



MESSIAH MESSENGER

November 2018

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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

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

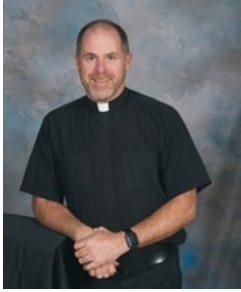
SATURDAY

9:00 AM TO NOON



Lest we forget...

Minister's Message



***“Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds,
not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some,
but encouraging one another.”***

Hebrews 10:24-25

We desire to share Jesus with all people. In many and various ways to go about fulfilling this mission of ours: together as a congregation, and individually as people who care deeply about this world of God's. I want to continue to encourage us all to continue in our purpose of sharing Jesus in our families, in this community and in the world.

I've been trying to think about how to go about encouraging us all to continue to meet together and to “provoke” people to love and good deeds. Certainly one of the ways is through the things I say. So, I hope that what I say does encourage and occasionally provoke people to more closely reflect the God who has created us. Love one another. Do good rather than evil. Commit to regularly meeting together in worship, planning, fellowship and learning. (There, I've attempted to encourage and provoke again!)

But words aren't always enough. It is also important to live as an example. So, I try to be the best person I can. I get to as many meetings as I can. I try to be lovingly present for people as they share what's going on in their lives with me. I try to do good things as I go about each day. Sometimes these things are easier to do than others...(ok most of the time it is not too difficult to be lovingly present and to do good things).

Can more be done? Probably.

One thing that is being considered is an extra worship service on Sunday evenings. The intention with this is to try to find some points of connection with younger people. This may include more recently composed music and more “modern” instruments. It may include more opportunity for dialog around the Word and the work of worship. We're not sure yet what it will exactly look like. If you have any interest in this, call or email or text us.

Another possibility that's been rattling around in my brain is a week-night gathering time. Our Adult Study Time on Sunday mornings made use of 6 short vignettes by Rob Bell from the Nooma series. There are 24 such video clips that we could use for discussion – a time to meet together. If you have any interest, check Rob Bell and Nooma out on YouTube. Then call me and maybe a few others will have had the same interest.

And, still another possibility is to gather some weekday morning (Thursdays for example) for an hour or hour and a half for coffee and fellowship time. We could begin with a time of reading from the bible and prayer and then lead into sharing some of what's up in our lives (visiting) over a cup of coffee or tea (or juice). If this is of any interest to you, please call or email or text me or simply stop by the office to voice your interest.

Do you have another idea? Have a suggestion that could work better than what I've suggested above? If you do, **I'd love to hear from you!**

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



Minister's Message



GROWING DEEPER INTO FAITH AND LIFE

As I pondered what to share in our Messenger this month, I thought perhaps I would share with you all a bit about the past education week I attended as support for the newly "Pastorized".

We gathered in Victoria, as it included rostered leaders from the western provinces where two of the participants were from Victoria. It was a lovely place to gather. I enjoyed walking along the harbour and watching the boats come and go. The fresh sea air made for great sleep and the weather was warm as can be. And to get a good restful sleep during the night was so welcomed.

We gathered during this time to share of our experiences in ministry, to learn, to connect with others in ministry, to worship together, to pray together and to share of our lives.

I came away from this time refreshed and renewed. The beds were great. The meals were wonderful and my walks were super. The time with colleagues was rich and warm. I was so impressed with the caliber of pastors that are now entering into ministry.

I especially appreciated that all four bishops were there and it was really nice to get to know them in this more informal setting. We truly do have very caring and wise leaders in our synods.

As I pondered this time of restoration, I am reminded that this is truly what the spiritual journey for each one of us in the church of Christ is all about. It is always about growing deeper in our faith. Our spiritual growth is a daily growing and a daily renewing as we learn to live in a deeper way in Christ.

I am so very thankful that our Church Council has made our spiritual growth as a vital part of our focus for church and ministry here at Messiah.

