



# MESSIAH MESSENGER

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## 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**

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

**9:15 am – Adult Class**

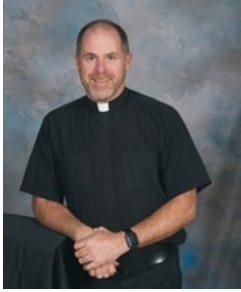
**9:30 am – Friendship Class**

**10:30 am – Sunday School**

**10:30 am – Worship Service**

**11:45 am – Coffee Fellowship**

# Minister's Message



***"God has destined us not for wrath  
but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ."  
1 Thessalonians 5:9***

***"Pray without ceasing;  
give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."  
1 Thessalonians 5:17-18***

So far it has been mostly a wet and cold September. I hope that changes soon!  
Our prayers go out for those who must wait to continue the harvest.

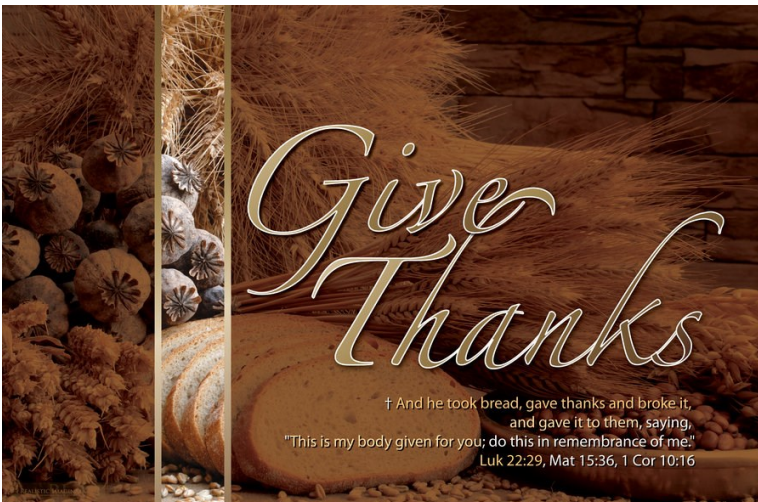
We also have been hearing of typhoons and hurricanes that have affected millions of people. Some have died. Many have been uprooted from their homes that are now destroyed. Our prayers go out for those who are suffering and for strength to those who have been charged to help people in need.

We have members and friends who have become sick, some have been hospitalized, and some have died recently. Our prayers go out for them and those who care for them. We pray for healing, for compassion and for consolation in lives of those who are hurting.

We hear of a world that seems to be becoming increasingly polarized and confrontational. For so many it seems the thoughts and deeds of others have become intolerable; the result is animosity and conflict. While conflict has always happened in the world, it feels like it is building to an imminent eruption on a large scale. We pray for the peace of God which passes all understanding and for wisdom to build bridges rather than chasms.

With all this and more happening all around and within us we may begin to wonder if there is any goodness left in the world. But there is. There is goodness; there is joy; there is happiness; there is peace; there is comfort; there is beauty. And usually we don't have to look very far.

October is the month that we take time to give thanks. Thanks for the harvest. Thanks for family and friends. Thanks for health and happiness. Thanks for good government. Thanks for a health system that performs so many wonders of healing. Thanks for people full of compassion and concern for others. Thanks for the wonder and beauty of nature. Thanks for hope for the future. Thanks for Jesus.



Jesus gave thanks. He gave thanks often in times of distress and hardship. As soon as he gave thanks there was an outpouring of abundance. Matthew, Mark and Luke each recall two times Jesus gave thanks: feeding of 5000 and last supper. Both times there was a measure of worry. Both times people received what they needed: food for the day and promise for the future.

We are encouraged to give thanks. As we thank God in any circumstance our hearts and minds are opened to the reality of the goodness that God provides and promises. As we give thanks we begin to receive the bread we need and the promise we crave.

May you be able to give thanks.  
May you receive the life that comes in, through, with and under Jesus.

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

# Minister's Message



## GIVING THANKS!

As Thanksgiving rolls around I am reminded to give thanks. I don't always find that comes easily or even naturally. So often in our lives, we can get focussed on that which is not going right...or on those things that are struggles. And yet we do have so very much to give God thanks for.

I am also aware that giving thanks comes easier on some days than on others and in some seasons in our lives than others. And sometimes if we are honest we cannot find our heart of thanks. This is indeed what it is to be human and to have human experiences as people of God.

And yet the scripture repeatedly reminds us that giving thanks is healthy for us and that a thankful heart brings joy and peace to our souls in the midst of our struggles.

