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For God
SO LOVED THE WORLD
THAT HE GAVE HIS
ONLY
BEGOTTEN
SON SO
THAT WHOEVER
BELIEVES
IN HIM SHALL
HAVE EVERLASTING
Life
John 3:16



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

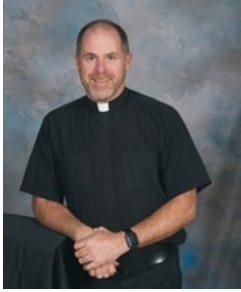
10:30 am
Sunday School

10:30 am
Worship Service

11:45 am
Coffee Fellowship



Minister's Message



**When they had brought their boats to shore,
they left everything and followed him.**

Luke 5:11

Where does your mind go when you read something like this?

Do you think something like: "I guess it's time for the pastor to talk about stewardship again." Followed by a heavy sigh...

Or do you think, "It's too bad our young people don't get this committed anymore..."

Or, "Do I have to leave everything to follow Jesus?"

Or, "I wish I could experience something like those disciples did."

Maybe it's something else.

I encourage you to read a few verses around this one verse. Maybe read from the beginning of chapter 5 – or read the whole of Luke's gospel, it won't take all that long.



This reaction comes immediately after Simon (Peter), James and John encountered Jesus in a way that scared and excited them. Jesus made use of Simon's boat after a long night of work to teach the crowds in a more efficient way (water is a good amplifier). That was pretty simple, but then Jesus asked Simon to put out to deep water and let down the nets again. After a brief protest, Simon did as Jesus instructed and there were so many fish his and his partner's boats began to sink. This was a small fortune for these small businessmen. But Jesus informed them that they were now to be "catching people".

I wish I had such an experience with the living God: something so obvious and life changing that I could do nothing but follow. This is not to say I am not following or that I have not left some things because of Jesus. It is to say, that the choices are not as obvious as I would like them to be.

I wonder if the choices were as obvious for Peter, James or John as Luke's record indicates. (For example, what happened to all the fish? Did they end up spoiling? Did someone else benefit from the catch? Or was there something *more* to the "brought their boats to shore" phrase?)

For the most part, our choices are not so clear and obvious. But I hope that we do try to listen to what Jesus is trying to tell us. Could it be as simple as, "Could you take me out a little way so I can talk to the people better?" Or must it be as daunting as, "Now you will be catching people"?

Jesus **does** come into our lives.

Jesus **does** make use of what we are able to provide.

Jesus **can** surprise us with the unexpected.

Jesus may even turn our lives upside down for the sake of others in service to God.

Would you like to talk about this more? Call; stop by the office; invite me to your home or for coffee sometime. I'd love to hear about what you are feeling or thinking or wondering or dreaming.

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



My Beloved Ones...

As we begin to explore once again the life of Christ, we find ourselves standing by the river along with Jesus as he is baptized. The skies open and the light of God shines upon him.

These words are spoken...“This is my **beloved** Son...in whom I am well pleased...listen to him”.

And so we get a picture of what happens when we are baptized...claimed and filled with the light and love of God. We are God's **beloved ones**.

These words are also spoken to each of us. Do you know that you are **beloved to God** and that your God is well pleased with you? This is not a well-pleasing that comes because of anything you do. It is because of who you are.

You are loved...“**beloved**” of God...because you are God's child. This is the love of a parent. This is love of one who chooses to love you because you are God's own.

We struggle, don't we...to accept this as our truth...

Can God truly love me that much...as a parent would...as a son or daughter?

Can we let these words into the depths our souls given us at our baptism and at our birth?

Can we let them seep deeply into our very beings?

