



# MESSIAH MESSENGER

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## Remembrance Day

"We honour those who have given their lives serving Canadians and helping people of other nations."

Photo courtesy of the Dept. of National Defence

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Regular in-person worship has resumed.  
For more information go to our website and click on  
'In-Person Worship at Messiah Resumes'

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).

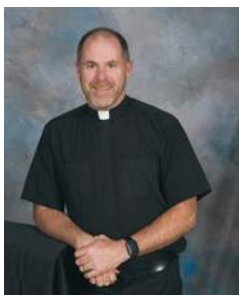
### OFFICE HOURS

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

### CHURCH FOYER WILL BE OPEN

Monday to Friday  
8:00 am to 4:00 pm  
(offerings can be placed through the  
mail slot on the inside office door  
during the lunch hour)

## Minister's Message



Psalm 43 is one of the options for the Psalm on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. There are three options for readings that day:

Psalm 34 for All Saints Day

Psalm 107 for the semi-continuous readings for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost and

Psalm 43 for the "regular" readings for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.

Psalm 43 caught my attention. I encourage you to read it... now... I'll wait.

Welcome back.

You may be wondering why it caught my attention. Well, I know the opening line doesn't completely fit but I feel that I would like God to plead my cause in the midst of this invisible, in many ways elusive, but potentially threatening and completely life disrupting, covid-19 pandemic. So, there aren't ungodly people (or an unfaithful nation) acting against "me" but I am feeling *adrift* in this time. I'm sure many others are having similar feelings. Many organizations are not able to operate the way they always have – they also may be feeling "cast off" and adrift in a hostile sea.

But, we do have a God that listens. We do have a God who understands and has lived times of feeling cast off, adrift, rejected. And, we know that kind of experience is not the whole, nor is it the final experience or feeling that God has had, or that we will experience.

We can come, again and again, to God with a plea to help. We can ask again and again for God to save us,

*Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my help and my God*

*Psalm 43:5*

to defend us, to pick us up. We can ask God to send a light to clarify the good way that is being opened for us; we can implore God to reveal life-giving truth to us.

There is hope.

Much too often we can feel down and out, uneasy, sad, mournful, angry or depressed for the situations that confront us. We are not being unreasonable in those feelings. In many ways things like COVID-19 are beyond our abilities to confront and defeat.

But, we have a God who gives us hope. With our God, we know that the things that bring us down or cast us adrift are not all that will be.

Ultimately, there will be an end to darkness; there will be light.

Ultimately, there will be an end to fear; there will be truth.

Ultimately, there will be an end to sadness; there will be joy.

Ultimately, there will be an end to death; there will be life.

This is what Jesus promises. There is hope. There is hope.

We shall again give praise.

In Jesus, all will be made right.

Amen.

Call me at 780-672-3444

**Text or call me at 780-679-5976**

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



## Minister's Message



### WORDS OF HOPE FOR YOUR GRIEVING HEART

Dear Friends...

We will soon join together on All Saints Sunday to remember those who have gone to be with the Lord. On this day we will light candles in the honor and remembrance in our prayers as we give thanks for their lives.

I want to take this moment to acknowledge the grief that so many of you are carrying. In fact, this whole world is grieving in so many ways. Grief is all around us.

You might not be grieving the loss of a loved one at the moment, but perhaps you are grieving other losses in your lives. They too are deeply important.

This is indeed not a very easy part of life. But today I want to acknowledge that your grief is important to God. Everything that affects our heart is so important to the Lord. God holds your heart and God holds each tear that falls from your eyes.

Grief is not something that heals quickly. Sometimes it can take years. Grief is not something you get over, rather it is something you move through. And while you do, even in the most painful of moments know this... your God is with you. Your Lord loves you and is healing you even when you cannot feel or sense God's presence.

In the scriptures one verse says this, "**Jesus wept**" (**John 11:35**). I find this to be one of the most profound verses. Because this verse tells me that God knows. God knows and understands our pain and God weeps with us and for us.

Sometimes when we are grieving we do not even know how to pray. I can remember those days so very clearly after a deep loss in my life. I could not even find words to pray and a lot of days I did not even want to pray in the formal sense of the word. In fact, my cries were my prayers.

Another scripture that really speaks to me is (**Romans 8:26**). "**The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.**"

This is the presence of the God of Love who walks with us in our deeply grieving hearts.

