



MESSIAH MESSENGER

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OFFICE HOURS

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

CHURCH BUILDING
WILL BE OPEN

MONDAY TO FRIDAY
8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

SATURDAY
9:00 AM TO NOON

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:15 am
Adult Class

9:30 am
Friendship Class

10:30 am
Sunday School

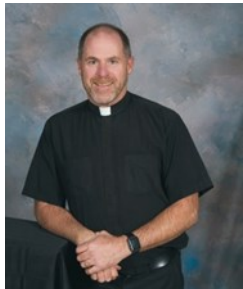
10:30 am
Worship Service

11:45 am
Coffee Fellowship



*To God be the Glory;
great things He hath done*

Minister's Message



Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

We are an Easter resurrection people in the season of Easter. Death is very much a reality for and around us, but we know (we know!) that death is not the last word. God's word of "life" through Jesus is. May we live in this hope in ways that give hope to others.

I look forward to our Easter texts as we move towards remembering the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Texts that speak to what faith can look like and how we might share the message of Jesus' death and resurrection to a hurting world.

With this newsletter also comes the beginning of our own "new year". Our congregation completes the year on April 30th and begins a new year on May 1st. At our Annual General Meeting on June 9th we will review what has happened in the past year and begin to plan and anticipate how we will "Share Jesus with all people" in the coming year. Thank you for your anticipated participation in this meeting. Thank you for what you have done in this past year. Thank you for how you will be a part of Messiah's response to God's goodness and promise in this next year.

God does so much through the people of Messiah for which I am thankful. We continue to proclaim Jesus in Word and Sacrament on a regular basis: we gather weekly to worship, pray, listen and learn together. We fellowship together in various ways: coffee time, learning, bible study, prayer, singing and celebration. We provide a place and help for people who are grieving the death of loved ones and for others who are celebrating occasions such as weddings and family gatherings. We serve vulnerable people in the community through Martha's Table, Meals on Wheels and through Neighbor Aid. We offer support to people in distant countries through donations to CLWR and to various people doing mission work (for example Pastor Brian Rude). All of this takes a significant amount of "background work". Sometimes the background feels like a waste of time and resources because it feels like so little goes into "actual" ministry. There may be some things that can be tightened up - but without the "background" of what we have, so much of the good things we do would eventually die out through lack of support.

I want to thank you all for your continuing efforts to keep what we do and Messiah viable. Thank you for your time. Thank you for your prayers. Thank you for the resources you provide. Thank you for your presence.

In some recent research I've done into the giving habits of our membership, I had expected to see the "80-20 rule" where 80% of the giving comes from 20% of the people. I am glad to report that this is not the case at Messiah. We are a much more "balanced" group of givers where about 36% of our people provide 80% of the financial resources. I see this as good news of the health of who we are. I am sure that many of our members are very generous givers to worthy causes beyond Messiah's doors; this is very good; it is what we strive to be as children of God. I ask that we all have an eye to keeping Messiah viable over the future years. For the last two years we have run significant deficits (up to the end of February this year \$30,000 deficit) but this can be overcome. We have about 210 donation units in the congregation. If a significant number, say 100 were to give an extra \$10 per week (\$40/month) that would more than cover our deficit and potentially open up opportunities serve in ways we only dream to (help homeless with temporary sanctuary, enhance our video and/or music ministry, expand our pastoral care with lonely people, or maybe you can think of something too). Please only give extra if you are able! If you **are** able to give more, please do.

We are an Easter resurrection people. We have a future and a hope in the living God through Jesus Christ. Let's continue to share this Jesus with all people. Thank you!

