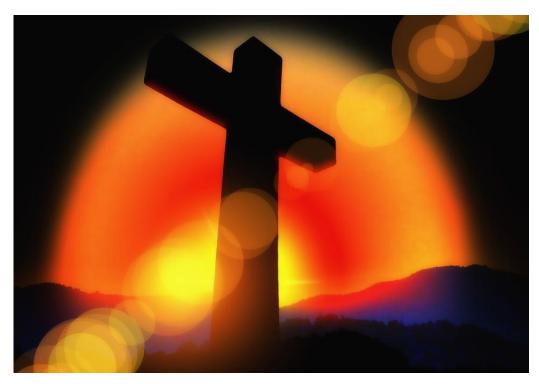


MESSIAH MESSENGER

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

9:00 P.M TO NOON AND 1:00-3:00 P.M. CHURCH BUILDING WILL BE OPEN 8:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M., MONDAY TO FRIDAY

PLEASE NOTE: Summer hours Office Hours Start Monday, June 18,

9:00 to Noon

CHURCH BUILDING OPEN: SATURDAY: 9:00 A.M. TO NOON

Regular

Sunday Worship Times

10:30 am – Worship Service 11:45 am – Coffee Fellowship

Clergy Corner



How is it that we hear?" Acts 2:8a

This was part of our text for Pentecost Sunday (May 20th). Since there is simply not enough time to talk about everything in any one sermon, I thought I'd touch on this phrase in my article this month. Here is the whole verse in NRSV: "And how is that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?"

Let's get some context. Jesus' disciples had been holed up in Jerusalem for quite a number of days. Part of the reason is that they were afraid of what might happen to them if they were wandering out and about in the community because

the uproar around Jesus was not quite over yet. But probably the biggest part of the reason they were there was that Jesus told them to wait in Jerusalem. They were waiting for Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit.

Well, Jesus' promise was kept. The Holy Spirit came – with a loud swoosh and a fiery presence! The apostles were filled and began to speak as they were given ability. I find it interesting that even though they were in a house, a crowd could hear what had happened and what they were saying.

People heard and were drawn to this strange phenomenon to figure out what was happening. It is in this confusion and excitement that we learn that "devout Jews" from other countries, but now living in Jerusalem said, "How is it that we hear?"

There are a few things about this that I'd like to point out. First off, these people were hearing something that made sense to them. It was in their own language that they heard. It was in terms they could understand. Often I think we feel that what we know and believe about God will not be "understood" by others. They may not understand in the same way we do, but God's good news message is not limited to our way of thinking and speaking.

Next, those "strangers" were surprised because no one would expect a bunch of backwater Galileans to be able to identify with people from the far reaches of the world, from different and varied backgrounds. This was a wonder indeed but I think it is also an important lesson and encouragement for us. Just because we are not "worldly" people does not mean that God won't or can't use us to share about what God is up to. The God who has impacted us can and does have an impact on other people – even if they are part of another generation or another culture or another wrung of economic ladder. "God's deeds of power" (Acts 2:11b) can be communicated to everyone.

We may have to work very hard at developing our skills of communication. We may have to work diligently at learning about other cultures or generations and what is important to them and how they think. We do this so that we can be effective in sharing about God. But we also can be encouraged that God's message is something that can enhance and change their lives as it has ours. We may also be surprised, from time to time, at how quickly God can prepare us for the tasks we are called to do in Jesus' name.

What are people hearing from you about God that surprises them, and you?

If you have questions, comments, concerns – anything:

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

Pastor Calvin

Clergy Corner



BAPTIZED AND FREE!

This has been a wonderful month of celebrating milestones. Many youth graduated from across the province. (Many of whom were confirmed here in our worship not that long ago) And just this Sunday our confirmation students will be confirmed. We are getting ready.

There are many important milestones in our lives... special birthdays, anniversaries, celebrations of every sort. These moments are times to look back and take note of where we are on our journey; and give thanks for the presence of our God with us each step of the way.

As we have been processing this time with our confirmation students in their closing classes... we have reminded them that this is indeed not an ending... but a time to remember God's faithfulness in every moment of their lives and as they wake each morning, they are washed in the waters of baptism and are made new in Christ. And as we move through our days, we too are continually washed and continually made new by the one who has loved us and claimed us as his own. 2 Corinthians 5:17 promises, "If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new!"

What a wonderful reality we carry with us as we claim our place as God's children in this world! What a hope we have as we move through our days. Indeed it is not the end...it is a continuation of many beginnings as we are made new moment by moment by our Lord Jesus. It is from this place that we move forward into the world. Baptized daily and set free to live and walk in the Spirit. We are then set free to love as we have been loved. And so these moments that we celebrate are not only an ending... they are continuation of our life in Christ. From here we move into the next moment of living in the grace of God, called to share that love and grace with the world.

