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**"But those who wait on the Lord shall renew
their strength; they shall mount up with wings
like eagles, they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint."**

Isaiah 40:31



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**



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

**"But now, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand."
Isaiah 64:8**

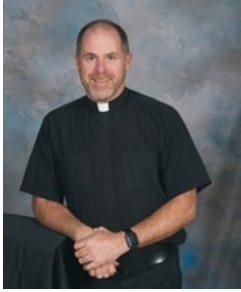
SUNDAY SCHEDULE

**9:15 am
Last Adult Class
is June 2**

**Friendship Class
&
Sunday School
have concluded for
the summer.**

**10:30 am
Worship Service
11:45 am
Coffee Fellowship**

Minister's Message



Just around the corner: Pentecost Sunday, Confirmation Day, and Annual General Meeting. These are wonderful celebration times for us as a congregation, so I hope you can be a part of them. (For your convenience they are all happening on the same day this year!)

Thank you again, for your presence, prayers and commitment to being apart of this ministry that aims to "share Jesus with all people". This world continues to be in sore need of Jesus' healing and life-giving touch. You are an important part of sharing Jesus in your unique ways.

I want to touch on a couple possibilities coming up for us here at Messiah to be bearers of good news. One such possibility is to again sponsor refugees from other parts of the world. Based on our continued connections with CLWR and some extended families of people living in Camrose, we have received pre-approvals for a family of 4 and another single man to be sponsored by Messiah. Both the family of 4 and the single person have "co-sponsors" (relatives) who have committed to providing housing and other supports. Another congregation is probably willing and able to commit to funding of the single person. We currently have almost enough cash in our Refugee Designated Fund to fully sponsor the family of 4 with the input of the co-sponsor. The Camrose Refugee Centre is very willing and able to provide some of the extra "personal" support that will be necessary to welcome these new arrivals to our community. The expectation is that both units will very soon be able to support themselves, but our commitment is for a full year. We are expecting the process to still be over a year before they are able to arrive, but we are being asked to commit now with our part so there is no rush as the people arrive. Please pray for this situation and how you might be blessed by God to help out in Jesus' name.

Another initiative is being brought forward by the Service Committee. We're still trying to determine the right name for this. Possibilities are: Eating Together, Being Together, First Supper, Stop Loneliness and Come Together (SLACT), CLEWS (Curb Loneliness, Eat With Someone), We are Better Together – or something like that. 😊

The idea here comes from a number of fronts: a Canada Lutheran article on loneliness, conversations with people who find it a burden to cook only for themselves, other conversations that desire to build some kinds of small groups to foster feelings of belonging.

What is being proposed as part of a response to these concerns is to find people who desire to host small groups. These groups could gather to eat, or visit, or do just about anything together. If the group wishes to do this regularly, wonderful! If it is a one-and-done, that's OK too.

The plan is to start by "hosting hosts" on June 13, 2019 at 5:57 pm here at Messiah. There will be a meal and discussion of how people might go about hosting. We will discuss things like: Who to invite, what to do, what to eat, what to talk about, when to do it, how to go about inviting – good practical things like that. I hope this might be something interesting for you to try out. We'll have a **signup sheet during Fellowship Coffee after worship for the next two Sundays – and you can always call me!**

Do you have an idea of some need that is not being met that Messiah might be poised to meet? Maybe you'd like to join in with something that's already happening but don't know how to go about getting involved. Let's talk. 😊

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

CONGRATULATIONS



Aidan Peake will be confirmed at Bethel Lutheran Church on June 2 &

Wyatt Mowat will be confirmed at Messiah Lutheran Church on June 9.

MAY YOUR LIFE BE RICHLY BLESSED AND MAY YOU BE
CONSTANTLY REMINDED OF GOD'S LOVE AND PRESENCE



Minister's Message



TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

So as I sit in the wake of our beautiful mortgage burning celebration, I am grateful not only for the gift of being debt free for our congregation and the rare thing this is for a church of our size, I am even more grateful for the true church... the people of God who gather in this place faithfully serving God together.

As we sat around the banquet tables, over 150 of us, the life in the air was delightful. There was celebration in the air of who we are as God's people. We are debt free... not just financially which is quite a gift. We are debt free as God's children. We are freely loved. We are freely forgiven and we are freely given in service of the world and the best part is that we do it all together. WE belong together as a family... one big messy family, And I for one am thankful for the messy that we are.

