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A BACK-TO-SCHOOL PRAYER

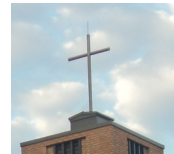


Loving God, thank you for the rest and relaxation we enjoyed over the summer. Today, we pray for our children as they begin their new school year. Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning. Watch over all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy. Grant teachers wisdom, patience, and joy in serving their students. In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

10:30 am
Worship Service

11:45 am
Coffee Fellowship



Resuming September 8:

9:15 am - Adult Class
9:30 am - Friendship Class
10:30 am - Sunday School

Regular Office Hours Resume Tuesday, September 3:

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

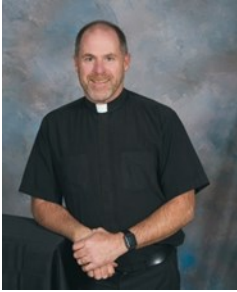
CHURCH BUILDING
WILL BE OPEN

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

SATURDAY
9:00 AM TO NOON



Minister's Message



I hope and trust that your summer went well. Ours did. We were on holidays for three weeks in the month of August and have just returned in time to start up the fall processes. One of those items on the agenda is this article for the Messiah Messenger for September.

While we were away things keep on happening here at Messiah and in our community of fellowship. One item of news that affects our family of faith in this area is the resignation of both Charlotte and John Strecker-Baseler from the Armena and Bawlf parishes respectively. They will be returning to the USA. This means that there are now three parishes in our immediate vicinity that are without called pastors (Julianna Wehrfritz-Hanson retired in July from the Edberg/New Norway Parish). What can this mean for us in our ministry in Jesus' name in this area?

Related to this is an invitation that we have received (along with the other congregations in this area) from Bishop Larry to a "Collaborative Partnership Gathering" on Tuesday, October 1st from 6:30-8:30pm at Bethel Lutheran in Camrose. This invitation has not been initiated by the vacancies we are experiencing because similar invitations have been extended to other areas for other evenings in October. But, it is very timely for us. The invitation is for rostered leaders and congregational council members for 13 congregations in our area.

We are being asked to consider and respond to four questions to share at the gathering.

1. What challenges are your congregation facing?
2. What gifts does your congregation have to offer?
3. What is your sense of how God is present and active in your congregation and beyond? How is your congregation joining what God is doing?
4. Are there potential collaborations or partnerships in your Area that would be helpful in addressing your challenges?

I encourage you to talk with Bev or myself or a council member about any comments you have about these questions to help us prepare.

There were a few people participating in our "Eating Together" initiative. Thank you to all who hosted and were blessed by gathering together – meeting a need to be in increased community with each other. Please think about participating yourself. If you cannot be a host, maybe you would consent to be a participant in being hosted. Let me know.

I have also received a package outlining highlights from our National Convention in Regina in July. If you wish to review it, please let me know and I will pass it along to you for a while.

Another letter came from Bishop Larry sharing that our gifts from our "To God be the Glory" celebration in May went to help two congregations with their own mortgages. Unity Lutheran in Medicine Hat and Our Saviour Lutheran in Edmonton are the grateful recipients.

Finally, our National Bishop is encouraging us all to join in a year of **prayer**. There will be resources provided by the national church to help us along in this vital piece of expressing and living our Christian faith. Our own MLW have been doing a study on prayer that continues through the fall months – so we are already very much in tune with this emphasis from our National Church. Also, our Worship Committee in it's meeting last night touched on this as a possible emphasis for us through that committee. May we be blessed by God through prayer.

Together may we share Jesus Christ with all people.

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 Dad shared with me a bit of writing from years past. So I thought it would be neat to share it with you all in place of me writing this month for you. ENJOY!
Pastor Bev

MORNING GLORY

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Let Him Keep Coming

The following letter in condensed form, is written by Martin Christensen, a son of the late Pastor Harvin Christensen, a warm friend of the Hauge Federation. The letter is sent in by Pastor Karl Berg of Salem, Oregon.

Dear Mom,

I have been browsing in Dad's study Bible lately and my eye fell on John 7:37-39. It was as though the Lord Himself spoke. How simple it is: "If any man thirst let him **come** to Me and drink." When God wants fruit He does not turn our attention to the fruit but to Jesus the Giver of the fruit. Dad's marginal note in regard to the word "come" struck me: "Greek-progressive tense - keep coming." Hence the translation would read: "If any man thirst let him **keep coming** to Me." How simple that is. It reminded me of the time when I finally trusted Christ and the words of Jesus in John 6:37 took hold. Many times since then I could do nothing more than come, but it was enough. It was that way then, and always will be.

