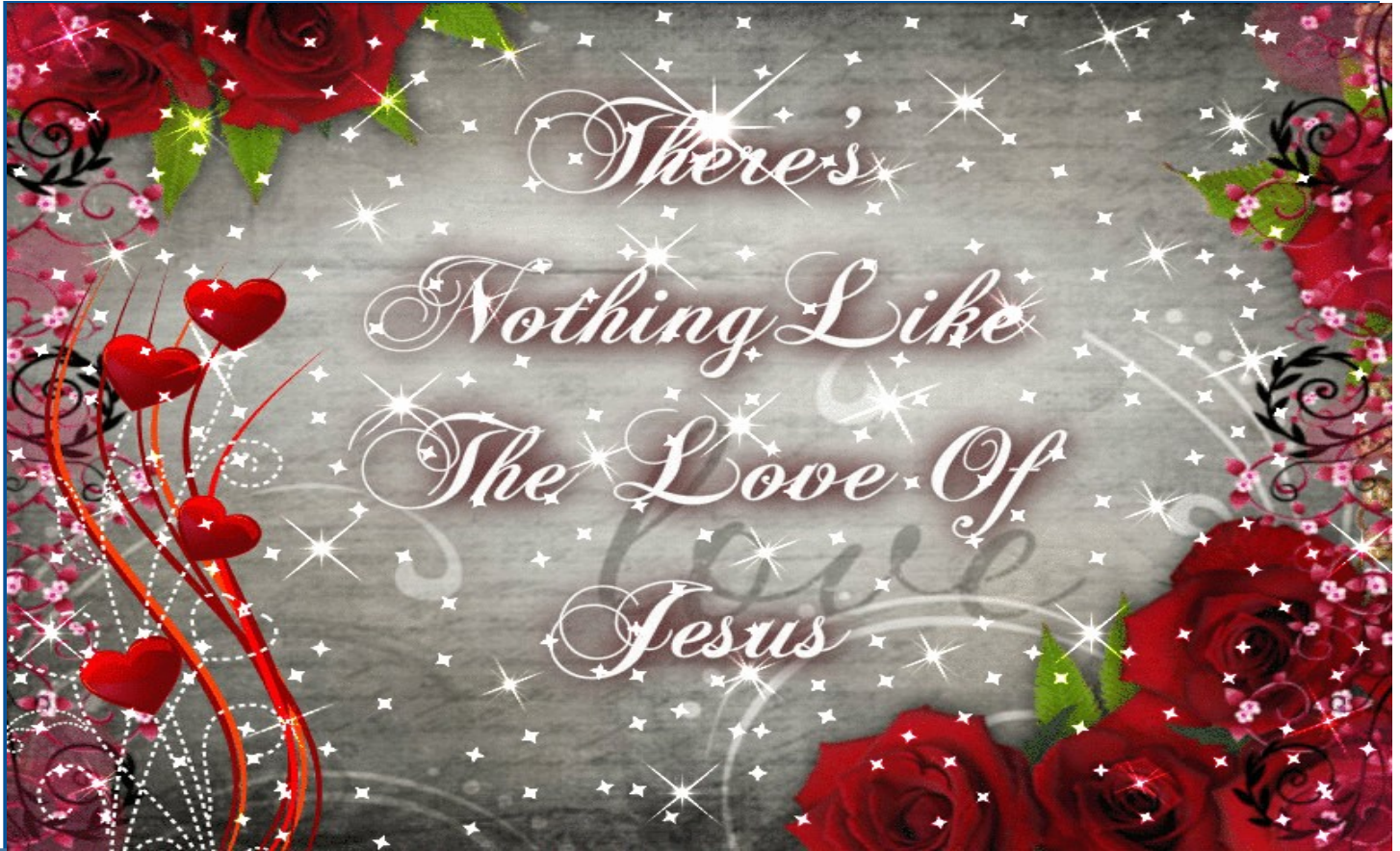




# MESSIAH MESSENGER

February 2020

Volume 41 Issue 2



## OFFICE HOURS

**9:00 AM - NOON**

**1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

**CHURCH BUILDING WILL BE OPEN**

**MONDAY TO FRIDAY**

**8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM**

**SATURDAY**

**9:00 AM TO NOON**

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

**Adult Education Class 9:15 am**

**Friendship Class 9:30 am**

**Sunday School 10:30 am**

**Worship Service 10:30 am**

**Coffee Fellowship 11:45 am**

## Minister's Message



*The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31

This verse shows up in our lectionary texts two weeks in a row (January 26<sup>th</sup> and February 2<sup>nd</sup>). Those who put together the lectionary must think that this is an important message for us as

followers of Jesus – I agree. What underlies this passage is the surprising (foolish?) news that God's very being is present in this fallen and hurting world right at the point of our deepest failings and most excruciating pain. And Paul says that it is at this point, on the cross, that God's fullest power, wisdom and love is on display and most clearly seen. John, in his gospel account, sees Jesus' death on the cross as his "coronation".

