



MESSIAH MESSENGER

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Peace Be With You

Worship Schedule

Sunday 10:30 am

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 on Sunday at 10:30 am.

If you have any questions or concerns call the office at 780 672 3444 or email office@messiahcamrose.ca.

Office Hours

Monday to Friday

**9:00 am to Noon
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

**(Closed for lunch from
12:00–1:00 pm)**

**Masks are not required
but you are welcome to
wear a mask if you wish.**

Minister's Message

AS OUR LIVES UNFOLD



We have had quite a lovely summer full of warm days to enjoy. I for one have really loved the beautiful weather this summer. And as fall opens it seems to be continuing. We have been met this summer not only with sunshine and warmth but also

with sadness and tears as life has taken turns that have broken our hearts as a church community. We continue to travel together in these painful moments also. We are missing precious loved ones in our midst as we gather this fall.

We have experienced sudden and unexpected deaths, funerals and sudden painful losses, weddings and celebrations, a baptism, graveside moments and a confirmation. All of these are such important parts of our lives: birth, baptism, confirmation, marriage, death. There is a hymn that comes to my mind and speaks to God's presence in all our moments. It begins with these words, "I was there to hear your morning cry. I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized... to see your life unfold." I love the words to this hymn. It speaks to God's presence from the moment we take our first breath...and as every moment unfolds. It concludes with the words... that remind us that even as we take our last breath God is still there to meet us with another surprise.

Life is not very predictable... it unfolds and we are not in control of most of what happens. Sometimes it is full of joyful moments and other times full of pain and struggle... and then as it unfolds we discover God in each and every unfolding moment. We can trust our Lord to be there for all that takes place in our lives.

As people of God it is such comfort to remember this presence ever there no matter what life brings. Some mornings we

wake up thinking it will be a regular day and suddenly find ourselves thrown into unexpected trauma or deep pain that changes our lives forever. Life brings what it brings and sometimes it really hard. Other times its full of beauty and joy. As our lives unfold, we can know this gentle presence with us... there is never a moment that our Lord is not holding us, never a moment we are not loved... never a moment where our God leaves us... We are always met with the presence of the Spirit of the living God. Psalm 139 speaks to this never ending presence...

Psalm 139:1-18

- 1 *You have searched me, Lord,
and you know me.*
- 2 *You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.*
- 3 *You discern my going out and my lying
down;
you are familiar with all my ways.*
- 4 *Before a word is on my tongue
you, Lord, know it completely.*
- 5 *You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.*
- 6 *Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.*
- 7 *Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?*
- 8 *If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I make my bed in the depths, you are
there.*
- 9 *If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,
10 even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast.*
- 11 *If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide
me and night wraps itself around me,"*
- 12 *even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.*
- 13 *For it was you who formed my inward parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.*
- 14 *I praise you, for I am fearfully and
wonderfully made.*
- 15 *My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret place,
when I was woven together in the depths of*

the earth.

16 Your eyes saw my unformed body;
all the days ordained for me were written in
your book

before one of them came to be.

17 How precious to me are your thoughts, God!
How vast is the sum of them!

18 Were I to count them,
they would outnumber the grains of sand—
when I awake, I am still with you.

Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well.

Whatever it is that you are living today and
however your life is unfolding, remember God
is there...forgiving you... holding you... loving
you... healing you and ever and always with you.

What a comfort to know as we enter into the
fall season that God joins us as a people of God
in all that is and all that will be.

No matter what life holds, we are met with the
presence of our Lord.

Gathered as one in the Spirit, we also journey
together as our moments unfold. We are never
alone. For this I am very grateful!

Let us remember that we can trust our Lord to
be present and to guide us as we move into
each unfolding moment of our days.

Pastor Bev

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



BORNING CRY

By John Ylvisaker

I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a
child,
with a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell.

When you heard the wonder of the
Word
I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living
God,
to whom you now belong.

If you find someone to share your
time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk 'till rising sun.

In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the
night,
complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in,
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise.

I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.



Dear Beloved of God –

As September quickly approaches, I encourage all congregations to make use of the global and ecumenical resource, “Season of Creation,” in your worship and educational planning from September 1 through October 4. Visit:

www.SeasonOfCreation.org to access the materials.

This year’s theme, “Listen to the Voice of Creation,” is an invitation to remember God’s call and to pay attention to those being silenced in the public discourse on climate change and on the ethics of Earth conservation, such as:

- the voices of those drawing attention to the ethics of earth-keeping;
- the voices of those who suffer the most impacts from climate change;
- the voices of those who possess ancestral wisdom about living with gratitude within the limits of Earth; and
- the voices of those pointing out plants and animals which are drastically declining in numbers and in diversity.

An additional resource is being prepared by our Synod’s Care of Creation Ministry Team. In collaboration with confirmands from across the

Synod, a set of brief videos, based on this year’s “Season of Creation” theme, is being prepared and will be shared through our Synod Office and available on our Synod’s website:

www.albertasynod.ca.

I encourage you to share these videos with your congregation in your weekly/monthly newsletter, through social media pages and/or as a prelude/postlude to your worship services between September 1 and October 4. I hope that you will share these brief videos of awe, lament and hope for the future of creation seen through the eyes of our youth.

