



MESSIAH MESSENGER

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Happy Father's Day!

And there's no greater reward in life
For a father to take his place
And uphold the values of the LORD
With integrity and grace.
- M.S. Lowndes

flowersblossom

Worship Schedule
Sunday 10:30 am
Great News!!
Beginning June 20,
in-person
attendance will be
permitted with
pre-registration.
See more details on
pages 10-12.

Services are broadcast
on YouTube, search for
MessiahCamrose or find
a link on our website
messiahcamrose.ca.
We also broadcast on
Eastlink TV channels
10, 310 and 610 with a
rebroadcast on
Wednesday at 5:30 pm.
Please call if you have
any questions or
concerns 780 672 3444
or email
office@messiahcamrose.ca

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Please note that for the
months of June, July and
August the Church office
will have new hours:

Monday 8:00 am - Noon &
1:00 - 4:00 pm
Tuesday 8:00 am - Noon &
1:00 - 4:00 pm
Wednesday CLOSED
Thursday 8:00 am - Noon &
1:00 - 4:00 pm
Friday 8:00 am - Noon

Minister's Message

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts” Isaiah 6:3



This month there is a lot happening. Early on we have our AGM (albeit via Zoom...), gardens will start to grow furiously (as well as the weeds), we will experience the day with the most amount of daylight later this month, grade school children will complete this year

of their studies and welcome the summer holidays. There is a lot that will be happening.

Sometimes with all this busyness we can begin to forget about God, but God doesn't forget about us. It seems to me that the kind of things that happened way back in Isaiah's time are happening these days too. The people became very busy with looking after themselves growing and building and protecting and learning and even trying to enjoy the fruits of their labours. The problem was that they were forgetting what is ultimately important. Sure, they were still doing the ritual kinds of things. They remembered God in prayers and sacrifices (offerings) and in doing the obligatory kinds of things. But even some of those things had fallen by the wayside as people saw and felt that they were the architects of their own destiny.

That's when Isaiah got this vision of God, the One who is “holy, holy, holy”. Isaiah immediately recognized that he himself was not “sufficient” and neither was the society that he was a part of. He saw that things were falling apart and had no clue on what could be done; let alone how **he** might be a part of setting things right. This is the point at which God begins to act. The action taken is to deal with Isaiah's insufficiency and Isaiah is cleansed and renewed to be able to begin something for God. It is here we get the famous call of Isaiah: “Whom shall I send?... Here am I; send me!”

From this point, Isaiah was sent to do for the people of Israel, what had happened for him. Isaiah was sent to cause the people to stop for a moment and recognize God and recognize that they are insufficient without God. This would take some doing! People (including you and I) are not very good at recognizing our need for God. We

might be able to see our failings and failures, but often this is covered by ultimately blaming someone or something else.

Isaiah's task is still not done. We are still being called to recognize our need of God - *each* of us as well as *all of us* together as a congregation, city, province, nation and world. We are being called to remind people (and ourselves) that God is “holy, holy, holy”. Maybe we can name this as:

- God is the foundation of all that we are. Creator of all that is. (Holy)
- God is the One who comes again and again to collect us when we stray because God is love and loves us so much. (Holy)
- God is the One who enables us to be who we are intended to be: giving, caring, loving reflections of God's own being. (Holy)

How will we do this? I don't really know. But, let's begin (or continue?) on a process that tries to see what God is up to in this world and what part God has in mind for us to participate alongside. This is our discernment process. Not trying to take time to avoid doing good things, but to take action towards the holy, holy, holy purpose that God desires for us.

Here am I, send me!
Isaiah 6:8

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



Minister's Message

Opening to the Way of God's Spirit.



As we head into our annual meeting, we are pondering and thinking about how we move and be as a church in this world. The pandemic will lift and slowly things will begin to open. We will move into some of what might be the "same" but also open to into a "new" way of being. We want to be mindful of how to open to the Spirit of God in a new and empowered way as we move out

into the light of meeting together and of gathering more and more safely.

We have found many ways to be together while not being "together". The Spirit has guided us and we have remained connected as people of God but not only as our church but as the greater church, the church in the world. For although we gather separately, we are indeed not separate. And now with the pandemic in our midst we have realized this in a new way.

As we move forward, the council will be bringing forward to you at our annual meeting an invitation to join a process of prayer, stillness, listening to God and opening to how we might be who we are now; how we might step forward in a new and empowered way, led by the Spirit to be God's love in this world.

We will be inviting you into a discernment process together. You might wonder what that is. Don't worry. We will guide you into this, and more importantly; the Holy Spirit will guide us all into this process.