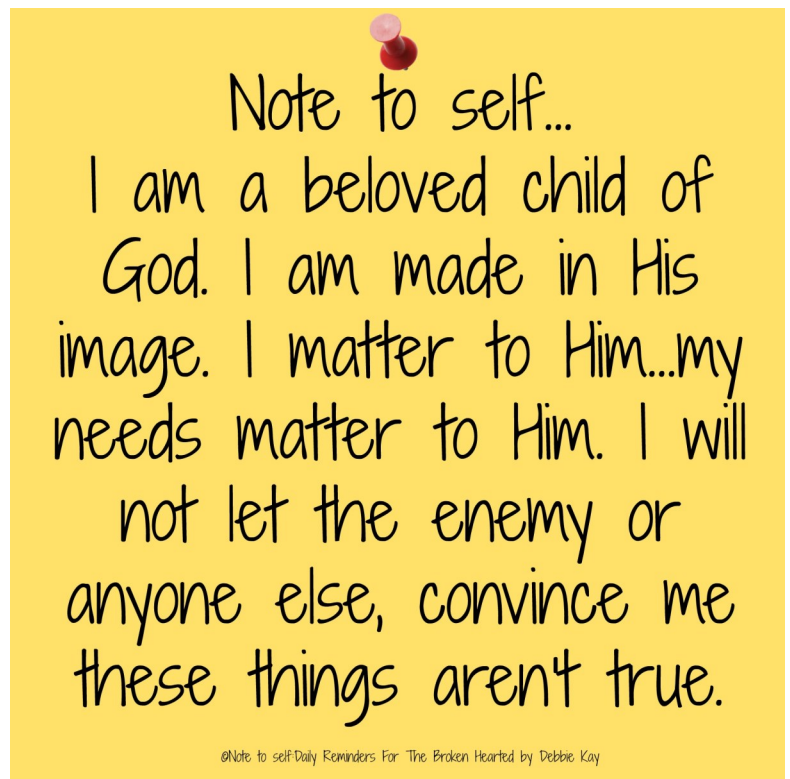
This is most certainly what I want my children to do with my love for them. And so it is with God...who would like us to fully receive this love that is full and free.

As we are entering in February one of the days we celebrate is Valentine's Day. Some people find this day to be hard if they have no one special in the world to be loved by or to pour love upon. And yet as February 14 rolls around this year we can realize our “**belovedness**” in our Lord. Indeed perhaps we can all open each day hearing these words, “You are my **beloved child**...in who I am well pleased.” Believe this and be loved!

As you walk through your weeks (including this Valentine's Day) choose another person to remind of their “**belovedness**” in God.

YOU ARE GOD'S BELOVED CHILD! What a blessing. What a gift!

In God's Love,
Pastor Bev



Bishop's Message For Congregations and Lay and Rostered Leaders



Dear Beloved of God –

Over the past several months I have participated in three continuing education opportunities which were each very good learning experiences.

- “Shared Stories: Promising Practices in Canadian Churches” through Ambrose University, Calgary and its *flourishing Congregations Institute*.
- A leadership development event for Bishops from across North America and representing several denominations.

- The ELCA/ELCIC Bishop's Academy which focused on: Caring for Our Common Home with keynote presenters: Dr. Cynthia Moe-Lobeda and Dr. Larry Rasmussen

Continuing education is an important piece for all rostered and lay leaders, including bishops. As a way to remain diligent to learning goals, ELCIC rostered ministers are expected to engage in at least ninety hours of continuing education over each three-year period. Rostered Ministers have you reported all your 2018 continuing education hours to ELCIC Group Services Inc.? Members are encouraged to submit continuing education hours, even when no funds were used. You can report your continuing education hours to GSI, using the CEP Expense Reimbursement Form: <https://www.elcicgsi.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/CEP-Short-Term-Expense-reimbursement-request-form-revised-Jan-2019.pdf>

Continuing education is not just important and valuable for rostered ministers...and bishops...it is equally as important and valuable for lay leaders and for congregational members.

Have you considered participating in “Pathways to Prayer” offered through the Lay Academy at our Seminary? Join Deacon Dr. Faith Nostbakken from our Synod online or in person (Ascension, Edmonton and Hope, Calgary) as we look at the Lord's Prayer and its invitation to intimacy with God. Feb. 2 and Feb. 9, 2019 from 9:30am – 12 Noon. For Registration and Payment see: <https://layacademy5.wixsite.com/elcicwla/prayer2> To learn more about the Lay Academy see: <http://www.usask.ca/stu/luther/programs-lay-academy.html> (Editor note: See page 13 of the Messenger for the full details)

Happy learning lifelong learners!

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

Baptism:

***Jemma Mattiessen
Brett Enright***

Wedding:

***Lorie Bauman
& Jim Gainer***

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

Malia McNary - February 4

Erin Bilyk - February 25

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



Congregational Potluck

Sunday, February 10

**11:45 am in the Fellowship Centre
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**(Bring a dish to share...Bread pudding is being
provided for dessert!)**