I know that many of us have grown up with this language and quite easily agree that this is the truth. But take a moment to think about this again.... Does Jesus' death on a cross as a convicted criminal of the lowest order display the power and wisdom of God?

It's easier to see his power in:

- His command of the sea and waves...
- Jesus' healing of all who were sick and possessed...
- His teaching and debating abilities with the most intellectual of the day...
- His announcements of forgiveness of people no one else wants anything to do with...
- Jesus rising from death on the third day and ascension into heaven...

*These things are easily* seen as signs of his power, wisdom and love... but,

- His vulnerability?
- His acceptance of an unjust judgement by Pilate?
- His bleeding?
- His crying out in despair?
- His death?

Really, how can these things be considered power, wisdom, or love? (Let alone the deepest expressions of them?) But we know this is true.

We know it is true because AS God is vulnerable and dies (in Jesus), God has done something impossible. God has proven complete connection with us AND has overcome what seems to be the ultimate power: death.

We can participate with God in this power. We can allow ourselves to live in our vulnerabilities – especially when it comes to becoming more connected with others. We can help where help is welcome. We can accept help when we could use some help.

Our "Eating Together/Getting to Know You" initiative is very much in line with this participation with God in acknowledging our vulnerabilities and living through them with others. Invite someone to share a morsel of food or drink with you. Accept an invitation from someone else. Then share a part of your lives together.

Another initiative that I want to encourage each of us to participate in, is reading together the book titled: *Real Faith for Real Life*. Hopefully some small groups can be formed to read it together at their own pace. We will also focus on one chapter for each of the 6 weekends in Lent. Michael W. Foss will encourage us in 6 practices of our faith: prayer, weekly worship, daily bible reading, serving in and beyond the congregation, nurturing relationships and generosity in and beyond the church.

There is so much to be encouraged by here at Messiah. May we continue to grow in our faith and in our serving to the praise and glory of the one who lived, died and lives again.

Call me at 780-672-3444  
Email me at: [calvinskriver@gmail.com](mailto:calvinskriver@gmail.com)  
Text or call me at 780-679-5976.



**Ash Wednesday Service**

**February 26 at 7pm**

**St. Andrew's Anglican Church**

**All are welcome**



## Minister's Message



### GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

As January has come and gone so quickly we find ourselves moving into the month of February. So many things have happened already. We have already lost beloved loved ones

in our midst as we moved into our year. We have begun our regular routines of daily living and worship in our community.

We have already experienced a mix of the joys and sorrows of life.

We are also in the season of Epiphany. This season where light is shone into our lives and God's divine love is made known. We begin to walk with the stories of Jesus time on this earth and rediscover the moments of history in our old testament. We find that our God indeed is faithful through the ages and into this present moment.

This time in our church year is also a season of "green" in the church year where the altar and banners are green. This is typically called ordinary time, meaning the time in the church year where we grow in God's love and experience God in our everyday lives. In each moment we find God's presence in our ordinary moments of living and dying, of joys and sorrows. It is all part of our lives together.

Where is God showing up? Right here in our ordinary moments where we live and breathe; in the moments where we celebrate and grieve. God walks with us in the light and in the dark of our lives. God's presence is noticed and God's faithfulness is always there. God's divine love shines into each present moment so that we also be present to that love in us and for others.

The words to a popular and favorite hymn that comes to me as I write this is, "Great is thy faithfulness. Oh God my Father. Morning by morning new mercies I see.... All I have needed your hand has provided. Great is thy faithfulness. Lord unto me."

We have a banner up in our church that says... "RENEW DAILY"

Indeed the faithfulness of our Lord and God's presence is renewed not only daily... but moment by moment. There is never a moment where the light and love of God does not journey with us and in us.

As we move through each present moment of this year... may we always be reminded of the faithful presence of our God in everything and in every moments we experience.

Indeed... God is faithful. It is renewed each and every day.

I have been meditating on a verse in Lamentations 3:22-23 as of late that speaks of God's faithful love:

<sup>22</sup>*The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end;*  
<sup>23</sup>*they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness" esv*

Indeed... God's faithfulness is ever with us. What a comfort as we open our year, knowing that God shows up for us every moment... and his love is ever with us.

As we journey together let us never forget the faithful love of our Lord... and make sure everyone we meet knows it also.

Blessings All

Pastor Bev



## Bishop's Message

### For Congregations and Lay and Rostered Leaders



Dear Beloved of God –

Since being called to serve as your bishop, October 2012, my prayer has often been the following: *O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the*

*ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go forward with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

One of the reasons I love this prayer is because it is realistic but encouraging, honest but hopeful. It doesn't deny difficult truths, but neither does it succumb to sterile pessimism. It was written in the first part of the twentieth century by a Church of England priest named Eric Milner-White. Like many good prayers from another time and place, it sounds like it was tailor made for us here and now.

