

# MESSIAH MESSENGER

December 2022

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## *Worship Schedule* **Sunday 10:30 am**

Services are broadcast on YouTube, search for MessiahCamrose or find a link on our website [messiahcamrose.ca](http://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](mailto:office@messiahcamrose.ca).

## *Longest Night Service*

**Wednesday, Dec 21, 7:00 pm**

## *Regular* *Office Hours*

**Monday to Friday**

**9:00 am to Noon**

**1:00 pm to 4:00 pm**

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

## *Holiday Office* *Hours*

**Closed from December 26th to 29th**

**Open on Friday, Dec 30  
9:00 am to Noon**

## *Christmas Services*

**Christmas Eve December 24**

**4:00 pm Christmas Eve Service**

**9:00 pm Communion Service**

**Christmas Day December 25**

**10:30 am Worship Service**

## Minister's Message

# ADVENT WAITING



We are once more entering into the Advent Season. I like this season in many ways. It can get to be a bit full but if we take the time to be present to the emptiness and openness that is present in this time, it can be a time for stillness and meditation.

As people move into shopping and concerts and all that comes with this season... it can be tempting to just not be present and be busy. Lots of the activities are really fun and especially this year as people are more free after the pandemic to be out and about, I think we appreciate more of these interactions these days.

At the same time, I would like to encourage some presence in the emptiness of Advent and in the stillness.

At the first Christmas, there was great need and struggle among the people. It was a time of expectation but more often than not it was a time of struggle for the people.

We have a world so full of struggle right now. There is hunger and homelessness the likes of which is getting worse. There are natural disasters and our earth is groaning in pain. There has been war and racism and violence. This is indeed a season where we need more than ever to have the presence of God come to us in a new and real way.

I think it is important for us in this season to be honest and real with our God about where we are at personally and globally. It is so important for us to not run from the emptiness but perhaps allow ourselves to

be in it and to feel it and to tell our God all about how it is for us personally and communally.

I would like to invite each of us to enter deeply into the emptiness of Advent... and with open arms invite our God to bring HOPE, PEACE, JOY and LOVE into all that is.

During this season, I invite you to join me for a weekly Connecting in the Word. (it is found on our website and on YouTube) focussed on the 4 candles/themes of Advent. Take 5 minutes to just be with that candle each week and to meditate on that theme for the week. I will try to put the meditation out on Tuesday each week. Watch for it.

May you find God's presence in a new and real way as you allow yourself to be present and open in this Advent season of waiting.

I wish you many blessings as you enter into this time...as we wait together.

Psalm 62:1 "For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation"

I'm Waiting With You.....  
Pastor Bev





## CONNECTING IN THE WORD

Check out brief recorded inspirational messages with Pastor Bev! Go to [messiahcamrose.ca](http://messiahcamrose.ca) to find the link called “**Connecting in the Word**”. Join us in this time of making connection with one another around God’s word. Weekly topics will be “Advent: Hope, Peace, Love and Joy.”



### *Pastoral Acts*

### *Funerals*

Isabelle Swanson

Gerry Davis



### *Special Gifts In Honor of*

20th Anniversary of  
the Waterloo  
Declaration

“Care Group”  
Volunteers

### *Memorials*

Isabelle Swanson  
Martin Christensen



# Synod of Alberta and the Territories

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada



Dear Beloved of God –

Do you have a relative who keeps track of the family tree? Someone who knows who all the second cousins are, what became of Aunt Anna, and where your middle name comes from? Someone who knows the heroes, the

tricksters, and the secrets? Maybe that person is you. If you are a genealogy adventurer, you are going to love the genealogy according to Matthew 1:1- 17.

Matthew is getting ready for a birth. To prepare, our host has pulled out charts and yellowed family photos to demonstrate that this baby comes from an established bloodline tracing all the way back to Abraham, right down to a carpenter named Joseph. It is quite a feat, really, diagramming forty-two (42!) generations of a family tree.

As Matthew moves through his chart, a pattern unfolds, "Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel." So-and-so was the father of so-and-so, and on and on. Traditionally, one's lineage was traced from fathers to sons. Curiously, wonderfully, Matthew's genealogy breaks this cadence and includes the names of five women: Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary, each with a story to tell. Several of the women were gentiles, some had experienced great trauma, and each was tenacious in their loyalty to Yahweh.

When we get to the carpenter from Nazareth the gospel writer breaks cadence again. "Eliazar the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary." Matthew does not describe Joseph as "the father of." He is a husband – a husband to Mary, the woman who gave birth to the Messiah.