A discernment process is simply a process of slowing ourselves and listening to God's will in our midst. In order to do this, we need to enter into a time of prayer and contemplation as we open to what the Lord might want to do and be in our midst. It will include listening to God's voice, the voices of one another and to the needs in the world. We will try to let go of our preconceived ideas of what Messiah is and has always been and ask God how we are to be as God's people in this church and in the world as we move forward.

As we do this together, we will discover our God in new and empowering ways.

As we individually, in small groups and as a whole church seek the Lord's will for us in this way we are called into a deeper way of seeking the guidance of God.

We will step behind our "figuring out minds" and listen to the Holy Spirit and what God wants for us as a church.

We will pray, still ourselves, listening to scripture and discern who we are going forward.

We will look at who we have been, who we are and now how we will be in this world going forward.

This discernment process will guide where we put our energy and resources. But more importantly it will draw us together as people of God and in our own prayer lives.

You might say, "But don't we know already what God wants?" That's the problem. How God wants to work in a church is ever changing and we want to spend some time asking the Lord how our ministry needs to look going forward.

This is an exciting process for any church because it calls us to seek the Lord together which will draw us closer to God and to one another.

You will first be invited in our worship services throughout the summer to be still and to listen. This has started in different ways already.

To begin though, I invite you to start this process by practise listening to God's Spirit daily in stillness in your own prayer life. Just take a few moments each day and be quietly with God reflecting and stilling your soul. This prepares our hearts to listen to God's voice.

We will be forming a leadership group for this process. We would like you to ask yourself if you might be willing to consider if you are called to be part of this leadership group.

If you are sensing it might be something you might like to be part of, please give me a call. I can talk with you about it.

I leave you with this passage today in Proverbs 3:5-6.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight." NIV

In the Kings James Version this passage ends with, "and he will direct your paths."

Let us take this year to open in a new way to the Holy Spirit's work in our midst and ask the Lord together who we are called to be as a church and as a people of God.

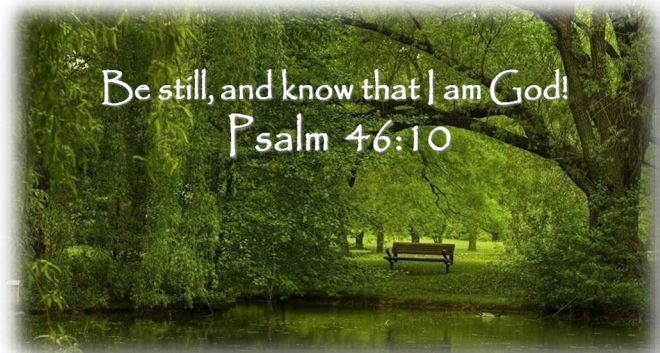
As we trust in God, the Lord will indeed direct our paths.

Blessings All!

If you want to talk with me about this or anything else in your life please give me a shout. I would love to meet with you or talk on the phone. Texting works too!

Pastor Bev.

(Contact me at 780-678-7830 cell or email bev@breatheopenlove.com)



Bishop's Message For Congregations and Lay and Rostered Leaders



Dear Beloved of God –

The Synod of Alberta and the Territories will gather in convention in July under the theme, “On the Road,” inspired by Luke 24:13–35. It is the post-Resurrection narrative of two people journeying from Jerusalem to Emmaus, where

they are joined by a stranger who, when recognized, vanishes, and the two race back to Jerusalem.

In the May 2021 Message for Congregations and Lay and Rostered Leaders I wrote of the Lucan narratives which frequently take us on the road. There is something about travel that evokes Luke’s literary and theological imagination. There is something about roads: the way they can bring us together; the way they can pose a danger to us all; the way they become a symbol of a faith on the move.

Luke’s narrative takes us on the road frequently, and we discover that whenever we start to journey with someone, we really do not know if we will end up where we thought the road was leading.

On the road they meet a stranger who appears to be unaware of all that has happened in Jerusalem. The two take it upon themselves to educate this stranger.

The verbs that they use tell us a great deal about their state of mind. They say, “We had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.” *We had hoped.* I learned from my Greek Professor, Dr. David Dahle, at the then, Camrose Lutheran College, that the past perfect tense, or pluperfect, denotes an action that has been completed in the past. Once we had a hope, but it is no more. *We had hoped.*

Suddenly the stranger who seems so uninformed

takes over the conversation and becomes the teacher. And what a teacher. He is so filled with everything they lack, especially knowledge and hope, that they ask him to stay with them.

