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Back to School Prayer

Dear Lord,

Use my eyes to **see** new friends. Open
my ears to **hear** my teachers. Open my
mind to **learn** new things. Let my
heart **remember** you are near
when I'm afraid. Help me to **love** others
like you do. I want to **shine** your light so
bright in my school.

Amen



Let this be our September prayer...not just for our students in school, but
for all of us in our homes, workplaces and Church too!

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS RESUME TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2018:

Regular Sunday Worship Times

10:30 am – Worship Service

11:45 am – Coffee Fellowship

Resuming September 9:

9:15 am – Adult Class

9:45 am – Friendship Club

10:30 am – Sunday School

OFFICE HOURS

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

CHURCH BUILDING WILL BE OPEN

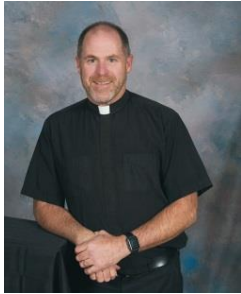
MONDAY TO FRIDAY

8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

SATURDAY

9:00 AM TO NOON

Clergy Corner



“Be doers of the word, and not merely hearers” James 1:22a

Here comes September!

I hope and trust that many of us have had a good summer: gardening, fishing, camping, vacationing, walking, swimming, boating, relaxing and whatever else you love to do while the weather is warmer. These things are important to keep us healthy and balanced in our lives – ready for other activities that often focus on people and needs outside ourselves.

We now move into the harvest season, into a new school year, into shorter and cooling days, basically into “regular routines”. The same is true of our congregational life. Our Learning Committee has been gearing up and the same will be true for our other committees and the council. I hope you will have some place and part in the routine of our life together as we move through fall and into winter. If you don’t, please call me or Bev or the office and we will try to get you connected in.

Worship is a central piece of what we do together. We gather to hear the word of God from scripture, in prayer, in song and through our sacraments. It is important to do this well. To do worship well, it is important to have as many people as possible preparing, helping, supporting and simply “being there”. I am glad so many of us have been able to do this over the summer months and look forward to all of us making Sunday worship a regular part of our routine.

The apostle James knew the importance of joining together in worship and hearing the word of God. He also knew that our relationship with God is more than just worship. Prayer, reading, listening and singing: these things help to prepare us for the routine of being children of God in the world. James points out that what results from hearing God’s word is “doing” God’s word.

Again, I am so thankful that we have many ways of “doing” God’s word in and through our congregation. There are many of us who “do” God’s word at times even where there is not a direct connection to the working of Messiah Lutheran Church. Wonderful! Keep on with responding to God’s presence in your life by “doing the word”.

James continues to encourage those hearing his letter to be a little less introspective and to find a little more inspiration in the word of God. Sometimes organizations, in trying to do the very best, get a little bit too focused on making sure things are done “right” (according to rules and guidelines and making sure everyone agrees) but in this regulating, some things don’t actually get “done”. May we avoid this as much as possible.

God’s word inspires and gets our hearts and minds and bodies into “doing mode”. Which is a reflection of what God is always up to: feeding, healing, comforting, encouraging, cajoling, and loving. This is what we are intended to be up to.

Sometimes we wonder what it is that we are supposed to “do”. James talks about this “doing” as caring for orphans and widows in their distress. I suspect that the intention here is to care for any who are in distress. We at Messiah do this already in many ways. This is good. Are there others that we can help? Are there resources we have been gifted with that can be used to care for people in distress? How about you? Have you resources or abilities or time to do God’s word with that are not being used? I welcome your insights, questions or comments!

Call me at 780-672-3444

Email me at: 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



LETTING GO...SO WE CAN OPEN

It is almost the end of August. The summer went by so quickly it seems. Soon the trees will be letting go of their leaves. I can feel it in the air as the temperature chills and sun is not as warm. Indeed it is a time of both letting go of summer and picking up as programs, schools and schedules begin.

There is also a freshness in the fall air...unless...like ourselves...it comes with a flooded basement. Yes...and with that a musty smell...which is gone now, but not without a lot of dehumidifying.

We came home from the mountains to a mess. Things were piled upon themselves and unearthed. Thanks to some wonderful generous people who came, moved boxes out of harm's way, and began the process of drying it out.