Matthew makes it clear that Joseph has no biological connection to the baby born in Bethlehem. And he does it again when he tells Joseph's story. On learning that his fiancée is pregnant, Joseph is visited by an angel. The angel explains that Mary's baby is not Joseph's child. This babe belongs to God.

This is, of course, the story of Christmas. But it is a bit of a headscratcher. Perhaps Matthew is saying out loud what we all know to be true: families are messy. If you look at our genealogies, you will find separation and abandonment. You will see places where names have been crossed out, scribbled over, and downright erased. Some of us belong to families where diagramming our relationships requires a degree in ancestral calculus.

At this time of year – this "family time" when all is supposed to be jolly and perfect – our flawed trees stand out in our minds. So we do what all normal Christmas tree owners do: we spin the greenery around until the best side faces the room. We live in the hope that no one will notice our hidden imperfections.

But Matthew actually refuses to hide the imperfections! He spins the scruffiest parts of the baby's family tree toward the room. His genealogy highlights disreputable moments in the family's history.

In effect, the angel tells Joseph, "God is in the middle of the mess that you find so disconcerting. The same God who was there in all the not-so-pretty, difficult events shaping your family tree, is in the midst of this moment."

Illuminated Bibles from the Middle Ages often depict the first chapter of Matthew's Gospel as an elaborate family tree. Men and women perch on each branch like ornaments. At the top of the tree stands Mary, holding the infant Jesus. Alongside the tree, Matthew stands, holding a scroll and a pen, still adding names to

the genealogy.

In a nutshell, this is Christmas. Here the holy infant presides over our trees. I'm not talking about the ones with glass balls and tinsel. Here Christ embraces our families in all their messiness. Here Matthew stands, waiting for you, pen in hand. He is going to write your name on a branch. Protest all you want. Matthew is going to scribble away!

"This," he will say, "is how God operates: forever grafting our flawed families and our fractured selves into a story of immeasurable hope."

In Christ Jesus –

Shalom, +Larry



## The Banquet Fundraiser

**Saturday, December 10th**

*Supper Banquet - 5:30pm*

**\$50 per person.**

*Limited tickets available online at*

<https://www.hastingslake.com/the-banquet>

*Only 36 seats available at each sitting.*

*6 people per table.*

**Funds raised at this event will go towards helping campers attend camp when they can't afford it.**



Come to The Banquet at Hastings! Come for a gourmet meal by Ken's Catering from Fort Saskatchewan, AB in our beautiful Trinity Lodge, and stay for live music provided by Erik & Kelsey Rust, camp trivia and fun and fellowship with your Hastings friends and family.

Feel free to call the camp office with any questions at 780-662-2557.





Signs of the  
Times

God's Love  
Includes  
Everyone

Finding the  
Good Path

The  
Cost of  
Discipleship



What  
are we  
waiting  
for?

**Thursdays**  
**5:00 PM**  
**MST**

**EVERY MONDAY DURING ADVENT**, the national church leaders of The Anglican Church of Canada, The Evangelical Lutheran in Canada, The Presbyterian Church in Canada and The United Church of Canada will release an ecumenical Advent meditation and conversations reflecting the four Advent themes of hope, peace, joy and love, and addressing challenges facing the Canadian churches.

**EVERY THURSDAY DURING ADVENT**, listeners are invited to join in a live discussion, via Zoom, with one of the leaders on that week's Advent theme. Attendees to the gathering will be able to ask questions during the online conversation.

To receive the meeting link for each event and receive email reminders of each week's upcoming events, visit **[Advent2022.ca](http://Advent2022.ca)**



## Thursdays 5:00 PM MST



### Thurs. Dec. 1 Signs of the Times

**The Rev.  
Susan C. Johnson**  
National Bishop,  
The Evangelical Lutheran  
Church in Canada

**HOPE / "Signs of the Time"** – Bob Faris in conversation with **Susan Johnson** about the church in the 21st Century. The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted many trends that all Canadian churches are experiencing. All of the churches face shrinking membership and a changed position in communities across the country. Can we read the signs of our own times to understand where we are being called to be the church?



### Thurs. Dec. 8 Finding the Good Path

**The Right Rev.  
Dr. Carmen Lansdowne**  
Moderator, The United  
Church of Canada

**PEACE / "Finding the Good Path"** – Bob Faris in conversation with **Carmen Lansdowne** about truth telling and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. Three of the churches represented here ran Residential Schools. The recovery of hundreds of unmarked graves in Kamloops and in many other locations has once again shocked all of us into hearing the truth that Indigenous people have been telling for decades. What is the path forward?