In London’s National Gallery there is a painting, *The Supper at Emmaus*, by the Renaissance artist, Michelangelo Caravaggio. (next page)

The work depicts an ordinary meal. Only four characters are portrayed in it: two disciples seated at either end of the table, the stranger in the center, and a server standing at the side. One of the things that I love about this painting is that the fourth side of the table is open to the viewer. It is our place at the table. You can stand there and water, or you can join the meal.

The stranger is blessing the bread. And as he does so, we observe the precise moment of recognition. One disciple’s arm is flying toward the viewer as if to penetrate the invisible wall between the figures in the painting and us, the viewers. The other is caught coming off their chair in utter amazement.

It is the recognition scene, the moment, when the gauzy veil between us and the Divine is suddenly ripped apart.

And there is life, and hope.

It happens many times in the Gospels: Thomas, Mary Magdalene in the garden. The moment of recognition.

Our recognition scene occurs in the breaking of the bread when we, though many and now physically distanced from one another, receive the meal that makes us one. When just as we were about to say, “*We had hoped*,” we, too, recognize him at our table.

And there is life, and hope.

And the disciples make a U-turn on the road and start walking, no, running toward Jerusalem, toward their future.

And we gather in convention. “On the road.” We

recognize him at our table. We recognize him in one another. We recognize him in the stranger.

And we are off...on the road together.

We do not know the future, but we have what we need. Jesus is feeding us. We have the Scriptures. We have each other. We have life. We have hope. We know that we will not get to where we are going without going together.

Jesus is with us.

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

Marion Burnstad

Norma Branes

Transferred In

Maureen Engen



Special Gifts Received

Memorials

Marion Bennett

Ruth Grue

Douglas Hawkins

Norma Branes

The Power of the Tithe

I have appreciated that our treasurer, Chris Hohm, has been keeping us informed of the challenges we are experiencing meeting the funding required by our budget. Perhaps this will serve as a good reminder to all of us that it is important to support our congregation's ministry even when we cannot physically be present for worship in these pandemic times.

I would like to share with you our personal experience of tithing. While it may relate to our budget challenges, it is an indirect relationship, since we do not give in order to support a budget. A budget is a working plan that the church council puts together for us to consider at each annual meeting. They consider the opportunities we have for ministry and try to match those with what they think we members will support. Since not many of us tell the council what we will give, they have to take a best guess based on what the actual giving has been in the past year, and any trends that have been developing over the previous few years, adding a bit with the hope we will increase our giving by at least the cost of living. It is a necessary exercise, but not necessarily the most inspiring activity in the world.

We don't give to support a budget. We give because we need to give, regardless of the budget or whether or not we agree with everything in it. God has designed us for giving, and has demonstrated the genius of that design in the person and work of Jesus. Tithing is a Biblical concept that recognizes the fundamental relationship between God and humankind. God gives us everything we need, and the tithe was established to celebrate that wonderful reality. Offering ten percent of all we receive back to God reminds us of God's gifts to us and makes it possible for God to multiply what we have offered in even greater abundance. Jesus received fish and bread from a boy and fed 5000 people with it. Jesus' great commandment is to love God and love neighbour, which means that we love God by giving ourselves for the sake of the neighbour.

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Food Bank Sunday - June 13

Food Bank donations **are still needed** and can be left in the grocery cart **in the Church foyer** or dropped off **directly** to the Neighbor Aid Food Bank located at 4524 54 Street in Camrose, Monday to Friday from 9:00 am - Noon & Tuesday to Thursday 1:00-4:00 pm.

Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated and can be made online at atbcares.com by entering **CAMROSE NEIGHBOR AID CENTER INC.** in the Find A Cause search area.



Wednesday Morning Coffee Fellowship

While we are unable to meet in person we will have a virtual Wednesday Morning Coffee Fellowship through Zoom from 11:00 am - Noon. Please email the office at office@messiahcamrose.ca to register to receive the Zoom link.

Some religious groups demand a tithe as a condition of membership. Other religious groups speak of receiving more blessings from God if we tithe. We Lutherans don't speak in those terms. Tithing is not a command, it is an opportunity to exercise our love for the other. Tithing is not giving in order to get, either. If we tithe out of a sense of duty, or expect that we will receive more if we tithe, we will be disappointed. Some say, Give until it hurts. That would be a legalistic way to approach tithing. We talk about God's infinite and unmerited grace, so with Mother Theresa, we can say, Give until it feels good.

Tithing is also not a limit. You may have heard of R.G. LeTourneau, inventor and manufacturer of some of the largest earth moving equipment in the world. By the end of his life, he gave to God 90% of his personal and corporate earnings, and kept 10% for himself.