WE are not perfect. WE do not always get along perfectly. WE hurt on another. We get on one another's nerves sometimes. But we also sit together at a banquet in love and celebration of who we are together and who we are together filled with God's Spirit is nothing short of miracle.

I am so deeply grateful for the sense of the Spirit I felt at our banquet and the sense of the Spirit I get when we gather for worship and the sense of the Spirit that is felt as we have coffee together and as we play together and as we worship together. This is not OUR church... this is God's church... God's family.

Sometimes we are really quite messy... sometimes we step on one another's toes because we forget... but we are also debt free together because of the love our Lord Jesus has for us.

I like our messiness... we need it to keep us humble and to remind us that our God chose to love a messy church... a human people who needed God's love more than anything in the world. We are loved in our messiness... and are debt free... not because we have been so deserving but because our Lord loves us.

And so where do we go from here...? We take this messy bunch that we are... and we love one another and all those we meet in our messy ways... and let God's Spirit lead us... so that everyone can know they are completely loved in their human mess.

There is an old campfire song that comes to mind...

"Freely, Freely you have received.
Freely, Freely give.
Go in my name and because you believe,
Others will know that I live!"

Together we live... Together we love.
In Christ's Love... Pastor Bev



***Annual Congregational Meeting is Sunday, June 9.
Enjoy a potluck lunch and stay for the meeting at 12:30 pm.***



*Congratulations to high school graduates:
Kyra Gusdal, Taylor Schultz,
Kaitlyn Blanchette (granddaughter of Ken & Arlene Skriver)*

*Congratulations to Kiva Olson on her graduation from Concordia University
with her Bachelor of Education*

(please let the office know of others with graduation milestones so we can honor them as well)



Bishop's Message For Congregations and Lay and Rostered Leaders



Dear Beloved of God –

We have gathered at the rural church. Many have journeyed for several hours to be present and to participate in the service of ordination and installation. Once the worship begins and the procession has landed me near the altar, I look out over those whom the Spirit has assembled: farmers, council and call committee members, several children and a handful of youth, family and friends, and seminary professors and staff and colleagues.

It seems as if even the sounds of the building are part of a sacred conversation between congregation, God and the one to be ordained and installed. A yellowed fluorescent light hums its way through the service. The microphone on the lectern squeals when the reader gets too close. The air from the furnace whooshes into the sanctuary causing the banners to wave.

Those to be ordained and installed will spend their years baptizing babies, helping to deliver calves in the middle of the night, burying husbands who died too soon, negotiating debates about how to pay for the new church roof...and then every Sunday, they will stand in the pulpit and try to make holy sense of it all.

Mid-March I prepared this article, originally for the June *Canada Lutheran*, while basking in the glow of participating in the final evaluation of candidates for rostered ministry. It is my favorite time of year, spent reviewing written examination materials and candidate dossiers and participating in the colloquy (the examination interview).

The final evaluation is a time to review and inquire in depth into the candidate's readiness for rostered ministry, and to determine that the candidate meets the requirements established by the National Church.

The examining committee, comprised of capable, insightful, experienced and compassionate members, considers the following determinants of readiness: theological and academic competence, spirituality and faith commitment, personal integrity and leadership abilities, and call to ministry and ministry gifts.

It is my favorite time of year, for I have walked with the candidates together with the synod candidacy committee, and the seminary, and the internship placement supervisor and congregation, and family and friends and seminary classmates to this point of final evaluation.

And truly, marvelously, wonderfully I have seen God at work in the life of each candidate.

And now, the procession has landed me near the altar where I preside at the service of ordination and the area dean presides over the installation.

The plan of the newly ordained and installed is no strategic plan for "turning this church around." No, their only ambition—their call—is to be next in a long line of faithful pastors serving with and among this congregation seeking to join God in God's mission of reconciliation and restoration.

With the service over and the obligatory pictures taken, we make our way to the community hall for a potluck dinner. Everyone plops into metal folding chairs and eats, laughs and gossips. Tables are filled with casseroles, salads and a multitude of homemade desserts. Children squeal as they chase each other around the room and out the doors of the hall.

I overhear a story about snow tires. They could be discussing their anxieties about the future of family farms, the economy or "just where is this country heading?" But there is none of that on this day. Even the small talk has a lift to it.