Elizabeth Gilchrist, Kjel Gusdal, Andrew Hohm, Lauren Payne Makaylla Wildeman I would like to take this chance to say huge congratulations to our high school graduates who are nearing the end of their first twelve years of education and looking toward what is next for them.

I would also like to name our confirmands who are being confirmed this Sunday, May 27. May you all know God's love as you continue to grow in his grace and as the Spirit of the Living God walks with you each day... Baptized and Free!

LET US PRAY FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AS THEY TAKE THESE NEW STEPS IN THEIR LIVES.

"Spirit of the Living God, you are ever with us, washing us and renewing us in your saving love. As we celebrate with our young people we ask that you shower them with your blessing, your Karlee Brosius, Willis Didriksen, Aiden Elaschuk, Brandon Fletcher, Hannah Hasselbohm, Dylan Pudlowski, Rylee Scheck, Molly Schulmeister

love and your grace. May they always know that you are with them and remind them always to walk close to you as you dwell within them. This we pray in Jesus Name," AMEN.

In anticipation of who our youth are, and will be, in this world - reflecting Gods love to all they meet.

Pastor Bev





Dear Beloved of God

Soon we will gather in Convention in Camrose – University of Alberta 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.

This month I share more Convention highlights, in addition to those mentioned in my May 2018 Message.

Worship is a significant focus of Convention as we will begin and close each day with worship. A Worship Committee, chaired by Carolyn Ethier and including Chaplain Jeff Decelle, Colleen McGinnis, Rev. Kathy Calkins, Robyn Simpson-Mohr, and Dr. Joy Berg has planned a series of unique services to bless and enrich our worship time together.

The celebratory Opening Eucharist with organ and brass begins in the Chapel at 2:00 pm on Thursday, June 14. We gather again in the chapel for Thursday evening's Jazz Vespers, a time of prayer as well as remembrance of those who have died. Each day we share in Morning Eucharist with a time of Dwelling in the Word in the convention hall. Our brief Sending Worship, with installation of Synod Council, Synod Secretary and Lutheran Theological Seminary rostered representative and Blessing of the Bishop, is scheduled for 3:00 pm on Saturday, June 16. Offerings will be shared equally between the Lutheran World Federation Endowment Fund and the ABT Synod Bishop's Discretionary Fund.

There will be a Convention choir singing at the Opening Eucharist service that you are welcome to join. The practice for the Convention choir will be held in the Convention Hall at 12:30 pm on Thursday, June 14. Dr. Joy Berg will lead the choir.

We will gather Friday evening for a celebratory banquet honouring those with ordination anniversaries, as well as the first recipient of The Synod of Alberta and the Territories Stephen D. Wildfang Leadership Award.

Video presentations highlighting our four mission priorities through story will be shared throughout the Convention and each delegate/congregation will receive a DVD of the same and discussion guide for use in their own context.

New this year: Registrants to the Convention are invited to register for Friday and Saturday "Lunch and Learn" events. Up to 25 registrants will meet in identified rooms for lunch and further conversation with: National Bishop Susan Johnson on ELCIC Global Mission, President Bill Harrison from Lutheran Theological Seminary, The Rev. Dr. Brian Rude, our guests from Colombia, CLWR and Jeff Pym with ELFEC (Evangelical Lutheran Foundation of Eastern Canada). All other registrants will have their lunch in the cafeteria.

Also new for this Convention is an invitation for submissions of artwork to be displayed in the convention hall, reflecting the theme of the convention. Thanks to each contributor. I am looking forward to walking through the art gallery.

Throughout the Convention as you worship, listen, pray, discern and share stories registrants are invited to write their thoughts to the following two statements on sticky notes and to post them to the large print paper in

the convention hall: "I am hearing God say to us...", and, "I sense that one of the places the Spirit is inviting our Synod to join with God in God's work is..." These will be gathered and reviewed for action at the September 2018 retreat of Synod Council.

As we gather from across our Synod it is my prayer that together we will be open to the Spirit's work among us...shaping...transforming...reworking...guiding...and that we will know the reality of the words of Paul to the church in Rome (15:13): "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."

In Christ Jesus Bishop Larry Kochendorfer

Pastoral Acts

Baptisms: Brandon Fletcher

Marriages:

Shalene Stevens & Jonathan Hart

Funerals: Inga Hansen



Memorials

Special Gifts since last reported:

In Memory of:

News From our Missionary in El Salvador



Come one, Come all! Special visit by Rev. Brian Rude

Rev. Brian Rude for whom we pray each Sunday, and for whose ministry in El Salvador offerings are regularly gathered, will be speaking at the Coffee Fellowship on Sunday, June 17.

