



MESSIAH MESSENGER

January 2019

Volume 40 Issue 1

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 24 TO JANUARY 1
Re-opening Wednesday, January 2 at 9:00 am



NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
Amen.

REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

RESUMES JANUARY 6, 2019

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

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

RESUME JANUARY 2, 2019

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

CHURCH BUILDING WILL BE OPEN

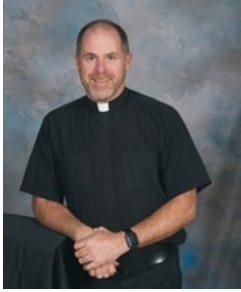
MONDAY TO FRIDAY

8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

SATURDAY

9:00 AM TO NOON

Minister's Message



*After eight days had passed,
it was time to circumcise the child;
and he was called Jesus,
the name given by the angel
before he was conceived in the womb.*

Luke 2:21

January's Messiah Messenger is due to come out before Christmas this month. So:

Merry Christmas!

I hope and trust that the Christ Child will bring each of you the peace and joy that passes all understanding.

Once the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day is gone and past, we continue in the Christmas season for 12 days, well into the worldly new year. Each of those days reminds us of God with us (Emmanuel) in ways that are surprising, sometimes unnoticed and so often in the midst of the pains and struggles of our lives – not just the nice, joyful and cozy times of life.

I came across the above text while trying to find something to say for this article. January 1st is "Name of Jesus" day and this is Luke's account of Jesus being named. There are a few things to point out from this text that I feel can be good and helpful for our lives today.

"After eight days had passed". This phrase reminds me of a couple other bible passages: Genesis chapter 1 and the day of resurrection in our four gospels. Creation happens in "seven days" and the very next day is the beginning of the ongoing life of God in the world. The "eighth day" is also the day of Jesus' resurrection – again signaling the first day of the ongoing life of God in and through the world. We live in this new, 8th day.

"time to circumcise the child". God continues to act in and through the regular cycles of life. Circumcision was intended to be a sign that one has been chosen by God. In this act, God also chooses to be "in our shoes". Knowing the pains of life and living in the traditions and cycles that we all are a part of – even to experiencing death. In this "ordinary" life we are blessed with eternal life.

"he was called Jesus". A direct reminder to us that "God saves". The name of Jesus is a Greek word related to the Hebrew name Joshua which means "YaHWeH is salvation".

"the name given by the angel". Though Jesus is God-with-us and is with us in the whole of our lives and experiences, he is still named by angels. Jesus is heavenly: from heaven, heaven bound and heaven among us. We have a God who is beyond us even while being with us.

"before he was conceived". Jesus is not an afterthought but a premeditation. God's full intention is to be in, through, with and under Jesus. Jesus is not an accident or a mere response to sin in the world. Jesus is the way God **is**, before anything, right now, and way past anything else will be. We become grafted into this intention of God now and forever.

In this new year may we find ways to listen to where and what God is directing us toward. And beyond that, may we find ways to act and follow where Christ leads the way.

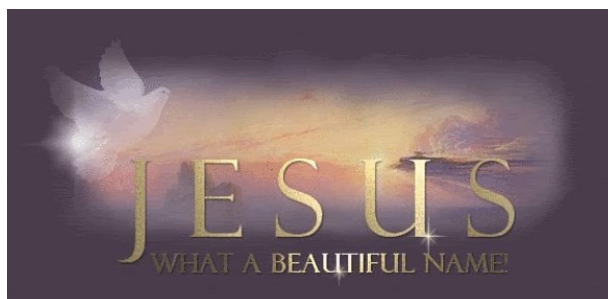
Call me at 780-672-3444

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



I AM DOING A NEW THING!

Behold I am doing a new thing! It springs forth!
Isaiah 43:19 ESV

***¹⁹Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.***

The New Year is here... 2019! Wow!! There is something rather refreshing about a "NEW" year in some ways. It can be like a fresh start. But there can also be struggle in this time.

We can look over the last year... sometimes with thanksgiving... and other times with regrets and even sorrow over the many losses we have experienced. These can catch us unaware... for sure. We can find a myriad of feelings that rise up, as we close one year and move into the next. All transitions are like this. A New Year is a time of transition.

Transition can be very mixed... and each moment of our life is actually a transition.

And so often transitions cannot be counted on... we never know what will suddenly hurl us into transition of any kinds.

