



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

LEST
WE
FORGET



REMEMBRANCE DAY

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:15 am
Adult Education Class

9:30 am
Friendship Class

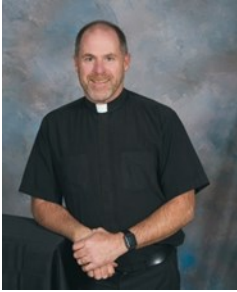
10:30 am
Sunday School

10:30 am
Worship Service

11:45 am
Coffee Fellowship



Minister's Message



Grace to you and peace from God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Our mission is to “Share Jesus Christ with all people”. This is a very Christian mission. Jesus’ followers were told to “Go” at the end of each of our gospel stories. In Matthew, Jesus tells his disciples to “Go... make disciples... baptizing... and teaching them...” In Mark’s account an angel instructs the women to “Go, tell...”. Luke’s gospel has the disciples waiting for a while, with the purpose that they would be “clothed” with the Holy Spirit to proclaim the good news of Jesus death and resurrection to all nations starting at home (Jerusalem). John records that Jesus told Mary Magdalene to “Go... and say...”; and later Jesus says to those huddled together in fear “I send you.” So, we are in good company indeed!

How will each of us (and “we” collectively) do this Sharing of Jesus? I don’t know exactly how, but there have been a few things happening in our community and society as a whole that may help to guide our next steps.

Recently, three (or four, depending on how you count) parishes in our immediate vicinity no longer have called pastoral leadership. Bashaw/Edberg/New Norway/St. Peters (2 parishes cooperating together) had their pastor retire in September. Armena Parish (Scandia/St. Joseph) and the Bawlf Parish (Bawlf, Skudesness & Zion) both had their pastors resign and return to the USA. There are questions about how these people will be served by Word and Sacrament ministry into the future. What is God saying in the midst of this?

Bishop Larry and the Assistant to the Bishop Prema were at Bethel on October 1 to begin a conversation around what might happen in this area. At the meeting, we were given a chart showing the decline of numbers of congregations, but more strikingly, the decline of pastors. Between 2009 and 2019 our synod has gone from 108 pastors to 80. Of the 80 current pastors 45% of them (36 of 80) are between the ages of 61 and 70. Another 21 (26%) are between 51 and 60 – a full 71% over age 50! There are very few new students in our seminaries – even though seminary education is much more accessible now than it was even 20 years ago.

We need to be part of a conversation with our neighboring siblings in Christ to discover how God is guiding us into this new reality. What ways are there for us all to build each other up? We are right now working on naming each of our congregation’s challenges and gifts in order that we might share with each other and determine if there are ways for us to work together.

The Bishop outlined some options that might be considered:

- Closing some buildings (very, very painful).
- Returning to “circuit riders” that we had early in our Alberta history.
- A larger parish with multiple pastors (each providing Word and Sacrament and then possibly making use of a team approach in other areas of ministry).
- Of course all of these options need to rely heavily on the multiple and varied gifts of our lay people.

I trust that the conversation will continue in earnest soon.



How do we Share Jesus Christ with all People?
We begin with where we are – and remember that Jesus tells us not to get stuck huddled together, but to “Go”.
I am certain that we will be amazed at the wonders that God will do in, with and through us.

Call me at 780-672-3444
Email me at: calvinskriver@gmail.com
Text or call me at 780-679-5976.

Pastor Calvin

Minister's Message



Reflections of God's Light!

We are into the season of pumpkins, gardens, vegetables, harvest and of course Halloween... which is also connected with All Saints Day.

It is a rich season of gathering in the gifts of God... and giving thanks. It is also a time for fun and laughter for families and children.

This past Friday evening at the church we had a wonderful time of pumpkin carving and decorating Halloween cookies with our young families. I wanted to share of this time with you because so often you don't get to hear of these lovely gatherings.

We had about 12 kids carving pumpkins... and about 6 of our families represented with kids of all ages participating.

The creativity in the faces in the pumpkins were amazing. Everyone brought their own unique ideas and as you can see by the picture of our pumpkins they were all wonderful. It was quite something to turn off the lights and see the candle light peering through the carvings. You can imagine the delight in each child to share the face of their pumpkin and enjoy the faces of the others.