I am delighted as I see our open and excited confirmation kids ready to dig deeper into the scripture as they learn to walk more closely with their God. I am thrilled when our youth are willing to lead worship and share their gifts in our midst. I smile as we are all taught by our youngest in our midst. And I am moved by the wisdom of so many. I know that you can join me in naming so many ways we are tending to this deepening movement in our hearts and souls.

To grow deeper in our faith, we are truly called to step deeper in to trust God to "grow our souls". We are called to root ourselves in the word of God and live that truth out in love for one another. We are called into prayer and communion with our Lord.

Let us take this goal seriously as we enter into fall and make it our life's intention to live with deeper and deeper connection with our God and God's people.

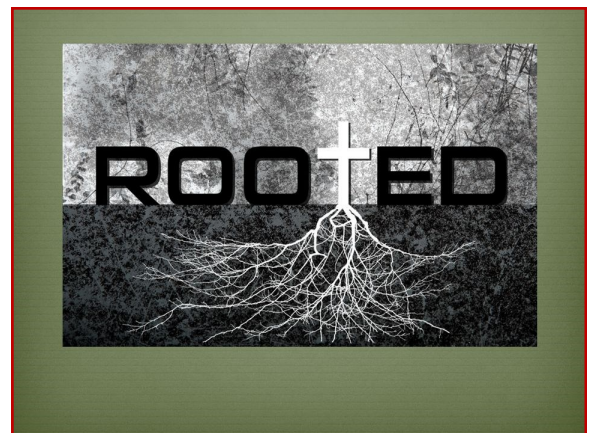
Colossians 2:6-7 says,

"So then just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught and overflowing with kindness."

May we continue to make our spiritual growth a priority and our connection with one another stronger as we grow together in the love of our Lord Jesus. Let us truly be intentional about this journey in spiritual growth, both individually in our personal practises and life as a faith community.

Many Blessings as you enter deeply into these next days and weeks of spiritual growth.

Pastor Bev





Bishop's Message For Congregations and Lay and Rostered Leaders



Dear Beloved of God

We have just concluded the season of Area Gatherings: Northern (Sept. 28-29 at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Stony Plain in collaboration with St. John Lutheran of Golden Spike, Spruce Grove and St. Matthew, Spruce Grove), Southwestern (Oct. 13 at First Lutheran, Calgary), Southern (Oct. 13 at Spirit of Grace Lutheran, Brooks via video report and telephone Q&A) and East and West Central (Oct 20 at Zion Lutheran, Bashaw).

Thank you to the Area Leadership Teams for your preparation for and planning of the Area Gatherings. I value these times when we have the opportunity to gather together as God's people for worship, learning, conversation and feasting.

This year we gathered under the theme: "Faith, Hope and Love" which was an extension of our Synod Convention theme and conversation from I Cor. 13. For our Dwelling in the Word we spent time together considering the text of I Thess. 1:2-3: *We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Participants shared in part of the need to see ourselves as "we", as community together; conversation centered around how a spirit of gratefulness might impact our faith community and neighborhood; and of the work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope which they see.

Then most gatherings viewed a brief video (The Synod Convention Interview - All Questions) prepared during the Synod Convention around faith, hope and love. These videos and a summary (all questions) video are available on our synod website for your use: <http://albertasynod.ca/convention/area-gatherings/area-gathering-videos/>

Much of the rest of our time was spent in conversation around how we might work collaboratively within our Areas and across our Synod in faith, hope and love.

I look forward in the next couple of months to meet with each Area Leadership Team for further conversation, listening and discernment together as we move forward *always giving thanks...constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

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:
Marie Olson
David Wold



Memorials

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

Clara Nelson
Agnes Roth

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

Heston Storvik - November 8
Elisabeth Ofrim - November 13
Alec Skriver - November 26
Mindy Hawkins - November 27

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



Canada Lutheran Renewal time - cost \$20.00

Please drop off your renewal at the Support Committee table
during Coffee Fellowship on Sunday, October 28 in the Fellowship Centre.