As you are in your grieving journey and as the winter months move in remember this... your Lord loves you so dearly and not a tear falls from your eyes that is not caught in the loving heart of God. And when you cannot find words to pray... the Spirit sighs and groans your prayer right along with you.

Grief is a really hard part of living. Remember you are never alone for your Lord is with you. I also want to let you know that I am here if you want someone to talk with or to carry your grieving moments with.

Just give me a call anytime. We can talk on the phone, meet together, talk and even pray together.

God be with you in your grief, in your sadness and in those moments when the light shines in and brings healing and new life.

And remember this. You will heal. It will just take some time.

Blessings for you all in whatever you are living.

Pastor Bev

Feel free to contact me anytime at  
**780 672 3444** (office)

Or text or call me at **780 678 7830** (cell)

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





## Bishop's Message

### For Congregations and Lay and Rostered Leaders



Dear Beloved of God –

My October Message for Congregations and Lay and Rostered Leaders shared of the birth of our grandchild and that I have been pondering what it might be for me to be a Papa, and Cathy a Nana. I have been reflecting on this remarkable,

mysterious gestation, germination, quickening, and birth, and that it feels very much like the remarkable, mysterious gestation, germination, quickening, and birth of this coronavirus adventure. A journey, an opportunity that invites us to where we do not determine the route, the result, or the final outcome. Where we walk in the midst of disorientation and anxiety, frustration and uncertainty, through resiliency, imagination, generosity, experimentation, and learning.

We are living in what many are calling a liminal time. Standing on a threshold between an ending and a new beginning. Living, not through an era of change, but a change of era. Entering, thrust into, a new chapter in our history and experiencing that it is unraveling almost everything that we have taken for granted about the church, congregational life, its leadership, its life.

Liminal seasons are challenging and disorienting. They are unsettling. We seek to move forward with purpose and certainty, but we feel as though we are trudging through mud or fog. We drift, said one theologian during a webinar I recently participated in, between resignation and indignation and we are not sure that we know how to occupy this continuum in a healthy way.

This is where many of us are. It's why there is less and less energy for the how-tos. It's why many are exhausted. We need to name this grief and address the trauma that is upon us.

Recently, I heard someone describe our time in

terms of a bush suddenly uprooted from its established bedding in the ground. The roots had gone deep, so they had to be cut all around before moving the bush to another location. It is a massive trauma for the bush. It isn't going to bounce back in a few months or even a year. The bush needs the time of numbers of seasons before it can hope to generate new life back into its roots and branches. The gardener knows that for the bush to stand a change of re-rooting, all its flowers have to be cut off, so its energy is redirected to the traumatized root system.

This is the grief and trauma that has become pervasive in our lives. There are no quick, no easy fixes, nor Wizard-of-Oz-like solutions. We are on a road that few, if any, of us have known before. How-tos seem like band-aids on an open wound.

Our vocation, dear Beloved, is to face the realities of this liminal moment, to name the grief and trauma that surround and overwhelm us. The how-tos, writes Alan Roxburgh, are dead ends we grab on to when we don't know what else to do. Facing together the hard questions of this unraveling requires the writing of a new chapter, one that will be very different from the one we've written to this point.

To name the grief and trauma is to begin the work of discernment. This work of discernment begins with a naming, a deep naming, that God is at work doing something new, together with an openness to the ways God is inviting us into something... beyond imagination. And, like the bush this will require time, perhaps a significant time, before we can hope to generate new life back into its roots and branches.

Discernment is located in prayer; it is seeing, knowing and acknowledging what is; it is noticing the movement of the Spirit with practiced listening; and, it is a journey, not a destination.

Perhaps we could begin together by considering

the following, by writing down our thoughts and sharing them with others in the faith community, one's congregational council or Bible study, all-the-while listening deeply, with responses that may at this time be only answered in part... tentatively:

When have I/we experienced this dislocation before? This uncertainty?

What stories of resiliency, discernment, imagination can I/we share?

Where is God? Where is God, in the midst of the unraveling?

What does hope look like?

What does it mean to be a Christ-proclaimer in this day and age, when we are living in a global village, living amongst a variety of cultures and religions (not so different from New Testament times), and yet – for our health and the safety of others, we are so separated from our communities of care and concern?

How might I/we “be” at this time rather than “do”? Is this difficult for me/us? Why?