Jane and I began tithing when we moved to Camrose. Our mentor was Jacob Stolee, a wonderful man many of you were privileged to know. He had such an infectious joy of giving. I remember him saying that in his retirement he gave more than he ever made in the parish. His recurring comment was, You cannot out give God. We have discovered that you can sure have fun trying.

We involved our children in our routine of the monthly payment of the bills, and the first cheque always went to the church. They sometimes complained that we could get other things with that money, but we explained the principle of tithing to them, and they learned to accept that. As tight as things got financially sometimes over the years, we never lacked for what we needed, and always had enough to support other charitable organizations as well. Most of all, like Jacob Stolee, we just had fun giving. Now, with a fixed retirement income, we still tithe. Since our congregation is our spiritual home and centre, it receives the tithe. As we are able, we continue to support other causes also.

Every tithing person I have spoken to over the years shares stories similar to ours and Jacob's. If you have never tithed, I encourage you to give it a try. If you are a tither already, I encourage you to share your story as well.

Can you imagine what Messiah would be like if everyone tithed? We would not be having conversations about how we would meet our budget, or wondering how we will get things done or keep things going. The question would change from Can we do that? to What more shall we do together?

A blessed Pentecost Season to you all. May Christ's death and resurrection inspire us to give ourselves away for the sake of the other, and in that giving, find joy.

Stephen P. Kristenson



Father's Day Prayer

God our Father,

In your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless those fathers who have taken upon themselves, the responsibility of parenting. Bless those who have lost a spouse to death ... or divorce who are parenting their children alone. Strengthen them by your love that they may be and become the loving, caring persons they are meant to be.

*Grant this through
Christ our Lord.*

Amen

A reminder that the Hymn Sing's, recorded last year, can still be found at these links:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fXt4tnCMo1I>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MmTjWRkP4Ok>



Since Rev. Dr. Brian Rude has announced his retirement (see letter on page 13) from paid ministry in El Salvador, we thought we would let you know the plan to forward any Designated offerings from Messiah.

Any support designated for In Mission with El Salvador or Brian Rude ministry that is received by Messiah prior to July 31 will be forwarded to the Synod office in time to be forwarded to the mission in El Salvador before it officially ends.

Any support received after July 31, including any received on August 1, will be considered as Designated to Support the Synod's Global Mission ministry going forward, which is currently IELCO, or the Columbia ministry. There are currently three projects there, though Messiah has been focused on promoting the one for Lutheran Student Scholarships.

Sheila Becker - Bookkeeper



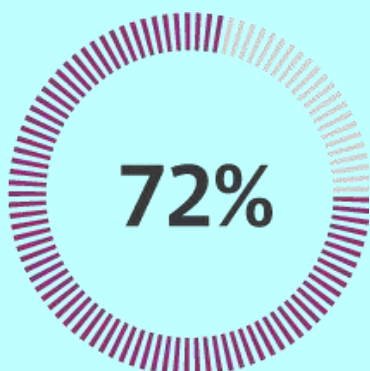
The **Annual Congregational Meeting** of
Messiah Lutheran Church of Camrose has been scheduled for
Sunday, June 6 at 7:00 pm using Zoom online or by phone-in. If the office
has an email address for your household, you will have received the Annual
Report and meeting information by email. If we do not have an email address
on file, you will have received an instruction letter in the mail this week.

Paper copies of the annual report are available
in the foyer of the church office.

Please call the office 780-672-3444
if you have any questions.



ROOF FUND UPDATE:



**The revised goal is
\$92,341.**

**Received as of
May 23:
\$66,830**

We are able to accept
E-transfers set up from your online
banking, that deposit directly, at
the following email address:
offering@messiahcamrose.ca





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In-Person Worship Resumes at Messiah on June 20, 2021



On May 27th Church Council passed the following motion regarding the resumption of in-person worship:

That the option to attend in-person worship resume June 20 at 15% capacity, or higher, if conditions and Provincial regulations warrant, at the discretion of Council.

As stated before, we are fortunate to gather as a faith community through the broadcasting of our services on Eastlink Cable TV and through the live streaming of them on YouTube. Although we encourage you to continue worshipping virtually, we are offering the option to worship in-person.

To help ensure that our worshippers are as safe as possible we will follow the following guidelines that are similar to those that were implemented last Fall. The exception is that we are asking people to preregister. The guidelines are as follows:

- Register your intent to attend by phoning or emailing the church. **Please do this each time you plan to attend** so that we ensure that our attendance is within the capacity allowed.