What I am trying to do as this season comes into play is to remind myself of all the things I have to be thankful for and to look for things to give thanks for and to focus on the one who deserves my thanks.

I am thinking of starting once again to start writing in my "thankful journal". Giving thanks is a choice and by creating that discipline in our lives, we will indeed refocus our thoughts on the things that we can give thanks for. In doing so we will find peace that otherwise might elude us.

It is also so important to give thanks to God because God is indeed faithful and loves us.

Personally, I also want to continue to remember to focus my thanks for all that God has done to love us and to provide for us in so many ways...through forgiveness, through relationship and in unconditional love. And then of course I want to give thanks...for life and breathe itself and for God's unending grace, "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good and his mercy endures forever." Psalm 136

Thank you Lord especially for this connection with your Divine love!

One of the most profoundly uplifting Psalms that reminds us about giving thanks to a God who is ever faithful is Psalm 100. I invite you to join with me this season to meditate on this Psalm as we move through this fall season.

## Psalm 100

### A Psalm. For giving grateful praise.

- <sup>1</sup> Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.
- <sup>2</sup> Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.
- <sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD is God.  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
- <sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and praise his name.
- <sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

This season let us practise the art of giving thanks!  
With Blessing and Thanks!

Pastor Bev





# Bishop's Message



Dear Beloved of God –

Cathy and I were privileged to travel with our Synod youth and home team leaders on the ABT Synod bus trip to and from the CLAY (Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth gathering) 2018 in Thunder Bay. Soon you will read some of my thoughts regarding the CLAY gatherings in the October-November edition of the *Canada Lutheran*. Here is the full article:

I'm already counting the days to CLAY 2020, the joint youth gathering between the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and the Anglican Church in Canada, which will take place in Calgary, AB., on the traditional territories of the Niitsitapi (Blackfoot) and the people of the Treaty 7 region at the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT).

I'm already counting the days to CLAY 2020 because I'm a youth gathering fanatic. I've been to several, well thirteen gatherings, and only missed two since being ordained a Pastor because I was facilitating a youth journey to the Lutheran Centre in Mexico City, and because I had just received a call to serve as Assistant to the Bishop.

I'm counting the days. Let me tell you why:

**The bus trip.** There is nothing better than travelling for several days on a packed bus handing out snacks, teasing, laughing, watching movies, singing, worshipping together, sharing the Eucharist, packing and unpacking. Some of my fondest and most vivid memories of Gatherings are of the bus trip. It is true, that it is all about the journey not the destination.

**Forming community.** There is nothing better than conversation, opportunity for prayer, listening, learning, building relationships with youth and leaders...and knowing that we are not alone.

**Leadership development.** There is nothing better than encouraging and affirming gifts for leadership in youth. Gathering after gathering, whether national or synodical, youth are given opportunities to share in and develop their leadership skills. Reading scripture at worship, being in charge of loading a bus, leading in prayer each morning as the bus doors close and the journey continues, gathering in small groups. Walking with a youth who begins as a gathering participant, becomes a home team leader and then storyteller at CLAY 2018.

**Hearing stories from and learning from the youth.** There is nothing better than hearing and learning from the youth. Gathering at CLAY 2018 under the theme, "Threads," there was much time spent on story-telling, story-tending, and what it truly means to listen. Five Large Group Gatherings (LGG) tended to the following themes/questions, including: How to listen to the stories of others, How to trust God in our unravelling, Where God fits within our stories, Good news stories from God, and Where do we go from here as unfinished but beloved children of God? Throughout CLAY 2018, there were opportunities for all to share our own stories and practice tending to the stories of others, with Home Team members, strangers, and new friends, and even Bishops!

**Working together.** There is nothing better than working together toward a common goal. At CLAY 2018, for example, with different home teams and CLAY volunteers, the youth continued to fulfil their commitment to address issues such as homelessness and unaffordable housing through the National Youth Project. By first learning of the issues contributing to poverty and homelessness, and then acting and advocating in supporting the local networks and agencies through partner programs, the youth visited a mock homeless shelter, gathered/donated socks, and sent postcards to the Federal Government and local Members of Parliament, in hopes of raising awareness and advocating for a greater responsibility and accountability in addressing the underlying causes of homelessness.

**Learning together.** There is nothing better than a common learning experience. While at CLAY 2018, for example, participants took part in the second-largest KAIROS blanket exercise in the world, and the largest ever by youth. This learning experience helped participants gain a better understanding of colonization and the process of displacement endured by Indigenous Peoples here in Canada. De-briefing in home teams which followed, was facilitated by Indigenous Elders and Leaders who were also present to provide support during the exercise.