How does our faith inform every decision we make and refuse to make, every thought

and prayer and question we ask and refuse to ask, every task we undertake and refuse to undertake? Share a story when faith clearly informed my/our decision-making?

How might I/we make room in my/our heart(s) for our siblings who suffer, who are sick, who continue to live under oppression?

How do I/we make room in my/our faith community for the widow and the orphan, the hungry and the poor?

What is critical in this moment is that we become clear on the source of our hope. Without this we are tossed and turned by every wind and proposal for change that comes along. The source of our hope...the God of hope.

*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

## PASTORAL ACTS

### *Funerals*

Dianne Amundson

Klara Moll

Carol Pederson

### *Marriages*

Michele Beaulieu &  
Garett Zimmer



## SPECIAL GIFTS

### RECEIVED

### *Memorials*

Klara Moll

Elaine Olson

Arlene Person

Adele Jensen

## 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.



## ***News from the World Mission Scene***

### **Colombia, South America**

#### **Announcing a Fresh Opportunity to Connect in a Real way with the Lutheran Church in Colombia**

(The following comes from a collaboration among Tricia Hoeppner, Erhard Pinno, and Ray Blacklock)

#### **Background**

To trace Messiah's connection with the ministry in Colombia one would have to go back to connections with missionaries to Colombia in 1936. Gerhard and Helene Ostrem were two of the first Lutheran missionaries who travelled to Colombia to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the Colombian people.

One of these Colombian people was José Hernán Ariza, whose family was one of the first to become Lutheran. Hernán married Carol Ostrem, daughter of Gerhard and Helene, and eventually moved to Camrose where Helene and the girls were living after Gerhard's passing.

Helene and family attended Messiah Lutheran. Messiah has continued supporting the mission in Colombia with faithful offerings over the years.

A daughter of Hernan is Tricia (now married to Geoff Hoeppner). And a daughter of Tricia and Geoff is Olivia.

The reader will recall that Hernan and Tricia and Olivia all participated in World Mission Month earlier this year. Indeed, a check of our records shows that we have had World Mission Month presentations on Colombia at least six times in the last ten years!

In summary, Messiah has had connections with the Church in Colombia going back over four generations!

#### **A Significant Feature of the Lutheran Church in Colombia**

#### **How can we at Messiah assist with the education of worthy students attending Lutheran schools in Colombia?**

- (1) In the past two years, our Annual Meeting has designated that interest from one of Messiah's Endowment Funds can be used to support the students described above. This could happen again in the future.
- (2) **On the basis of recommendations from the World Mission Group, and the Witnessing Committee, Messiah's Church Council, in June, 2020, approved the establishment of an account to which Messiah members could contribute for the purpose of supporting the needy students attending Lutheran Schools in Colombia. This plan gives individual Messiah members the opportunity to contribute now to the support of worthy students attending Lutheran schools in Colombia.**
- (3) **Process:** Cheques should be made out to Messiah Lutheran Church. In the designation line, the words, *Student Scholarships, Lutheran Schools in Colombia*, should be shown. Old offering envelopes can be used, and marked "Special." These envelopes may be brought to the Church Office or brought to worship on Sundays.

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**El Salvador** Thank you to contributors to "In Mission with El Salvador." The expatriate servant of that program is Rev. Brian Rude from Alberta. Members at Messiah have contributed \$ 2,010 in the period May 1 to September 30 in support of that ministry.

**Papua New Guinea** Ryan and Shiv Cole, serving through Mission Aviation Fellowship, have returned to Papua Guinea after being stranded (because of the epidemic) for many months in Alberta. Ryan has been checked out again on the airplane he is to fly and is back in full service.

**Burundi** George and Susan Watts (he the son of Cece Watts of our Messiah congregation) are selling their home in Edmonton, and are waiting for the opportunity to travel back to their home in Burundi. Their oldest son Jonah will remain in Edmonton where he is attending King's University.

***To God be the Glory!***

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Blacklock, on behalf of the World Mission Group



### Connecting in the Word

Check out our brief recorded inspirational messages twice a week.

One with Pastor Bev and then with Andy the puppet for a message for the kids!  
Go to [messiahcamrose.ca](http://messiahcamrose.ca) to find the 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.