There is something rather frustrating about finding things literally "unearthed". It felt like everything in our world was literally turned up-side-down. It was also hard to find that people now know what lies beneath and in your carpet and under your furniture. It is very embarrassing to have things opened for others to see. I am sure many of you know just what I mean. And yet as we brought things out into the light and let our wounded egos go...we found that facing the reality of our basement unearthed gave us the freedom to do something new. We began to throw stuff out...sort and create new space. It actually feels lighter now.

We could actually see that which was encumbering us...and needed to go. We could appreciate creating new space and we could open to letting go of stuff we had hung on to for who knows what reason...which was strangely not easy to do. It was a bit of a forced cleanse.

As we let go of "stuff" and as we made decisions about what was important to keep for a bit longer, we felt spaciousness and new life enter our being, our basement and our home. What was a struggle became a blessing in many ways. (Although I am not sure my husband Dale is quite there yet...)

Isn't this how it is in our walk with God? There are so many things that we hang on to things that are helpful in our spiritual lives...sin that daily that binds us, habits that die hard, relationships gone wrong, struggles with addictions...the list could go on. They weigh us down. They get old and musty and then they hide underneath our lives affecting how we live in relationship to others and to God.

When we allow the Spirit to shed some light on things and let God unearth that which holds us down...we find we are set free...no long weighed down by sin. New life enters. New spaciousness in our souls arrives and we can create and think in new ways once more.

We are empowered to walk more free to love.

Our home strangely feels so much lighter. There's lots more "stuff" that needs tending to in our basement space but this is a great start.

It is indeed a process...this spiritual unearthing. There will always be moments when the Holy Spirit wants to cull our souls...help us to get rid of the stuff that is encumbering us. For the God who loves us truly wants us to walk free and able to move freely.

In Hebrews 12:1 we hear these words:

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us,"

Like our basement...where our family now has room to move, where our son has room to play and our daughter has places for friends to hang out...it is so much easier to move in our lives. In much the same way we can move toward our goal of following our Lord when we are not laden down with things that hold us back.

As the fall sets in....and the leaves fall from the trees...there is a letting go that takes place...a letting go that allows for new life to enter. Let us also let go of those things that hold us back from being free in Christ so that we can live and move freely sharing the gift of God's love with others.

Thanks be to God...for all that has been provided so that this can be so!

Blessings as you open this fall to all that awaits you,
Pastor Bev





Dear Beloved of God –

Immediately following the June 14-16, 2018 Synod Convention, the Synod of Alberta and the Territories was pleased to host a Global Consultation which included Companion Synod partners: The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia (IELCO), the South Carolina ELCA Synod, the SE Minnesota ELCA Synod, ELCA Global Mission staff and the Synod of Alberta and the Territories.

Bishop Atahualpa Hernandez from IELCO had requested the Consultation in order to further our conversation and deepen our expression of communion following the November 2016 International Consultation held in Peru.

As we gathered, the consultation participants often referred to the Emmaus story of the disciples walking together and Jesus coming among them. The global mission's accompaniment model is one of walking together in solidarity, side by side, practicing interdependence and mutuality, in service to God's mission. The values of the accompaniment model are interconnected, and include mutuality, inclusivity, sustainability, vulnerability and empowerment. The core purpose of these relationships, this accompaniment, is God's mission.

The devotions one morning focused on Revelation 7:9-12, "After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands" (vs. 9).

"Here," shared the devotion leader, "here in this text from Revelation we see God's dream of one global congregation. Gathered are the Colombians, those from the United States and Alberta. One global congregation speaking a multitude of languages. One global congregation standing before the throne and before the Lamb. Here we see God's vision. Here we see God's dream of one global congregation."

I experienced this one global congregation when together with Tricia (Ariza) Hoepfner from Ascension, Edmonton we facilitated our Synod Delegation's journey to Colombia July 26-August 7. Our journey, primarily to the rural congregations and ministries of IELCO outside of Bogota, was life-transforming as together we learned of the vast and important ministries: seniors, displaced, marginalized, children through visits to three of the four IELCO schools, single mothers, deaf children and youth, after school meals and homework assistance, various congregational ministries...and most importantly, the significance of relationships...meeting with the leadership of the Lutheran World Federation's World Services office, meeting most of the pastors of IELCO, worship, generous hospitality...one global congregation.

