

MESSIAH MESSENGER

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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.

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 12:00 to 1:00 pm)

*Sharing Jesus Christ
with All People*

Minister's Message



What do you love about Messiah?

I love this question! I asked it when I met with the call committee. I have posed it to our staff. I asked it at our church council meeting. I still have a lot more of you to meet and talk to, but in asking this I have tried to listen to the

stories that you have told me about your history, about where Messiah is today, and where you see God at work in our life together.

This is some of what I have heard:

a sense of community — whether that's connecting in a small group, or working on a committee, the welcome received on a Sunday morning at worship, or gathering for coffee fellowship. "There are such interesting people in this congregation" someone told me (and they are right!) and we have many opportunities to get to know each other.

a willingness to see mission outside the walls of the church — to refugees through Canadian Lutheran World Relief and the Camrose Refugee Committee; a partner with Neighbour Aid, the Food Bank and the Women's Shelter; and mission around the world through partners and Messiah connections.

the richness of musical talent and varied gifts at Messiah — and an amazing history of sharing music in the community and teaching music to young people.

"We are an inner-city church," — welcoming our community in for a meal each week at Martha's Table, and caring for those who drop-in during the day.

Working through conflict — I have heard of some divisive times in Messiah's life, but also a learned sense that it's OK to disagree and still be in community together.

What would you add to this list? What do you love about Messiah?

I would love to hear from you— and you don't have to wait for me to ask you myself! Send me an email or call me. Tell me a story about how your involvement here has been meaningful to you and you see God at work in our midst.

I have only been with you a month — a whirlwind of a month! — but I have been amazed by the energy of this place. Volunteers come and go through the days. People are in and out of the office. Our staff keep things running smoothly. Between the Gigantic Garage Sale preparations, Martha's Table each Tuesday at lunch, the work of our committees, and those who take time everyday to care for our building — there is a wonderful sense of service, hospitality and kindness at Messiah.

And the food! You all love to eat together — there have been a lot of coffee times and meals over this last month. After three years of pandemic restrictions, I hear from you how good it is to see people returning to these fellowship times week after week.

What a joy has been with you so far - how wonderful it was to celebrate Holy Week and Easter with you. Thank you for your welcome to our family. Please continue to tell me your name when we meet, and thank you for your grace if I ask your name again. Thank you for asking me how I'm doing, and how my family is settling in to the Camrose community. We feel blessed to be welcomed here among you.

Peter says in his letter to the church: "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."
(1 Peter 2:9)

Keep letting your light shine beloved and chosen people of God at Messiah!

Pastor Jeff
403 502 1940
jeff@messiahcamrose.ca





You might know the old camp song,

"We are one in the Spirit.
We are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity
may one day be
restored... They will know

we are Christians by our Love, by our love.
They will know we are Christians by our love."

I have been thinking often of unity and how the Spirit makes us one. As I have now divided my ministry and days between three parishes, my mind goes to this place often. I am constantly aware that we are a part of a greater church... one that is made up of all of God's people. Although we worship in separate buildings and with different traditions we are all loved and welcomed by the same God and filled with the same Spirit. Even as we worship separately, we are made one.

Many years ago, the sign that someone was a Christian was a fish. It was a way for people to let others know that they were followers of Jesus without saying it out loud. It was often not safe to let this be known.

My question now is this, "How do people recognize God's people in our day?"

This song says it loudly. It is our actions that remind others that God is indeed God and that God loves all everywhere and that God is in our midst.

Jesus spent much of his days on this earth loving the people right where they were. He fought for unity and not judgment. He lived in acceptance of others and in welcome for those in society that were never welcomed. He spent time with those whom society left out. He cared deeply for the physical needs of people along with the needs in their hearts

and souls. To God we are all seen with the same eyes of Love.

The Spirit of the living and resurrected Lord, invites us to live in unity and to welcome one another in love regardless of who we are, where we come from and what faith community we belong to. We are always unified by this Spirit. We do not always live like it though.

Lord help us to live and walk in unity, always aware that we are made one in the spirit. How can we be creative in how we reflect this love to one another?

I am brought to remember the passage in John 13:34-35 that says this, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. "If we do, we will be signs of God's amazing love and a reminder that God is alive and well in our midst. Even more importantly, others will know they too are loved.

One of the most important things that I love to remember is that we are in God's heart and have been from the beginning of time.