**Worshipping together.** There is nothing better than singing, praying, laughing, crying, dancing, receiving, giving, Eucharist together.

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I'm already counting the days to CLAY 2020 because I'm a youth gathering fanatic. I'm looking forward to my fourteenth gathering.

Oh, and I'm counting the days to the Synod of Alberta and the Territories 2019 Youth Gathering, June 3-5! Watch for further information coming soon.

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)*



## **Pastoral Acts**

**Funerals:**  
**Alma Grove**  
**Agnes Roth**



## **Pastoral Acts**

**Membership**  
**Transfers Out:**  
**John & Ann Klatik**



We recognize the monthly baptismal anniversaries  
of the children in the Splash program:

**Jack Kowalczyk – October 15**

**Zoey Kowalczyk – October 15**

**Natalie Haugen– October 16**

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

**New Coffee Fellowship Hosts need be added to the  
volunteer schedule to continue this important part  
of our Sunday mornings!**

**Please contact Elaine Schultz by email at  
lschultz@cable-lynx.net or by phone at 780-672-1493  
to volunteer or if you have questions about what is required.**



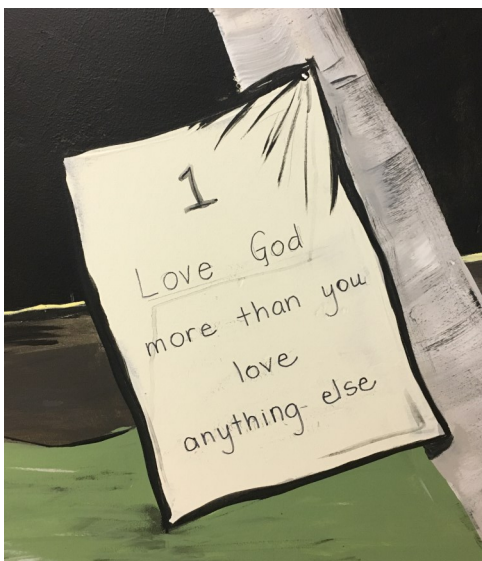
# Sunday School Update

There was plenty of excitement in the air on Sunday, September 9 as students, teachers and assistants gathered for the "Blessing of the Backpacks" upstairs followed by Sunday School activities downstairs. Teachers, helpers and eager young people took part in registration and kickoff activities. Fourteen children registered for Sunday School and there are more expected in coming Sundays. Judging by the enthusiasm of our first Sunday, Sunday School promises to be lively, fun and full of meaningful learning this year.

Our Sunday School area has undergone quite a transformation! Cleaning, sorting and organizing (followed by trips to the Recycling Depot, the Emergency Furniture and Clothing Depot and to the dump) took place in all of the Sunday School classrooms, meeting places and storage areas. Quite a task indeed but much needed and really fulfilling to accomplish! THANKS to the hard working crew of David and Darlene Dahle, Michelle Kennedy Hawkins, Kelly Moseson, Ron and Loretta Foshaug, Cheryl Nester and Pastor Calvin. And even more exciting than that is the amazing creation of a full wall mural in our large meeting space by artist Kim Fletcher. It is beautiful. Come and see! Kim spent many hours on this creation and we are in awe of what her work has done to our space. THANK YOU KIM!!



Sunday School at Messiah begins with the children gathering in the sanctuary, either sitting with their parents, or sitting together in the front pew. On certain 'special' Sundays, children will process together – possibly carrying or waving something! After a "Children's Time" at the front of the church, they will leave together to finish their Sunday School morning downstairs. Children remain together as a group for a short 'Opening' and then divide into classes and go to designated classrooms with their teacher. Children from Pre-K to Grade Six are welcome.



Sunday School will continue to use the 'WHIRL' curriculum. We start with Fall of Year B in the Revised Common Lectionary. Children will explore Whirl lessons with readings from the Season after Pentecost. October lesson titles are "Jesus Blesses Children", "A Camel Through a Needle" and "James and John".

We have several committed volunteers helping to make our Sunday School a reality and a place where Jesus' love is talked about, shared and made real in the lives of our special kids! Teachers include Cheryl Nester, Michelle Kennedy Hawkins, Deanna Didriksen, Kelly Moseson, Emma Gjesdal, Darlene Dahle, and Stephanie Enright. We have a very capable registrar and materials coordinator – Loretta Foshaug. We are also so pleased to have Emma Gjesdal return as the energetic song leader for our openings. Thank you everyone!