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

Sunday Morning Adult Class

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

Place: Messiah Basement Auditorium

Sunday, November 4: *"If I Told You My Story"* presented by Sheila Becker

Sunday, November 11: No Adult Class

Sunday, November 18: *"My Journey to Luther"* presented by Olav Traa

Sunday, November 25: To Be Announced

MLW Highlights

Our members have been blessed the past months as we have studied the Book of Esther. Pastor Calvin has guided us at Bible Study Briefing sessions; brought Esther's story alive and stressed the implications it has on our lives today. We will conclude Esther's story in November. May we each live our lives as Esther modeled for us - follow God's leading boldly as He so directs!

We are appreciative to everyone involved in making the October 14th Thanksgiving Program a program to remember. Thanks to Grace Circle for preparing it and thanks to Praise Circle for gathering the pies and serving them to an appreciative audience. We were blessed to have Rev. Charles Jackson and his wife, Anita Jackson, as our guest presenters. We were reminded of God's goodness to us, be it on the Mission Field and here at home in Canada. God is good!

One thousand dollars of the offering went to World Mission Prayer League and the remaining money was divided between the George Watts Family and CLWR. Thank you, also, to the many who donated a pie. Coffee and pie were served to all in attendance following the program.

MLW General Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 19th at 7 pm. Faith Circle is in charge of the program and Love Circle will serve us refreshments. Let us pray for God's leading as we make disbursement decisions that evening!



Just a reminder - Bible Study Briefing is scheduled for the first Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. So, Bible Study Leaders, please attend this session on Tuesday, November 6 at 7 pm. Pastor Calvin is preparing it for you!



Quilting is to be on Wednesday, November 21st at 9 am. Your presence with your needle and scissors is much appreciated! Packing Day is to be Wednesday, the 28th. (Not the 27th as reported last month) A representative from each Circle is welcome. Packing boxes is completed quickly with many hands to assist!

God Bless,
Sylvia Espe for MLW

Church Council Highlights from October 16, 2018

- Donny Loewen read from a devotion in *'My Journey with Christ'* – 'Overturning Their Tables' based on John 2:15. The Temple was intended as a place where all could worship, but the outer courts had been corrupted and turned into a marketplace – no wonder Jesus brought a cleansing to the space. Sometimes, we also need a disruption – an 'overturning' – in our lives in order to remove the distractions that keep us from 'holy living and holy loving'. Every so often, it is good to examine ourselves and ask why we are doing the things that we do.
- Council reviewed the notes from the September 30 Planning Meeting. Council liaisons will communicate this to the Committees to keep ideas and priorities in mind over the coming year. There was some consideration of having a follow-up meeting after Christmas or in Spring to revisit and review the discussions.
- Council agreed to move the starting time of Council meetings to 5:15 to better accommodate Council members.
- Tova has been provided with a Senior Youth Ministry Leader position description, modelled after and as a supplement to the inactive Youth Coordinator position currently in the Governance Manual, with some small modifications, particularly encouraging music instruction and creative musical and/or drama opportunities. She will report to the pastoral staff and relate to Learning. Council approved that Tova be contracted for this position until the end of June 2019, on the basis of the materials presented to Council, and that the Senior Youth Ministry Leader position description be added to the Governance Manual.
- Calvin has been building the topic of Stewardship into worship where possible. Darlene will provide a monthly submission for the Messenger in respect to Stewardship. Bev, Darlene and Donny will work to plan a celebration of the paying off of Messiah's mortgage, and bring in others to assist as desired.
- Council approved that the fee per plate figure in Section D page 7 'Reception Luncheon' in the Governance Manual be increased from \$4 to \$5.
- Pastor Bev informed Council that our Confirmation classes now involved three churches with the addition of Scandia to Bethel and Messiah. This has provided a valuable extra resource for the Confirmation team.
- Dave, on behalf of Support, drew attention to the facility 'lock up' crew, some of whom have been doing this for a long time. Support is hoping to find others to help with this so roles can be limited to 2 years.
- The elevator is currently on probation – we have until late December to deal with outstanding issues. Support is in contact with the servicing company, who are supposed to be dealing with these items and had not flagged or mentioned them.
- A number of opportunities for learning and engagement were noted, including the October 18 public Chester Ronning Centre lecture on Donald Trump and Evangelicals; the October 20 Area Gathering in Bashaw; an ongoing podcast entitled 'The Liturgists' aimed at millennials around topics of faith; and the 'Lay Academy' opportunities being put forward by the Lutheran Theological Seminary - Support and Learning are looking into hosting one of these events, which are also available on-line for a small fee.
- The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. The next regular Council Meeting is on November 20, 2018.