Call me at 780-672-3444

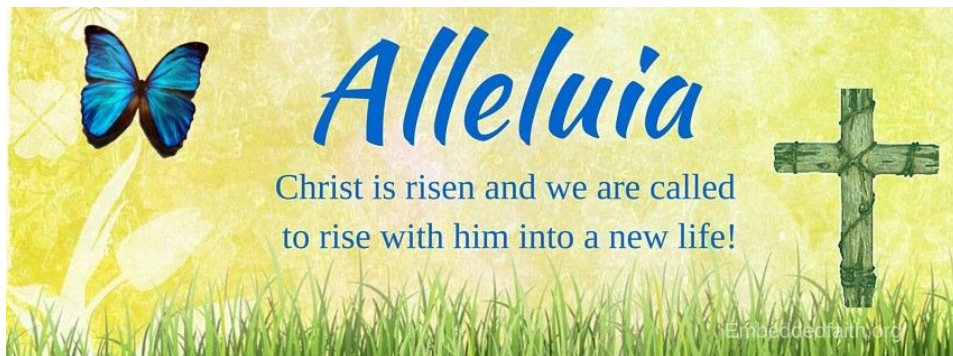
Email me at: calvinskriver@gmail.com

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



“LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU”

Easter season is here... We have walked with Jesus through Holy Week... and along with our ecumenical brothers and sisters we have celebrated our RISEN LORD. But what does this mean for our everyday lives? How do we live as a people who truly follow our resurrected Lord?

On Maundy Thursday we spent time pondering the servanthood of Jesus as he washed the dirty, tired feet of his people. He did this act of love as his last most important command to his disciples. It is perhaps one of the most poignant moments in Jesus time with his disciples. As Jesus washed their feet, he commanded that we also wash the feet of one another. He spent his time on this earth serving others. **We are called to serve as Christ served... washing one another's feet.** This was what Jesus wanted us to remember as he walked on this earth giving even his life for us and was his final command to us as he prepared to leave this earth.

In our society we have become so self-focussed. So much these days it seems is about “our” own needs and “our” own comfort. We have morphed into a society that looks for ways to become wealthy, to have financial security and to be comfortable. Jesus commands us as he lives on this earth to live in love as he lived in love... willing to sacrifice our lives for one another. His example was even to die for his beloved ones.

Would we live as resurrection people? Then let us love and serve our neighbor not just when it is comfortable to do so... but as we are called to serve. This of course has some boundaries and there are many times when we have to also give care to ourselves which Jesus also did. If we live as Christ lived we will live open to seeing places we can love God's people... and we will also make time to rest and renew so that we have the energy to do so.

Truly our faith as a people of our resurrected Lord has no power unless it truly has legs.

This past week a dear friend sent me a text with a quote that really speaks to this kind of living. It really spoke to my heart.

“The thing to do, it seems to me, is to prepare yourself so you can be a rainbow in someone else's cloud, somebody who may not look like you, who may not call God the same name you do - if they call God at all. They may not dance your dances or speak your language. But be a blessing to somebody. That's what I think.” Maya Angelou.

I think that if we follow Jesus' example he did not pick and choose who he would show love to. Sometimes he loved and cared for those less likely to be accepted in society or the church. Our faith as a people of God has no power unless we are willing to love ALL who God loves and died for.

God's call to us is to live in love, washing one another's feet so that everyone will know God's love for them. Where can we be a blessing?

We have started a care group at our church in an attempt to wash one another's feet and to be a blessing to one another. There are so many needs that people have that they cannot do on their own. This group will meet once a month with the main goal being to look for ways we can be of service to others.

Perhaps someone is lonely and needs someone to come for coffee once in a while.

Maybe an elderly person will need a step repaired or a railing put up in their home.

Maybe someone else may need a ride somewhere or a listening ear.

There is a multitude of ways we can wash one another's feet.



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This group will meet monthly for Devotions and prayer and to support one another as we attempt to follow Christ's command to wash the feet of each other. This will also mean that if you have a need and are unable to do it yourself, there will be some people who can help.

If you would like to be a part of this care group focussed on bringing "rainbows" into people's lives and following Jesus example to serve as he served. Please contact Pastor Bev at the office and put your name on the list. We'd be glad to have you. If this is not the place for you to take part then I know there will be and are so many places where you follow Jesus command to love.