In case you are still contemplating volunteering in some way...it is NOT too late! Offers to teach, assist teachers, provide snack, maintain the children's library, organize spaces and resources or be a special guest will still be warmly accepted!

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

## Sunday Morning Adult Class

**Time:** 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.  
**Place:** Messiah Basement Auditorium

Continuing with: **NOOMA**



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

We continue Sunday Morning Adult Class sessions with NOOMA.  
The name NOOMA comes from a phonetic spelling of the Greek word (πνευμα) meaning "wind", "spirit", or "breath".

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

NOOMA sessions 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 or Pastor Bev. Watch your weekly church bulletin for more details on topics and titles.

**Sunday, September 30: NOOMA "Trees"**

**Sunday, October 7: Thanksgiving Sunday – No Class**

**Sunday, October 14: NOOMA "Sunday"**

**Sunday, October 21: NOOMA "Luggage"** (Note this is the last NOOMA session)

**Sunday, October 28: Sharing of a Faith Journey** by Sheila Becker

## THANKSGIVING POTLUCK HAM DINNER



On Sunday, October 7 Messiah will be hosting a Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner following the Worship Service. Please share with us scalloped potatoes, veggies or salad. Baked ham will be provided. If you wish to make a crisp for dessert, there is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Centre.

**Please join us for our Thanksgiving dinner and fellowship.**



# Church Council Highlights from September 18, 2018

- Darlene Dahle opened with devotions, circulating an article by Rev. Daranne Harris from the September 2018 *Canada Lutheran* entitled 'Called to serve' and read from John 13:14-15, 34-5. The article is part of a series on the ELCIC 'Call to Spiritual Renewal', focused on the topic of 'Serve'. We are called to follow Christ's example of service and of loving others. We each serve in unique ways, and need to think of ways to serve, but also move from thinking about service to doing it. Darlene concluded the devotion with prayer.
- The Annual Fall Planning Meeting is set for the evening of Sunday September 30 at Dave and Lois Larson's home. The intention is to set goals relevant to the needs of the Congregation for Committees and Council to focus on for the coming year. We will also start gathering information to make any changes to Committee Terms of Reference for the 2019 Annual General Meeting.
- Council continued to consider the topic of Stewardship, and how people could be found to do further research on this topic and potentially spearhead some small initiatives.
- There is an Area Gathering at Zion Lutheran Church, Bashaw on Saturday October 20. It does not require voting delegates, but individuals from Messiah are encouraged to go to help find ways for congregations in this Area to support each other and work together. Pre-registration is required but everyone is welcome.
- A portable Automated External Defibrillator (AED) has been purchased and placed in the Link. Odell will inform the congregation, and inquire about those interested in receiving training for its use.
- Arrangements are in place to split the position in the Messiah Front office between Doreen and Lori, as Doreen looks to decrease her time in the office. Pastor Calvin and Council will continue to monitor this and make adjustments as necessary.
- Good Samaritan has approached Messiah about offering training to individuals interested in offering visitation. Council will ask Witnessing to work with Bev/Calvin to explore if there are individuals interested in working on visitation and getting training to help.
- Council approved that Tova be approached about working an average of 3 hours a week from October until the end of June with senior youth, with Ivar, Bev and Calvin to set a pay scale based on consideration of past experiences with this sort of position at Messiah, present pay grids, and candidate skills, with money to be taken from the Dedicated Youth Fund.
- The annual Thanksgiving dinner in October will occur on Thanksgiving Sunday.
- Odell, on behalf of Messiah, has sent a letter to Bishop Kochendorfer confirming the monies voted at the Annual Meeting to be provided for the mission project for the Lutheran Church of Columbia, provided from Messiah's Mission Endowment fund.
- The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. The Next Regular Council Meeting is on October 16, 2018.

## Monetary view to August 31, 2018

(33% budget year)



**Income \$115,567**

**Designated \$23,796**

**Expenses \$150,728**

**Net income \$-11,365**

# Youth Connection

## **Preteen Youth** - Friday October 5

Pizza and Wide Games at Messiah Youth Room 6:30 - 8:30 pm  
Information as to what to bring will be arranged.

**Confirmation** begins Thursday October 4 at 7:00 pm at  
Bethel Lutheran Church.

## **Senior Youth**



I am so excited to have the privilege to work with the senior youth more closely and am looking forward to a great year with some exciting activities and delving deeper into our faith.