Monetary view to September 30, 2018

(42% budget year)



Income	\$148,955
Designated	\$26,019
Expenses	\$188,026
Net income	\$-13,052



First Fruits



Merciful Father...

We offer with joy and thanksgiving...We say "thank you" to God with our offerings. Christians return a portion of their blessings to God, not because they have to or should. We joyfully and thankfully give back because God has given us everything.

...what you have first given us...We are only able to give because God first gave to us. His best gift was his Son. So we follow God's example of returning our "first fruits" to support the Lord's work.

...our selves, our time AND our possessions — signs of your gracious love...We declare stewardship as a way of life. We do not say, "ourselves, our time, or our possessions." The word "and" means we confess whole life stewardship.

...Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. By learning how to give of all we have — our very lives, as Jesus did — we become more like him, stronger in our faith and more joyful in sharing his love.

Sharing our time, abilities and resources enables our congregation to fulfill its mission and ministry.

Through this church home, we provide Christian education programs, opportunities for outreach and fellowship activities. We help others come to know Christ with each minute volunteered, each dollar given and each day lived to follow God's will.

May God help us to respond to his love with gifts of joy and thanksgiving!

Want to more fully explore the meaning of "Stewardship?"



Call your
Synod Office

Snow Removal at Messiah Fourteen Volunteers!!

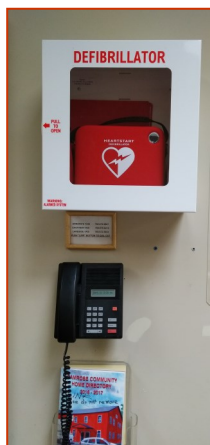
...are needed to take a shift this winter to remove snow from the back, side and front sidewalks around the church building.

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.

The new basement chairs have become popular and are moving around to other locations. We request that the chairs be returned after they have been used.



MLW/Support Committee



Please remember to lock your vehicle and not leave valuables or vehicle keys in coats in the boot rooms.

During a Sunday service, an unlocked vehicle parked at the back of the church was gone through.

Youth Connection

Preteen Youth - Friday, November 16 6:30 pm watch your email for the details



PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF
YOU HAVE LOST A:

MAN'S RING - FOUND IN THE WASHROOM

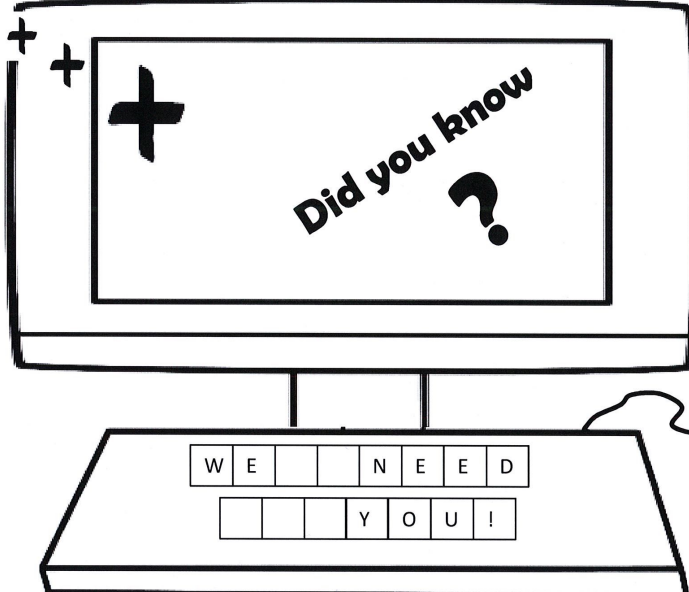
'V' SHAPED PENDANT - FOUND IN THE
FELLOWSHIP CENTRE

EARRING / PENDANT - BEADS WITH CHAINS

Volunteer Opportunities at Messiah:

- *Assist with lock-up of the Church buildings on a rotation with other team members.
Contact Ron Foshaug at 780-678-9386
- *View worship services on YouTube, with closed captioning, to screen for accuracy in translation and for any inserted advertisements. Contact Dale Swanson at 780-678-7831

+ + **Sharing Jesus Christ in a very interesting way...**



**Every Sunday morning
requires 3 or more A/V
technicians – people to help
with sound, video, screens,
and YouTube/Cable
broadcasts**

If interested, please
contact Rosanna
(rosannas@telus.net)
and we will set up
training sessions and
mentoring.

Brian Rude Reports on the "Sainting" of a Martyr in El Salvador



15 October, 2018.

San Romero

Not so long ago El Salvador celebrated our first Roman Catholic Cardinal, Auxiliary Bishop Rosa Chavez.

El Salvador now boasts its first Roman Catholic Saint, Monseñor Oscar Arnulfo Romero.

Thanks to Tim Muth for the following comprehensive collection of San Romero coverage, at the Vatican and in El Salvador.

<http://www.elsalvadorperspectives.com/2018/10/canonization-of-saint-oscar-romero.html>

I felt so privileged to spend this festive day and night surrounded by San Romero's people-- "*peregrinación*" and program, march and mass, fireworks and festivities.

I am grateful to Pope Francis and the Vatican for the formal recognition of San Romero (and his people, who first declared him saint upon his martyrdom in 1980), his prophetic voice of truth, and his calls for justice leading to peace.

I have greeted the dawn at the closing of every 24 March Romero vigil for three decades, together with a few dozen of the faithful, the remnant, a much-reduced gathering, still present whether out of conviction or because there was no transportation available to return home.

This dawn was different. This canonization dawn was special. There were still thousands of Salvadorans filling the central Plaza Barrios in front of the cathedral and many surrounding streets. Some were sleeping on the new concrete of the newly-renovated plaza and pedestrian malls, but thousands were still standing, as if they had just arrived.

Joining in the Vatican ceremony via livestream (2-4 a.m.), there was wild applause and enthusiastic vocal affirmation every time San Romero's name was mentioned by Pope Francis or some officiant. I wonder if the Vatican crowd was as animated, or as disposed to celebrate around the clock, even without seating. As the outdoor celebration wrapped up well after 4 a.m. (without rain, amazingly, during the rainy season, after a very wet week of flooding, due to Hurricane Michael in the Caribbean), we were all invited into the crypt, below the cathedral, to continue this celebration of San Romero. This crypt is an expansive space, but I couldn't imagine such a crowd fitting inside, even considering how intimate Salvadorans are prepared to be in crowded conditions. One of the major dailies claimed that "hundreds" of us were gathered--one can't be too cautious when it comes to over-statement!

Now comes the challenging part--following San Romero's example of Jesus-following.

Paz, Brian Rude Rev. Brian Rude, DD,
"In Mission with El Salvador / "*En Misión con El Salvador*"
Synod of Alberta and the Territories, ELCICanada
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Rev. Rude walks with a people who live with the threat that even clergy are subject to assassination. Messiah prays for and otherwise supports Rev. Rude in his ministry on our behalf in El Salvador. Donations to date in this financial year (commencing May 1) total \$1,465. Envelopes to facilitate donations are waiting at the Welcome Centre in the Messiah Sanctuary. All donations are received with thanks.