### Wednesday Coffee Time

*Coffee Fellowship every Wednesday at 10 am is continuing in the Fellowship Centre.*

*Please bring your own coffee cup!*



We are able to accept E-transfers set up from your online banking at the following email address:  
**[offering@messiahcamrose.ca](mailto:offering@messiahcamrose.ca)**  
(deposits directly)





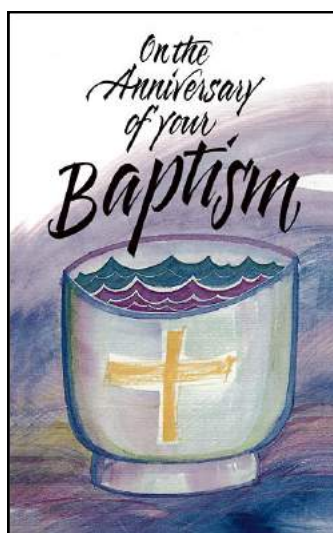
## **All Saints Sunday is November 1**

*If a close family member has died and you would like that person remembered by name, contact the office by 4:00 pm on Friday, October 30 by email [office@messiahcamrose.ca](mailto:office@messiahcamrose.ca) or call 780-672-3444. You may also contact Pastor Calvin prior to the Sunday morning service at 780-679-5976.*

*We remember in our prayers those who have died since last All Saints Sunday and others whose loved ones want to remember in this way:*

*Dennis Meadahl, Olive Moore, David Cowan, Shirley Johnson, Bernhard Von Tettenborn, Dennis Foss, Helge Sjogren, Grant Davis, Ruth Jensen, Glen Bradley, Olive Nitz, Gordon Fredrickson, Beth Cowan, Antje Krueger, Olav Welde, Milton Mosand, David Taylor, Marie Tveit, Elsie Thompson, Devin Nordstrom, Iva Gunderson, Dianne Amundson, Arlene Person, Elaine Olson, Klara Moll, Adele Jensen, Brenda Ramstad, Carol Pederson, Ben Macdonald, Walter Haldorson, Les Brager, Hans Espe, Margaret Schultz*

*We will also light a candle remembering all those you hold in your heart.*



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

**Finn Skriver, Drew Nester, Alec Skriver**

*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 placed in the cart at the back of the sanctuary or dropped off at the Neighbor Aid Food Bank located at 4524 54 Street - Mon to Fri from 9 am to Noon and Tues, Wed, Thurs 1 - 4 pm.



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

**FOOD BANK SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8**

COME JOIN OUR



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 has resumed 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.





## Council Highlights for October 2020

In the devotional, our vice-president reminded us of the need to approach God as our loving Abba, praying individually and together and to keep nurturing our sense of community as a church and as children of God.

Communion Service will resume beginning October 25 for those attending in-person services. Worship has carefully considered how this may be done safely and concluded that for now we will commune in the bread only.

Communion will be a regular part of the in-person services on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month on Nov. 22 and Christmas Day.

If you are not attending in-person services, you may still participate in any of these ways

- Invite the Pastor(s) to your homes for private communion along with family members and cohorts
- Invite Pastor(s) to include communion at small groups that regularly gather for study or prayer e.g. Lectio
- Invite the Pastor(s) to a certain building or location where the sacrament can be safely offered to a small group e.g. a lodge.

ALPHA is going well and there is the intention to do it again in the new year, but no date has been set. If you missed out this time, watch for an announcement at a later date.

Confirmation classes have begun in collaboration with Messiah, Bethel and Scandia in Armena. There are three youths from Messiah, two from Bethel and two from Scandia. Confirmation for those who would normally have been confirmed this year will be deferred to 2021.

We know that financial support may be difficult in these times. Thank you for providing as you are able. The Treasurer will be providing more information on our finances in this newsletter.

### September 30 Financial Notes (5 Months)

Offerings and other receipts	\$144,948
Budgeted	\$157,813

Expenses	164,499
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(Excess of Expenses)	<u>-19,551</u>
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Designated offerings	<u>19,978</u>
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Other financial notes:

Roof repair funds needed	\$45,000
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## ROOF FUND

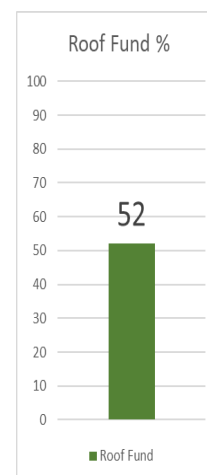
**The updated goal is**

**\$92,341**

**Received as of**

**October 25:**

**\$48,390**



## Message from the Treasurer

What a blessing it has been to be able to present services on YouTube and Eastlink Cable for the last number of months, and safely hold in-person services again. In addition to this, our committees have been working to find new ways to fulfill their mandates and share Jesus Christ with all people. I am very thankful for the people and facilities we have that make this all possible. You, especially, are critically important for our church community to be the support it needs to be in Camrose (and beyond). I thank you for what you do.