There is one transition we can always count on. This the place where we know that with God every moment is made new. It is where we can always leave our "stuff" with God; our sin, our wrongdoings, our joys, our sorrows, as we are being made completely new in one instant. In fact we are being made new every moment... literally every moment of every single day. For God is always about making us new. It is a bit like a new year... coming in every time. Each moment we are freshly loved... forgiven and loved even more than the last moment if that is even possible. For every minute with our Lord is like a new year... a new moment...a fresh start.

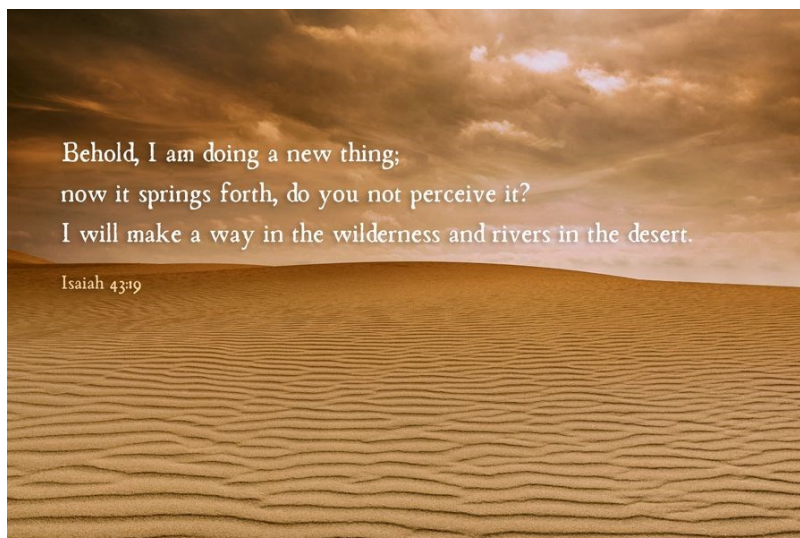
As we enter into this New Year... I find this thought comforting and joyful. Let's remember this passage as we enter into all our moments of this New Year...

"Behold, I am doing a new thing! It Springs Forth!"

Thanks be to God... for his constant transforming love.

Peace to you as you enter into all your moments loved and made new!

Also made new...
Pastor Bev



Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

Isaiah 43:19



Synod of Alberta and the Territories

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

Bishop's Message For Congregations and Lay and Rostered Leaders



Dear Beloved of God –

“In the time of King Herod...” that’s how the story begins.

“In the time of King Herod...” He built monumental structures including the Second Jewish Temple, the mountaintop palace at Masada and the palatial Herodium complex whose desert palace included a grand residence, a theater and large pools, baths and gardens. When his position was seemingly threatened, he did not hesitate for a second but had his wife killed and at least two of his sons.

“In the time of King Herod...” He dominates the story. Of the twelve verses of the Epiphany Gospel, Matthew 2:1-12, he controls the action in ten of them. He rules a world dominated by his authority, his power, his ruthlessness.

King Herod so rules over the world, over this story, that it would be easy to miss the good news of the birth of an infant for it is almost buried, almost hidden, almost veiled in the reality dominated by Herod.

It is no wonder then that he, and all of Jerusalem with him, are stunned by the arrival of wise men from the East who come to Jerusalem wishing to pay tribute to a “child who has been born king of the Jews.” It frightens him, and all Jerusalem and he moves quickly to control, to assess, to dominate calling the religious leaders together and then secretly meeting the wise men.

And later we will learn that Herod had been fooled by these wise foreigners – fooled but not beaten. He fights back as cruelty does and has all the infants slaughtered.

“In the time of King Herod...”

This is not an easy, gentle story – but the gospel writer, Matthew’s witness, does not shy away from recognizing that the good news of Jesus – of the birth of the Christ-child, “the king of the Jews” is surrounded by, it is immersed in, harsh reality. And that beneath this reality as defined by Herod – almost hidden, almost veiled – is the truth.

Foreigners arrive in Jerusalem with wealth to place at the crib of a Jewish baby. And, in this act of homage, they become the first to see what God is up to in the birth of this infant. An epiphany which means something like manifestation, or unveiling, or revealing the truth. That the steadfast love of God is met in the flesh and blood of Jesus, born of Mary and that it is veiled, revealed in weakness, hidden in poverty, seen in helplessness.

The gospel writer’s witness invites us to see that the epiphany is not obvious. Rather, it is fragile, tenuous, dreamlike, as vulnerable as an unnoticed baby in a god-forsaken little village, witnessed to by foreigners, in a land ruled by Herod.

