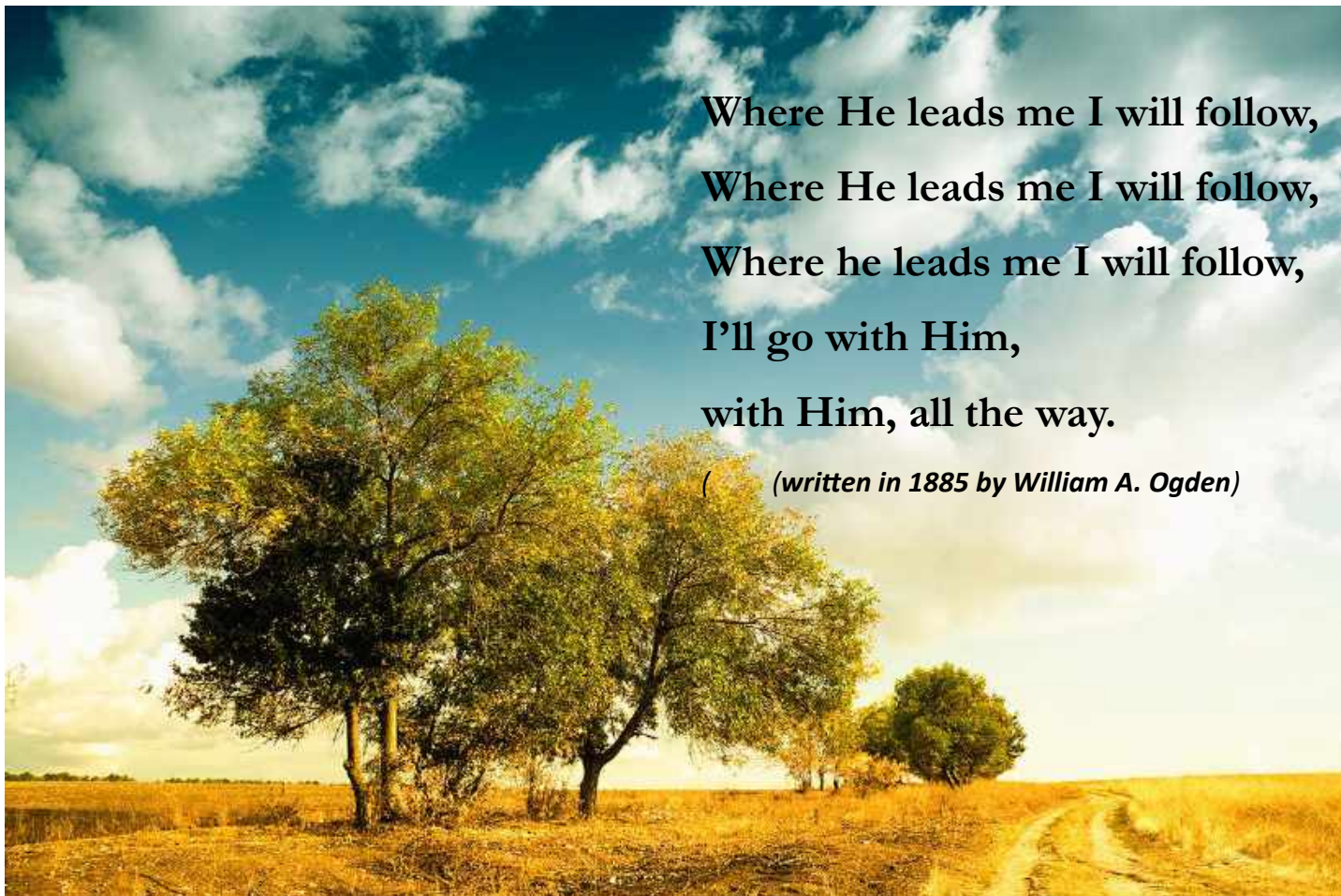




# MESSIAH MESSENGER

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Where He leads me I will follow,  
Where He leads me I will follow,  
Where he leads me I will follow,  
I'll go with Him,  
with Him, all the way.

(written in 1885 by William A. Ogden)

## SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Regular worship is resuming on  
September 13 at 10:30 am.  
See pages 2, 3 and 4 for additional information.

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

Monday to Friday  
8:00 am - Noon  
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

## CHURCH BUILDING WILL BE OPEN

Monday to Friday  
8:00 am to 4:00 pm



# Messiah Lutheran Church

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## **In-Person Worship at Messiah Resumes on September 13, 2020**

Messiah's Church Council met on September 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved the Worship Committee's recommendation that in-person worship at Messiah Lutheran Church will resume on **September 13<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday School on September 27<sup>th</sup> 2020.**

We have been so fortunate to gather as a faith community through TV broadcast or online streaming through YouTube but many have been looking forward to worshipping together again in person.