Jesus said to his disciples in John 13:34-35, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

LET US GO FORWARD FROM HERE FOLLOWING CHRIST'S EXAMPLE AND WASH THE FEET OF ONE ANOTHER.

Again... if you wish to join our care group please call Pastor Bev at the office and sign up. We would be glad to have you in our group. A note to you as well should you choose to join our group. It is understood that sometimes you will not be able to serve because of life's circumstances. We would still love you to come and attend. You could support the ministry in prayer during those times.

Pastor Bev



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

Ryker Swanson - May 15

Aven Wren - May 21

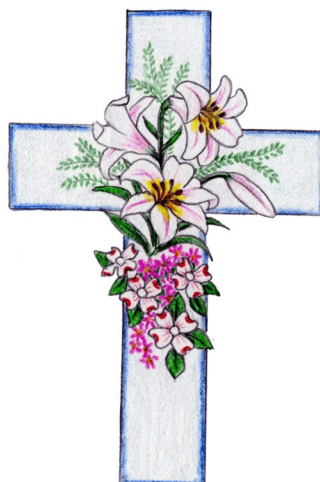
Tanner Yuha - May 22

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

Pastoral Acts

Funerals:

***Hans Espe
Ordean Broen***



Memorials

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

Hans Espe



Bishop's Message For Congregations and Lay and Rostered Leaders



Dear Beloved of God –

One of the joys and life-giving gifts for me as a Synod Bishop is our Synod's relationship with The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia (IELCO).

I have been privileged to journey to Colombia several times facilitating delegation visits for youth, youth and adults, and adults who have sought to begin to experience, embrace and engage the contexts and ministries of IELCO; to build relationships with our siblings in Christ; to explore stronger ties between partner congregations in our Synod and IELCO; and to seek an expanding global understanding of faithful discipleship through the Lutheran Colombian context. I have also been privileged to host on two occasions delegations from Colombia to our Synod.

Our ELCIC global mission accompaniment model is one of walking together in solidarity, side by side, practicing interdependence and mutuality, in service to God's mission. The values of the accompaniment model are interconnected, and include mutuality, inclusivity, sustainability, vulnerability and empowerment. The core purpose of these relationships, this accompaniment, is God's mission.

Relationships and accompaniment are at the heart of our approach to global ministry. We seek to actively listen to our partners and companions, share in their joys and sorrows, and support them in their mission – as they support us in ours.

Recently we have had an opportunity as a Synod to accompany our Global Companion Partner in Colombia in prayer. A car bombing occurred January 17, 2019 in Bogotá, Colombia in an area very familiar for our Synod delegation participants. Upon learning of this violence, I wrote to Bishop Atahualpa Hernandez expressing concern, solidarity and prayer support for Colombia and our Global Companion Partner, IELCO. Bishop Atahualpa sent the following correspondence which I share with his permission:

"The work of righteousness will be peace; its effect will be quietness and confidence forever." Isaiah 32:17

*To our dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia - IELCO, advocates for the joy of human rights and peace in our country and rejects any act of violence which sows fear and threatens the dignity of people.*

We are united in solidarity and commitment with the families of the victims of the car bomb on January 17 in "La Escuela de Policía General Santander", which left 21 people dead and 68 injured in Bogotá, among whom were young cadets. We also reject the violent actions that have taken place during recent months towards social leaders and human rights defenders, especially in the most forgotten regions of our country.

We call for truth and justice in the face of the serious upsurge of violence, in the regression of the negotiated solution to the armed conflict, and in the proven facts of corruption that permeate the State. Before the militarization of the territory, the restriction of democratic liberties and the escalation of the war, we pray that the negotiations between the national government and the ELN guerrilla will be resumed. We pray for peace, insisting that it is a constitutional right for all and should correspond to everyone. We especially pray for the government to ensure that this peace can become a reality in our country.

