



MESSIAH MESSENGER

December 2019

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2019 Christmas at Messiah Lutheran Church



Sunday, Dec. 15

10:30 am

"Good News!"

Christmas Festival Program

12:00 pm

Christmas Potluck Lunch

Fellowship Centre

Monday, Dec. 16

11:00 am

Special Christmas Communion & Lunch

This service is specially arranged for seniors to connect with others who find it difficult to attend regular communion services.

Please RSVP, 780-672-3444 or email office@messiahcamrose.ca.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve Dec. 24

4:30 pm - Candles, Lessons & Carols

9:00 pm - Candlelight Service with Communion

Christmas Day Dec. 25, **10:30 am**

Christmas Service with Communion



REGULAR 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**

REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE

**9:15 am
Adult Education Class**

**9:30 am
Friendship Class**

**10:30 am
Sunday School**

**10:30 am
Worship Service**

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED AT NOON DEC 24
UNTIL DEC 30 AT 9:00 AM &
CLOSED DEC 31 AT NOON UNTIL JAN 2 AT 9:00 AM.**

Minister's Message



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

It's a new Church year – one of time when we are “ahead” of the rest of the world. (One of my favorite things to say about the season of Advent.) Advent is a time of reflection on our own lives in need of God's presence, of preparation for the coming of Jesus, and of straining to recognize God who is already active in our lives and this world.

Our mission is to “Share Jesus Christ with All People”. This is a great time of year to do just that because there are so many who need to see Jesus in their lives. So often lives are filled with “*stuff*” in an attempt to have the “good” life. Just as often, that *stuff* turns out to be a poor imitation of what actually is fulfilling – in fact, often that *stuff* demands more and more *stuff* that never quite fills the void.

This is not new to our time and place. People have always had a yearning for the “good life” and have tended to try to fill it with *stuff* that just doesn't do what is promised. What is needed, what actually does satisfy one's deep needs is connection: connection to God, connection to others that is caring and mutual and healthy. “Stuff” tries to do this, but so often gets mired in unhealthy, my-way-or-the-highway demands.

Enter Jesus who comes, not as one who demands but as one who walks along side; as one who seeks to understand; as one who teaches; as one who brings healing; as one who encourages growth and new life and enables a more healthy way of living. Jesus fills our life with real life: life that knows we are a part of something much bigger than ourselves; life that knows *each* of us is valued and valuable in the whole.

I see this working out in our movement towards collaboration with other ELCIC congregations in our Area (and probably other like-minded congregations as well). In this, we need to be sensitive to the needs of others; to know that God is working in their lives as well as our own; and that God is desiring and making possible something wonderful here among us.

I see this working out in our participation in our Eating Together project: as each of us is able invite and/or accept invitation to be together around a table. This has been happening (for some of us for a long time now) and people are finding simple ways to share life together. Be open to the Spirit's guiding for you. Can you invite someone for a cup of coffee and visiting? Do you have the ability to serve a full-blown meal to a few people? Can you partner with one or two others to share a simple meal (one providing the place, another the food, etc.)

I see this working out in our participation with “Flourishing Congregations” survey. (See page 13 for details.)

Some parts of the survey will challenge us. Some parts of the survey will validate the good things happening in our midst. God wants us to flourish. God is gifting us to flourish. God desires that we share Jesus and in that sharing we will see our continued need, we will prepare well for Jesus' coming, and we will begin to recognize Jesus more fully in our lives and the world around us.

I see this working out in our receiving of refugees sometime in 2020. We will be welcoming and supporting new people to this community. We will be doing this in collaboration with members of their families who are already here and with other congregations. May we be attuned to their needs that we can help fill. May we become aware of gifts they will bring to meet our needs.

May this be for you, may this be for me. Amen.

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



Advent Opening...

We are journeying into advent; the time before Christmas where the expectation is that we will celebrate... be excited for the special day to celebrate Jesus' Birth and to be with family and friends. People put up lights... buy gifts... do baking... to get ready for the big day... Christmas.

But sometimes Advent can just feel pretty empty. The reality is that sometimes this season is full of struggle and pain that makes the pain felt even more deeply while everyone around is so full of joy. It can be a very lonely and empty time.

Sometimes this season is one of void and of emptiness. So often we try to fill this void with busyness and "stuff". We each have our ways of not being WITH it. But Advent invites us into the spiritual opening of this season... into the void... into our need for God to come... into knowing God's presence in all we experience.