Let's look for ways to hold others in our hearts as God does and live that love out in all we say and do. Let us look for ways to treat our fellow human beings by seeing each one as a part of us.

In Peace and Unity,
Pastor Bev

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Synod of Alberta and the Territories

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada



Dear Beloved of God –

In March I joined concerned citizens at the Provincial Legislature building for the “Alberta Rallies for Housing 2023.” As I experience within my own neighborhood and place of work the growing realities of housing and homelessness

challenges, it was important for me, to witness to these needs and to stand with like-minded neighbours.

Today homelessness is surging across our province, and rents continue to rise faster than wages. The statistics are staggering. Today in Edmonton alone there are 1000 more unhoused citizens than in 2021. More than 1/3 of renter households of persons with physical health and mobility disabilities are at risk. This is the largest population group living at risk of losing their homes. Nearly 1/2 of senior renters are at risk of losing their homes.

It is time for a wise, well-resourced, and well-constructed long-term plan to address housing and homelessness challenges in Alberta. It is time for a plan which is pro-active and collaboratively designed with wide buy-in and participation across the political spectrum, so that the plan is resilient to disruptions and changes in ideological currents.

A strong and effective long-term plan would include such components as:

- Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)— These are homes for people who have built-in supports that enable people to work through trauma, stabilize their mental health, and begin to recover from addictions.
- Rapid Rehousing—A long wait for help means those in need can fall deeper into health-related or addiction issues which makes recovery more challenging.

- Reduce emphasis on emergency services in favour of both prevention and recovery— making the shelters we do need small, safe and well-woven into the local fabric of communities all over our communities.
- Affordable Housing—there are many possible approaches to consider as part of the solution, including rent assistance, affordable housing run by non-profits, cooperative housing, and embedded affordable units inside market rentals.
- Enabling community care—Albertans want to help in real, impactful ways. Bridging professional and natural community supports will help us truly care for each other in deeper ways.

Of course, there are many questions that we will need to ponder with care. Questions such as:

- How do we really help people heal, stabilize, recover, and get stronger?
- How do we care for people who say *no* to help?
- How do we care for people who struggle with life-long addictions and mental health challenges?

2023 is an election year for our province. Housing and homelessness are among top concerns for me in the upcoming election.

Learn more at: interfaithhousing.ca to find a rally near you (May 7, 3pm in Calgary with anticipated rallies in Red Deer, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Grande Prairie and Camrose) and/or to sign the petition.

In Christ Jesus –

Shalom, +Larry



Treasurer's Report

April 2023

We give thanks this month for the thoughtfulness and generosity of Neta Specht who designated \$20,000 from her estate to support the ongoing mission of the congregation. Her gift has now been received and along with a one-time gift of \$10,000, is part of the reason we expect to end this year with a surplus.

We have been blessed with several bequests from Messiah members in the past few years. These gifts have allowed us to undertake projects and services that would likely not have happened without them. We know there are others who also have made plans to leave a bequest to Messiah and we hope more of you are also considering a special final gift to Messiah's mission in your estate plans. It can make a big and lasting difference.

The last annual meeting approved a balanced budget for this year. It was based on having an added pastor for half the year, and the hope that there would be increased offerings based the positive spirit stemming from the Discernment process and return from Covid. As it turned out, Pastor Jeff did not begin until March 20 so salary costs have been lower. Even though regular offerings did not increase noticeably but remained at about the same as last year, we expect to end the year as planned. Thanks to Neta's bequest and the special one-time gift of \$10,000, we can expect to carry forward into next year a surplus of approximately \$30,000.

Church Council has begun preparing a budget for next year, which begins in May. Unless offerings increase or major changes are made it looks like there could be a deficit of about \$50,000. Carrying forward this year's surplus would cover much of this, and there are other unrestricted reserves we could draw on to cover the balance if absolutely necessary. There is a level of excitement in the congregation with much going on, including increased attendance and new members joining. Council does not believe this is a good time to make any major changes, thinking of next year as a transitional year. It will give Pastor Jeff an opportunity to get to know us better and to participate in planning for our future.

Please pray with us that we plan the budget in a way that will glorify God.

As always, I would encourage you to call if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Stolee



CRC LETTER TO BOOSTER

It is over a year since the Russian invasion of the Ukraine began. Bombardment, destruction and death continue. No one knows when this terrible war will end. Millions of Ukrainians have fled for their lives to other countries, including Canada. Approximately 60 Ukrainians have been welcomed into our Camrose and area community and more are wanting to come. Can we welcome these additional newcomers with the same hospitality and generosity that we offered to those who joined our community in the first year? That is the question that the Camrose Refugee Centre is struggling to address.