*Your Brother in Christ,
Atahualpa Hernandez
Bishop-President of the IELCO*

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As we walk together in solidarity, side by side, will you join me in prayer for Colombia and IELCO as sharing in their joys and sorrows, and supporting them in their mission – just as they support us in ours?

O God, where hearts are fearful and constricted, grant courage and hope. Where anxiety is infectious and widening, grant peace and reassurance. Where impossibilities close every door and window, grant imagination and resistance. Where distrust twists our thinking, grant healing and illumination. Where spirits are daunted and weakened, grant soaring wings and strengthened dreams. All these things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen (from Time of conflict, crisis and disaster, EvLW p. 76)

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)

To God Be the Glory

Just two more opportunities to save your place at the May 4th Banquet!

Judging by the known antics of our MCs, Cheryl Nester and Lori Skriver, it’s going to be fun!

- ❖ **Sign up on Sunday, April 28 at the Welcome Centre or during Coffee Fellowship in the Fellowship Centre, or**
- ❖ **Phone the church office before Wednesday, May 1, and leave a message (780 672 3444).**

If you have signed up and discover that you are no longer able to attend let us know by notifying the office.

The cost of the meal, which is being catered by Mad Platter Catering out of Daysland, will be covered by a freewill offering given at the door.

At the banquet there will be an opportunity to donate a “To God Be the Glory” offering of thanksgiving. This offering, and others that are received by mid-May, will be forwarded to Bishop Larry Kochendorfer, and given, at the Bishop’s discretion, to a congregation in our Synod that would benefit from financial assistance.

Envelopes labelled *To God Be the Glory* will be available at the banquet and in the May 5th Sunday bulletin. Since this special gift will be receipted by Messiah, cheques need to be made out to Messiah.

Church Council Highlights from April 16, 2019

- Ivar Saugen shared a reading from 'Bread of Angels' focused on Exodus, regarding the providing of manna and how it should not be hoarded. God made daily provision for the Israelites...for 40 years. In fact, residents of the Sinai Peninsula still eat something like it today, provided by local bugs. Is 'bread from heaven' more reflective when you consider where it comes from, or who provides it? Ivar then led in prayer.
 - Council approved the proposed Job Description for the Associate Pastor.
 - Council reviewed and approved a list of Bylaw changes to be proposed to the congregation at the Annual General Meeting in June.
 - Council reviewed and approved the Terms of Reference for the Budget Planning Group.
 - Council reviewed and approved a draft budget to be presented to the congregation at the Annual General Meeting. The proposed budget projects a deficit of \$11,527, which is smaller than in previous years.
 - The Mortgage Payoff Celebration group reported that the response rate for the May event has been positive. Council approved a proposal from the group that people attending the event be given the opportunity to make donations to a fund that will be sent to Bishop Larry as a discretionary fund to forward to a viable congregation that might need assistance.
 - After receiving no further committee feedback, Council determined that committee minutes will no longer be published on the Messiah website.
 - Learning reported that the Friendship Club could use more teachers – some meetings have had to be cancelled due to lack of leaders, but several of the regular participants still come on those mornings.
 - Support recommended to Council that \$3000 be allocated for the installation of the T-coil system, based on successful trial results. Council approved that \$3000 from the Capital Fund be used to purchase and install a T Coil System to aid those wearing hearing aids
 - Support recommended that Messiah begin a sound system upgrade in three phases: 1) sound board (\$7500), 2) monitors and mics (\$7000) and 3) line array speakers (18,000). Council approved \$7500 from the Capital Fund be used to purchase and install a new Sound Board, and directed the Support Committee to plan to acquire new monitors, microphones and line array speakers without appealing to the congregation for special funds.
 - Odell adjourned the meeting and Council prayed the Lord's Prayer together. The next Council Meeting is a week later than usual, on Tuesday May 28, 2019 at 4:30 pm, due to a number of potential absences on the regularly scheduled meeting date.
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MLW Highlights

Greetings from Messiah Lutheran Women - Happy Mother's Day.