Church Council Highlights from January 15, 2019

- Gail Stolee shared a poem from 'The Seven Sacred Pauses', intended for morning, but with vivid imagery, especially regarding transitions from darkness into dawn/light and how both are valuable parts of the cycle of life. She then drew some reflections from a book 'On the Brink of Everything', particularly referencing some of the diminishments, but greater benefits, that come with age and experiences. We, as a congregation, can also feel that we are on the brink of everything, with many opportunities and chances to grow. Hopefully this helps encourage and inform our planning processes. Gail then opened the meeting in prayer.
- In preparation for the Sunday February 10, 2019 follow up Planning Meeting, Council members were encouraged to engage congregational members at Messiah on various questions, including 'What is working for Messiah?' 'What opportunities do we have (for service)?' 'How does Messiah affect your spiritual life?' and 'What do Messiah (and you) have to give?' Council also hopes to get a sense of what our young people/teens are thinking about Messiah and their spiritual growth. It is hoped that the feedback will help promote fruitful discussions on February 10.
- Gail will approach individuals about serving on the Nominating Committee as it begins its work in preparation for the Annual General Meeting.
- The Service Committee is now meeting regularly. More members would be welcome. If members are found, Council can approve them to serve until the annual nomination process occurs at the Annual General Meeting.
- Council approved three people willing to serve on the Ad hoc Budget Group for this year: LeRoy Johnson, Agnes Hoveland, and Don Rebus. Calvin will also participate, along with Ivar and Sheila. The group will convene sometime in March, so Committees need to have budget information submitted to Ivar by Friday March 1.
- Ivar will explore funding for a historical sign/plaque for the old Moland Cemetery.
- Calvin and Bev have begun work on drafting an Associate Pastor job description and will continue to develop it and seek input.
- Youth programming is developing in cooperation with Bethel. The youth seem very happy. Biggest challenge is working with their busy schedules.
- The Learning Committee has arranged for Rick Bergh to visit Messiah in early March and are busy planning how to fully utilize his time on that weekend.
- Ivar circulated copies of the annual Audit Statement and spoke to the numbers. Expenditures are as expected; revenue was down about \$25,000.
- Odell asked Bev to close the meeting in prayer. The Next Regular Council Meeting is Tuesday, February 19, 2019

FOOD BANK SUNDAY February 17

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.



**The Service Committee at Messiah invites you to the following
Sunday Morning Adult Classes at 9:15 a.m. during the month of February:**

Feb. 3, 2019 *Called to be a servant...How can I serve?*

Jesus calls us to visit, feed, help and comfort those who are in the community. Come and hear what is being done here, now and how you could be part of this outreach.

Presenters: members of Messiah

Feb. 10, 2019 *It's Not Right: Neighbors, Friends and Family*

Would you know how to help if you suspected that someone you knew was being abused? Would you recognize warning signs of abuse? How can you even broach such a delicate subject? Loving our neighbors can sometimes take courage, but you don't have to be an expert to be able to love them well. Learn how almost anyone has the ability to make a positive difference.

Presenter: Family Violence Action Society, Program Director Sheralyn Dobos & guest

Feb. 17, 2019

The first question which the priest and the Levite asked was: "If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?" But the good Samaritan reversed the question: "If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?"

Martin Luther King Jr

Join us in exploring the journey of the Good Samaritan and what this looks like in Canada today, as we focus on mental wellness and holistic care and how you can become a caring visitor to those in need in your community. Learn skills and opportunities to care for your neighbor and see God at work in all that you do.

Presenter: The Good Samaritan Society

Feb. 24, 2019 *The World is My Neighbor*

An Update of how we in Camrose are neighbors to the world

A look at refugees and immigrants and their lives to date here, what our churches and community have done and the possibilities for the future.

Presenters: representatives from St. Francis Xavier Catholic, Century Meadows Baptist and Messiah Lutheran

Senior Youth



Travelling Supper

February 18, 2019

Details to be provided by email.

MLW Highlights

Greetings for 2019

Our MLW has a new Executive, which were installed Sunday, January 13. President: Mary Broen; Vice-President: Lois Larson; Secretary: Carole Saugen; Treasurer: Diane Scarisbrick; Quilting: Bernice Sogge, Anna Collin, Lorene Willing.

If you have any concerns or wish to join one of our groups please contact any one of us.

On November 28, 2018 another shipment of our projects was sent to Canadian Lutheran World Relief. 17 boxes in all and consisted of the following:

12 Baby Bundles	5 Hygiene Kits	7 sewing kits	1 Teachers kit
45 large quilts	22 baby quilts / blankets	27 girls dresses (some made from pillow cases)	
10 Living and Learning kits	11 little knitted bears		

We had a silent auction for 4 quilts and received \$265.00 for ocean freight.

Everyone is welcome to contribute to any of our projects. The next shipment will be sent on April 24, 2019. A special thanks to Home Hardware for transporting our boxes to Winnipeg.

MLW Executive

SAVE THE DATE - RICK BERGH IS COMING TO MESSIAH

On **Saturday, March 23rd**, 2019, Messiah will be hosting a Grief Workshop with Rick Bergh. The event will be from 9am-4pm, with lunch provided. A freewill offering will be collected in lieu of a registration fee.

Pastor Rick will be equipping us with the tools we need to support others who are grieving using the practices of Narrative Therapy. We will learn how to enter more fully into the stories that need to be told – stories that are necessary for joy to be restored and new chapters to be written on our lives.