Personally, I was refreshed through the journey and the relationship within the delegation, and the conversations with many friends previously met in Colombia...dear dear friends. And refreshed in the values of family and relationships, faith and hospitality.

Global relationships are complex, and they require time and attention to sustain, but how life-giving as together we live into God's one global congregation dream.

In Christ Jesus –

Shalom,

+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)

Bishop Atahualpa and I in deep conversation...again.



Cathy and me with several of the graduating Grade 11 students and with several of the Grade 2 students – the Lutheran School at Sogamoso, Colombia.



Pastoral Acts

Baptisms:

Lukas Brewer
Logan Brewer
Thomas Ofrim

Marriages:

Monika Thygesen & Keith Nelson

Funerals:

Ingrid Jensen
Klifford Westby

New Members:

Luella Lindseth
Jacqueline Lovely
Unangoni Opelo
Nathan Pinno



Memorials

**Special gifts since last
reported in loving memory of:**

Ingrid Jensen
Klifford Westby

Sunday School resumes on **Sunday, September 9th !!**

As in the past few years, children are invited to participate in the Sunday morning worship service until right after the Children's Message, at which time they leave together to go downstairs for Sunday School. Blessing of the Backpacks, Registration and Kick Off will take place on September 9th.

Hey Kids!
Invite a friend...
Invite your cousin...
Invite your neighbour...
Welcome someone new to Sunday School!!



Now would be a great time to offer to help out with Sunday School! We need teachers, teacher assistants, snack providers, library helpers, organizers, and more! Call Cheryl Nester 780-855-3863 if you have questions and/or you're interested in being part of this IMPORTANT ministry.



New...beginning this Messenger, we will be recognizing the monthly baptismal anniversaries of the children in the Splash program:

Cohen Skriver – September 20

Hadley Hahn – September 25

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

...from Messiah's Learning Committee...

Sunday Morning Adult Class

Resumes on Sunday, September 9th.

Time: 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

Place: Messiah Basement Auditorium

Introducing: NOOMA

A series of short videos promoting spiritual reflections on individual life experiences and the exploration of our world from a perspective of Jesus.

In consultation with Pastor Calvin and Pastor Bev, the Learning Committee has chosen to start this year's Sunday Morning Adult Class sessions with NOOMA. The name NOOMA comes from a phonetic spelling of the Greek word (pneuma / πνευμα) meaning "wind", "spirit", or "breath".

"NOOMA is an invitation to search, question, and join the discussion."



Adult Class sessions will start with the viewing of a 10-14 minute video featuring Christian teacher Rob Bell. Real-life situations and stories along with Christian commentary are featured in these highly engaging videos. Questions, discussion and sharing will follow each DVD presentation and will be facilitated by Pastor Calvin and/or Pastor Bev. Watch your weekly church bulletin for more details on topics and titles.

Come and check it out! Sessions will run throughout September and in to October. They do not have to be seen consecutively to be appreciated so come when you can or come to them all. See you then!

Church Council Highlights

The next meeting of Church Council will be on Tuesday, September 18 at 5:00 pm.
Watch for the highlights in the October issue of the Messenger.

MLW Highlights



The warm, sunny holidays of summer are soon behind us. Daily routines of scheduled commitments and appointments are soon to begin, as we enter September. So here is a reminder that our Messiah Lutheran Women will once again return to our monthly Bible Studies. We have three more lessons in the study of the book of Esther. January, 2019 will see us begin a Bible Study series on Prayer.

A MLW General Meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 24th at 7:00 pm. Gentleness Circle is in charge of the program. Charity Circle will serve us refreshments. We trust that many will attend this General Meeting. Election of new officers to replace members who are leaving their "post" will take place. Remember the Bible Camp slogan – "Glad to be of Service?" Our MLW needs you!

God Bless,
MLW Executive

LUNCHFEST Sunday, September 9

11:45 am
in the Fellowship Centre
Witnessing Committee
will be serving
ALL ARE WELCOME



FOOD BANK SUNDAY

September 16

Remembering God's love for us, let us give generously and fill the empty cart with Love. Back to school can be very difficult for people and your gifts of groceries and other daily needs products will be much appreciated.



