

MESSIAH MESSENGER

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Come, Lord Jesus

Lord Jesus, I ask you to make your home within my heart, But first it must be cleaned and polished And I don't know where to start. For you to live within it I want it fresh and clean. I can't accomplish such an awesome task So on You for help I lean. Wipe away the prejudice and pride, Impatience, too, must go. To the world this may sound foolish, But only if You will wash it in your blood Can my heart be white as snow. So cleanse me now and each

So cleanse me now and eac new day, So the cobwebs don't get their hold. Keep me forever close to You, So in eternity I may see

Your face As I walk on streets of gold.

By Donna Snethun

Mid-Week Lenten Services

All services will be held Wednesdays, 7:00 pm

Care for Creation

First Lenten Service

Wednesday, March 4 at Camrose Church of God with Father Mark Bayrock from Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church

Second Lenten Service

Wednesday, March 11 at Messiah Lutheran Church with Pastor Manfred Boller of Camrose Church of God

Third Lenten Service

Wednesday, March 18 at Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church with Pastor Calvin Skriver from Messiah Lutheran Church

Fourth Lenten Service

Wednesday, March 25 at Camrose United Church with Pastor Craig Wentland from Augustana Chaplaincy

Fifth Lenten Service

Wednesday, April 1 at Bethel Lutheran Church with Father Jacques Vaillancourt from St. Andrew's Anglican Church

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

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

Minister's Message



When you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing.

Matthew 6:3

By the time you receive this Messenger we will already have started our Lenten journey remembering Jesus' journey to the cross. The scripture verse above

comes from the Ash Wednesday readings. Here Jesus encouraged his followers to give above and beyond what the normal "requirements" were and to do it without drawing attention to ones' self. Additionally, Jesus encouraged prayer, fasting and thinking more of heavenly savings than earthly savings.

Many do something to mark the time of Lent in their lives. Usually people turn to one (or more) of three Lenten "practices": prayer, fasting and almsgiving. ("Almsgiving" it is the practice of giving money – or goods – to help people who are poor and in need.) I encourage you to practice almsgiving. In our own community we have Neighbor Aid that has been set up by the churches in Camrose to help people in need. You might donate there. You may also know someone personally who could use a helping hand (financially or otherwise).

We tend to list the Lenten practices in "prayer, fasting, almsgiving" order but, according to Matthew, Jesus mentioned them in a different order: almsgiving, prayer, fasting, and finally "storing up treasures". I think we tend to avoid talking about money.

Jesus spent a lot of time talking about money. Most of the time Jesus talked about money in a way that encouraged/directed/commanded people to use money to build and increase the kingdom of God. Jesus spoke often in terms of risk – to use the money (resources) entrusted to us as stewards by the master (God) using the skills and abilities we also have been gifted with. The result of using/risking (as far as I can tell) was never loss; it was always gain. Always. The only loss was once when one steward took no risk. (He had buried the single "talent" – a large sum of money actually – entrusted to him). When the master returned and was presented with what was originally entrusted it did not go well for that steward.

A few years ago, the congregation of Messiah took a risk: to call a second pastor to help support the pastoral needs of the congregation. There had been a few years of surpluses coming into this decision and the hope/trust was that giving would increase twenty

to thirty thousand dollars to cover the additional costs (a 5-7% increase). Giving towards ongoing expenses had increased for the year ending in 2016 by about \$10,000 but leveled out at about \$5000/year more than 2015 giving since. Over that time, expenses have gone up in salaries, utilities, maintenance & insurance by inflation rates. Most committees have taken little or no increases. Our current deficit is \$36,000 and if trends continue, the year end deficit could be \$50,000.

An encouraging note is that between 2015 and 2020 there were significant donations to "designated" funds. Needed initiatives have been supported such as for Flooring, Refugees, our TV/Sound System upgrade, and other capital upgrades such as the roof. The giving towards those needs has averaged over \$46,000 per year!