The void is different for me each year, actually. I can remember the year after our daughter died... the void was our grief; our deep grief. As well, at the same time we had a daughter on her way to us from Haiti; our dear Keysha. That too came with a void because she too was not in our arms. That was a particularly empty season of Advent. But other seasons full of celebration have also felt empty in the midst of all the lights and tinsel. We have had other types of openings during Advent as the years as gone on as I know each of you have had.

What is your emptiness this season? Where in your soul is your deepest need. This is the season to open to that need and to God's presence in that need.

What do we do with the darkness... the emptiness? So often we like to bring in a quick fix to the dark moments and pretend they are not there. We even do this with our faith. But truly sometimes in the middle of deep grief... what we feel is void... emptiness... loss... sorrow. God wants to be present with us in our empty moments as well as our moments of joy and all those in between.

And so I encourage you during this time to let the advent season be empty if it is so. Let it be joyful if that is where you are. Allow yourself to be where you are and know that God is with you no matter where you find yourself.

God comes and sits in this place with us; grieves with us, laughs with us, is present with us and holds us. Advent is not just about the excitement of waiting for Christmas. It is also about the excitement of opening your soul to the presence of God in a new and wonderful way. It is about allowing God to be in the empty places with you and in the joy-filled places with you.

God with us... Immanuel. We speak of this at this time. We sing of it. But it is indeed true... God is with you.

Isaiah 41:10 says: "So Do Not Fear, For I Am With You; Do Not Be Dismayed, For I Am Your God. I Will Strengthen You And Help You; I Will Uphold You With My Righteous Right Hand."

Indeed... do not fear!! God IS with you in the joy and in the sorrow, in pain and in the beauty and in the full moments and in your moments of darkness and in this season of Advent waiting. And God comes in whatever way you are open to be with you and to love you.

Immanuel...God is With us!
Joining with you in Advent opening...

Pastor Bev



Bishop's Message For Congregations and Lay and Rostered Leaders

Dear Beloved of God –

May grace and peace be yours in abundance (1 Peter 1:2a).



Hanging in my office is the beautiful image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, also known as the Virgin of Guadalupe. The image is a reproduction of an original painting by a Roman Catholic Priest, Father Salvador, who my wife, Cathy, and I, and several other adults visited in 2001 in the community he served in the Parish of the Holy Spirit and St. Mary of Guadalupe in Ecatepec, Mexico.

According to tradition, an indigenous peasant, Juan Diego, had a vision of the Virgin in 1531. As he was walking among the hills, he heard a song which sounded like birds singing - a song soft and beautiful. He wondered if he was dreaming but he followed the sound and was met by the Virgin Mary who appeared to Juan Diego as she does in the painting - as an indigenous woman dressed in royal garments. She spoke to him in his native tongue calling his name and asking him to go to the bishop and tell him to have a shrine built in her honor on the place where she had appeared to Juan Diego. He went to the bishop and with great difficulty was finally able to see the bishop who responded with great skepticism to Juan Diego's request.

The Virgin appeared a second time and Juan Diego begged the Virgin to send someone more important. "I am insignificant," he said, "a piece of rope, the last rung of a ladder." She responded, "My child, the smallest, the least, I send you. I have many messengers, but I have chosen you." She said that she wanted a building to be erected where she could show and give love, compassion, help and defense to the inhabitants of the land; a place where people could listen and find solutions to their miseries, pain and sufferings. The bishop responded to Juan Diego insisting that he needed a sign.

A third time the Virgin appeared to Juan Diego this time asking him to collect roses which were nearby (very rare flowers not grown in the area) and to take them to the bishop as a sign. Juan Diego gathered the roses in his cloak and when he opened his cloak to show the bishop, out fell the flowers and imprinted on his cloak was the image of the Virgin. The bishop immediately fell to his knees and asked Juan Diego for forgiveness at not having listened to him. A church was built on the site where the Virgin had appeared and today, on this site, hangs the cloak and its image of the Virgin in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe - a worship site visited by more people each year than the Vatican in Rome.

One of the things that intrigued me about this story is that from the margins - the fringe - of his world, Juan Diego, an indigenous Mexican, was prodded awake by God's presence in the world through the appearances of Mary. Like many before him, Juan Diego was a reluctant prophet begging the Virgin to entrust the mission to someone of importance. But she would not take no for an answer, and Juan Diego's awakening to his mission would precipitate the awakening of all of Mexico to God's love through Christ.