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| -Pasta and Sauce | -Baby Food or Baby Formula |
| -Canned Fish or Meat | -Baby diapers |
| -Peanut Butter | -Toiletries |
| -Powdered Milk | -Soap |
| -Soup | -Shampoo |
| -Canned Fruit or Vegetables | -Feminine hygiene products |
| -Granola Bars / Cookies / Crackers | -Deodorant |
| -Juice Boxes and other items for school lunches | |

CONFIRMATION CONNECTION



For grades 7- 8 Confirmation will be starting towards the end of September. We would like to know who will be joining us this year. So if you are planning to attend confirmation please call the office and get your name on the list, along with your contact information, and we will make sure that you are contacted when we are ready to begin classes.

We will begin with a parent meeting. Each family will be called so that you know the start date and the time of that meeting.

Please call the office to register at 780-672-3444.

We are looking forward to another wonderful year together!

Pastor Bev

YOUTH CONNECTION

Junior Youth - Lawn games...if weather permits followed by campfire on Saturday, September 22 from 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm.
Stay tuned for where to meet.
All pre-teens welcome!



Senior Youth - watch your email or the bulletin for start-up announcement.

MATINS & MUFFINS



On Wednesday mornings at 7:00 am in the Chapel, you are invited to join us in a service of Morning Prayer. This has been an ancient part of our Christian heritage where we sing, pray and meditate on God's Word. Muffins are an added bonus!

*Lectio...Journeying Through Prayer
will resume Monday, September 17 at 10:30am*

This group is for those of you who love to sit together in silence and hear the Word, sharing together how this word reaches into your hearts and souls. Gather with us in the Lounge every Monday morning at 10:30 am.

This is not a closed group. You may come and go as your schedule allows. All are welcome. For more information call Norma at 780-672-7902.



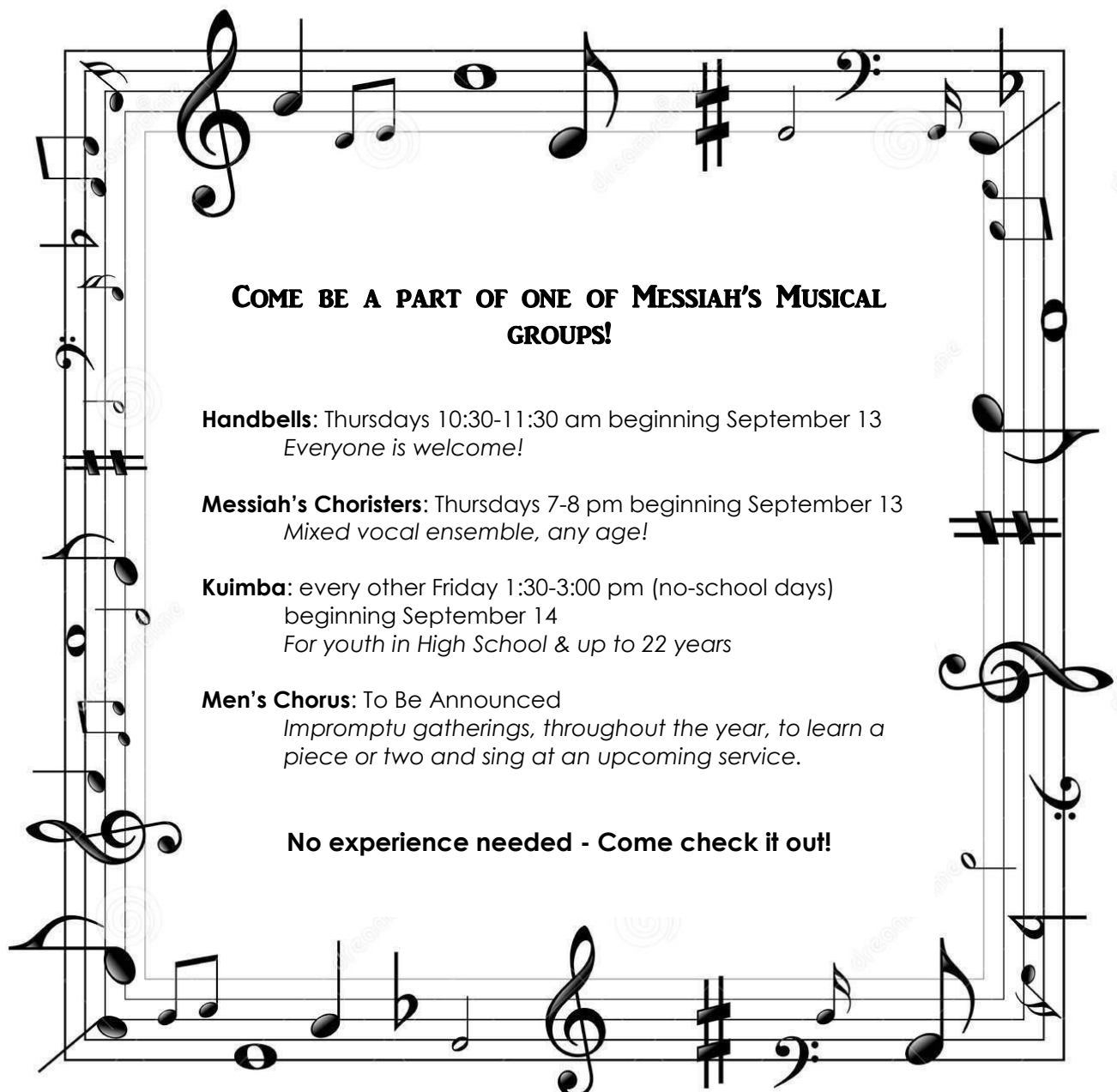
Bible Study & Fellowship Opportunity For Men of All Ages



