



CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Dear Fellow Christians,

Our Mission Statement:
'We are a caring Christ's
people who seek to reach
out in a loving manner to
help individuals and
families to grow
spiritually.'

An anonymous poet wrote a little epilogue: 'I woke up early one morning, and paused before entering the day. I had so much to accomplish, that I had to take time to pray!' "I had to take time to pray," The spiritual pause that refreshes is absolutely necessary for our life-enrichment. There is no way to maintain spiritual good health without prayer - without stopping to listen to the inner-voice of the Spirit of God deep within your soul.

Sunday Services will be looked after by Pastor Janz in September followed by Pastor Toth in November and Pastor Janz again in December (with some exemptions). For the sermon topic please visit our website under 'Pastor's Messages'. There you'll also find the Easter and Pentecost audio sermons by Pastor Toth. **We have a special guest coming November 11th. Dr. Dusan Tillinger Superintendent Czech Evangelical Church of Augsburg Confession, Prague, Czech Republic will be visiting us and his sermon will be "A New Tomorrow" (Luke 20:38).** Mark it in your calendar and join us for this special service.

On **three Wednesdays in November** Pastor Toth will be holding a **bible study**. Maturity as Stewards through Faith, Love and Hope! - Bible Studies and Daily Devotions! Come!!

Our Sunday school program is in full swing. Andrea, Cindy and Marcia will be teaching on a rotational basis. Karen will continue with the preschool. Children 10 years old and up are encouraged to participate as assistant teachers of the younger classes and preschool care. They are also privileged to serve the Lord as **Acolytes** during the Church Service. Please contact Marcia to be included in this rotation. The **Christmas pageant will be held December 9th** replacing our normal service. Rehearsals are November 25th and December 2nd.

Our first **Outing** is planned for **September 22 – 1 p.m.: APPLE PICKING** – we are meeting at PINE FARMS ORCHARD - 2700 - 16th Sideroad, King City. There is a small cafe filled with cakes, tarts, caramel apples, and hot drinks. Come and enjoy the season!

Have fun with us on our **OKTOBERFEST** - Saturday, September 29th starting at 3 p.m. **Oktoberfest at our church in a new format! OPEN TO EVERYONE – BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS! BBQ, Fellowship, Great traditional dishes! There will be a Magic Show at 4 p.m. by our own Magician Anne and Live Polka Music with Monty. Show your talents during Karaoke!**

Trunk-O-Treat and Games Night!?!? We would like to have a special event for our trick or treaters. The idea is for the kids to come dressed in their favorite costume and go from car to car "Trick and Treating". We could invite the neighbourhood for another outreach even. Afterwards we could meet downstairs in the church for Bingo. This could be held the weekend before Halloween or on Halloween Eve. Tell us what you think! Contact Marcia, Cindy, or Andrea, or leave message on our church voice mail or better even, send an email.

A **newsletter** will be published once in the beginning of each year with updates on past events and happenings. You are welcome to contribute! Please submit your entries to Elke by mail or email.

Our website is updated regularly to assist you in staying informed and up to date. Please visit it often. Check out our picture gallery. Pictures from our Vacation Bible school this summer coming soon.

Calling New Pastor – Following the last congregational meeting we are moving forward in forming a calling committee for a new pastor. Council is circulating a **congregational self-study** and one is enclosed with this letter. Please participate, it is important! There are two parts to it. The "Exercise" is one sheet - please write your name in the top right corner and circle the answers you feel apply. The **"Self-Study"** (may stay anonymous) consists of numerous pages, but you only need to answer the questions you can. Please return these by the middle of October.

Yours in Christ