The following guidelines have been established for the safe return to our building for worship:

- Entrance will be only from two doors – either the “link” door on the east side or the “alley” door on the west side. Seating within the sanctuary will flow from whichever entrance you arrive at, with the “link” door leading you to sit on the east side and the alley door leading you to sit on the west side. (refer to map on page 4)
- Please arrive in plenty of time to be seated. Call the office if you are able to help usher.
- We encourage you to use the hand sanitizer which will be at each entrance.
- We will need to practice the principle of physical distancing, staying 2 metres (6 feet) apart and using only every second pew. We will need to physically distance as we move into and out of our worship space as well. Ushers will be there to guide you. (Families and cohorts are welcome to sit closely together.) Ushers will lead you to your seat and at the end of the service will guide dismissal beginning with the back pews.
- The washrooms in the hallway to the Fellowship Centre will be open as will the one at the back of the sanctuary.
- To help with the safety of others, please wear a mask, if that is possible for you. Masks will be available at the church but you are welcome to wear your own.
- Offerings can be placed in the offering plate upon entry or you might prefer other options such as mailing a cheque, e-transfer, or drop off at the office.
- Our worship team will provide music, but the congregation will not join in singing out loud. Instead, we invite you to sing in your head, hum along, or meditate with the music. If Worship folders are used they will be placed in the pews ahead of time. Hymnals will not be used.

- The “Peace of the Lord” will be shared by waving, nodding or bowing rather than with physical contact such as the shaking of hands or hugging.
- Initially, we will not be celebrating Holy Communion.
- With your permission, we will keep a list of names of people attending. This list will be kept confidentially by the church office for only two weeks and used by Alberta Health Services for contact tracing only in the event of a COVID-19 case in our midst.
- Sunday School is tentatively scheduled to begin on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Unless they are in Sunday School, children are to remain with a parent or guardian at all times.

Our Synod office has also communicated to congregations returning to in-person worship the following health precautions:

- Staff, volunteers and worshippers who are ill or have any common COVID-19 symptoms (cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose, sore throat) that are not related to a pre-existing illness or health issue must not attend. Before each gathering the use of the online self-screening tool found at “myhealth.alberta.ca” by clicking on “COVID-19 MyHealth.Alberta.ca patient instruction and other important links”, then clicking on “COVID-19 Self-Assessment” is recommended.
- Individuals who have travelled internationally in the last 14 days must not attend.
- Those with underlying medical conditions and those over 65 years old should be aware that they are at higher risk of experiencing worse symptoms if they contract the virus.
- Worshippers are asked to practice good hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette by coughing or sneezing into their elbow or sleeve.

Alberta Health Services still recommends worshipping from home, so if you prefer, continue to join us through our broadcast or online. Whether in-person or virtually from home we gather as one in the Spirit to worship and praise our Lord.

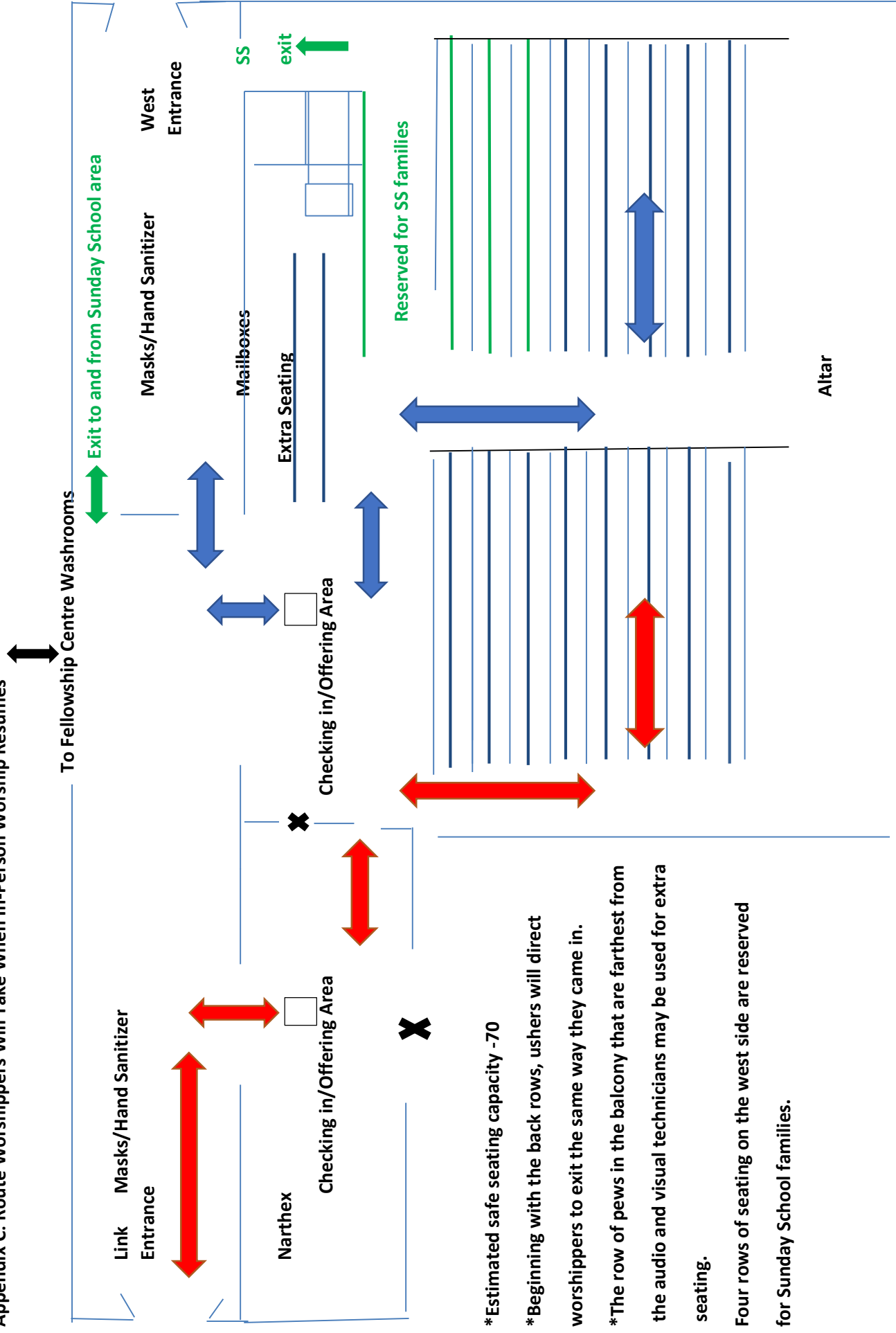
If you have not already done so, and plan to attend an in-person worship, please email or phone the office of your intent. Thank you.