And this is where we find ourselves. For if we are to be a people who seek to be disciples of Jesus Christ, “in the time of King Herod,” then we are invited to see God at work in the hidden, veiled, fragile, tenuous, vulnerable, weak, poor; in people and places and events one would hardly notice at all.

For what child is this whose epiphany is so quiet, so unobtrusive, little more than a whisper and yet this one is known, is revealed in the sharing of a little piece of bread and a sip of wine?

For what child is this whose epiphany is so fragile, so veiled, in a village fifteen kilometers from the center of power in Jerusalem and yet this one is baptized, and we are ourselves, baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, are named and claimed children of God?

For what child is this whose birth in a manger is witnessed hardly at all, and who is killed on a cross embracing the whole world. A story from start to finish surrounded by loss and grief and yet a story that ends in surprising, new life?

"In the time of King Herod...." And soon this family will be running to Egypt.

God give us eyes, new eyes, to see You at work among us. And then nurtured in the water and the Word of our baptism, nourished in the communion meal, and upheld in community move us to action for the fragile, tenuous, vulnerable, weak, poor.

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:

Mary Ann Ferner

Membership Transfers Out:

***Neil MacInnis
Tamara MacInnis
Elyse MacInnis***



New Members

***George Litke & Irene Bishop
Donald & Carole Lehr
Dwayne & Greta Roth
Donald & Letha Saltvold***

**Special gifts since last
reported in honor of:**

Drew Nester's Baptism

We recognize the monthly
Baptismal Anniversaries of the children
in the *Splash* program:

**There are no baptismal anniversaries being
celebrated in January.**

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



2018 Donations

Please note that the office will NOT be open between Christmas Eve and New Year's Day. If you wish to make a donation to be receipted in 2018, you will be able to donate in the offerings on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day or on December 30. You will also be able to drop off your offering to the office by 3:00 pm on December 21 – or the mail needs to be clearly postmarked 2018.

	
<i>Christmas Offering</i>	
Name _____	
Address _____	
Amount \$ _____	
	
<small><i>For unto you is born...a Saviour. Luke 2:11</i></small>	

Church Council Highlights

Church Council does not meet in December. The next regular meeting is on January 15, 2019 at 5:15 pm.

MLW Highlights

First Bible Study briefing for the New Year will be on MONDAY, January 7 at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Centre.

Youth Connection

Watch your email for details of Youth events in the New Year!

Monetary View to November 30, 2018 (58% of budget year)



Revenue	\$218411
Designated revenue	29798
Expenses	<u>273385</u>
Net income	-25176

You are invited to:
Messiah's Annual World Mission Month, January, 2019
under the theme:

"Declaring God's Glory among the nations" from Ps. 96
with speakers who will share, and inspire us all.

Sundays, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. in the Basement Auditorium

Everybody Welcome !!
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**January 6  
Sam and Dolores Wuermli  
with Wycliffe Bible Translators  
coming from Calgary**



**January 13  
Mat Roersma (left) and Andrew Anstey  
of Mission Aviation Fellowship  
describing the challenge of bringing the gospel +  
medical services + disaster relief in remote cross-  
cultural situations.  
And hear the latest concerning Pilot Ryan Cole in  
Papua New Guinea.**

**January 20  
Tricia and Geoff Hoepfner from  
Edmonton,  
Faye Oswald from Messiah  
and  
Bishop Larry Kochendorfer  
through pictures share their  
interactions with the church in  
Colombia.**



**January 27 - The African Challenge:  
Connie Landstrom, recently returned from  
Tanzania, via FaceTime from her home in BC  
and, shared by Cece Watts,  
news from the Burundi-based  
George and Susan Watts Family**

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Opportunities for free-will Offerings for these ministries will be provided.

World Mission Month is planned for the congregation by the World Mission Group under the Witnessing Committee



We are collecting mittens, scarves, toques and adding socks this year! The donations will go to Centra Cam Emergency Clothing Depot. Agencies, like Messiah, refer many people to the Emergency Depot and they are always looking for more donations. Please, generously donate until January 2, 2019. You will find a tree in the Narthex.