I normally prefer to write a brief, numbers only, treasurer's report. To me, numbers speak for themselves, but I realize that is not true for everyone, and sometimes more is needed to get the larger picture across to everyone. The financial information to the end of September shows that expenses exceeded donations and income by \$8,000. Combined with the preceding four months, this puts us at a \$20,000 deficit for the current year (2020-2021).

At this point, you might expect me to start asking for more donations, to start a stewardship drive, or ... I am not sure what else. But no, those approaches to change donations have been tried. Instead, I feel the need to start a new conversation. You see, the September deficit, and the year-to-date deficit, need to be considered in the larger picture of what has been happening over the last few years.

YEAR	DEFICIT
2017-2018	21,000
2018-2019	38,000
2019-2020	28,000 (not finalized)

Looking forward to the next few years, there are expected to be some significant expenses to shingle the sanctuary roof (not the roofs that were tarred last year) and replace the elevator.

It is a difficult conversation to have. Whether I am running my own business or thinking about finances at home, if revenues cannot be increased, then I need to start thinking about how to reduce expenses. We do not have to make decisions today, but need to start talking seriously about what we need to forego (do without), and then start preparing for that time. The church executive and council have been discussing and praying about this, and I would appreciate it if you could spend some time in prayer and thought about it. Please let me or other members of council know what ideas you might have. All of us, together with God's help, can find solutions.

Sincerely,

Chris Hohm, Treasurer

Phone: 780-678-5938 (evenings)

E-mail: [cehohm@gmail.com](mailto:cehohm@gmail.com)



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Gail Stolee	Secretary	<a href="mailto:dgstolee@telus.net">dgstolee@telus.net</a>	780-672-9442

## Sunday School

Sunday School has been meeting since the very end of September. We have usually had 8 children each Sunday so far, but not exactly the same children every week. So we've had 8 at a time, but approximately 16 different children overall. The children have been great about sitting spaced apart on their special floor dots in our large meeting room. We have been doing the week's Bible story and videos from the curriculum altogether. While they watch the videos, a teacher or volunteer distributes hand sanitizer and snack, so the children have their individually wrapped prepackaged snack and a juice box while they watch the videos. We discuss and answer questions that go with the videos. After that we either split into 2 groups for an activity or discussion more tailored to the two different age groups, or sometimes we stay together as one group, depending on if we have 2 teachers available or depending on what the activities/lessons are suited to. We are following other Covid safety measures, too, like hand sanitizing when the children first arrive downstairs, and wearing masks. The children have been very good about following the Covid protocols and I have been impressed with how well they have behaved. Thank you Sunday School students!

Our main challenge has been the lack of teacher availability. Due to some of our teachers having very young children, or working with children for their job, or due to other commitments - combined with being required to stay home if you have the sniffles or sore throat (and with toddlers, etc. in the home mix, many of us get the sniffles frequently!) it has been difficult to ensure we always have 2 teachers there on a Sunday. We can run Sunday School with just one teacher when there are 8 children, but due to the wide spread in ages (age 4 up to age 10) it is nice to have 2 teachers to tailor certain activities to each age group. If you might be willing to teach an occasional Sunday, or even just be an assistant when the children are in one group instead of in separate classes, please let me (Michelle Kennedy Hawkins) know at 780-678-5815 (cell - call or text) or email [mkenedyhawkins@gmail.com](mailto:mkenedyhawkins@gmail.com)

For the start up of Sunday School we purchased some individually wrapped prepackaged snacks (granola bars) and juice boxes. This has worked well, but we are beginning to get close to the end of that batch. We would love to have some more snacks given to us. Due to Covid-19 we are asking for individually wrapped, prepackaged snacks like granola bars, or wagon wheels, or fruit strips, or even cookies (IF they are INDIVIDUALLY wrapped in the factory - I found some Dad's brand cookies like this at Costco), and juice boxes. It is sad to say, but no homemade cookies or goodies please. The one plus side of prepackaged, manufactured, individually wrapped snacks (besides Covid safety) is that these snacks could be dropped off for us any time! Just put them downstairs in our Sunday School area with a note that says "for Sunday School" and your name (we want to be able to thank you for your gift!)