*O God, you have called your servants....* I have seen so many signs of hope in these few years of serving as your bishop, not just in projects and initiatives and ideas, but in our people:

- in the faithful and dedicated rostered ministers, who are a gift to us all;
- in the diligent and committed staff and officers of the Synod, who it is a joy to work with on a daily and weekly basis, who love the Synod and serving it;
- in the lay leaders of this Synod, serving in various and multitude capacities;

- in the faithful people who hold no particular office or position, but who form the faithful backbone, week after week, that is the body of Christ in the ABT Synod.

You are all not only living, breathing signs of hope, but you also have my profound thanks for all that you do, and it is my privilege to serve with and among you.

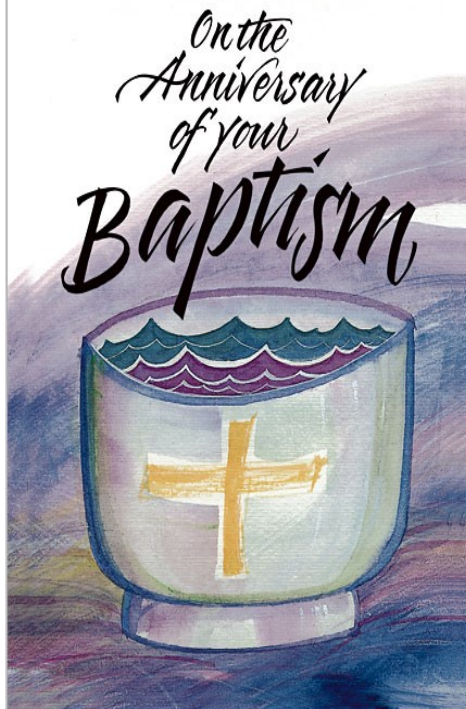
A complete two-page report for Congregational Annual General Meetings, together with our Synod's 2020 Narrative Budget is available at: <https://albertasynod.ca/2019/12/2020-abtsynod-agm-letter-and-narrative-budget/>

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)*







We recognize the monthly  
Baptismal Anniversaries  
of the children

in the *Splash* program:

**Liam Hatch – February 3**

**Malia McNary – February 4**

**Erin Bilyk – February 25**

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

## Pastoral Acts Funerals

Shirley Johnson  
Bernhard Von Tettenborn  
Dennis Foss  
Helge Sjogren  
Ruth Jensen  
Gordon Fredrickson



## Baptisms

Theodore Simms  
Hannah Lindberg  
Abigail Lindberg

## Memorials

Special gifts since last  
reported in memory of:

Ruth Jensen  
Bernard Von Tettenborn

## CONGREGATIONAL POTLUCK Sunday, February 9

11:45 am in the Fellowship Centre

Messiah's Choristers and the Handbell Choir Members

Are responsible for set up and clean up

Please bring a dish to share

ALL ARE WELCOME



## **Sunday Morning Adult Classes ..... for the month of February 2020**

**Time: 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.**

**Place: Basement Auditorium**

Messiah's Service Committee invites you to the following sessions at the Sunday morning Adult classes in February. These sessions promise to be a really good opportunity to find out what is available right here in our community for needs we or our neighbours may have and for the resources available to deal with them. Please join us.

### **Feb. 2nd**

#### **What is Neighbor Aid's role in our community?**

Camrose Neighbor Aid's Program Director Jo-Anne Tweed will share an overview of Neighbor Aid's programs and share about the impact on individuals and families accessing these programs. One food bank recipient says this: *"The food bank has also showed my kids the truth about our community and showed them that there are times in everyone's lives where we just need a little bit of support without feeling less than the next person."*

### **Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>**

#### **When being at "home" is not an option**

**The Open Door** supports all youth and their families, understanding that there are significant pressures and changes in family dynamics that make it much different than the last generations. Two youth support workers will be speaking on youth homelessness, how the Open Door housing program works, as well as addressing current trends.

### **Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Mental Health and Wellness: The Realities**

During this one hour session, April from Primary Care Network will discuss what *mental health* is including how mental health and wellness is understood and perceived within our community of Camrose. She will also identify and discuss signs and symptoms related to mental illness including tips and tricks for supporting ourselves and loved ones who may be living with mental illness. Local resources and options will also be reviewed.

### **Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

#### **Getting to Know You**

How do I get to know my "neighbour"? Why would I get to know my "neighbour"? What are the benefits of "Eating Together"? Stories relating to these and other questions will be shared by some members of the congregation.





# News from the World Mission Scene

## 1. World Mission Month, January, 2020

Follow-Up to the Presentation by Rev. Greg Musselman who spoke on behalf of

### **The Voice of the Martyrs**

#### **"10 Ways to Pray for our Persecuted Family"**

1. Pray that persecuted believers will sense God's presence (Heb. 13:5).
2. Pray that they will feel connected to the greater Body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:20, 26).
3. Pray that they will experience God's comfort when their family members are killed, injured or imprisoned for their witness (2 Cor. 1:3-5).
4. Pray that they will have more opportunities to share the gospel (Col. 4:3).
5. Pray for their boldness to make Christ known (Phil. 1:14).
6. Pray that they will forgive and love their persecutors (Matt. 5:44).
7. Pray that their ministry activities will remain undetected by authorities or others who wish to silence them (Acts 9:25).
8. Pray that they will rejoice in suffering (Acts 5:41).
9. Pray that they will be refreshed through God's Word and grow in their faith (Eph. 6:17).
10. Pray that they will be strengthened through the prayers of fellow believers (Jude 20-25).

