



# MESSIAH MESSENGER

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## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Regular worship has been suspended for the time being due to the Covid-19 pandemic.  
We are following the protocols and procedures recommended by Alberta Health Services.

We will be broadcasting live on YouTube search for MessiahCamrose or find a link on our website [messiahcamrose.ca](http://messiahcamrose.ca).

We will also continue to broadcast live on EastLink TV channels 10, 310 and 610 at 10:30 am Sunday morning and also rebroadcast on Wednesday at 5:30 pm.

Please call if you have any questions or concerns  
780 672 3444 or email [office@messiahcamrose.ca](mailto:office@messiahcamrose.ca).

## OFFICE HOURS

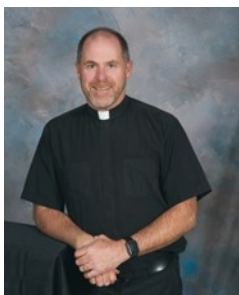
The front entrance will remain open

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,  
and Friday

8:00 am to 4:00 pm

On Wednesday's please call to confirm the availability of someone in the office.

## Minister's Message



Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

We are an Easter People.  
We live knowing that Jesus, who had died, is alive.  
We live knowing that because Jesus lives,  
we have a sure and certain hope that life with him is assured for us.  
We have been washed in the waters of rebirth and claimed in Jesus' name.  
We have been fed at his table and nourished by God's Word  
in and through others who have known God's love.  
We receive peace and joy in believing in this message.  
We **are** an Easter People.

At the very same time there are things that continue to niggle at us. We have worries (not that worry ever solved anything or made any difference, still we worry). We worry about all kinds of things: our families, health, covid19, money (or lack of it), world oil prices, economic troubles, how will others react to isolation, how will **we** react to isolation. I suspect you have your own special worries.

Sin and doubt are still hanging around. Death still has a definite air of finality.  
But we know that this is not all there is to say about what is because of Jesus.

We are an Easter People. We live in the present that is permeated with both sin (along with loss and loneliness and doubt and death and...) and the peace from God that passes all understanding (along with joy and love and courage and strength and hope). One day, God's word of life and peace and joy and hope will finally eradicate that other voice.

This is so much like those first believers experienced. They knew joy and fear. They knew worry and peace. They knew seclusion and brief moments of fellowship. They knew Jesus risen and much of the time hidden but that he was coming soon.



This covid-19 thing will not last forever: there will be an end.

In the meantime, the Holy Spirit is with us  
giving us the light in the midst of the darkness,  
strength in our weakness,  
hope in our waiting,  
joy in our hardships,  
connection with others in our loneliness.

Reach out to your neighbors.  
Reach out to your friends and family.  
Reach out to others in our congregation.



Do this safely for them and for you.

Now:

"May 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."

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Call me at 780-672-3444. **Text or call me at 780-679-5976**

Email me at: [calvinskriver@gmail.com](mailto:calvinskriver@gmail.com)

**I welcome your connections.**

## Minister's Message



### SEE, I AM DOING A NEW THING!

It has been so good to get outside, walking, taking in the warm sun on our faces. It has been such a long winter. In the days over the past couple weeks... the snow has been melting. In my yard, this has

unearthed those dreaded doggie deposits on our lawn that did not get picked up before the snow fell, bits of garbage that our dogs have found over winter, bits of a stuffed animal that our lovely Bella tore apart leaving white stuffing all over the yard... and various other bits of "stuff" that seems to find it's way under the snow. As the snow melts... there is a bit of a mess that gets unearthed... this is the nature of this time of year.

And so we pick up what is underneath and we rake up the rest. We find ourselves looking forward to the growing of the green grass, the budding of the trees and a chance perhaps to see our flowers grow once more. There is a sense of new life and our hearts and souls are warmed, especially when we have all been in so much separation in an attempt to get rid of the virus among us.