We'll kick off the year **Sunday evening, October 14 @ 7 pm** at my place to hang out, do some brainstorming and bake cookies.

Tova Olson



# First Call Program

Just after Thanksgiving, I will be attending a program in the Synod called, The First Call Program. There have been some questions from some of you as to what this means. So I am writing to let you all know what this is about.

Some years back the Synod noticed that people in their first call did not have the support they needed after coming out of seminary into their first call. Things are always different when you take on something new. It is like this in every profession. So the Synod set up a time each year for 3 years for those who are newly ordained to meet with colleagues for a retreat to provide support in their ministry.

This year it will take place in Victoria. (No one is complaining on the place it is being held!) We will spend 2 nights in a retreat center after which I will visit for a couple of days with one of our parish people who has moved from Camrose to Victoria.

I hope this explanation gives you an idea of this retreat experience. Please be in prayer for our time of meeting which is October 9 - 12. I can tell you all about it when I return!

Blessings,  
Pastor Bev

# MLW Highlights

Our highlight for October is the Thank Offering Program scheduled for Sunday, October 14th at 7:00 pm. Grace Circle has worked diligently to promise us a Thank Offering presentation that will be an inspiration to each one of us. Pie and coffee following this program will be enjoyed by men and women alike!



Remember Quilting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 17. We appreciated the good turn out of Quilters in September. See you back, with your scissors and needle in October.

Blessings from the MLW Executive





**The new basement chairs** have become popular and are moving around the church to other locations. We request that the chairs be kept in the Basement Auditorium and if they are inadvertently removed that they be returned.

MLW/Support Committee

### **Snow Removal at Messiah**

**Fourteen volunteers** are needed to take a shift this winter to remove snow from the back, side and front sidewalks around the church building. Please leave your name at the church office, 780-672-3444.

(Note: snow removal is not a part of the custodian's contract.)



### **An Automated External Defibrillator (AED)**

has been installed in the Link Hallway above the phone. This device is to be used should someone's heart stop in the church buildings.



## A Good Word from Rev. Brian Rude: Harvest in El Salvador



Harvest season. Even with snow or hurricanes, this is traditional harvest season in northern climes.

Throughout August, the Gospel texts from the Revised Common Lectionary were from John 6, focusing on bread--bread baked from the rich harvest yield, bread of life, assuring us of the full life offered us by the Bread of Life.

In June, we preached on the tiny but amazing mustard seed, producing beyond expectations.

Harvest in my world is a little different. Granted, corn is harvested in August, so that, at least, is comparable. From there, I have noted some marked differences--in my back yard, for example.

I have never planted wheat seed or mustard seed, nor harvested wheat or mustard. In fact, I have planted hardly any seeds in my yard. My primary garden discipline is to NOT pull the "weeds"--so unlike my childhood discipline . . . let them grow, and see what they produce. In my 150 square metres of yard space, that has led to the volunteer growth and surprise scrumptuous harvests of:

--bananas--guavas--lemons--oranges--avocados--mangos--peppers--chipilines--jocotes

While most fruit ripens at a predictable time of year, these harvests are spread out over all twelve months. I can rarely remember which fruit I'll be enjoying which month. And then, to further confuse me, the guava in our back yard ripens at a different time of year than the guava in our side yard. My banana stalk, which should fall, rot and regrow each year, lasted and produced for two years in a row--impossible, all Salvadorans insist.

So, gardening for me in my back yard requires restraint--NO WEEDING (such a different gardening philosophy from my childhood). With enough patience, I might someday be able to harvest the fruits of my adolescence in my own backyard in El Salvador, thanks to climate change (grapes, cherries, apples, apricots, peaches, pears, plums).

My *laissez-faire* back-yard gardening style does teach me lessons for life and ministry, however--sit back and watch the growth, from the most unlikely soil. Ordinary black dirt contains an unimaginable variety and quantity of seeds, I've discovered--in the case of my back yard, the seeds of a delightful variety of fruit trees.

Likewise, the soil of prison cells and "barrio" alleys contains an unimaginable variety and quantity of seeds. I have learned this same life lesson over and over these past three decades. A little attention may be healthy, but mostly one can sit back and delight in the unexpected growth, followed by harvest after harvest. Who could have imagined the variety and richness of fruit I delight in from these motley crews of Salvadoran youth, whether prison inmates or semi-street-kids?

God certainly has a miraculous hand in both the fruit seeds and the human seeds.

To God be the Glory.