(Published by: "The Voice of the Martyrs, Canada")

## 2. In Mission with El Salvador

Thank you to contributors to "In Mission with El Salvador" from which Rev. Brian Rude is supported. Contributions for the period May 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 were \$3,735 including \$375 in December.

Rev. Rude has been serving the people of El Salvador since 1988 accompanying them in Christ's Name in their griefs, victories, and service.

Donations are facilitated through yellow envelopes which may be obtained at the Welcome desk at the rear of the sanctuary.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Blacklock, Chairperson, World Mission Group

## *Sunday School*

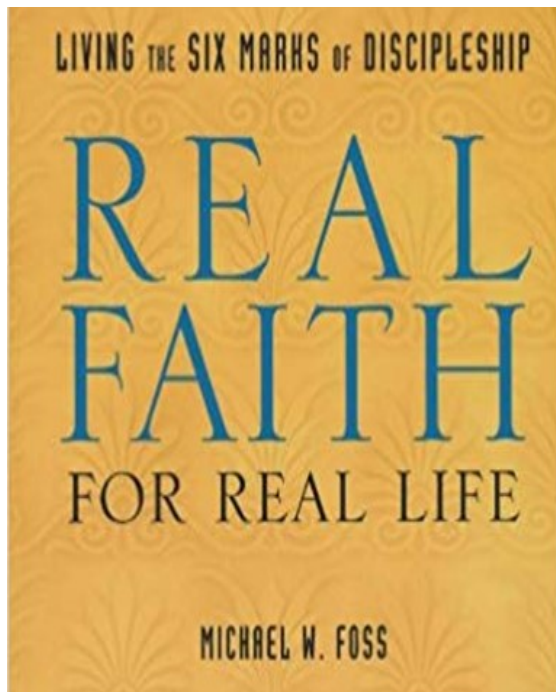
### **For Age 3 to Grade 6**

We are into our second semester in Sunday School. We continue to have enough students to do three classes on most Sundays which makes for easier age appropriate teaching. We have a lot of fun doing our songs with Emma. We have tonnes of energy and great singing voices! We enjoy our crafts, activities, games, videos, and discussions as we use the Whirl curriculum that usually lines up with the lectionary readings the congregation hears upstairs in the worship service. Some of the students in our grade 3 to 6 class will be helping lead some songs in the worship service in February.



We would love to have another Sunday school teacher or two as due to winter travel, schedules, and changes in teachers' lives we not only will have our usual shortage of teachers January-March, but probably will also be short come next fall. Please consider if you might be willing to teach a few Sundays, and if you are, contact Michelle at [mkennedyhawkins@gmail.com](mailto:mkennedyhawkins@gmail.com) 780-678-5815 (cell)

### *Over the 6 weeks of Lent, Messiah's Learning Committee is encouraging participation in a* **Congregational Book Study.**



The book is "*Real Faith for Real Life*" by Michael W. Foss - *Living the 6 Marks of Discipleship*. Each week we will be studying one of the marks: Daily prayer, Bible reading, Weekly worship, Christian service, Relationships that encourage spiritual growth, & Giving in the spirit of generosity.

You can follow along by reading a chapter a week, attending Sunday church services (Read Chapter 1 for Sunday, March 1st), joining our Adult Class discussion on Sunday mornings, or perhaps you wish to host or join your own weekly small group.

You can pick up a copy of the book after church on February 16th or 23rd, or at the church office. One book per household. Recommended donation: \$10.

It is our hope that your Lenten journey is enriched as we explore how each mark of discipleship enhances and supports our faith.

*If you wish to host a small group for the 6 weeks or have additional questions, email Maria at [skriver.maria@gmail.com](mailto:skriver.maria@gmail.com).*





## Refugee Support Group Update

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

Messiah's Refugee Support Group has not been "active" for some time now. There is no action in the foreseeable future, but we do have some updates about people we have supported in the past and are committed to support when they arrive in Canada. When support action is needed, we will contact previous members again and also contact the whole of the congregation for people who will have time and abilities to help out at that time.

### Past Support:

News from Jemila. You may have heard already, Jemila has been married and is expecting a child in the spring. Everything is going so well for Jemila in Brooks. I don't have contact information, but Yvonne and/or Sharon may be able to help you to contact her with congratulations or the like.

News from Weini & Yohannes: They have been doing very well in Edmonton with their supportive community from Eritrea. They recently welcomed a new son into their family and all are well. I have had semi-regular contact with Yohannes through texting.

### Future Support:

Messiah has committed to helping 2 family units. One a family of 4 who are currently in Nairobi. The other a single man currently in Tel Aviv.