As we journey this Advent and Christmas season, listen carefully - listen closely to how often God will chose someone on the margins to carry an important word: Mary - who gave birth to the Savior of the world; Zechariah - who, serving in the temple, is unable to speak until his son John the Baptist was born; Elizabeth - who gave birth to the one who would prepare the way for the Messiah - John the Baptist; and shepherds in the field - who were chosen to welcome and announce the birth of Jesus.

This Advent - this Christmas - listen carefully - listen closely - for God at work through the poor, the lowly, those on the outside, those on the edge and then ask the very Lutheran question: "what does this mean?"

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).

In Christ Jesus –
Shalom,
+Larry

The Rev. Dr. Larry Kochendorfer, Bishop
Synod of Alberta and the Territories
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

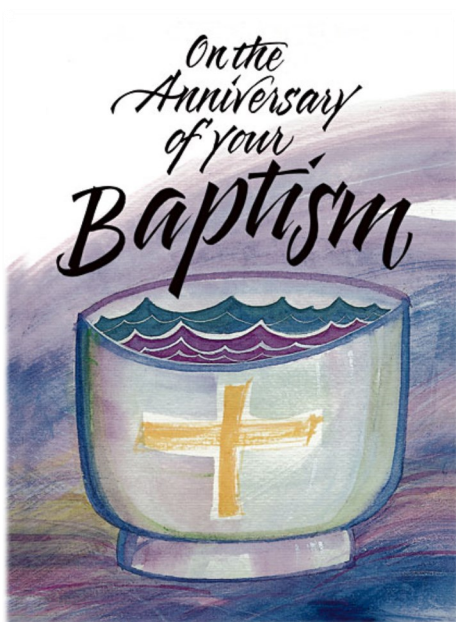
Pastoral Acts

Baptism

Finn Skriver

Funeral

Dennis Meadahl



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

Harvey Gjesdal - December 3
Jemma Matthiessen - December 23

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

FOOD BANK SUNDAY

December 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.





Sunday School For Age 3 to Grade 6

We are entering into our preparations for the December music service. We look forward to sharing songs and a skit with the congregation.

Thank you to the snack providers for September and October. The snacks were delicious, and the kids love them! We have several blanks on our snack sign up schedule (at the visitor/info centre at the back of the sanctuary) for the end of November and the month of December. Please sign up. We welcome store-bought as well as homemade snacks for about 20 people.



We could really use another teacher, even for a few Sundays especially in the next couple of months as some of our teachers will be unavailable to teach for a while. If you'd be willing to help out or have questions, call Michelle at 780-678-5815.

Sunday Morning Adult Class

Time: 9:15 am - 10:15 am
Place: Basement Auditorium

December 1 - Christmas Memories

As we begin the Advent season several Messiah members will share their special memories of Christmas topped off with coffee and Christmas treats.



December 8 - Friendship Club Christmas

We will join with the Friendship Club in sharing the songs and spirit of Christmas, and more coffee and treats.



December 15 - Serving through special projects

Ron Grue will report on some of the projects he has worked on over many years, locally and internationally. He will be just back from a visit to Mexico, and will talk about the type of project he is looking for that might include an ongoing involvement of people from Camrose with a community there.



We are collecting **mittens, scarves, toques and socks!** The donations will go to Open Door, Women's Shelter & Refugee Centre. Please, generously donate until **January 2, 2020**. You will find a tree in the Narthex.

Special Congregational Meeting

Sunday, December 8

immediately after the Worship Service in the Sanctuary.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss potential roof repairs.

Church Council Highlights from November 19

In his devotion, Donny challenged us to let the flame of God's spirit within each of us fan out in action for God.

Council received the report of the planning sessions held this fall. Of immediate concern is finding ways to collaborate with surrounding small congregations, particularly those without pastors, to share ideas and resources that will help everyone to flourish. A more detailed report of the other areas of focus will be coming soon.

In the New Year, in the office, Lori will be working four days and Doreen one day a week.