**A lazy but well-satisfied gardener, Brian: Rev. Dr. Brian Rude,  
"En Misión con El Salvador" / "In Mission with El Salvador"**

Offerings in support of Rev. Rude's ministry can most easily be made by using the yellow envelopes at the Welcome Centre at the rear of the sanctuary. Offerings to the end of August, from the beginning of Messiah's financial year, May 1, have totaled \$1,040. All gifts are gratefully received.

Ray Blacklock, Chair, World Mission Group

**Canada Lutheran Renewal time - cost \$20.00.**

Please drop off your renewal at the Support Committee

table during Coffee Fellowship on Sundays, October 14, 21 & 28 in the Fellowship Centre.



# NEWS BRIEFS



Canadian Lutheran  
World Relief

## BACK TO SCHOOL



As kids return to school with all their new notebooks, backpacks and other school supplies, it's a reminder that not all children have the same opportunities.

**LIVING AND LEARNING KITS** are an excellent opportunity to help provide simple school supplies to support children overseas and give them a chance to learn. Consider putting

together a kit or contact CLWR to order a **QUICK KIT** FOR \$15.

## AID REACHES DOUALA

On September 1, CLWR's most recent shipment reached the Douala port in Cameroon. Included the shipment were 4,984 quilts and blankets, 3,542 We Care Kits, 1,816 sundresses, 1,605 toys, 15 Teacher's Kits, 15 laptops and a variety of other items to support refugees, children, young mothers and the elderly living in Cameroon.



## ITEMS CURRENTLY LOW IN STOCK

The following items are currently low in stock at the CLWR warehouse. These could be purchased to be included in the fall shipment:

Regular sized notebooks

Diaper pins

Full soap bars (New and unwrapped)

Boys' shorts

Toothpaste (Expiry greater than 1 year)



# **MLW THANKOFFERING PROGRAM**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 7:00 pm**  
**MESSIAH LUTHERAN**

**An evening of  
Praise & Thanksgiving  
followed by pie and coffee**

**Guest Speakers: Anita Jackson & Rev. Charles  
Jackson of World Mission Prayer League**

## **OFFERING**

**The offering will be shared between  
World Mission Prayer League, The George Watts Family & CLWR**

**EVERYONE IS INVITED**



This event is sponsored by a FaithLife Chapter. FaithLife Financial will give a grant up to \$300 to match the income received from the Thankoffering free will offering.



## *Lectio...Journeying Through Prayer*

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.

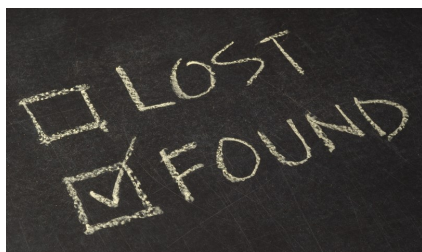


## **Bible Study &**

## **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.

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



**PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF  
YOU HAVE LOST A:**

**MEN'S RING - FOUND IN THE WASHROOM**

**'V' SHAPED PENDANT - FOUND IN THE  
FELLOWSHIP CENTRE**

## **FOOD BANK SUNDAY October 21**



Remembering God's love for us,  
let us give generously and fill  
the empty cart with Love.  
Your gifts of groceries and  
other daily needs products  
will be much appreciated.

## **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!





**Who:** Camrose Neighbor Aid Center

**What:** Needs Drivers to be a part of a team that picks up groceries from the local stores.

**Commitment:** These volunteers use their vehicle and take a week at a time for pick up on a rotation schedule.

**Contact:** Neighbor Aid at 780-781-7187 if you are interested joining this team of volunteers.

A volunteer form will need to be filled out, it may be picked up at NBAid's office 4524 - 54 St, Camrose.

Thank you for continued support.

## The Rock 2018 Thanksgiving Bag Appeal



The ROCK Lutheran Inner City Society is organizing their Annual Thanksgiving Bag Appeal.

Our congregation has agreed to participate in the program.

Paper bags are available with a list of items that The ROCK needs to maintain their Breakfast

Program for the next twelve months. These items are not available on a regular basis at the Food Bank.

Also available are newsletters with donation envelopes if you would prefer The Rock to do the purchasing.

Please take a bag - located at the Welcome Centre - and fill it with one or more items listed on the side and return it to the church office by noon **Friday, October 5**. The bags will be stacked up at the front of the church for the Thanksgiving service.