On Sunday morning, Pastor Rick will present a bible study during Adult Class. With Rick, we will explore loss through the eyes of Ruth. We will expand our knowledge on the myriad of losses that we need to notice as we companion each other in grief.

Both events are open to anyone who would like to attend, however we ask that you register for the Saturday workshop by contacting the church office 780-672-3444.



RB
RICK BERGH
COUNSELOR • PASTOR • THANATOLOGIST

An extract of a Message from Rev. Brian Rude, our representative in El Salvador



Christmas off the Edge, 21 December, 2018

Last night we attended a meaningful, meditative Blue Christmas service. Indeed, far too many are anticipating a sad, blue Christmas, this year, as in past years, as in Christmases to come.

One young Salvadoran friend especially anticipates a rather black, bleak Christmas. At age sixteen, R was orphaned a couple weeks ago. There were no family members at his father's burial, and only one neighbor.

His father, D, had just completed, most successfully, his two-week training program for a reputable vehicle parts shop, and was anticipating a stable, reasonably-paying job--a virtual miracle in this land of such scarce opportunities. Father and son were anticipating an especially Merry Christmas dinner, unlike most previous Christmases. After receiving the award for the best student of twenty in that class, he was on his way home, brand new uniform and work schedule in hand.

He never made it home. He was the fatal victim of a late afternoon assault. His son was the only person available to identify the mutilated corpse in the morgue.

This father-son duo have long enhanced my living room wall. For several years around 2005, our prison team took on a few neighborhood/barrio community-building challenges. One weekend, we took a couple busloads of at-risk youth to the Pacific beach. In a very out-of-context photo which I took during this weekend, this father and son appear in a backs-to-the-camera silhouette against the backdrop of a red-orange sunset coloring sea and sky. The youthful father is holding his three-year-old son's hand. The peacefulness of this contemplative scene belies the otherwise chaotic context of that wild yet joyous retreat weekend. They have seen this enlarged photo of themselves on my wall. They felt honored by it.

The son, needing to eat following his father's death, launched a mini-enterprise creating Christmas decorations. He went door-to-door, hoping to sell a few. Nobody was buying. I bought them all, at many times the asking price. Such creative endeavors need to be encouraged, especially in such times of crisis.

One Christmas angel appears in this stark Salvadoran scene--the neighbor, father of a son just a couple years older than R. Enmeshed in a life of unending calamities himself, reaching out for rescue on innumerable occasions, he has an amazing, awesome sense of just what is needed by this 16-year-old lonely, frightened orphan. He is there, present, accompanying, even if there is no resolution to the problems, no easing of the fear, no healing for so much pain and grief. A man who doesn't spell so well, he always has the right words of encouragement and animus, and an indomitable positive spirit, so contagious.

Tragically, R's plight is not an isolated case. And he did not bring it on himself. And he cannot fix it.

In this Advent-Christmas period of rejection and imprisonment of Central American migrants and refugees, R's story is one of thousands complementing the Christmas pageant this year, helping us to connect the bleak context of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus, with our own black context--bleak, black contexts in which "O Holy Night" is: --lit by a star, a star of hope, drawing us to a baby in a stable and illuminating an ever-so-blue, ever-so-black Christmas; --accompanied by angels, human and heavenly, singing peace and love, joy and hope, into a world so lacking; --heartened by a vulnerable, at-risk, migrant, refugee, baby, born, incarnating God, God-in-the-flesh--Emmanuel, God-with-us.

Pondering such wonders in my heart, Brian

Appreciation, and other notes, from the World Mission Group

(1) Gifts for the Ministry of Rev. Brian Rude in El Salvador

Thank you to contributors to the ministry of Rev. Brian Rude in El Salvador. (For an example of the ever-present challenges which Rev. Rude faces, see the accompanying extract of his 21 December, 2018 letter to his prayer and financial supporters.

For the period May through December, 2018, contributions by Messiah's members and friends have totaled \$3,265. Thank you!

Contributions to "In Mission with El Salvador" are facilitated by the yellow envelopes which are located at the Welcome Centre at the rear of the sanctuary. Such gifts may be put in the offering plate and are tax-deductible.

(2) World Mission Month under the theme, "Declaring God's Glory among the Nations" from Psalm 96

Thank you to all who attended Messiah's World Mission Month sessions in January. The Scriptures motivate us all to have a heart for the spiritual and physical needs of people who are our next-door neighbors, and also those living in much different circumstances beyond our own borders.

(3) Missionsfest

The Annual *Missionsfest* which highlights numerous outreach organizations, and as well, provides internationally recognized speakers will be held February 22-24 at the West Edmonton Christian Academy. More information may be found on the Link bulletin board.