### Thurs Dec. 15 God's Love Includes Everyone

**The Rev.  
Dr. Robert Faris**  
Moderator,  
The Presbyterian  
Church in Canada

**JOY / "God's Love Includes Everyone"** – Carmen Lansdowne in conversation with **Bob Faris** about the inclusion of all in the church. For decades, all churches have been engaged in discussion around the inclusion of 2SLGBTQI+ people. All four participating churches have taken steps towards greater inclusion, but the discernment continues. What does it mean to include everyone?



### Thurs. Dec. 22 The Cost of Discipleship

**The Most Rev.  
Linda Nicholls**  
Primate, The Anglican  
Church of Canada

**LOVE / "The Cost of Discipleship"** – Bob Faris in conversation with **Linda Nicholls** about the church's public witness in a rapidly changing social and political context in Canada. At times, the church is called to take positions that are not in tune with popular opinion or with other church partners. When should the church take a prophetic stand, and are we willing to pay the price to witness to the gospel?

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To my Dear Messiah Family,

This is my goodbye and thank you for the love and friendships you have given me through those many years. You have walked with me through the good times and the sad times. You have helped me grow in my faith and my walk with God in my life's journey. You have encouraged me to use my God given talents to be a friend, and serve on various committees and projects.

And so I thank you, I will miss you, but remember you in my prayers.

So God's blessings of joy and peace—

Merry Christmas!! Happy New Year!!!

My new address:

315 - 50 Grande Avenue, Cochrane, AB T4C 2P6

780-608-4366

God be with you until we met again.

Hugs, Frieda Ness



**Adult Class, Sundays, 9:15 AM in the  
Basement Auditorium**

***My Faith Journey continues...***

***Dec 4: Donny Loewen; Dec 11: Annelise Westby;***

***Dec 18 & 25, Jan 1: No Classes;***

***Jan 8: Start the video series "Life of Martin Luther";***

***January 15: "My Faith Journey"***

***The video series and Faith Stories will continue on alternate Sundays.***

## Online Ministry

The Worship Committee would like to find ways to enrich our online ministry. We have an opportunity to make some one-on-one connections with individuals who watch our worship services regularly and may have prayer requests or would like to know more about our congregation.



Do you have any ideas?

Would you like to help?

Please call Darlene Dahle at 780 608 4521

Or email [ddahle@ualberta.ca](mailto:ddahle@ualberta.ca)





## Volunteering at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services

We have not scheduled volunteers for the two Christmas Eve services (4:00 and 9:00 pm) as well as the one on Christmas Day (10:30 am). If you are available, please call the office at 780-672-3444. Your children, young or adult, and/or your grandchildren would be great helpers!

\* We can always use more volunteers, especially ushers!

### 4:00 pm service on Christmas Eve

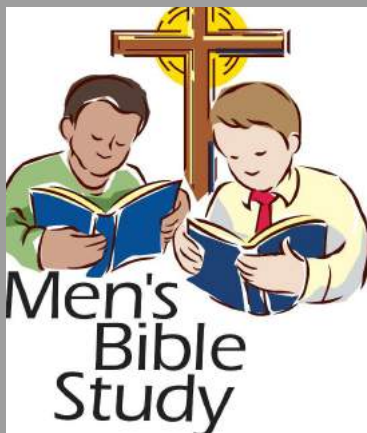
- 3 Greeters, one at each door
- 2 Ushers (even 4)

### 9:00 pm service on Christmas Eve

- 1 Preparing Communion
- 2 Greeters
- 2 Ushers
- 2 Communion Assistants (The east side will commune first, then the west.)

### 10:30 am service on Christmas Day

- 1 Preparing Communion
- 2 Greeters
- 2 Ushers
- 1 Lector
- 2 Communion Assistants (The east side will commune first, then the west.)



## Men's Bible Study

**When?** Saturdays, 9:00 to 10:15 am to Dec. 17

**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!!**

## LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

This ecumenical service will be hosted by  
Messiah Lutheran Church.

It is for those who are suffering from a  
loss - loss of any kind.

It will be in person and on YouTube.

Wednesday, December 21, 7:00 pm

All are welcome

## YOUTH RETREAT



This past weekend some of our youth joined me in attending the Synod Youth Gathering at Mulhurst Lutheran Camp. We were 3 youth plus myself. Two of our youth could not come because of illness. It was wonderful to be with youth from across Alberta. The youth enjoyed these interactions. There were many activities and workshops planned. They had a wonderful worship band that led us in worship songs.