As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common call to care for creation. We are co-creatures, and part of all that God has made. Our wellbeing is interwoven with the wellbeing of the Earth. We rejoice in this opportunity to safeguard our common home and all beings who share it.

We listen and raise our voices in prayer this Fall. We act on behalf of this world that God loves. We listen to the voice of Creation.

In Christ Jesus –

Shalom,

+Larry

“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

Caring for God’s Creation



Call Committee Update:

Members of the Call Committee are: Carolyn Andersen (Secretary), Lavona Broen, Emily Brosius, Rosanna Hohm (Chair), Michelle Kennedy-Hawkins, Maria Skriver, Jon Stolee, and Ben Thomas. Please pray that God will lead the best person for our needs to our church.

The Call Committee has been working hard to finalize Messiah's Congregational profile, which is used to guide potential candidates about how the church operates, about our community, and what our main needs are. Within this document we have identified five key expectations for the Senior Pastor that we are looking to call. This includes, in no particular order, that the candidate:

- Is genuinely excited about following Jesus and able to build that excitement in us through spiritual leadership.
- Will lead worship and preach, grounded in God's love and theology.
- Fosters a strong sense of community through relationship building, connecting and participating with us in living out our mission to "Share Jesus Christ with all people."
- Is comfortable teaching about stewardship and will understand and monitor the church's finances.
- Is able to create a collaborative team environment which promotes respectful interpersonal relations and make decisions that reflect collaboration benefiting Messiah's ministry.

Do you have suggestions for the Call Committee to consider? If so, please complete a nomination form (found at the information desk at the back of the church) or send an email to Rosanna (rosannas@telus.net) including the name of the nomination, their current church, their current synod, and the reason for your nomination. The call committee will take all nominations seriously, but is only able to talk with candidates cleared by the bishop. Nominations will remain open until the end of September.

Confirmation Sunday

August 28, 2022

We rejoiced with
Sevrin Lindstrand

as he affirmed his baptism in
his Confirmation.



Pastoral Acts

Funerals

**Vincent Eriksson
Bernard Williams
Constance Olsen**
(inurnment)
Connie Kvale

Marriages

**Breanna Roste &
William Schultz**
(officiated by Edgar Roste &
Richard Schultz)

**Lindy Davis &
Skip Wenzel**
(Lion's Garden Barn,
Lindbrook)



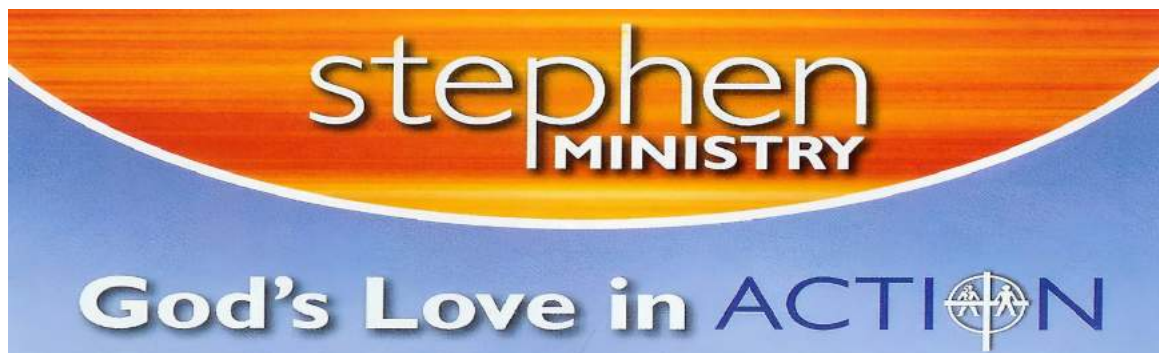
Baptism **Ava Storvik**

Confirmation **Sevrin Lindstrand**

Special Gifts

Memorials **Fay Carlson**

**Vincent Eriksson
Bernie Williams
Catherine Kneeland**



Were you previously involved in the Stephen Ministry?

Would you be interested in using your gift of helping again?

Pastor Bev would like to activate a similar group to help with visitation.

If you're interested in more information please call her
or leave your name at the office and she will contact you.

Pastor Bev 780 678 7830

Office 780 672 3444

Calling All Men For Coffee

Hey guys, we used to be known as The Wednesday Workers.

Our routine was, starting with coffee at Tim Hortons (Westside) and going to work at the church.

Our format has changed to just meeting for coffee every Wednesday at 9:00 am., to enjoy getting together and sharing a coffee, tea or hot chocolate.

Consideration might be given in changing the name of the group;

Men's Coffee Fellowship Group?

The Wednesday Retreads?

The Wednesday Has Beens?

That can be decided at a later time.

Please join us Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 9 AM.

Maintenance is no longer on the agenda.

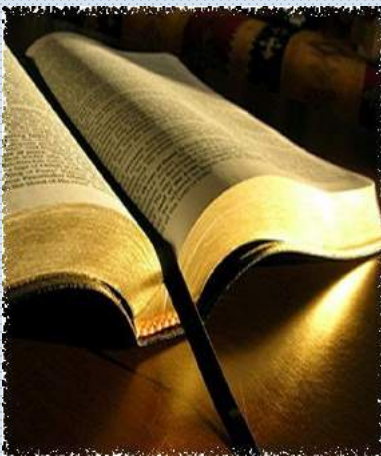


On behalf of the Messiah's Ministry with Seniors Committee

Donny Loewen

Men's Bible Study is Starting Again

When? Saturdays, beginning September 10,
9:00 to 10:15 am



Where? Via ZOOM (call the church office for the link.)