We often expect something of ourselves and become restless. Tonight as the Lord spoke to me in that verse, He graciously let me forget all my theology for that simple act of coming afresh to

Him. I notice too that the very next verse says: "He that believeth on Me as the Scripture says, out of his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water." This letter is an overflow of the simple act of coming.

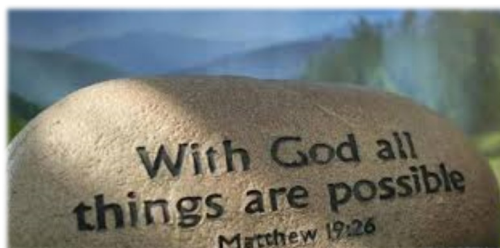
To me, coming to Him means the warming of a cold heart. It means rest from the hopeless struggle to produce fruit in my life. It means also a new hope and courage to face the seemingly endless struggle and burden that make up the whole of life.

In short, it gives me a new impulse in every area of life, all in the simple act of coming to Jesus.

Someone has said: "If God gives you something, hang on to it," which, in part is why I am putting this down. Maybe someone will read this who has quit coming to Jesus.

Mom, I seem to remember the song you used to sing: "Oh the joy of having all in Jesus." There is a certain blessing in reaching spiritual bankruptcy and having all in Jesus. There is a new beginning. We are free. We say: "Jesus is the answer." When? Right now!

Your son, Martin
Frontier, Sask.





Bishop's Message For Congregations and Lay and Rostered Leaders



Dear Beloved of God –

I have been in a reflective mood as of late. Perhaps it is because I am preparing this article at the beginning of August with some holiday time behind me and fall just over the horizon of my computer screen. Perhaps it is because on July 9 I celebrated thirty years of ordained ministry.

Time has flown by. I was ordained in my home congregation, Valhalla Lutheran Church, Valhalla Centre, Alberta. Yes, a Norwegian settlement with a handful of Germans sprinkled in this farming community.

Following ordination I have been blessed to serve, together with my wife, Cathy, with and among the people of Bethany Lutheran Church, Dickson (1989-1993), Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Lethbridge (1993-2002), Ascension Lutheran Church, Edmonton (2002-2010), as Assistant to the Bishop (beginning August 2010), and as Bishop (since January 26, 2013).

Within my time as Bishop, and certainly over the thirty years, there has been significant change, however, I continue to live by three core values which I first named while at College: servant-leadership, affirmation and involvement while seeking to engage, empower and equip the people of God.

Each year I seek to take time to reflect on this calling. Over these summer months I have been pondering, reflecting and writing about these thirty years, both the joys and the challenges.

Since 2013 I continue to return to a writing Cathy and I commissioned from Deacon Dr. Faith Nostbakken for my ordination as Bishop.

In shaping the poem, which Faith read during the Ordination, she considered the texts for the worship, the hymns selected for congregational song and ensemble singing, as well as a handful of images, metaphors and pastoral themes which are deeply meaningful to me.

The poem is titled: Ordination.

Nobody asks for drowning, certainly not the infant
gently tilted head towards the font,
arms and legs splayed suddenly with fear,
maybe a whimper or a shrill cry
as the robed one sifts through the sparkling water
and touches the tiny brow, barely downy with hair,
the rhythm of "The Father. . . and of the Son . . . and of the Holy Spirit"
incanted before a finely woven linen cloth dabs away the drops.
Everyone so easily forgets that dying can begin like this,
the cross fingered again on the forehead at the dawn of each new day.

Nobody asks to have her feet washed either,
not on Maundy Thursday even, unless her shoes
are polished, her stockings free of runs and easily removed,
her toenails trimmed and filed that very morning.
Maybe then she offers but can't quite face the eyes
of the one who silently lifts her foot from the basin,
wraps it awkwardly in a freshly laundered towel,

drying the creases between each toe.
Most would rather forget how almost embarrassing it is
to be served this way by a neighbor or a friend
much less the One incarnated in this sacred, tender act.