During the past year we have appealed to our community for support and the response has been generous beyond our expectations. Thank you. But, now the numbers of fleeing Ukrainians and their need is much greater than we contemplated. How can we provide additional help to some of our Ukrainian friends who are already here, can't find employment, and don't have money to pay the rent, etc.? What kind of financial support can we offer to those who are still wanting to come to Camrose to begin their life in a new country?

So far, our community has donated over \$105,000.00 to the Camrose Refugee Centre for the purpose of assisting Ukrainian newcomers in their orientation and settling-in process. Of this amount we have provided \$85,000.00 to approximately 60 Ukrainians now living in Camrose and area for assistance with air fare, apartment rental, food allowance, and other special needs. This amount, though small, was graciously received and was critical in the settling-in period. Most have found employment but some are still looking for work and need further support. We think that the remaining \$20,000.00 will be needed for those already here.

The Camrose Refugee Centre is committed to helping all refugees in our community. Because Ukrainian newcomers are technically not "refugees" and do not qualify for the support that sponsored refugees normally receive, they experience additional financial hardships and therefore are in greater need of our support. We are committed to helping all Ukrainian newcomers but the extent of our help will depend on what resources the community provides. Specifically, we are appealing to our generous community for the following:

financial donations (tax receipts available); in-kind donations – gently-used furniture, bicycles, cars; donations of time - assisting with transportation, English teaching, and childcare.

On behalf of the Camrose Refugee Centre Board and all our newcomers who are the recipients of your kindness and generosity.

Erhard Pinno Ph. 780.672.1629

Pastoral Acts
Funerals

Beatrice Kvemshagen
John Paul Campbell

Baptism
Archer Skriver

Transfers

Melanie, Zoey & Jack
Kowalczyk to Mt. Olivet,
Sherwood Park

Odell & Karen Olson to
Bethel Lutheran, Camrose



Special Gifts
In Honor of

Installation of
Pastor Jeff

Installation of
Pastor Bev

Memorials:

Beatrice Kvemshagen

Lunchfest



*You are invited to stay for lunch after the
service on Sunday, May 21.*

Hosted by the Worship Committee



The family of Bea Kvemshagen gratefully acknowledges and deeply appreciates the many floral tributes, memorial donations, and sincere expressions of sympathy they have received since Bea's passing. We are very thankful for the thoughts, prayers, and kind gestures of support from so many members of our extended communities.

God bless you all!

Time to Celebrate - Living in Canada for one year!

The refugees that Messiah sponsored in the past year are now celebrating their first year in Canada.



Mengestab Gebremariam said that he arrived on November 7, 2021, from Eritrea via Israel. He wanted to live in a country where he would have freedom and independence to work and travel where he chose. He could not return to Eritrea for safety reasons so became a refugee and was assigned to Canada through Canada Lutheran World Relief.

In the past year he has studied English through the online Norquest Program, worked in the food industry, obtained his drivers' license, purchased a car, became financially independent, and has improved greatly in English. Mengestab states his goals are to work hard, improve his fluency in English, own his own cafe as he did in Israel, and support his family in Eritrea.

His passions are developing what he has created and writing a book about inner peace. He believes each person has their own religion or belief and this leads you to ask, "Who are you on the inside?" His belief to love others as yourself calls him to value kindness and to love others. His father taught Mengestab to not react but to say, "I am sorry", practise kindness, help others and remember who you are. Mengestab's mother died when he was 4 years old and he was told his mother was a very kind person.

Mengestab feels he has been blessed to meet the people of Messiah and they seem like family to him. He asks, "What can I do for the people of Messiah?" He is amazed at how quickly people respond when he asks for help.

He is learning to live in Canada and will continue to study through Norquest. Although it has been challenging, he will continue to work at jobs he can get and will continue to learn English but he hopes to soon return to Ethiopia for a few weeks to meet up with a "special" friend.

I had a most interesting visit with Mengestab over coffee and he tells me that he likes to meet people which helps him to improve his English and he likes coffee! His email is mengyetesfameskel@gmail.com should you want to make a coffee date.