We currently plan to continue to offer Sunday School most weeks. Generally we have one Sunday a month when we don't have Sunday School - usually a holiday Sunday. Please check our Facebook page Messiah Camrose Sunday School as I post a reminder there on weeks that we are not offering classes. You may also email me or call me at [mkenedyhawkins@gmail.com](mailto:mkenedyhawkins@gmail.com) 780-678-5815 and I can confirm if there is Sunday School if you're not sure or don't have Facebook. This year we do not have a whole year schedule to publish ahead like we usually do so as to remain flexible based on Covid-19 numbers and teacher health, etc.

A big thank you to our current Sunday School teachers, assistants, and advisors. You have all been very supportive, flexible, and have all given wise input as we try to negotiate this unusual year of Sunday School.

Michelle Kennedy Hawkins





## Camrose Remembers



**November 11, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.**

### **At the Jeanne and Peter Lougheed Performing Arts Centre**

We're excited to join forces with the Camrose Legion Branch No. 57 to commemorate Remembrance Day.

With physical restrictions still in place, the Lougheed Centre has donated its Cargill Theatre space to allow for 100 attendees indoors for the service. Our hope is to provide the Legion with a space sufficient enough for a gathering under current health guidelines in a safe manner while also providing a live-stream opportunity for those unable to attend.

This year's focus of the commemoration is on the 75th anniversary of the Second World War, Victory in Europe, May 8, 1945.

The program is organized and held by the Camrose Legion with Lougheed Centre staff providing the technical needs of the service and live stream of the commemoration.

"We will remember the more than one million Canadians and Newfoundlanders who went to war in Europe 1939 to 1945 and especially the 42,000 who made the ultimate sacrifice," states the Camrose Legion.

The commemoration will also focus on the 75th anniversary of the Victory over Japan, Sept. 2, 1945. "We will remember the 1,975 Canadians who were involved in the defence of Hong Kong. Five hundred and sixty-seven were killed or died in prison camps."

If you or your business would like to purchase a wreath or make a donation to the 2020 Poppy

Campaign, please call Adrian Zinck, Poppy Chairman, at 780-672-3325. Or text your donation to 20222 and you can have your donation go to a specific Registered Poppy Fund Charity.

This is a free event to the community, however, anyone wishing to attend must have a ticket as seats are limited. AHS rules apply.

There are several ways residents can participate in this year's Remembrance Day commemoration:

To get tickets to this free event call the Box Office at 780-608-2922 or email: [boxoffice@camroselive.ca](mailto:boxoffice@camroselive.ca)

Watch on the live stream of the commemoration on our Vimeo and YouTube pages  
Doors open at 10:30 a.m.

Seating is at 10:45 a.m. for the commemoration to begin shortly after

Call the Camrose Legion Branch No. 57 at 780-672-3325 for more information about buying a wreath or other ways to support the organization.



# Camrose Heritage Railway Station & Park

WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT  
OUR ANNUAL WHITE ELEPHANT  
CHRISTMAS GIFT SALE IS COMING !!

**Thursday November 5, 2020**

**Friday November 6, 2020**

**10:00 am -5:00 pm**



Enjoy **Christmas shopping** for unique items in our  
gift shop, as well in the “waiting room”!

**The White Elephant Christmas shop will then be  
open every Thursday & Friday until December 4th**

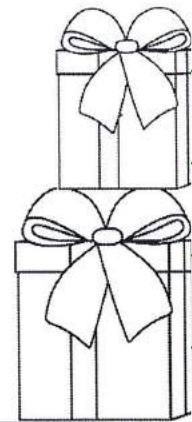
**4407-47 Ave,**

**Tel: 780-672-3099**

**canadiannorthern@telus.net**

\*All AHS COVID restrictions will be in  
place, Questionnaire/Name & Number.

**Masks are Mandatory**



***Donations of gift items for the sale  
are greatly appreciated.***





## 2020 National Collection Week is NOVEMBER 16 – 22

You may pick up your  
shoebox at the church  
office, link or back entry  
and return filled box by  
Sunday, Nov. 15.