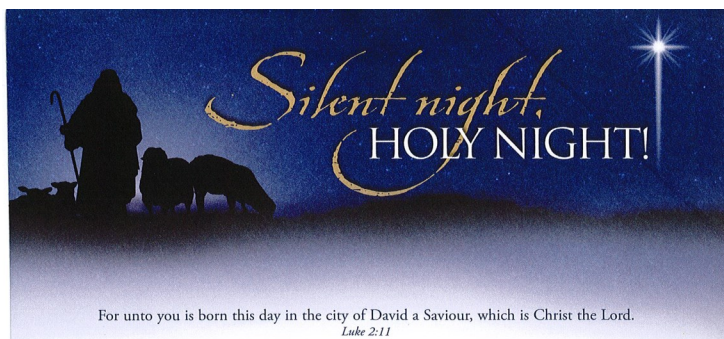
We are looking forward to having more readable (larger, bolder, crisper) and welcoming wording for our lawn sign.

Service opportunities: A **volunteer** is needed to produce the **Messiah Messenger**. Please talk to one of the pastors if you are interested. *(Editorial note: As of the publication date we are excited that a volunteer has come forward for the New Year!)*

The **Service Committee** is seeking one or two **more members**. Please talk to Chris Hohm if you are interested.

There will be a **Special Congregational Meeting after service on December 8** to deal with needed roof repairs. The Support Committee has indicated that they have a bid of \$84,878.05. Some of the money for this is already in hand in the Roof Fund and in the Capital/Major Projects Fund. However, more will be needed. How this might be arranged will be part of the discussion.

The financial statement to the end of September indicated that we have a deficit of \$26,409.



2019 Donations

Please note that if you wish a donation to be receipted in 2019, it must be in the offering or to the office by Noon on December 31. Alternatively, mail needs to be clearly postmarked 2019.

Treasurer's Monetary View to September 30, 2019, 42% of budget

Revenue	\$ 144,806
Designated	\$ 17,714
Expenses	\$ 188,929
Net income	\$ -26,409

A reminder to assist our counters:

Please use 2 separate cheques in your offering envelope if giving to two separate entities.



Thank you...
from the
Support Committee

A Note from the Bookkeeper about Offerings through Automatic Debits:

When we set up the Automatic debits for offering, there was only the option of every month or every 2 weeks. That is no longer the case. If you would prefer your debits to be every week, please let the office know and it can be changed.

Good News



ChristmasFest 2019 ~ December 15 @ 10:30 AM
Featuring the Choirs and Sunday School of Messiah
With Christmas Potluck, Crafts and Caroling to follow

Messiah Multi-generational Advent Potluck Party

Sunday, December 15 after Worship Service



After Worship we will eat together at our Christmas Potluck. Then we will do Christmas crafts with the children or anyone wishing to join us and then we will sing Christmas carols around the Christmas tree.

What to bring?

*Something to share for the potluck lunch and a bit of Christmas baking

*Come with friends and family and invite a neighbor.

For those of you who wish to go caroling in the community and lodges, we will leave from here after the caroling around the Christmas tree.

Let's have some fun and fellowship together.
See you there! All are welcome!





MLW CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

“A GIFT OF TIME”

Monday, December 2

7:00 pm

Messiah Lutheran Church

All Ladies Welcome



THANK YOU...

**to those of you who contributed
shoe boxes to Operation Christmas Child.**

**We were able to send 46 shoe boxes
to the collection depot.**

NEWS BRIEFS

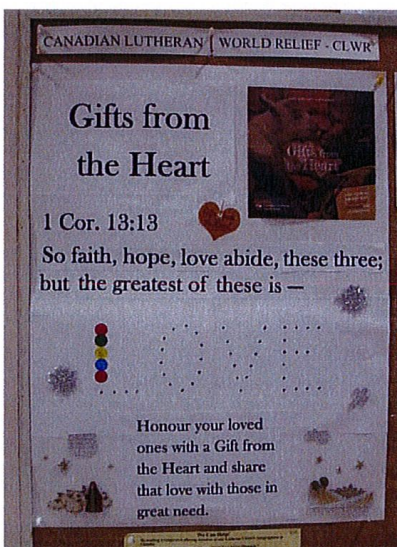
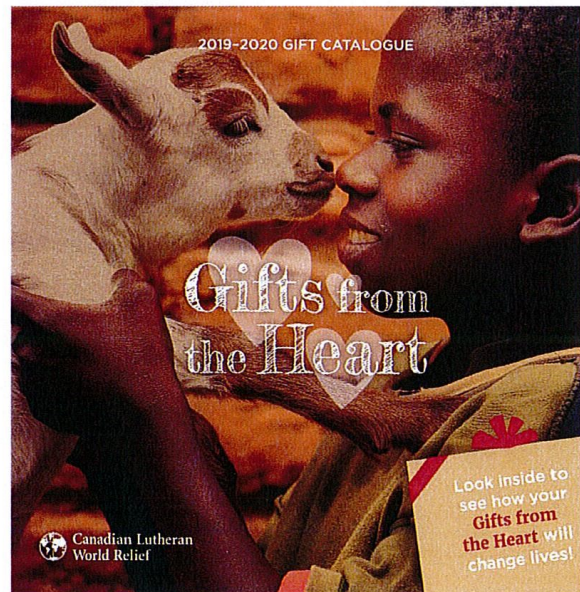