Nobody asks to be called into paradox either
when the people proclaim, "You lead!"
and in the same voice add, "You serve!"
our meanings translated into as many tongues
as join in song and blessing on this day.
Wash my feet, but don't embarrass me.
Splash my head with the font's damp cross
but don't let me stay in the drowning.
As you shepherd, walk beside us;
notice how cracked our feet really are,
how chapped our hands,
and whenever we meet eye-to-eye,
(especially try to meet us there)
call us brother, sister, as we are yours,
and remind us, so we don't forget,
of the wondrous ache and splendor
of love made whole first by being broken,
made new first by dying,
made perfect by the One whose body
here and now we are,
heads, hands, feet, eyes, tongues and all.

Blessings as you enter the fall season...see you at Area Gatherings.

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:
Simon Gjesdal

Funeral:
Dustin Palmerchuk





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

Hadley Hahn - September 25

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

Church Council Highlights

Church Council will meet on Tuesday, September 17 at 7:00 pm

Sunday School

Resumes on Sunday, September 8 at 10:30 am For Age 3 to Grade 6



Children are invited to bring their **backpacks** to church on Sunday, September 8! The Children's Message will include a "Blessing of the Backpacks" after which time they will proceed downstairs to register for Sunday School and take part in **Sunday School Kick-Off! Visiting children are welcome!**

Sunday Morning Adult Class

Resumes on Sunday, September 8 at 9:15 am

The first class will focus on what happened at the National Convention and will be facilitated by Pastor Calvin Skriver.



NOTE:

The Church Office will be closed on
Monday, September 30 so that staff
can all attend a retreat!

BOOK OF ACTS SIX-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

Facilitated by David Dahle
Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:00 pm
(followed by refreshments)
Beginning September 18–October 23
at the home of
David and Darlene Dahle
3820 – 64 St Close
780-672-8488

You are cordially invited
to participate in the Installation of

The Rev. Prema Samuel

as Assistant to the Bishop for Congregational Life

of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

Saturday, September 14, 2019
4:00 pm

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
40 Holmes St, Red Deer, AB

Rostered Ministers are invited to vest in green and process.



An offering will be received in support
of the Synod's SOS (Support our Students) Fund,
and the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.

Light lunch to follow.



FOOD BANK SUNDAY

(has been moved to the second Sunday of the month)

September 8

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.

LunchFEST Sunday, September 8

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



MLW Highlights

Greetings from your Messiah Lutheran Women.

Fall is closing in on us and this means our activities and programs will soon be returning again. We hope your summer has been good even if the weather didn't always co-operate.

September 8 circle meetings begin, as we continue our study "Becoming a Woman of Prayer". We welcome any woman to join us. Our last study in this book will be February 2020. Any suggestions for a new study is welcome.

September 23 is our next General Meeting. This happens at 2:30 p.m. Please come out as we will be dispersing some funds and we need your input.

Quilting begins on Wednesday, September 18. What an enjoyable day. Come out and join us in this worthwhile project. Bring a needle or we will lend you one. We start about 9:00 and bring your lunch. Come and go as you are able.

Thanks everyone.

MLW Executive

What to do!

At the last AGM the matter of how best to steward and invest our endowment funds came up. A decision will be made at the June 2020 AGM. As with most money matters there are options. Gathering information and weighing the pros and cons of each is important before we vote next June. One route would be to engage ELFEC to invest our funds. ELFEC stands for Evangelical Lutheran Foundation of Eastern Canada.

Jeff Pym, director of ELFEC, will be at Messiah **September 12 at 7 p.m.** in the basement auditorium to talk about ELFEC and answer any questions we may have. This is a great opportunity to start thinking about what we want to do come next June. You can learn more at elfec.ca.

Rev. Brian Rude Accepts a New Challenge

An extract of Rev. Rude's Message of 12 July: *Evolving Ministry in El Salvador*



Ministry--openness to ministry--can take one in some unexpected directions, without one even trying or searching. For several years now, I have been lamenting the closing of prison gates to ministry with prison inmates throughout the prison system of El Salvador, due especially to increasingly punitive and repressive government policies (if you can imagine). I am able to link with some inmate friends outside prison walls, through varying cultural and sports and artisan events, or with some who are at some level of parole, and thus free to leave their prison spaces briefly. Some of these have been friends for decades within the prison system, collaborating with our programs and engaging in regular conversation.