Or, you may pack your  
shoebox online and follow  
your boxes at  
PackaBox.ca.



### AS YOU PRAYERFULLY PREPARE YOUR SHOEBOX GIFTS...

**P**lease remember that your shoebox may be the only gift a child ever receives. So, plan to pack quality items that will last.

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**PRAY:** Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. Including a personal note and photo makes a big impact.



**1**

**SHOEBOX:** Get a standard size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl.

**2**

**"WOW" ITEM:** Select a quality "wow" toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal.



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**INCLUDE A \$10/BOX DONATION:**

Donate online ([SamaritansPurse.ca/OCC](http://SamaritansPurse.ca/OCC)), or by cheque or cash donation. Please make one combined donation for multiple shoeboxes. Tax-deductible receipts will be issued for donations of \$20 or more.



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**DROP OFF:** Take your shoebox gift to a local drop-off location during National Collection Week, Nov. 16-22. To find a drop-off location near you, visit [SamaritansPurse.ca/OCC](http://SamaritansPurse.ca/OCC), or call 1.800.303.1269.

**3**

**OTHER GIFTS:** Pack your box or boxes full with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies. For additional gift suggestions, visit [SamaritansPurse.ca/OCC](http://SamaritansPurse.ca/OCC)



**DO NOT INCLUDE:** toothpaste; used or damaged items; candy; gum; war-related items; seeds; food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins, and breakable items.



You can also pack your shoeboxes online and follow your boxes at [PackaBox.ca](http://PackaBox.ca)





## **WE CARE PROGRAM TO BE TRANSITIONED OUT**

The decision has been made to discontinue the long-standing and beloved commodity shipment program which included the quilts and various **WE CARE** kits. A final shipment has recently been sent to Africa. The **WE CARE** program, in its decades of operation, has provided comfort and care to tens of thousands of people. **To the incredible community of faithful, loyal volunteers and churches, CLWR wants to say thanks and to say that they have been inspired by all that has been done.**

Although despite some sadness in making this change, this decision affirms CLWR's most deeply-held values, including responsible stewardship, shared learning and honouring the voices of those they are called to serve. In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the need experienced by CLWR's global partners has never been greater. CLWR will continue to meet the needs of the destitute in the best way possible, and will be counting on our continued partnership.

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## **FAITH IN ACTION: RUSH FOOD TO BURUNDI**

Just \$18 provides emergency food to a family for one week.

Your gift of \$90 will provide life-saving food for a week for 5 families, \$144 for 8 families, or \$180 for 10 families.

Your gift of any amount shares emergency food to save lives, and gives families the tools and supplies they need to grow their own food and generate their own income again. See October report for more details.

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## **GIFTS FROM THE HEART**

Arriving very soon will be the new **Gifts From The Heart** catalogue for 2020. In this Covid world, this will be a great resource for Christmas shopping. Copies will be available in early November at Messiah's information desk or the church office.



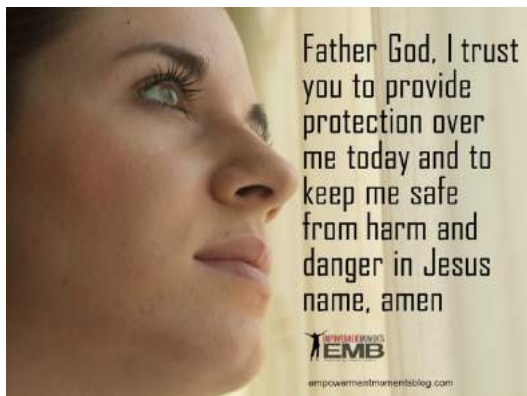
### **Snow Removal at Messiah**

Seven more volunteers are needed to take a shift this winter to remove snow from the back, side and front sidewalks around the church building. Please leave your name at the church office if you are willing to serve in this way. 780-672-3444

### **USHERS & GREETERS NEEDED**

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

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



### **Lectio...**

### **Journeying through Prayer**

**Mondays at 10:30 am.**

**Come in the Link door and go to the Nursery.**

**For more information contact Jane Arial**

**780 672 7982**



### **Confirmation**

has resumed in October

please contact the office at

780-672-3444 and connect with Pastor Bev

if you have a child who will be 12 and up

in this school year.

