

# SEPTEMBER 2025

## ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH – Calgary AB

*112 years proclaiming Christ in Bridgeland!*

By Rev. Markus Zeuch



Dear friends of St. Matthew

We are back in full swing and the autumn equinox is upon us! I hope your summer was refreshing and relaxing. I had a good time as well, spending time with my kids in BC and riding my motorcycle, my new hobby!

Regarding my health, I'm still undergoing CT scans and other exams to find out what kind of infection is going on in my lungs. But I can finally resume pastoral visits. If you would like us to go visit you, please call the office and we will schedule a day.

So, what's planned for the fall? Well, we will resume our Bible study on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. on zoom. If you haven't been to our Bible studies, please consider joining us. I will resume the monthly online Bible study in Portuguese. We have people from Canada and from Brazil participating.

We will also resume our much-appreciated (and successful) Men's Breakfast every second Saturday on the month from 9 to 11 a.m. This idea came from the board of elders and it has been a blessing so far. We enjoy an awesome breakfast from 9 to 10 a.m. and then we have a Bible study from 10 to 11 a.m. where we discuss themes of interest of everybody in a casual atmosphere. Come, be part of it. You will get "the triple F": **Food, Fellowship** and **Fun**. And you will grow in your **Faith**. That's all **Fantastic**!

The confirmation classes have changed, no more online classes for the last year of confirmation! We now have Koreen Graumann and Heather Graham-Navis teaching classes in person, every Sunday during the English service. Our big thank-you for these ladies, for volunteering for it. We have now seven kids in the confirmation program, all from our Eritrean church family! The board of elders also decided that we should train these kids to be "acolytes" during the church services. They will be helping with lighting the candles and carrying the cross, among other things. You will see them in their white robes every Sunday. That's part of our confirmation program now.

During the summer months we had two funerals (Irene Hergert and Adolf Schott) and one is coming up this September 6, a memorial service for Hildegard Wenger. On August 10 we welcomed our new elder to our Board of Elders: Chris Eue. He will be representing the German congregation mostly. Willkommen Chris! Please keep Chris in your prayers as he undergoes an open heart surgery this month. We will also have a blessing of his civil marriage with Sofia in the German service on September 14.

And, speaking of wedding, we also had a joyful wedding celebration in August, of Matthew Graumann and Nichole (Niki) Hill. We wish them God's blessings in their life journey.

I wish you a blessed fall season and I hope to see you involved with your church family. Come for worship, for Bible studies, for fellowship gatherings, be an active participant and you will grow in your faith and receive the many blessings God has promised to those who follow Him closely.

**A POEM:** I have asked the Artificial Intelligence (AI) to "write Christian poem about autumn". I did the same in German (page 4 & 5). This is what came out, I thought it was pretty cool:

### "Harvest of Grace"

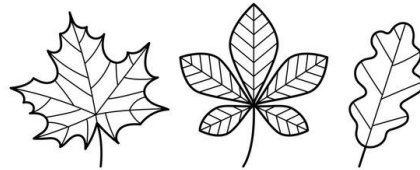
The amber leaves drift soft and slow,  
As heaven paints the earth below.  
Each tree adorned in fiery hue,  
A whispered sign: God's love is true.

The fields once green now bow with gold,  
A harvest rich, a story told—  
Of seeds once sown in faith and prayer,  
Now gathered in His tender care.

The crisping air, the shortening days,  
Invite the soul to pause and praise.  
For in this quiet, sacred time,  
We glimpse eternity's design.

The sparrow's flight, the fading light,  
Remind us of the coming night.  
Yet even death, in Christ, is gain—  
A promise sealed beyond the pain.

So let us walk this autumn trail,  
With hearts made strong, though flesh may fail.  
For every leaf that falls in grace  
Prepares the soul for heaven's place.



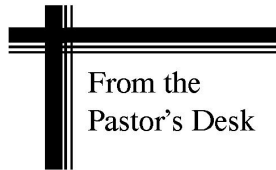
## LCC – CALGARY CIRCUIT NEWS

- **CONFERENCE:** Our Calgary Circuit will be hosting the Regional Church Workers Conference from September 29 to October 2. The conference will take place at Foothills Lutheran Church. I will be totally involved with the event on that week.
- **NEW PASTORS IN OUR CIRCUIT:** Grace Lutheran Church Drumheller, AB has received their new pastor, Rev. Martin Jagnow who just graduated from Concordia Seminary in Edmonton. Pastor Martin is also from Brazil, as is his wife Isabela. His installation and ordination took place last August 6. I was not able to be there as I was out of town on vacation. We wish Pastor Martin and Isabela, as well as our brothers and sisters from Grace Lutheran. God's blessings in their



ministry!