And so as I picked up the mess under the snow in my backyard which happened in stages as the snow melted... I pondered this process of letting go of the season of winter, cleaning up what is unearthed and opening to what is new. As I rake my lawn I can almost feel the earth breath a sigh of relief. There is room and space now to let in the new.

Our spiritual lives transition also every day and also need breathing room. And as we allow God's love to clean up and cleanse that which gets in the way of our growth... inner space is made and new life can take root.

We are continually being washed and made new every day. Space is being made for us to grow in our faith and relationship with our God.

God is always clearing space for the new.

The first part of Isaiah 43:19 comes to mind. "See, I am doing a new thing. It Springs up"

In this time of isolation it can seem like nothing is really happening and that the earth is on one big pause. But God is still continually doing a new thing within us no matter what is going on around us. God is continually clearing the way for new life within us to grow.

As we rake our lawns, pick up whatever is under that snow and plant and wait for the new growth; let us remember that in our hearts and souls our Risen Lord is also creating space and doing new things within each one of us.

Let us make room so that God can truly do a new thing within us and so that what God wants to grow within us can truly thrive!!

In the peace of our Risen Lord....

From the old into the new...

Pastor Bev

You may call me at **780 672 3444** (office)

Text or call me at **780 678 7830** (cell)

Email [bev@breatheopenlove.com](mailto:bev@breatheopenlove.com)







# Synod of Alberta and the Territories

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

## Bishop's Message For Congregations and Lay and Rostered Leaders



Dear Beloved of God –

Christ is risen. Alleluia!

You may recall in my correspondence this year for congregational AGM's these words:

*"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."*

Little did I know the future when I first penned these words last December.

The prayer is realistic, encouraging, honest, hopeful, no denying of difficult truths nor succumbing to sterile pessimism.

The prayer continues to be 'tailor made' for us here and now. The Spirit of God continues to lead us into a future that is unfamiliar, with the assurance that God is present, that God's hand is leading us, and that we are cradled in love.

Friends, you continue to be witnesses to me of Resurrection, to the truth that there is life and hope and promise.

I have experienced in these past weeks so many signs of hope, and of faithfulness, trust, courage, and encouragement:

- Congregational leaders, lay and rostered who, under extraordinary stress, pressure and restraints have poured themselves into the work of leadership

- Congregational leaders, lay and rostered who, tired and weary and wondering, have reached out to one another,

and to those in their midst, providing pastoral care, connection, compassion and care

- Congregational leaders, lay and rostered who, in the midst of an unprecedented time, exercised great skill (and energy and time) in preparing and/or searching for worship resources for Holy Week and Easter services

- Rostered Ministers who gather each Wednesday via ZOOM with Synod Staff for prayer, affirmation and encouragement, updates, and connecting

- Area Deans who gather weekly with rostered ministers via ZOOM for check-in with each other, study and/or prayer

- Creativity, ingenuity, openness, support, encouragement, trust, community....

Friends, you have been signs to me of Resurrection life.

And, I have never been so proud of you.

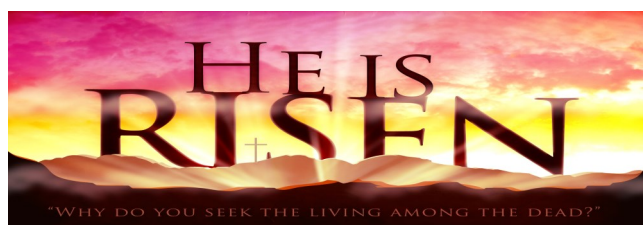
Alleluia. Christ is risen, indeed!