I had the opportunity to sit down with Yaemlak and Eden and hear from them what it is like to live in Canada. Their family of Hellen Defabachew , Fikiru Assefa, Yaemlak and Eden arrived in Canada March 16, 2022. They had lived in Kenya as refugees for 2 ½ years since it was no longer safe for Figaro to live in Ethiopia. Yaemlak and Eden had learned English in Ethiopia where they had attended a private school. While in Kenya they were not able to attend school or work. The family were able to come to Canada through the work of CLWR and the sponsorship of Messiah and the brother of Hellen, who lives in Camrose.

When they arrived in Edmonton via Calgary on March 16th, they were exhausted and shocked by the cold. Their first response was “how can we survive?” They have survived with warm clothes and access to warm cars. Their life in Ethiopia meant their father went to work, mother took care of the home, the daughters went to school, and they would live at home until they were married with the parents providing all their needs. Their life in Canada gives them independence. Life in Canada means dad works at 3 part time jobs, mother works at a part time job, Yaemlak and Eden attend High School and work part time jobs. Yaemlak and Eden are independent as they earn their own money, plan for their education, and develop friendships. Mom takes care of the home and cooks the meals.

Yaemlak plans to study international business and Eden is interested in dentistry. Their interests are photography, swimming, biking, skating, and trying to ski but not studying “Shakespeare”- the English is too difficult! They volunteer at Messiah working with Lowell and Rosanna running the audiovisual for the Sunday service. Hellen chooses to learn English through YouTube, videos, coworkers and likes having lunch/coffee with people she knows. Fikiru works a lot so learns English from coworkers and goes to class at the Camrose Adult Learning Council. He would like to be a truck driver as he did in Ethiopia.

The religious teachings and honoring religious traditions of the Christian Orthodox Church are led by Hellen in the family as she strongly values her faith and worked in the church in Ethiopia.

The family is now financially independent by working many part time jobs but are thankful for the support Messiah members have given them. Yaemlak and Eden express the importance of setting boundaries and expressing their values in school and work environment.

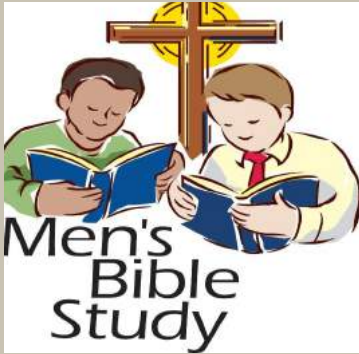
We look forward to continuing to connect with this family in the church and in the community.

Carolyn Andersen,

Messiah Refugee Support Group

Men's Bible Study

When? Saturdays, 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.

Note: Studies are concluding for the summer on May 27



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

By Zoom

Wednesdays at 10:00 am

Contact the office for the Zoom link.

Food Bank Sunday - May 14 (Mothers' Day)

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.**

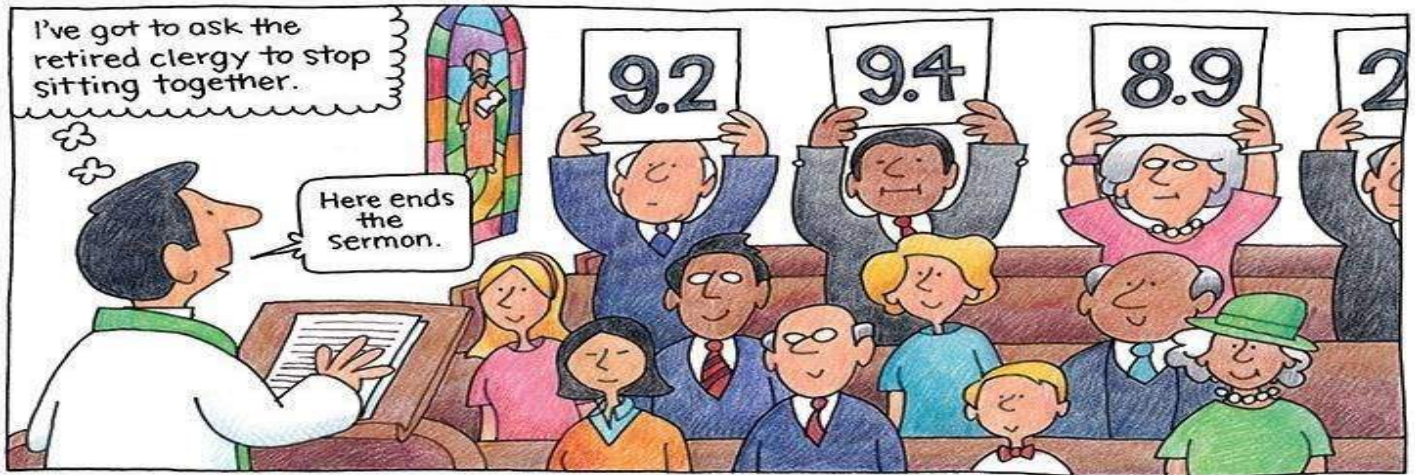
in the Find A Cause search area.