LunchFEST Sunday, January 13

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

FOOD BANK SUNDAY January 20

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.



thank
YOU

Dear Family and Friends;

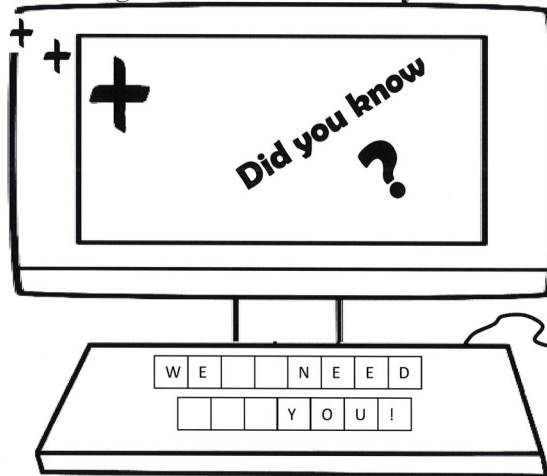
Words fail me as I attempt to adequately thank each one of you for attending my 90th birthday festivity on December 8th. I was overwhelmed to find 160 names in the Guestbook. Special thanks to my daughters, Judy, Maureen, and Twyla, who efficiently made this event possible. Thanks, too, to Loretta Foshaug for helping with kitchen duties, and to Custodian Lloyd Olson for the perfect arrangement of the auditorium.

To all of you - I treasure your friendship, your expressions of love and your fellowship in Christ. "I thank my God for every remembrance of you!"

Sylvia Engen Espe

Volunteer Opportunities at Messiah:

+ + 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.

***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**

*** Chancel Care**



Are you a creative person who enjoys working with other creative people such as Pastor Bev to create a worshipful atmosphere in our sanctuary during the various seasons of the year?



Well, you are in luck!

Pastor Bev wants you to contact her if you are willing to assist her in preparing the sanctuary for one of the upcoming seasons: Epiphany, Lent, Easter and Pentecost.

**Submitted by
the Worship Committee**



What to Do With the Stump of Our Weeping Birch

In October it was determined that our Weeping Birch had succumbed to the bronze birch borer so it was cut down. In the process a decision was made to leave the stump in the event that someone wanted it for carving. If that is you, by mid-January, please contact Donny Loewen at 780 679 2341. Keep in mind that the tree has been infected by a beetle.

In the spring the Weeping Birch will be replaced by a Linden Tree. Attached is a picture of the Linden Tree planted by Lyndon and Elaine Olson on the acreage they once owned.



Submitted by Darlene Dahle

Birchwood

The old birch tree has been cut down and there is about 1/2 a cord of wood up for bids. Drop a sealed envelope at the church office stating the amount you will pay for it, highest bid gets the wood. You must haul the wood away. Bids are open until January 21, 2019 and will be unsealed on February 7, 2019 with the purchaser notified thereafter.

Support Committee



Worship Committee's Dilemma

In mid-December Gail Pfeiffer moved to Calgary. She was a member of the Worship Committee and we are missing her already!

If you sense that being part of the Worship Committee is a way you could serve at Messiah, please talk to one of our pastors. The committee's next meeting is on January 30th.

On another topic, Lowell Dahlman, our Audio-Video Ministry Coordinator, expressed appreciation for all those who assist him in his ministry but stressed that training is always available for others who are interested in joining the crew. If this is a way you could serve talk to Lowell and then Rosanna Hohm as she does the scheduling of the audio-video technicians.



Pray and Plan

This is a really good time to evaluate what we have done during this past year - the past 365 days! Did our life and work reap eternal results? It is the time of year when we should assess the results of our work for the Lord and consider whether we have made the most of our time, talent, experience and treasure. It's the time to think through and make changes in our goals and plans for the upcoming year.

It is also the time we appraise our giving to the Lord. He has blessed us with time, experiences, resources, talents, spiritual gifts and a network of people. Did we have an attitude of gratitude last year? Have we used our income to help to evangelize and disciple and feed people around the world?