A study of the lessons for the next day's worship service takes place each Saturday morning at 8:45 am in the Basement Lounge.

Start-up date is Saturday, September 8

All Men Welcome for Study, Fellowship, and Encouragement in the Faith

A decorative border made of musical notation, including treble and bass clefs, staves, and various notes, framing the central text.

COME BE A PART OF ONE OF MESSIAH'S MUSICAL GROUPS!

Handbells: Thursdays 10:30-11:30 am beginning September 13
Everyone is welcome!

Messiah's Choristers: Thursdays 7-8 pm beginning September 13
Mixed vocal ensemble, any age!

Kuimba: every other Friday 1:30-3:00 pm (no-school days)
beginning September 14
For youth in High School & up to 22 years

Men's Chorus: To Be Announced
Impromptu gatherings, throughout the year, to learn a piece or two and sing at an upcoming service.

No experience needed - Come check it out!



Messiah's Ministry in El Salvador

Messiah members contribute to the financial support of the ministry of Rev. Brian Rude who serves in El Salvador. An organization to which he belongs there is named *IPAZ*, a coalition of representatives of several Christian denominations. In a recent statement, Rev. Rude gives us some sense of the challenge facing *IPAZ* and indeed its individual members, including Rev. Rude:

"The government has taken a firm stance against anything or anyone hinting of dialogue, including *IPAZ*. The atmosphere of weekly meetings 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 couple 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 overcome social violence remains strong."

And so our congregation and individual members in it continue to pray for Rev. Rude that he would continue to be inspired to speak and act on Christ's behalf in El Salvador.

In the three months since the new financial year started on May 1, 2018, Messiah members have contributed \$815 to this ministry in El Salvador. \$10,000 by next April 30 is the goal. Envelopes to facilitate further gifts may be found at the Welcome Centre at the rear of the sanctuary.

Messiah's World Mission Group

Messiah's WM Group will normally meet in 2018-19 on the first Monday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in members' residences. However as the first Monday in September is Labour Day, we will meet on Monday, September 10 at 2:00 p.m. at a location to be announced in the Sunday Bulletin. All those people keen to follow up on the "Great Commission" in Matthew 28 are encouraged to attend.

Submitted by Ray Blacklock, Chairperson
The World Mission Group



Sharing Jesus Christ With All People...



LIVE broadcast of worship service on Eastlink TV channels 10 & 310 & 610.

Rebroadcast of worship service on Tuesday at midnight & Wednesday at 2:00 pm.
The previous Sunday's worship service is rebroadcast on Sundays at 7:00 pm.

