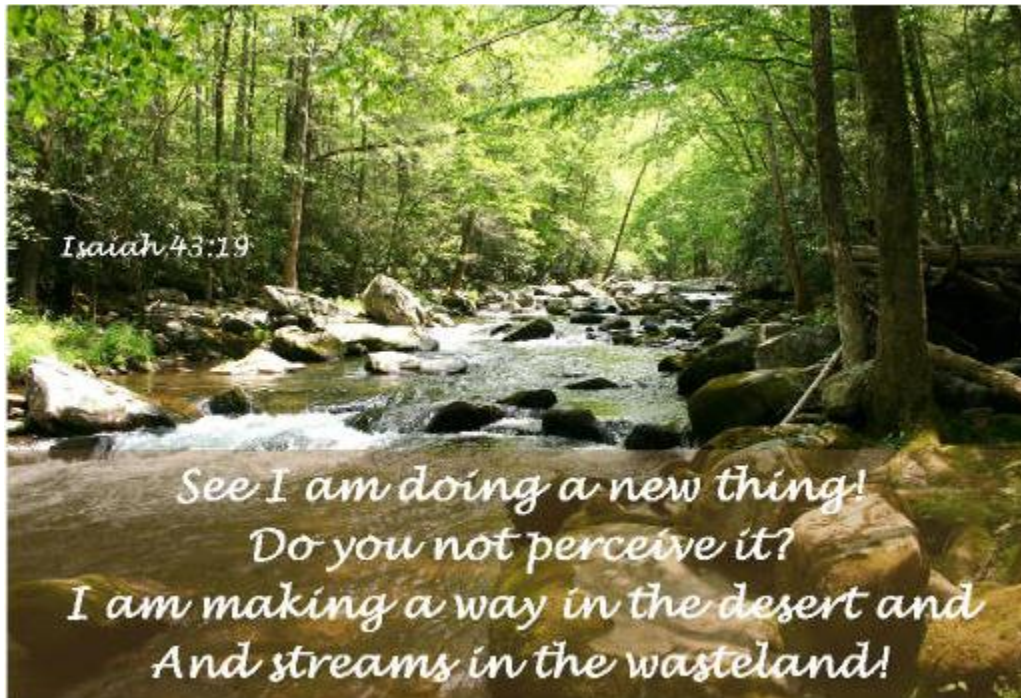




# MESSIAH MESSENGER

May 2018

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...now it springs forth!

## Sunday Worship Times

9:15 am – Adult Class  
9:45 am – Friendship Club  
10:30 am – Sunday School  
10:30 am – Worship Service  
11:45 am – Coffee Fellowship

## OFFICE HOURS

9:00 AM - NOON & 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

CHURCH BUILDING WILL BE OPEN

**MONDAY TO FRIDAY**

8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

**SATURDAY**

9:00 AM TO NOON

## Clergy Corner



### “Tried and True” or “On with the New”?

I hope you enjoyed the “improved” picture of me in the last Messenger. This month we are back to the same-old-same-old picture of me. Not that this is bad after all I am “me” and not George Clooney. There are some good things about me that would be lost if I suddenly morphed into George Clooney. So, back to me it is. Though I can think of a few things I can improve as I suspect that most of us have a few things that we’d like to change in our lives.

There are some good things about the “same-old-same-old” though...

- For the most part what we have known is comfortable.
- We know what to expect.
- We usually know how to deal with problems that arise because we’ve seen them before (sometimes we deal with those problems in healthy ways, sometimes we continue to deal with those problems poorly).
- Many things that have been in our lives for a long time are tried and true and very good.

There are some things about the “same-old-same-old” that are not good...

- We can become bored.
- We can get stuck in unhealthy ruts, just because what we’ve always done is “easy”.
- Sometimes what “has been” no longer does what it used to do.
- If the same-old is something like clothing, it may have become worn out. (Though, I know the difficulty of figuring out when something changes from “comfortable” to “worn out”!)

It is very difficult to discern what needs to change and what is best “left as it is”. But discerning is a task that is always with us. This does not mean that everything is always up for grabs but we do need to honour both those who are calling for change and those who feel no change is needed. This means dialogue – honest, respectful dialogue – with an eye to not getting bogged down in dialogue, but instead to come to some consensus on how we will act and be together at this time (not for all time, but for the time we are living in right now). Often, there are pieces of various points of view that can be fit together into something that works for everyone.

There is a long history in our biblical traditions that wrestle with these very questions especially in the prophetic books of the bible. Some prophets called for change based on God’s revelations to them. Other prophets warned against the changes that were taking place and called for a return to the stable, God-instituted traditions. None of what they went through was easy but it was necessary to come to discernment for the life of the people of God.

Is there something you see that needs to be changed to honour God?

Is there something you see that needs to return to (or remain as) what “has been” so that God may continue to be praised?

If so, let’s get into the conversation. Call me and together we can find ways to address the concerns you see. God will be with us in the discernment.