Both have been approved by the Canadian Government in early September 2019. We hope to see them arrive around September of 2020 - but there are no guarantees... We also expect that we will have a month's notice before they arrive to do that last minute planning, but again, no guarantees of that either.

Each of the families we are sponsoring have families in Camrose already who are willing to do a lot of the work (housing, interpretation, incidentals are primary pieces they will look after) but will need help financially when their family members arrive as well as other help.

Currently, we have \$16,590 reserved for the families when they arrive to support them for 1 year.

Thank you to all who have contributed here over the years!

We will likely need more than that, but Century Meadows has pledged to support the single man. Also the families here will be providing at least in-kind donations that will reduce the total needed from us.

Again, thank you for your interest and support over the years. This is just to keep you up to date with what has been happening and what I know of our future refugee families.

Please contact me if you have more questions or know more or different information than I have been able to provide.

God's blessings to you and the refugees we have/will support.

Pastor Calvin Skriver



East Central Area Leadership Team

Invites *YOU* to participate in:

# **Equipping Congregations**

**Workshops in Lay Leadership.**

**10am-3pm**

**Sat, Feb 29, 2020**

**Messiah Lutheran, Camrose.**

## **Four Workshops to equip Lay people in:**

- **Worship Planning – Led by Rev. Julianna Wehrfritz-Hanson**
- **Lay Preaching – Led by Rev. Deborah Ann Taylor**
- **Leading Multi-aged Sunday School – Led by Kathy Nelson**
- **Lay Visiting and Care – Led Rev. Prema Samuel**

Participants may choose two (2) of the above options.

All four workshops will be offered simultaneously and repeated again in the afternoon.

Opening & Closing Sessions are led by Bishop Larry Kochendorfer

**Please contact Kathy Nelson to register.**

(780) 855 - 3921, [klkvill@hotmail.com](mailto:klkvill@hotmail.com)

**\$15 to cover the cost of provided lunch and refreshments.**



**EQUIPPING CONGREGATIONS**  
**Workshops in Lay Leadership**  
**Sponsored by the East Central Area**

**Date:** Saturday, February 29, 2020

**Time:** 10:00am - 3:00pm (registration starts at 9:40am)

**Agenda:** 10:00am – Opening with Bishop Larry Kochendorfer  
10:20-12noon Workshops – Session 1  
12:00-12:50pm Lunch  
12:50pm – 2:30pm Workshops – Session 2  
2:30pm - Closing with Bishop Larry Kochendorfer

**Place:** Messiah Lutheran Church, 4810 – 50 Street, Camrose, Alberta (on Main Street)

**Cost:** \$15/per person includes lunch

**PreRegistration:** Contact Kathy Nelson by email [klkvill@hotmail.com](mailto:klkvill@hotmail.com) or by phone (780) 855-3921 by February 27th.

**Who can attend:** Everyone is welcome from any area. Pastors are encouraged to attend with your members as well.

**About the Workshops:**

This past fall in the East Central Area, several parishes were without a pastor. Lay individuals found themselves having to plan services for their congregations. There were many requests for resources to assist in these planning efforts. In response, the East Central Area Leadership team is providing workshops to assist congregations in several areas of expressed need.

These workshops will be of interest to anyone planning church programs, either weekly or in an interim situation, or while your pastor is away.

On Saturday, February 29, 2020, the East Central Area will offer four workshops on the following topics:

- 1) **Worship planning:** Led by Rev. Julianna Wehrfritz-Hanson. Topics include how to plan a worship service, plan a bulletin, put together “Prayers of the Church”. Discussions include what planning resources are available.
- 2) **Preaching:** Led by Rev. Deborah Ann Taylor. Planning a sermon or using prepared sermons. What resources are available for prepared sermons.
- 3) **Visitation & Caring:** Led by Rev. Prema Samuel. How to visit with someone in need.
- 4) **Multi Age Sunday School:** Led by Kathy Nelson. This workshop will provide information and resources for small Sunday Schools with 1-10 children. Topics will include: How to plan lessons for multiple ages in one class. How to plan a Christmas program with as few as 2 children. How to provide a S.S. program with little or no budget.

All workshops will be offered twice in the day. One session from 10:20am-12noon and again from 1:00pm-2:40pm. Participants can choose two workshops, one for each session. Or if they so choose, they can attend just one workshop, either in the morning or afternoon session.

Everyone is welcome.

For further information contact our East Central Area Dean, Pastor Julianna Wehrfritz-Hanson at 780-678-0299 or Kathy Nelson by email at [klkvill@hotmail.com](mailto:klkvill@hotmail.com)

**6 WEEKS DURING LENT**

MESSIAH'S LEARNING COMMITTEE INVITES YOU TO JOIN OUR

**CONGREGATIONAL BOOK STUDY**

**"REAL FAITH FOR REAL LIFE"**  
Living the 6 Marks of Discipleship  
By Michael W. Foss

Pick up your book after church on Sunday, February 16th or 23rd, or at the church office. One book per household. Recommended donation: \$10. Read Chapter 1 for Sunday, March 1st. If interested in hosting a small group, contact Maria at skriver.maria@gmail.com.