In this setting he will be able to share more openly about his life and ministry in El Salvador, and will be answering those questions you have always wanted to ask him!

Submitted by Ray Blacklock on behalf of the World Mission Group



Kuimba Senior High Choir

Kuimba is Messiah's newest choir of grades 10 to 12 youth. They will be performing at Provincials on May 27. (See May Messenger, page 8 for more details.) This enthusiastic, high energy group will be sharing their music in a concert at Messiah on Friday, June 8 at 7:00 pm. Come and enjoy some amazing music and singing!

Gluten-free Communion Bread

The Worship Committee has baked gluten-free communion bread. The recipe came to them from The Church of the Cross in Calgary. The intention is that this bread will be offered on the third Sunday of each month as well as on festival Sundays. At the same time, regular wafers will be available. The ingredients for the bread are as follows:

2 cups gluten free all-purpose flour 1 t baking powder 1 t baking soda ½ t salt ¾ c sugar 1/3 c canola oil ¾ c coconut milk 1 1/4 c unsweetened applesauce

Submitted by the Worship Committee

May Council Highlights

- Jonathan Hawkins opened with devotions, based on the May 15 reading from Oswald Chambers'
 devotional collection My Utmost for His Highest. In a season filled with things like Annual Meetings
 and University Convocations (and other significant, but often stressful events), Chambers'
 encouragement to readers, as children of God, to allow God to work in/through us to 'rise to the
 occasion', no matter what the situation or trial, seemed timely.
- Council considered its standing item of increasing spiritual growth and expanding relationships within
 the congregation in context of potential priorities for the upcoming year. Discussion included creating
 more opportunities for prayer, expanding small group studies, developing relationships with other
 congregations, and reviewing the Call to Spiritual Renewal resource at 'www.elcic.ca/csr'. Other
 topics included congregational visitation (by pastors and parishioners), loneliness, Stephen ministry,
 teaching, and continuing to support the various committees in their work.
- Committees have been requested to review their Terms of Reference and report their suggested changes back to Council. Some committees have begun to work on this, with Worship already recommending some minor changes.
- New basement chairs have been ordered the company will provide a firm time frame once they
 finalize fabric requests. Support will coordinate the involvement of extra assistance in unloading
 when delivery occurs.
- The work of the Nominating Committee is going well. One additional committee member is still required for Worship and Witnessing.
- The World Mission Group has proposed that the interest from the Endowment Fund New Ministries
 be directed to a new ministry in Columbia, which will be coordinated with the Synod and the Church in
 Columbia. Council approved the presentation of this request to the Congregation at the Annual
 General Meeting.
- Church lockup has been managed for some time by various Support Committee members the
 Committee is now creating an ad hoc group with 3-year terms to specifically coordinate and oversee
 this task.
- The new Messiah website is in operation. The web address remains the same –
 www.messiahcamrose.ca to help maintain news and relationships with people once connected to
 Messiah but no longer in Camrose.
- Support has appointed Lois Larson as the new manager of the web site. Committees and
 congregational groups are being asked to review their material on the website and give feedback to
 her, as well as requested updates and changes.
- Messiah also has a new email address: office@messiahcamrose.ca.

- A new refugee family is coming soon. Pastor Calvin is helping the refugee group coordinate the preparations for their arrival.
- The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. The Next Regular Council Meeting is Tuesday,
- June 19, 2018.



Messiah's Annual Meeting,

Sunday,

June 10

following a Sandwich & Salad

potluck lunch

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Another fun and successful Sunday School year comes to an end and the Learning Committee would like to thank some wonderful volunteers.

- Loretta Foshaug- Registrar AND Curriculum and Materials Coordinator
- Emma Gjesdal and Lori Skriver Song Leaders
- Carol Haugen Teacher Scheduling
- Michelle Kennedy-Hawkins Program Coordinator and Communications
- Cheryl Nester Liaison to Learning Committee

...and our AMAZING teachers: Darlene Dahle, Deanna Didriksen, Stephanie Enright, Emma Gjesdal, Michelle Kennedy-Hawkins, Kelly Moseson and Cheryl Nester

Thanks also to parents and snack providers. Most of all, we are thankful for the small but energetic group of Sunday School kids who regularly demonstrate openness and delight in learning about Jesus. Thanks be to God!

Quotable quotes from Forbidden Fruit Creates many Jams

Count your blessings, not your problems. Death is not a dead end but a fork in the road.

Recipient of Honorary Degree

On May 4th 2018 Lutheran Theological Seminary in Saskatoon awarded Dr. David Dahle an Honorary Doctor of Christian Letters degree. This was in recognition of his commitment, during his 36-year teaching career at Augustana, to introducing students, including future clergy, to the Greek language and culture.

