen for more information: 416 489 7600 or agricola@rogers.com.

Fun(d) Raising Event for Pastor Stuart Schroeder

Sponsored by Ontario Multifaith Council
Saturday, April 2

Agricola Lutheran Church
25 Old York Mills Road

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.; Dinner at 7:00 p.m.
Fun and Silent Auction until 1:00 a.m.

Tickets: \$25 per person, Cash bar

Order your tickets on the website (www.omc.ca) or call Liz Chappel at 416 422 1490. Visa and MasterCard accepted.

Toronto Conference Spring Meeting

The Toronto Conference Spring Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 16, at Lutheran Ministries, 2850 Midland Avenue in Scarborough beginning at 9:00 a.m.

In addition to the regular Conference business, we will hear a report from the Synod, a presentation on the Ontario Multifaith Council Re-Integration Program and hold discussion on preparation for the National Convention.

Cost is \$10 per person to cover materials and lunch. Each congregation is requested to have two voting members present and additional members interested in the work of the Conference are encouraged to attend. ♦

Adult Discussion Group Winter/Spring Schedule

January 30 – March 13

Book Study – *Reclaiming the "L" Word* (Claus Brandes)

March 20-27

No Discussion

April 3-May 8 – The Bible and History (Colleen Shantz)

ESO Group Plans Many Activities

The ESO Committee oversees all the projects that don't easily fall into another committee's mandate. For example, this committee arranges for all the special luncheons and coffee hours we hold; the Soup Supper; and on Pentecost will host the Confirmands' luncheon.

This group arranges for greeters each Sunday. Cards are sent to the sick, bereaved, congratulations, and others who need our thoughts. Another function is arranging for worship leaders during the year at the North York Seniors' Home.

Please speak with Sonita Dillon-Rhodus if you would like to assist with any of the ESO activities. ♦

People and Events Summary

Worship Services and Meetings

Worship services are held every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. **Sunday School and Adult Discussion** groups meet Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.

Men's Breakfast Group – meets at 9:00 a.m. the first Saturday each month at the Wexford Restaurant, northeast corner of Lawrence Avenue East and Warden Avenue.

Congregational Council meets Monday, March 14, 7:00 p.m. at the church.

Garden Committee meets Wednesday, March 16, 7:00 p.m. at the church.

The Seniors meet March 1 and 15, 1:00 p.m. at the church.

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

The Kaufmanns

Ed and Mildred Kaufmann are now settled at their new address: Leisure World, 1000 Ellesmere Road, Room 439, Scarborough, ON M1P 5G2; phone 416 623 1112.

They would appreciate calls and visits. The best time to call are right after meals: around 9:10 a.m., 1:10 p.m. and 6:10 p.m. They are also in their room evenings after 8:00 p.m. They do not have voicemail, so if they do not answer after seven-eight rings, please call back.

Ed doesn't talk too much, so if he answers the phone, just ask for Mildred. Ed and Mildred appreciate the prayers and support from the congregation

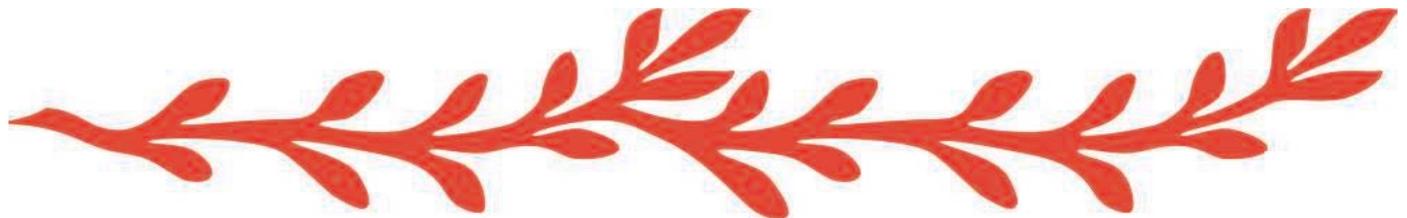
during the past months and years. It has meant a lot to them. Also, if you want an update on them, please call Elizabeth Lancia at 416 439 4816. ♦

Thank you

- Brit Missirlian and all the volunteers who brought food and assisted with the coffee hour on February 6.
- We thank all the soup makers and others who provided food and set up for the Soup Supper on Ash Wednesday.

Our Sympathy

- To the family of Paul Denovan who died at the beginning of March.



March 2005 Volunteers						
Volunteers assist with the worship services. The <i>Parish Visitor</i> lists those who have agreed to assist each Sunday as a reminder and a thank you for serving. In addition to the areas listed below, we invite you to provide altar flowers for special occasions in your lives. If you have questions about them, please speak to the Altar Guild person for the particular Sunday.						
Altar Care	Greeter	Assisting Minister	Reader	Ushers	Counters	Coffee Hosts
March 6 Walter Rothenburger	Delasia Khan	Carol Peck	Elizabeth Lancia	Cindy Xue & Alex Otten	Brit Missirlian & Sonita Dillon-Rhodium	Betty & Tom Carlson
March 13 Walter Rothenburger	Krish De Silva	Jim Doak	Olga Cosburn	Alfred Schurr	Carol Peck & Sam Paronavitana	Erika Day & Hannelore Matthews
March 20 Walter Rothenburger	Hilton Beharry	Peter Buckley	Martin Gangadeen	Jenny Persaud & Kamaludin Khan	Gladys Ammatil & Bernd Brandt	Adele & Peter Buckley
March 24 (Maundy Thursday) Walter Rothenburger	(7:30 p.m.)	Jackie Fromme			Carol Peck & Kristin Doak	–
March 25 (Good Friday) Walter Rothenburger	(10:00 a.m.)	Lester McLean			Martin Gangadeen & Tara Lindemann	–
March 26 (Easter Vigil) Walter Rothenburger	(7:30 p.m.)	Carol Peck			Rebecca Taylor & Sam Paronavitana	–
March 27 (Easter) Walter Rothenburger	Yvonne Cumberbatch	Ingrid Schurr	Adele Buckley	Olga Cosburn & Carol Peck	Judy Baribeau & Martin Gangadeen	Sonya & David Brown, Marry Hassan