Ray Blacklock, Chairperson, World Mission Group



# NEWS BRIEFS



Canadian Lutheran  
World Relief

## GIFTS FROM THE HEART



**Winter is coming and that means it's time to think about Christmas shopping. A special way to honour loved ones is to remember them by giving a CLWR "GIFT FROM THE HEART".**

**As we did last year, you are encouraged to light up the CLWR tree on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Center. For each**

**gift you give, pick a "sticker**

**light", write the name of the gift on the sticker and add it to the tree.**

**There was some problem with the printing of the "GIFT FROM THE HEART" catalogues, but they will be coming, so watch for them. Giving this type of gift can change a life of someone in dire need.**

**Gifts can be given by phone (1 800 661 2597), online at [clwr.org/GFTH](http://clwr.org/GFTH) or by mail. Envelopes are available in the rack at the back of the sanctuary.**



**Let's all help to make this a very special Christmas.**

## **LunchFEST Sunday, November 11**

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



## **FOOD BANK SUNDAY November 18**



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.



## **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**

## *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.



October 10, 2018

On behalf of the four Western Synod Bishops, the following announcement from the President of Lutheran Theological Seminary is shared for your information:

Lutheran Theological Seminary is the official leadership preparation school for the four Western synods of the ELCIC. We are pleased to say that we are in a very exciting time. Our Challenge program (generous scholarships and a new way of thinking about theological education), flexible course delivery model, and strengthened recruiting efforts are inviting people to consider studies that had previously seemed impossible. We are developing new educational options, including diaconal programs, the Master of Theological Studies in Health Care and Parish Nursing, and Authorized Lay Ministry training through the Lay Academy.

We have a strong and enthusiastic faculty, staff, and student body. We are currently able to meet our financial commitments and sustain our operations.

We are now in the right position to make significant and much-needed changes. Our buildings are too large for our needs; rental income from our tenants, while helpful, does not fully compensate for our maintenance costs, anticipated renovation costs, and human resources costs. Our residence is no longer necessary for LTS purposes and is expensive to operate. The buildings were constructed 50 years ago; despite ongoing care and upgrading, they are due for renewal. Even with the generous support of donors (Thank you!), our finances are likely not sustainable over the longer term; funds from our capital campaign are reaching their end and synods are unable to maintain their support at historical levels.

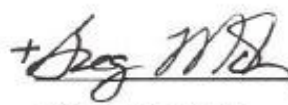
Moreover, theological education has changed significantly since we moved into this property in 1968. Now we do more online training and work with smaller class sizes. Laypeople interested in learning about Christianity study alongside those preparing for rostered ministry.

In order to sustain our mission of preparing leaders for the ELCIC in Western Canada, to take up the challenge of today and tomorrow, we are looking for ways to enrich educational possibilities and strengthen recruiting efforts. We also hope to situate ourselves in a location more suited to contemporary educational needs.


Consequently, we are assessing new options for the Seminary. We considered some form of co-operation with our sister ELCIC seminary in Waterloo. However, recognizing the significant difficulties of inter-provincial partnership, we are currently examining other options, with Saskatoon still a possibility. At this time, we are exploring the option of moving to the campus of Luther College at the University of Regina. Moving there might offer us improved educational and recruiting capacities, along with financial efficiencies. Our conversations at this time are investigative; we do not know what the outcome will be.

Because members of the ELCIC in Western Canada have a stake in the future of LTS, and because you have been clear with us that you care about our work, we commit to sharing our decision-making process with you. We thank God for all of you and appreciate your prayers and support as we engage in this time of discernment.


Yours in Christ,  
The Rev. Dr. William Harrison  
President, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon  
[president.lts@usask.ca](mailto:president.lts@usask.ca)



Rev. Dr. Greg Mohr  
Bishop, British Columbia Synod



Rev. Dr. Larry Kochendorfer  
Bishop, Synod of Alberta and the Territories



Rev. Dr. Sidney Haugen  
Bishop, Saskatchewan Synod



Rev. Jason Zinko  
Bishop, Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario Synod



## White Elephant Gift Shop Sale and Tea November 2 ~ 10 am to 5 pm



SHOP FOR UNIQUE ITEMS IN OUR GIFT SHOP!

ENJOY SCONES AND TEA IN OUR BEAUTIFUL  
SEASONALLY DECORATED STATION TEA ROOM.

WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT SHOP OPEN EVERY FRIDAY  
FROM NOVEMBER 2 THROUGH DECEMBER 1.



Camrose Heritage Railway Station and Park  
4407 47 Avenue, Camrose, AB

For more information – [www.canadiannorthern.ca](http://www.canadiannorthern.ca)

## Sahakarini Loaves & Fishes Dinner

"Local Effort for Global Challenges"  
with speaker Suneeta Jobanputra

Saturday  
November 3  
Norsemen Inn  
Doors open at  
5:00 pm  
Dinner at 6:00 pm  
Program to follow



Tickets \$40 (\$35/students) from  
Carolyn Andersen 780-678-5772  
Ruth Jensen 780-781-3342  
Don Rebus 780-679-7726  
or at Wiseman's Way

## Hastings Lake Bible Camp Lutefisk Supper FUNDRAISER & AUCTION



### November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

Experience a traditional Scandinavian evening of delicious food,  
& great entertainment, all in support of Hastings!



At the Ryley Hall in Ryley, AB. Doors open at 3:30 ~ Supper at 4:30

Tickets: \$45 for adults, \$20 for kids 12 and under

Purchase tickets online or by calling the camp office:

[www.hastingslake.com](http://www.hastingslake.com)

135-51268 Range Road 204 Sherwood Park, AB, T8G 1E9 (780) 662-2557

Tickets are available from Jim & Marie Brager.  
Bus will leave Messiah at 3:00 pm.

Domestic violence is not a woman's issue, it's a human issue.

## breakfast with the GUYS 2018 Camrose

Bringing community leaders together to inform  
and inspire action to help end domestic violence.

Wednesday, Nov. 7th, 2018  
7:30 To 9:00 AM

Camrose Resort Casino  
3201 – 48 Ave.

Tickets \$50 each or \$350 for a table of 8

For tickets, Call: 780-679-4975 ext. 8

Guest Speaker



### Mariann Rich

Mariann was a registered nurse for 35 years and taught undergraduate nursing students in Alberta for almost 20 years. Losing her oldest sister to Domestic Homicide four years ago has changed Mariann's thinking about intimate partner abuse both professionally and personally. Mariann will share her experience of losing a sister as the result of domestic abuse, along with her journey in breaking the silence on abuse and becoming an advocate to help end it.

In 2017 Mariann relocated to Vancouver Island where she is semi-retired.

For More Information



Ph: (780) 679-4975  
E: [exec@camrowomensshelter.org](mailto:exec@camrowomensshelter.org)



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# Shoe Box Project

During October and November, Messiah will collect boxes for  
Operation Christmas Child.

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

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

**Please drop off your  
filled boxes to  
Messiah's office by  
Friday, November 9.**

**We will bless all  
the boxes on  
Sunday, November 11  
before sending them off.**

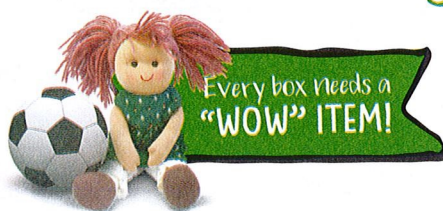
**Questions?  
Please call Cece Watts  
Coordinator  
780-672-3199**



## How to PACK your Shoebox



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



- 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.

**\$10**

- 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)



## Standing on the Side of Love

The 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Kristallnacht:

*The Night of Broken Glass*

Bethel Lutheran Church –73<sup>rd</sup> and Marler  
November 8<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm

On November 9, 1938: Hitler initiated two days of organized violence against the Jews of Germany, the first openly sanctioned act of genocide in the Nazi “final solution.” The riots left the streets of Jewish communities strewn with broken glass.



Eighty years later: Hate related incidents are on the rise, neo-nazi and white supremacist movements are emboldened, and many fear a repetition of the hateful tragedies of the past.

We invite you to gather for a candlelight service on the eve of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Kristallnacht to remember both the victims of hatred and the courageous men and women who stood, in the most dangerous of times, on the side of love.