We sat down then beside our display of pumpkin faces and admired them.

Everyone shared first of their favorite Halloween character and then we talked about our pumpkin faces. We noted that each face was absolutely unique... not one the same. And then we commented on how God has made each of their faces so unique in their own way...then we moved to talking about how the light inside of the pumpkin makes the faces shine brightly.

As we pondered this we were reminded that the light of God within each of us is what shines out through the uniqueness of each of God's people... and specifically their beautiful faces. We agreed that we would now see pumpkin faces reminding ourselves of God's light shining through our faces.

In confirmation this week we also talked about how we are all created in God's image and therefore we are also a reflection of God's image.

This is such a simple and yet so profound a concept isn't it? Sometimes the simplest of children's stories can reach our hearts in a new ways.

Each one in this world is created so beautifully and uniquely in God's image...and the light that God puts within us as God's people reflects God's incredible love through our faces... and our lives in the world.

It strikes me that if we could look at one another and notice the light of God's love in the eyes of that person... how we might see all people so much differently. We might even appreciate more fully others around us.

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So often we move to judgement or evaluation of another of God's people...instead of seeing the face of God in them. Each of us in our church and in the world... are beloved of God created by God and so valuable to God. Let us also value the creation of our God in the face and lives of our neighbor.

This is so beautifully put in the words of Matt as used in the Message...

Matthew 5:14-16 The Message (MSG)

"Here's another way to put it: You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven."

The light of God is to be shared with the world. Indeed shine your unique light reflecting the light of God's love and recognize the light of God's creation in each person you meet.

Let's join our children in remembering the light in them reflected brightly.
As we all shine together in our own unique way... God's light shines brightly.

In the Light of God's love,
Pastor Bev



Bishop's Message For Congregations and Lay and Rostered Leaders



Dear Beloved of God –

Our Synod seeks to live out of four Mission Priorities reviewed and approved at our 2019 Synod Convention. One of these Mission Priorities is Collaborative Partnerships. Here, we say in part that, *"Listening to the Spirit's leadership we are intentional in developing deeper relationships, sharing of resources, and partnership ministries within Areas of the Synod."*

Together, in the Synod of Alberta and the Territories and across the ELCIC, we are experiencing several common realities: increased congregational vacancies, decreased congregational finances and participation, fewer pastoral graduates, to name a few. In the midst of these realities we continue to journey together seeking to discern God's work in our communities and to join God in God's mission.

With our Collaborative Partnerships Mission Priority in mind, as well as our current context, I invited 28 congregations, and lay and rostered leaders, to gather in three regions of the West and East Central Areas of our Synod in early October for a Collaborative Partnership Gathering. 23 out of 28 congregations were represented at the three regional gatherings.

October 1 – Bethel Lutheran, Camrose – over 60 participants representing 12 congregations

October 2 – Peace Lutheran, Leduc – over 30 participants representing 6 congregations

October 7 – Peace Lutheran, Innisfail – 53 participants representing 5 congregations

I am grateful for the presence of God's Spirit among us and guiding us as we gathered. And, I am grateful for the participation of so many.

The goal of the evening was to kindle conversation and extend a call to further conversations and collaboration. The goal was to frame and reframe how we see ourselves: where are we at? What is our current reality? The goal of the evening was to engage in conversation sharing where God is at work, and where God is calling us to. The goal was to

spark conversation about what journeying forward together might look like. The goal was to begin conversation and to continue these conversations at the upcoming Area Gatherings.

During each Gathering, time was spent in prayer and in Dwelling in the Word considering John 21:1-14. What stands out for you in the text? a word? a phrase? What questions do you have of the text? Considering the gathering and current realities what might the Spirit of God be saying to us tonight?

Following the Collaborative Partnership Gathering at Peace Lutheran, Innisfail, Vivian Holtby, a member at Grace Lutheran, Wetaskiwin and a member of the West Central Area Leadership Team forwarded this reflection on John 21:1-14 to me, as well as a picture. I share Vivian's reflection with her permission.