I understand why, when their new pastor enters the room, many are simply there to extend a warm welcome. One after another they get up from the tables, wipe their hands and approach the pastor for a handshake or a hug. Many have tears in their eyes.

This is a Eucharistic feast. A new pastor has come. To the congregation it is a sign that God knows how to find them. The holiness of the room is so apparent that I almost take off my shoes. No one wants to leave—certainly not me, and certainly not the new pastor.

This is my glimpse into a mystery about our church that is hidden from the statistics and anxiety about its decline.

I have no idea what hardships lie ahead for this congregation, or how long it will even exist. But I know that its people are filled with expectancy. In their midst is another highly capable pastor who is prepared to bring thousands of years of theological hope to bear on their community—a pastor who finds holiness by sitting in a community hall swapping stories about snow tires, and who every Sunday will stand in the pulpit and try to make holy sense of all of it.

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)

Memorials

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

Ordean Broen

Hans Espe

Velma Aspenes Hockridge

Rod Madison



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

**There are no recent June
baptismal anniversaries.**

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

Church Council Highlights from May 28, 2019

Chris Hohm shared some excerpts from 'Finding Common Ground' in which the author explores how to communicate with those outside the Christian community. He read several excerpts: the author sharing his faith as part of Campus Crusade in the 1970s; the encounter between Jesus and the woman at the well; Christ's comments on farming where those who seed and nurture are not necessarily present at the harvest; Jesus's parable of building houses on the rocks and the sand. We must not only understand what Jesus said, we also need to apply it in our lives. Chris then opened the meeting in prayer.

Council spent some time considering what has been accomplished this year, and how we will continue the visioning process of the last year.

The chair of the Nominating Committee reported that with a person interested in serving on Witnessing, Witnessing and Support will have 7 members each, Worship, Learning, and Service will each have 5.

The Committees have no more changes to the Bylaws from those published in the Annual Reports.

Council discussed how it would prefer to deal with urgent issues between Council Meetings. The President will consult all Council members by email, if an adequate number of responses is not received by the deadline, the President will phone the Executive.

A motion will be brought to the AGM to end the Debt Retirement Fund and transfer the remaining funds to the Capital Fund.

The Treasurer will provide a sheet with risks and benefits for alternate Term Deposit placements for the congregation. Funds are due for reinvestment in 2021. A decision needs to be made at the 2020 AGM.

Calvin reported that his Seminary Conference focused on what First Nations expectations are from the Christian community (the primary focus was on the Anglican Church). The goal is less about monetary compensation, but rather recognition of harm done and improving processes moving forward. The Seminary is leaving their current leased building to find a space more suited to their needs and finances.

Don Rebus' appointment to the Service Committee, previously approved by email was minuted.

The Fellowship Kitchen has been cleaned. The Wednesday Workers are installing some new cupboard doors, some missing instructions have been restored, and the freezer has been cleaned out. David will take the issue of odour in the Friendship Room to Support for further investigation.

Pastor Calvin's Report: spoke about the request from the Refugee Center to sponsor a family of four and a single man. The President will contact Yvonne Myrehaug at the Refugee Centre, to find out what is expected from Messiah. He will then email Council for a decision on what will be brought to the AGM.

The Service Committee is planning a supper with members interested in hosting small groups for a meal and discussion.

The T-Coil has been installed in the floor but is not yet operational; the temporary T-Coil on the west side of the sanctuary is still functioning.

The Treasurer reported that our current bank balance is \$148,642 with the 2018-19 deficit \$38,000. All deficits from the Mortgage Burning Celebration have been covered.

We adjourned the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Greetings from Messiah Lutheran Women

Packing day was held April 24. 22 boxes were sent to CLWR containing:

Hygiene kits - 14 Small quilts/small blankets - 91 Sewing kits - 10
Bears - 26 Quick kits - 6 Living & Learning - 6 (some money sent)
Dresses - 17 3 C's - 65 quilts & 22 blankets

June 3 at 1:30 pm, Connie Landstrom will visit with our Messiah ladies at an afternoon tea. She will discuss her work in Tanzania. Women have knit pneumonia vests for her to take when she returns to Tanzania.

Hastings Lake Outing - On June 24 Messiah ladies will go out to Camp for the morning bible study & stay for lunch & /or afternoon if they wish. Please let Frieda Ness know by June 17 if you are able to go.