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

**Adult Classes will continue for the
month of May, watch your bulletin for an
update on the schedule and speakers!**

SERMON REVIEWS



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



What is this?
It's a QR code.
What is it used for?
It's used by smart phone users for a

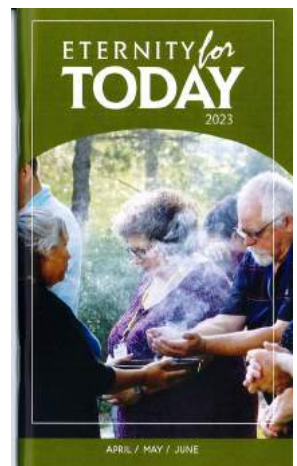
“Quick Response” to access information from the internet. Why does Messiah have one? So that people can just aim the camera on their smartphones and go directly to Messiah’s website instead of searching for it on the internet. Just point your camera and touch the link.



We are able to accept 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 April to June 2023 are available in the office, or at the Welcome Desk at the back of the sanctuary, for a suggested donation of \$2.00.





Cottage Conversations

Let's get together and get acquainted with our new pastor and with the new members.

There will be opportunities to be hosts or guests (or both) in our new program.

We want it to be simple—a few people getting together for a cup of tea or coffee and a snack.

Just a get together for fun and fellowship!

Please put your name on the list which will be available in the Fellowship Centre during coffee time after church.

We plan to start very soon!

Sing For Joy



Do You Have a Favorite Hymn?

There is a box at the Welcome Centre for you to make suggestions.

NEWS BRIEFS



Canadian Lutheran
World Relief

WAR IN UKRAINE

February 24, 2023 marked one year since the invasion of Ukraine. Over 8 million refugees have fled the country and over 6 million are internally displaced. A large proportion of these are women and children for whom humanitarian assistance is vital. Inside Ukraine, homes and critical infrastructure have been damaged and destroyed. Outages of electricity, heating and water have been seen in many areas, while services such as health care, public transport and internet have been disrupted. Many find themselves unable to meet basic needs of accommodation, food, water and medicine. CLWR partners continue to respond to the needs in Ukraine. To donate, go to clwr.org/Ukraine-response.

EARTHQUAKE IN SYRIA

The people of Syria need help and CLWR is responding through Act Alliance partners. More than 500,000 people are believed to have been forced from their homes since the earthquake of February 6. Many have been left without food, shelter and access to basic hygiene. The focus moves on to supporting those families who do not have a home to return to, and have lost their means of support. To donate, go to clwr.org/earthquake or phone 1-800-661-2597.

You are Welcome to join for Worship in the Country

Your pastors would like to remind you that since we are a part of a collaboration with two other parishes, it might be enjoyable if some of Messiah people joined out there for worship from time to time. So, feel free to take a drive out that way and join Pastor Bev and the New Norway and the Bashaw parishes for worship sometime. We meet on the second and fourth Sundays. We will keep you informed when there are changes to these times and services.

The Service times are:

Bashaw Parish (Zion Lutheran) is held at 9:15 am.

New Norway Parish (Bethesda) is held at 11:00 am.

Both of these Churches are found in the towns of Bashaw and New Norway.

There is coffee served after each service.

You are Welcome!!



CAMROSE REFUGEE CENTRE

March 2023

The Camrose Refugee Centre (CRC) was founded five years ago in order to support the needs of newcomers to Canada who have settled in the Camrose area. It is an ecumenical organization which is operated under the umbrella of Messiah Lutheran Church. The organization provides support to newcomers in various areas including providing assistance with government forms and applications; furniture and household goods; children's school placement; funding for youth arts and athletic programs and adult ESL support.

This past year we have been actively fundraising for and assisting Ukrainian evacuees by providing airfares, initial rental costs, food allowances and furnishings and household items. We have also assisted with job searches for employment opportunities. Monthly social opportunities enable the Ukrainian newcomers to become acquainted with one another to develop social support systems.