Participants in the ceremony included the following: Top right hand corner - Rev. Dr. Larry Kochendorfer, Bishop of Alberta and the Territories, who read the citation; Rev. Dr. Gordon Jensen, Seminary Professor, who adjusted the hood; Rev. Dr. Bill Harrison, President of LTS, who presented the degree; Rev. Sauer, Bishop of Manitoba and Northern Ontario, who congratulated David.



Former Greek students who have gone on to the ministry are currently serving in all five synods of the ELCIC. David also has former students serving in the United States as well as in other denominations. Some students who became (or were) pastors that members of Messiah might know are Rev. Bonnie Arends, Rev. Rick Bergh, Rev. Ron Flamand, Rev. Dr. Gordon Jensen, Rev. Dr. Larry Kochendorfer Rev. Rob Lewis Rev. Lyle

Kochendorfer, Rev. Rob Lewis, Rev. Lyle

McKenzie, Rev. Colin Millang, Rev. Fred Morck, Rev. Daryl Olson, Rev. Ken Roset,
Rev. Dr. Brian Rude, Rev. Craig Wentland, Rev. Kristian Wold, Rev. Paul Sartison,
and Ben Wyatt (intern). Local laypeople who took Greek from David include Laura
Johnson, Dennis Olsen, Helen Samm, Jon Stolee, John Skriver and Dan Wold.



Hastings Lake Bible Camp

COME CELEBRATE CAMP'S 80th ANNIVERSARY!

Saturday, July 7th, 2018

10:00 am - Coffee Noon – Lunch Afternoon - Volleyball Fest, Self-Guided Tours, Bouncy Castles, Coffee 5:00 pm - Celebration Supper 7:00 pm - Celebration Service 9:00 pm – Campfire 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

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
Donate Monthly (\$80 per month), or
Donate Now (single donation \$960)



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



Mark your Calendars: Starting July 4 at 10:00 am



We will be hosting our Wednesday, Summer Picnic Table Coffee Fellowship.



Come and join us and fill the Messiah Picnic tables every Wednesday.

NEWS BRIEFS Canadian Lutheran



Thank You

Thank you to all the quilters, and to all who contributed to and made up the various We Care kits. Thank you to the Wednesday Workers who hauled the packed boxes to Home Hardware. We are grateful to Home Hardware for transporting the boxes free of charge to Winnipeg. Thank you to all who contributed money to the **Seeds of Hope** appeal

to build irrigation ditches in Ethiopia. \$1985.00 was sent through the congregation and several more donations were given directly to CLWR.

Refugee Support in Uganda

The Government of Canada has provided CLWR with \$3.9 million for a two-year project which began April 1, 2018. CLWR will be contributing \$100,000 to bring the total funding project to \$4 million. The project will address emergencies, protection, health, sanitation and employment opportunities for 40,000 South Sudanese refugees living in Uganda and also to help people in communities who are hosting them.



Canadian Foodgrains Bank



Many Canadian farmers representing 30 denominations help people who don't have enough to eat through a Canadian Foodgrains Bank growing project that raises money for CLWR. Through the project, local farmers grow, tend and market a crop to raise funds to help end hunger around the world. In this 35th anniversary year of this organization, we are

encouraged to join them in celebrating by making a special donation to the **CLWR Working** Together appeal. This donation will be matched by the Government of Canada 4:1.



HOPE

WHEN: Every 3rd Tuesday of the

Month

WHERE: Messiah Lutheran Church

4810 - 50th 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

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Prayers of the People



Dear Lord, we give thanks for the month just passed and for the one set before us. Thank you 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;
- As we come to the windup of our many of our ministries over the summer we ask your ongoing accompaniment with the students of Sunday School, youth group, confirmation class, adult class, bible study groups and the MLW. Thank you for faithful teachers and leaders;
- 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 Messiah 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. Father, we have many talented and generous people, staff and volunteers, in this community of faith. We ask your continued blessing and guidance on each one of them as they go about their work in the world around them and in our congregation. Thank you for faithful people who bless our lives;
- We ask your care for shut-ins and all who worship via Cable 10, 310, 610 TV and internet streaming. Thank you for our enlarged ministry through this network, may the listeners be blessed by Word and music. We ask for strength for the lonely and the emotionally and physically ill. Please be with those who are grieving the loss of a loved one or other losses we are not aware of, you know Lord and you care;
- Thank you for confirmand Brandon Fletcher who was baptized this month in his confirmation class. May he continue to walk in faith with you all the days of his life; we ask your accompaniment with the family of Inga Hansen as they grieve her death; we ask you to be with and bless Shalene and Jonathan Hart who were married at Messiah this past month. Thank you for them and the home they are establishing.
- Father, we look to you to sustain us in this world that seems to continue to challenge our faith and pull us into despair as we look around us, keep us from despair and sorrow and help us to continue to look to you;
- 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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