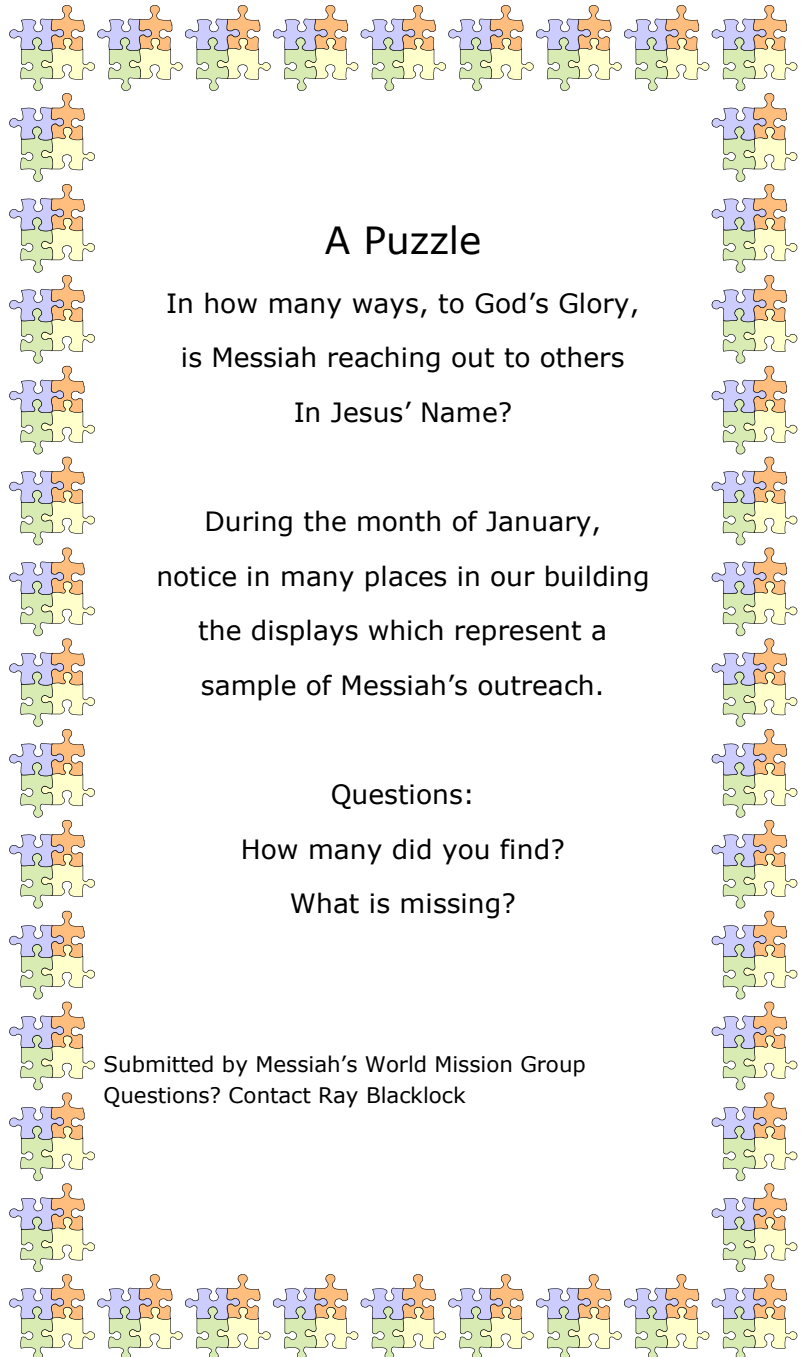
"How much time did I spend in the Word and in prayer? How many people did I pray for? How many people have been disciplined through the ministry I'm involved with?" How many people have been trained and challenged to serve?

Going through our papers and invoices carefully, we can become aware of how we have spent our time and money. Take time to pray and plan for the coming year. How can you best use your God-given time, talent and treasure during the next 365 days?

—Gleaned from "Everyday life with God"



Contact your Synod office for more on stewardship



A Puzzle

In how many ways, to God's Glory,
is Messiah reaching out to others
In Jesus' Name?

During the month of January,
notice in many places in our building
the displays which represent a
sample of Messiah's outreach.

Questions:

How many did you find?

What is missing?

Submitted by Messiah's World Mission Group
Questions? Contact Ray Blacklock

NEWS BRIEFS



Canadian Lutheran
World Relief



Thank you to all of you who purchased “Gifts from the Heart”. The Christmas Tree poster will stay up until the end of 2018. But remember, “Gifts from the Heart” can be given at any time of the year. It is a great way to honour that special person in your life.



Winter is a good time to work on those special indoor projects like sewing pillowcase dresses for little girls or knitting the “We Care Bears”. Directions for these are on the CLWR bulletin board.



Quilting will begin again in January. No experience is needed, but many hands accomplish tying many more quilts.



**Remember to Light up the
CLWR Christmas Tree
with your
“Gifts from the Heart”
purchase.**



Mark Your Calendar!!!

Music Through the Centuries

*Featuring the Pipe Organ
of Messiah & Tova Olson*

*...with guest artists
Keysha Swanson, Colden Palo,
Juanita Hohm, Charlene Brown,
Michelle Kennedy Hawkins,
Carolyn Olson, Lucas Brown & ...*

**Saturday, March 9, 2019
7:00 pm**

To God Be the Glory

At a Congregational Meeting on March 16, 1986 Milt Gilbertson and Don Myrehaug presented the following motion:

*Believing that we would be better able to serve God . . . it is moved that
Messiah Lutheran Church purchase the AGT building for a sum of \$175,000.*

The motion carried and what transpired in the next year and a half was truly remarkable! In fact both the organ and the new facility were dedicated at a service of Thanksgiving on October 11, 1987!