Canadian Lutheran
World Relief

GIFTS FROM THE HEART

Christmas is fast approaching and it's time to do that shopping for the special people in our lives. One great way to do that is to purchase something from the "Gifts from the Heart" catalogue and designate it in honour of your loved one.

Catalogues are available at the Welcome Desk.



In order to have a visual picture of our giving, you are encouraged to add a sticker to the poster in the Fellowship Centre for each gift purchased. Just write the name or value of each gift and add it to the "LOVE".

Let's see how much **LOVE** we can share this Christmas!

Hold Fast!
to Jesus



Rev. Carla Blakely
of CLWR, Winnipeg

How do Lutherans respond to
international disasters?

Messiah's
World Mission Month
January, 2020

Stand Firm!
in the Faith

Rev. Rob Lewis
What does it mean to be one of
the 100,000,000 Christians
in China today?



Rev. Greg Musselman
(of "100 Huntley Street" and "Voice of the Martyrs")

How do we connect with
Christians under siege?

Press On!
to the Goal

*Texts based on
Philippians 3*

News from Messiah's World Mission Scene

1. Continued thanks to those contributing to the support of Rev. Brian Rude in El Salvador. Contributions for the period May through October total \$2890. Rev. Rude serves in a multi-faceted ministry among refugees, among people still recovering from deaths in their families during civil unrest several years ago, and among people released from jail. Prayer on his behalf is totally welcome and appropriate!
2. *Hold Fast! to Jesus. Stand Firm! in the Faith, Press on! to the Goal* is the theme of the World Mission Month program in January of 2020. See the full page promotion elsewhere in this *Messenger*. Further details can be found on the World Mission bulletin board in the Link.

Submitted by Ray Blacklock on behalf of the World Mission Group.

Assistance Needed by the Worship Committee

Two of the responsibilities of chancel care that are not consistently being met are to . . .

1. *attend to the cleanliness and repair of the linens, paraments and furnishings such as candle holders and*
2. *facilitate making and repairing banners.*

One area of responsibility would be the cleaning and repairing of linens, paraments, and banners, as well as the cleaning of the candle holders. The candle holders should be cleaned twice a year, once in the spring and again in the fall.

A second area of responsibility would be designing and creating a new banner.

Both of these areas of responsibility would be under the supervision of Pastor Bev.

If you, perhaps with a friend, are interested in serving in one of these two areas talk to Pastor Bev.

Thank you!

Submitted by
David Dahle
Worship Committee Chair



Check out the
QUILT AUCTION
in the Link
to raise funds for shipping quilts
to Canadian Lutheran World Relief.

Flourishing Congregations Survey

Would you be able to take 20 minutes to help our congregation plan for the future?

Over the last few months our church council has been working to discern what path(s) would be best for our church to follow. As part of this discerning process, Messiah Lutheran Church has partnered with the Flourishing Congregations Institute (FC) to participate in FC's survey of churches across Canada. The mission of the FC is bring together academics and practitioners to research the factors surrounding flourishing congregations in Canada, develop tools and resources to help congregations to flourish, and share our research findings with congregations that wish to flourish.

In order to better understand what our church members are currently thinking, and to compare us to other congregations, the FC has developed an online survey. The survey is confidential - no attachment is made between your name and responses you give. Demographic information, such as age, household income, and marital status categories, is collected. The time needed to complete the survey varies, but most people require 20 to 40 minutes. The information gleaned from the survey will be the most useful if at least 50% of our members complete the survey and a wide variety of people (different demographic groups) complete it.