- **ANOTHER NEW PASTOR:** Rev. Joseph Nhial will be installed and ordained as an LCC pastor. Rev. Nhial is the pastor of the South Sudanese Nuer Fellowship. His ordination and installation will take place this September 7 at 1:30 pm. at Grace Lutheran Church. All are invited to take part of this joyous moment. God bless this congregation and their pastor and family.



**LIBRARY:** The PPC has decided to reorganize our parish library in preparation for adding new books. If you would like to assist in this project, please speak to Thomas Weitz.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** We offer Sunday school for children every Sunday at 11 a.m. ages 5 to 10. Bring your kids or grandchildren, so they can learn more about Jesus.

## WHAT'S PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER?

**Sept 1 (Mon):** Labour Day – office closed

**Sept 4 (Thurs):** Board of Elders' online meeting @ 7 p.m.

**Sept 6 (Sat):** Memorial service for Elfriede Wenger @ 2 p.m.

**Sept 7 (Sun):** Worship services – German @ 9:30 English @ 11 a.m. Sunday school at 11 a.m. Confirmation class at 11 a.m.

**Sept 9 (Tues):** Online Bible Study @ 7 p.m.

**Sept 10 (Wed):** Pastor is leading worship at Bethany Riverview

**Sept 11 (Thurs):** Meeting of the Tannenbaum Lighting committee @ 7 p.m.

**Sept 13 (Sat):** Men's Breakfast at 9 a.m.

**Sept 14 (Sun):** Worship services – German @ 9:30 English @ 11 a.m. Blessing of the civil marriage of Chris Eue and Sofia Sadovska in the German service. Sunday school at 11 a.m. Confirmation class at 11 a.m.

**Sept 16 (Tues):** Online Bible Study @ 7 p.m.

**Sept 21 (Sun):** Worship services – German @ 9:30 English @ 11 a.m. Sunday school 11 a.m. No confirmation class on this Sunday. Confirmands will participate in worship.



**Sept 23 (Tues):** Online Bible Study @ 7 p.m.

**Sept 25 (Thurs):** Online PPC meeting 7 p.m.

**Sept 28 (Sun):** Worship services – German @ 9:30 English @ 11 a.m. Sunday school at 11 a.m. Confirmation class at 11 a.m.

**Sept 28 (Sun):** Online Bible study in Portuguese 5 p.m.

**Sept 29 to Oct 2nd:** Pastor attends the LCC Regional Church Workers' Conference

**Sept 30 (Tues):** There is no Bible study on this evening!



### QUIPS & QUOTES:

**"The more we count the blessings we have, the less we crave the luxuries we don't have"**

From "Quips & Quotes for Church Bulletins" by E.C. McKenzie (Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Michigan), 1993 p. 45



### A LITTLE HUMOUR:

What did Adam say when he was asked his favorite holiday? "It's Christmas, Eve."



### UNSERE DEUTSCHE ECKE!

Wenn gold'ne Blätter leise fallen,  
und Felder ruh'n in sanftem Licht,  
dann spricht der Herbst in stillen Hallen  
vom Schöpfer, der das Leben bricht.

Die Ähren sind nun eingebracht,  
die Früchte reifen, schwer und rund.  
Gott segnet, was die Erde macht,  
und heilt die Zeit mit sanftem Mund.



Die Luft wird kühl, das Herz wird warm,  
im Danken liegt ein tiefer Sinn.

Denn Gottes Liebe hält uns arm  
und reich zugleich – in ihm Gewinn.

Wie Bäume ihre Blätter lassen,  
so dürfen wir auch Sorgen geh'n.  
Im Glauben lernen wir zu fassen,  
was wir im Herbst des Lebens seh'n.

Ein Kreuz steht fest in Nebelgrau,  
ein Zeichen, das uns Hoffnung gibt.  
Denn Jesus bleibt – so treu, so genau  
der Herr, der uns durch alles liebt.

So loben wir in bunten Tagen  
den Herrn, der alles Leben lenkt.  
Und selbst wenn Stürme uns beklagen,  
ist's seine Hand, die Frieden schenkt.



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Thank you for your support and prayers.

In **His** service,

Pastor Zeuch

Calgary, September 2, 2025 A.D.