At the end of 2018, I was asked by a very competent Salvadoran Lutheran pastor whom I respect highly to join her and another Salvadoran colleague in their relatively newly-formed Lutheran Pastoral Ministry to Migrants program. Intrigued, I consented readily. Within weeks of joining them, a national initiative was launched by the Ministry of Justice and Public Security, a delayed response to a binding order by the Supreme Court of El Salvador to recognize the crisis of violently displaced persons within El Salvador. The government had resisted recognizing this phenomenon, so as to avoid the responsibilities associated with such recognition. Now, finally, the Minister of Justice was convening a commission to draft legislation to propose and present to Parliament for its approval and implementation. Of the 20+ organizations represented, including a few government entities, global organizations (UNHCR, Red Cross, Amnesty International), and

several Salvadoran non-profit organizations, a couple of which are Roman Catholic/Jesuit or Anglican-related, the Lutheran Church is the only church body represented officially on this commission. This role fell to me. Every other member of the commission is, if not a human rights lawyer, at least heavily involved in the human rights work of their organization. The average age is about half my age. They are intense, supremely competent, and highly dedicated to their mission of drafting appropriate legislation to respond to the critical and diverse needs of violently displaced persons inside the country. While I live 24/7 surrounded by displaced persons in my home and ministry, I have less experience with the jargon, the legalese, the political procedures, than these legal professionals. I do bring perhaps a more global perspective, a more historical perspective, and perhaps a more down-to-earth perspective, which I express on occasion, tentatively, as I deem appropriate. Evidence of having been heard and understood often comes after a significant delay.

I'm not sure if visiting delegations would be as welcome in these spaces as in our prison spaces, whether in terms of permission and passes, or socially. Inmates are considerably more sociable than lawyers, I find (though inmate lawyers become more sociable).

There are many stories to be told about this ministry and all who are involved. Much analysis and reflection is called for. Some day.

I don't need to say how critical such ministry is at this time in history, given the increasingly anti-immigrant policies and practices of the administration to the south, and the need for Canada to be increasingly open, responsive and supportive. We are grateful for many allies, including: the Synod of Alberta and the Territories, for financial support; numerous Lutherans and ecumenical partners in solidarity across Canada; the United Church of Canada (UCC); the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). We are blessed to receive many visitors and maintain faithful communication with so many. As prison inmates so faithfully affirm: "God does not abandon us." Thanks be to God.

Paz, Brian Rude Rev. Dr. Brian Rude, "In Mission with El Salvador" Synod of Alberta 12/7/19

News from the "World Mission" Perspective

By now you will have read, glanced at, skimmed, studied the latest news from Rev. Brian Rude, Messiah's representative to the challenging situation in El Salvador. Indeed we are all invited to pray for Brian's role in the new opportunity which he describes in that article.

Messiah is one of many congregations in Alberta and across Canada, and indeed in the USA as well, who support "In Mission with El Salvador" of which Rev. Rude is the sole minister. For this financial year commencing on May 1, Messiah members have contributed \$1,230 (to the end of July). All contributions are welcome! Yellow envelopes to facilitate contributions to that ministry may be found at the Welcome Counter at the rear of the sanctuary.

The World Mission Group will hold its first meeting of the fall at the home of Ray and Norma Blacklock, #101, Hillside Village, 5210 – 48 A Ave on Monday, September 9 at 2:00 p.m. Thereafter the meetings will be on the first Monday of each month. Come and check out this Group which meets for prayer, study, fellowship, and action, all based on Christ's Great Commission found in Matthew, Chapter 28.

May the Peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

Ray Blacklock, Chairperson, World Mission Group

Confirmation for youth in grades 7- 8 will be starting **October 3, 7:00 pm** with a student and parent meeting at **Bethel Church**.



Please call the office at 780-672-3444 if you have any questions.
We are looking forward to another wonderful year together!

Pastor Bev Swanson

NEWS BRIEFS



Canadian Lutheran
World Relief

BACK TO SCHOOL

It's back to school for children and young people in our country and around the world. However, there are thousands of children around the world who have been displaced from their homes by war, famine or civil upheaval who are in dire need of even the most basic school equipment. **\$200.00** will equip a simple classroom. Being able to go back to school would help to provide these refugee children with a bit of normalcy. They could learn, play and make friends.

The **Quick Kit** (also known as the **Learning and Living Kit**) costs only **\$15.00**. It contains basic school and hygiene supplies. These can be assembled and sent, or you can make a phone call to CLWR to tell them you want to donate the money and volunteers will assemble the kit there.