We are currently assisting more than fifty Ukrainians who have come to our community since April of 2022, and we have located and furnished fifteen apartments for couples and families during that time.

We also continue to assist and provide for individuals and families from other culture and ethnic groups. We hope to be able to continue our support of newcomers to our community. We are grateful and blessed that they have chosen Camrose as their new home and will continue to assist them in that transition.

Unfortunately, the war in the Ukraine shows no signs of ending soon and we are anticipating that more evacuees are planning to come and settle in Camrose and area.

CURRENT AND ONGOING NEEDS

1. **VOLUNTEERS:** In order for the Refugee Centre to continue this rewarding work, we are searching for individuals and/ or families who might be willing to take on the important and essential role of providing **social companionship and interaction.** Some refugees who have just arrived or will be soon arriving, will need assistance with transportation (rides); processing essential paperwork; setting up their accommodations or simply having someone to help them negotiate and maneuver their new situations. Social visits, help with job searches and shopping assistance can be very important in their daily lives.
2. **EMPLOYMENT:** Please consider hiring these newcomers or help identify employment opportunities. We have found them to be eager, hardworking and productive people.

* If you would like to consider being a social volunteer or hear of job openings that may be suitable, please contact :
Leona Marks @ 778-789 4572

3. **MONETARY DONATIONS:** CRC continues to need ongoing financial support and monetary gifts can be made by contacting:

**Messiah Lutheran Church: 780-672-3444 OR
Battle River Community Foundation: 780-679-0449**

Your donations can be designated to the **General Fund** (helping all newcomers) or for the **Ukrainian Fund**.


Tax Receipts will be provided for all monetary donations above \$20

4. **OTHER DONATIONS:** We also have need of a continuing supply of household furnishings and goods. **To donate such items** please contact:

Michelle Hauser: 780-679-8833

We are so very grateful for the amazing amount of donations we have received since March of 2022.

With your help, we can continue this important and transformative work in helping newcomers find a safe, productive and enjoyable life in Camrose and area.




Are there Ukrainians in Camrose? Are more coming? Do they have financial needs?

Yes, yes, and yes!

To date, we have helped over 50 people with airfare, rent, and food allowances. In order to continue, we need more donations.

Can you provide employment to a newcomer?
Contact Leona at (778)789-4572

Donate: - E-Transfer offering@messiahcamrose.ca
- Battle River Community Foundation
Box 1122 Camrose AB T4V 4E7

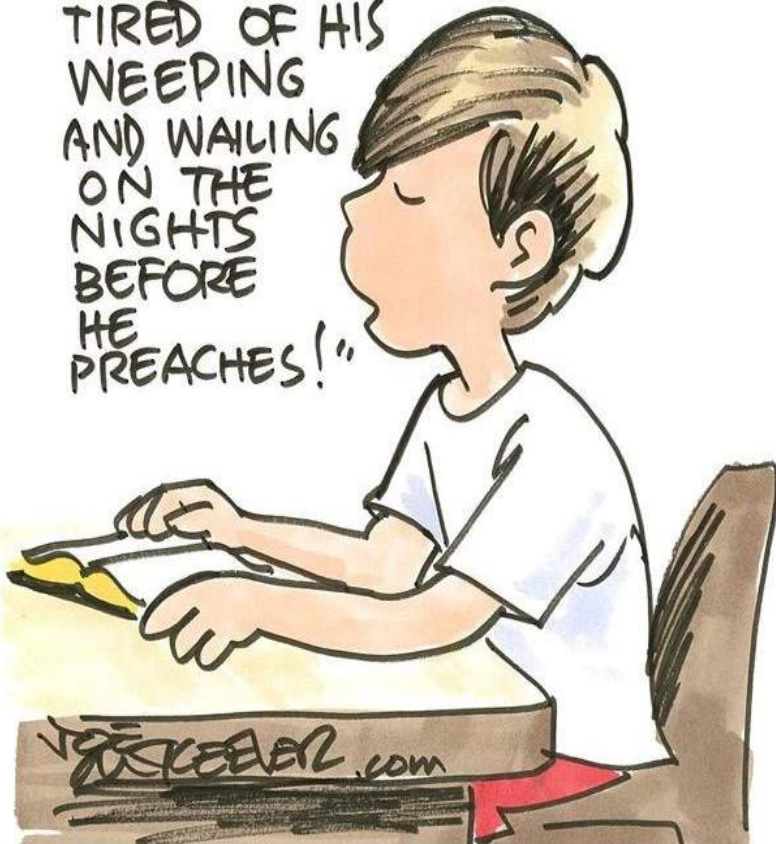


* Indicate "Ukrainian Refugee Support" for all Donations
* Tax Receipts Provided

Supported by the Camrose Refugee Centre

SATURDAY NIGHT
The pastor's son is praying -

"AND LORD, HELP DAD TO TRUST YOU WITH HIS SERMON - WE GET SO TIRED OF HIS WEeping AND WAILING ON THE NIGHTS BEFORE HE PREACHES!"