I give thanks for the generous support that you all have been giving (over \$400,000 every year) for support of the everyday work we do in Jesus' name. This is a wonderful reminder of the goodness that God has provided for the church through God's children. Council will be meeting to discern what direction God desires to lead us in. Please support Council with prayer. Please also prayerfully consider your contributions to God's work through Messiah.

Call me at 780-672-3444

Email me at: calvinskriver@gmail.com

Text or call me at 780-679-5976.



Minister's Message



GOD'S PRESENCE IN THE REAL MOMENTS

The other day I had a plan. Well a lot of days I have a plan. You know how that goes. I am going to do this or this or that and then life throws a curve ball.

Life's experiences are not always something we can predict. People get sick. People die without notice or expectedly. We lose our jobs. We find our health suddenly failing or are suddenly thrown into a diagnosis of cancer or another disease. We often trip and fall and find ourselves hurt and hurting.

There are so many things that happen in the moments of our days. Some are huge and very painful. Life also throws curve balls that are not as huge but still have a huge impact on our moments. Also, the Spirit of God guides us in different directions than we had originally planned for that day. Then we find ourselves in a completely different place than we had intended.

We cannot plan our moments or know what the day will bring no matter what we say or do. That is just not how life goes for us. We are called in our moments to listen... to listen to God's voice and God's Spirit so we can know where it is we are to be and do. We need to be open.

And sometimes we are hurled into the devastating moments where we sometimes can barely breathe and wonder how we will do the next moment. In these moments and all the ordinary days we need to know beyond a shadow of a doubt that we are loved. We are deeply loved in every moment by our beloved Lord. We can know that no matter what our days or moments hold... God loves us.

In the next while we will be studying a book called REAL FAITH for REAL LIFE. Let us remember as we read and study our way through this book that REAL faith is actually about REAL moments. It's about the moments when God is present with us in all we are living through our tears and our laughter, in prayer, in worship, as we hear God's voice, and as we are called into deeper relationship with our God. More importantly it is about where our relationship with our God reaches into our REAL experiences and loves us and with us. In fact it is all about relationship with our God.

Let us look at this book we are studying knowing that our GOD is present in our very real experiences no matter what. Let us remember that God wants to love us right in those times where we struggle, in those places where we are not feeling very in control... and in those places where we simply need to be loved.

Indeed Life throws curve balls... whether it is a huge crisis or a moment when things are just not as we might have planned in some way. God is there in every REAL moment we have... reminding us that we are so deeply loved and invited to be in relationship with our Lord.

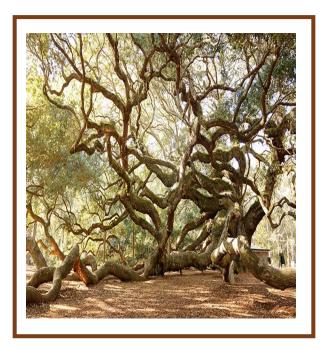
Romans 8: 37- 39 we hear these words of REAL hope... "No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, not anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Esv

What wonderful words of hope for our moments. God's love is constant... in all that is REAL!

I for one am very thankful for this assurance. I am loved in the REAL of my life no matter what the day brings. You are so deeply loved in all your experience that is REAL. And God is with us as we journey together in the REAL of our living moments no matter where we find ourselves.

Thank you Lord for your Loving Presence in all that is REAL. Thank you that nothing separates us from your deep and enduring love.

In God's love, Pastor Bev



Bishop's Message

For Congregations and Lay and Rostered Leaders



Dear Beloved of God -

"giving something up for Lent"

I've often struggled with the notion of "giving something up for Lent." Now don't get me wrong; I am all for spiritual practices and discipline. I'm just not sure that the act of giving up

chocolate or movies or texting for Lent can draw us closer to God in and of itself.

Laurence Hull Stookey puts it well when he writes: "Lenten disciplines are not temporary deletions or additions, but spiritual exercises that permanently alter us....The fuller Lenten discipline is a self-examination that seeks greater conformity to the mind of Christ, and more effective ministry on behalf of the world" (Calendar: Christ's Time for the Church, Abingdon Press, 1996, p. 82).