PNEUMONIA VESTS

Any pneumonia vests that have been knit for Connie Landstrom's mission trip to Tanzania should be passed on to Marilyn Hoveland by the end of September.

Greetings,

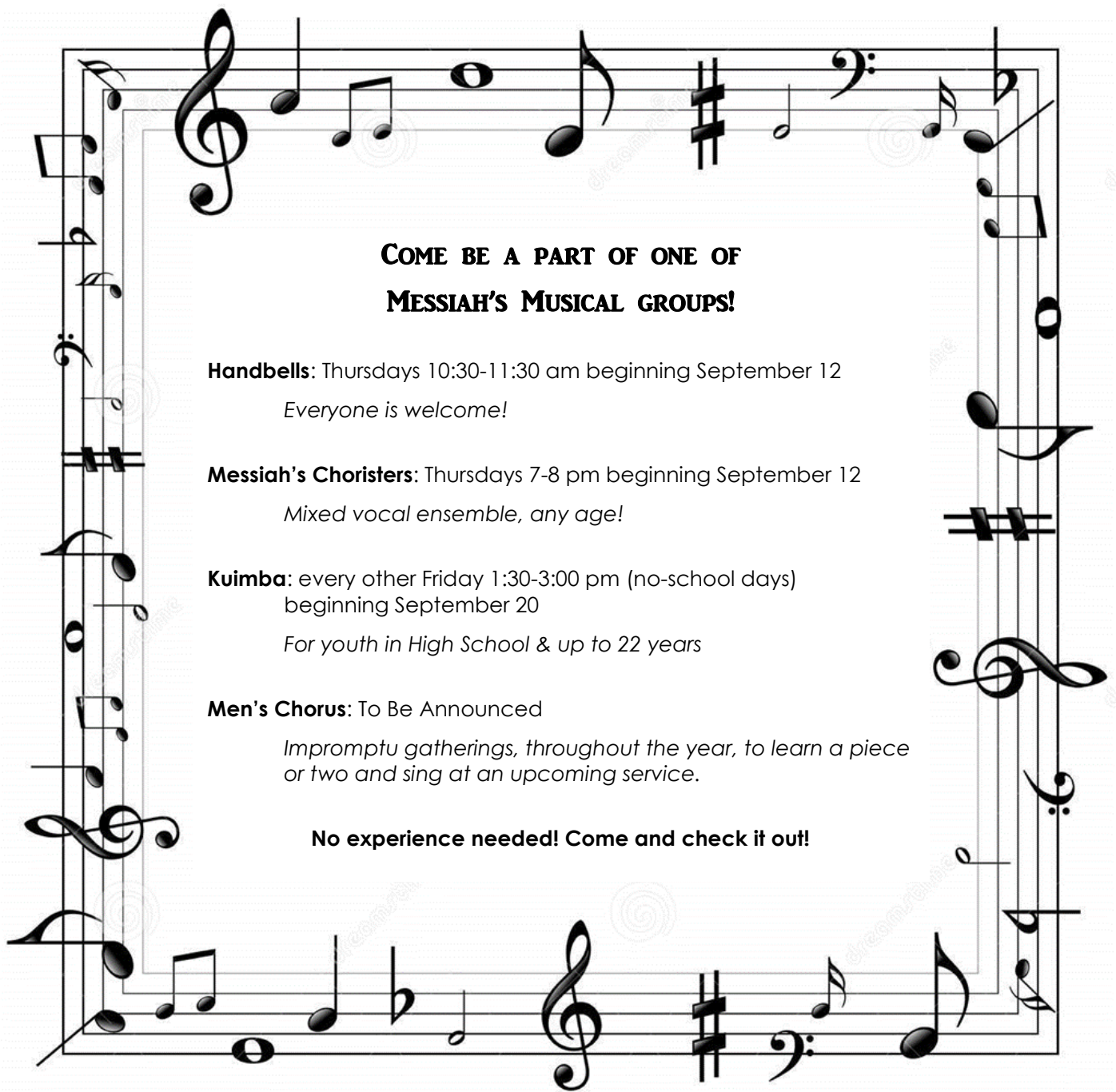
On behalf of Canadian Lutheran World Relief, thank you very much for your donation that recently arrived at our Winnipeg warehouse. Because of your support we are able to place essential aid into the hands of men, women and children around the world that desperately need your help.