Synod of Alberta and the Territories  
2018 Area Gatherings



# FAITH, HOPE, LOVE

...and the greatest of these is love. 1 Cor.13:13

**Northern Area Gathering:**

Sept. 28-29 - Good Shepherd, Stony Plain

**East & West Central Area Gathering:**

Oct. 20 - Zion Lutheran, Bashaw

**Southern Area Gathering:**

Oct. 13 - Spirit of Grace Lutheran, Brooks

**Southwest Area Gathering:**

Oct. 13 - First Lutheran, Calgary

All Area Gathering Registrations and Agendas are available online.

Please go to the Synod website: [www.albertasynod.ca](http://www.albertasynod.ca)

Select the Area Gathering tab under "Conventions" on the home page.

*Offerings at the Area Gatherings will be collected for  
the Synod Bishop's Discretionary Fund and Local Area Ministries*

## SATURDAY

- 8:15 am:** Registration and Refreshments
- 9:00 am:** Gathering in Song and Opening Worship including Dwelling in the Word
- 9:45 am:** Bishop's Time
- 10:15 am:** Video from Synod Convention
- 10:30 am:** Body Break
- 11:00 am:** Directed Conversation/Listening Exercise
- 12:00 pm:** Lunch
- 1:00 pm:** Gathering in Song
- 1:15 pm:** Area Focus
- 2:15 pm:** Body Break
- 2:30 pm:** Closing Eucharist and Sending

All members of East Central and West Central Areas ELCIC Congregations are invited to gather together to worship, read the Word, pray, and have conversations, as well as enjoy good food and fellowship. Bring a car load from your congregation to share your stories and celebrations, to connect with others in your Area, and share your Mission in Ministry. All are welcome—there are no elected delegates this year!



# Shoe Box Project

During October and November, Messiah will collect boxes for Operation Christmas Child. We will be sharing information and ideas with you at worship, as to how you can get involved. You can also check on line - [www.samaritanspurse.ca/OCC](http://www.samaritanspurse.ca/OCC).

*Boxes will be available at the back of the church.*

*Your box may be the only Christmas gift that child will receive.*

***We will bless all the boxes before sending them off.***

***Questions?***

***Please call Cece Watts,  
Coordinator, 780-672-3199***



## How TO PACK YOUR Shoebox



- 1. SHOEBOX:** Get a standard size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl.



Every box needs a "WOW" ITEM!

- 2. "WOW" ITEM:** Select a quality "wow" toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal.

- 3. OTHER GIFTS:** Pack your box or boxes full with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.



- 4. PRAY:** Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. Including a personal note and photo makes a big impact.

- 5. INCLUDE \$10 DONATION:** Donate online, or by cheque or cash donation. Please make one combined donation for multiple shoeboxes. **Tax-deductible receipts will be issued for donations of \$20 or more.**



- 6. DROP OFF:** Take your shoebox gift to a local drop-off location during National Collection Week, November 12-18. To find a drop-off location near you, visit: [SamaritansPurse.ca/OCC](http://SamaritansPurse.ca/OCC), or call 1.800.303.1269.



**Do Not Include:** candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items; seeds; food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins, and breakable items.

For additional gift suggestions and more, visit [SamaritansPurse.ca/OCC](http://SamaritansPurse.ca/OCC)



## 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](http://www.messiahcamrose.ca) or YouTube.

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.

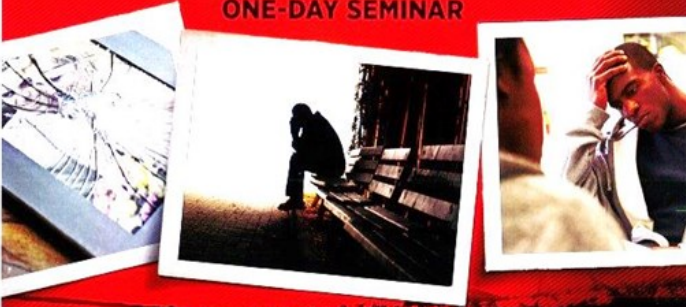
The Augustana Campus of the University of Alberta and Camrose Association for Community Living (CAFCL) are excited about the potential of *SingAble* and about relationships that can be built within the rich musical community in Camrose. We understand that communities are naturally strengthened as we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



**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



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Joy Berg is Coordinator, Music, Voice &  
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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  
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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  
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**FREE ADMISSION**

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

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**ALPHA**

Camrose Composite High School Student Outreach Program

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**WHO WE ARE:**  
Weekly bible studies and free lunch at school lunch hour provided by youth for youth.  
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- Find out more by contacting the student leaders

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ISAIAH 6:8  
Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?"  
And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"



# 20<sup>th</sup> augustana human library

at the Augustana Campus Library

## Monday, October 1

### Come to the KICK OFF EVENT

6:00pm



SPEAKER: TAREK NEMR

#### A phone call away: My Syrian refugee journey

In 2011, the Syrian revolution separated me from my freedom, my school, my family and friends, my home, and my country. Today I am in Canada and I have new friends, a new family, a new school, and a freedom that I never dreamed of having.