The concept of a period of penitence and preparation for the celebration of Christ's resurrection through spiritual exercises such as fasting originated as a way of preparing new converts for their baptism, which would occur at the Easter Vigil. As Christianity gained a foothold in the culture and infant baptism became the norm, this time of preparation was extended to include those who had already been baptized.

Within our faith communities' "giving something up for Lent" is frequently heard. "Giving something up" as a reminder of what Christ gave up for us in his incarnation, his life on earth, and his death. But while we may have the right intentions, I wonder if our practices truly alter how we view the world around us; our relationship with Christ; or our

relationship with one another.

This Lenten season I encourage you to think deeply about your Lenten observance. Instead of asking what you can give up for Lent, consider what stands in the way of a closer walk with God. Do you need to turn the Netflix off in order to spend more time in prayer and Scripture reading? Then by all means limit your viewing and replace it with devotional time. In other words, whatever we choose ought to bring us closer to Christ himself.

But there is more. Christ gave himself up for others, and through our baptism into Christ we are called to do the same. During Lent, consider what practices will help bring about Christ's kingdom here on earth. Are there people with whom you need to be reconciled? Is there a way to promote justice in your community? What action might you take to care for creation? Are there opportunities to serve the poor, the widow, and the orphan? Asking these kinds of questions will lead us to practices that result in the deep transformation intended by Lenten observances.

This year, rather than simply "giving something up for Lent," I challenge you to give more of yourself to Christ by finding one or two ways in which your life can more fully emulate his. Perhaps these will become habits that don't end with Easter but continue to sustain you throughout the year.

In Christ Jesus -

Shalom,

+Bishop Larry Kochendorfer

"The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13)



Pastoral Acts Funerals

Beth Cowan Antje Krueger Olav Welde

Baptisms

Jack Etty Jaxton Erickson (at Bawlf Lutheran Church By Pastor Bev Swanson)



Memorials

Special gifts since last reported in memory of:

Beth Cowan Ruth Jensen Dennis Meadahl Ruby Sorensen Kliff Westby

Sunday Morning Adult Class

Time: 9:15 am - 10:15 am

Place: Basement Auditorium

March classes arranged by the Learning Committee.

<u>March 1</u>: Congregation Book Study of *Real Faith for Real Life,* Chapter 1, **Practicing the Good in Daily Life, the Mark of Discipleship: DAILY PRAYER**

<u>March 8</u>: Congregation Book Study of *Real Faith for Real Life,* Chapter 2, **Our Habit of Weekly Renewal, the Mark of Discipleship: WEEKLY WORSHIP**

<u>March 15</u>: Congregation Book Study of *Real Faith for Real Life,* Chapter 3, **Hearing God's Voice,** the Mark of Discipleship: DAILY BIBLE READING

<u>March 22</u>: Congregation Book Study of *Real Faith for Real Life,* Chapter 4, **The Call to Christlike Living, the Mark of Discipleship: SERVING IN AND BEYOND THE CONGREGATION**

<u>March 29</u>: Congregation Book Study of *Real Faith for Real Life,* Chapter 5, **Our Call to Relationship with Spirit, the Mark of Discipleship: NURTURING RELATIONSHIPS**

<u>April 5</u>: Congregation Book Study of *Real Faith for Real Life,* Chapter 6, **Generosity: A Reflection of God's Heart in Our Lives, The Mark of Discipleship: GIVING A TITHE AND BEYOND**

LunchFEST

Sunday, March 8

11:45 am in the Fellowship Centre

Support Committee will be serving





Taking a Closer Look at 2019 . . .

One Food Bank recipient shares this...