For further information, or to sing in the choir on November 8<sup>th</sup>, contact:  
[bethelcamrose@telus.net](mailto:bethelcamrose@telus.net) or phone 780 672-3659.

Photo: Memorial, Town Church, Wittenberg Germany (Deborah Ann Taylor)



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**An evening of music & wonder to celebrate the season!**

**DATE** Friday, November 23, 2018 **TIME** 7:00 pm  
**VENUE** Grace Lutheran Church, 5306-50 Avenue, Camrose  
**TICKETS** Free will offering (Ticket value \$25)

Tickets available at [kevinpauls.com](http://kevinpauls.com) #50C2018 Venue phone #: 780-672-2092



## GRATEFUL GRANNIES CHRISTMAS MARKET

You are invited to a relaxing afternoon  
at the elegant Bailey Theatre!

Shop for one-of-a kind local crafts including pottery,  
Scandinavian gnomes, art work, AIDs angels, jewellery,  
baking and unique cards

Savour hot apple cider and snacks plus buy  
special treats at our expanded bake table.

**DATE:** Saturday, November 24, 2018

**TIME:** Drop in from 12:00 – 3:00 pm

**LOCATION:** Bailey Theatre, 5041–50 St., Camrose

**COST:** \$5.00 per person (free for children and students)

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

Proceeds to the “Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign”  
of the Stephen Lewis Foundation ([www.grandmotherscampaign.org](http://www.grandmotherscampaign.org))





# WATERING THE WASTE(D)LAND



ROOTING THE CALL FOR **PERSONAL RENEWAL**

**ISAIAH**  
43:18-19

...SEE, I AM DOING A NEW THING! NOW IT SPRINGS UP;  
DO YOU NOT PERCEIVE IT? I AM MAKING A WAY IN THE  
WILDERNESS AND STREAMS IN THE WASTELAND.

**OCT  
25**

**"RECOGNIZE"**

PSALM 42  
REV SEAN BLOMQUIST

**FEB  
28**

**"RENEW"**

JOHN 4  
REV BOYD HOPKINS

**NOV  
29**

**"REMEMBER"**

JOB 14  
REV TED HILL

**MAR  
14**

**"RELIANCE"**

ISAIAH 43  
IMPACT TEAMS

**JAN  
24**

**"REPLENISH"**

JOHN 7  
REV HANS WEICHBRODT (WITH ARLEN & ELSA SALTE)

**5:30 PM  
DINNER**

**6:30 PM  
SESSION**

**7:30 PM  
Q&A**

**8:00 PM  
COFFEE  
& DESSERTS**

**CLBI**  
PLUS+

Free will offering is taken. Please RSVP if attending the meal. For more information and/or to RSVP, contact the clbi office at **780.672.4454** or email at [info@clbi.edu](mailto:info@clbi.edu)  
4837 52a Street Camrose, AB T4V 1W5



**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.

# Prayers of the People

**Heavenly Father,** thank you for sending the beautiful fall weather, the sunshine boosts our spirits and was welcomed by our farmers - keep them safe as they complete the harvest. We remember before you this month all those who have served our country, those that gave up their life and those whose lives are forever changed through service here and abroad.



Lord, we are blessed by 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. Renew them daily and equip them to be the leaders you desire.

We lift up the staff to You: Sheila Becker, Doreen Brewer, Lowell Dahlman, Ruth Jensen, Lori Mokry, Carolyn Olson, Lloyd Olson, Tova Olson and Marlys Sorenson, who use their gifts to help the Messiah function from day to day. 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.

Please grant wisdom and discernment to our Church Council and Committees. May they feel fulfilled in their work. We also pray for our City Council, Provincial and National Governments may they govern with strength and integrity.

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 Marie Olson and David Wold 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.

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 around the world. 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, Connie Landstrom in Tanzania, Ryan and Siobhain Cole with Mission Aviation Fellowship in Papua New Guinea. Thank you for Charles and Anita Jackson who shared of their work at the MLW Thankoffering service. 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

# Messiah Church Council

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