**REGISTER TO
ATTEND**

- You can enter through either the back entrance or the link entrance and we ask that you exit the way you came in. Near the entrance there will be a volunteer to greet and check that you have preregistered.
- Please use the hand sanitizer when entering and leaving the building.
- Worshippers are required to wear a mask. Masks will be available at the entrance but you are welcome to wear your own.
- When arriving and leaving the church, please keep 2 metres apart from attendees that are not members of your household. At the end of the service an usher will guide dismissal beginning with the back pews on the each side. Please exit the entrance you came in.
- Upon entry into the sanctuary, offerings can be placed in an offering plate. Other options for giving include mailing in a cheque, completing an E-transfer (offering@messiahcamrose.ca), dropping off your donation at the office or arranging for automatic withdrawals through your bank.

- Tova, our Music Ministry Coordinator, will arrange for special music and the accompaniment of our hymns, but we ask that you not join in by singing aloud. Instead, we invite you to sing in your head, hum along, or meditate on the music. Hymnals will not be used. Worship folders will be distributed by the ushers.
- Share the “Peace of the Lord” by waving, nodding or bowing rather than with physical contact such as shaking hands, hugging or bumping elbows as this could involve fairly close contact.
- The washrooms in the hallway to the Fellowship Centre will be open as will the one at the back of the sanctuary.
- Sunday School is scheduled to resume in September of 2021. Until then, children who are in attendance at worship are to asked to remain, at all times, with their parent or guardian.

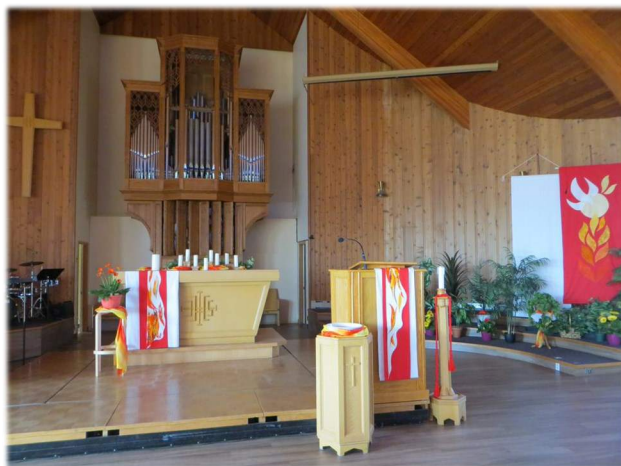
**Please keep informed of the Alberta government updates.
The following are reminders of important AHS guidelines:**

- Do not attend if you are experiencing the most common symptoms of COVID-19 (cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose, or sore throat).
- If you are unsure about your health you are encouraged to use the online self-screening tool. Search for “COVID-19 Self Assessment for Albertans”.
- 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.