If you have questions, comments, concerns – anything:

Call me at 780-672-3444

Email me at: [calvinskriver@gmail.com](mailto:calvinskriver@gmail.com)

Text or call me at 780-679-5976.

If I can’t respond right away, I **will** get back to you soon.

Pastor Calvin

## Clergy Corner



### TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS

As we met in our staff meeting today, we began to look over the calendar for the next two months and realized it is going to be a very full time. You know when I think about it... truly every season seems to have its fullness in a different way. The folks involved in doing income tax for people are in a crunch. Those of us who have to do our own are in a crunch. As we prepare for confirmation and annual meetings we are in a crunch. I sure know those involved in the music festival are feeling this right now, especially our youth and their music teachers. I know you can name some things you are dealing with that cause fullness, anxiety and struggle. None of these things are necessarily bad... but they can feel full of anxiety alongside other regular things in life. Along with this...life still needs attention.

For some reason when stuff breaks down...it seems to happen in the midst of the fullness and I often hear from people... "my fridge died, then the toilet flooded and the door hinge broke all in one day!" One can begin to feel jinxed! All at once things just seem to be breaking down. Well that's what happened in our house this week. Little things that needed fixing suddenly just needed attention... all at once!!

As a result, Dale and I were talking this morning about how we can keep focus on giving thanks in the midst of life's pressures and fullness, in spite of all that is required with kids, life and work...never-mind the little stuff that has broken down and just needs attention. Sometimes things can become overwhelming when it all comes at once. The gift in all this [if we let it] is that these moments can turn our attention back to Jesus and his Word. As we talked about this we realized in a new way that the scripture reminds us to turn our eyes to Jesus and to live in thanksgiving. It can be a challenge to remember this when life becomes full and stressful. I think this is why it is so often mentioned in the Bible.

In Philippians we are reminded to watch where we put our focus. It's easy to get focussed on the wrong things. It's even easier to become focussed on the things that get us down or all the stuff that has piled up and just feels like "too much". It's much harder to look for and to see the gifts and blessings in our lives in those moments. The 4th chapter of Philippians reminds us not to worry... but to give thanks. This is where the peace of God can dwell within us... no matter what. In fact it is promised as a result of our giving thanks and focussing on those things that are good and right, and it closes with a promise that as we give thanks the peace of God WILL be with us.

As you are living in the normal stressors of life remember this... we are a people who follow a resurrected Christ. As a result, we can through our thanksgiving, be lifted above circumstances in life that have the potential to be overwhelming, and find our joy in the midst of all things. The work for each of us is to open our eyes to this kind of living and to give thanks.

I am reminded of the old hymn [that I always have loved] as it reminds us to put our focus on our Risen Lord. Maybe as you read these words you can hum along and find yourself lifted as you turn your gaze upon Jesus. I know that as I sing it to myself, I find myself lifted beyond the worries and stressors of the moment.

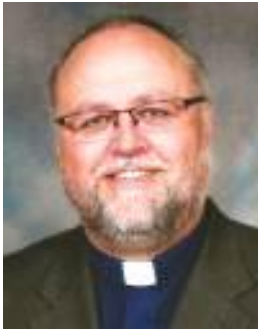
### TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS

O soul, are you weary and troubled?  
No light in the darkness you see?  
1 There's light for a look at the Savior,  
And life more abundant and free.  
Turn your eyes upon Jesus,  
Look full in His wonderful face,  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,  
In the light of His glory and grace.

Through death into life everlasting  
2 He passed, and we follow Him there;  
O'er us sin no more hath dominion  
For more than conquerors we are!  
His Word shall not fail you, He promised;  
3 Believe Him and all will be well;  
Then go to a world that is dying,  
His perfect salvation to tell!

**MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU IN YOUR FULL MOMENTS AS YOU LOOK TO JESUS FOR ALL YOU NEED. IN THANKS FOR GOD'S LOVING PRESENCE IN ALL THINGS**

Pastor Bev Swanson



Dear Beloved of God –

Soon we will gather in Convention in Camrose – UofA Augustana Campus – June 14-16, 2018 under the theme based on I Cor. 13:13, “**Faith, Hope, Love: and the greatest of these is love.**” I am appreciative of the work of Wendy Christensen-Grosfield who has again been contracted to serve as Convention Manager. Our Convention Chaplain will be The Rev. Jeff Decelle (Unity Lutheran, Medicine Hat).

Convention highlights will include three keynote presentations and opportunities for conversation facilitated by The Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen (<http://omgcenter.com/about/>). We are planning to video Anna’s presentations which will be made available

following Convention.

We will also welcome and hear from our National Bishop Susan Johnson, four guests from The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia (IELCO): Bishop Atahualpa Hernández Miranda and his wife, Rev. Angélica Bernate Rojas, along with Rev. Diana Carolina Londoño Espinosa and her husband, Óscar Ricardo Niño Durán and ELCA Global Mission Staff, Manager for Relationships, Latin America and the Caribbean, Paulina Dasse, The Rev. Dr. Brian Rude, *En Mision Con El Salvador*: In Mission with El Salvador, the Lutheran Theological Seminary President, The Rev. Dr. Bill Harrision, CLWR, and LCBI.