"My eyes have been opened on the importance of donating, volunteer work and looking within my community for help. "

HAMPERS GIVEN OUT 2019 **TOTAL 1890** 250 200 150 100 50

BREAKFAST Clubs are feeding hungry kids in 7 local schools

Charlie Killian School

Chester Ronning

COMP

Jack Stuart

OLMP

Sifton

Sparling



Each school has their own coordinator and volunteers to assist them in preparing, serving and cleanup. Cargill picks up school groceries from Neighbor Aid every week and delivers them to the schools. It takes many hands to bring everything together.

Neighbor Aid...Who are we?

We are Christian We are a ministry

Emergency Fund Recipients 2019

| January | 12 \$ | 3,975.20 |
|----------------|--------|------------|
| February | 9 \$ | 1,785.03 |
| March | 14 | \$4,264.22 |
| April | 13 \$ | 1,568.24 |
| May | 11 \$ | 2,250.75 |
| June | 12 | \$3,729.54 |
| July | 12 \$ | 3,454.42 |
| August | 5 \$ | 708.63 |
| September | 5 | \$1,933.82 |
| October | 7 | \$1,551.47 |
| November | 11 | \$5,275.22 |
| December | 5 \$ | 3,382.72 |
| Total Assisted | 116 \$ | 33,879.26 |
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Drives to Specialty Medical Appts.

| | Clients |
|-------------|---------|
| January | 9 |
| February | 11 |
| March | 7 |
| April | 6 |
| May | 7 |
| June | 7 |
| July | 7 |
| August | 16 |
| September | 14 |
| October | 9 |
| November | 12 |
| December | 11 |
| Total Drive | |
| 2019 | 116 |

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Martha's Table

Free soup & Sandwich program hosted in 3 local church.

Tuesday - St. Andrew's Anglican

Wednesday - United Church

Thursday - City Lights Church

Serving an average of 30 - 50 people per sitting

We are the Hands and Feet of Christ and Together we are making a difference. Thank you for your support. (:

News from the World Mission Scene



Rev. Brian Rude, long-time missionary in El Salvador, and for whom we pray regularly in our Sunday morning prayers, is serving on a government-appointed commission which is to come up with recommendations for better treatment of refugees in El Salvador's situation. He writes:

"Yes, this ministry is challenging and enlightening. I should be a Salvadoran lawyer to be of more use to the team, but I accompany and encourage, and serve as a liaison to the Lutheran Church. A couple messages I try to communicate, from previous

experience with other marginalized groups: 1) "don't talk about us, without us;" 2) "we're not 'victims,' we're subjects of our own destiny." Most of these folk are young professionals, experts in their fields, and very dedicated, so I'm very impressed (they're not as sociable as prison inmates, and the meeting spaces are much colder!!). I do think they could involve the persons affected more, rather than simply speaking on their behalf--incorporate life-stories and testimonies, rather than relying simply on expert discourses and statistics."

Messiah is part of a large number of congregations and individuals who financially and prayerfully support "In Mission with El Salvador" of which Rev. Rude is the sole employee. In the financial year commencing May 1, 2019, members at Messiah have contributed \$3,835 to this ministry. **Thank you** to all who either regularly, or occasionally, contribute to this ministry which is motivated by the Great Commission, "Go into all the world..." (Matthew 28).

To assist readers who are motivated to contribute, yellow envelopes are available at the Welcome Desk at the rear of the sanctuary.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Blacklock, Chairperson World Mission Group

<u>Sunday School</u>

For Age 3 to Grade 6

I've noticed in past years that in January and February Sunday School tends to have a slight lull, and that is the case this year too. Attendance numbers dip a bit, and it is also more challenging to have a full roster of teachers lined up for each Sunday. (Ideally, we like to have 3 teachers/3 classes by age group each Sunday.) If you might be able to help us out by teaching next school year, even just for a few Sundays in January and February 2021, please let Michelle know (780-678-5815 cell), mkennedyhawkins@gmail.com). A special thank you to Hannah Hasselbohm and Molly Schulmeister for teaching some classes for us in 2019-2020. Your help is much appreciated.



