



MESSIAH MESSENGER

September 2023

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*Train up a child in the way
he should go,
Even when he is old
he will not depart from it.*



Proverbs 22:6

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.

Fall Office Hours

Closed Monday September 4

Open 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*

Pastor's Ponderings



It's back to Fall again — with its returning rhythm of back to school, back to meetings and back to all those things in our schedules that took a summer hiatus. For me these days are filled with some anticipation and excitement, and a little bit of grief that summer never seems to last long enough!

Starting Sunday September 10th and through Pentecost 2024 we are experimenting with a different set of bible readings in Messiah's worship. We are calling it "**Joining God's Story**" but it's technically called the "*Narrative Lectionary*" (our name is way more exciting, eh?).

Narrative is a fancy word for "story" and the Bible, at its heart, is the wonderful story of God's activity that begins with creation, travels through the promise made to Israel, winds its way to the coming of Jesus, journeys through the stories of the early church and ends with the New Creation in Revelation that we are still anticipating. It's this grand story that we are caught up in as God's people.

We have had a long tradition of four scripture readings each Sunday: one from the Old Testament, one from the psalms, one from the New Testament letters and one from the Gospels. This means that we hear a wide variety of voices from the bible, but we don't always get the sense of the how each of the readings connects to the others, or the story that connects them all.

The biggest change you might notice is that there will now be only one reading each Sunday — and that reading will follow the story arc of scripture. Through the Fall we will read mainly from the Old Testament — hearing stories beginning with Adam and Eve, then Abraham and Sarah and family, Moses and the Exodus, David and the other kings. As we get closer to Advent we will hear from the prophets who longed for God's salvation in the midst of hard times.

You might miss the familiar gospel stories, but don't worry, beginning at Christmas and Epiphany and continuing through Lent and Easter, we will pick up the story of Jesus through the gospel of Mark. In the Easter Season, until Pentecost, we will hear the story of the early church through the books of Acts and Paul's letters.

We are not just trying this for the sake of change, but instead I have a couple of hopes:

I hope that you will get a better sense of how the bible fits together, and how God continues to speak through to us through the sweep of scripture. We often ignore the Old Testament, even if it's unintentional, because we are not quite sure what to make of the more difficult parts.

I also wonder how you might hear the stories of the bible differently in worship when we are only focusing on one reading each Sunday. So, I hope that over the next months you will enjoy the stops we'll make at the Garden of Eden, and Jacob wrestling with the angel, and Moses at the burning bush, and some more unfamiliar stories like David singing when he becomes king, and even King Josiah's Reformation (that one you may never have heard before!)

In this experiment, we might find that we don't like it as much — or we might find that we are hearing God speak to us in a new way, making these stories of faith a little more accessible for us today.

Watch the bulletin board in the Fellowship Centre as we follow the story through the year.

And know that I always love to hear from you, so let me know what you think over these next few weeks as we are Joining God's Story.

I'm looking forward to the opportunity to preach parts of the Bible that I haven't preached on before — and seeing how God can give us fresh ears and hearts to hear the stories of scripture anew.

God's story is quite an adventure — let's jump in together!

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Pastor's Ponderings



Trust in the Lord!

We are moving into the fall. Although on the day I am writing this, we have summer type temperatures. (29) It's been beautiful this last couple days.

As we move into the season of autumn and fall, there is the scent of new beginnings in the air. As a former teacher, I used to love getting ready for the kids to come back to school in the fall. We would get our rooms all ready for our new group of kids and look forward to meeting them and spending time with them. I still miss that about this time of year. In the church and our communities there are new beginnings also. There are sign up events where we can sign up for activities that will run until they stop for summer again. It's a bit like a new year. We will soon sign up our son, Brendyn for his special Olympic activities... and that group will begin to meet to go swimming, walking, bowling, and the like.

At Sunday School, we will soon have our opening Sunday and we will bless the children who are wearing backpacks... and who are ready to go to school. They will also sign up for Sunday school in various churches and I know many of them are really looking forward to that! Bible Studies will start up, circle groups, and fall events. Confirmation will also begin again.

Although it is a bit sad to let go of summer and the warm evenings and the lovely green space around while the fall colors begin to show on the leaves... there is an excitement and a sense of renewal as we open to what God might bring in our lives in this season to come.

As we enter into fall, how might our God bring new life and new creation into our moments? As the leaves fall from the trees and autumn comes space is made for something new.

Moving into what is new also can be full of a bit of anxiety and sometimes we wonder what this next season will hold. We try out some new things. We might join a group that we have not joined before. Maybe we will step out of comfort zone. Heaven forbid!!



As people of God perhaps we could also ponder how we might serve our Lord in different and new ways by joining something that reaches God's people.

Someone asked me the other day what I might sign up for that might be fun and different. So, I have been pondering what I might decide to join to do something new this fall. Sometimes I find it very easy to get into a bit of a rut and just do what I've always done. Sometimes our Lord calls us into something new and that is exciting and even a bit scary too. Whenever we move into new beginnings, whether we are used to them or not, we are called as people of God to trust in our God in all things.