We had our General Meeting on March 30 and it was approved to give Hastings Lake Bible Camp \$1,000 for Trinity Lodge and Connie Landstrom for her work in Tanzania. Connie will be coming to Messiah on June 3 to have an afternoon with us. More information to come.

Please continue making the pneumonia vests for Connie to take with her on her return to Tanzania.

The youth helped with the Easter Sunday breakfast and decorated the tables, the table looked lovely. Then the girls served out the pancakes and sausage. Thanks for your help! So far the amount of lunch money to go to the youth fund raising came to \$665.00.

We shipped 22 boxes to Canadian Lutheran World Relief on April 24. Thank you for all your contributions.

MLW Executive

FOOD BANK SUNDAY May 19

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.



How do we adequately thank the many who assisted our families during the last days and death of our beloved Hans Espe? Thank you for your cards, phone calls and loving contacts to a grieving family. Thanks are expressed for Hospital Pastoral visits. Thank you to each member of the Messiah Choir for singing one of Hans's favorite hymns at the funeral. Hans consistently appreciated your music renditions, Tova, so we know that he would have enjoyed your music at "his" service. Pastor Calvin's sermon led us to give praise to a Heavenly Father who loves each one of us "the best" - a sermon that blessed all present. Messiah Ladies are to be commended for serving a bountiful lunch following the service. Custodial care was also appreciated. Beautiful cards with messages of hope, plus gifts of money given to charities in Hans's memory are many. We are blessed by our Messiah family!

Sylvia, Larry, Carol, Judy, Maureen, Twyla, and families

Camrose Neighbor Aid
is in NEED of
ICE CREAM PAILS with LIDS
Please drop off at the Neighbor Aid
office at 4524 - 54 St. Camrose



ATTENTION HEARING AID USERS

We are testing a hearing loop system on the west side of the Church.
Contact your hearing aid provider to see if your hearing aid is
T-coil compliant. If so, obtain the instructions for activating it.

The Support Committee



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

Sunday Morning Adult Class

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

Place: Messiah Basement Auditorium

Sunday, April 28:

"The Accidental Pilgrim", presented by Anna Harder

In 2012, Anna Harder first heard about the Camino de Santiago, a 800 kilometre medieval pilgrimage route across northern Spain, and was smitten with the idea of a walking trail that spanned an entire country. Anna spent 12 life changing days on the Camino in the Fall of 2013, certain she would return to travel the complete distance. This past Fall, a 32 day trek brought to fulfillment this amazing endeavour. Anna looks forward to sharing this experience with us.

Sundays, May 5, 12, 26 and June 2:

Four Session Bible Study on the Book of Ephesians, presented by David Dahle

News from and about Rev. Brian Rude, Messiah's Missionary in El Salvador



Copies of Rev. Rude's Easter Message, dated 21 April, can be found at the Welcome Counter at the rear of the sanctuary. It is well worth reading this statement of faith and hope.

Thank you to all who contribute to "In Mission with El Salvador." Reading Rev. Rude's Easter message will convince you (if you needed convincing) of the depth of his faith in the Risen Lord. Donations in this financial year to the end of March 31 amount to (approximately) \$4,410. This financial year ends on April 30.

Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!!

Submitted by Ray Blacklock



NEWS BRIEFS



Canadian Lutheran
World Relief

CLWR is constantly in need of donations so that they can be ready to provide aid when the next disaster strikes. Often the work is carried out in cooperation with other organizations.



Two emergency responses have been launched in South Sudan and Central African Republic where violence and hunger are affecting millions of people who have nowhere left to turn. Just \$17 provides a week's worth of support to a family in Central African Republic to help them get through while they wait for peace and are able to begin to rebuild.

A more recent crisis was caused by cyclone Idai which cause massive destruction and flooding in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi affecting over 2 million people. At least 750 were killed and hundreds of thousands displaced.