Thank you, snack providers! The snacks have been absolutely delicious, and they are a wonderful highlight in our time downstairs.

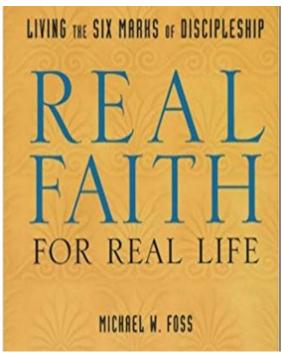
Thanks to the grade 3-6 students who helped lead songs at worship in February, and to their families for coordinating with me regarding rehearsals and sound checks.

We will build momentum again as we head into spring. The teachers and organizers will be meeting together soon to plan our spring activities and possibly to plan a special, public-welcome, extra-fun activity near our Sunday School end of semester.

Michelle Kennedy Hawkins

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 at the church office (limited quantities left.) 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.

Refugee Support Group Update

Good News!

We are anticipating the arrival of the 4 person family that we are sponsoring at Messiah this spring! We are currently collecting furniture and household goods that will be needed as per the list that follows. We have rented a storage unit to collect donated items. Please contact Yvonne Myrehaug at (780) 679 3727 to make arrangements for donations. Please note that the list of needed items will be fluid so we will accept donations on a first come basis until a particular need is filled.

Kitchen/Dining Room:

Table that can seat 4 people and 4 to 6 chairs Cutlery and glasses Bowls, baking trays, measuring cups Dish cloths, dish towels, hand towels Kettle, pots and pans

Living Room:

Couch and 2 chairs Coffee tables – 1 large and 2 small

Bedrooms:

Double or queen beds and mirrors (if not included with dressers)
Bed sheets and blankets
3 dressers and 2 small desks

We will be seeking volunteers to serve on the following committees to help with their settlement:

Orientation – community orientation, access to subsidies and other government programs.

Education – school enrollment for two teenage girls, English and other classes for parents

Clothing – assisting with acquiring clothing suitable for Alberta weather

Transportation – assisting with purchasing a vehicle, teaching about taxi and bus services in Camrose, accessing tokens for taxis

Medical – assisting with finding family physicians, dentists, etc.

Employment – assisting with finding employment, programs to enhance employability

Camrose Refugee Centre News

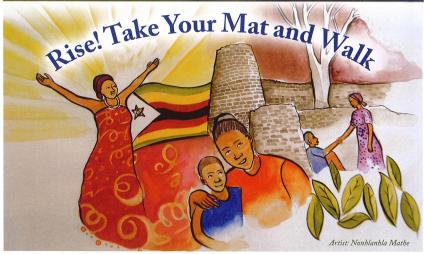
The Camrose Refugee Centre has sponsored a conversation group for newcomers who wish to enhance their conversational English. We are encouraging the congregations in our area to promote the program. The group meets Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00 in the Youth Room at Messiah. For more info, please contact Tyla Olsen at (780) 678 6480.

The Centre is also seeking to help a woman with two children who has qualified for a Habitat house. She has worked over half of the required volunteer hours required to complete her qualification but has about 200 hours to go. Please contact Yvonne Myrehaug at (780) 679 3727 for information on volunteering on behalf of this deserving lady.

There is also an opportunity to assist a member of Messiah who was previously a resident of Botswana in collecting clothing for her to take to Botswana later this year. This ambitious lady with a loving heart has already financed (on her own) two shipping containers of clothing and other goods that arrived in Botswana last year. She collaborated with government officials in Botswana and personally travelled there to deliver clothing and other goods to the poorest of communities. She's anxious to make another trip to do the same in 2020. Donations can be brought to Messiah Lutheran Church or to Harberg Wood Garnett Radchenko LLP. (4602 49 Ave, Camrose, AB T4V 0M6)

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





Ecumenical Worship Service Information/Renseignements sur la célébration œcuménique