Submitted by Ray Blacklock, Chair, Messiah's World Mission Group



Canadian Lutheran
World Relief

THANK YOU



The "lights" from the CLWR Christmas tree have been taken down and the amounts donated have been tallied. Some of these gifts have been matched 3 and 4 times by the Canadian FoodGrains Bank making a fabulous total of \$7060.00. It's gratifying to think of the lives that have been helped by these gifts, and remember, these gifts can be given all year round.

Winter is also a good time to be working on We Care projects for the spring shipment, including meeting for quilting which usually happens on the third Wednesday of each month.

To God Be the Glory

As stated in last month's Messenger, on March 16, 1986 Milt Gilbertson and Don Myrehaug presented the following motion to the congregation: *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 did carry with the possession date being June 1, 1986. The following is a summary of what happened.

First of all Long Range Planning and Fund Raising Committees were organized. The Long Range Planning Committee's mandate from March to December 1986 was to develop a site plan that involved the acquisition of the AGT building and the church as it existed at that time. Members of this planning committee included Pat Prest (Chair), Vera Lyseng, Don Myrehaug, Elaine Olson, Bernice Knudtson, Erhard Pinno, Breck McHan, Stephen Kristenson, Jim Brager, Carol Green, Karen Hansen, Florence Olson, Sharon Peterson, Ben Coltvet, and Cameron Harder.

Members of the Fundraising Committee from March to June 1986 were Orlando Olson (Chair), David Dahle, Henry Haugen, Cliff Brager, Stephen Kristenson, Marie Myrehaug, Erhard Pinno, Jacob Stolee, and Adeline Watson. By mid-June of 1986 this committee had raised a substantial amount of funds through cash donations, pledges, and loans to cover the initial cost of the AGT and necessary upgrades to meet fire code regulations.

Although preliminary construction began in June of 1986, a Building Committee was assigned in December to oversee the project from December onward. Members of that committee were Pat Prest (chair), Mary Broen, Ron Grue, Orlando Olson, Stephen Kristenson, Jim Brager, Robert Paulgaard, Grant Skippen and Arie Vanderjagt.

After extensive consultation and planning, Church Council was prepared, on February 4th, 1987, to recommend to the congregation . . . *that the bid from Hanson and Sons Construction be accepted and that the electrical be done by D-2 Electric, on a cost basis, supervised by the construction company.* The bid of \$325,000 included construction of the link, renovations to the sanctuary, church basement, and the AGT building plus fire dampers, fire escape and unforeseen expenses. The recommendation was accepted.

To help cover these construction and renovation costs, Church Council, on March 25, 1987, gave approval, in principal, to Investment Certificates being offered to members and friends of the congregation. On June 16, 1987 the Finance Committee reported that 18 such certificates totaling \$101,000 had already been received! These were renewable 5-year certificates, with the principal sum purchased in multiples of \$100. The first 18 ranged in value from \$1200.00 to \$10,000. The interest rate was 7.50% which the donor chose to either receive on the anniversary date or donate to the church.

Many work bees contributed to the construction and renovations that were undertaken in 1986 and 1987 and as Erhard Pinno, who was president of our congregation recalls, they were as significant and energizing as was the fund raising.

During this time funds were also raised for the organ so on October 11, 1987 a service of thanksgiving for both the organ and the newly created space was celebrated. The Dedication Committee who planned *Celebrating God's Gifts* included David Dahle (chair/secretary), Mavis Jensen, David Samm, Harry Prest, Steven Kristenson, Alver Person, Glenda Beaver, Clive Goodrich, Betty Ostenrud (Pearson), and Breck McHan. The following members created a thanksgiving banner: Glenda Beaver (designer), Elvera Millang, Ann Heggan, Lorraine Mackwood, Annie Bergum, and Olga Erickson.

In February of 2017 the last of the certificates that helped fund the construction and renovations of our facility was paid out so Messiah no longer has a building debt. To God Be the Glory! It's time to celebrate and contemplate what God has in store for us now.

In researching and preparing this article I became mindful of those members who have died. What faithful servants they were!

(Continued)

Are you saving these dates: May 4th and 5th, 2019?

A celebration is being planned!

To God Be the Glory!

- Former pastors have been sent invitations.
- On the Saturday evening you are invited to a catered banquet. Reserve your seat for this event by signing up on March 31, April 7, 14, or 28. The cost will be covered by donation, when you arrive at the banquet.
- Entertainment and guest speaker have been booked.
- After the banquet a symbolic burning of our mortgage will take place outdoors and a linden tree will be planted to replace our weeping birch.
- You are invited to stay for singing camp songs around a fire pit.
- A celebratory service is being planned for Sunday, followed by coffee fellowship.