Together in 2018 we dispatched three containers of supplies to Mauritania, Liberia and Cameroon. These shipments benefited many children, and elderly. For families that have already lost so much a warm quilt or a carefully prepared We Care kit means a lot.

We are happy to report that in 2018 the We Care program with your help shipped 13790 quilts and blankets and 7807 We Care kits. Together we were able to send 31,858 kg of aid, valued at over \$303,784. We know that with your help we will be able to do so much more in 2019.

The challenges facing the world's poor are immense, but together we have the opportunity to make a positive change in the lives of those displaced by war, famine and natural disaster. Thank you very much for your continued support of CLWR and the *We Care Program*.

Sincerely,
Ian Mair
We Care Program Assistant



COME BE A PART OF ONE OF MESSIAH'S MUSICAL GROUPS!

Handbells: Thursdays 10:30-11:30 am beginning September 12

Everyone is welcome!

Messiah's Choristers: Thursdays 7-8 pm beginning September 12

Mixed vocal ensemble, any age!

Kuimba: every other Friday 1:30-3:00 pm (no-school days)
beginning September 20

For youth in High School & up to 22 years

Men's Chorus: To Be Announced

*Impromptu gatherings, throughout the year, to learn a piece
or two and sing at an upcoming service.*

No experience needed! Come and check it out!

Ladies, we welcome you to quilt with us for Lutheran World Relief!

I expect it's very disturbing to all of us to see and hear of the countless numbers in our world who do not have the essentials for life.



We can help to be a solution, in even a small way, to bring comfort and warmth to those who need it.

Our quilting for Lutheran World Relief begins again on Wednesday, September 18 at 9:00 am. If you have not quilted before, that's not a problem. You need only to make a knot with yarn to hold the back and top together! Other talented sewers do the big job of creating and sewing tops. Bring a smaller scissors and darning needle (if you have one) and a bag lunch for yourself for noon. Coffee is served at 10:00am. We usually 'call it a day' around 2:00 pm. We will be delighted to have you join us in the caring project.

Berniece Sogge





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.

Start up date is Saturday, September 7.

**All Men Welcome for
Study, Fellowship, and Encouragement
in the Faith**

Lectio...Journeying Through Prayer

Will resume Monday, September 16.

This group is for those of you who love to sit together in silence and hear the Word, sharing together how this word reaches into your hearts and souls.

Gather with us in the Lounge every Monday morning at 10:30 am.

This is not a closed group.
You may come and go as your schedule allows.

All are welcome.

For more information
call Norma at 780-672-7902.



BIG VALLEY PARADE 2019

Another successful year of showing hospitality to the community, thanks to so many of you who generously donated cookies. It was a beautiful day and a great crowd. We must have given out hundreds of cookies, as well as 150 cups of coffee and many pitchers of cold drink and water. Several people who stopped by said they were looking for us again and remembered the good cookies! It was a lot of fun sharing love and kindness to our neighbours. I had some special little helpers who had a great time giving out cookies. Also thanks to the Wednesday Workers who set up the tent and brought out tables and chairs.

Cecelia Watts



HASTINGS LAKE BIBLE CAMP



THANKSGIVING Celebration Weekend & Staff Alumni Retreat September 20-22

Staff Alumni Retreat Starts Friday, Sept. 20 at 7pm

Calling all former staff of HLBC! If you've ever worked on staff at Hastings, we're inviting you back for a weekend on fun, catching up, sharing stories and memories, hearing about where camp has been and where camp is going! **\$25/Adult - Kids/FREE** Register at www.hastingslake.com

Saturday September 21: Fall Clean-up Day

10:00am - 4:00pm

We need your help to get the camp ready for winter! Lunch is provided.

Sunday September 22: Thanksgiving Celebration

2:30pm – Thanksgiving Service feat. Rev. Scott Kopperud, followed by Supper.
Enjoy a classic camp chapel service complete with a skit, a slideshow of the summer, & special music. After, enjoy a full Turkey Dinner!

www.hastingslake.com

135-51268 Range Road 204 Sherwood Park, AB, T8G 1E9

(780) 662-2557

Announcing the Jim Brager Painting Auction Fundraiser

Hastings Lake Bible Camp is holding an online silent auction for 5 original watercolor painting by Alberta artist Jim Brager.

Each painting measures 21" x 28" and comes unframed.

Bid on a painting in increments of \$25.00 by emailing your bid to andrew@hastingslake.com or by calling the camp office at 780-662-2557.