**Thanks be to God!**

*Sharing Jesus Christ with all People*



# Appendix C: Route Worshippers Will Take When In-Person Worship Resumes



\*Estimated safe seating capacity -70

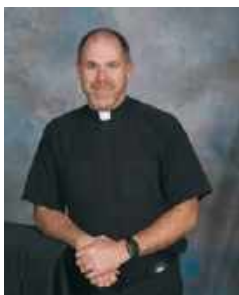
\*Beginning with the back rows, ushers will direct worshippers to exit the same way they came in.

\*The row of pews in the balcony that are farthest from the audio and visual technicians may be used for extra seating.

Four rows of seating on the west side are reserved for Sunday School families.



## Minister's Message



*After he (Jesus) had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray.*

*When evening came he was there all alone,*

*Matthew 14:23*

Verse 23 from Matthew's gospel does indeed end with a comma. That time of Jesus' life was a whirlwind of activity and in the midst of that Jesus took time: to pray and to be by himself. But it was just a comma, a pause, in his life for the real work he was called to do. I hope you have been able to take pauses in your life when you need it.

At the moment I am very much in need of a long comma. In a few days I will be going away for three weeks of "holy-days" but you will be reading this near the end of my "pause time". So in some ways this will seem out of place to you. (I need to write now to meet the necessary deadlines.) Never-the-less it is only a time to pause – a comma in our lives.

This pause for Jesus was just a brief moment of time between feeding 5000+ people and then walking on water and calming a storm. And the action didn't end there. When they had reached the other side, people recognized Jesus and "brought all who were sick to him, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak". That's part of the real work that Jesus was called to do. He was sent to heal and teach. Basically he was sent to live God's caring for the world.

We are called to be reflections of Jesus in this world. An important part of our work is to be caring people as Jesus was. To do this we need time to pause. We need commas in our lives. But this time is not the end in itself. This time is intended to prepare us for caring for the world around us.

I am so thankful that there are many ways that Messiah continues to operate as a caring community for the world around us. Continue to look to strengthen this caring. Continue to look for ways that you can participate personally in this caring, with the body of Christ here that we call Messiah.

I need a comma in my life at the moment. May this time energize me to participate with you in caring for the people of Camrose and people around the world. As we move into September, may we continue on in our journey together with Jesus' strength, wisdom and love.

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 mean it... call/text/email me.)



## Minister's Message



### *THE LORD YOUR GOD IS WITH YOU*

I am sitting on my front step and listening to the birds as I write this article. It is becoming more and more like fall outside. The days are just a bit cooler although very lovely still.

As we come to the end of August, we start to look at our normal fall schedules. I am struck by how everything is so up in the air right now. We will have schools opening that will look different. We will figure out how to meet in our church in small groups and in our assembly. Our Sunday School is figuring out how that might look during this time of pandemic. The warm weather still allows us to walk outside and meet together and yet we wonder, "What will happen when winter hits us?" There are some real challenges in our days ahead, for sure; and, it can be a bit sad and discouraging for some.

Usually we are winding up at this time of year to move into our fall programs with great enthusiasm and now we are kind of stalled. We try to figure out how to keep our people safe and still gather to be a church community but there is some grief in this time; grief that things are not as we normally experience them. Everything is a bit less carefree.

As things are uncertain, we cannot really just dive into planning and being together without a lot of thought going into how that will really look from a safety standpoint.

And so, the road ahead of us is a little bit windy and kind of uncertain. We are truly unsure if we will start on a journey around one corner and find out that that road is blocked. We don't know if, when we begin meeting as a church, we will be able to continue. We just don't know.

It is in times like this that our faith in our Lord

comforts us. We are invited not to trust in the things of this world to lead us and guide us. Although we cannot count on things going always as planned, we can be sure of the One who leads us and guides us. Sometimes I have found it is even a little bit discouraging as we enter into fall this year. Maybe you have too. And yet in Joshua 1:9 we are given these words, "Do not be afraid or discouraged for the Lord your God is with you wherever you may go."

What solid words these are for us in these days where the ground beneath us is a bit uneven and the road before us more uncertain.

Our Lord is indeed with us wherever we may go.