Convention actions will include a second reading of our Synod Constitution and decision-making related to our Synod By-Laws. Elections for Synod Bishop, Synod Secretary, several Synod Council Positions, Rostered Minister to the Lutheran Theological Seminary Board of Governors, and Delegates to the 2019 ELCIC National Convention.

I invite your prayers as final preparations are made for the Synod Convention: for Wendy Christensen-Grosfield, for our Convention Chaplain and those preparing for worship; for Anna Madsen as she finalizes her keynote presentations; and for our guests as they journey to be with us. As we gather please be in prayer for each of the elections which will be taking place.

In Christ Jesus –  
Bishop Larry Kochendorfer

*The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*  
Romans 15:13

## Pastoral Acts

**Baptisms:**

**Marriages:**  
Caitlyn Erickson  
&  
Cory Martz

**Funerals:**



## Memorials

**Special Gifts since  
last reported:**

**In Memory of:**

## News From and About Rev. Brian Rude our Missionary in El Salvador



### Concerning our support of Brian Rude

Bishop Larry Kochendorfer, in a letter to Messiah, dated, March 7, 2018, says: "On behalf of Pastor Brian Rude and our Synod's Global Missions Ministry Team, thank you for your generous contribution during 2017 to – *"En mision con El Salvador: In Mission with El Salvador."* "Pastor Brian will be advised of your gift which will enable this ministry to continue and will be sending a personal letter of appreciation to you."

Messiah's support during our financial year, May 1 to April 30, has totaled approximately \$6,575. The final tally will be made known at the Annual Meeting in June. Yellow envelopes to facilitate members' donations may be found at the Welcome Desk at the rear of the Sanctuary. All donations are sincerely appreciated!

### An Extract from Rev. Rude's Annual Report for 2017:

(Note: *IPAZ* is an inter-church group of concerned activists) "The government has taken a firm stance against anything or anyone hinting of dialogue, including *IPAZ*. The atmosphere of weekly meetings (of *IPAZ*) seems to alternate between nervousness about a police raid, leading to arrests and interrogations, or a hopeful sense that the government will change course and realize that it needs *IPAZ* as an ally, to pursue dialogue and peace and so overcome the rampant social violence. Several "bridges" between gangs and *IPAZ* have been imprisoned or killed over the past years. Numerous pastoral members of *IPAZ* have been interrogated at length, and had their churches and offices inspected. This includes the Anglican bishop emeritus, a German Lutheran pastor, an evangelical pastor working with World Vision as well as another evangelical pastor. Still the conviction that God is calling us to promote dialogue in order to overcome social violence remains strong." "I am so grateful to ABT Synod, its leaders and members, for the prayer, moral and financial support. I appreciate your accompaniment, in person or from a distance. God's blessings and guidance to you and to us all, as we continue in this mission with our Salvadoran sisters and brothers, wherever we and they may be."

### **SPECIAL NEWS !!**

**Rev. Rude will be visiting Messiah on June 17  
after his attendance at the Synod Convention at Augustana.**

**Watch for details in the next *Messenger*!**

Submitted by Ray Blacklock  
on behalf of the World Mission Group

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## A REQUEST FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL



Our Sunday School kids really enjoy a little snack during Sunday School...Alas, the Snack Schedule has mostly blank spaces! Will you help out?

The Snack sign up sheet is at the back of the church, on the counter of the Welcome Center. Cookies, Rice Krispie or puffed wheat squares, granola bars, fruit, donuts...two dozen treats is perfect! Thank You

## Adult Class Sessions:

### We invite you to JOIN US FOR THE FOLLOWING

**Time:** Sunday mornings from 9:15 – 10:15

**Place:** Messiah Lutheran Church  
Basement Auditorium



*In light of the February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Supreme Court Ruling concerning physician assisted death, the ELCIC National Church Council in November of that same year, established a Task Force to encourage conversations across our church regarding the needs of people in times of death and dying. The ELCIC Task Force on Decisions at the End of Life prepared a four-session study guide for congregations to use in facilitating these conversations.*

**April 29** – Conversations on Medical Assistance in Dying  
Session Two: A “Good Death”

Facilitated by Pastor Bev and/or Pastor Calvin

**May 6<sup>th</sup>**– Conversations on Medical Assistance in Dying  
Session Three: Rights and Responsibilities,  
Autonomy and Community

Facilitated by Pastor Bev and/or Calvin

**May 13<sup>th</sup>**– Conversations on Medical Assistance in Dying  
Session Four: What Values Guide Our Work as  
People of Faith?