The link to the Flourishing Congregations survey is:

<https://tinyurl.com/fc463c>

If you would like to read more information about the Flourishing Congregations Institute, it's work and the survey, please see:

www.flourishingcongregations.org

There are some technical matters which we can help you with if you run into problems or have questions. Here are a few things to note:

- The surveys need to be completed by December 15.
- The survey can be stopped temporarily, and returned to on the same computer or other internet device, if necessary. But if the same device is going to be used to complete more than one survey, the succeeding surveys need to be completed using an InPrivate or Incognito browser window, so that your device cannot be identified by the survey.
- Chris Hohm and a few other people will be available at coffee time after services to help people complete the survey. If you prefer, some paper copies of the survey will also be available to complete.
- There is at least one \$50 gift card to be won by someone from one of the churches completing a survey! Your contact information for the draw is collected separately from the survey, after you complete the survey.

This is an exciting opportunity to be part of a country-wide, made in Canada, multi-denominational project aimed at helping congregations be more effective in their mission! Please take a few moments to be a part of this project.





*Special
Thank You to
Painted Poppy
(Jayla Lindberg)
for the beautiful
Christmas
arrangement
located at the
office entrance!*

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.

(Lectio will meet Dec 2 & Dec 9 and then resume in the New Year.)



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**

**Men's Bible Study group will meet
Nov 30, Dec 7 & Dec 14
and then resume in the New Year.**



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
THAT THERE ARE
FIRST AID KITS
LOCATED IN
BOTH OF THE KITCHENS
IN THE CHURCH
SHOULD YOU NEED ONE.



EXPERIENCE THE SIMPLICITY OF ADVENT

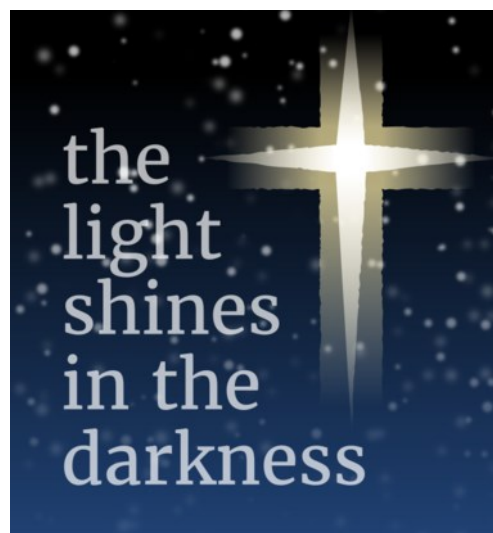
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SNACKS TO FOLLOW