Proverbs 3:5-6 says this, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him and he will direct your paths."

Our God is directing us as God's church. Our lord is guiding our steps and opening ways to moving forward.

This is a great verse to take with us as we enter the new beginnings of this season. It reminds us to look to God for our direction as we move forward into what is before us. We cannot know how things will flow as we move forward but we can know that we can trust the one who does know. I for one find this very comforting and a little exciting too.

God wants to lead us and so let us look to our God for guidance as we move into this season of new beginnings.

Indeed, Trust in the Lord!!

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Dear Beloved of God –

On a regular basis I have folks ask me, what are you reading? Many know that I read ferociously, with several books always on the go, ranging from popular novels to church leadership, poetry to mystery novels, light reading to heavy-duty reading. Over the next

few months and columns, I will be sharing some excellent reads.

Recently I have appreciated a newly published book which is very accessible. A great resource for small group study and conversation, and/or for congregational councils: [Leading Faithful Innovation: Following God into a Hopeful Future](#) Dwight Zscheile, Michael Binder and Tess Pinkstaff, ©2023 Fortress Press, Minneapolis.

What might God be up to amid the seismic changes the church and our culture are undergoing? What opportunities will congregations encounter if they rediscover and follow God's leading? [Leading Faithful Innovation](#) offers a practical, hands-on approach to addressing this challenge, a process that culminates in the hope that comes from following the Spirit.

[Leading Faithful Innovation](#) explores Acts 16:6-15, the story about the biblical Lydia, to embody the key themes of this book. Jesus' followers are led by the Holy Spirit on a path where the destination isn't clear when they start. The road isn't straightforward. They discover where to go by listening, acting, and reflecting. They must practice being hosted by others in neighborhood spaces they don't control. They are redirected multiple times as dead ends lead to open doors but not necessarily the open doors they expected. Throughout, they must depend on God's leading, not their own strategies and plans.

This is the kind of journey that characterizes much of what we read in the New Testament about the early church. The Jesus movement was about a group of strangers and friends being joined together by God into a community practicing a distinct way of life that crossed cultural and geographical boundaries. That movement was animated by the life-giving Holy Spirit, which broke down walls, bound people together, and freed them to take risks in love. It was a subversive movement that called into question the predominant narratives and structures of the day.

Many church leaders today find themselves on an unexpected journey. We are learning/relearning how to be led by God's Spirit like the early followers, exercising both patience and the willingness to move quickly and responsively. This journey means learning to pay attention to the Holy Spirit in new ways.

Dwight Zscheile, Michael Binder, and Tessa Pinkstaff (each from Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota) build on Scripture, theology, and the latest leadership and change theories to guide church leaders on a journey toward grassroots, participatory spiritual growth.

Innovation, for the authors, is defined as the adoption of a new practice in a community. Innovation is not invention, rather it is the adaptation of Christian community life and witness to changing cultural circumstances. Something which the church has always done. Above all, innovation recognizes the agency and activity of God. God continues to create, re-create, restore, reconcile, and heal the world. Faithful innovation is about joining the Spirit's movement.

This faithful innovation begins with a three-step process: listen, act, and share. Listen – listen to God, one another, and our neighbours. Act – try something new based on God's leading. Share – reflect on your actions and share your story. Real-life stories and supportive spiritual practices make each step toward effective change accessible and actionable.

The book then examines how these steps change the culture of a church, establishing a new, biblically grounded way of being church. The authors present leadership practices that invite readers to redefine their leadership identity, accept the loss of their role as the primary driver of their congregation, and discover new hope and possibility. These topics are again fleshed out with real-life stories and undergirded by suggested practices.

The authors believe that the church's future is waiting to be discovered not inside the walls of church buildings or in committee meetings but on journeys into the neighbourhood, "outside the gate" at the "place of prayer" (Acts 16:13 where the spiritually curious gather in dynamic relationship with both the Spirit of God and the Lydias of our own day.

It's worth a read.

In Christ Jesus –
Shalom, +Larry



Pastoral Acts

Funerals

Esther Forre
Dorothy Hoyme
Robert Miller

Marriage

Brad Peeteetuce
& Holly Gamble



Special Gifts

Memorials:

Linda Odegard
Esther Forre
Dorothy Hoyme



Sunday School Start Up

We will be starting up for the fall on September 10. We will begin upstairs with a special back to school Blessing of the Backpacks, so bring your backpacks to church! As per usual, the church service begins at 10:30 a.m. When we go downstairs after the Blessing of the Backpacks, we will have registration downstairs, so adults, please pop downstairs to update the registration forms. Thank you!!!!!!

Starting on Sept. 10th we will be offering Sunday School every Sunday, except for holidays and some long weekends. Yay!!!!!!