Facilitated by Pastor Bev and/or Calvin

**May 20<sup>th</sup>:** **TBA** – Watch the Sunday bulletin for this session announcement. The Learning Committee welcomes YOUR suggestions. This will be the last Adult Class until Fall.

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## Thank you to the Support Committee

Church Council, on behalf of the Congregation, extends thanks to the members of the Support Committee for the diligent work in researching, buying and installing the new equipment for the TV Ministry, Website and Sanctuary Screens. The congregation, especially those who watch the services via cable, deeply appreciates the improvement in the transmission that your work accomplished.

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*I am grateful to all the members of my church for praying for me when I went through open heart surgery and the complications afterwards. I felt the love and support from you all and that is what got me through. God Bless.*

*Ann Reiten*

## April Council Highlights

- Gail Stolee opened by reading the story of the Good Samaritan and directed thoughts to the priest and Levite who did not stop – what were they thinking? What shaped their actions? What problems were they dealing with? Keep in mind that everyone has something to deal with. Gail then linked this to her experience from the Synod 'No One is Immune' Mental Health event on April 14 (a very good workshop). It is important to remember that we are a people with a God of mercy, love, and compassion. We have a sanctuary, but we need to be a sanctuary – a safe place for people in need of a safe place. The Good Samaritan acted, used what he had, and involved others in helping the person who needed help. Our congregation should be ready to do this as well. Gail then led in prayer. Gail highly recommended a TED talk by Kevin Breel that was shared at the workshop: [www.ted.com/speakers/kevin\\_breel](http://www.ted.com/speakers/kevin_breel).
- Council reviewed the recommendation from the Budget Meeting to consider amalgamating several of the numerous Designated accounts in order to allow these funds to be used more effectively and to reduce the significant accounting workload that the proliferation of these accounts has created.
- Council approved the creation of an annual ad hoc Budget Group, consisting of the Treasurer, Bookkeeper, a member of the Support Committee, the Senior Pastor, and two members of the Congregation with financial expertise, in order to oversee the drafting of the annual Messiah budget.
- Council also designated the Budget Group to review potential increases, calculation and methodologies for staff salaries. Given the immediate need for this activity, Council charged the Executive with undertaking this task for the coming year.
- There was a discussion of who should oversee the ongoing need to develop and encourage stewardship in the congregation, both of talents and money. It was recommended that this be included as an item of discussion at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- The Nominating Committee is continuing its work and has been making good progress. They hope to provide a full slate for the AGM, but acknowledge that filling some of the remaining Committee spots has proven challenging.
- Council encouraged Council representatives to request that the various Committees undertake a review of their functions and terms of reference – it has been a while since these were reviewed and it would be helpful to know if there is a need to explore changes in any of the Committees roles.
- Support has concluded the TV Ministry upgrade project. It is now moving on to web site changes, including the updating of the MessiahCamrose.ca web site.
- Pastor Calvin, Pastor Bev, and David Dahle will be Messiah's delegates to the Synod Convention at Augustana on June 14-16.
- Council approved Pastor Calvin as Messiah's nomination to be a delegate for the 2019 National Convention, which will be considered at the June Synod meetings.
- All Senior Youth were offered a trip to YC. Funds for transportation, room and registration will be provided from the "Youth Fund".
- New chairs for the basement have been chosen and will cost approximately \$15,000 for 250 chairs. Council approved Support to order the chairs for the basement auditorium and provide funds from the "Capital Projects Upgrade Fund" if the full amount is not raised.
- In the review of the March Financial statements, it was noted that Messiah currently has a \$29,000 deficit for this year.
- The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. The Next Regular Council Meeting is Tuesday, May 15, 2018.

### Mark your calendar

Messiah's Annual Meeting,

Sunday, June 10 following a potluck lunch

Annual Reports due May 11

## Acknowledging our Graduates!

Elizabeth Gilchrist, Kjel Gusdal, Andrew Hohm, McKayla Wildeman.  
Congratulations on your many accomplishments!!

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## Messiah/Bethel Confirmation Class of 2018

Confirmation is taught jointly by Pastor Deborah Ann Taylor, Bethel and Pastor Bev Swanson of Messiah. The class also includes students from other denominations. The students and teachers benefit greatly from this ecumenical experience.

The class includes: Simon Beyene, Sydney Blue, Karlee Brosius, Wyatt Chartrand, Willis Didriksen, Aiden Elashuk, Brandon Fletcher, Hannah Hasselbohm, Wyatt Mowat, Aidan Peake, Dylan Pudlowski, Rylee Scheck and Molly Schulmeister.

Please hold these young people and their teachers in your prayers as they live and learn, study and play together, that the Word of God will dwell richly in their hearts.

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## Messiah Music Festival News



Group who won the Rose Bowl. The group meets in our church and includes some of our own youth together with community youth.