LIVE streaming of worship service on YouTube; search "MessiahCamrose"

Archived services are available on the
website www.messiahcamrose.ca or YouTube.



AUGUSTA VICTORIA

Augusta Victoria compound is a church-hospital complex located on the southern side of the Mount of Olives in East Jerusalem. The compound was built by the Empress Augusta Victoria Foundation in 1907-1914. Today, apart from the hospital, the complex also includes the German protestant Church of the Ascension with a 50 metre high bell tower, a meeting center for pilgrims and tourists, an interreligious kindergarten and a café, as well as the Jerusalem branch of the German Protestant Institute of Archeology.

Today, Augusta Victoria Hospital provides specialty care for Palestinians from across the West Bank and the Gaza Strip with services including a cancer center, a dialysis unit and a pediatric center. In 2016, it inaugurated a bone marrow transplantation unit. The biggest project is yet to come, the Elder Care and Palliative Medicine Institute, a 144-bed facility. It is the second largest hospital in East Jerusalem, as well as the sole remaining specialized care located in the West Bank or Gaza Strip. In 2016, the hospital had 118 inpatient beds, 52 ambulatory beds and stations, with 403 staff.

The Lutheran World Federation took over responsibility of the property after WWII, and in 1950 established a large hospital for refugees in the compound. Since then Augusta Victoria Hospital has been primarily run and financed by LWF and a United Nations agency. The hospital mission statement includes the provision of health care without regard to race, creed, gender or national origin. From 2013-2018, the hospital has received \$2,257,801.00 in funding from CLWR.

A plaque in the hospital reads:

*In Appreciation of the Government and People of Canada for their
Support in Strengthening the Augusta Victoria Hospital
In cooperation with Canadian Lutheran World Relief*

QUILTING FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Ladies, it's time to get your needle and scissors ready for our first fall day of quilting: Wednesday, September 19 at 9:00 a.m.

Only two more sessions before we pack our kits and quilts to be sent overseas to where they are needed. If you have never helped before, know that no experience is necessary. Most of us just tie the backs and fronts together. We're so grateful to those who piece and sew the tops!! Come and spend a few hours with a great group of women, doing something so needed.

Bring a bag lunch; coffee break at 10:00 am!

Next quilting dates: Wednesday, October 17 & Wednesday, November 21

Berniece Sogge



Pneumonia Vests

Connie Landstrom is planning another trip to Tanzania in September. If anyone has been knitting pneumonia vests for her to take along, please pass them on to Marilyn Hoveland by September 2 for mailing to Connie.

Visitation Team!!

For any of you who would like to be visitors for some of our church family who cannot get to worship, we are looking for people who would like to serve in this way.

Contact Pastor Calvin or Pastor Bev in the office at 780-672-3444.

Thanks!!

Contact Information Needed!!

Have you moved? Cancelled your landline?

Got a new cell phone number or changed your email address?

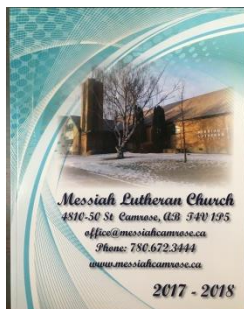
Please let the Messiah's church office know!

Send an email to office@messiahcamrose.ca or call the church office at 780-672-3444.



On behalf of our mother,
Enid Watland,
we would like to thank you for
blessing her with your presence, cards
and words of kindness at her
100th Birthday party.

With Gratitude, The Watland Family



The Pictorial Directories arrived in June. There are still a number of people, who had a picture taken for the directory, that have not yet picked up their copy – they are available at the Church office. If you did not have your photo taken or would like an extra copy of the directory they are \$15 each.

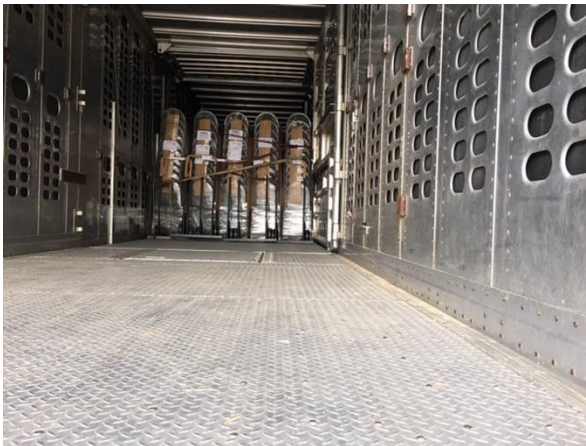
The chairs arrive!