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

Graveside Service  
For Marie Tveit  
(by Pastor David Eriksson)



## Memorials

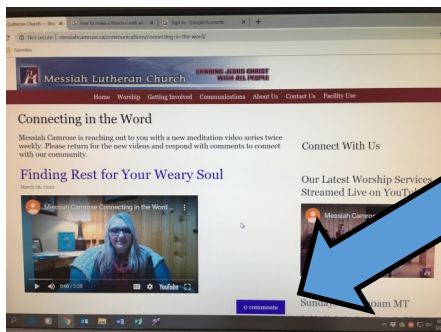
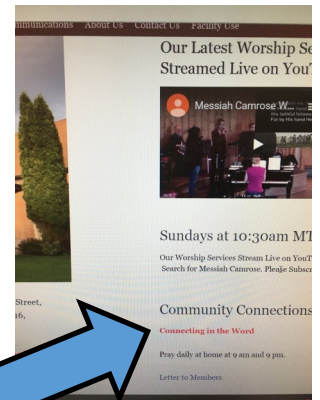
Special gifts since last  
reported in memory of:  
David Taylor  
Marie Tveit




### CONNECTING IN THE WORD

Our Pastors are utilizing technology and bringing us a twice weekly time to connect around the Word. Go to [messiahcamrose.ca](http://messiahcamrose.ca) and click on

**Connecting in the Word** on the bottom right of the home page. A new video clip will be put up each Tuesday and Thursday evening.



This screen will come up, clip on the arrow  to start the video. Then after you have watched it share your thoughts with us by clicking on the blue Comments bar. Enter your name, email and message—click on Submit. Your message will be visible after it has been added by

an administrator.

### Congregational Prayer Time

Please join us in a time of prayer each day at 9 am or 9 pm (or both) to pray for each other, our world and our church. Just take a moment if you are able and know that others are joining to form this unique prayer circle from Messiah.



## Pasika Nziza | Joyeuses Pâques | Happy Easter

Although not the kind of Easter any of us were expecting - there are certain truths that are not changed by our current situation. The power of an empty tomb to give hope is not different if we can't be sitting in the same building on Sunday morning.

The power of resurrection to change lives is not reduced if we can't gather with extended family for brunch.

The power of love to heal, restore, and renew is not mitigated by staying physically distant from others.

In fact, the point of Easter - that death is overcome - means seeing daily updates of confirmed cases and infection rates should not rob us of our deepest, truest hope.

While many of the things we miss are good - and we can't wait to get them back - hopefully we've all learned something from this collective experience about what is necessary that we never noticed, what is optional that we thought required, and what is harmful that we thought was beneficial.

We are especially glad that we are all together this year, and pray you have found meaningful ways to maintain connections to those you hold dear.

Jonah and Matea came home early as their term was halted just a day after we returned from Kenya, but since then the decision was made that they will not be returning for the final term this year. This, of course, was a huge disappointment especially for Jonah who now misses out on all his senior year activities which are uniquely special and important at a school like RVA where the kids live together for years, before dispersing to all corners of the globe after they finish.

Our family continues to heal and recover from the armed robbery at our home in February. My physical wounds are healing quite well, though I still don't have my normal voice back, we still have hope it will recover. The anxiety we feel is slowly decreasing, sleep has mostly returned, and we feel that as the days pass things are generally getting better.

Thanks for all your care, support, and concern for our family, through this last season, and over the five years that we've been in Burundi so far.

**HAPPY EASTER!**

**The Watts**

***Prayer Requests:***

*\*that our already overburdened and under-resourced health care system and hospital specifically would be able to cope and offer care*

*\*for so many here who already struggle to feed their families*

*\*that disturbed economic systems would not push them over the edge for peace and calm in the upcoming elections*

*\*for our family as we continue to heal and readjust to life*



## Greetings from Rev. Brian Rude in El Salvador

### Palm Sunday / Sunday of the Passion Reflections



Have we mortals ever been in more dire need of a Messiah?

Messiahs abound. The president of El Salvador might have been hailed as "Messiah" had the distribution of his \$300 / who-knows-whom aid package flowed more smoothly.

"*Cuaresma*" (Lent) has reached its end. "Cuarentena" (quarantine) goes on (indefinitely?).

It is high time we seek a Messiah, to celebrate a triumphal entry.

So, today we mortals seek a Messiah. If you live in a clime which requires a coat, grab it, and let's go find ourselves a Messiah. If you live in a clime where palm branches flourish, grab one, and let's go find ourselves a Messiah. Be sure to practice physical distance, of course--only your two feet every two metres. The "*corona*" (crown) part doesn't come until Friday.