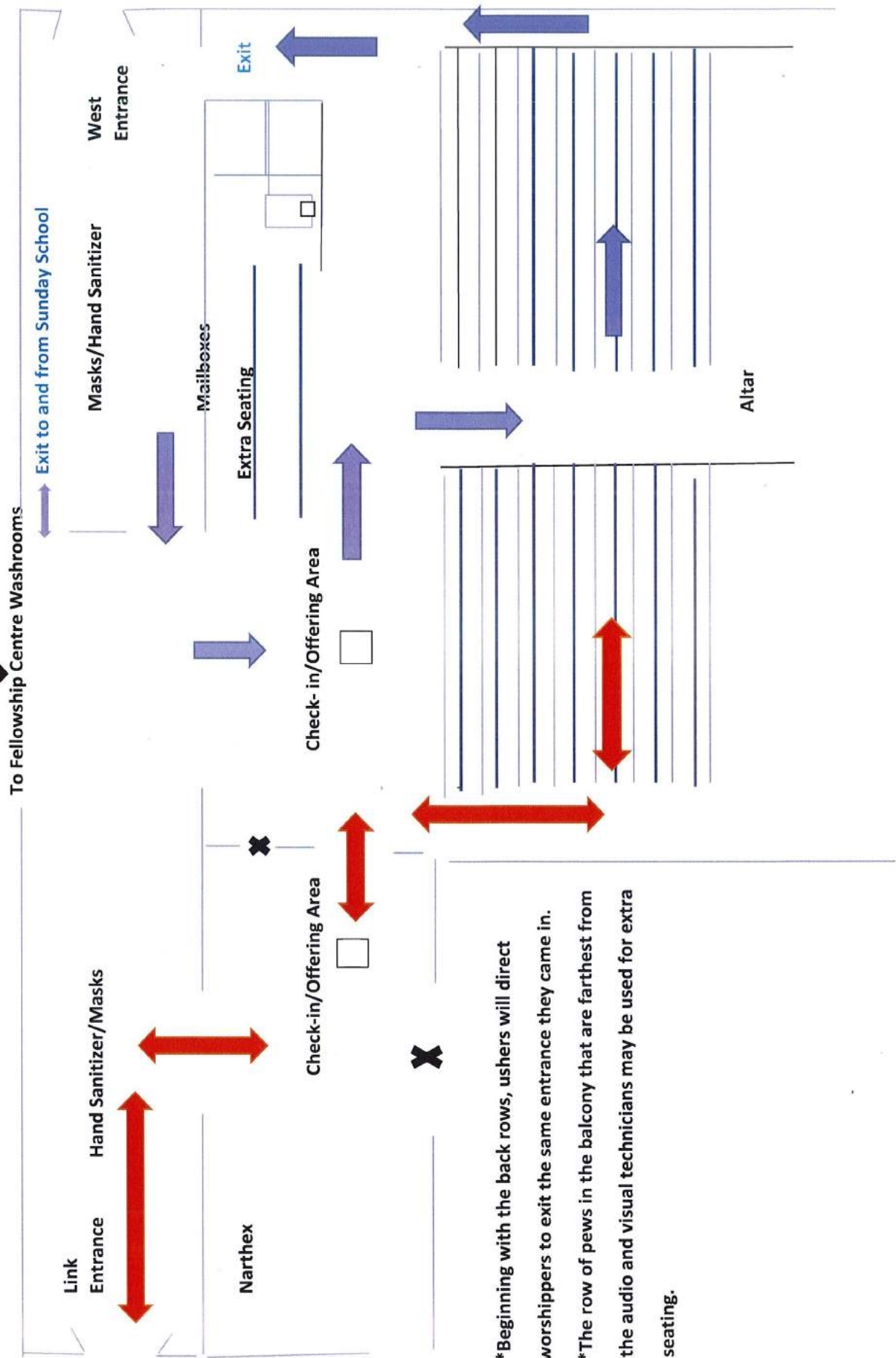
**Whether worshipping in-person or virtually from home
we gather as one in the Spirit to worship and praise our Lord.**

Thanks be to God!

Sharing Jesus Christ with All People



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



NEWS CONCERNING Rev. Dr. Brian Rude
(Copied by Ray Blacklock with permission from the Bishop's Office)

Office of the Bishop
Synod of Alberta and the Territories
10014 - 81 Ave
Edmonton, Alberta, T6E 1W8

May 3, 2021

Dear Beloved of God:

The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. Amen.

After 36 years, Pastor Brian Rude's ministry of accompaniment with Salvadorans will go through another transition with Pastor Rude's retirement at the end of August, 2021.

This ministry was a response to God's call to listen and to learn from Salvadorans, and an effort to pass on those learnings and reflections to partners in "the north." The ministry encompassed 4 years in and from Canada - leading study delegations to Central America and helping to settle refugees in Canada - and 32 plus years of diverse ministries in El Salvador including since 2013 "*En Misión con El Salvador: In Mission with El Salvador.*"

Following retirement, Pastor Rude plans to remain in El Salvador continuing to live out this ministry of accompaniment, including welcoming visitors (post-pandemic).

Support received by August 31, 2021, for this global ministry will continue to be forwarded to "*En Misión con El Salvador: In Mission with El Salvador.*" As of September 1, 2021, funds received for global mission ministry will be utilized for work with our Synod's companion Partner, The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Colombia (IELCO). More information regarding current synod projects, as determined in conversation with IELCO can be found on the synod website.

The ministry of Pastor Brian Rude will be briefly recognized during the Synod convention, July 17, and later at a ZOOM gathering, Tuesday, August 31, from 4-6 p.m. (MST) when there will be opportunity for greetings, storytelling, and expressions of thanks. Further information will be forthcoming.

Cards and letters may be mailed or emailed (abtsynodoffice@elcic.ca) to the synod and will be forwarded to Pastor Rude following August 31. Pre-recorded videos and written greetings to be shared during the ZOOM gathering may be forwarded to the Synod office by August 1, using the Synod link: <https://elcic.app.box.com/s/rbjrc25rh4k0fmurp8ql7v8ff3nt4vgv>.