## Care Group!!

We would like to start up a care group. COVID has created a lot of distancing which creates separation, but the needs of people are still important and perhaps even more intense in this time of isolation. So, if you are able and willing to be a part of a care group we would welcome you to call the church office and put your name on a list for our Care Group or talk with one of our pastors about what you might be willing to do to help.

These things might include helping with some basic things that might need fixing, calling someone regularly to check in on them, driving someone to an appointment in town or in the city, going for a walk with someone, delivering groceries... to name a few things.

Give Pastor Bev or Pastor Calvin a call at the office 780 672 3444 if you are interested!!! We would love to have you join our care group.



## GRATEFUL GRANNIES CHRISTMAS MARKET

**Please join us at the Duggan Mall Saturday Morning  
Farmers' Market**

Starting November 28th until December 19th 2020

10 am to 1 pm



We will have a vast array of  
handcrafted items, including  
Grinch trees, pottery,  
Scandinavian gnomes, cards,  
jewelry and of course our  
AIDS angels

Thank you for your continuing support of our cause as we take temporary  
measures to ensure everyone's safety.

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**





# Hastings Lights

November 20, 21, 22  
6-9pm each night  
Hastings Lake Bible Camp

a drive-thru  
christmas light  
experience

*Free!*

We're lighting up our  
campground for the first ever *Hastings Lights!*  
Enjoy live Christmas music and sip hot chocolate as you  
drive through our one-of-a-kind Christmas light displays.  
Tours of our newly built Trinity Lodge\* will be available.  
Stop by any time between 6:00pm and 9:00pm

*\*masks required for lodge tours*

*donations gladly accepted*

[www.hastingslake.com](http://www.hastingslake.com)



## Messiah Church Council

Charlene Brown, President  
David Dahle, Vice-President  
Gail Stolee, Secretary  
Chris Hohm, Treasurer

Members at Large:	Liaising With:
Lael Olson	Worship Committee
Donny Loewen	Learning Committee
Dave Larson	Support Committee
Carolyn Andersen	Witnessing Committee
Vacant	Service Committee

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Custodians: Carolyn & Lloyd Olson  
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Youth & Confirmation Ministry: Bev Swanson

## Messiah Messenger

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

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**Sunday morning in-person worship service has resumed. 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."**



# November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1 Pentecost 22</b> <b>All Saints Sunday</b> 10:30 Worship Service 10:30 Sunday School 	2 10:30 Lectio  2:00 World Mission Group by ZOOM 	3 6:30 Alpha Course by Zoom 	4 10:00 Coffee Fellowship 	5 9:30 Staff Meeting  6:45 Confirmation @Scandia 7:00 Support Committee	6	7 9:00 Men's Bible Study by ZOOM 
<b>8 Pentecost 23</b> <b>Food Bank Sunday</b> 10:30 Worship Service 10:30 Sunday School 	9 10:30 Lectio 	10 6:30 Alpha Course by Zoom 	<b>11 Remembrance Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b>  10:00 Coffee Fellowship  1:00 Worship Committee 6:30 Crown Place Service	12 Committee Minutes Due for Council Reporting 9:30 Staff Meeting 4:00 Learning Committee 5:00 Witnessing Committee <b>NO Confirmation</b>	13	14 9:00 Men's Bible Study by ZOOM  Erga/Villapando Wedding
<b>15 Pentecost 24</b> 10:30 Worship Service <b>NO Sunday School</b>	16 10:30 Lectio 	<b>17 Messenger Articles Due</b>  6:30 Alpha Course by Zoom 	18 10:00 Coffee Fellowship  7:00 Church Council by ZOOM	19 9:30 Staff Meeting  6:45 Confirmation @Scandia	20	21 9:00 Men's Bible Study by ZOOM 
<b>22 Christ the King Sunday</b> 10:30 Worship Service with Communion 10:30 Sunday School 	23 10:30 Lectio 	24 6:30 Alpha Course by Zoom 	25 10:00 Coffee Fellowship 	26 9:30 Staff Meeting  6:45 Confirmation @Scandia	<b>27 Messenger Delivery</b> 	28 9:00 Men's Bible Study by ZOOM 
<b>29 Advent 1</b> 10:30 Worship Service 10:30 Sunday School 	30 10:30 Lectio 