Let's take these words with us into the uncertainty of the days ahead and be reminded that God is indeed present in all our days, our moments and in all circumstances.

Blessings to you now as you move into the days ahead. We move forward together as a church, connected in the Spirit and by the one who is with us.

In Peace and in the Love of our Lord

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)





## Meditation on Psalm 139 by Jane Arial

I want to preface the meditation with a message of gratitude to the members of Messiah Lutheran Church, my church family. You have supported myself and my family with prayer, visits, food, cards and a multitude of ways that have meant the world to us these last years. I know my love of scripture has been nourished by the foundation Messiah has laid for me. My life is filled daily with gratitude for you and your steadfast devotion to serving God.

One way I have been able to serve is through providing a space for Lectio Divina. We call it a journey through prayer. A group of us have been meeting for some years, weekly for one hour on Monday mornings. It is open to anyone who is called to deepen their awareness of how God is meeting them in their everyday lives.

The first time I was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia in July 2017, I was given the words of Psalm 91:2 by my friend who had cancer years ago. They helped her and they helped me. I walked the halls of the unit with "God is my refuge and my strength..."

So, backing up the story...something went awry in my bone marrow. Upon receiving reports of the blood results, it was determined that I would need a bone marrow biopsy. Leukemia was the diagnosis. With this, came one month at the U of A hospital following with three months of continued chemo.

Unfortunately, I had a relapse, diagnosed in January of 2019. The only way through this time was to have a stem cell transplant. Fortunately, my sister was a perfect match, thanks Carol!!! Thus, began the second journey, another month in the hospital followed by weeks of chemo and preparing for the stem cell transplant.

Through this second time, Psalm 139 was a go to for me. I sat one morning, just after the year anniversary, reading Psalm 139 again when a recent event in my life came to mind. What then followed was the following:

I have been knit in my Mother's womb and in fact reknit with new stem cells that are doing their work in my bone marrow. You have formed my inward parts God, and have provided the way for me to be new and fresh, like a newborn. Like a newborn baby, I need to have all my vaccinations done. One-year anniversary has come and gone. I have been able to return to most activities within reason. Such a relief not to be quite so cautious, living life fully. However, living life fully comes with bumps and bruises that I can't take for granted anymore. I was leading my grandson on a pull toy down our sidewalk. I turned to look at him and turning back, fell to my knees. I must have tripped, not sure on what! However, I was shaken and realized I had skinned my knee. I haven't skinned my knee since I was a little girl. The next day I had my "shots", including tetanus. The nurse asked if I had a recent injury. Does broken skin from a sidewalk count? Yes. God, you know when I rise and when I sit down (fall). God, you hem me in, behind and before and lay your hand upon me. Wonderful knowledge. The nurse needed special permission to give me immediate tetanus protection because I had broken skin. She needed to "call above" came to my mind as I sat, waiting for the word from the higher ups. I was able to receive the needed protection.

Living life, broken skin, loving care. How does God meet me where I am? I don't doubt God is with me, before and behind. One of the gifts of this time of illness, treatment and recovery is the gift of knowing the preciousness of moments, mostly simple daily events that give me a sustained knowing of God's love.

Submitted by Jane Arial



## Bishop's Message

### For Congregations and Lay and Rostered Leaders



Dear Beloved of God –

There are written prayers which speak to me profoundly, and which I return to again and again. They have become part of me. My breath. My DNA.

“Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest”,  
The Lord’s Prayer, “Now I lay me

down to sleep”, the familiar prayer from the Morning and Evening Prayer services, “O God, you have called your servants...”, just to name a few.

I recall hearing this latter prayer years ago now, in the mid-80’s as a college student, in the form of a choral anthem. The text, the prayer, had been set for four-part harmony. A beautiful melody. Each vocal part wondrously written. I still sing the bass line and the melody.

Over the years I have sung this hymn, prayed this text, over and over again. As a new parent. When I began my First Call at Bethany Lutheran, Dickson, Alberta, and beginning each subsequent call. At the death of my youngest sister. At times when I have wondered and questioned. And, at times when I have moved to thanksgiving and praise.

One of the reasons that I love this prayer is because it is realistic and yet encouraging, honest yet 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, Eric Milner-White, and like many good prayers from another time and place, it sounds like it was tailor made for us here and now.

Here and now, as the Spirit of God continues to lead us into a future that is unfamiliar, with the assurance that God is present, God’s hand leading, cradled in love.

I have sung this prayer and prayed this text many times over these past COVID-19 months. I am sure that I will sing and pray them over and over again in the months to come.

As I have sung and prayed in these days of unseen endings, of paths yet untrodden, through perils unknown, I have experienced with you and through you so many signs of hope, 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; and though tired and weary and wondering, have reached out to one another, and to those in their midst, providing pastoral care, connection, compassion and care.

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

And our church, working together in ways that witness to the Spirit of God among us. Joint correspondence from national and synod treasurers, and from national and synod bishops. Sharing of resources and experience. A Pentecost celebration with our Full Communion partners.

As we journey together join me in singing the hymn. Join me in prayer.

And as we journey, continue to be humble and gentle with one another. Honor each other. Make space for lament. Welcome moments of joy. Help each other live into hope. Learn from this journey in the coronavirus wilderness and let the learning lead us forward. Trust that God is at work in this time and look for the new things God is doing even now.