Photo Credit: Vivian Holtby
January 2018 Off-shore from Tiberius on the Sea of Galilee.
Casting the net.

Lord, I'm so tired and I'm so weary, but I must go on you say.

So much loneliness, so much toil, so little fruit (fish)(people) (believers), so little hope! I came to fish in this night, for that is when fishing is good. The moon shines on the water on the left side of the boat so I cast there. The fish make themselves known as the light sparkles on their scales. But tonight, there is no moon, so I/we don't see them. The light is not with us, the Light is not in us, not in me, not in Peter! It's not in the fish, the people.

You're watching us, waiting, seeing, knowing. You say, how do I bring you back to me?

So, you greet, you speak. You offer us insight, an idea, a way in, a way out, a way forward, a way to success, hope.

What is that hope- to feed and to be fed? To have strength

and hope? To have friends travel the road with you? To have a purpose? To have You!

Ah, try something different today, tomorrow, tonight! Look on the untrod path, look to the least likely, look to the unknown, look inward, look outward,, look on the other side of the boat!

I looked elsewhere Lord, right close by, on the other side of the boat, fence, road, street, city, world. In my neighbour's yard!

I found 153, more or less, and I thought- what do I do now?

So, I brought them to breakfast with me! You were there waiting with your few. We sat in that place, there in the beach and we- those already there and those brought by me/us- breakfasted together.

I'm no longer tired, weary, lonely as I found a fisherman's net full of believers, just on the other side of the boat! Thank you, Lord, for leading me where I needed to go- out there in untried water, so to speak, so that I might find you and your people where you wanted me to find You and them!

Try the other side of the boat!

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)

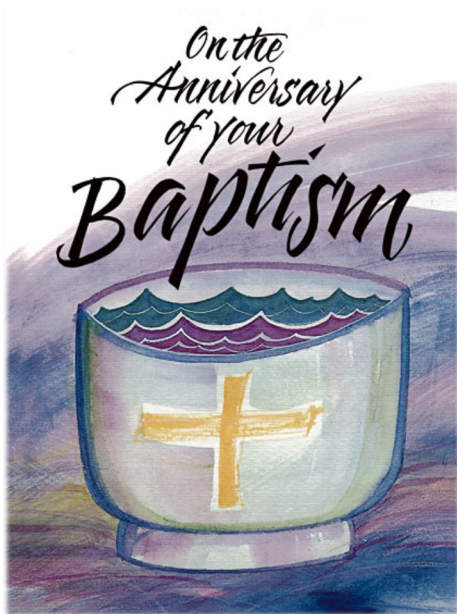
Memorials

Special gifts since last reported in memory of:

Eva Ledene

Enid Watland





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

Drew Nester - November 11
Elisabeth Ofrim - November 13
Alec Skriver - November 26

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

LunchFEST Sunday, November 10

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



FOOD BANK SUNDAY November 10



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.

**Please remember to lock your vehicle
and not leave valuables or vehicle keys
in coat pockets in the boot rooms.**



Sunday School

For Age 3 to Grade 6

Now that it is mid-October, we're a month into our 2019-2020 Sunday School year, and we've "hit our stride." Most Sundays we have 15 - 20 children, and after our fun songs with Emma Gjesdal and picking up our snacks (thank you kind snack providers from the congregation!) we divide into 3 classes: Preschool, Lower Elementary (K-grade 2), and Upper Elementary (grades 3-6). We are continuing to use the Whirl! curriculum as we find it is a good resource for us, and we appreciate that it follows the lectionary so that there is a continuation of topic from our time upstairs in the service to our time downstairs in our classes.

We have a new camera that prints photos instantly, so that we can take photos of the children and our activities downstairs and immediately have prints of them to use in our bulletin board displays, etc. Thank you, Kelly, for our new bulletin board displays this fall!



We have a dedicated and dynamic group of teachers: Kelly Moseson, Steph Enright, Cheryl Nester, Darlene Dahle, Hannah Hasselbohm, Deanna Didriksen, and myself - Michelle Kennedy Hawkins. It would be nice to have 1 more as there are occasional seasons where one of our teachers is away and others have a busy month, or when the choir sings, where we find ourselves short a teacher. If you are willing to teach 2 or more Sundays, please let me know. Thank you to Loretta Foshaug for again being our registrar and curriculum materials organizer.