Watch for more details in the March Messenger or talk to Donny Loewen, Holly Olson, Loya Steinwandt or Pastor Bev Swanson.

Submitted by Darlene Dahle

Is PAD for you?



*"I give by Pre-Authorized Debit
because my church is one of my priorities."*

What is PAD?

If you are used to automatic withdrawals from your bank account for mortgage or car payments, loans, utilities, etc. then you already understand the principle of PAD (Pre-Authorized Debit).

PAD allows you to give your offering in a way that is convenient and assures that your congregation has a regular, dependable flow of contributions.

How does the program work?

The approved amount is drawn on the bank account of each contributor each month. The congregation receives each transfer of funds contributed from all members participating in the program. (There is no fee charged to the contributor by the program, though there may be a fee if your bank charges you for debits/payments - the congregation pays a small administrative fee.)

What are the advantages of PAD?

- gives you the opportunity to make your congregational stewardship part of your over-all financial planning.
- regular support to the church in the amount that you choose.
- assures that support of the congregation is ongoing, even when you are away, and helps avoid "catch-up" periods.

Additional offerings may be made at any time.



For more information, contact the
Church Office



Marion Bennett is now residing in Bashaw Meadows. She would welcome visits. If you need transportation, call her daughter, Elizabeth, 780-672-2873; and Elizabeth will arrange to pick you up on one of her trips to Bashaw.

The Camrose & District Music Festival is always seeking more festival week volunteers. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator Pat Mah,
Email: joemah1@telus.net



**The Pastors and staff
wish to thank you for
all the wonderful
Christmas gifts, well
wishes, Christmas
baking and treats.**



Every Friday, the Open Door receives several varieties of breads, buns, scones & danish from Cobs Bread in Edmonton. All are welcome from 9:00 am to noon to pick up some of this wonderful bread, for a small donation. Please bring your own bags to pack your bread in.



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**

The LAY ACADEMY Presents

Feb. 2 & Feb. 9, 2019

9:30 am - 12:00 pm AB/NWT

Ascension Lutheran, Edmonton
Hope Lutheran, Calgary

Registration Fees:
\$25 for 1 session, \$45 for 2
10% discount for home attendees
Group discounts also available
[Register online today!](https://layacademy5.wixsite.com/elcicwla/prayer2)

PATHWAYS TO PRAYER Series Two

Share once more in the journey of
travelling **PATHWAYS TO PRAYER**.

Join **Dr. Faith Nostbakken** online and in-
person (Ascension Lutheran, Edmonton)
as we look at the **Lord's Prayer** and its
invitation to **intimacy with God**.
We'll consider its call to radical living
that addresses injustice, extends **grace**,
and abides in **hope**.

We'll also explore how approaching
Scripture with our imagination may be
a way of **listening to God**. Some may
say, "I have no imagination." Others
may be suspicious of it as a **pathway to
prayer**. Jesus' own parables and
sayings, however, relied on the
imaginative engagement of his hearers.

Continue the learning in 'prayer' as we
open ourselves to **God's desire for
relationship** through the **Lord's Prayer**,
and by allowing **God's Word** to connect
to us through our senses and our
willingness to enter the **Gospel** stories.



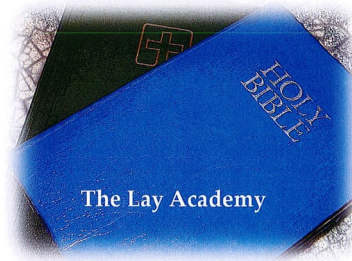
Dr. Faith Nostbakken grew up in
Saskatchewan and values her prairie
roots. She has a Ph.D in English
Literature from the University of Alberta
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College in Edmonton. She is an
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facilitator of retreats, and a member of
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directors at the Providence Renewal
Centre in Edmonton. She is a diaconal
minister of the ELCIC, an ecumenical
officer for the ABT Synod, and member
of Glory Lutheran Church in Sherwood
Park, Alberta.

For Registration and Payment see:
<https://layacademy5.wixsite.com/elcicwla/prayer2>

"Dr. Faith's presentation and her use of words
create a wonderful expression of prayer for those
participating."

"Fabulous sessions! Very insightful and good
discussions. Lots of food for the soul."

"Challenging, empowering, and very much
appreciated."



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The Lay Academy



The **LAY ACADEMY** is program of the Lutheran Theological Seminary
and four Western Synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada
(ELCIC). It evolved in response to the leadership needs of congregations
and the interest expressed by the laity for a comprehensive program of
study. Its purpose is to provide continuing education opportunities for
lay people in the church and for those being prepared for ELCIC's
national Authorized Lay Ministry program with learning that deepens
the spiritual life, grows biblical and theological understanding, and
develops skills and knowledge in leadership and discipleship.