What? To study the lessons which will be highlighted at the next day's worship service.

Reading Material? Copies of the lessons are provided ahead of time.

Leaders? Some men take turns as leaders, others join in as they wish.

All Men Are Welcome!!



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SYNOD FINANCIAL APPEAL Lakeland Lutheran Church



The exterior appears relatively undamaged; it is only as you enter the church, that you see the extensive damage caused by a suspicious fire in the early hours of July 2, 2022, at Lakeland Lutheran Church (Cold Lake AB).

Though thankful that no one was injured in the blaze or fighting the fire, the congregation and Pastor Anne Zimmerman continue to deal with the aftermath: cleanup, investigation, insurance claims, hurt and “church homelessness”. They greatly appreciate the many calls and emails, and the recent visit from Bishop Larry (July 14), wide-spread prayer support, and the immediate support of the Cold Lake faith community. The structural integrity of the building remains undamaged, but the sanctuary (site of the fire) and main floor of the building are presently being stripped of what was destroyed or damaged—flooring, drywall, pulpit, etc. Amazingly, the baptismal font, the altar, and the Christ candle and stand were undamaged and, following cleaning, will be among the few items saved from the sanctuary.



Photo by Lila Wollman

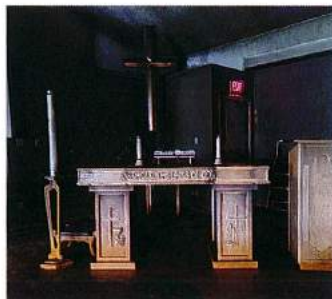


Photo by Lila Wollman

Photo by Bishop Larry



Pastor Anne, on July 2, wrote to her congregation, reminding them that “A church building is precious in a faith community. Yet...the church truly is the people....be reminded that in surprise, shock, and upsetting concern – God is ever present holding us and others within Cold Lake who may have seen the damage occurring. We pray for those who did this as well”

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA

Please continue to remember in prayer members and friends of the congregation, Pastor AnnE, and the workers who labour to clean and repair the damaged portion of the church and other areas affected by smoke and water. The congregation has been welcomed with open arms by St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church who immediately offered worship space. It is anticipated that the Lakeland building will not be usable for some time.

If you are interested in helping Lakeland financially, funds will be welcomed for incidental items not covered by insurance. Immediate needs include worship resources such as pew editions of *EvLW* (app. \$35 per copy) and *All Creation Sings* (app. \$21 per copy), Accompaniment Editions of both worship resources, as well as other music and supplies for worship. Initial funds received will be used to cover the cost of such items which will be furnished with a bookplate stating the names of individuals or congregations responsible for funding their purchase. Additional funds will be used as the congregation deems necessary.

Funds may be remitted through your congregation or directly to the Synod office (10014 – 81 Ave NW Edmonton AB T6E 1W8); please clearly mark them for Lakeland Lutheran. Cheques sent directly to office must be endorsed to “Alberta Synod, ELCIC”. Gifts may also be designated for this project through Canada Helps on our Synod website; be aware that a processing fee is taken from the funds donated in this way.



Photo by Bishop Larry

Thank you for your partnership in ministry.

“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,

+Bishop Larry Kochendorfer

The Rev. Dr. Larry Kochendorfer, Bishop
Synod of Alberta and the Territories



**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in Canada**
In Mission for Others



Let there be greening

2022 National Convention

JULY 15-16 • ONLINE

Reflections on the July 15-16 2022 Online ELCIC National Convention
Submitted by Darlene Dahle
Lay Delegate, East Central Area, Synod of Alberta and The Territories

Perhaps you were able to read some of the Convention Highlights that were in an ELCIC email that Lori Mokry forwarded to you on July 20th. In this submission to the *September Messenger* I will share my own reflections on the Convention.

Since this was an online convention, a certain amount of computer skills was required. Over the past two years I have used ZOOM many times so I thought this would be easy. Well, it wasn't! First of all, I hadn't upgraded to the latest version of ZOOM as I was told to do, and secondly, I needed assistance from the technicians so I could switch back and forth from viewing the main stage to seeing the voting platform. Consequently, my computer skills have been upgraded!

The Convention was very well organized and the voting procedure was very clear. In May a Bulletin of Reports was made available to us and although we were encouraged to save paper by reading it online, Lori graciously printed the huge document for me and assembled it into a two-inch binder. I couldn't have done without it! Thanks Lori! I needed the Bulletin of Reports for this year's convention but it also contains many reports that will be on next year's agenda when the ELCIC Convention reconvenes, hopefully in-person, and with the Anglican Church of Canada. The date and venue for that convention are yet to be announced. I will continue to be a delegate.

There were one hundred forty-one registered delegates at the Convention. Twenty-seven delegates represented the Areas of our Synod. Three pastors and three lay delegates (one under the age of thirty) were from our East Central Area. This is the first convention where a goal was set to have 20% participation of delegates in the age range of 16-30.