READ 1 CHAPTER EACH WEEK  
ATTEND SUNDAY SERVICES  
JOIN ADULT CLASS DISCUSSIONS  
HOST OR JOIN A SMALL GROUP

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### Sharing Jesus Christ With All People...

LIVE broadcast of worship service on Eastlink TV  
channels 10, 310 and 610 at 10:30 am every Sunday.

LIVE streaming of worship service on YouTube; search "Messiah Camrose"

Archived services are available on the  
website [www.messiahcamrose.ca](http://www.messiahcamrose.ca) or YouTube.



Messiah needs more AV technicians. Each service requires three to four people working upstairs with the cameras, TV broadcast, youTube stream, sound, and screens. If you are willing to help, please come see us up in the balcony or contact Rosanna ([rosannas@telus.net](mailto:rosannas@telus.net)). Training will be provided, and you can job-shadow until you are comfortable.



## Council Highlights for January 2020

You are invited! Everyone is invited to participate in a meeting on March 10 at 6 pm in Bawlf to share ideas about how to best serve the needs of all the congregations in this area. As you are aware, a number of congregations do not have a pastor or are struggling in other of ways. Are there ways we might collaborate? What is God calling us to do in these times? More information will follow.

About 60 responses were received to the Flourishing Congregations Survey. Thank you to everyone who took the time to participate. We anticipate getting their feedback in March.

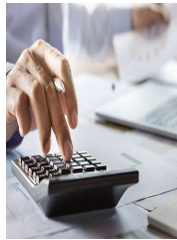
Charlene and her committee of nominators will soon be contacting you with opportunities to serve on various committees. Just say "yes."

New Members Sunday is slated for February 9.

### Financial statement

December 31, 2019

(67% budget year)



Revenue Plate	\$236,302
Christmas Offering (budget 14,300) actual	15,268
Other	13,703
Designated	<u>48,194</u>
Total	313,467
Expenses	334,833
Net income	-21,366

## Employment opportunity at Messiah

- Part time (casual hours) to cover for the Administrative Assistant in the Messiah Church office.
- Knowledge of and experience in working in Word and Publisher is required.
- Skills in working with people and organization will be an asset.
- Flexibility in working hours will be required.

Submit resume before February 14, 2020

Contact: Pastor Calvin Skriver at Messiah Lutheran Church's office





Camrose & Area  
**CHILDREN'S CHOIRS** PRESENTS:

# A World of Music

OUR ANNUAL CONCERT AND  
SPAGHETTI DINNER  
FUNDRAISER  
with silent auction

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2020  
CAMROSE UNITED CHURCH  
4829 50 ST  
DOORS - 5:30PM  
DINNER - 6:00PM  
CONCERT - 7:00PM

TICKETS:  
ADULTS (12+) - \$20  
CHILDREN - \$5  
CHILDREN 2 AND UNDER FREE

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM CHOIR MEMBERS  
BY CONTACTING 780-672-3372  
OR ONLINE AT <https://dinnerandmusic.eventbrite.com/>

\*\*gluten friendly options available

## Augustana Chaplaincy

### Centering Prayer

A silent, contemplative, life giving  
connection with God, self, and others.

Winter term January 9 - April 16  
from 8:00-8:30 am Thursdays  
in the Augustana Chapel

*Come and rest in God's presence with our  
praying community*

"Since love grows within you, so beauty grows. For love is the  
beauty of the soul." ~ Augustine

Augustana Chaplaincy Presents...

## WHAT'S COOKIN'? SOUP SUPPER


A simple meal with  
friends and some  
FUN(d)raising shenanigans  
to celebrate the work of  
Chaplaincy

**MARCH 1, 2020 5 PM**  
**AUGUSTANA CHAPEL,**  
**FAITH AND LIFE CENTER**

Tickets are \$15/adult and \$5/students  
Available from Chaplaincy Council members, Fika Coffeehouse, or the Chaplaincy  
office (2-140). For more info, contact Sara Smith 780-679-1597 or [augchap@ualberta.ca](mailto:augchap@ualberta.ca)



## CLBI SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

 FEB 25, 2020

 CLBI CAMPUS  
4837 52A Street, Camrose, AB.

 5:00PM MEAL

 6:30PM IMPACT PRESENTATIONS  
Join us as we hear stories from the students about their  
IMPACT experiences.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND. FREE WILL OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN.  
**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO SUPPORTING THE CLBI IMPACT PROGRAM.**





## **QUILTING FOR CANADIAN LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**

You are invited to join the quilting group  
in the Fellowship Centre

**Wednesday, February 19**

**at 9:00 a.m.**

## **Used Stamp Collecting Update**

We have found a new outlet for used stamps. They will be sent to  
Effect Hope (The Leprosy Mission Canada.)

You may deposit them in the box in the Welcome Center at the back  
of the sanctuary and they will be collected and sent.