Some of the **LAY ACADEMY** teaching is provided through
an online format that allows multiple sites from across the
four Western provinces and Territories to listen and
interact with the presenter(s) simultaneously, while also
enjoying discussion led by a facilitator within a local
church or home setting. For a few hours on a Saturday
morning congregations and individuals from British
Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Northern
Ontario all connect as one for learning on topics like
Prayer, our upcoming session in November 2018.



Each session each has 25 to 45 minutes of content followed
by conversation or exercise periods. Everyone participating
will reflect on the same presented material and discuss the
questions posed in their own settings at the same time,
despite 4 different time zones. To conclude there will be a 30
to 40 minute report-back period where participants have the
opportunity to connect with one another and the presenter(s)
with their thoughts and any further questions. It all makes for
a great community educational experience! So please ...

Join us in the learning!



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.

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All are welcome.

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MAMMA MIA! WAS ORIGINALLY PRODUCED IN LONDON BY JUDY CRAYMER, RICHARD EAST AND BJÖRN ULVAEUS FOR LITTLESTAR IN ASSOCIATION WITH UNIVERSAL.

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Sunday, February 17, 2019, 1:30 pm

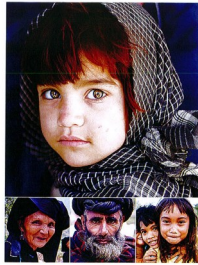
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*Note: Production contains some situations and language which may not be suitable for all ages.

MAMMA MIA! is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTI90days.com



Day of Prayer for the Nations

WMPL and CLBI
Friday, February 8, 2019
8:30 am-8:30 pm
CLBI Chapel/classroom

Join us as we...
ASK FOR THE NATIONS

Focused on reaching those
populations with limited
or no access to the gospel.

Feel free to come all day or for only part of the day.



World Mission Prayer League
&
Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute



RSVP for meals prepared by CLBI by February 1st:

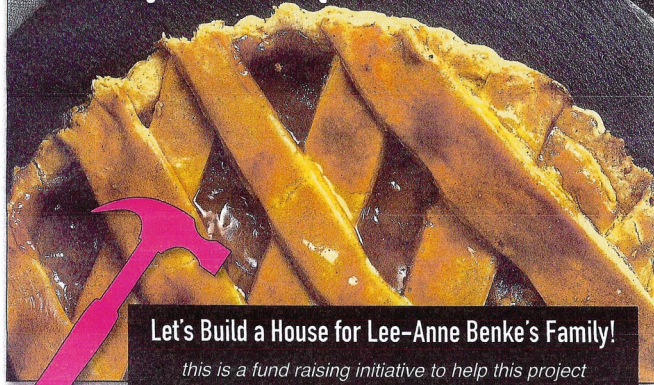
RSVP to anitacdn@wmpl.org
or phone 1-587-590-9763 or WMPL at 1-780-672-0464.

Meals and snacks on this day are covered
by WMPL and free-will-donations.

WMPL-CLBI Day of Prayer Schedule

Time	Leader	Prayer Focus
8:30 am	Charles Jackson & CLBI Musicians	Opening Worship & Praise!
9:00 am	CLBI Students Group A	Canada, USA: Prayers & Senders
9:20 am	CLBI Students Group B	Africa: Samburu, Kenya; DRC (Congo)
9:45 am	CLBI Students Group C	CLBI; IMPACT Team Mongolia
10:15 am	CLBI Students Group D	CLBI; IMPACT Team Mexico; Mexico, Ecuador & Bolivia
10:45 am	Coffee Break & Fellowship	
11:15 am	CLBI Student Group E	CLBI; IMPACT Team Romania; Romania and Europe
11:45 am	Tamara MacInnis	Unreached/Least Reached People Groups
12:10 pm	Ted Hill	Personal Prayer and Sharing Time
12:30 pm	Lunch Break & Fellowship	
1:30 pm	CLBI Musicians	Worship & Praise
2:00 pm	Rob Lewis	East Asia: China, Hong Kong, Buryat
2:30 pm	Derrick Boulianne	South Asia: India
3:00 pm	Jeremy Osterwalder	South Asia: Philippines, Nepal, Malaysia
3:30 pm	Coffee Break & Fellowship	
4:00 pm	Wanda Manson	South Asia: Bangladesh, the Islands
4:15 pm	Pat Lewis	Muslims
4:30 pm	Cullen Halvorson	Hindus
4:45 pm	Mark Hagen	Atheists, No religion
5:00 pm	Dean Rostad	Personal Prayer and Sharing Time
5:30 pm	Supper & Fellowship	
6:30 pm	CLBI Musicians	Worship & Praise
7:00 pm	Charles Jackson	Central Asia: Afghanistan
	Rob Lewis	Central Asia: Pakistan
	Charles & Dean	Closing Worship Holy Communion
8:15-8:30 pm	Charles Jackson	Conclusion & Evaluation