I was on the Committee of Reference and Counsel with two other lay and two rostered delegates. This Committee was responsible for making recommendations on petitions/resolutions that were presented to them during the convention. Interestingly, the only motion submitted came from a group of eight delegates who represented the under 30 age category. They wanted organizers of future conventions to give their "best effort" in arranging dates that fall over a weekend. The Committee considered that a reasonable motion so it was presented to the delegates and passed.

I was most interested in understanding what was meant by the convention theme: *Let There be Greening*. Quoting from Bishop Susan: *Greening is all about new life. We want our church and all of our members to be greening, full of the spirit and of the new life in Christ. We want our world to be greening, with an end to war in Ukraine, Yemen, Syria, Afghanistan and elsewhere, and a chance for new life to re-emerge. We want creation to be greening, restored to the freshness and health the way God created it.*

The Bulletin of Reports outlines the ELCIC National Church Strategic Plan for 2022-2025. This

includes the Mission Statement, Vision Statement, and Areas of Focus. The Mission Statement is as follows:

The mission of the church, as an expression of the universal Church and as an instrument of the Holy Spirit, is to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with people in Canada and around the world through proclamation of the Word, celebration of the sacraments, and through service in Christ's name.

The ELCIC Vision Statement is this: *God's grace and unconditional love calls us to be a diverse, inclusive community that celebrates all and upholds life giving relationships.*

*As a National Church, we are called to focus on
... striving to be a Healthier Church (Hebrews 10:24-25 ...and let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, but encouraging one another and all the more as you see the Day approaching.)
...seeking to cultivate Effective Partnerships (I Corinthians 3:9 For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building)
...encouraging Relational Leadership (Ephesians 4:12 To equip the saints for the work of ministry for building up the body of Christ.)
... leading with Compassionate Justice (Isaiah 1:17 Learn to do good, seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.)*

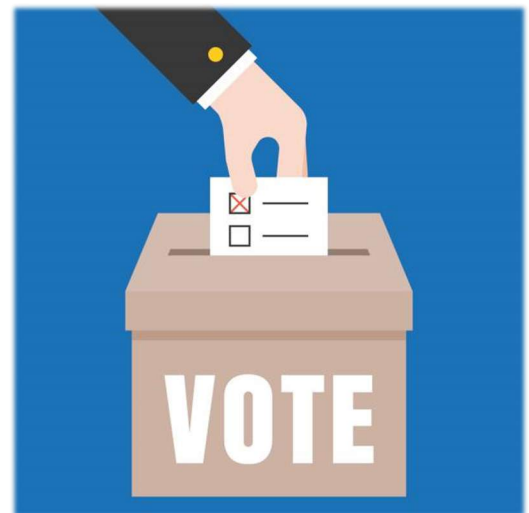
Elections were held for the five members of the Court of Appeal (three lay and two rostered) and for the eleven members of the National Church Council (one lay and one rostered from each of the four western synods and two lay and one rostered from the eastern synod). Biographies for all the candidates were given in the Bulletin of Reports.

For the Court of Appeal, one of the three elected lay candidate is from AB (Brent Latimer, Faith Lutheran Church, Calgary) and the other two are from the MNO Synod. One rostered member on the Court of Appeal is Rev Trish Schmermund, Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Edmonton; the other one is from the Eastern synod.

Elected representatives on the NCC from our synod are Kathleen Jensen, a lay delegate from Brooks, and Rev Kevin Powell, First Lutheran Church, Calgary.

Electing a new vice-chair was an interesting process. For the first vote a delegate could nominate anyone they wanted. The candidate I had mind did not give me permission to nominate him so I did not vote on the first ballot. However, about 66 people were nominated! After the second ballot, the five nominees who had the most votes were left on for the third ballot. Each of those five candidates was invited to submit a bio. before Friday's vote. Only Bruce Cook from Ontario submitted one so he easily won on the third ballot.

In 2011 the ELCIC made the following commitment:



This church upholds the dignity of all people. We recognize the image of Christ in every person and serve that person as Christ himself. In meeting diverse people, we begin with a core sense of respect for the value of each person as a unique child of God.

At that time a new sexuality statement permitting clergy in committed same-gender partnerships and allowing the blessing of same-sex unions was also adopted. (This followed the 2005 legalization of same sex marriages in Canada.) Although congregations were encouraged to follow the decision regarding the calling of a pastor in a committed same-gender partnership or allowing the blessing of same-sex unions, it was left up to individual congregations as to whether or not to adopt this policy. Messiah chose not to.

ELCIC's 2011 commitment and statement on sexuality were similar to those made by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in 2009. Their policy allowed for LGBTQ+ marriage and ordination of LGBTQ+ clergy and stated that LGBTQ+ individuals were welcome and encouraged to become members and to participate in the life of the congregation.

Then at the National ELCIC Convention in 2019, the above 2011 ELCIC commitment to "Uphold Dignity" was affirmed. However, eleven years later, Bishop Susan recognized that our ELCIC churches have not lived up to our commitment so, during her report to the delegates, she apologized to the 2SLGBTQIA+ community.

Today I apologize to the members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community for the ways that we have not lived up to our commitment and to the ways we have treated you in the past and even now.

With this apology I acknowledge the harms we as a church have caused and those harms we continue to cause. We have work to do and I cling to a hope that the entire church will learn from the past and work toward a future where all generations will feel acceptance, affirmation, and celebration for the gifts they bring our church as valued children of God.