In an expression of thanks for this shared ministry, Pastor Rude writes: "Anticipating this transition on the threshold, I extend a hearty thanks to all of you for your concern and support over the years--over the decades, from my own heart and on behalf of so many of our teachers and beneficiaries, especially Salvadorans. I trust you have been blessed as much as I have, thanks to our immersion in this ministry, "*En Misión con El Salvador: In Mission with El Salvador.*"

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,
The Rev. Dr. Larry Kochendorfer, Bishop
The Synod of Alberta and the Territories
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada



The Rev. Dr. Brian Rude
En Misión con El Salvador:
In Mission with El Salvador



NEWS BRIEFS



Canadian Lutheran
World Relief



As COVID 19 puts millions of lives at immediate risk in India, CLWR's partners on the ground are quickly mobilizing to deliver life-saving aid.

New cases in India have passed 400,000/day and deaths reach 4000/day. This is an unfolding catastrophe, and also beyond the direct risk of COVID, millions face hunger due to disrupted movement and business.

Together, we have an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of those who are suffering. We all need to consider what we can do.

Donations can be made online at clwr.org/India, by calling 1-800-661-2597 or by mailing a cheque to CLWR, 600-177 Lombard Ave., Winnipeg, MB R3B 0W5.



Connecting Through Creation

Zoom Connection Tuesdays, June 1 - June 15 at 7:00 pm.

You are invited to join a Zoom connection with Pastor Bev Swanson.



We will spend time during this season of new life and growth focused spiritual reflections connected to nature as found in the scripture and song.

We will explore the Spirit's presence with us through creation as found in water, wind, trees and plants, birds and animals, the earth and sky.



There are many references to nature in scripture that connect to our daily lives and our relationship with our Lord. As we move through the last 3 weeks we will connect with our Creator in

the gift of creation. This will be a devotional time with a invitation to see the world around you through the eyes of God's amazing Spirit.

I hope you join in this weekly one hour time of reflection and awareness of God's presence with us through nature. It is my hope that this is a life-giving experience for you. Please contact the office by phone at 780-672-3444 or by email at office@messiahcamrose.ca to register to receive the Zoom link.

Connecting in the Word

Check out our brief recorded inspirational messages twice a week. One with Pastor Bev and then with Andy the puppet with a message for the kids!

Go to 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.

Eternity for Today

Prayer booklets for

April to June 2021 are

***available for pickup from
the church office entry for a
suggested donation of \$2.00***



MESSIAH'S AUDIO-VISUAL TEAM NEEDS HELPERS

We need help - please consider joining Messiah's Audio-Visual Team!

1) Screen Operators

Skills needed: concentration, mouse and keyboard operation.

2) Camera Operators

Skills needed: multi-window use, attention to visual detail, mouse and keyboard operation.

3) Sound Board Operators

Skills needed: attention for aural detail.

If you don't have the skills listed, really the main thing we need is someone with a strong desire to learn and serve. We will provide training.

Please contact Rosanna if you are interested or have any questions: rosannas@telus.net.

CAN WE HELP?

There is a group of people at Messiah who are available at NO cost to help with or do tasks for you...

changing light bulbs,



spring clean up outside,

or giving rides!



If there is small job that you would like help with or would like done, please phone

Messiah Lutheran Church at 780-672-3444

and leave a message with the receptionist.

You will receive a call back to set up a time to get together & make a plan.



Volunteers make our church go round....

All those who make worship services go well

musicians
choirs
handbells
children's storyteller
readers
audio visual technicians
ushers
greeters
readers



those who prepare the bulletins
Communion prep and servers and home deliverers
Preparing the altar space and making of banners for the each church season

All those who keep the building safe and standing

Wednesday Workers
Snow shovellers
Lawn mowers and yard care
Plant waterers



Those who lock the building up each night
Those who repair and build what is needed....
sound systems,
security needs, etc.

All those who teach and serve

Men's Saturday morning Bible Study leaders
Lectio Divina leaders
Sunday School Teachers
AdultFest/organizers and presenters
Prayer groups (MLW praying for Sunday School children)



Visitors for Seniors

Friendship Club

Meals on Wheels

Martha's Table

Neighbor Aid (as drivers for special medical appointments, stocking shelves etc._

at Hastings Lake as helpers

as Refugee advocates and helping them to get settled

Missions

MLW for funerals, quilts, boxes, etc.