As always, a huge thank you to our snack providers! The children really look forward to the snack each Sunday. Homemade, store bought, cookies, crackers, fruit - all are fine options. There is a sign up list at the Welcome Centre at the back of the sanctuary if you are willing to provide snack for about 20 people one Sunday.

Michelle Kennedy Hawkins

Sunday Morning Adult Class

Time: 9:15 am - 10:15 am

Place: Basement Auditorium

October 27 - The Old Testament in the Modern World - Why?

What does the Old Testament, the Hebrew Bible, have to say to us today? Old Testament scholar and director of the Ronning Centre, Ian Wilson, will talk about why the Old Testament is still important in the modern day and how we might approach understanding it better.



November 3 - The Caregiving Challenge

People in caregiver roles face many challenges. Joan Willoughby and Joy LeBlanc from the Hospice Society will present information related to these challenges, and on the understanding and support available through their Caregiver's Support Group.

November 10 - No class

November 17 - Messiah from the Ground Up and the Inside Out

Members of the Messiah's Support Committee will provide an overview of the responsibilities and challenges they face in keeping our facilities available, including the building and grounds but also other areas such as the TV Ministry on Cable and You Tube, the sound systems, and security.



November 24 - Facing Chronic Illness

Joy LeBlanc and Joan Willoughby from the Hospice Society will talk about the challenges faced by individuals with chronic illness and the services they offer to help them improve their quality of life and remain in their communities.



Church Council Highlights from October 22

We began with a word from Corrie ten Boom. "Everyone was waving palm branches and throwing garments on the road and singing praises, do you think that for one moment it even entered the head of that donkey that any of it was for him?" Ps 115:1 *Not to us, Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness.* May we humbly carry Jesus.

Council is in planning mode which needs now to include the reality of the many small and struggling area congregations. While there are a few pastors and others doing pulpit supply, there are only three ordained clergy serving full time in this area of thirteen congregations. What is God calling us to? Where will God lead us?

There will be a student led Alpha Bible Study group at the Comp in the new year. They meet weekly over lunch. Council moved to provide them a food gift card in the value of \$250.

New, larger lettering and a new plexiglass cover for our outdoor sign is coming.

Due to reduced benevolence giving to the Synod, cuts in support for Campus Ministries have been necessary. Although Augustana is not funded in this way, please remember the students.

The Outreach School will not be able to operate, even temporarily, from Messiah because of zoning restrictions. The program has been running out of the Community Centre which is no long considered structurally sound. There had been exploratory talks about allowing them to use the basement for a few months until their new facility is ready.



All Saints Sunday is November 3.

If a close family member has died and you would like that person remembered by name and to light a candle at that service, please email office@messiahcamrose.ca or call 780-672-3444.

As of our publication date, we remember in our prayers those who have died since last All Saints Sunday and those who have been brought forth by loved ones: James Hunter, Mary Ann Ferner, Rod Madison, Jim Gainer, Laurette Campbell, Clarence Servold, Alf Olsen, Michael Kopperud, Audrey Hitman, Hans Espe, Ordean Broen, Jacque Langton, Norman Berglund, Dustin Palmerchuk, Enid Watland, Joyce Chant, Eva Ledene, Florence Shervin, Ben Langley, Martha Bayer.

We will also light a candle remembering all those you hold in your heart.



Canada Lutheran Renewal time - cost \$20.00

Please drop off your renewal at the Support Committee table during Coffee Fellowship on Sunday, October 27 or November 3 in the Fellowship Centre.

NEWS BRIEFS



Canadian Lutheran
World Relief

HISHAM'S STORY

Millions of Syrian children have been away from their homes for five year or more. Jordan is now home to 670,000 displaced Syrians. Hisham al-Miqdad is a Syrian teenager whose family fled to Jordan during the Syrian war. He's a boy with big dreams, but a few years ago, those dreams looked totally out of reach.