We all had a wonderful time! Here are some photos of our time together!

Pastor Bev



## Council Highlights November 2022

*For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God – not the result of works, so that no one may boast.* Ephesians 2:8-9

Freed by this promise, the people of Messiah have been busy doing as well. The search for an additional administrative assistant for the office is ongoing. The Support Committee will refresh our outdoor sign with a new cover and larger lettering. Pastor Bev will take some of our youth to the Synod Youth Retreat at Mulhurst the last weekend in November.

December 11 and December 18 will be very special. On December 11 the choirs will form much of the worship service and on December 18 the Sunday School and Friendship Club will have a special presentation at 9:30 am in the morning.

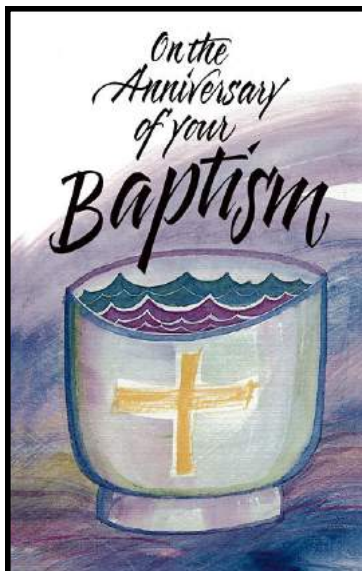
The Friendship Club has been on hiatus. But, when some of the members expressed how much they missed meeting and wished it could continue, Nora and Cindy stepped up again to this important ministry. Thank you so much.

As the treasurer reflected, we have a challenge ahead financially. One of the ways we might help with this is by exploring new revenue generating opportunities for some of our space. LeRoy Johnson is convening a group to look into this. If you have ideas you think should be considered, please talk to LeRoy or anyone on Council.

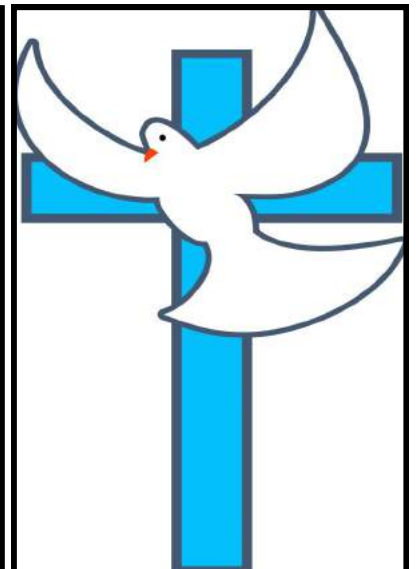
The Service Committee has been in touch with the Women's Shelter and will be presenting us with specific ways in which we can support some of their needs.

Did you know that the Council package including committee reports is available in the rack at the back of the church? If you want more details about what the Committees are up to and what Council is working on, you are welcome to take a look.

Thanks be to God.



We recognize the monthly  
Baptismal Anniversaries  
of the children  
in the *Splash* program:  
**Theodore Simms - Dec 22**  
**Abigail and Hannah**  
**Lindberg - December 29**  
*Let your light so shine  
before others that they  
may see your good works and  
glorify your  
Father in heaven.*





COMMUNITY CHURCH CHOIR

*Abuntu*

# **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

***December 11, 2022***  
***7pm***

*Messiah Lutheran Church,  
4810 - 50 St  
Camrose*

*free will offering*





After the Three Wise Men left, the Three Wiser Women arrived.

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I THINK YOUR LIGHTS MIGHT BE TOO BRIGHT THIS YEAR



## COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

By Zoom

Wednesdays at 10:00 am

Contact the office for the Zoom link.

### Food Bank Sunday - December 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 &

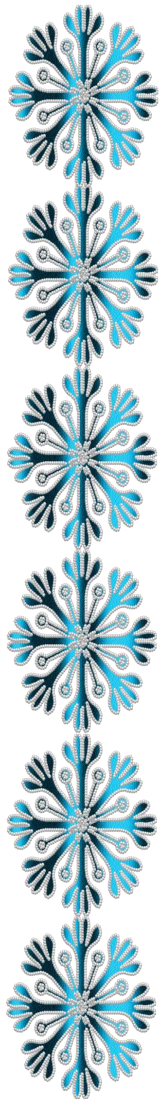
Tuesday to Thursday 1:00-4:00 pm.