Or you may mail them to      effect:hope  
200 –90 Allstate Parkway  
Markham ON L3R 6H3



## **Greetings from Messiah Lutheran Women**

The Ladies have already started quilting and filling their kits. Next quilting day is February 19th at 9:00 am. Come and help tie quilts. After seeing the presentation from Carla Blakley (CLWR) it is really important to send quilts to Canadian Lutheran World Relief. The women who receive these quilts, wrap themselves in the quilt and do a happy dance.

MLW send various kits to CLWR twice a year. The one we have not added this year is "baby bundles". We would like anyone who wishes to help us by donating items we need to put these kits together, would be greatly appreciated. We are making diapers out of flannelette sheets, but need several other items to complete a kit. These could be gathered from a garage sale, thrift shop etc. The following items as follows are for 1 kit: 2 sleepers or gowns; 2 undershirts or onesies; 2 receiving blankets; 6 safety pins; 2 washcloths; 1 sweater or sweatshirt; 4 diapers. We are making the diapers from flannelette sheets. Anyone with a flannelette sheet to donate would also be appreciated.

We were very fortunate to have a group of ladies from another church make baby bundles but they have retired. It would be wonderful if we could make 15 kits. We would have a work bee to put them together. Thank you for considering.

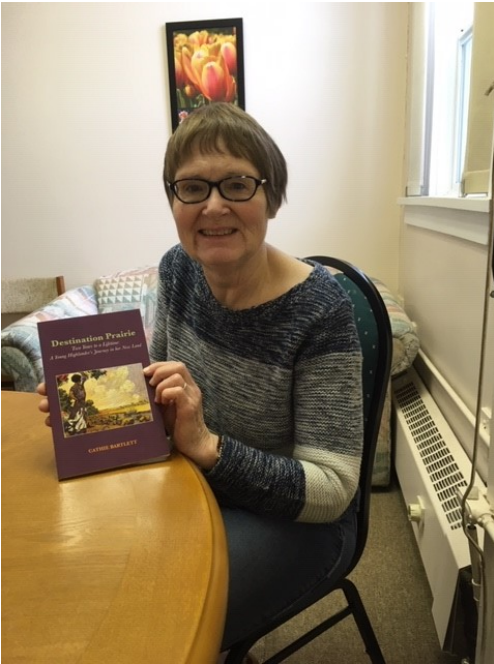
Our first General meeting is March 28th at 9:30 a.m. Call Mary Broen at 780-672-3442 for more information regarding the kits.

MLW Executive



## **We have a new author in our midst!**

### **Her name is Cathie Bartlett**



Born and raised in Ontario, Cathie Bartlett graduated from Western University with an Honours Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism. She was a news reporter at the London Free Press, Regina Leader-Post and Edmonton Journal for a total of 12 years, and a freelance writer in Edmonton for many years thereafter. She wrote for numerous publications on a variety of topics, including environment, home building and gardening. She particularly enjoyed writing about her travels with her husband – whether it be jaunts in their RV across the prairies or trips to foreign lands.

Bartlett has two children and two grandchildren and now lives with her husband in Camrose, where she is a member of the Battle River Writing Centre. She enjoys walking with friends, making quilts, cross-stitching and begins and ends every day reading. *Destination Prairie* is her first novel.

Editor's note: I have read *Destination Prairie* and I thoroughly enjoyed it! Cathie's storytelling ability and her writing style are very polished. Her book is published by Bayeux Arts and is available at Books for You in the Duggan Mall.

## **Congratulations Juanita**

Juanita Hohm (on French horn) and

Tova Olson (on piano and organ)

will be playing a free concert in Edmonton on

Friday March 13, 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in

Convocation Hall (U of A)

116 St & 85 Ave

This is Juanita's graduating recital.

All are welcome.



Messiah has a new short-term committee "Caring for Creation", to investigate ways that we could be better stewards of the environment, looking at recycling, compost, and all the waste we generate at the church. We welcome new members interested in these issues!

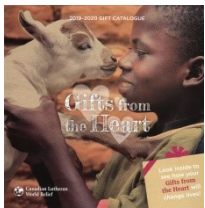
Next meeting will take place on Feb 13 at 9 am in the lounge

Contact Lori ([lori.skriver1@gmail.com](mailto:lori.skriver1@gmail.com)) or Rosanna ([rosannas@telus.net](mailto:rosannas@telus.net)).

# NEWS BRIEFS



Canadian Lutheran  
World Relief



**THANK YOU** to all of you who purchased **Gifts from the Heart** at Christmas time. The total value of the gifts purchased was approximately **\$4900.00**. The **LOVE** expressed in this way will help many people in need. Although this project is especially promoted for Christmas, these gifts can be given at any time of the year.

## QUILTING

More quilters are needed to complete more quilts for CLWR during these winter months. Quilting is scheduled for the third Wednesday of each month beginning at 9:00 am. No experience is needed and it's also a great time of fellowship.