Ready for the truck



Truck arrives



Ready to be unloaded



Unwrapping and unloading begins



Unloading two at a time – lots of wrap and cardboard!



Unloading



Unloading



Unloading – there's 250 chairs in there!



Two at a time!



We have a system!



More unloaders arrive – it's a team effort!



Out with the old and in with the new



Chairs in place – looking good!




Unloading Crew

Back row: Gordon Myrehaug, Dave Larson, Ron Foshaug, Calvin Skriver, Dave Stolee,
John Harder, Loya Steinwandt, Dean Steinwandt, Loretta Foshaug
Front row: Shirley Loewen, Bernie Williams, Art Pfeiffer, Ken Skriver, Signe Harder
Missing: Leroy Johnson, Jon Stolee, Jim Brager, Lois Larson, Ed Brewer

for more info visit retreatofourown.wordpress.com

Retreat Of Our Own 2018


**JUSTICE, GRACE, HOPE:
MAKING SENSE IN A MIXED-UP WORLD**



REV. DR. ANNA MADSEN
OMG: CENTER FOR THEOLOGICAL CONVERSATION

a theological reflection retreat
for Lutheran & Anglican
lay learners at KURIAKOS

September 14 - 16



COLOUR-CITY

**SEPTEMBER 14
7:00PM
FREE!!**

CityLights Church
Parking Lot

**PARTY!
PARTY!
PARTY!**

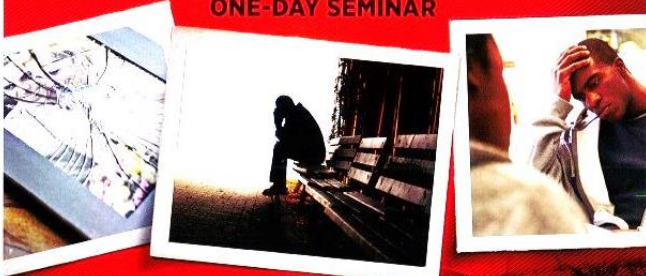
Info & This is a free event for Gr.7-12 Students!
We want to start the school year off with a bang!

Things to bring!! **A white t-shirt, colourful sunglasses, A FRIEND!**

Please Register and Sign Up @ 780-672-4261

SHARING HOPE IN CRISIS

ONE-DAY SEMINAR



**WHEN THEIR LIVES FALL APART,
HOW WILL YOU RESPOND?**

What should you say—or not say—when tragedy hits someone you know? The Billy Graham Rapid Response Team offers a one-day seminar to help you share the love of Christ with your neighbors, co-workers, and friends in crisis.

*"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."
—PSALM 46:1, NKJV*

DATE: October 13, 2018
TIME: 9:00AM-4:00PM
LOCATION: Grace Lutheran Church, 5306 50 Ave Camrose, AB
COST: \$50
REGISTRATION: BillyGraham.ca/RRTraining or 1-800-293-3717

**BILLY
GRAHAM**
Rapid Response Team

SCANDINAVIAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION
In association with
The Canadian Initiative for Nordic Studies &
UofA Scandinavian Studies

Presents
Scandinavia Sings – the Story of Nordic Choral Music

A lecture by
Joy Berg PhD

Joy Berg is Coordinator, Music, Voice &
Handbell, and Director of Choral Activities at
Concordia University of Edmonton.



Scandinavia is noted for amazing choral groups and music, and a sound that many choirs around the world want to emulate. Discover what makes this music so enticing and the sound so desirable!

Sunday, Oct. 14, 2018 – 2:30 p.m.

**Dutch Canadian Centre
Home of the Scandinavians
13312 - 142 Street NW, Edmonton**

There will also be an opportunity to learn more about the Scandinavian Studies Association and the University of Alberta's Scandinavian Studies Program. If you wish, you can make a financial contribution to the University of Alberta's Scandinavian Professorship Endowment Fund or the Scandinavian Studies Fund.