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

**CAMROSE NEIGHBOR AID CENTER INC.**

in the Find A Cause search area.





# Winter Song

featuring  
**THE AUGUSTANA CHOIR**  
**SANGKOR**  
**MANNSKOR**

**Dr. John Wiebe, director**  
**Dr. Roger Admiral, piano**

*with guests*  
**Kathleen Schoen, flute**  
**Thomas Schoen, violin**

**7:30 PM Saturday, December 3**

*Reception & Silent Auction opens at 6:45 pm*

Faith & life Chapel  
Augustana Campus

Tickets available through the Lougheed Performing Arts Centre

Box Office ([camroselive.ca](http://camroselive.ca)) or at the door

*\$25 adults, \$20 seniors, \$10 students*

\*plus applicable taxes and fees



University of Alberta-Augustana Campus is pleased to announce its annual December concert, ***WinterSong***, on Saturday, December 3, 7:30 pm.

***WinterSong*** continues a long-standing Camrose choral tradition as the Augustana Choirs gather with the Camrose community to celebrate the arrival of winter and the holiday season. This year, as the days become shorter, we turn to songs that will inspire us, guide us, help connect us, and even lead us to love.

*The Augustana Choir, Mannskor, and Sangkor Women's Ensemble*, are led by conductor Dr. John Wiebe, pianist Dr. Roger Admiral, and special guests Kathleen Schoen, flute, and Thomas Schoen, violin.

Of special note is the Silent Auction Fundraiser & Reception that will be held before the concert (6:45 pm) and during the intermission, in support of *The Augustana Choir's* tour to Austria and Hungary in May 2023.



# NEWS BRIEFS



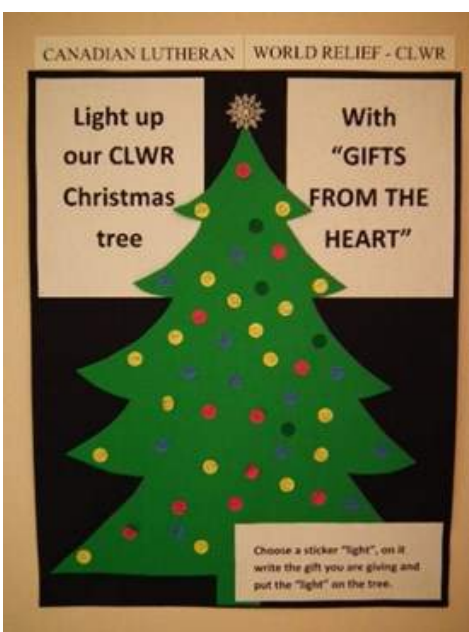
Canadian Lutheran  
World Relief

## GIFTS from the HEART

**Share hope around the world and bring joy to your loved ones this Christmas with Gifts from the Heart.**

**Gifts from the Heart** catalogue is full of thoughtful and creative gifts that will make a meaningful difference in the lives of those who need it most. Plus, each time you buy a Gift from the Heart, you will be sent a beautiful card that you can give to your friends and family letting them know about the special gifts you chose for them.

There is a poster of a Christmas tree on the CLWR bulletin board in the fellowship center. You are encouraged to “light up the tree”. For each gift you purchase, write the name of the gift on a “sticker light” and attach it to the tree.



## Sunday School Update

Sunday School will be involved in a special presentation on Dec. 18th at 9:30 am. Check our Facebook page (search for Messiah Camrose Sunday School) for updates!

We are settling into our routine of having class on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of the month.

We'd love to have another teacher or two, as while we gained one teacher this year, we also lost one teacher - so we still would love to have some people join our team - especially as one of our team should have some weeks off when she has a baby!

Our children love snack time at Sunday School. If you can donate some juice boxes or granola bars or other individually packaged snacks, we would very much appreciate it. We've had a couple kind people drop snacks off so far - thank you very much! Either give them to one of the Sunday School teachers, or drop them at the office, or on a Sunday when there is Sunday School you can leave them downstairs in the Sunday School area.

Michelle Kennedy Hawkins

for Messiah Camrose Sunday School

Michelle at: Cell 780-678-5815

Email: [mkenedyhawkins@gmail.com](mailto:mkenedyhawkins@gmail.com)



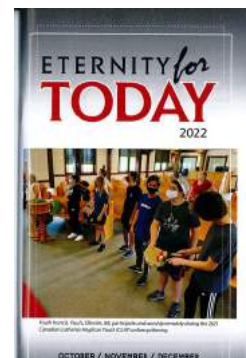
We are able to accept  
E-transfers set up from your  
online banking, that deposit  
directly, at the following email  
address:

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



## **Eternity for Today**

**devotional books for  
October to December  
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** November 2022

There was a significant improvement in Messiah's financial situation in October.