## EXPENSES & REVENUE of CLWR

For every \$1.00 raised, the approximate division is used as follows:

4 cents toward Administration

4 cents towards Refugee Resettlement

11 cents towards Community Relations

81 cents towards International Programs

Some projects are carried out in partnership with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank meaning that the donations were matched 4:1 by the Government of Canada.

## FOOD BANK SUNDAY

**February 9**

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.



## STORYTELLING

### COLLECTING & CELEBRATING LIFE STORIES OF FAMILY, FRIENDS & COMMUNITY MEMORIES

FEBRUARY 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020

9:30-4:00

\$20



- Using hands-on methods, you will be introduced to storytelling and how to collect and tell your personal, Community, or themed stories.
- Using worksheet examples, included in your handouts, you will practice the interview process.
- You will be introduced to the engaging of the community through the use of an "In Their Footsteps" exhibition, connecting community to ancestral footsteps.

Glenys Smith is an experienced storyteller. She has collected many community memories and has developed monologues and characters for herself and others. She has facilitated many workshops on *Interpretation Through Storytelling*, and shares historic stories with community groups and school children.

Co-sponsored by:  **CITY OF  
Camrose  
ARTS COUNCIL**

Maximum 24 persons.  
**Lunch provided!**

### CAMROSE HERITAGE RAILWAY STATION & PARK

4407-47 Avenue Camrose, AB 780-672-3099

## Thank You

*Messiah Lutheran Church has received 2 thank you letters from the congregations (Unity Lutheran Church and Our Savior Lutheran Church) that received funds raised from our 'To God Be The Glory' celebration of being debt free. Please see the bulletin board in the Fellowship Center hallway to read their messages.*





### **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	Service Committee

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## **Messiah Messenger**

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Members, staff, committees and groups are encouraged to  
 submit articles so that we are aware of  
 who we are as a congregation,  
 and where we are going in our congregation.

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**Delivery date: February 28**

# FEBRUARY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 8:45 Men's Bible Study
	Synod Study Conference Feb 3-6					
<b>2 Epiphany 4</b> 9:15 Adult Education 9:30 Friendship Class  10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:45 Coffee Fellowship	3  10:30 Lectio  12:00 Meals on Wheels 2:00 World Mission Group @ Blacklock's  5:00 Witnessing Committee 7:00 Camerata	4 10:15 Staff Meeting  12:00 Meals on Wheels	5  12:00 Meals on Wheels 1:00 Beth Cowan Funeral 2:00 Camrose Refugee Centre 4:45 Learning Committee 6:00 ATP Musical Rehearsal	6 9:30 Refugee Coffee & Conversation 10:30 Handbells 12:00 Meals on Wheels  NO Confirmation  7:00 Support Committee 7:00 Messiah's Choristers	7  12:00 Meals on Wheels  4:00 Uvumbuzi Choir Rehearsal	8 8:45 Men's Bible Study
<b>9 Epiphany 5 Food Bank Sunday</b> 9:15 Adult Education 9:30 Friendship Class  10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:45 Congregational Potluck Lunch	<b>10 Committee Minutes Due For Council Reporting</b>  10:30 Lectio  7:00 Camerata	11 10:15 Staff Meeting	12 9:30 MLW Funeral Convenor's Meeting  6:00 ATP Musical Rehearsal	13 9:00 Caring for Creation 9:00 Worship Committee 9:30 Refugee Coffee & Conversation 10:30 Handbells 12:00 All-Staff Meeting  NO Confirmation  7:00 Messiah's Choristers	14  2:00 Kuimba Choir Rehearsal 4:00 Uvumbuzi Choir Rehearsal	15 8:45 Men's Bible Study
<b>16 Epiphany 6</b> 9:15 Adult Education NO Friendship Class  NO Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:45 Coffee Fellowship	<b>17 Family Day Office Closed</b>  No Lectio	<b>18 Messenger Articles Due</b> 10:15 Staff Meeting  7:00 Church Council	19 9:00 Quilting  6:00 ATP Musical Rehearsal	20 9:30 Refugee Coffee & Conversation 10:30 Handbells  6:30 Confirmation @ Bethel  7:00 Messiah's Choristers	21  4:00 Uvumbuzi Choir Rehearsal	22 8:45 Men's Bible Study
<b>23 Transfiguration of our Lord</b> 9:15 Adult Education 9:30 Friendship Class  10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:45 Coffee Fellowship	24 10:30 Lectio  7:00 Camerata	25 10:15 Staff Meeting	<b>26 Ash Wednesday</b>  6:00 ATP Musical Rehearsal  7:00 Ash Wednesday Service @ St. Andrews Anglican Church	27 9:30 Refugee Coffee & Conversation 10:30 Handbells  NO Confirmation  7:00 Messiah's Choristers	<b>28 Messenger Delivery</b>  2:00 Kuimba Choir Rehearsal 4:00 Uvumbuzi Choir Rehearsal	29 8:45 Men's Bible Study  10:00 East Central Area Workshop for Lay Leadership