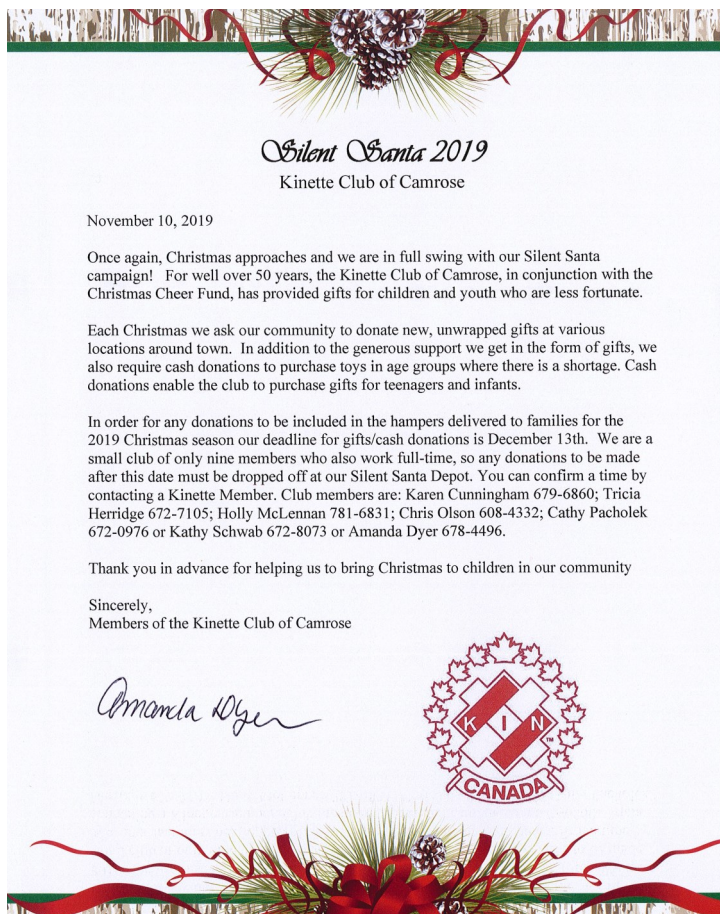
Longest Night Service

Friday, December 20

7:00 pm

Messiah Lutheran Church, Fellowship Centre





Silent Santa 2019
Kinette Club of Camrose

November 10, 2019

Once again, Christmas approaches and we are in full swing with our Silent Santa campaign! For well over 50 years, the Kinette Club of Camrose, in conjunction with the Christmas Cheer Fund, has provided gifts for children and youth who are less fortunate.


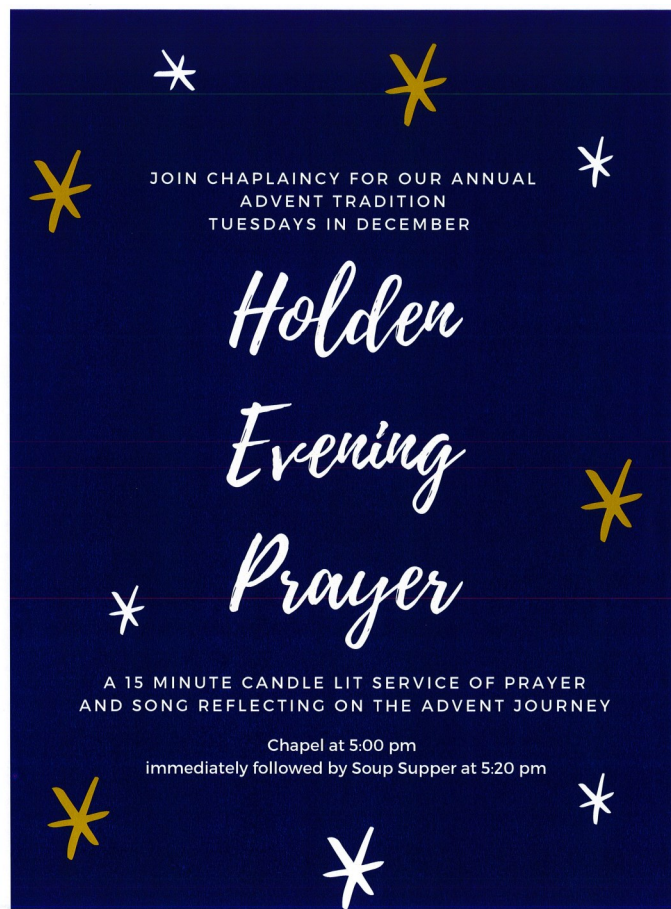
Each Christmas we ask our community to donate new, unwrapped gifts at various locations around town. In addition to the generous support we get in the form of gifts, we also require cash donations to purchase toys in age groups where there is a shortage. Cash donations enable the club to purchase gifts for teenagers and infants.

In order for any donations to be included in the hampers delivered to families for the 2019 Christmas season our deadline for gifts/cash donations is December 13th. We are a small club of only nine members who also work full-time, so any donations to be made after this date must be dropped off at our Silent Santa Depot. You can confirm a time by contacting a Kinette Member. Club members are: Karen Cunningham 679-6860; Tricia Herridge 672-7105; Holly McLennan 781-6831; Chris Olson 608-4332; Cathy Pacholek 672-0976 or Kathy Schwab 672-8073 or Amanda Dyer 678-4496.

Thank you in advance for helping us to bring Christmas to children in our community

Sincerely,
Members of the Kinette Club of Camrose

Amanda Dyer

JOIN CHAPLAINCY FOR OUR ANNUAL
ADVENT TRADITION
TUESDAYS IN DECEMBER

*Holden
Evening
Prayer*

A 15 MINUTE CANDLE LIT SERVICE OF PRAYER
AND SONG REFLECTING ON THE ADVENT JOURNEY

Chapel at 5:00 pm
immediately followed by Soup Supper at 5:20 pm



Augustana Chaplaincy

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2019

To deepen your Advent
Journey and enrich your
Christmas Experience

We invite you to join
the Facilitated Contemplative
Prayer Circle
that gathers in the Chapel
from 8:00-8:30 am Thursdays
during the Fall and Winter Terms




A Service of Lessons and Carols

Sunday, Dec 1, 2019

4:00 p.m. &

7:00 p.m.