The Thanksgiving offering of \$7,395 was a good boost, although it was less than the \$9,110 received last year.

The other positive change was that envelope offerings in October were the highest of any month this year, following the lowest month of the year in September.

The result is that there is a year to date surplus of over \$5,000, compared to the deficit of more than \$7,000 at the end of September. This is very encouraging, especially as we are now facing the winter months with higher utility bills.

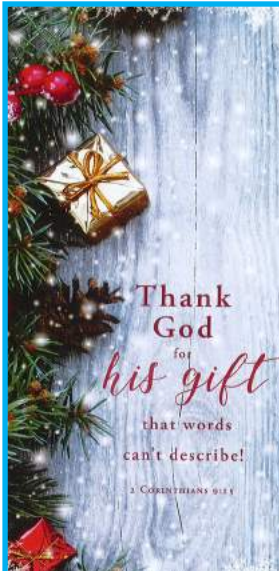
The big challenge ahead will be to cover increasing costs as well as the salary of the new pastor who we hope will be called soon.

Please call me if you have any questions or concerns about Messiah's financial position that I may be able to answer.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Stolee

Treasurer



### **2022 Donations**

Please note that if you wish a donation to be receipted in 2022, it must be in the offering on or before Dec 25 or dropped off at the office between 9 am and Noon on December 30.

Alternatively, mail needs to be clearly postmarked 2022.





We are collecting mittens, scarves, toques, socks, women's XL & XLL underwear & pajamas, infants & kids underwear & pajamas until January 4.  
You will find a tree in the Church office or a box at the back of the sanctuary for your donations.

### ATTENTION HEARING AID USERS

We are equipped with T-Coil in the sanctuary  
 Contact your hearing aid provider to see if your hearing aid is T-coil compliant. If so, obtain the instructions for activating it.

The Support Committee



**Canada Lutheran  
 Subscription Renewals  
 are due by the end of  
 December.**

Please contact the Church office 780-672-3444 or email [office@messiahcamrose.ca](mailto:office@messiahcamrose.ca) if you would like to continue receiving the Canada Lutheran magazine or if you would like to start a new subscription. The suggested donation is \$20.



## *Christmas is Coming!*

*A special invitation is going out to all of Messiah's ladies to attend a Christmas gathering on Wednesday, December 7, at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Center.*

*Come and enjoy a Christmas sing-along, fellowship and refreshments.*



# Upcoming Events at CLBI



**DEC  
11**

## CLBI ADVENT SERVICE

Service starts at 7:00pm in the CLBI Chapel

RSVP by calling 780-672-4454 or email [info@clbi.edu](mailto:info@clbi.edu)

**DEC  
12-16**

## OPEN CLASS: THE GREATEST COMMANDMENTS

Instructor: ANDREW CRAIG

**\$150**

IN PERSON\*

**\$100**

ONLINE

SCHEDULE: Mon-Fri 8:30am-12:30pm (break from 10:00am-11:15am)

\* includes 5 noon meals at CLBI cafeteria

(additional costs for course credit, as well as housing/book/materials, etc. as per request)

For more info, call 780.672.4454 or email [info@clbi.edu](mailto:info@clbi.edu)

[clbi.edu](http://clbi.edu)

The CLBI kitchen has an urgent need. Their faithful Kitchen Range (oven/grill/cooktop unit) must be replaced right away. This \$12,000 item is not in their existing budget. Please pray about giving a monetary gift to keep the CLBI kitchen humming along. Contact information is in the poster above.



### **Ever wonder what the process is for choosing songs for worship?**

There are a myriad of things to consider.

**Tova Olson**

~ what season is it? Advent, Christmas and Easter are the most challenging as they are relatively short seasons with many favorites that all need to be included.

~ what is the theme of the service and is there an overall theme over multiple Sundays that is being followed?

~ is there a balance of 'Oldie Goldies' with more contemporary songs? This balance is not strictly kept from Sunday to Sunday depending on what a particular service calls for, but more so overall.

~ is the melody of the song singable in the context of the afore mentioned styles? Some great songs never make it into the congregation's canon because they were not written for congregational singing. Sometimes songs like these will be used as special music or as meditation pieces in the service.