Olde Fashioned Pie Social & Specialty Coffee Bar



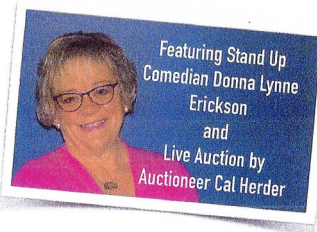
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	6:30 PM SESSION	
MAR 14 "RELIANCE" ISAIAH 43 IMPACT TEAMS	7:30 PM Q&A	CLBI PLUS+
	8:00 PM COFFEE & DESSERTS	



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Service written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Slovenia

Messiah Lutheran Church
Friday, March 1, 2019, 1:30 pm
 Freewill Offering Everyone Welcome



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March 1-6, 2019

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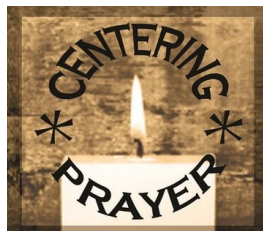
With the annual theme: LOVE ACTUALLY

Come share a simple meal with friends to celebrate and support the difference chaplaincy makes to students, Augustana, and the community.

Sunday March 3, 2019 at 5:00 pm
The Augustana Chapel, Faith and Life Center

The evening's program includes a soup meal, silent auction, speeches from the student chaplains, and Augustana's Dean Allen Berger as the guest speaker.

Tickets are \$10/adults and \$5/students
Available from student chaplains, Wiseman's Way, or the Augustana chaplaincy office (2-140)
For more information contact Katelynn Cook (780-679-1597 or email augchap@ualberta.ca)



Centering Prayer
sessions run every
Thursday morning from
8:00 am - 8:30 am in the
Augustana Chapel.

Centering Prayer is a meditative session that follows a scripture reading and is a wonderful way to center and ground oneself in God's presence. Community members of all ages are welcome to join us.

And to
know the
knowledge-surpassing
love of
Christ,
that you may
be filled unto all
the fullness
of
God.

Ephesians 3:19



Sharing Jesus Christ With All People...

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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.

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website www.messiahcamrose.ca or YouTube.

Prayers of the People



Gracious and loving God, we thank you for lunar eclipses, lengthening days and most of all 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. Keep them safe in their travels to the Synod Study Conference. 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. Grant them perseverance, strength and good health during exams. 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. 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 welcome the newest members of Messiah through baptism - Jemma and Brett, may you and your families walk daily with God.

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 or physically ill and those who care for them, you know all our needs even those that are unseen.

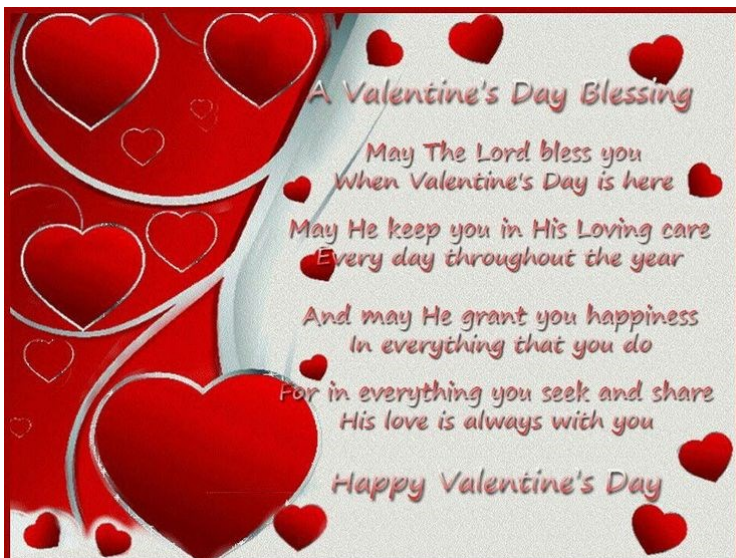
We pray for the marriage of Lorie and Jim. Bless their time together and their family moments.

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



Time To Celebrate

To God Be The Glory!

❖ Saturday, May 4

- Catered banquet
- Entertainment
- Guest speaker
- Symbolic burning of our mortgage outdoors
- Tree planting
- Singing camp songs around a fire pit

❖ Sunday, May 5

- Celebratory worship service
- Coffee Fellowship

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