

# **FIVE PHOTO CHALLENGE**

One of the 2011 celebrations of the

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Synod**

and

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Waterloo Lutheran Seminary**

CONGREGATIONS IN THE EASTERN SYNOD HAVE BEEN ASKED  
TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE MILESTONE CELEBRATIONS  
BY SUBMITTING 5 PHOTOS.

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OUR 5 PHOTOS IDENTIFY WHO WE ARE AS LUTHERANS AND AS  
**CHRISTIANS - NEW COVENANT PEOPLES FULL OF GRACE!**  
THE PHOTOS, AND THEIR CAPTIONS, SYMBOLIZE MUCH AT ST. MARK'S -  
WITNESSING FAITH, PRAISE, AND THANKSGIVING.

**"ALLELUIA! GLORY BE TO GOD!"**

PART OF THE CHALLENGE WAS ALSO  
TO CONNECT CONGREGATIONS TO BOTH  
SYNOD AND SEMINARY - PAST AND PRESENT.

THESE ALSO APPEAR ON ST. MARK'S WEBSITE.

**Means of Grace - Covenant - "God is Here!"**: "Here are the symbols **to remind us** of our life for need of grace; **here are table, font and pulpit; here the cross has central place...**(ELW 526)": Atop our baptismal font are our Eucharist vessels and the font's ceramic bowl - designed and created by renowned local artist Ann Roberts. Today's ELW is open to the baptismal service and beneath it, the black hymnal used when we began in 1913 as First English Lutheran, Berlin (on Queen Street - across from St. Peter's Lutheran). Pastor Nancy Kelly's white stole is embroidered with the Alpha/Omega symbols and these are also engraved on the front of the font.



**Sanctuary Windows - History In Glass**: "Ye Shall Be Witnesses Unto Me" (Acts 1:8 KJV): The first part of this photo is a portion of our Ascension window which has this scripture - our Lord's Great Command. The middle is part of our Martin Luther window posting his 95<sup>th</sup> Theses; igniting the spark for the Lutheran Reformation. The last part, as with the Luther window, is one of our 12 windows depicting God's story from creation to modern man represented by an astronaut. In 1971 when these windows were dedicated, it was very controversial and now very much favoured.



**St. Mark's - A Beacon on King Street**: "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden." (Mathew 5:14 NSV): With a new name for the congregation, led by Dr. A. Jacobi, and Dr. Maurer/Pastor Emeritus, St. Mark's opened February 5,1939 - built on a hill overlooking Kitchener-Waterloo's main street situated between "an institution of education" (K.C.I. High School) and "an institution of mercy" (Grand River Hospital). Pastor Nancy at our Peace Pole that displays "May Peace Prevail On Earth" in eight languages - a gift from her and Dr. Bob Kelly (WLS professor) in 2006.



**Seasonal Sanctuary Symbols - *Creativity In Cloth and Chrismons*:** “To everything there is a season” (Ecclesiastes 3:1 KJV): Our All Saints quilted banner was created in 2003 as part of our 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. Members donated pieces of cloth; many with a story to tell. Annually, our freshly cut Christmas tree (donated by a family in memoriam) is adorned with twinkling white lights and cherished chrismons (originally sprinkled with diamond dust) that were created by our ELW in 1968.



**Lutheran Liturgy - *Worship Through Time*:** “Sing unto the Lord a new song...” (Psalm 149:1 KJV): In 1913, First English began as a new generation of Lutherans wanting to worship in English rather than German. For 36 years, Fred Linke, served in both church buildings as organist and choir director (father Rev. Ottomar Linke - WLS first full-time professor). Fred played this newly installed Casavant organ for St. Mark’s opening worship on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 1939. Some pipes are over 100 years old. Music resounds too with our Worship Band, Bell Choir and ever faithful Senior Choir. Also displayed is a history of hymnals - all used over the past 100 within our Synod and at the Seminary.