~ what is the prosody between the words and the melody? There are many great lyrics, but not all of them are set to tunes that enhance the meaning of the words. Sometimes another tune needs to be found or written.

~ what is the range of the melody? There is an ideal range for congregational singing that almost all of the melodies we sing fit into.

~ how do the songs fit together in the service? Where songs are placed has a direct impact on how the service flows and how the theme and/or certain elements of the service is enhanced.

~ is there a new song that is coming up that needs to be introduced to the congregation's ears? These pieces are put into the service in different ways so that the congregation becomes more familiar with them so they are not completely unfamiliar when the time comes to sing them.

~ what keys are the pieces in? Do they blend together well, especially if songs are part of a medley or mashup? Each key has its own character and a semitone up or down can make a huge difference in how a piece will feel.

~ which instrument is the best for which piece and is there access to that instrument for that particular Sunday? Certain songs are better suited for the organ, piano, guitar, drums etc. Changing the instrumentation of a piece can drastically change the feel of that song.



~ what is the arrangement of the song? This relates back to which instruments/singers are needed, where the song is in the service and what role it's playing, plus a myriad of other things that fit into the equation.

~ are the songs covered by copyright? While the songs in the ELW hymnal are copyrighted for a congregation to sing in their church building, a streaming license is needed in order for those same songs to be used if the service is streamed on YouTube, a similar platform or on TV. Due to a number of different reasons, these streaming licenses do not cover all the songs in the ELW or other hymnbooks.

~ is the song going to be experienced by people in the same room as the music is being made or are the majority going to be experiencing it through a screen? Some songs are better suited for an in-person experience and do not have the same impact when viewed through a screen.

~ is there a nudge from the Holy Spirit for a certain song that needs to be included in the service? There are countless amazing stories that could be told about how certain songs were just what someone needed to hear at that moment and how it impacted their life.

This is an insight into some of the thought process involved in choosing songs for worship, though by no means exhaustive. Some concepts are not as easy to explain.

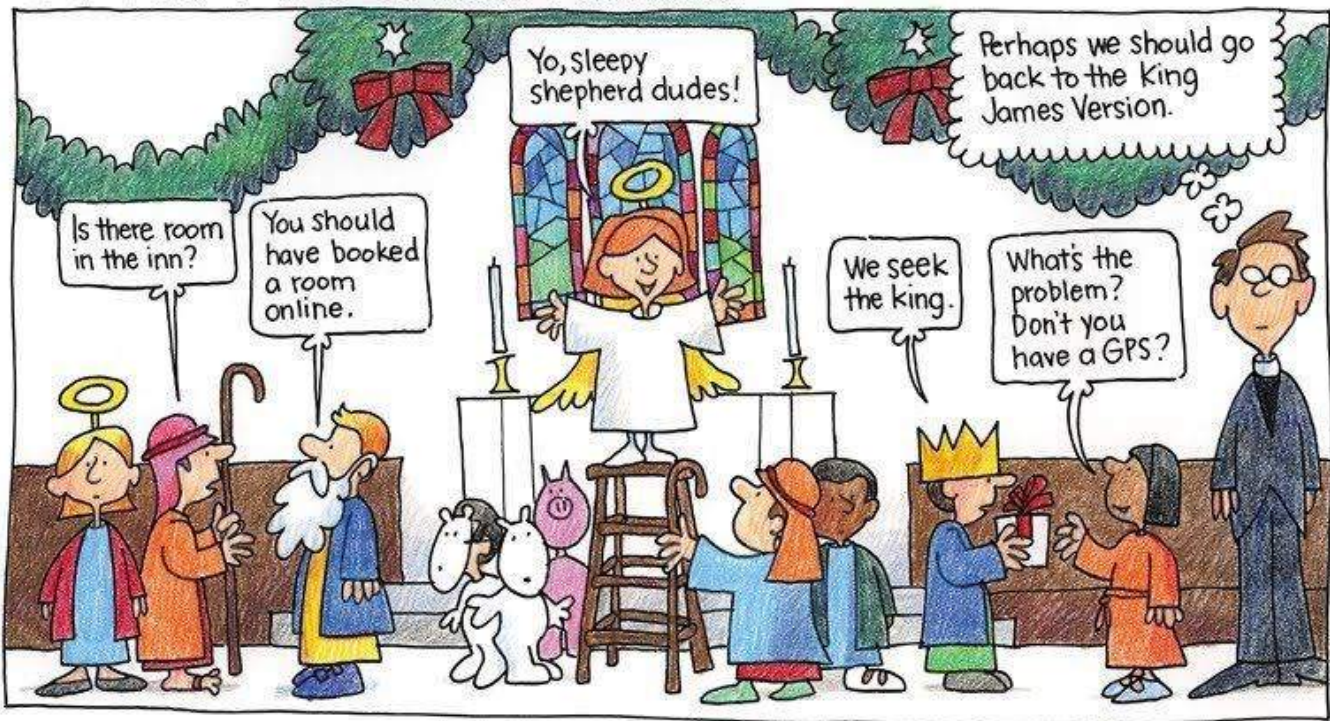
Messiah has been blessed over the decades with an amazingly rich and diverse heritage of music making. The congregation members are just as diverse, coming from varied backgrounds with different needs and wants. This has also led, in part, to the breadth of worship music at Messiah. The wonderful part about being in a family is that there are people to share in what has touched you and what you enjoy even though it may not always be their 'cup of tea'. From conversations and messages over the years, I can guarantee that each song that is chosen is touching someone in the congregation.