Beginning August 1, 2022, Carmen Ramirez joined the ELCIC National Office in the newly created role of assistant to the bishop for diversity, equity and inclusion.

Devotional times during the convention were based on Psalm 104 which is a hymn of praise that follows the order for creation similar to Genesis 1. The emphasis was on caring for God's creation. One of the devotional leaders was Rev. Dr. Lyle McKenzie, former Chaplain at Augustana.



The National Church Council (NCC) presented its report via five video presentations. It is the business arm of the church. The NCC was responsible for passing 97 motions which are in the Bulletin of Reports and approving the new vision statement and adopting the strategic plan, both of which were mentioned earlier in this report. The NCC also appointed task forces on addressing Ableism; addressing Racism, White Supremacy, and issues of Racial Injustice; addressing Homophobia, Biphobia, and Transphobia; and on addressing Carbon Neutrality. These reports are in the Bulletin of Reports and will be the topic of discussions in 2023.

The presentation by Rev. Dr. Karin Achtersletter, executive director of Canadian Lutheran World Relief, was impressive. I didn't realize that in 2021 CLWR celebrated its 75-year anniversary of operation! CLWR was one of the sponsors for the convention and Pastor Karin mentioned how grateful she was for the ELCIC's partnership in mission. I'm happy members of Messiah are encouraged to support CLWR. Thanks to Marilyn Hoveland, Messiah members are kept up to date on CLWR.



Another presentation was on the governance reforms sought by the Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute (LCBI) also referred to as LCBI High School, in Outlook Saskatchewan. Although mostly favorable, this report generated more discussion than any other at the convention.

LCBI corporate meetings have traditionally been held during ELCIC Conventions when the delegates have had voting privileges. However now that the number of delegates has been reduced and are only meeting every three years, it has been necessary for LCBI to make some constitutional and bylaw changes. It is hoped that the reforms will. . .

- enable a more flexible and responsive framework;
- allow the school to fulfil its founders' educational, ecumenical and ministry aspirations more effectively;
- nourish new growth within our school community while remaining loyal to the vibrant vision of the founders and our church;
- strengthen the relationship between the corporation and the school;
- retain ties to the ELCIC through a common statement of faith and involvement of ELCIC congregations while also allowing for more ecumenical support;
- improve our connections with alumni and the membership; and
- increase our ability to recruit new members.

LCBI's bylaw and constitutional changes will now be submitted to the Province of Saskatchewan for approval.

The anticipated enrollment at LCBI this Fall is between 90 and 100 students.

Luther College in Regina, which made constitutional changes in 2018, and LCBI in Outlook, which is making changes now, will both be invited to give "good news" reports at future ELCIC Conventions.

Bishop Susan Johnson noted that the current membership of the ELCIC is about half of what it was in 1986, when the ELCIC was formed. However, she emphasized our growing of partners, namely the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), the American Episcopal Church, the Anglican Church of Canada, Canadian Lutheran World Relief, World Council of Churches, Canadian Council of Churches, Lutheran World Federation, ELC in Jordan and soon, the Moravian Church in North America.

If you have any questions regarding this 2022 ELCIC Convention Report, I'd be happy to respond.

**QUILTING BEGINS ON
WEDNESDAY,
SEPT 21, 9:00 am
IN THE FELLOWSHIP CENTRE**



**Balancers and counters
needed for Messiah's offering
counting teams.
Contact Lois at 672-2551
to volunteer.**



Bernie Williams' family would like to thank everyone at Messiah for their love, support and help over the years and for your prayers for Dad while he was in hospital. We are especially grateful to Donny and Shirley Loewen for saving the day when no caterers were available for the funeral.

*With our deep and heartfelt thanks,
Leigh Anne, Mohamad and Alia*

**Thank
You**



**LECTIO WILL BEGIN ON
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 26
AT 10:30 AM IN THE
LOUNGE.**

**The Adult Sunday
Morning Class returns!!**

*After two years' hiatus due to
COVID-19!!*

**Sunday September 18,
9:15 AM
in the Basement Auditorium.**

**Neighbor Aid needs ice cream pails and lids
to prepare for Martha's Table
which is being served at
Messiah on Tuesdays.
You may leave them in the Fellowship
Centre kitchen for our use.
Thank You!**



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP AFTER CHURCH HAS RESUMED

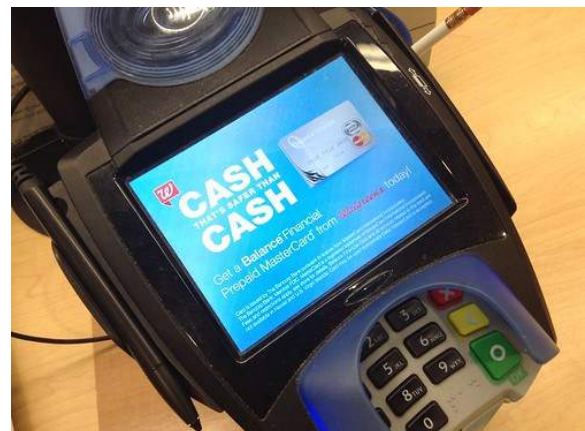


**Please join us in the
Fellowship Centre after the
Sunday Service for coffee and
goodies.**

EVERYONE WELCOME!!!