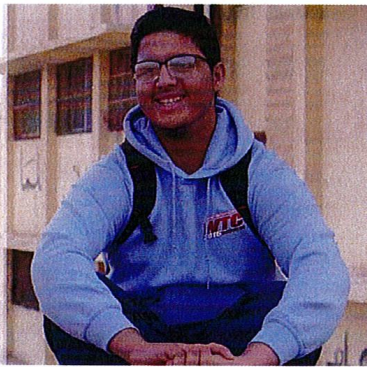
Schools in Jordan were crumbling and over-crowded, and sometimes lacking even basics like windows and bathrooms.

Hisham's school was rehabilitated as part of a partnership between CLWR, The Government of Canada, and Jordan's Department of Education. Schools are

getting new windows and doors, bathroom facilities, lighting and playgrounds. Teachers are receiving training on preventing violence and dealing with trauma. You can watch Hisham's story at clwr.org/papershapes.

Your on-going partnership is needed to give a child in Jordan the chance at a real childhood which starts with going to school in a safe, supportive environment. **For just \$46, you can put your faith in action and change the life of a child in Jordan who has been touched by war.**

“When a school provides a positive and creative environment, you feel free to develop initiatives and take charge of your own learning.”
- Hisham al-Miqdad



Watch for the

“Gifts from the Heart” catalogue coming soon!



QUILTING FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

Once again, it's time to get your needle and scissors ready for quilting on Wednesday, November 20 at 9:00 a.m.

Miracles in Burundi - an Update From the Watts Family

Greetings to you, our brothers and sisters in Christ, from rural Burundi, where the rains have returned and we continue to pray for a good harvest for the many hungry people around us.

Living here, and working as a missionary, is a peculiar life in many ways. However, one of the things that is common to us is that we still have many of the same struggles you do, they just might look different for us.

There have been times in my life where doubt has set in. I can doubt God's sovereignty, his goodness, sometimes even his presence. When that happens I do find comfort knowing that I am in good company. Martin Luther, mother Theresa, and even John the Baptist all struggled with doubt.

At one point John was not sure if Jesus from Nazareth, his very own cousin, was in fact the Messiah that he and all the Jewish people had been waiting for. John was in prison so he sent some friends to ask Jesus if He was the one. When they got to Jesus they said, "John the Baptist sent us to you to ask, 'Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?'" (Luke 7:19) Jesus did not respond with doctrine, or philosophy or theology, but with a very practical answer. He told John that signs that the Kingdom of God, the place where God's will comes to earth, would be the evidence that Jesus was the Messiah. "Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard." is Jesus response recorded in Luke chapter 7. The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor"

Here in Kibuye we have the distinct privilege of seeing first hand these things. Every week people come to our hospital and gain back the ability to walk. Blind people come to the eye clinic and receive sight. Good news is proclaimed to the poor. I want to share just one story of this, as you are directly involved in the work that goes on here, but you don't get to see the incredible changes that happen in the lives of people.

Susan first noticed 5 year old Dorine and her mother, who we call 'Mama Dorine', at our malnutrition feeding program. Every Friday and Monday over 250 children come to the feeding program. When we got to Kibuye four years ago there were about 70. They are weighed and measured, they are fed porridge and given some to take home. The hospital chaplain shares with them, they sing, and he prays for them. Susan treats wounds, and encourages the mothers and children. Sometimes it is to help them get an appointment, or to pay for a prescription. Sometimes it is to talk to them, to hear their stories, for them to know that someone cares about their suffering.

Even amongst these families who are so poor that they cannot feed their children, Dorine and her mother stuck out as exceptionally poor. 'Mama Dorine' is a widow with two children, who has no family to help her. This makes her a very vulnerable person in Burundian society. Dorine has a horribly deformed hand as a result of a terrible burn she suffered falling into the family cooking fire when she was very little. Susan asked them if Dorine had ever seen a doctor. She never had.

Susan kept encouraging them to come to the hospital to see if our surgeons could help her. For probably a month they kept backing out, scared off by the potential cost even though Susan had told them she would go with them and pay for the visit. Finally they went and our surgeon said there was something that could be done, but she was so malnourished that she needed to gain weight. For several months she got extra food so she would be ready in time for a visiting plastic surgeon to do the first procedure.