Friday March 6 2020
Day/la date

St. Andrews Anglican Church

4713 - 50 St

/:30 pm
Additional Information/informations supplémentaires

Service written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Zimbabwe, prepared and adapted for use in Canada by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada Service rédigé par le Comité de la Journée mondiale de la prière de Zimbabwe, préparé et adapté pour le Canada par le Conseil œcuménique des chrétiennes du Canada



Volunteer Drivers Needed

To drive clients into Edmonton for Specialty Medical Appointments

GAS VOUCHER PROVIDED - POLICE CHECK REQUIRED for more information call

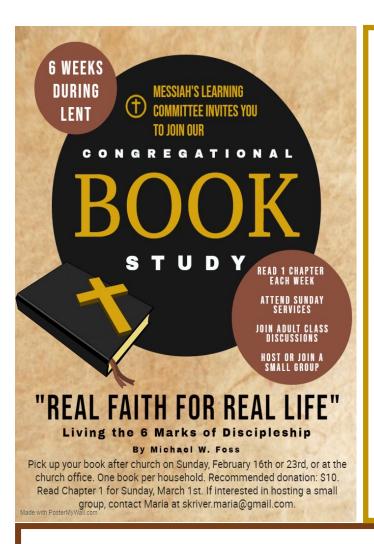
Camrose Neighbor Aid Center

Call: 780-679-3220



New Members Welcomed on
February 9, 2020
Norma Anderson
Robert & Frances Beattie
Stephen & Sarah Etty
Dena Grue
Gordon & Janet Hatch
and Joseph Soanes
Carl Hoybak & Shirley McFall
Nadine Patenaude
Orville Rupertus









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 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 (<u>rosannas@telus.net</u>). Training will be provided, and you can job-shadow until you are comfortable.

Council Highlights for February 2020

Mark your calendars and plan to come to an area meeting of ELCIC congregations to discuss how we might work together to support each other. There are many congregations struggling without a pastor and with no real hope of getting one. Everyone is facing challenges. Let's talk about how we might share ideas and resources. Bring your thoughts and creativity. MARCH 10 at Bawlf Lutheran. Potluck at 6:00pm with discussion to follow. If you cannot get there at six, come later. Your ideas are needed.

Thank you everyone who took the time to respond to the Flourishing Congregations Survey. Chris Hohm and his committee are analyzing the results and will be sharing them with you soon.

Thank you also for the donation of a bigger and better snow blower! Winter isn't over yet.

Odell Olson has volunteered to fill the vacancy left by Ruth's death on the Neighbour Aid board.

Lenten services on Wednesday nights will begin at St. Andrew's Anglican Church and carry on to other churches each week. This is a wonderful ecumenical tradition. See the posters, bulletins and newsletter for details.

For more details on what our various committees are doing and thinking about, check out the Church Council package each month. The report is available in the rack at the back of the Church.

Financial statement
January 30, 2020
(75% budget year)



| Revenue | \$291,458 |
|------------|---------------|
| Designated | <u>56,090</u> |
| Total | 347,548 |
| Expenses | 384,657 |
| Net income | -37,109 |



FOOD BANK SUNDAY

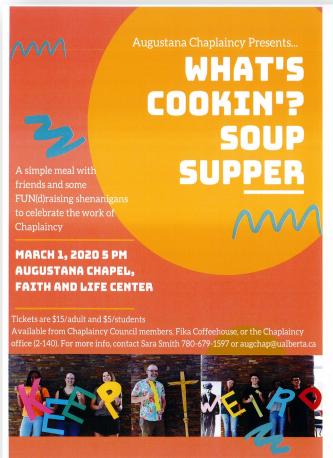
March 8

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.









COLLABORATIVE GATHERING 2



A time to come together to share our struggles and our blessings and begin to discuss how we might put those together to strengthen all our congregations.

At: Bawlf Lutheran Church, Bawlf, AB

March 10, 2020
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Starting with a POTLUCK Supper
(But if you want to attend but can't bring food, come anyway)
Followed by conversation.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

For further information: Pastor Calvin Skriver at 780-672-3444 or Pastor Julianna Wehrfritz-Hanson at 780-672-5353



QUILTING FOR

CANADIAN LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

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

As you can see there are still a few empty chairs!