Camrose United Church

*freewill offering

Audience
Carolling

Camrose & Area
CHILDREN'S CHOIRS
Camrose
Camerata
Embellish

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA – AUGUSTANA CAMPUS PRESENTS

Sing Gloria!

Christmas with Augustana

Featuring

Missa Carolae by James Whitbourn

The Augustana Choir,
Mannskor Men's Chorus,
Sangkor Women's Ensemble
Dr. John Wiebe, Conductor
Carolyn Olson, Piano
Dr. Roger Admiral, Organ

With special guest

The Capital Brass Ensemble:
Ann Salmon, piccolo flute;
Tova Olson & David Salmon, percussion

Saturday, December 7th, 2019, 8 PM

and

Sunday, December 8th, 2019, 3 PM

Faith & Life Chapel
Augustana Campus, University of Alberta

Tickets: \$22 (adults); **\$17** (seniors); **\$10** (students/children).

Available in advance from choristers or by contacting the
Fine Arts Office, 780-679-1532. R.A.R.E.



A Christmas Blessing

May love come alive within your heart
As Christmas time draws near.
May hope fill each room you decorate
And bring joy to those you hold dear.
May peace be before you at every meal
And faith ring through every song.
For Christ is alive, the light of the world
May he bless you all season long.

www.lords-prayer-words.com



Loving
Father
help us remember
the birth of **JESUS**
that we may share in
the song of the angels
the gladness of the shepherds
and the worship of the wise men
Close the door of hate and
open the door of love all over the
world. Let kindness come with every gift and
good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from
evil by the *blessing which Christ brings*, and teach us
to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning
make us happy to be *Thy children*, and the Christmas
evening bring us to our beds with graceful thoughts,
forgiving and forgiven,
for Jesus' sake
AMEN



Sharing Jesus Christ With All People...

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



Rebroadcast of worship service on Tuesday at midnight & Wednesday at 2:00 pm.
The previous Sunday's worship service is rebroadcast on Sundays at 7:00 pm.

LIVE streaming of worship service on YouTube; search "MessiahCamrose"

Archived services are available on the
website www.messiahcamrose.ca or YouTube.



Messiah Church Council

Odell Olson, President

Charlene Brown, Vice-President

Gail Stolee, Secretary

Ivar Saugen, Treasurer

Members at Large: Liaising With:

Darlene Dahle

Worship Committee

Donny Loewen

Learning Committee

Dave Larson

Support Committee

Carolyn Andersen

Witnessing Committee

Chris Hohm

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Messiah Lutheran Church

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Advent 1 9:15 Adult Education 9:30 Friendship Class 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:45 Coffee Fellowship	2 10:30 Lectio 2:00 World Mission @ Nora Gilbertson 7:00 MLW Christmas Program 7:00 Camerata	3 10:15 Staff Meeting 5:00 Witnessing Cmt.	4 6:00 ATP Musical Rehearsal	5 9:30 Refugee Coffee & Conversation 10:30 Handbells 12:00 All Staff Mtg. 6:30 Confirmation 6:30 Messiah's Choristers 7:00 Support Cmt.	6 2:00 Kuimba Choir 4:00 Uvumbuzi Choir	7 8:45 Men's Bible Study
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15 Advent 3 10:30 "Good News" Christmas Festival 12:00 Christmas Potluck 1:00 Multi Generational Advent Craft & Caroling	16 11:00 Special Communion Service followed by lunch 12:00 Meals on Wheels 7:00 Camerata	17 10:15 Staff Meeting 12:00 Meals on Wheels	18 12:00 Meals on Wheels 6:00 ATP Musical Rehearsal	19 9:30 Refugee Coffee & Conversation 12:00 Meals on Wheels NO Confirmation	20 Messenger Delivery 12:00 Meals on Wheels 7:00 Longest Night Service	21
22 Advent 3 10:30 Worship Service 11:45 Coffee Fellowship	23	24 Christmas Eve Office Open Until Noon 4:30 Candles, Lessons & Carols 9:00 Christmas Eve Communion	25 Christmas Day Office Closed 10:30 Christmas Day Communion 	26 Boxing Day Office Closed	27 Office Closed	28
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