



## 2020 BETHESDA LUTHERAN CEMETERY REPORT

We regret to inform you that due to current restrictions regarding COVID-19, the Bethesda Lutheran Board of Directors has decided to cancel the 2020 Annual Memorial Service normally held on the third Sunday in June. This was a difficult decision but one that was ultimately made for us given the COVID 19 circumstances. We hope all are well as we navigate thru this pandemic.

We would however like to keep you up to date regarding our cemetery and inform you of continued progress to ensure this place is one that will bring comfort to those who have loved ones there and have the ability to visit. During 2019 we have

- Planted additional trees to add structure and colour
- Extended the water line to cover the newly opened area to the east
- Applied for and received an additional new address known as 38 Aksel Rink Drive.

With this in mind, all are encouraged to use Aksel Rink Drive to enter and exit the cemetery due to the danger of the increasing traffic on Kennedy Road. You can access Aksel Rink Drive from Kennedy at Beckett Drive and turn east. Aksel Rink Drive is the first street turning north.

Plots are available as well as niches in the new columbarium and we encourage you to share this information with your friends and families. We continue to plan and discuss additional ways to improve the Cemetery and make sure it is maintained. With this in mind we ask you to visit when you can to not only honour family members and friends but to appreciate the efforts that are being made to further enhance this burial ground. If you need to contact us or wish to make a donation to assist with upkeep and enhancements please use the addresses below to do so.

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Worship 10:30 am

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The Bethesda Lutheran Congregation has been part of the Markham/Unionville community for over 225 years. Bethesda offers members of this community not only a place to worship but also much, much more. Other services include a nursery for children while parents attend worship, Bible study each Tuesday at 1 pm, couples fellowship, youth fellowship, confirmation classes, family social events, weddings, funerals, an historic cemetery and grief, personal and family counselling. The Church building is fully wheel chair accessible.

If you or anyone you know wish to take part in any of the services Bethesda offers please do not hesitate to contact the Pastor at the number printed above.

St Paul Chinese Lutheran Church is a partner congregation serving the local Chinese Mandarin community. You can reach them at [office@stpaulchinese.com](mailto:office@stpaulchinese.com) or Pastor Jun Gao at 416-832-9978