



E-News from the St. Mark's Pews

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Dear Friends,

My weekly column will return after Labour Day on Friday, September 11th.

See you in church!

Grace and peace,
Leighton



Thank You  *Gratitude*  *Appreciation*

JOIN US
ON THE LAWN!



Volunteer 

APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

To say a heartfelt *thank you* for the tremendous success of this year's **Cherry Festival**, we warmly invite **Cherry Festival Volunteers** and **St. Mark's Parishioners** to join us for a *light luncheon* on the church lawn.





SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026

11:30 A.M.
Immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service

CHURCH LAWN
In case of rain, we will gather in Addison Hall.

With grateful appreciation from
The St. Mark's Corporation
and the Cherry Festival Chair



ST. MARK'S
ANGLICAN CHURCH
NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE



Dear St. Mark's family:

We would be grateful for notes and cards from our parishioners for

Donald Combe,
who is currently in Palliative Care.

Donald truly enjoys receiving mail, and your kind words and prayers would mean a great deal to him.

Messages may be mailed to:

Box 813
Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON
L0S 1J0

Alternatively, cards can be left in the door pocket
behind the front door at:

89 Johnson Street

Several of us will ensure that everything is delivered to him promptly.

Thank you sincerely for your kindness and support

Parish Updates

In-Person Sunday Services

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Sung Eucharist [Watch the live stream on YouTube](#)

On Duty this Week

August 9th, 2026

Greeter(s) -

8:30 a.m. - David and Valmai Elkins

10:30 a.m. - Douglas and Colleen Hunter

Reader - James Mainprize

Intercessor - James Mainprize

Altar Guild - Virginia Mainprize

Flowers - Gary Zanner

Server - Virginia Mainprize

Hospitality Servers - Mona Bailey and Michael Bloss

Order of Service

The Order of Service can be found on our website: [Order of Service Website Page](#)

Church Bells

A reminder to all that the Church Bells play on Sundays at 12:05 p.m. Enjoy!

Staying Up to Date!

Click on this link to find this and recent copies of our E-News: [Visit our recent E-Newsletters](#)

Click on this link to view our Calendar: [Visit our Calendar](#)

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Prayer Cycles - We pray for:

In St. Mark's Parish: James and Virginia Mainprize, Peter and Janis Manning, and Rod and Megan McKee and their families.

In the Niagara Diocese: St. Paul's, Dunnville, The Venerable Dr. John Course, Priest-in-charge and the people of that parish.

In the Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Cycle of Prayer: The Rt. Rev. Helen Kennedy, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle, the Dean, council and congregations of the Northern Area of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories, and remembering August 13th, 1727 as the day when the young community in Herrnhut, Germany, nearly torn apart by internal theological conflict, was bonded together by the power of the Holy Spirit. (see below)

"Moravian Pentecost "

On August 13, 1727, the Christian community in Herrnhut, which had been deeply divided by theological conflict, experienced a significant spiritual renewal during a Communion service at the parish church in Berthelsdorf. Overcome by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the congregation set aside their intense theological disputes, wept together, and entered a profound state of love and reconciliation.

Background of the Conflict

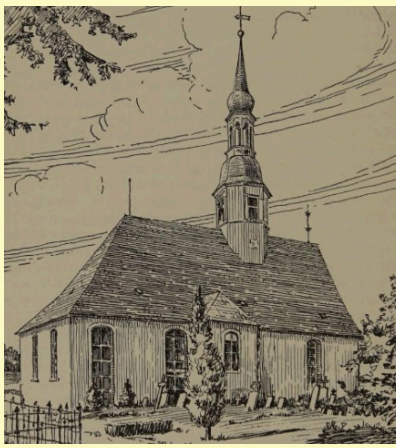
Diverse refugees settled on Count Nikolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf's estate in 1722, and included Lutherans, Reformed and Anabaptists, and remnants of the Bohemian Brethren. Bitter arguments over doctrine, dogmas, and church discipline soon broke out and nearly tore the community apart. Exhausted leaders like Count Zinzendorf realized human mediation could not resolve the deep-seated factionalism.

The Turning Point and Resolution

Days of intense prayer and weeping began on August 10th as the community confessed their helplessness to their local pastor. On August 13th, gathered at the altar for Holy Communion, the structural and theological walls collapsed. Eyewitnesses noted that the Holy Spirit took control of the assembly, replacing arguments with a powerful, unifying sense of Christ's presence and mutual love. This event—frequently called the "Moravian Pentecost " inspired an unbroken 100-year prayer chain and launched a global missionary movement.



Count Nikolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf
1700-1760



The Berthelsdorf Parish church, the first sketch from the Moravian Revival Archives, shows the exact building where the community gathered for the historic August 13th 1727, communion service.



Zinzendorf Castle Berthelsdorf

The former manor, which boasts a 500-year-old history, was used by the German Reich as a depot for training military horses. A large socialist farm was also built on the area around the manor house.

Friends of Zinzendorf Castle Berthelsdorf purchased the manor in 2001 and began restoration. In summer 2024, the manor house was officially designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site as part of the worldwide "Settlements of the Moravian Church network".

Today, Zinzendorf Castle hosts concerts, readings and tours.

We invite you to honour the memories of your loved ones by donating memorial flowers at any time throughout the year.

Please submit your request to the office no later than the Wednesday before the Sunday you want the flowers displayed. This allows us time to include your tribute in both the Order of Service and the E-News.

If you wish to donate, please call Erin in the office.

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