CAMROSE NEIGHBOR AID Needs Your Help

Volunteer drivers to take clients into Edmonton for speciality medical appointments. Call Neighbor Aid for more information

780-679-3220 or drop by and pick up a volunteer form. 4524 - 54 St. Camrose



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





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Senior Pastor Messiah: Jeff Decelle
Pastor: Bev Swanson
(serving 1/2 time at Messiah
and 1/2 time at Bashaw/New Norway)

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 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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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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May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	<p>1 10:30 Lectio</p>  <p>2:00 World Mission Prayer Group</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>12:00 Martha's Table</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>9:00 Men's Coffee Group <small>Tim Hortons West End</small></p> <p>10:00 Coffee Fellowship by ZOOM</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>10:30 Handbells </p> <p>12:15 Staff Meeting</p> <p>2:30 Learning Committee</p>  <p>6:45 Confirmation</p> <p>7:00 Support Committee</p> <p>7:30 Choristers</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00 Men's Bible Study by ZOOM</p>  <p>Mens Bible Study</p>	
<p>7 Easter 5</p> <p>9:15 Adult Class</p> <p>10:30 Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 Communion</p> <p>Worship Service</p> <p>11:45 Coffee Fellowship</p>  <p>2:00 Communion @ Seasons</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10:30 Lectio</p> 	<p>9 10:00 Communion Hillside Village </p> <p>12:00 Martha's Table</p>  <p>2:30 Communion @ Deer Meadows</p> <p>7:00 Joy Circle</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:00 Service Committee</p> <p>9:00 Men's Coffee Group <small>Tim Hortons West End</small></p> <p>10:00 Coffee Fellowship by ZOOM</p>  <p>12:15 Staff Meeting</p> <p>7:00 Faith Circle by ZOOM</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:00 Handbells Cleaning </p>  <p>6:45 Confirmation</p> <p>7:00 Witnessing Committee</p> <p>7:30 Choristers</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:00 Youth Event</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00 Men's Bible Study by ZOOM</p>  <p>Mens Bible Study</p>	
<p>14 Easter 6</p> <p>Food Bank Sunday</p>  <p>9:15 Adult Class</p> <p>NO Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 Worship Service</p> <p>11:45 Coffee Fellowship</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10:30 Lectio</p> 	<p>16</p> <p>12:00 Martha's Table</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>9:00 Quilting</p> <p>9:00 Men's Coffee Group <small>Tim Hortons West End</small></p> <p>10:00 Coffee Fellowship by ZOOM</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>12:15 Staff Meeting</p>  <p>6:45 Confirmation</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:00 Men's Bible Study by ZOOM</p>  <p>Mens Bible Study</p>	
<p>21 Ascension</p> <p>TBD Adult Class</p> <p>10:30 Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 Communion</p> <p>Worship Service</p>  <p>11:45 LunchFEST hosted by the Worship Committee</p>	<p>22 Victoria Day</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>Messenger Articles Due</p> <p>12:00 Martha's Table</p> 	<p>24</p> <p>9:00 Men's Coffee Group <small>Tim Hortons West End</small></p> <p>10:00 Coffee Fellowship by ZOOM</p>  <p>12:15 Staff Meeting</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:00 Men's Bible Study by ZOOM</p>  <p>Mens Bible Study</p>	
<p>28 Pentecost</p> <p>9:15 Adult Class</p> <p>NO Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 Communion</p> <p>Worship Service</p> <p>11:45 Coffee Fellowship</p> 	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>12:00 Martha's Table</p> 	<p>31</p> <p>9:00 Men's Coffee Group <small>Tim Hortons West End</small></p> <p>10:00 Coffee Fellowship by ZOOM</p> <p>Messenger Delivery</p>	<p>ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING for members of Messiah Lutheran Church Sunday, June 11, 1:00 PM</p>			