Reminder:

There is a debit machine at the
Welcome Centre at the back of
the sanctuary. Instructions are
available on the desk, please
follow them carefully to make
sure that both the Church and
your records will have a receipt
for proper recording.



A new choir experience is coming to Camrose, and we invite you to be a part of it! UBUNTU is a community church choir meant to build up the people of God and shape our very souls. The choir's name, UBUNTU, is an African word for "community" (literally translates as "I am because we are"). The music chosen will be music for and from the soul from various eras - prayers from people who need God, who sing their way back to God, and who sing their thanks to God!

Rehearsals: Monday nights, 7-8 pm (beginning Sept. 12)

Registration fee: \$60

Venue: Messiah Lutheran Church

Conductors and accompanists:

Joy Berg, Carolyn Olson



LunchFests and Potlucks

On the 3rd Sunday of Every Month

From Sept 2022 to May 2023 (excluding December)



Potluck

September 18, 2022

November 20, 2022

February 19, 2023

April 16, 2023

LunchFest

October 16, 2022

January 15, 2023

March 19, 2023

May 21, 2023

CONNECTING IN THE WORD

Check out our brief recorded inspirational messages with Pastor Bev! Go to messiahcamrose.ca to connect to the link called “**Connecting in the Word**”. Join us in this time of making safe connection with one another around God’s word.



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

By Zoom

Wednesdays at 10:00 am

Contact the office for the Zoom link.

Food Bank Sunday - September 11

Food Bank donations are still needed and can be left in the grocery cart in the Church foyer during the week or at the back of the sanctuary on Sunday mornings 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.





Greetings from the World Mission Group

(which serves under the Witnessing Committee)

We bring before you reminders of the call to prayer on behalf of these friends

who serve outside of Canada's borders in response to

The Great Commission in Matthew 28:16 - 20

George (son of Cece Watts, member at Messiah) **and Susan Watts** as they transition to being Houseparents at a boarding school for missionary children in Kenya, and where one of their children, Micah, has been attending.

Rev. Brian Rude, in retirement, but continuing to follow God's call to serve in El Salvador.

Ryan and Shiv Cole, currently on leave in Canada (made a great presentation at Messiah on June 16). The Coles plan on returning to Papua New Guinea soon where Ryan has an assignment as a pilot with Mission Aviation Fellowship.

**Perhaps the following prayer might be a starter for
prayers on behalf of Watts, Rude, Coles, and others you know
as they seek to be about the call to serve outside our Canadian borders:**

**"O Lord, may they boldly proclaim the Good News in words and deeds,
rejoicing always in your powerful presence,
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen."**

(Adapted from a prayer on page 75 in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship book.)

Respectfully submitted

Ray Blacklock, Chairperson



NEWS BRIEFS



Canadian Lutheran
World Relief

NORTHERN UGANDA

There are many women and children who have fled the conflict in South Sudan and have settled in a refugee settlement in Northern Uganda. They are reeling from the violence they have endured. They are strong and resilient, but they need a community of support around them to recover from years of violence and emotional trauma.

A woman named Irene, who regularly visits a **Safe Space** in Northern Uganda shares this message.

"I don't feel alone anymore. My life was thrown into chaos when I was forced to flee South Sudan. I lost everything – my belongings – my business – my pride! So many emotions! I felt alone until my friend told me about the mental health programs at the Women and Girls Safe



Space – it was my first glimmer of hope that maybe everything would be okay. The Safe Space is a place where I can talk freely without judgement. I feel safe with others that understand how hard it is to be separated from loved ones and feel like you're never going to see them again. I am healing ... through shared experiences of fear, hope and loss with other women. I am also making money for myself through opportunities provided at the Centre – I joined the hairdressing group and I've started braiding hair for money. This project is helping me to heal emotionally and create a new future that will provide for myself and my children. While I'm not yet fully whole again... I will be."

This is the impact our gifts can have. **\$29.14 will provide counselling and skills training for 10 women or girls, or \$145.71 for 50 women or girls.**

ATTENTION MESSIAH WOMEN!

Since we are no longer buying supplies to make kits for CLWR, let's challenge each other in our Bible Study Circles to think of unique ways to support CLWR. Our financial support will be even more necessary now. The desperate needs are never all met and we are so blessed in our country.

Sunday School Updates

Sunday, Sept. 11th - Students and teachers, bring your backpacks with you to church and participate in a special Blessing of the Backpacks as we get the school year started. We will stay in the worship service this day, participating in not just the Blessing of the Backpacks, but also colouring a mural.

Sunday, Sept. 18th - This will be our first Sunday of regular Sunday School class where we go downstairs after the children's story. It will be great to be together again in our fun Sunday School downstairs space. Parents and guardians, please pop downstairs to make sure your child's registration information is up to date. Thank you!

The year's schedule - After our Sept. 11th and Sept. 18th start, we will follow the schedule of having Sunday School class on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of each month. When we have a 5th Sunday it will be an extra special Sunday School where we stay upstairs in the service but have some extra special ways we are participating in the service. We will reevaluate the schedule at the end of December, or if we have additional teachers join our team.