Thank you for your witness to patient trust in God and to sacrificial, cruciform love for your neighbors.

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

In Christ Jesus – Shalom,

+Larry

You may find a video greeting from Bishop Larry at this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MmFzjioYSdE>







## COVID-19 CRISIS

Covid-19 has changed our world, and while our country has had some success at flattening the curve, in many regions of the world the coronavirus is threatening not just sickness, but a food crisis not seen in many decades. These high levels of hunger for many around the world are due to movement restrictions, closed businesses, lost livelihoods and disrupted supply chains.



Through **CLWR's** account with **Canadian Foodgrains Bank**, any donations will be matched with as much as **4:1**, and 100% of funds designated for this appeal will go straight to hunger relief.

## BEIRUT, LEBANON CRISIS

The August 4 explosion in a warehouse in Beirut has left over 100 dead and thousands injured. More than 300,000 have lost their homes. Much of the country's food supply has been completely destroyed. At least half a million people are in urgent need of aid. **CLWR** is responding to the devastation through its local partners in **Act Alliance** who are on the ground in Lebanon. They are focused on life-saving immediate needs including shelter, food, clean water and trauma care.



Designate donations for **Covid-19 Crisis** or **Lebanon Crisis**

Call CLWR at 1-800-661-2597

Donate online at <https://clwr.donorshops.com/lebanoncrisis>

Cheque payable to CLWR and mailed to CLWR, 600-177 Lombard Ave.,  
Winnipeg, MB R3B 0W5

## News from the World Mission Scene

1. Thank you for your prayers on behalf of **Ryan and Siobhain Cole** who finally made it back to Papua New Guinea, he as Pilot with Mission Aviation Fellowship, she as support staff. Due to the pandemic, flights were not available across the Pacific so they had a route chosen Calgary, Montreal, Doha, Sydney, Papua New Guinea. After all flights were in place, on two occasions, at the last minute, the route became unusable because Australia had too many restrictions. Finally, they had a flight Doha to Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia. From there, a previously scheduled United Nations charter flight took them to Port Moresby, arriving there the week of 17 August. They then entered quarantine. They have extended their thankfulness to us at Messiah for our prayer support.

2. **Concerning George and Susan Watts and family:** Dr. Eric McLaughlin is a family medicine doctor at Kibuye Hope Hospital in Burundi, where he has served with his wife Dr. Rachel McLaughlin, an obstetrician, for the last seven years.

Eric's book, "Promises in the Dark: Walking With Those in Need Without Losing Heart," lays out Christian principles for facing overwhelming need. In February robbers attacked and nearly killed fellow missionary **George Watts**, who works as a hospital administrator. (George Watts is son of Messiah member, Cece Watts.)

Dr. McLaughlin's book is quoted:

Talk about 2020 in Burundi. It feels like the hardest period of time that we've known since we moved to Africa 10 years ago. It's not just the isolation; it's the multiple things that have hit us.

What happened to **George Watts**? On Feb. 22 armed robbers came into our housing area and went straight to the Watts' house. They stabbed and strangled George and tied up his family, looking for money. They didn't find the big haul they thought they were going to find and left. But they were just inches away from taking his life. Members of our team treated George. He needed IV fluids.

How did our team react? Kibuye has felt like a haven for us, so there is all the violation that comes with that. Multiple members of our team were traumatized. I can't remember a time where I've felt so relieved and grateful and full of grief all at the same time. Our home got violated and our teammate is in bad physical shape, and yet I'm so thankful he wasn't killed, that the gun they brought with them didn't go off. If x or y happened, things could have spun out of control. But what a ridiculous thing to say: out of control. Was the Lord in control of the situation or not? It happened one way; it didn't happen the other way.

How do you face all these difficulties? Psalm 77 stood out to me in some times of prayer surrounding the robbery. It's a classic psalm of lament. It says, "When I meditate, I groan," instead of "I find peace."

People rebel against helplessness, and there's an extent to which that's good.

What advice do you have for people in the West feeling helpless amid this pandemic?

The good news is we're not overwhelmed by being overwhelmed. We've lived through multiple malaria epidemics already. The world as a whole feels like it has entered into my world in Burundi, in terms of the amount of uncertainty.

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What comes next? I have known more helplessness in my medical work than almost all other American healthcare providers. As a Christian physician who is often helpless to do what I would like to do, I have to trust that there is a bigger story about what is going on, that we're not alone in this fight, that God is present in His love and He's for us. And that we are not the end of the line when it comes to taking care of this world, or taking care of the person in front of us. Work as if it all depends on Go.

The **Watts family** is currently living in Edmonton where son Jonah will be starting at Kings University College in September. Whether the rest of the family will return to Kibuye is an open question at this time.