In the absence of a messiah-rescuer, if my housemates were not such cynics and were more religious, more into rites, such as Palm Sunday processions, we could work something up here at home, quite convincingly, with this palm bush just outside our front door. The trick might be finding some coats to throw down, here in this tropical clime where even shirts are too much.

Hordes surround us, though most are held at bay most of the time. Last Monday thousands took to the streets, carelessly shedding any quarantine directives or wisdom, eager to claim the \$300 subsidy promised by the president over the weekend. If he'd have succeeded in satisfying them, the mobs might well have hailed him as their Messiah. Alas, we may have to look for another (as many continue to look for their \$300).

The Emperor's triumphal security forces abound, parading all over this tiny country, guarding gates everywhere, reinforcing blind border entries, ensuring that no-one wanders outside their front door without written permission, signed by who-knows-whom. Many of these agents are appointed by the state (police and military). Many are self-appointed (gangs). Tales abound of brutality and illegal detentions. Wanderers are beaten into submission, or imprisoned for a month. Salvadorans aren't yet so afraid of the coronavirus (about 60 confirmed Covid-19 infections to date, 3 deaths, 2 recoveries) as they are of the means being imposed to prevent its spread.

Here in El Salvador, it is those leaning to the left (politically, human rights oriented), who caution against its over-implementation. With a primarily informal economy, too many are left without their daily bread, or tortillas, and those taking control are overly concerned for their own people, at the expense of others. Quarantines don't inspire justice and peace and compassion any more than our everyday homicide-plagued society does.

So, this first Sunday, this launching of "Holy" Week, is more a Sunday of the Passion--yet another any-day-of-the-year Passion, than it is a Palm Sunday, liturgically-speaking. May God have mercy on us all, moment by moment, day by day.

Via Facebook live and WhatsApp, we will come together to relive the rituals, as best we can from the isolation of our own homes, as corporately as possible while in solitude.

In spite of this novel reality we are experimenting, exploring:

HOSANNA! Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!

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## Good Friday Greetings from Rev. Brian Rude



### Good Friday *Corona*

I've had a crown of thorns on my front terrace for almost as long as Jesus walked this earth. It grew from a clip I borrowed from Maryknoll sister friends (Maryknoll sisters know about crowns of thorns).

"Crown" (*corona*) has taken on a much more sinister significance this year, a profoundly "Good Friday" significance, as so much of the world Jesus came to save is being crucified along with him--so many due to the *corona* virus itself, so many others due to collateral effects.

Besides the news, personal messages keep pouring in, and I am helpless to respond in any life-giving way. I am surrounded, but out of "touch" (now only virtually), by neighbours and friends without food, without water, without healthcare . without security from violence . . . almost without hope. Life for them has become a *corona* of thorns--not only the worrisome, often deadly virus, but also with a few "*corona* of thorns" layers thrust on top, gouging into the scalp, provoking bleeding and pain.

May God's children not lose Easter hope while being tormented by this Good Friday *corona* of thorns.

**Weeping over this *corona*-plagued world,  
Brian**

**Rev. Dr. Brian Rude**

**"In Mission with El Salvador / "*En Misión con El Salvador*"**

**Synod of Alberta and the Territories**

**ELCICanada**

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Submitted, with some editing, by Ray Blacklock on behalf of Rev. Rude.

## World Mission News

The News that is for the whole world, that Christ is Risen!! is fresh on our minds and hearts.

As you will see through the article offered by **Rev. Rude**, he continues on the front lines in El Salvador. In regard to the financial support that Messiah members provide in support of his ministry, the monthly report of gifts from March is not easily available to share with you, but that does not mean they are not welcome. They are welcome and needed. Thank you.

As an addition to the article from the **Watts family in Burundi**, Cece Watts has reported that by the time you read their article, they will have returned to Edmonton and will be in isolation for the required time. Will they go back? Are they staying home in Canada? Stay tuned!!