During this time she kept telling Susan that the roof on her house leaked so bad that her kids were cold at night. One Friday after the feeding program we jumped in the Land Cruiser and drove to her home. Her house was just over 10 km away. That takes her over three hours to walk. Barefoot, carrying Dorine, up and down hills, two times a week, just to come and get the porridge that they receive at our feeding program. It was shocking to us, and we have seen a lot of mud-brick houses.



*'Mama Dorine' & Susan Watts
in front of the house with the old roof.*



The Watts family with Susan holding Dorine, 'Mama Dorine' and her other 10 year old child in front of the house with the new roof!

After talking with our local partners they agreed that she was really some of the poorest of the poor, and we tried to figure out how we could help. We paid for some local men to tear off her old roof, and we had some workers from our hospital construction team build a new metal roof, put in new doors, and gave her two solar lanterns.

Dorine has now had her first surgery, and is scheduled to have her second procedure next month. Mama Dorine has started to weave baskets, that we buy from her to sell to visitors and use for gifts, and so now she has a way of actually earning money to support her family.

I share this story with you for three reasons:

First, to let you know of the work that you are involved in. Your financial and prayer support allows stories like Dorine's to take place.

Two, because it is a beautiful story of holistic redemption. Dorine has received physical healing,

her and her brother and their mother eat better. They have a safe house. They hear the gospel from the chaplain at our hospital. They now have a way to sustain themselves financially.

Third, to encourage you (and me) that this Jesus we read about in the Bible is still active and moving through his body the church. Every week in our small village, on a small hill in the middle of the poorest and hungriest, most medically under-served country in the world; the lame walk, the blind see, the hungry are fed and good news is proclaimed to the poor.

Is this Jesus of Nazareth the one? I pray that this story of what his people are doing is an encouragement to you to see that he is.

George Watts

Snow Removal at Messiah

Fourteen volunteers are needed to take a shift this winter to remove snow from the back, side and front sidewalks around the church building. Please leave your name at the church office if you are willing to serve in this way, 780-672-3444

or email office@messiahcamrose.ca.



Handbells: Thursdays 10:30-11:30 am
STILL NEEDED!! Handbell players with no previous experience necessary. Come out and try it!

NEW Book Club for Young Families

What: An opportunity for young families to socialize, learn about ourselves, each other, and our relationship with God. Bring your kids and munchies to share. Young adults are also welcome!

When: The 4th Thursday of the month - future sessions November 28th, January 23rd, February 27th & March 26th.

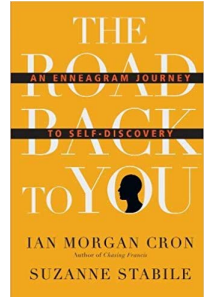
Time: 6:30-8:00pm

Where: The Church Nursery & Fellowship Centre

The book: "The Road Back to You" by Ian Morgan Cron & Suzanne Stabile - An Enneagram Journey to Self-Discovery.

We read chapters 1-2 for our first gathering. You can still come and join the conversation and fellowship. Whatever works for you!

Please sign up by emailing Maria Skriver at skriver.maria@gmail.com or just show up!



**Many thanks to Messiah friends for their greetings on my 90th birthday. I appreciated them so much and God Bless you all.
Lorraine Mackwood**

Lectio...Journeying Through Prayer

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

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

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

All are welcome.

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



Bible Study &

Fellowship Opportunity For Men of All Ages

A study of the lessons for the next day's worship service takes place each Saturday morning at 8:45 am in the Basement Lounge.

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

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 that began with the installation of a T coil that assists 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!

HOW TO PACK YOUR SHOEBOX

- 1. SHOEBOX:** Get a standard size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl.



EVERY BOX NEEDS A "WOW" ITEM!

- 2. "WOW" ITEM:** Select a quality "wow" toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal.



- 3. OTHER GIFTS:** Pack your box or boxes full with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.

- 4. PRAY:** Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. Including a personal note and photo makes a big impact.



- 5. INCLUDE A \$10/BOX DONATION:** Donate online, or by cheque or cash donation. Please make one combined donation for multiple shoeboxes. **Tax-deductible** receipts will be issued for donations of \$20 or more.