Wednesday, March 18 at 9:00 a.m.



RENEW - Spiritual Retreat for Women "Artful Expressions of Prayer"

April 3-5, 2020 \$150 +GST

Rev. Bev Swanson, Camrose

Arrive 8-8:30pm on Friday Wrap-up 12:30pm on Sunday

This is a weekend for women to come together to be renewed - in their faith, in their life, in their relationships. Through prayer, teaching and meditation, we will experience the grace of God.

This weekend runs at a slower pace than many of our retreats, with an intentional focus on rest and spiritual renewal, however we will still have lots of fun, laughter, worship, great food and growth.

Find Renewal at Kuriakos!

Join Pastor Bev Swanson as she leads us through contemplative practices including meditative art, prayer, writing, music.

Pastor Bev has walked with many people in counselling and spiritual care. Personally and communally, she has been focusing on ways for people to connect with their soul and find spiritual rest. She is currently serving at Messiah Lutheran Church in Camrose.



The Camrose Refugee Centre is seeking volunteers to assist a young woman with two children who has qualified for a Habitat for Humanity house. She would appreciate help in fulfilling her obligation of volunteer hours for Habitat. Duties can include assisting at the Restore in various ways or working on a Habitat house. Habitat will help find tasks that match your skills and wishes when scheduling hours. Please contact Yvonne Myrehaug at (780) 679-3727 for information on volunteering for this deserving family.

Congratulations Juanita

Juanita Hohm (on French horn) and
Tova Olson (on piano)
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.

Contact the office or Pastor Bev if you are interested in going and would like to carpool.





Thank You so much to the Congregants and Ministerial Staff of Messiah Lutheran Church for all of your cards, prayers of support and visitations to Norma Ferguson.

If you wish to visit Norma, please call the office 780-672-3444 for her contact information.

From all of the members of her family



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 March 19 at 9:30 am in the Nursery.

Contact Lori (lor Rosanna (rosannas@telus.net).



THANK YOU for helping change lives in 2019!

Because of your support...

113,699

people in need





104 refugee families, like Wisal and her children, found new homes in Canada.

12,589

quilts & blankets

were shipped to places like Cameroon, where they were given to Nigerian refugees.





farming families

This wouldn't be possible without you! Thank you for your partnership.





Saturday, March 14 [2:00 pm], Rosehaven Auditorium

Music Heals Day Community Sing with SingAble.

To celebrate the month of March as Music Therapy Awareness month, SingAble choristers cordially invite you, your family, and your friends to explore the healing powers of music and of song in Music Heals Day Community Sing at the Rosehaven Auditorium

Sunday, March 22 [2:00 pm], Lougheed Centre (Cargill Theatre)

Camrose & District Community Band in Concert, Tom Spila, Conductor - The Augustana Connection.

Special musical guest is the Cosmopolitan Wednesday Concert Band from Edmonton, Rita Burns, Conductor. These ensembles will perform a variety of selections, from standard concert band literature and marches, to jazz and movie themes. The Camrose & District Community Band is comprised of musicians from Camrose and area, as well as a significant number of Augustana students. No admission is charged.

Friday, March 27 [4:30 pm], Augustana Faith & Life Chapel

TGIF Music Student Recital.

Featuring Augustana voice, piano, and instrumental students with piano accompanists Roger Admiral, Carolyn Olson and Tova Olson. There is no charge for admission and the public is welcome.

Friday, March 27 (7:00 pm), Augustana Faith & Life Chapel

Andrew Richards Student Solo Clarinet Recital with Tova Olson, Piano and Maya Rathnavalu, Violin.

There is no charge for admission. The public is welcome.

MARCH 28, 9:30 AM
in the
Basement Auditorium
Program by Grace Circle

Hope to see you there!