Displayed on our link bulletin board are the pictures of **Ryan and Siobain Cole**, he a pilot with **Mission Aviation Fellowship in Papua New Guinea**. They are currently on leave from PNG, having already visited her folks and friends in the United Kingdom. However they are now in Alberta at his parents' home in Brownfield, Alberta. They had plans for visiting their supporters in Canada, and particularly in Alberta, but the pandemic has restricted those face-to-face meetings, and is even raising questions as to when they will be able to return to Papua New Guinea. Perhaps we could have a ZOOM visit with them!

May the Peace of the Risen Christ be with us all.

Ray Blacklock, Chairperson, World Mission Group



# NEWS BRIEFS



Canadian Lutheran  
World Relief

**As COVID-19 reaches every corner of the globe, CLWR is more thankful than ever for our friendship and support, making sure that the most vulnerable aren't forgotten during this crisis.**

**Here's how CLWR and its partners are already responding:**

**Southeast Asia:** Since the outbreak started, partner offices in Myanmar, Nepal and Laos have been running campaigns in remote and vulnerable communities to provide information about the virus and limiting its spread. CLWR's ongoing work in Myanmar includes providing sanitation and hygiene access to vulnerable families in IDP camps.

**Jordan:** CLWR's partner office in Jordan is working with the UNHCR to rush hand sanitizers to Za'atari refugee camp, home to almost 100,000 displaced Syrians.

**Ethiopia:** CLWR partners are scaling up water and sanitation projects, and providing protective equipment for staff in critical ongoing aid efforts.

**Jerusalem:** As the virus began to spread in Gaza and the West Bank, Augusta Victoria Hospital moved quickly into emergency operations mode and has been set up as a key facility for testing and treatment of severe cases of COVID-19.

**Refugee Camps:** Partner staff in all locations are increasing focus on hygiene, sanitation and clean water to protect the most vulnerable and the staff administering vital aid programs.

**Financial donations are desperately needed at this time to help control COVID-19. Give online, by phone 1-800-661-2597, or mail to 600-177 Lombard Ave., Winnipeg, MB R3B 0W5.**

**CLWR expresses thanks for our partnership and our prayers.**

## Roof Repair Update

The final cost of roofing repairs completed on the flat roof sections of the Fellowship Center increased by \$7612.50 including G.S.T.

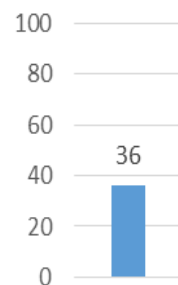
There were sections totaling 608 sq.ft. where rotten insulation had to be removed and replaced. As well there was new plywood and expanded foam insulation put around the roof perimeter at the base of the parapet walls to insure leak proofing.

This additional cost was not unexpected since we did not know what conditions would be discovered when the old roofing was removed.

Thank you to everyone for your generous support of this project. It has been about 1/3 covered through these donations to date.

Ron Foshaug [For the Support Committee]

Roof  
Fund



## ROOF FUND

**The updated  
goal is \$92,341**

**Received as of  
April 26:  
\$33,310**

## Council Highlights for April 2020

Gratitude and kudos to our ministry staff for the way they have adapted Sunday and Easter worship to the times.

Our pastors report spending much of their time connecting to members by phone and encouraged everyone to reach out to others during this time of isolation. A chat with the pastor is wonderful; but, they cannot talk to everyone very often so whatever we can do is important to keeping our community healthy in this uncertain time.

At this time our pastors are not allowed hospital and care home visits which is painful for all concerned. The office door is now open which makes dropping things off and appropriate cleaning of surfaces easier.