FREE ADMISSION

For more information contact 780-444-9199 or nflakstad@shaw.ca

Looking for fun?
Interested in building community where everyone is valued?
Want to meet others and discover your voice?

If so, you may be interested in



*a new musical experience offered by the
Augustana Campus of the University of Alberta and Camrose Association for Community Living*

SingAble is an inclusion community choir for singers of all abilities and levels of experience. Individuals drawn from all ages and stages of life with a desire to experience the wondrous benefits of singing are warmly welcomed to discover their unique voice and move freely to some of the most popular songs drawn from traditional, folk and contemporary styles.

The goal of *SingAble* is to provide all community members, including those who may have disabilities and exceptionalities, with the opportunity to explore and express their musical talents in a meaningful and rewarding way through song. *SingAble* will create an inclusive environment where everyone is valued, regardless of ability, background, ethnicity, or socioeconomic status.

The Augustana Campus of the University of Alberta and Camrose Association for Community Living (CAFCL) are excited about the potential of *SingAble* and about relationships that can be built within the rich musical community in Camrose. We understand that communities are naturally strengthened as we join together to share our many diverse talents and capacities.

SingAble will meet at the Augustana Faith and Life Centre Chapel between 6:45 and 8:00 pm every Tuesday night starting in October 2018. Facilitated by students in Augustana's Community Service Learning program, *SingAble* will be directed by Associate Professor, Dr. Ardelle Ries, a passionate choral director, advocate for and researcher of multigenerational and inclusion singing.

If you are interested in being part of SingAble or would like more information, please contact Camrose Association for Community Living at 780-672-0257. We look forward to joyfully singing with SingAble!

Facilitated Centering Prayer in the Augustana chapel

Will resume Thursday September 6, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. We gather every Thursday morning from 8:00 am - 8:30 am during the academic year. We invite you to join us as we release tensions, open our hearts and rest in community in God's loving presence. Centering Prayer is open to anyone.

Prayers of the People



Dear Lord, we give you thanks for summer holidays, safe travels, visiting with family and friends, rest and relaxation. Thank you for the fall before us and the harvest of gardens and fields;

- Thank you for our Pastors, Calvin Skriver and Bev Swanson. Thank you for their ministry among us. We ask your continuous care for them and their families as they transition back into the regular scheduling of fall programming and school schedules. Thank you too for our Bishops – Larry Kochendorfer and Susan Johnson and the Assistant to the Bishop, Pastor Julianne Barlow. Be with them and their families, equip them to be the leaders you desire;
- 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. Thank you for those who so willingly stepped in to cover tasks while people were vacationing. 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. Grant them joy in their service;
- We ask your blessing on our Sunday School students, Confirmation students and your help and guidance to cope with transitions in this new school year. Inspire teachers and all who are part of the work and witness of the Church in the world. Grant wisdom to our Church Council and Committees. May they all be energized and refreshed and ready to return with new vigour to their work, play and busy schedules this fall;
- Journey with our newest members at Messiah: Luella Lindseth, Jackie Lovely, Una Opelo and Nathan Pinno. Help us to reach out in meaningful ways to all 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 ask your care for shut-ins and all who worship via Cable 10, 310, 610 TV and YouTube internet streaming. Thank you for our enlarged ministry through this network, may the viewers be blessed by Word and music. We ask for strength for the lonely and the emotionally and physically ill;
- We pray for the family and friends of Ingrid Jensen and Klifford Westby as they adjust to life without their loved ones presence. Please be with all those who are grieving the loss of a loved one or other losses we are not aware of, you know Lord and you care;
- Rejoicing in the recent baptisms of Lukas Brewer, Logan Brewer and Thomas Ofrim we ask that you walk with them always and also strengthen their parents and sponsors in their own faith. Pour out your blessing on newlyweds Monika Thygesen and Keith Nelson. Thank you for the gift of their love and the support of their families and friends, may they always look to You first in their marriage;
- Father, we ask 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. Fortify those fighting the forest fires in BC, provide safety for those facing natural disasters here in Canada and around the world and comfort those subjected to human caused tragedies;
- 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 Cole 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.



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

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