MLW Executive

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

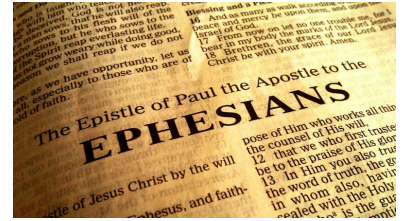
Sunday Morning Adult Class

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

Place: Messiah Basement Auditorium

June 2 (final class until fall) :

Last of a four Session Bible Study on the Book of Ephesians,
presented by David Dahle



FOOD BANK SUNDAY June 16

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.

LET'S GATHER TOGETHER FOR A PICNIC!!!

Remember the old Sunday School picnics where virtually everyone in the church would gather at some old ball diamond, park or an old farm to have a picnic together? What fun we had eating and having 3 legged races. Our Learning Committee has decided we shall try to gather for one of these fun events on **June 23 at 12 pm** right after worship.

We will make this easy as we will have a potluck and bring our own lawn games and lawn chairs. We are reserving some space at Jubilee Park for this event. Come and stay as long as you like.

Bring picnic food to share, your plates, glasses & cutlery, your lawn chairs, your lawn games, balls, your families and friends and your beautiful selves!

Let's gather together to play and hang out in the beauty of God's nature and in the presence of one another!



A thank you note

A big thank you to all who were involved in Messiah's music program. Your time & gifts are very much appreciated! These programs would not exist if it weren't for the many people involved in them. There have been many amazing moments this year because of your dedication and openness to trying new things. Looking forward to the fall...

Tova Olson

ATTENTION HEARING AID USERS

We have a temporary 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.

Wires have been strung and we are awaiting the final installation to then be operational in the sanctuary and basement auditorium.

The Support Committee



Thank you to my church family.

I started my grief journey a year ago when I knew Ordean wouldn't come home to be with me again. After 62 years of going to church together at Messiah, it was hard to be there without him, but you were all there around me watching me cry Sunday after Sunday. I was reassured of your prayers and love. That's what God's children do.

You did that well and continue to bless me with visits, flowers, phone calls, cards and prayers.

Thank you too for all the memorials given in Ordean's honor. Let's continue to encourage one another.

Lavona Broen

Great News Concerning Brian Rude The Rev. Dr. Brian Rude: In Mission with El Salvador



Graduation Announcement:

Congratulations to the Rev. Dr. Brian Rude who graduated on Wednesday evening, May 8, *in absentia*, from the University of Toronto / Toronto School of Theology / Knox College, with a Doctor of Ministry (DMin) degree. The title of his doctoral thesis is: "Dialogue as a Faith Response to Social Violence in El Salvador: A Pastoral-Theological Analysis of the Response of IPAZ (Pastoral Initiative for Peace) to Gang Violence," which he successfully defended at the TST, U of T, on 29 March, 2019.

(This announcement was extracted from the Synod's "Wednesday News" May 8, and submitted to the "Messenger" by Ray Blacklock)

Kibuye Hope Hospital – Burundi, Africa

Submitted by **Cecelia Watts** who recently returned from a 3 week trip to Burundi.

Burundi is a beautiful country, but is home to almost 11 million of the world's poorest and hungriest people. It is situated just below Rwanda and between Tanzania and the Democratic Republic of Congo. It is a very small country (about the size of the state of Massachusetts). Life expectancy is 50.

After the civil war (1993-2005), the Free Methodist Church of Burundi started a university in the city of Bujumbura. The Kibuye Hope Hospital in rural Burundi (140 km away) has been operated by the church since the 1940's. It survived the horrors of the civil war and was kept operating as a clinic. Six young doctors from the U.S came in 2013 and work with the university to make it a teaching hospital.

My son, George, felt the call to teach at the University after he completed his studies in business in 2014. They arrived in Bujumbura in April of 2015, just in time for the election of a president, which resulted in a coup. They were sent to Rwanda for awhile, came back and taught again for a couple of months, but the fighting in the city was so bad that the mission sent them up to Kibuye to be administrator of the hospital in this rural area where all was peaceful. George and Susan and their 4 children moved there in January 2016. There is now 1 Canadian doctor and 8 American doctors as well as several Burundian doctors and nurses. Also, there is an engineer who is in charge of a very busy building program. The hospital is expanding. A pediatric ward is presently under construction.