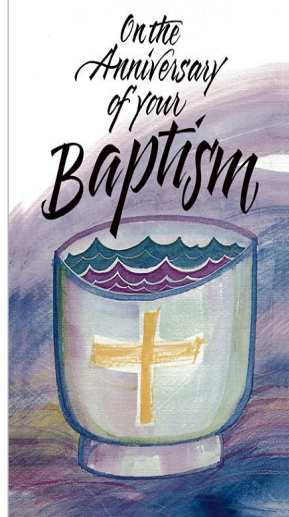
Pastor Bev reported that the virtual retreat she led was well received and could lead to other virtual events.

Confirmation has been deferred to the fall.

Discussions are ongoing as to how and when to hold the Annual General Meeting.

A committee is currently recruiting members for Council and Committees. Please say, "Yes". You are important in the Messiah story and mission.

Thank you! The generosity and love of our members and even some who know us mainly through our television ministry shone through in April. The treasurer began with appreciation for the work of the ministry team for the services they have prepared during the suspension of regular public worship. He expressed gratitude for how members have stepped up generously on behalf of the roof fund, Easter giving and regular contributions. Pending a full financial statement for the end of April and this fiscal year, he reported that it appears we will be close to budget. The roof fund now stands at \$33,250.



We recognize the  
monthly  
Baptismal Anniversaries  
of the children  
in the *Splash* program:  
**Avery Wren**  
*Let your light so shine  
before others  
that they may see your  
good works  
and glorify your Father  
in heaven.*

## FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Food bank donations  
are still needed and  
can be dropped off  
at the Food Bank  
Mon to Fri from  
9 am to 4 pm.

Monetary donations  
are also greatly  
appreciated and can  
be made at [atbcares.com](http://atbcares.com)



## Support Hastings, one puzzle piece at a time!

Donate a Piece of the Puzzle

**Hastings Lake Bible Camp needs YOU!**

Dear Friends,

In a myriad of ways, the present times are challenging. And yet, they are the perfect times to Be still and know that He is God. (Psalm 46:10)

For 82 years, Hastings Lake Bible Camp has been a refuge from the rigors of daily life. It has also been a wonderful place to worship and learn about God, fellowship with old friends, make new friends, and receive strength and rejuvenation.

Let's keep our Camp going and growing for a long time to come! Prayer is of utmost importance. Financial support is an essential element as well. The Capital Committee is excited to share two fundraising initiatives, in addition to methods of giving already in place. We hope you'll take time to look these over and participate as you are able.

Thank you for your consideration! May the Lord bless you and keep you.

From the Capital Committee:

*Lee Woolery, Andrew Carlson, Anne Lyseng, Ally England, Cathy Csernyanski*

### **Option One: A piece of the puzzle**

Over the last several decades, thousands of people have been impacted and God's Kingdom has been advanced. Has Hastings Lake Bible Camp been a piece of your life?

Imagine this wonderful place as a puzzle, built piece by piece – the physical structures and, even more importantly, the lives. Picture the years going by – millions of hours of friendship-building, work, love, learning, spiritual growth, fellowship, and fun – all becoming enduring pieces of the whole that is HLBC. **With those images in the mind, we have created a collage of camp photos and made it into a puzzle!** This puzzle, "Pieces of Camp" (pictured below), will be used as a lovely way to remember and honour those we love.

**When you donate \$50**, the name of your honouree, and their birth date if you like (up to 26 characters) will be written on the back of a puzzle piece.

When all pieces have been spoken for, this memento will hang in the future Trinity Lodge with both sides visible. In years to come, our descendants will enjoy a sense of belonging ... seeing our names, theirs, and those of friends and relatives. (One of our committee members plans to donate for 6 pieces and celebrate each of her grandchildren. And, in remembrance of her parents, 2 more!)

### **Option Two: Buy a puzzle to do at home**

In keeping with our Pieces Of Camp campaign, you can purchase high quality Hastings themed puzzles to enjoy at home or give as gifts. Not only will it be fun, it's a terrific way to support Hastings Lake Bible Camp! All are images of camp. All puzzles are 16" x 20" regardless of piece count.