This year several Messiah youth were once again involved in Camrose Music Festival. They sang, were in musical theatre, choir, played piano, flute and percussion. Many of them performed at a high level that won trophies, awards and scholarships for their accomplishments and will take several of them to the Provincials. We are so proud of you and congratulate each of you for your accomplishments: Kyra Gusdal, Jonathan, Michelle, Caleb, Josiah and Mindy Hawkins; Andrew Hohm, Kassia Hohm, Molly Schulmeister and Keysha Swanson, together with their teachers, Charlene Brown and Tova Olson. We also wish to congratulate the *About Time Productions* musical Theatre

## Kuimba Senior High Choir

Kuimba Choir is a new choir of grades 10 to 12 that started in September at Messiah under the direction of Tova Olson. Kuimba recently sang at the Camrose Music Festival receiving an H, the highest honor for their performances. By adjudicator recommendation, Kuimba performed at the Music Festival Gala Concert on April 23. They received the award for Best Community Choir and were recommended to go to Provincial at the end of May! *The meaning of Kuimba (kooimba) is "sing" in Swahili.*





## ***--FROM NOW TO THE END OF LIFE***

**Presenters:**     Rev. David Eriksson  
                         Rev. Garth Wehrfritz-Hanson

***Topics:***

***Thinking and acting pro-actively***

***Recognizing and managing grief***

***Naming and handling signs of dementia***

***Caring for the caregiver***

***Resource: "Supports for the Journey"***

**Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>                      Refreshments:            9:30 am**

**Messiah Lutheran Church, Camrose**

**Fee:    \$20 before April 30<sup>th</sup>, \$25 after (Lunch  
provided)**

**Register: Kathy at 780-855-3921 or  
klkvill@hotmail.com**

***Sponsored by: the East Central Area Team***



*On April 7, 2018,  
Aaron Mokry and Karly Bakker  
were united in holy matrimony  
at Abbotsford, BC!  
We will 'shower' their marriage  
Saturday, June 2, 2:00 pm at  
Messiah*

*Since they are no longer two but  
one, let no man separate what God  
has joined together.  
Matthew 19:6*



**Potluck**  
**LUNCHEON**

**May 20, 2018**

Please bring a hot dish, salad or dessert sufficient for your family, plus one more person so we will have lots to share with one another. Thank you.

**Everyone welcome!**



## **Hastings Lake Bible Camp**

**COME CELEBRATE CAMP'S 80th ANNIVERSARY!**

**Saturday, July 7th, 2018**

10am - *Coffee*

Noon – *Lunch*

*Afternoon - Volleyball Fest, Self-Guided Tours, Bouncy Castles, Coffee*

5pm - *Celebration Supper*

7pm - *Celebration Service*

9pm – *Campfire*

If you wish to share camp pictures please send them to:

[hastings.program@gmail.com](mailto:hastings.program@gmail.com) in .jpeg format, by May 5th

The 80th Anniversary Committee also invites interested families to:



### **Adopt-a-Cabin**

and spruce it up before June 15th, 2018 so it can be ready for the Summer and the celebration! Arrange with Andrew Carlson, our Camp Manager by contacting the camp office at 780-662-2557 or by email at [hastings.rentals@gmail.com](mailto:hastings.rentals@gmail.com)

## 80 for 80 Club

The 80 for 80 Club is inspired by a recent generous pledge for capital projects in the amount of **\$100,000**.

To make the pledge a reality

*we must raise \$150,000 by the end of 2019.*

In celebration of the 80th Anniversary of Hastings Lake Bible Camp, please consider donating \$80 per month throughout 2018.

Mail 12 post-dated, \$80 cheques to:

Hastings Lake Bible Camp  
#135-51268 Range Road 204  
Sherwood Park, AB T8G1E9

OR donate online at [www.HastingsLake.com](http://www.HastingsLake.com)

Donate Monthly (\$80 per month), or

Donate Now (single donation \$960)



**Saturday, May 5, Spring Cleaning Party**

**Sunday, May 6, Spring Fling and Annual General Meeting**

**July 6-8, Hastings Lake Bible Camp is turning 80!** Save the date: Come and celebrate the camp's 80th anniversary Hastings Lake Bible Camp touches the lives of hundreds of people each year and has been doing so since 1938!!

# Synod of Alberta and the Territories Convention



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## A Home Away From Home

### Martin Luther House in Edmonton

offers a “home away from home” and intentional Christian community **for five student residents**. Ideally located, just steps away from the U of A Campus, the nearby LRT offers quick access to MacEwan and NAIT students. Grocery stores are a few minutes’ walking distance. Rent-for-a-student-budget includes utilities, internet, laundry, furnished bedrooms, living and dining rooms, and kitchen.