There has been a feeding program at the hospital since the 1970's. There are now 265 children coming with their mothers on Monday and Friday mornings. They are given a bowl of busoma (a high-protein porridge made at a "factory" on the hospital grounds, consisting of soy, sorghum and corn ... looks like cream of wheat). Susan hard boils 265 eggs every Friday to give extra protein. Then while the mothers register their children, she cleans and bandages



Clay brick homes.



Busoma at the feeding program.



Caring for wounds.



Cecelia Watts and her grandchildren.

sores, mostly on legs and feet of the children and mothers. She also visits and works with malnourished children in the hospital (there are usually about 100). Every month they visit an orphanage where she has taken babies whose mothers have died in the hospital. They bring baby formula and busoma to help in feeding the babies.

The missionaries have built houses and live on a compound near the hospital compound. There is a 3-room school for their children. Two of my grandchildren go to a high school for missionary children in Kenya. They come home for a month every 3 months.

All of these missionaries raise their own support and are under a mission called "Serge" out of Pennsylvania. This hospital has the only surgeons and eye doctor outside of the city of Bujumbura. The ophthalmologist does many cataract operations each day. Blindness from cataracts is very common and keeps the farmers from their daily work.



The feeding program.



The orphanage.



Weigh-in at the feeding program.



George and Susan Watts at the orphanage.



The blue roof in the background is the hospital. Cecelia is quite a novelty in Kibuye. They have never seen someone so 'old' or of such fair skin color. The children liked to get close and check her out.

News from Papua New Guinea from the Perspective of "Mission Aviation Fellowship" as shared by Ryan and Siobhain Cole

There are 26 bush airstrips that we fly to regularly within 50 miles of our home base, Telefomin. That's only a 20 minute flight! Each airstrip provides access to the outside world to multiple villages, that's well over 50 communities that we serve out of Telefomin alone.

That sure keeps Ryan and the 2 other pilots here very busy!!!

Thank you for your friendship, support and most importantly, prayers, which enable us to be here in Papua New Guinea providing a life-line for some of the world's most isolated people.

MAF is Flying for Life!!!

Submitted by Ray Blacklock

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

THANK YOU

NEWS BRIEFS



Canadian Lutheran
World Relief

Thank you to all who contributed to the 22 boxes that were packed ready for shipment on April 24. This includes all the sewers, quilters, knitters and Kit packers. Thank you to the Wednesday Workers that transported the boxes to Home Hardware, who in turn hauled them to Winnipeg free of charge.

The 22 boxes included the following:

5 baby bundles	10 sewing kits
14 hygiene kits	41 large quilts
6 Living and Learning kits	91 small quilts & blankets
17 dresses	26 bears

Thanks to the 3C's group (Christians Caring for Children) who also contributed quilts, blankets and money for shipping.



Psalm 92:14 reads **"In old age they (the righteous) still produce fruit."** The psalmist's description of the righteous is clearly demonstrated in the life of one of our quilters. Alice Sandahl, who lives at Deer Meadows, celebrated her 103rd birthday on March 30. She still actively makes quilts for CLWR and we see here a product of her work which was included in the last shipment. **Thank you, Alice.**

Messiah's Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, June 9 at 12:30 pm following a potluck lunch. Annual Report booklets are available at the office or Welcome Centre. It is also on our website messiahcamrose.ca under Communications or we will gladly email the PDF to you. Please remember to bring your copy to the meeting.



Wish You Were Here
Juanita Hohm, french horn // Tova Olson, piano

Sunday, June 2, 2019
7:00 pm
Messiah Lutheran Church
Admission is FREE, Everyone Welcome

So many people have been supportive, inspirational, helpful and essential to my musical growth. I wish I could take you all with me wherever I go to share my music and everything I have learned. Instead, I hope you can come to this concert where I will perform many pieces I have been working on in the past few years. Consider it my "Thank You" for everything you have done for me.

Seniors Expo

Friday, June 7th
10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Heritage Bldg. 4612 - 53 Street
(across from the hospital)

Join the Camrose Seniors Coalition
for an Expo, featuring:

- exhibitors from the community
- presentations on topics for seniors,
including Fraud Prevention by the
Wise Owls

To see a schedule and list of exhibitors,
please visit www.thebethanygroup.ca

To register for one or both of the presentations,
please call CDSS at 780-672-0141 or SOS at 780-
672-4131.