*Puzzles will be ordered for buyers in batches on April 30, May 15, May 31 & June 15. Please allow 3 weeks for delivery.*

### **Some examples of puzzles:**



Puzzle 1 Canoes



Puzzle 2 Campfire



Hastings Lake Collage (option #1))

There are four Option 2 puzzles which are priced at 500 piece@ \$150(+GST); 300 piece@ \$140(+GST); 200 piece@ \$130(+GST)

All prices include shipping and handling.

\*Note: tax receipts will only be issued for option ONE.

Visit the website at [www.hastingslake.com](http://www.hastingslake.com) for more information and pictures of puzzles.

# ATTENTION ALL PRAYER WARRIORS



We miss seeing our Sunday School children come to Children's Time! Please continue to pray for them and if you are willing, to pray specifically for one of them.

To facilitate this happening the Sunday School teachers are in the process of contacting the parents of our Sunday School children to seek permission for their child's/children's involvement in this ministry. In the meantime, please phone or email Lori at the church office of your willingness to pray specifically for one of our students. She will record your name and phone number.

By mid-May you will be contacted by phone and given the name of one of our students, and we are hoping that you will follow through with your commitment to pray for that child until May of 2021. In addition to their name you will receive their age and the dates of their birth and baptism. Since more than one child in a family may be participating we request that gifts not be given. A verbal greeting or a written note or card should be fine. We, as Sunday School teachers, will brainstorm ways we can remind the students that they are being prayed for.

Contact information for the church office is as follows.

Phone: 780-672-3444

Email: [office@messiahcamrose.ca](mailto:office@messiahcamrose.ca)

Thank you for considering this opportunity to pray for one of our Sunday School Children. If you have any questions, contact Darlene Dahle at 780-672-8488



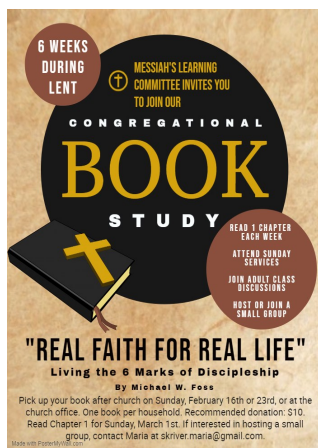


**The Garage Sale has been postponed until further notice.**



### Congregational Book Study Update

Thank you to all those that participated in our Congregational Book Study - "Real Faith for Real Life". While it came to an early end this Spring, we are encouraging you to hold onto the book as we hope to conclude the study in the Fall.



### "Zoom" Online Gatherings & Studies



While we may not be able to meet in in-person groups right now, meeting online is an option. While not quite the same, it allows for connection and discussion, just in a different way. If you are interested in joining or hosting an Online Bible Study or Digital Coffee Gathering (everyone makes their own coffee at home and then logs in to visit), please let the church office know.

*Messiah's Learning Committee*

### **Connecting in the Word**

Your pastors have stepped out of their comfort zone and are putting up brief recorded inspirational messages to help us with some added connection **in addition** to our regular worship on Eastlink TV and YouTube.

Every Tuesday and Thursday we will put up a message where you can listen and also write in a response if you wish. Look for a notice on the home page of our website [messiahcamrose.ca](http://messiahcamrose.ca), to connect to a link called,

"Connecting in the Word".



We are able to accept  
E-transfers at the following  
email address:

**[offering@messiahcamrose.ca](mailto:offering@messiahcamrose.ca)**

(deposits directly)