\$10

- 6. DROP OFF:** Take your shoebox gift to a local drop-off location during National Collection Week, November 18-24. To find a drop-off location near you, visit: SamaritansPurse.ca/OCC, or call 1.800.303.1269.



Do Not Include: candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items; seeds; food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins, and breakable items.

For additional gift suggestions and more, visit SamaritansPurse.ca/OCC

Shoe Box Project

During October and November, Messiah will collect boxes for Operation Christmas Child. You can also check online - www.samaritanspurse.ca/OCC.

Boxes will be available at the back of the church.

Your box may be the only Christmas gift that child will receive.

We will bless all the boxes Before sending them off. Please return your box to the Church by November 15 so they can be blessed at the November 17 Worship Service.

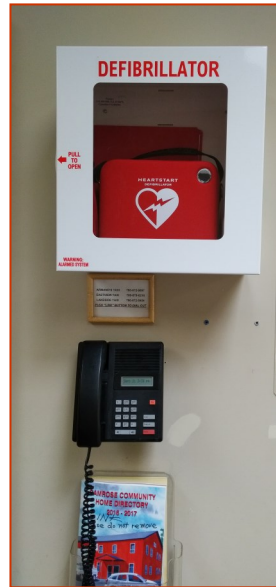
Questions?
Please call Cece Watts, Coordinator, 780-672-3199



REMINDER TO HEARING AID USERS

The T-coil hearing loop system in the Church is fully operational. Contact your hearing aid provider to see if your hearing aid is T-coil compliant. If so, obtain the instructions for activating it.

Reminder...An Automated External Defibrillator (AED)



is located in the Link Hallway above the phone. This device is to be used should someone's heart stop beating while in the church building.



This year we have a number of singers from our Kuimba choir singing in the **Alberta Youth Choir**. They have already had a full weekend of practice and are sounding great already!

On the weekend of October 25 -27 they gather again in Calgary to practice, have a Gala concert and go on a brief tour.

This year their tour will take them to

Rosebud Church at 3:00 pm on Sunday October 27.

If you want to go for a Sunday drive and hear some beautiful choir music in Rosebud, you can get tickets at the door.

It will be a wonderful concert full of fun!

Living our FAITH

PRAY READ WORSHIP LOVE

ELCIC National Bishop Susan Johnson personally invites you to join with your sisters and brothers across this church, individually and as congregations and specialized ministries, to strive for a deeper discipleship as we live out our baptismal covenants.



"God is calling us into this deeper relationship—a call to living out our baptismal covenants."

Over the next four years, we will take a closer look at each of the following four areas:

PRAY

2019–2020: We are called to daily prayer. Whether this is an area you are completely comfortable with or something you have struggled with, there is no one way to pray, nor is there any one time to pray. Pray whenever and however you feel comfortable.

READ

2020–2021: We are called to daily reading of the Bible. There are many ways to include reading the Bible into your daily life.

WORSHIP

2021–2022: We are called to regular attendance at communal worship and regular personal devotions. Consider ways that you can increase your worship life.

LOVE

2022–2023: We are called to live generous lives. Love includes community and service. Love encompasses all. *And now faith, hope and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love* (1 Corinthians 13:13).

Living our FAITH

PRAY READ WORSHIP LOVE

PRAY

We are called to daily prayer. Whether this is an area you are completely comfortable with or it's something you want to grow, a daily prayer practice is very individual—there is no one right way to pray! Pray whenever and however you feel comfortable. And if you're looking for ways to grow your daily prayer, here are a few thoughts to consider:

- ◆ Set aside a bit of time each day to prayer. In this busy and hectic world, find time each day and commit to spending 5, 10, 15 minutes or more focusing on prayer. Pencil it in your calendar so it becomes a regular part of your daily life.
- ◆ Be specific about your prayer practice. As the names of people who you want to pray for come into your mind, write down their names so that when you get to the time you have set aside for prayer, you can pray for that person by name.
- ◆ Consider using a daily devotion (such as *Eternity for Today* or *Praying the Catechism*) to focus your prayer practice. These resources include a scripture reading, a reflection and a prayer or some guidance on what to include in your prayers.
- ◆ Start a journal. Keep a journal and include in there your prayers. Commit to writing in it daily.
- ◆ Follow the *Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer*. For each Sunday there are intentions for specific groups in both the ACC and ELCIC. Look around for other prayer cycles that you'd like to include as part of your prayer life.
- ◆ Offer prayers for others when you feel they could use a prayer. You may be surprised how often this will be a welcome gesture.