MLW GENERAL MEETING

Concordia Handbell Choir

In an afternoon Concert at Messiah

Sunday, March 29, 2020

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and posters for further information.





Messiah Church Council

Odell Olson, President Charlene Brown, Vice-President Gail Stolee, Secretary Ivar Saugen, Treasurer

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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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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 Lent 1 9:15 Adult Education 9:30 Friendship Class | 2 10:30 Lectio | 3 10:15 Staff Meeting | 4 | 5 9:30 Refugee Coffee & Conversation 10:30 Handbells | 6 | 7 8:45 Men's Bible Study |
| 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:45 Coffee Fellowship | 2:00 World Mission Group @ Eriksson's | | | 12:00 All Staff Mtg. | 1:30 World Day of Prayer @ St. Andrew's | |
| 2:30 Hastings Lake Benefit Concert & | 5:00 Witnessing Cmt. | 4:00 MLW Bible Study Briefing | 7:00 Lenten Service | 6:30 Confirmation 7:00 Messiah's | Anglican Church 2:00 Kuimba Choir | |
| Coffee Fellowship 6:30 Kuimba Choir | 7:00 Camerata | 7:00 Special Church Council Meeting | @ Church of God | Choristers 7:00 Support Cmt. | 4:00 Uvumbuzi Choir | |
| 8 Lent 2 Food Bank Sunday Daylight Savings | 9 Committee Minutes Due For Council Reporting | 10 | 11 | 9:00 Worship Cmt. | 13 | 14 8:45 Men's Bible Study |
| 9:15 Adult Education 9:30 Friendship Class | 10:30 Lectio | 10:15 Staff Meeting | | 9:30 Refugee Coffee & Conversation 10:30 Handbells | | |
| 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service | 5:15 Witnessing Cmt. | 6:00 Collaborative | 6:00 ATP Musical Rehearsal | 6:30 Confirmation | 4:00 Uvumbuzi Choir | |
| 11:45 LunchFEST | 7:00 Camerata | Gathering @ Bawlf Lutheran Church | 7:00 Lenten Service @ Messiah | 7:00 Messiah's Choristers | | |
| 15 Lent 3 | 16 | 17 Messenger Articles Due | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 9:15 Adult Education 9:30 Friendship Class | 10:30 Lectio | 10:15 Staff Meeting | 9:00 Quilting | 9:30 Refugee Coffee & Conversation 9:30 Caring for | | 8:45 Men's Bible Study |
| 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service | 4:00 | Happy St. Patrick's Day | 6:00 ATP Musical Rehearsal | Creation 10:30 Handbells | | |
| 11:45 Coffee Fellowship | Area Collaboration Steering Cmt. 7:00 Camerata | 7:00 Church Council | 7:00 Lenten Service @ Ukrainian Catholic Church | 6:30 Confirmation 7:00 Messiah's Choristers | 3:45 Kuimba Choir 4:00 Uvumbuzi Choir | |
| 22 Lent 4 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 Messenger Delivery | 28 |
| 9:15 Adult Education 9:30 Friendship Class | 10:30 Lectio | 10:15 Staff Meeting | | 9:30 Refugee Coffee & Conversation | | 8:45 Men's Bible Study 9:30 MLW General |
| NO Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service | | | 6:00 ATP Musical Rehearsal | 10:30 Handbells | 40011 | Meeting |
| 11:45 Coffee Fellowship | 7000 | | 7:00 Lenten Service @ Camrose United | NO Confirmation 7:00 Messiah's | 4:00 Uvumbuzi Choir | |
| | 7:00 Camerata | | Church | Choristers | | |
| 29 Lent 5 | 30 | 31 | | | | |
| 9:15 Adult Education 9:30 Friendship Class | 10:30 Lectio | 10:15 Staff Meeting | | | | |
| 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service | | | | | | |
| 11:45 Coffee Fellowship | | | | | | |
| Concordia Handbell Choir Afternoon Concert (time to be announced) | 7:00 Camerata | | | | | |