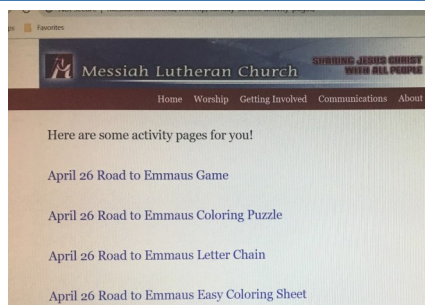
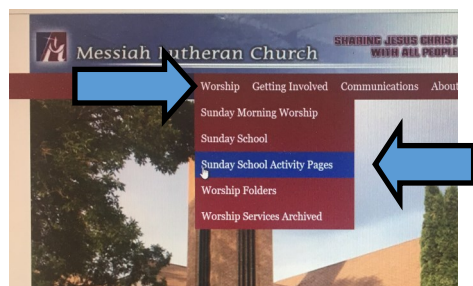
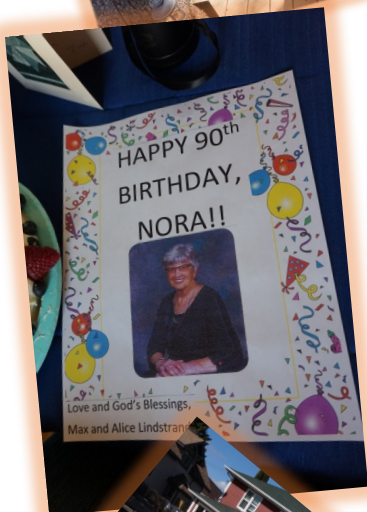
Thanks from  
Nora Gilbertson

Thanks to all of you who joined in the  
PARADE to celebrate my 90th birthday.  
WOW!

My pacemaker could hardly keep up  
with the excitement as the cars rolled  
by!!

And also thank you for  
all the phone calls, cards  
and flowers I received.

My house (and heart)  
are FULL!



We have added some fun content to our website for the kids young and old!  
Feel free to drop off your coloring in box in the Church foyer and we will put them up in the windows!!  
Just go to the website under Worship, Sunday School Activity Pages, click and choose your picture(s).

**HAPPY COLORING!!**





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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,  
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**Sunday morning service is currently  
 closed to the public, but we will  
 continue to broadcast on Eastlink  
 channels 10, 310 & 610. Rebroadcast  
 Wednesdays at 5:30 pm.**

**Our services are LIVE streamed  
 on YouTube. Search for  
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 link for the live stream on our  
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| 3 Fourth Sunday of<br>Easter<br><br>10:30 am Worship<br>Service broadcast<br>on Eastlink (ch. 10,<br>310, 610) and on<br>YouTube search for<br>MessiahCamrose                                                                                                        | 4<br><br>World Mission<br>Group by Zoom                             | 5<br><br>10:15 Staff Meeting                                                                  | 6 OFFICE MAY BE<br>CLOSED - call to<br>check if someone is<br>available in the office                                                                                     | 7<br><br>3:00 Confirmation<br>By Zoom                                            | 8                                                                                        | 9<br>Men's Bible Study<br>by Zoom |
| 10 Fifth Sunday of<br>Easter<br>Foodbank Sunday<br>10:30 am Worship<br>Service broadcast on<br>Eastlink (ch. 10, 310, 610)<br>and on YouTube search for<br>MessiahCamrose<br><br> | 11<br>Committee Minutes Due<br>For Council Reporting                | 12<br><br>10:15 Staff Meeting                                                                 | 13 OFFICE MAY BE<br>CLOSED - call to<br>check if someone is<br>available in the office                                                                                    | 14<br><br>3:00 Confirmation<br>By Zoom                                           | 15                                                                                       | 16                                |
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| 24 Seventh Sunday<br>of Easter<br><br>10:30 am Worship<br>Service broadcast<br>on Eastlink (ch. 10,<br>310, 610) and on<br>YouTube search for<br>MessiahCamrose                                                                                                      | 25                                                                  | 26<br><br>10:15 Staff Meeting                                                                 | 27 OFFICE MAY BE<br>CLOSED - call to<br>check if someone is<br>available in the office                                                                                    | 28<br><br>3:00 Confirmation<br>By Zoom                                           | 29 Messenger<br>Delivery                                                                 | 30                                |
| 31 Pentecost<br>Sunday<br><br>10:30 am Worship<br>Service broadcast<br>on Eastlink (ch. 10,<br>310, 610) and on<br>YouTube search for<br>MessiahCamrose                                                                                                              |                                                                     |                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                  |                                                                                          |                                   |