Bidding closes at 12:00 pm on Friday, September 20. You may pick up your painting at the camp on Sunday, September 22 between 2:30 pm - 6:00 pm or arrange for shipping at your own expense.

Actual color may vary due to computer screen settings.

All proceeds go towards our Trinity Lodge building project.

**Island Sunset
#2766**



**Southern Harvest
#2490**

**High Country Ranch
#2209**



**Battle River Flats
#1906**



**Valley White
#1867**



KIDNEY WALK

Northern Alberta & the Territories Branch

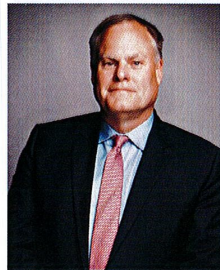
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Inaugural Kidney Walk
Camrose Sept. 15, 2019
KidneyWalk.ca

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Meet Wayne Thronson
Inaugural Honourary Chair

Wayne does not have kidney disease, yet its effects have had a profound impact on his life.

To Wayne, Kidney Walk means "increasing awareness of kidney disease and organ donation." Hear about Wayne's inspiring family journey with kidney disease that began 16 years ago and learn why increasing

Schedule

11AM-12PM: Pledge Drop Off & Registration

12PM-12:30PM: Honourary Chair story & warm-up led by United Sport & Cycle

12:50PM: 10K Run

1PM: 2K & 5K Walk / Run

~ Morning Refreshments & BBQ ~ 50/50 Draw

Join a team or create your own.


**Run or walk as an individual
or sponsor a participant.**

Fundraise & Earn Prizes!

Kidney Foundation (NABT)
samantha.potkins@kidney.ca
780-451-6900 ext. 224


Community Supporters





NOV. 3-4, 2019

KANANASKIS VILLAGE, AB




CANADIAN LAW ENFORCEMENT RETREAT

KNOWING THE GOD WHO PROTECTS AND SERVES
 In appreciation for your service, the Billy Graham Rapid Response Team invites you—and your spouse—to the Canadian Law Enforcement Retreat. Come be encouraged by speakers who will discuss the unique issues faced by officers' families and share insights from God's Word.

**Check-in begins Sunday, Nov. 3 at 3:00 p.m. | Sessions begin at 4:30 p.m.
 Retreat ends Monday, Nov. 4 at 4:00 p.m.**
 Location: *Pomeroy Kananaskis Mountain Lodge*
 1 Centennial Dr., Kananaskis Village, AB T0L 2H0

\$200/individual
 \$225/couple
 (cost includes lodging, food, sessions, and materials)

For more information, visit BillyGraham.ca/CLER to register today.



"HE GUARDS THE PATHS OF THE JUST AND PROTECTS THOSE WHO ARE FAITHFUL TO HIM." —PROVERBS 2:8, NLT

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The Canadian Law Enforcement Retreat is for all serving and retired members of the police force and their spouses. If you have a son/daughter, grandson/granddaughter, niece/nephew or friend that is serving or retired as a police officers, please share this information with them.

A-B-C-D-E-F-G

Thank you, God, for feeding me.

H-I-J-K-L-M-N

Jesus is my best friend.

O-P-Q-R-S-T-U

Thank you, Lord, for all you do.

V-W-X-Y-Z

God, please bless my family.



Prayers of the People



Gracious and loving God, we thank you for being with us at all times. Thank you for rain, lots of rain, bring sunshine and warm temperatures for our farmers to bring in your bountiful harvest. Be with those who suffered losses from weather related events and grant us your protection in all that we do.

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. Help them to ease back into the fall routine and busy-ness. Thank you too for our

Bishops – Larry Kochendorfer and Susan Johnson and the Assistant to the Bishop Pastor Prema Samuel. 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 continued presence in the lives of our youth as they return to school and post secondary studies. May they find ways to glorify You as they learn and grow. Keep them safe in all the activities that back to school brings. Be with teachers and all who are part of the work and witness of the Church in the world and give them the tools they need to be successful in their important work.

Lord, we give you thanks for our Church Council and Committees. Give them wisdom as they tend to the care and operation of our church. We also pray for our City Council, Provincial and National Governments may they govern with strength and integrity.

We welcome Simon Gjesdal into God's family and pray that he and his family will always have You at the center of their lives. Help us to reach out in meaningful ways to newcomers and 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.

Please continue to be with the family of Dustin Palmerchuk and 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. 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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