Teachers

At this time we've lost one teacher and gained one teacher. Stephanie Enright brought a wealth of teaching skill to our team. Thank you, Steph, for all your help over the past few years. We wish you well in a congregation closer to your home. Glenys Smith will be teaching with us this year. I'm very excited Glenys will be teaching our children and joining our Sunday School family! Thank you, Glenys, for being willing to share your knowledge and creativity with us and our children.

If you are a person who enjoys teaching children and might be willing to teach in Sunday School - even just for a couple Sundays - please contact me (Michelle) at 780-678-5815 (cell).

Our Sunday School team so far this year includes:

Teachers: Glenys Smith, Michelle Kennedy Hawkins, Kelly Moseson, Maria Skriver

Assistants: Jonathan Hawkins, Caleb Hawkins, Josiah Hawkins

Registrar/Curriculum Organizer/Assistant - Loretta Foshaug

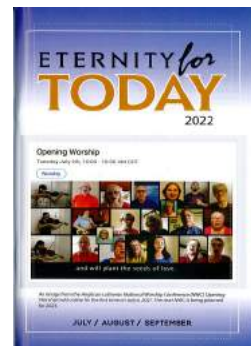


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E-transfers set up from your
online banking, that deposit
directly, at the following email
address:

offering@messiahcamrose.ca



Eternity for Today
devotional books for
July to September
2022 are available in
the office, or at the
Welcome Desk at the
back of the sanctuary,
for a suggested
donation of \$2.00.





Treasurer's Report - August 2022

We now have financial statements for the first three months of our fiscal year.

It is exciting to see the strong support for the Camrose Refugee Centre special appeal for support of the relocation of Ukrainians to our community. Total donations for the three month period were over \$60,000. Much of this came from community members, but it is all recorded at Messiah as we are hosts of the Refugee Centre.

At the same time it is worrisome to see that general offerings for the first three months of our year (from envelopes, plate, and other undesignated offerings) were down from \$80,897 last year to \$73,750 this year. This is a decrease of 8.8%. For the three months the financial statements show a deficit of \$8,039.

The call process is moving ahead based on the decisions made at the annual congregational meeting. We all look forward to the arrival of a second pastor. One half of a pastor's compensation will be shared by the congregations at New Norway and Bashaw, but our planning is based on increased offerings to cover Messiah's share of the cost. It will likely be several months until the call process is complete, but it will be important to watch to see if offerings increase as we move into fall.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns about Messiah's finances.

Dave Stolee, Treasurer



New in the MLC Library...

Two books by our own local author Sylvia Engen Espe. They are windows into her life story.

A Celebration of a Century: One hundred years of family harmony.

By Sylvia Engen. Guardian Books, 2004

Walk with Me through stories of faith.

by Sylvia Engen Espe. Guardian Books, 2021
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Look for them in the Biography shelves, not far from that other recent addition by Jens Jensen!

Music at Messiah
STARTING SEPTEMBER 22



Thursday
HANDBELLS
AT

10:30 - 11:30 AM

Thursday
CHORISTERS
AT

7:30 - 8:30 PM



Council Highlights

Over the summer it is easy to think that the church is on vacation, but in reality there continue to be services to prepare, committee responsibilities to attend to, bills to pay, weddings to perform, and community life to nurture. Sadly, there are also losses, deaths of those dear to us to acknowledge and grieve over.

Council would like to thank all the staff and Pastor Bev for keeping the office open and welcoming, and ensuring that worship continued over summer as well as the techies and musicians who made it happen; the volunteers who prepared coffee on the lawn and Sunday night campfires; the hearts and hands who organized Martha's Table every Tuesday; and all those who found ways to be of service over the summer.

The collaboration agreement is ready for presentation to the church Councils of Bethesda, Zion and Messiah for confirmation.

The Call Committee is meeting and Bishop Larry has been consulted. Council has worked with the Committee to ensure that the process and the integration of a new pastor will go smoothly. Suggestions of pastors whom you think would be a good fit for Messiah are welcome. Send your ideas to rosannas@telus.net or fill in the form at the information desk. Give the name, current synod and congregation being served, and why you think this person should be considered. The committee will receive your suggestions until the end of September, so think and pray about who God may be calling to Messiah.

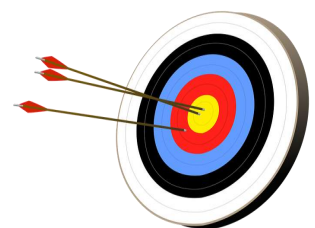
If you are on Council or a member of a Committee, please save the date of September 11 at 7-9 pm to come together to share and prepare plans for the coming year. There is much to be excited about – both opportunities and challenges.

The next regular Council meeting will be on September 14.

NOTICE TO Church Council and Committee Members

A Goal setting meeting for all Church Council and Committee members is scheduled for Sunday, September 11th, from 7 - 9 pm in the basement auditorium.