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**'human book'**  
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## UNCOVERING GRIEF CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 12-14, 2018  
EDMONTON, AB

*Uncovering Grief* is a three-day workshop experience, designed to create a space of reflection and meditation on grieving, death, and faith. Highlighting the role of women of faith in these important life moments, participants will be led through participatory art projects, contemplative worship practice, guided sessions by faith leaders, lectures by academics, discussion groups, and more.

Where: Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Edmonton, AB

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# Pumpkin Prayer

Dear God,

As I carve my pumpkin, help me say this prayer:

Open my mind so I can learn about You;  
(Cut the top of the pumpkin)

Take away all my sin and forgive me for the wrong things I do;  
(Clean out the inside)

Open my eyes so Your Love I will see;  
(Cut eyes shaped like hearts)

I'm sorry for turning up my nose to all You've given me;  
(Cut a nose in the shape of the cross)

Open my ears so Your Word I will hear;  
(Cut ears shaped like the Bible)

Open my mouth so I can tell others You're near;  
(Cut mouth in the shape of a fish)

Let Your Light shine in all I say and do!  
(Place a candle and light)

Amen

[ChristianityCove.com](http://ChristianityCove.com)



Hastings Lake Bible Camp  
Annual Lutefisk Supper  
Saturday, November 3,  
Ryley Community Hall

Tickets \$45, Children 12 & Under \$20  
Available from Jim and Marie Brager  
(Bus will be available from Messiah)

# Prayers of the People



**Dear Lord,** we come to you in Thanksgiving for all the blessings you have bestowed on us. We ask for patience and perseverance for our farmers whose harvest has been delayed, send the sunshine and warm winds needed to dry the crops 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 throughout the year. Thank you too for our Bishops – Larry Kochendorfer and Susan Johnson and the Assistant to the Bishop, Pastor Julianne Barlow as she transitions to a call to interim ministry. 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 with a smile on their face and a cooperative spirit. 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, senior youth and students in post-secondary education. Keep them safe and remind them of Your love daily. Inspire teachers and all who are part of the work and witness of the Church in the world. Grant wisdom and discernment to our Church Council and Committees. May they feel fulfilled in their work.

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, you know all our needs even those that are unseen.

We pray for the family and friends of Alma Grove and Agnes Roth as they adjust to life without their loved ones presence. Be with the family of Marie Olson as they plan the service to celebrate her life on Monday, October 1. 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.

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. We ask a special blessing on those experiencing natural disasters here in Canada and around the world, especially those affected by the tornado's in Ontario. Comfort those subjected to human caused tragedies and persecution.

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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Members, staff, committees and groups are encouraged to submit articles so that we are aware of who we are as a congregation, and where we are going in our congregation.

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# October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> <b>NO Lectio, due to Marie Olson's funeral</b>  11:00 Marie Olson's funeral 12:00 Meals on Wheels 1:00 Witnessing Committee  7:00 Camerata	<b>2</b>  10:00 Staff Meeting  12:00 Meals on Wheels  7:00 MLW Bible Study Briefing	<b>3</b> 7:00 Matins and Muffins  12:00 Meals on Wheels  7:00 ATP Musical Rehearsal 7:00 Worship Committee	<b>4</b>  10:30 Handbells  12:00 All Staff Meeting 12:00 Meals on Wheels  7:00 Messiah's Choristers 7:00 Support Committee 7:00 Confirmation	<b>5</b>   12:00 Meals on Wheels	<b>6</b>  NO Men's Bible Study
<b>7 Thanksgiving Sunday</b>  NO Adult Education NO Friendship Class  NO Sunday School  10:30 Worship Service 11:45 Coffee Fellowship	<b>8 Thanksgiving Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b>  NO Lectio   NO Camerata	<b>9 Council Reports Due</b>  10:00 Staff Meeting	<b>10</b> 7:00 Matins and Muffins   4:45 Learning Committee  7:00 ATP Musical Rehearsal	<b>11</b>  10:30 Handbells   7:00 Messiah's Choristers 7:00 Confirmation	<b>12</b>   1:30 Kuimba Choir	<b>13</b>  8:45 Men's Bible Study   2:00 Camerata Retreat
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