Volunteers from Centra Cam



Have you ever wondered who sharpens the pencils, replaces the "Doodle Paper", and ensures that there are "Notes to Office" and "Welcome to Worship" documents in our pews? Well, Carolyn and Kyle, two volunteers from Centra Cam, come every Tuesday morning to complete these tasks. Rosanna took this photo just as they had completed their work on Tuesday, April 9.

Submitted by Darlene Dahle,
Council Liaison, Worship Committee

Opportunities For Designated Giving

As a part of the ongoing maintenance and improvements at Messiah Lutheran Church the Support Committee, with the approval of Church Council, is informing our members of two projects that are in need of financial assistance going forward.

- 1) Improvements to our sound system beginning with the installation of a T coil that will assist the hearing of those with hearing aids that have a setting that connects to this system. Other improvements to the sound system will be made as we can fund them.
- 2) Starting and building up a designated fund over a number of years for the replacement of the shingles on the sanctuary roof, as well as for the replacement of the covering on the flat roof areas will prepare us for this inevitable cost.

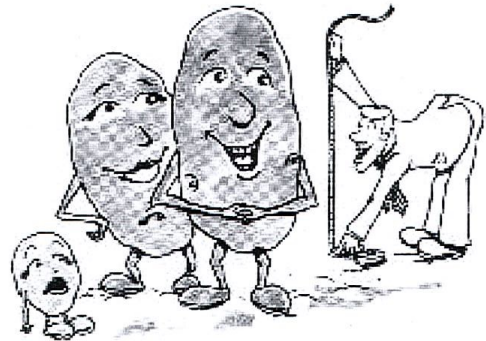
These are major projects that will require significant financial resources so we must prepare in advance. More specific dollar amounts will be supplied later for your information.

Just a reminder that your REGULAR GIVING should not be used for these projects, since our operational budget continues, but as you are able your designated gifts will make these projects possible.

Messiah congregation has successfully use this method over the years to fund many important projects. Contact any of us on Support with questions or ideas. Thank you for your support!

The Support Committee

Plant BIG Potatoes



Many years ago, some farmers thought they could eat all their big potatoes and keep the small ones for seed. They did it for several years.

After nature had reduced all their potatoes to the size of marbles, a new understanding of the laws of life came to them.

They learned from bitter experience that they could not keep the best things of life for themselves and use the leftovers for seed. The laws of life decreed, "The harvest will reflect the planting."

For us, planting small potatoes remains a strong temptation. We want to keep the biggest and best for ourselves and plant the leftovers. We expect our small gifts to produce big results. But life does not work that way.

If we want big potatoes, we have to plant big potatoes. If we want to become mature disciples, in giving ourselves; our time, talent and money, we have to make an investment in the growing process. Paul said that God will not be fooled: People reap what they sow! (Ga. 6:7)

Are you planting big potatoes this year?

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



Call your
Synod Office

**Mark your calendar! Messiah's
Annual Meeting will be on
Sunday, June 9 following a
potluck lunch.**



May 5 - Spring Fling and AGM

Service - 2:30 pm

Coffee - 3:45 pm

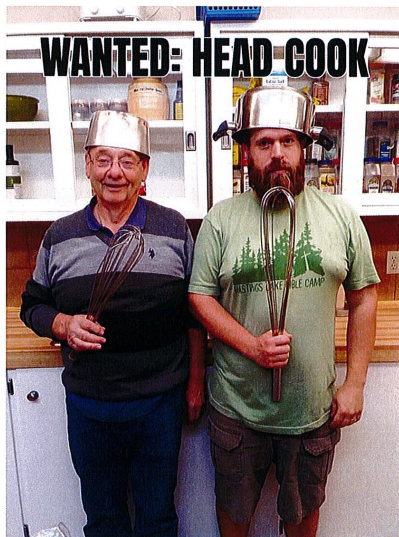
AGM - 4:00 pm

Supper - 5:00 pm

Come out to camp to see and hear, see and taste that the Lord is good! Attend the Spring Fling service at 2:30 and stay for our Annual General Meeting to hear about how Hastings is doing and where we are taking and growing our ministry! Stay all afternoon and have a delicious supper to finish off the day.