#### For further information and to apply:

e-mail: [richard.reimer@ualberta.ca](mailto:richard.reimer@ualberta.ca)

call: (780) 492-4513 / or visit: [lcm Edmonton.ca](http://lcm Edmonton.ca)

**Application deadline: May 31st.**



# Huge Church Garage Sale



HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

**Thursday, May 24, 9 am – 6 pm**

**Friday, May 25, 9 am – 6 pm**

*The funds made at the garage sale will go  
towards Hastings Lake Bible Camp  
for their 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary*

**Messiah Lutheran Church**

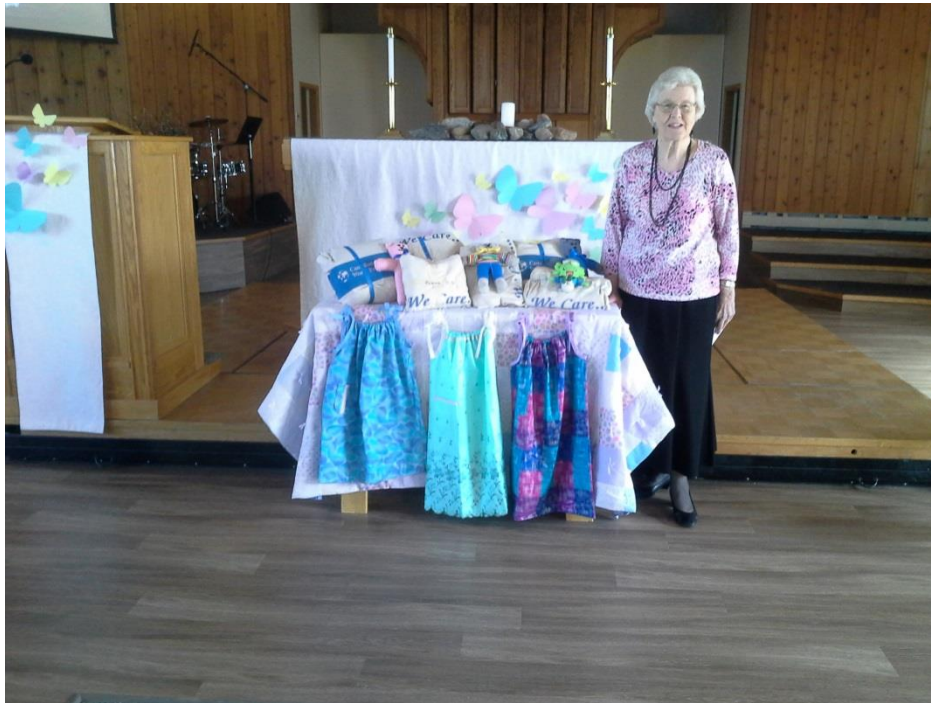
**4810-50 Street**



This event is sponsored by a FaithLife Chapter.  
FaithLife Financial will give a grant up to \$300 to  
match the income from the Garage Sale.

# Canadian Lutheran World Relief Sunday

At Messiah  
April 22, 2018



Marilyn Hoveland

Photo by Mary Broen



View of the quilts in the sanctuary  
as seen from the balcony

Photo by Marilyn Hoveland

# Food for Thought

## The Worst of the Worst

In New Testament times, when rabbis chose disciples, they would go to the rabbinical schools and choose the best of the best. One of the questions they would ask themselves was, "Could this man do greater things than me?"

When Rabbi Jesus chose his disciples, it appears that he went for the worst of the worst. Think about them: Whenever Peter opened his mouth he put his foot in it. James and John were nicknamed "Sons of Thunder," not because they had digestive problems, but almost certainly because they were bad-tempered. We're told in the gospels that they were ambitious. When Jesus had just been telling them about how he was going to die on the cross, James and John said, "Could you do us a favor? After you've done all your suffering, could we sit at your right and left and be really important people?" Jesus wasn't impressed (Mark 10:35-40).

They were vengeful and violent. When some Samaritan villagers didn't invite them in for a cup of tea, they suggested to Jesus that they should call down fire from heaven and have them burnt up (Luke 9:54). Jesus must have wondered whether they would ever understand.

One of the other disciples, Simon, was a Zealot. In other words, he was trying to violently overthrow the occupying Roman army. Today he could well be labeled a terrorist. Matthew collected taxes from his own people on behalf of the occupying Roman power and was regarded as a traitor to Israel. Thomas was every pastor's nightmare. He was negative, wouldn't believe anything anyone said and always seemed to see the cup as half empty. Yet Jesus chose them. He loved them. He was committed to them. For three years they misunderstood him and had wrong motives, but Jesus didn't give up on them. In the end his love changed them and they changed the world.

If we want to look at some other characters in the Bible, think about this: Noah was a drunk, Abraham was too old, Isaac was a daydreamer, Jacob was a liar, Leah was ugly, Joseph was abused, Moses had a stutter, Gideon was afraid, Samson was a flirt, Rahab was a prostitute, Jeremiah was too young, David was an adulterer and a murderer, Elijah was suicidal, Isaiah preached naked, Jonah ran from God, Job went bankrupt, Peter denied Jesus (three times!), the disciples fell asleep whilst they were praying, the Samaritan woman was divorced (and quite possibly a sex addict), Zacchaeus was too small, Paul murdered Christians, Timothy probably had an ulcer and Lazarus was dead! If God can use a dead man he can use us.