Read in next month's Messenger about how this all happened at Messiah.

Submitted by Darlene Dahle

Oh, and save these dates:

May 4th and 5th, 2019.

A celebration is being planned!





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
Resumes January 5, 2019**

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.

Resumes January 7, 2019



Camrose Camerata Chamber Choir LIGHT

A CONCERT

exploring music of the community,
of rejoicing, of faith and hope

January 13, 2019, 3:00 pm

Messiah Lutheran Church

4810 - 50 St., Camrose

Tickets: \$20, \$10 for students, free for children and youth available in advance from choir members, by calling 780-672-3372, and at the door.

WEEK OF PRAYER | SEMAINE DE PRIÈRE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2019 | POUR L'UNITÉ DES CHRÉTIENS 2019

Justice and only
justice you
shall pursue.
(Deuteronomy 16:18-20)

Tu rechercheras
la justice, rien
que la justice.
(Deutéronome 16,18-20)



weekofprayer.ca | semainedepriere.ca

DATE / DATE : Sunday, January 20, 2019

TIME / HEURE : 7:00 p.m.

PLACE / LIEU : St. Francis Xavier Roman Catholic Church



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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	5:30 PM DINNER
NOV 29	"REMEMBER" JOB 14 REV TED HILL	MAR 14	"RELIANCE" ISAIAH 43 IMPACT TEAMS	6:30 PM SESSION
JAN 24	"REPLENISH" JOHN 7 REV HANS WEICHBRODT (WITH ARLEN & ELSA SALTE)			7:30 PM Q&A
				8:00 PM COFFEE & DESSERTS



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
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Augustana Campus of the University of Alberta January 2019 Fine Arts Events Calendar

Sunday, January 20th [2:00 pm], Lougheed Centre (Cargill Theatre)

Roger Admiral, Piano in Concert! Featuring music by Mozart, Chopin, Liszt, Ravel, and Debussy. There is no charge for admission and the public is welcome.

Sunday, January 27 [7 pm], Lougheed Centre (Cargill Theatre)

Red Deer Symphony Orchestra presents Robbie Burns Day Scottish Folk Songs. This is the third concert of the Classical Series (DiscoverMusic@Augustana). Always a Camrose favourite, the Red Deer Symphony Orchestra returns after their sold performance last season. Get in touch with your inner Celt by celebrating Scotland's Bard of Ayrshire. This evening will leave you with songs in your heart. Featuring Kai Gleusteen, violin soloist. Other repertoire includes Peter Maxwell Davies' *Orkney Wedding & Sunrise*; Lapalme's *Fantasy on Scottish Folk Songs*, and Max Bruch's *Scotch Fantasy*. Tickets: \$54 (adults); \$49 (students/seniors). Purchase at www.camroselive.ca or call the Lougheed Box Office ph. 780-608-2922

Save these Dates

May 4 and 5, 2019

A Celebration is Being Planned

At Messiah!



AID FOR BOTSWANA

HELP THE POOREST
OF THE POOR

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- GENTLY USED CLOTHING & SHOES
(ALL AGES)
- SCHOOL SUPPLIES
- EYE GLASSES

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DEADLINE
FEBRUARY 28, 2019

FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT UNA
780-394-0621



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.

Prayers of the People



Heavenly Father, we thank you for the year that has passed and the year set before us. Help us to focus on You and how we may model Your love.

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, in this New 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. Bless them over their break from studies 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 newcomers in our community and especially to the new members of Messiah: George & Irene; Don & Carole; Dwayne & Greta; Don & Letha. Help us to be a welcoming 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 Mary Ann Ferner as they adjust to life without her 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 his ministry in El Salvador. We ask your presence with the George and Susan Watts family in Burundi, Ryan and Siobhain Cole with Mission Aviation Fellowship in Papua New Guinea, Charles and Anita Jackson of WMPL and Connie Landstrom. 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

Odell Olson, President

Gail Stolee, Vice-President

Jonathan Hawkins, Secretary

Ivar Saugen, Treasurer

Members at Large:

Darlene Dahle

Donny Loewen

Dave Larson

Carolyn Andersen

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Support Committee

Witnessing Committee

Service Committee



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