Can't make it to an event but still want to donate?
Donate online!

Hastings Lake Bible Camp is looking for a Head Cook for Summer 2019.



Position Dates:

June 10 - August 23, 2019

Salary: \$600 per week

If you or someone you know would
be a good fit for Hastings, let us
know!

Must be willing to work with a team of
young people, be capable of planning
weekly menus, ordering food and cooking
supplies, plan and prepare alternative
meals for food allergies and sensitivities,
organize the kitchen team and supervise
assistant cooks, work with volunteers and
act as a role model for youth and children. Experience preferred.

Contact Camp Manager Andrew Carlson at
andrew@hastingslake.com or at 780-662-2557.



BATTLE RIVER BIG BAND
Presents

Live Music
Local Musicians
Open Dance floor

LATIN DANCE NIGHT

MAY 11, 2019 - DOORS OPEN 7:30 SHOW 8:00P.M.

WHERE: CHATON COMMUNITY HALL
with guest vocalist Javier Castillo & Latin Percussionists Andrew Deppisch & Larry Sorum

TICKETS
\$25 Each
available @ Warren's Music, 5003-51 Ave., Wetaskiwin, band members, e-mail battleriverbigband@gmail.com or at the door

Messiah's Deanna Didriksen sings vocals and Tova Olson is on piano along with several local Camrose people such as Tom Spila, Bob Bailey, Erik Olson, Steven Hartman, Norm Skretting, Len Busse, David Salmon, Kevin Keech, Carson Hvenegaard.

2019 Camrose City and County
PRAYER BREAKFAST

Hosted by Mayor Norm Mayer and Reeve Don Gregorwich



Guest Speaker: Glenda Strauss
"Praying Through the Storms"
Local Business & Faith Community Member

Wednesday, May 15, 2019
7:30 am to 9:00 am

Best Western Camrose Resort
\$25.00/ticket or \$200/table of 8

Includes Deluxe Breakfast Buffet
and Program

Tickets are available from:

- City Hall
- Camrose County
- Members of the Camrose Ministerial Association
- Most local church offices



To reserve a place at the 2019 Camrose City & County Prayer Breakfast, please call 780-672-3230 or email office@centurymeadows.ca before May 10th.

Prayers of the People



Gracious and loving God, we thank you for longer days, green grass, our freedom to worship and those you have called to be Mother's among us.

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, as they minister to us. 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. Help them to remain focussed with the many distractions around them as the warm weather beckons them outside. 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 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 family and friends of Hans Espe and Ordean Broen as they adjust to life without their loving presence. Be with them as journey through their grief. 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 Pastor Brian Rude and his ministry in El Salvador. We ask your presence with the George and Susan Watts family in Burundi and for Cecelia Watts as she safely made it to Burundi to visit with them, keep her in Your care there and when she begins the long trek home; 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 in their work and travels 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



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.

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

Chris Hohm

Liaising With:

Worship Committee

Learning Committee

Support Committee

Witnessing Committee

Service Committee



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| | | | 1 7:00 ATP Musical Rehearsal | 2 10:30 Handbells 7:00 Messiah's Choristers 7:00 Support Committee | 3 10:45 Drum Lesson | 4 8:45 Men's Bible Study 5:30 To God Be The Glory Celebration |
| 5 Easter 3 9:15 Adult Education 9:30 Friendship Class 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:45 Coffee Fellowship | 6 10:30 Lectio 12:00 Meals on Wheels | 7 10:00 Staff Meeting 12:00 Meals on Wheels 4:30 Worship Committee 7:00 MLW Bible Study Briefing | 8 12:00 Meals on Wheels 4:45 Learning Committee | 9 10:30 Handbell Cleaning & Luncheon 12:00 Meals on Wheels 7:00 Messiah's Choristers | 10 10:45 Drum Lesson 12:00 Meals on Wheels | 11 8:45 Men's Bible Study |
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