MLW study group presenters



All who keep us informed

Bulletin Boards upkeep

Messenger articles and deliveries

All those who feed us

Coffee times after Worship

Lunchfests each month

Snacks for the Sunday School kids



All those who help out in the office

folding bulletins

filling in at the front desk

librarian

All those who serve on our Church Council, the Worship, Service, Support, Missions, Learning and Witnessing committees as well as on ad hoc groups (like organizing garage sales to enable families to attend camp,)



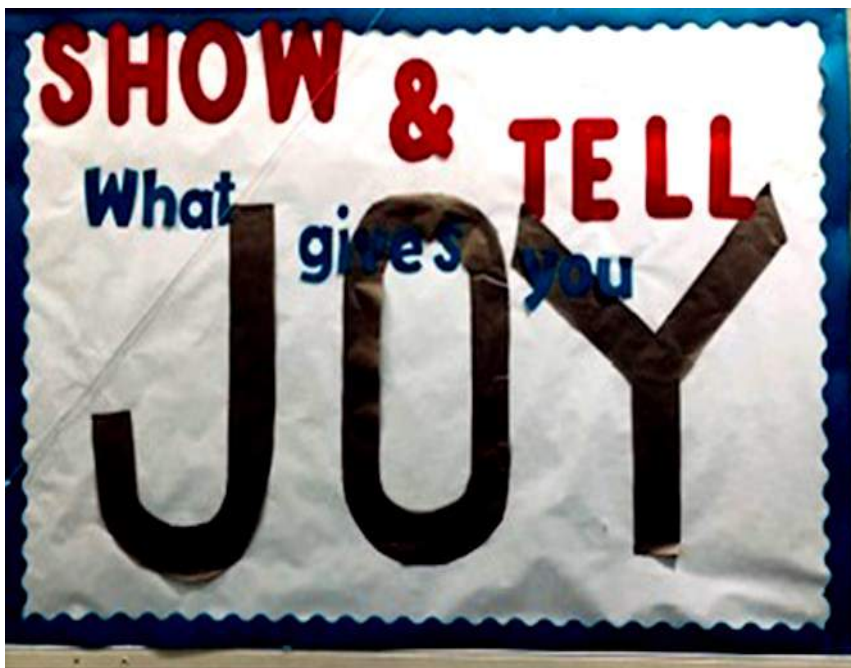
Hello, everyone!

There is bulletin board in the Fellowship Hallway I will call JOY! If you are in the church neighborhood, stop by to write on it what brings you joy.

It's "Show & Tell". If you put pictures up, put your name on back so that they can be returned to you!

Thank you and enJOY!

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Did you know?

We received this note regarding the Connecting Through Creation Devotional:

It's the highlight of my week! Thank you, Pastor Bev. We are all in different spots for the zoom call but you bring us together for fellowship and I feel like we are all in the same room together. If someone has not joined yet but you are thinking about it, give it a try!



We received this email:

Messiah's Sunday music is always so well done, but today's Pentecost music was a step above- so exceptional in all ways - choice, expression, tight harmony, inspirational - blown away (yes, Pentecost pun intended). I also really appreciated Pastor Bev's prayers and sermon - they made me feel much more connected to the Holy Spirit.



That an appeal for the 'Can We Help?' group to assist with yard raking was completed within 4 hours of the request!
What can we help you with?



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If you know someone who does not have access to Eastlink TV or the internet, but they have a DVD player, please contact the office at 780-672-3444 and we can make arrangements to deliver a DVD of any of the services to them!



Sunday morning in-person worship service will resume June 20 with pre-registration required for attendance. We will continue to broadcast on Eastlink channels 10, 310 & 610. Rebroadcast Wednesdays at 5:30 pm.

Our services are on YouTube. Search for MessiahCamrose. There is also a link for on our website messiahcamrose.ca.



Previous Sunday's services may also be found on YouTube or on our website at messiahcamrose.ca and under the Worship Service tab you will find "Worship Services Archived."

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Members, staff, committees and groups are encouraged to submit articles so that we are aware of what is happening in our congregation.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1  7:00 Connecting Through Creation by Zoom	2 11:00 Coffee Fellowship by Zoom 	3 11:45 Staff Meeting 	4	5
6 Pentecost 2 10:30 Worship Service  7:00 Annual Congregational Meeting by ZOOM	7 12:00 Meals on Wheels  2:00 World Mission Group 	8  7:00 Connecting Through Creation by Zoom	9 11:00 Coffee Fellowship by Zoom 	10 11:45 Staff Meeting 12:00 Meals on Wheels  5:15 Witnessing Committee	11	12
13 Pentecost 3 Food Bank Sunday  10:30 Worship Service 	14	15  7:00 Connecting Through Creation by Zoom	16 11:00 Coffee Fellowship by Zoom  7:00 Church Council	17 11:45 Staff Meeting	18	19
20 Pentecost 4 Father's Day 10:30 Worship Service Confirmation 	21	22	23 11:00 Coffee Fellowship by Zoom 	24 11:45 Staff Meeting	25	26
27 Pentecost 5 10:30 Worship Service 	28	29	30 11:00 Coffee Fellowship by Zoom 