Do you have other ways in which you intentionally include prayer as part of Living YOUR Faith?

**We would love to hear from you.
Share your thoughts and ideas by emailing
LivingOurFaith@elcic.ca**

Find out more at elcic.ca/LivingOurFaith



November 2, 2019

at the Ryley Hall in Ryley, AB. Doors open at 3:30 ~ Supper at 4:30

<p>Tickets: Adult: \$49 Child (12 and under): \$20</p>	<p>Pizza & Games are available for kids, hosted by our camp staff!</p>
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HERE COMES CHRISTMAS!

BATTLE RIVER BIG BAND

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7:30pm • November 23, 2019

Tickets \$20 each *Cash Only*
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8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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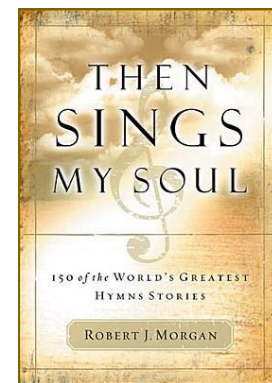


How much do
you know about
your favorite
hymns?

Where do they come from?

What's the story behind
why they were written?

Who were the people that
were inspired to write
these beloved hymns?



Join us
at the
November 17
worship service
to satisfy
your
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at the elegant Bailey Theatre!



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Savour hot apple cider and snacks plus buy
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DATE: Saturday, November 23, 2019
TIME: Drop in from 12:00 – 3:00 pm
LOCATION: Bailey Theatre, 5041–50 St., Camrose
COST: \$5.00 per person (free for children and students)

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(YOU ARE MOVING) (BUT WHERE?)

DO THE MATH

(P = MV)

OCT 24 **MASS** [EPH 1:3-10 / JESSE SCHELLENBERG]
= $m \cdot v$

NOV 27 **ENERGY** [ACTS 1:8 / RYAN NILSON]
= $m \cdot c^2$

JAN 23 **VELOCITY** [LUKE 14:21-23 / KEVIN MCLURE]
= d/t

FEB 20 **FRICTION** [LUKE 14:18-20 / TBD]
= $u \cdot N$

MAR 26 **MOMENTUM** [JOHN 20:22 / KENDRA DIEHL]
= $m \cdot v$

SCHEDULE

5:30 PM / DINNER

6:30 PM / SESSION

7:30 PM / Q & A

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Prayers of the People



Heavenly Father, we praise your name at all times. Continue to be with our farmers as they struggle to bring in the harvest. Grant them patience, wisdom in their decisions and safety. We remember before you our veterans and those currently serving, surround them with your protection and love as they sacrifice so much.

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 know and feel your loving presence. 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 continue in their school and post secondary studies. May they find ways to glorify You as they learn and grow. Keep them safe in all the activities fall 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. Give both students and teachers thankful hearts.

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.

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 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 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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LIVE broadcast of worship service on Eastlink TV channels 10 & 310 & 610.



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The previous Sunday's worship service is rebroadcast on Sundays at 7:00 pm.

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November 2019

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3 All Saints Sunday  Back to Standard Time 9:15 Adult Education 9:30 Friendship Class 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:45 Coffee Fellowship 7:00 Fall Planning Mtg.	4 10:30 Lectio 2:00 World Mission @ Cece Watts 5:00 Witnessing Cmt. 7:00 Camerata	5 10:15 Staff Meeting 7:00 MLW Bible Study Briefing	6 6:00 ATP Musical Rehearsal	7 9:30 Coffee & Conversation 10:30 Handbells 12:00 All Staff Mtg. 6:30 Confirmation 7:00 Messiah's Choristers 7:00 Support Cmt.	8 3:45 Kuimba Choir	9 8:45 Men's Bible Study
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