If it's true that God's "power is made perfect in weakness," that has to mean God's power is not made perfect in our strength. Why? Because when we know our weakness we trust in his strength. That's why God delights to use people who know they are weak. So you don't need to wait until you are sorted, whole, mature and know your Bible back to front before God can use you. God can use you now. And he'll sort you, heal you and make you whole on the way.

From: Everyday Super natural Devotions by Mike Pilavachi & Andy Croft  
Living a spirit lead life without being weird.

Submitted by Tova Olson



# HOPE

**WHEN:** Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the  
Month

**WHERE:** Messiah Lutheran Church  
4810 - 50<sup>th</sup> Street

**TIME:** 6:00pm-8:00pm

**FREE**

**Childcare**

**&**

**Supper at 5:30pm (optional)**



## **WOMEN'S GROUP FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

**H - Healing**

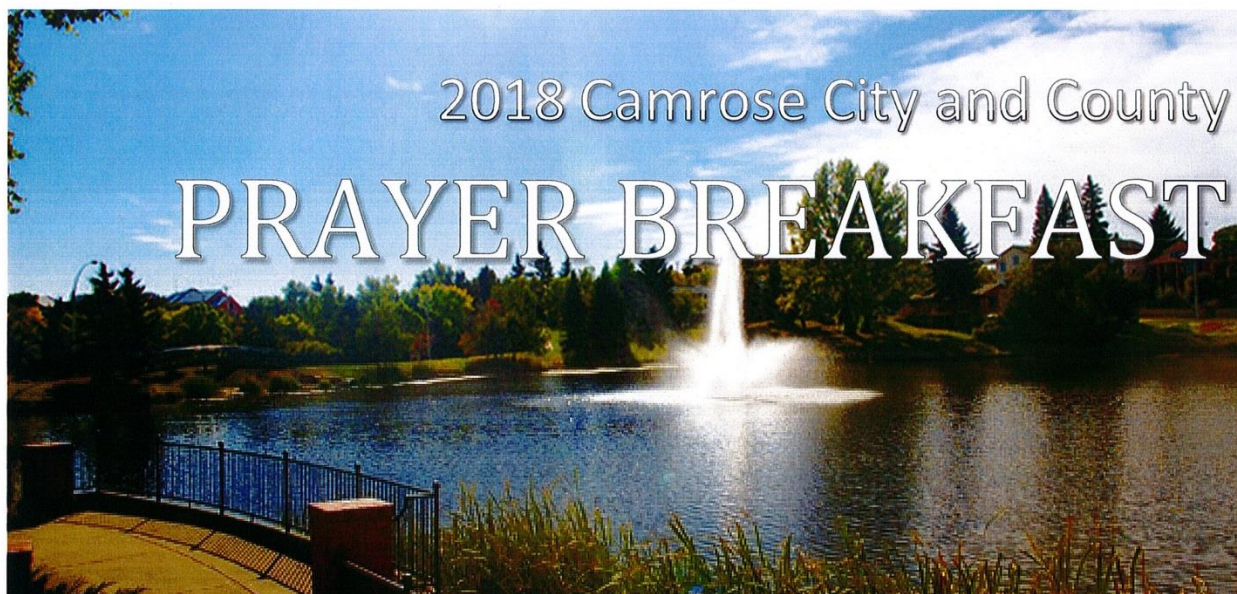
**O - Opportunity**

**P - Planning**

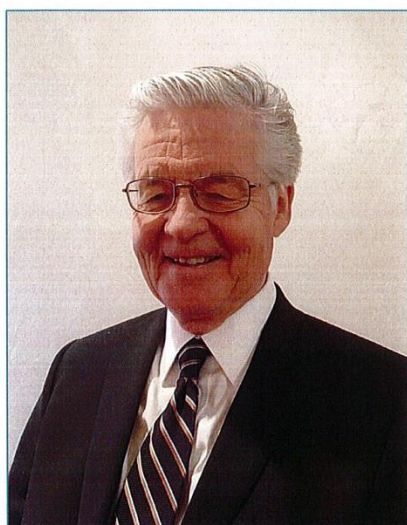
**E - Empowerment**

To Register:  
780-679-4975 Ext. 0

Email:  
outreach@  
camrosewomenshelter.org



Hosted by Mayor Norm Mayer and Reeve Don Gregorwich



Guest Speaker:  
Judge Darrell Riemer

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

7:30 am to 9:00 am

Best Western Camrose Resort

\$25.00/ticket or \$200/table of 8

Includes Deluxe Breakfast Buffet  
and Programme

Tickets are available from:

- City Hall
- Camrose County
- Wisemen's Way Bookstore
- Members of the Camrose Ministerial Association
- Most local church offices

To reserve a place at the 2018 Camrose City & County Prayer Breakfast, please call 780-672-3461 or email [camroseprayer@gmail.com](mailto:camroseprayer@gmail.com) before May 4<sup>th</sup>.