Presented by **CAMROSE SENIORS COALITION**

HASTINGS LAKE RALLY DAY



WHEN? - SUNDAY, JUNE 23 AT 2:30PM

WHERE? - HASTINGS LAKE BIBLE CAMP

CUT IT or DON'T CUT IT FUNDRAISER

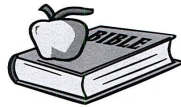
Featuring our long haired Camp Manager, Andrew Carlson. You may donate to the "Cut It Fund" or to the "Don't Cut It Fund" and whichever fund is bigger at the end of the day, decides Andrews hairs fate. You may donate at any time leading up to June 23. The reserve is set at a combined total (CUT IT and DON'T CUT IT funds) of \$5,000. If you can't make it on June 23, you can donate online.



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Stay Healthy

How are you meeting your
spiritual needs? How are you
nourishing your soul?



As a pastor I ask these
questions a lot, but especially
to folks who seem stressed out, overly busy,
burdened by everyday problems, or who seem to be
drifting away from church. They are also good
questions to keep in mind over the summer, as many
of us travel and tend to get distracted from our
spiritual lives.

Like physical health, spiritual health needs our
attention and priority if we are to enjoy lives that are
strong, balanced and joyful. We know that if we never
exercise, our bodies will become unhealthy. We will
suffer, and our lives will be filled with pain.

Your spirit needs exercise, too! The best way to stay
in spiritual shape is to pray daily, both informally (for
instance, when you are diving) and formally (as at
mealtime or bedtime). Go to the "gym" (church) where
you can get a spiritual workout. Worship with your
brothers and sisters, hear the Word of God
proclaimed in music, Scripture and sacrament.

For advanced spiritual exercises you can meditate,
join a Bible study, engage in service, practice love or
just day sit in holy silence for a few minutes each day.

And how about your spiritual diet? We need to feed
our spirit good stuff, too. The Bible provides the best
spiritual nourishment. Like an apple a day, a little
Bible a day goes a long way to keeping you healthy
and strong spiritually.

Spiritual health needs our constant attention,
especially in the summer. When we go on vacation,
it's easy to go on vacation from God, as well. So this
summer, work hard at your spiritual health.

Gleaned from
Stewardship of Life,
by Ron Bleazard



Sing Your Own Song ...a night of musical theatre

Starring:

Ethan Snowden
Darian Yurkoski
Colden Palo
Grace Braaten
Travis Schulte
Bhey Pastolero

And
Nansee Hughes

Accompanied by:
Tova Olson

FRI June 14 | SAT June 15 | Mayer Hall | tickets \$25 plus tax

TICKETS: www.camroselive.ca
OR call the Box Office 780.608.2922
4501 50 Street Camrose AB
Box Office Hours: Mon-Fri 11am-4:30pm / Sat 1pm-4:30pm



Prayers of the People



Gracious and loving God, we thank you for sunshine, warm days, the mosquitoes summer brings, deer who eat our gardens, and those you have called to be earthly Father'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. Be with them as thought turn to planning for rest and renewal this summer. 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 students, confirmation class, senior youth and students in spring and summer post-secondary studies. 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 and give them the strength they need to reach the end of the school year.

Please grant wisdom and discernment to our Church Council and Committees. We thank those whose terms are ending and are grateful for those who let their name stand for election. 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 Refugee Support Group and co-operating congregations as preparations are made to welcome new families in the coming year.

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 ask a special blessing on Confirmands Aidan Peake and Wyatt Mowat. May they be a light in the world. Thank you for preparing a path for high school graduates Kaitlyn Blanchette, Kyra Gusdal, Taylor Schultz. Help them to seek your direction for their future. Be with Kiva Olson as she discerns your will for her Bachelor of Education.

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. Bring rain to forest fire afflicted areas. Comfort those subjected to displacement, 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; Ryan and Siobhain Cole with Mission Aviation Fellowship in Papua New Guinea; Charles and Anita Jackson of WMPL and Connie Landstrom as she joins us to share with the MLW her work in Tanzania. 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



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9 Pentecost Sunday Annual Meeting 10:30 Worship Service & Confirmation 11:45 Congregational Potluck 12:30 Annual Meeting	10	11 10:00 Staff Meeting	12	13 5:57 Eat Together	14	15
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