GOAL SETTING



SEPTEMBER 10, 2022

GOD, WE GATHER AS YOUR PEOPLE

A CONGREGATIONAL LIFE EVENT

Good Shepherd Lutheran, Red Deer



SYNOD OF
ALBERTA
AND THE
TERRITORIES
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

Cost: includes lunch, coffee, and snacks

\$50 per participant OR \$40 for each participant if 4 or more attend
from the same congregation/parish

Register online at albertasynod.ca

8:45 - Registration

9:15 - Welcome and Opening Worship

9:30 - Singing the Seasons of our Lives with Gail Berg and Rev. Kristian Wold

10:30 - Coffee Break

10:45 - Morning Breakout Session

Option A: The Narrative Lectionary with Rev. Dr. Deborah Ann Taylor

Option B: Installing a Low-Cost Live Streaming Setup with Rev. Erik Bjorgan

Option C: Treasurers' Workshop Part 1 with Paul Ellison, Synod Treasurer,
a learning opportunity for all congregational treasurers

12:00 - Lunch

1:00 - Afternoon Breakout Session

Option A: Liturgical Art...It's More than just Paraments! with Kari Heise

Option B: Online Church with Rev. Erik Bjorgan

Option C: Treasurers' Workshop Part 2 with Paul Ellison, Synod Treasurer,
a learning opportunity for all congregational treasurers

2:15 - Sweet Time with the Bishop

3:00 - Closing Eucharist

3:30 - Go in Peace



****Masking is encouraged at this Synod event to reduce transmission of viruses and to protect those who are most vulnerable. Masks are not mandatory but we ask that you respect the choices made by all those who are present.**




Martin Family



SEPTEMBER 7TH @ 11 AM!

\$ 15.00 / ticket

To RSVP

Betty or Florence:

780-672-2483 or 780-679-8283

Century
Meadows
Baptist Church

3720 66 Street
Camrose, Alberta
T4V 3N4

780-672-3230

We will be enjoying lunch together!

Messiah Lutheran Church Employment Opportunity

Position: Permanent Part-time Administrative Assistant

Hours of Work: regular rotation of Thursday, Friday one week, followed by Monday of the next week, every second week, with additional hours to cover vacation relief or sick leave as needed.

Skills:

1. demonstrated proficiency in the Microsoft productivity applications with a focus on Outlook, Word and Publisher
2. comfortable working with a Word Press enabled website and YouTube channel
3. demonstrate creativity and collaboration in working with a team
4. adaptable when working in an environment requiring multi-tasking
5. strong interpersonal skills when dealing with public and staff
6. able to manage complex confidentialities among staff, members and the public and honor the standards for all staff members inclusive of confidentiality and respect

Please submit your resume to Messiah Lutheran Church, 4810-50 Street, Camrose, AB, T4V 1P5, attention Pastor Bev Swanson, or email to office@messiahcamrose.ca. Closing date September 15, 2022. Applicants considered for an interview will be contacted.

YOUTH GROUPS

To be Announced!

(Details in the bulletin or by email.)



CAN WE HELP?

There is a volunteer group of people at Messiah who are available to help you or do tasks for you...



To do small household tasks (e.g. move a heavy box, change a light bulb)

**To run small errands for you around town, or
Give you a ride to an appointment**



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.



Messiah Lutheran Church

Sharing Jesus Christ with All People

4810-50 St. Camrose AB T4V 1P5

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Website: messiahcamrose.ca

Email: office@messiahcamrose.ca

Acting Senior Pastor: Bev Swanson

Administrative Coordinator: Lori Mokry

Part-Time Administrative Assistant: Shirley McFall

Audio Visual Ministry Coordinator: Lowell Dahlman

Bookkeeper: Sheila Becker

Custodians: Carolyn & Lloyd Olson

Music Ministry Coordinator: Tova Olson

Messiah Church Council

David Dahle, President

Agnes Hoveland, Vice-President

Gail Stolee, Secretary

Dave Stolee, Treasurer

Members at Large:

Dena Grue

LeRoy Johnson

Mary Broen

Max Lindstrand

Carolyn Andersen

Liaising With:

Worship Committee

Learning Committee

Support Committee

Witnessing Committee

Service Committee

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!



We will continue to broadcast on Eastlink channels 10, 310 & 610.

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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Write to: office@messiahcamrose.ca
Messenger Editor: Dena Grue

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

Next Issue: October
Material due: September 20
Delivery date: September 30

September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 11:45 Staff Meeting	2	3
4 Pentecost 13 10:30 Communion Worship Service  11:45 Coffee Fellowship 2:00 Seasons Communion	5 Labour Day OFFICE CLOSED  2:00 World Mission Group by Zoom 	6 12:00 Martha's Table 	7 9:00 Men's Coffee Group at Tim Hortons West  10:00 Coffee Fellowship by Zoom 2:00 Executive Meeting	8 9:30 Praise Circle 11:45 Staff Meeting 1:30 Gentleness Circle @ Hillside	9	10 9:00 Men's Bible Study by Zoom  2:00 Dale Harder Funeral Service
11 Pentecost 14 Food Bank Sunday  10:30 Worship Service 10:30 Sunday School - Blessing of Backpacks 11:45 Coffee Fellowship 7:00 Council & Committees Planning Meeting	12 7:00 Ubuntu Choir	13 10:00 Hillside Communion 12:00 Martha's Table  2:00 Deer Meadows Communion 7:00 Joy Circle	14 9:00 Men's Coffee Group at Tim Hortons West  10:00 Coffee Fellowship by Zoom 2:00 Grace Circle 7:00 Council Meeting 7:00 Faith Circle by Zoom	15 11:45 Staff Meeting	16	17 9:00 Men's Bible Study by Zoom 
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