# Prayers of the People



**Dear Lord,** we give thanks for the month just passed and for the one set before us. Thank you for the end of winter, and for spring which lightens our hearts and turns our thoughts to summer.

- Thank you for our Pastors, Calvin Skriver and Bev Swanson. Thank you for their ministry among us. Thank you too for our Bishops – Larry Kochendorfer and Susan Johnson and the assistant to the Bishop, Julianne Barlow. These leaders are your gift to the Church. We ask your care for them and your accompaniment for them and their families;
- We ask your ongoing accompaniment with the Sunday School, youth group, confirmation class, adult class, bible study groups and the MLW as well as the ecumenical activities in which we engage that all may be done to your glory and honour; Help us to reach out in meaningful ways to newcomers in our community, to young and old, to refugees seeking a place to call home and to others transferring in for work or retirement. May we be an open and caring community; Please bless the work of the Refugee Centre here at Messiah, and that of the co-operating congregations;
- We pray for the staff: Sheila Becker, Doreen Brewer, Lowell Dahlman, Ruth Jensen, Lori Mokry, Carolyn Olson, Lloyd Olson, Tova Olson and Marlys Sorenson who manage the day to day tasks. Messiah is also blessed with many volunteers and we thank you for each and every one of them. Thank you for the many talents and gifts you have blessed our people with and their generosity in sharing those talents and gifts with the congregation and the broader community. All of these people, staff and volunteers bless and enlarge the work and ministry of Messiah;
- We ask your care for shut-ins and all who worship via Cable 10 and 310 TV, may they be blessed by Word and music. We ask for strength for the lonely, the emotionally and physically ill. Please be with those who are grieving the loss of a loved one or other losses we are unaware of, you know Lord and you care;
- We ask you to be with and bless Caitlyn Erickson and Cory Martz who were married this month at Messiah and Aaron Mokry and Karly Bakker in Abbotsford, BC;
- Father, our world is in need of you. Many are wounded by war, and bear deep scars, others have been physically abused and are in need of love, compassion and understanding; still others carry HIV together with its devastating fallout; others have different inner battles and heart's cries. Please be with these wounded and desperate ones. May they find your peace and joy and love. Lord we also ask your comfort for the families of the young hockey players who were killed and those who are recovering from the accident near Humbolt, Saskatchewan this month, as well as the people who were struck by the out-of-control driver in Toronto this week. There is so much pain for people to bear – please be present to them;
- Lord, we thank you for Brian Rude and the ministry in El Salvador. We ask your presence with the George and Susan Watts family in Burundi, we also lift to you Ryan and Siobhain with Mission Aviation Fellowship in Papua New Guinea. Keep all of them safe and bless their ministries. We pray your grace and love and protection for all who share your Word around the world. Thank you for them.

We offer our thanks, and praise in the name of Jesus,

Amen



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# May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1  10:00 Staff Meeting  7:00 MLV Bible Study Briefing	2  7:00 Philippians Book Study	3  10:30 Handbells  12:00 All Staff Meeting  5:00 Witnessing Committee NO Messiah's Choristers 7:00 Confirmation	4  4:30 Camerata Dress Rehearsal  7:00 Worm Composting Workshop	5  8:45 Men's Bible Study  10:00 Aging Transitions  7:00 Camerata Concert
6 <b>Easter 6</b>  9:15 Sunday Morning Adult Education 9:30 Friendship Club 10:30 Sunday School  10:30 Worship Service 11:45 Coffee Fellowship	7 <b>Council Report Due</b>  10:30 Lectio  7:00 Camerata	8  10:00 Staff Meeting  1:00 Learning Committee	9  7:00 Philippians Book Study	10  9:30 Worship Committee  10:30 Handbells  6:00 Confirmation BBQ Campfire 6:30 Messiah's Choristers	11 <b>ANNUAL REPORTS DUE</b>	12  8:45 Men's Bible Study
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20 <b>Pentecost Sunday Food Bank Sunday</b>  9:15 Sunday Morning Adult Education 9:30 Friendship Club 10:30 Sunday School  10:30 Worship Service 11:45 Potluck	21 <b>Victoria Day Office Closed</b>  <b>GARAGE SALE DONATIONS DROP OFF 10:00 am to 3:00 pm (Mary Broen will unlock the church)</b>  12:00 Meals on Wheels	22 <b><u>Last Day for</u></b>  <b>GARAGE SALE DONATIONS DROP OFF 9:00 am to 3:00 pm</b>  10:00 Staff Meeting  12:00 Meals on Wheels	23  12:00 Meals on Wheels	24  <b>9:00 am—6:00 pm Huge Garage Sale</b>  12:00 Meals on Wheels	25 <b>Messenger Delivery</b>  <b>9:00 am—6:00 pm Huge Garage Sale</b>  12:00 Meals on Wheels  6:00 Confirmation Banquet	26
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