May you be blessed in the upcoming Sundays as we come together to worship and support one another in our walk with Christ knowing that each element of the service is speaking to someone in your family.

***Music is a piece of art that goes in the ears and straight to the heart.***



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## HANDY PERSONS

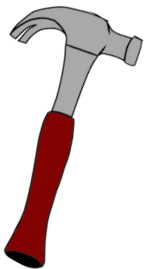
(Men or Women)

Would you like to help with odd jobs  
around the church?

We're looking for people who like to work  
with their hands !

Would you or someone you know like to be  
part of a team - similar to the Wednesday Workers??

Please leave your name at the office if you are interested!



## 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.**







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**We 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](http://messiahcamrose.ca).**



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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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# DECEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10:30 Handbells  6:45 Confirmation 7:00 Support Committee 7:30 Choristers	2 1:30 pm Funeral livestream for Karen Goldstone Pastor George Friedrich's wife (he was a former interim pastor at Messiah) <a href="https://www.youtube.com/@HosannaEdmonton/streams">https://www.youtube.com/@HosannaEdmonton/streams</a>	3 9:00 Men's Bible Study by Zoom  1:00 José Ariza Funeral with Livestream
4 <b>ADVENT 2</b> 9:15 Adult Class 9:30 Friendship Class 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Communion Worship Service 11:45 Coffee Fellowship 2:00 Seasons Communion 	5 10:30 Lectio  2:00 World Mission Prayer Group by Zoom  7:00 Ubuntu Choir	6 Noon Martha's Table 	7 9:00 Men's Coffee Group 10:00 Coffee Fellowship by Zoom Noon Staff Meeting 2:00 Ladies Christmas Gathering  6:30 Worship Committee	8 10:30 Handbells  5:15 Witnessing Committee by Zoom 6:45 Confirmation 7:30 Choristers	9 2:30 Learning Committee	10 9:00 Men's Bible Study by Zoom 
11 <b>ADVENT 3</b> 9:15 Adult Class 9:30 Friendship Class NO Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Christmas Choirs 11:45 Coffee Fellowship 7:00 Ubuntu Concert 	12 10:30 Lectio 	13 10:00 Hillside Communion Noon Martha's Table  2:30 Communion Deer Meadows 	14 9:00 Men's Coffee Group 10:00 Coffee Fellowship by Zoom 10:30 Service Committee Noon Staff Meeting	15 6:45 Confirmation	16	17 9:00 Men's Bible Study by Zoom 
18 <b>ADVENT 4</b> NO Adult Class 9:30 Friendship Class & Sunday School Presentation 10:30 Communion Worship Service 11:45 Coffee Fellowship 2:00 Students of Tova Olson Recital 	19 10:30 Lectio  <b>Messenger Articles Due</b>	20 Noon Martha's Table 	21 9:00 Men's Coffee Group 10:00 Coffee Fellowship by Zoom Noon Staff Meeting 7:00 Longest Night Service	22 NO Confirmation	23	24 Christmas Eve NO Men's Bible Study by Zoom  4:00 Christmas Eve Service 9:00 Christmas Eve Communion Service
25  10:30 Worship Service	26 Boxing Day	27 Noon Martha's Table 	28 10:00 Coffee Fellowship by Zoom 	29 NO Confirmation	30 <b>OFFICE OPEN 9 AM TO NOON</b> <b>Messenger Delivery</b>	31 NO Men's Bible Study by Zoom