3. **Connie Landstrom** could not go to Tanzania last fall, but is still prepared to go when it is safe to do so. Connie has been participating in our Sunday services through YouTube.
4. **Rev. Brian Rude** has remained at his post in El Salvador during the pandemic. He watches Messiah's services via YouTube. Messiah's members' gifts toward this ministry through "In Mission with El Salvador" continue to be appreciated. Yellow envelopes to facilitate such gifts are available at the Church Office.
5. Messiah's gift in support of **Lutheran Schools in Colombia** has been forwarded to the Synod Office for relaying to Colombia. The amount was approximately \$1,200. This is the gift decided upon at the Annual Meeting in June.
6. The **World Mission Group** will resume its meetings on Monday, September 7 at 2:00 p.m. via ZOOM. You are welcome to contact Ray Blacklock if you would like to join in this meeting.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Ray Blacklock, Chairperson  
World Mission Group



Bible Study & Fellowship Opportunity For Men of All Ages. A study of the lessons for the next day's worship service takes place each Saturday morning at 9:00 am. All Men are Welcome for Study, Fellowship, and Encouragement in the Faith.

Men's Bible Study" will resume on September 12th, using the ZOOM program. If you would be new to this group, you would be most welcome, and should contact Ray Blacklock at 780-672-7902 to be included on ZOOM.





### Pastoral Acts

#### Marriage:

Amy-Ann Kotz &  
Orin Jordan Sand

#### Transferred In:

Steve & Jane  
Kristenson

### Baptisms:

Carson Skriver  
Kathy Andreas  
Rayanne Delaine  
Emma-Jean Delaine  
Jacob Snyders  
Keegen Andreas  
Maliah Foshaug

### Special Gifts In Honor of:

Dave & Lois Larson Anniversary  
Ray & Norma Blacklock 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### Memorials

Iva Gunderson  
Olive Nitz

## 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



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!!**

## FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Food bank donations are still  
needed and can be dropped off at  
the Neighbor Aid  
Food Bank

4524 54 Street  
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)



### July 31 Financial Notes (3 Months)

Offerings and other receipts	\$86,417
Expenses	99,626
(Excess of Expenses)	<u>- 13,209</u>
Designated Offerings	<u>12,787</u>

#### Other financial notes:

We are very thankful that donations for  
the roof repair continue to be received!

We are still \$49,000 away from raising  
the full amount of the roof repair costs.

## **"ALPHA" is coming to a Computer near You!**

But first, **what** is "ALPHA"?

--- A series of stimulating sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith.

**What** happens in each session?

--- A lively presentation will be followed by breaking into small groups for talking over what has been presented.

**When** will it be happening?

--- Each Tuesday, starting on September 22, 6:30 to 7:45 p.m.  
--- twelve sessions in all

**Where** can you find out more about joining in?

--- go to [www.messiahcamrose.ca](http://www.messiahcamrose.ca) , click on "Alpha Online Course", and enter the details to register for the program

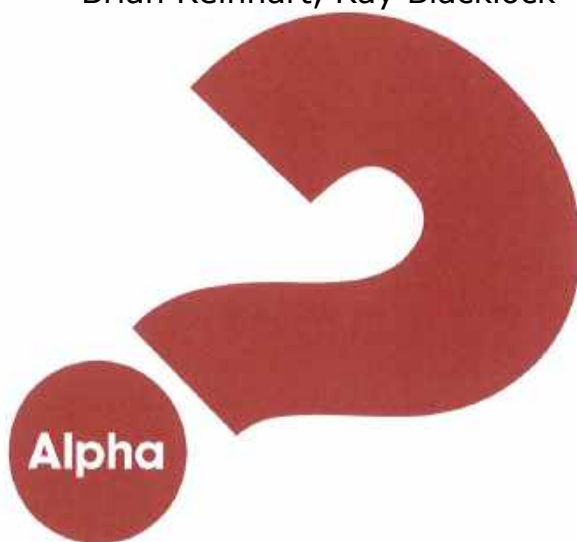
OR

--- pick up a brochure from the Messiah Church office, or from an ALPHA organizing group member, fill out the short form in that brochure and leave it at the Church office.

**How** will it be offered?

--- in the comfort of your own home, using the computer program "ZOOM". Do you need help with ZOOM? Help to use ZOOM is available for each person who registers.

Submitted by the Organizing Group on behalf of the Learning Committee:  
Donny Loewen (Chairperson), Loretta Foshaug, Dave Rogers,  
Brian Reinhart, Ray Blacklock



## 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.

Look for the 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".

Join us in this time of making safe connection with one another around God's word. We welcome your responses.



We are able to accept

E-transfers at the following

email address:

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



## Summer Activities Continuing "In the Meantime"



Many of us look forward to a time when we can enjoy visiting with one another during our coffee friendship after church.

That's not possible right now so "in the meantime" consider joining a



- \* Coffee Fellowship on the lawn by the church, every Wednesday at 10 am (rain or shine). Please bring your own coffee cup and a lawn chair.  
**Continuing into September.**
- \* Sunday evening campfire on the church lawn (weather permitting) - fellowship, discussions, and devotions, beginning at 7 pm. Please bring your own lawn chair.  
**Continuing into September.**
- \* Wednesday Walkers was supposed to end with August. However, the group has decided to continue on into September, meeting at the Mirror Lake Playground by the Ice Cream stand and Tourist Information. The time will remain Wednesday at 9:00 am. Jane Kristenson will be the leader. Her phone number is 587 844 2885 if you need to speak with her. **Continuing into September.**







## **Camrose**

# **Neighbor Aid Center**

**Camrose Neighbor Aid Center** is a non-profit organization working with churches and community to help those in need living in Camrose and the County of Camrose. We are currently recruiting for the following position:

### **Assistant Program Director**

We are looking for a person to fill a part time position, approximately 20 hours/ week.

Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday full day, Thursday afternoon

Flexible hours for additional coverage including evenings, weekends during food drives, including coverage for the Program Director.

Position involves working with the Program Director in all areas of the Neighbor Aid Ministry.

#### **Qualifications:**

Mature Christian

Ability to work independently accomplishing tasks assigned by the Program Director

Bookkeeping knowledge in SAGE 50 Pro 2014 and proven skills in administration

Adaptability in a constantly changing environment

The capability to work effectively with volunteers

Understanding in conflict resolution and crisis management

Ability to work in a multi program environment

Strong commitment to service

Physical labor will be required

Vulnerable Sector Check is required to start

Confidentiality is necessary

**Email resume including 3 references to:** nbaid@cable-lynx.net

References from: pastor, previous employers, volunteer positions

References from personal friends or family members will NOT be accepted.

**Closing date: Tuesday, September 15, 2020**

We thank all who apply; however, only those selected for consideration will be contacted.

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS FOR JUNE 2020



A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO  
CHRIS HOHM FOR AGREEING  
TO SERVE AS TREASURER ON  
CHURCH COUNCIL.

## TRAINING SESSION

**Who?** Those who are able to assist with  
greeting and ushering at our in-  
person worship services.

**When?** Wednesday, September 9 at  
11:00 am

**Where?** Church Sanctuary

**More Information?** Call Darlene Dahle at  
780 672 8488



*Lectio...*

*Journeying through Prayer  
Watch for updates  
in the online  
bulletin as to when  
Lectio will resume!*



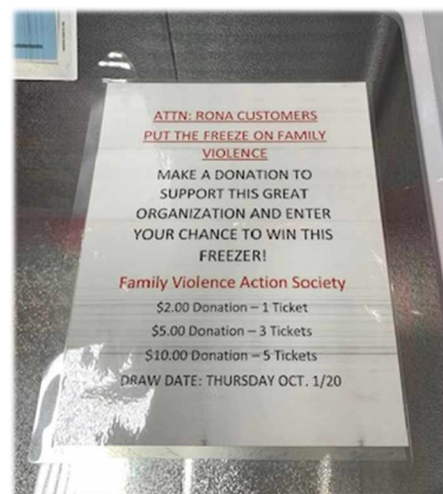
## Family Violence Action Society Fundraiser at RONA.

**Buy a ticket to win a  
freezer and support  
this organization!**



Confirmation  
will resume in  
October...please contact  
the office at

780-672-3444 if you have a child who  
will be 12 and up in this school year.





## MLW HIGHLIGHTS

*More receiving blankets are needed for the Baby Bundles.*

*Also, Mary Broen would like you to know of her new location.*

*She and Lorne have moved to Lakeside Village.*

*#206 5702 48 B Avenue*

*Camrose, AB T4V 0L7*

## Sunday School Update

Sunday School classes will resume on September 27<sup>th</sup> with the following precautions:

- Students and parents will enter from the west entrance and after checking in will be seated in the open pews on the west side of the sanctuary.
- The children will remain with their parents until after the Children's Time. Rather than come to the front to hear the story, they will watch it on either the front or back screen.
- After they have heard the children's story, the children will follow their teachers down the west stair case to the Sunday School area.
- While in the large Sunday School assembly area the children will participate in large group activities. This might include viewing the video of the day's lesson, watching a puppet play and having a prepackaged snack. They will be seated physically distant from one another on carpet dots/spot-markers.
- After that the children will go to one of the three classroom areas. There will be a class for the preschool children, those in grades 1 and 2 and another for those in grades 3-6.
- Teachers as well as the children in grades 4-6 will wear a mask, which is their situation at school.
- After the service, the children will be met, by a parent or guardian, in the Sunday School area.
- An adult will distribute hand sanitizer both at the beginning and ending of Sunday School.
- The teachers will have access to a disinfectant spray such as a solution of 4 teaspoons of unscented household bleach to 4 cups of water that can be used on areas that are touched by the children.

The Nursery will be only for children age three and under and they must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Toys and furnishings that cannot be safely used during COVID-19 will be removed from the Nursery and stored until it is safe for them to be used again.

If you have any questions, contact Michelle at 780-678-5815

(call or text),

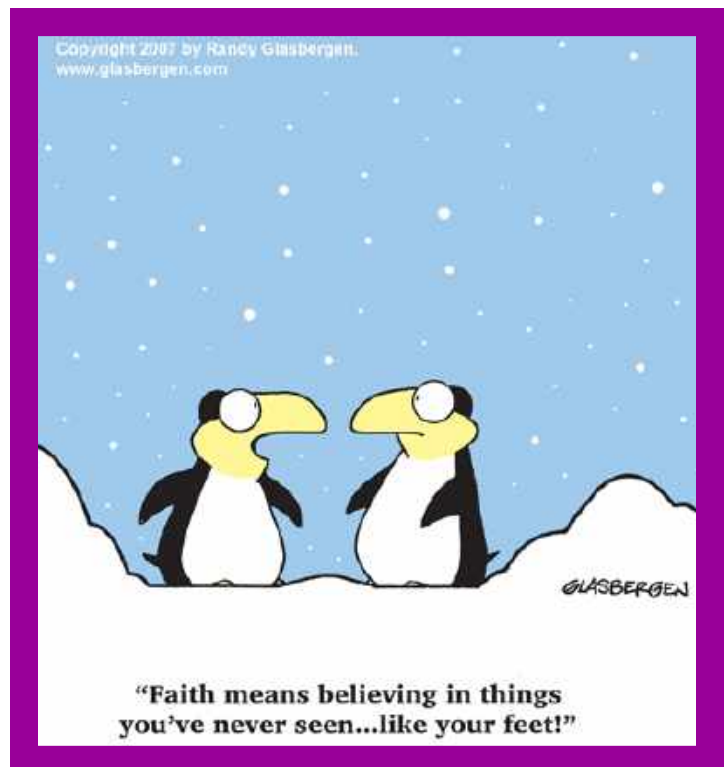
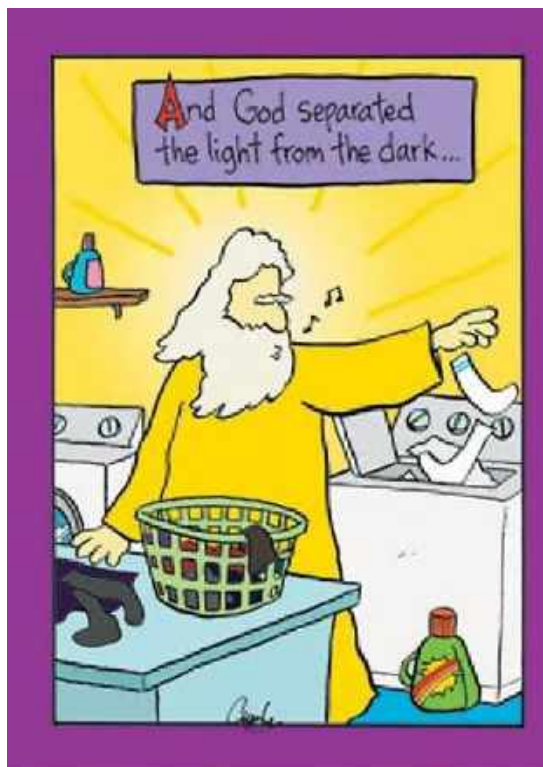
or email [mkennedyhawkins@gmail.com](mailto:mkennedyhawkins@gmail.com)

Michelle Kennedy Hawkins

Children's Sunday School









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 to submit articles so that we are aware of  
 who we are as a congregation,  
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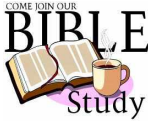







**Sunday morning service will resume  
 in-person on Sept 13. We will  
 continue to broadcast on Eastlink  
 channels 10, 310 & 610. Rebroadcast  
 Wednesdays at 5:30 pm.**

**Our services are LIVE streamed  
 on YouTube. Search for  
 MessiahCamrose. There is also a  
 link for the live stream on our  
 website [messiahcamrose.ca](http://messiahcamrose.ca).**



**Previous Sunday's services may also be found on  
 YouTube or on our website at [messiahcamrose.ca](http://messiahcamrose.ca)  
 and under the Worship Service tab you will find  
 "Worship Services Archived."**

# September 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:15 Staff Meeting	2 OFFICE CLOSED 9:00 Wednesday Walkers 10:00 Coffee on the Lawn  7:00 Church Council by Zoom	3	4 Messenger Delivery	5
6 Pentecost 14 10:30 Worship Service broadcast on Eastlink and on YouTube search for MessiahCamrose 7:00 Campfire (weather permitting)	7 Labor Day Office Closed 2:00 World Mission Group by Zoom 	8 10:15 Staff Meeting	9 9:00 Wednesday Walkers 10:00 Coffee Lawn  10:00 Worship Committee Orientation 5:00 Witnessing Committee	10 4:30 Learning Committee 7:00 Support Committee	11	12 9:00 Men's Bible Study by Zoom 
13 Pentecost 15 Food Bank Sunday 10:30 Worship Service In-Person Resumes and also broadcast on Eastlink and on YouTube search for MessiahCamrose 7:00 Campfire (weather permitting)	14	15 10:15 Staff Meeting	16 9:00 Wednesday Walkers 10:00 Coffee on the Lawn 	17	18	19 9:00 Men's Bible Study by Zoom 
20 Pentecost 16 10:30 Worship Service In-Person Resumes and also broadcast on Eastlink and on YouTube search for MessiahCamrose 7:00 Campfire (weather permitting)	21	22 10:15 Staff Meeting 6:30 Alpha by Zoom 	23 Messenger Articles Due 9:00 Wednesday Walkers 10:00 Coffee on the Lawn 	24 7:00 Service Committee	25	26 9:00 Men's Bible Study by Zoom 
27 Pentecost 17 10:30 Worship Service In-Person Resumes and also broadcast on Eastlink and on YouTube search for MessiahCamrose 10:30 Sunday School 7:00 Campfire (weather permitting)	28	29 10:15 Staff Meeting 6:30 Alpha by Zoom 	30 9:00 Wednesday Walkers 10:00 Coffee on the Lawn 	Oct 1	Oct 2 Messenger Delivery	Oct 3 9:00 Men's Bible Study by Zoom 