Michelle Kennedy Hawkins

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NEWS BRIEFS



Canadian Lutheran
World Relief

There has been so much heartache around the world causing staggering needs due to the affects of war, earthquakes, floods and drought. CLWR endeavors to be where the needs are greatest, but our help is needed. We will look at a few specific areas.

SOUTH SUDAN

Devastating floods have displaced more than 400,000 people. Farming has been severely affected. In some places the people are trying to fish where they used to farm. **\$45 will give food assistance to a family for a month. \$10 will provide a fishing kit** to help a family whose land is flooded.

SYRIA & TURKIYE

Millions were affected by the massive earthquakes in February. The immediate needs were emergency supplies, but ongoing help is needed for those who did not have a home to return to. CLWR is working to rehabilitate homes and other vital infrastructure, and providing psychosocial support such as trauma care and employment support.

BURUNDI

Conflict and changing climate have left thousands of families facing hunger. Local partners are providing families with immediate food assistance and also livelihood training, equipment, supplies, livestock, and seeds to grow their own food, improving the family's nutrition and developing new income sources.

EAST AFRICA

Help is needed for families facing hunger, conflict and the effects of climate change. Millions are in need of basic necessities to survive.

The needs are endless. To donate go to www.clwr.org or phone **1-800-661-2597**.

CLWR's new address is: 400-185 Carlton St., Winnipeg, MB R3C 3J1

Treasurer's Report

August 2023

At the annual meeting there was agreement to adopt a budget for the year with a deficit of \$40,706. It was recognized that this will be a transitional year, with the deficit to be funded by using the operating surplus from last year. The intention is that we get back to a balanced budget next year.

The good news is that for the three months to the end of July we are showing a deficit of only \$3,204. This is an improvement since the end of June when it was \$8,703. There is a significant variation in offerings and expenses by month, but it is encouraging to see that offerings from envelopes, plate offerings, and other donation income for May to July is up by \$15,000 compared to last year.

Financially July was a very good month. It may be related to the fact there were five Sundays in July, we received one special donation, and some August envelopes were received in July probably because the last Sunday was so close to the end of the month. It will be interesting to see whether the increased giving continues in August.

More good news is that in June we received the final disbursement of \$19,427 from the estate of Norma Branes. Most of her generous bequest has been reserved for the major roof repairs that will be required before long. Many thanks to Norma for her thoughtfulness in including Messiah in her will.

It was also encouraging in July to receive a special donation of \$15,000 designated for the Roof Fund. More will be required, but we have a very good start on the costs of the roofing project when the time comes.

We thank God for the generous support that enables our congregation to continue His ministry.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about Messiah's financial situation.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Stolee, Treasurer



The Adult Sunday Morning Class returns!!



Sunday,
September 17
9:15 AM
in the
Basement
Auditorium

WEDNESDAY MORNING COFFEE AT 10 AM WILL CONTINUE INTO THE FALL!!

Come join us outside or in the
Fellowship Centre.
(No ZOOM gathering
unless by request.)

We invite the Wednesday
"Tim's" coffee group to
join us.



TABLE GRACE

What is your favorite table grace, maybe one you learned as a child, maybe one from your heritage?

We would like to feature these and maybe learn something new, too. Please send your contributions to Signe Harder to my email address at jonhardr@telus.net. Check out the bulletin board in basement hallway, going into the auditorium.



Also, thank you to all of you who shared your crafts for our display this summer. We will be able to enjoy your contributions till the end of August and then you may come and get them.

Music at Messiah
STARTING SEPTEMBER 21
Thursday
HANDBELLS
AT
10:30 - 11:30 AM



Thursday
CHORISTERS
AT
7:30 - 8:30 PM

LunchFests and Potlucks



Potluck

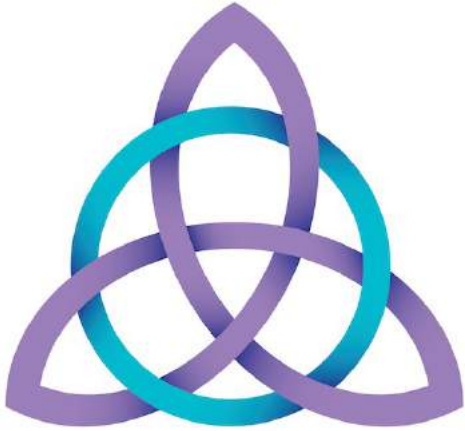
September 17, 2023
November 19, 2023
February 18, 2024
April 21, 2024

LunchFest

October 15, 2023
January 21, 2024
May 12, 2024
June 9, 2024

Lectio...Journeying Through Prayer

is planning to resume on Monday, September 11.



This group is for those of you who love to sit together in silence and hear the Word, sharing together how this word reaches into your hearts and souls.

Gather with us in the basement Lounge every Monday morning at 10:30 am.

This is not a closed group.

You may come and go as your schedule allows.

All are welcome.

For more information call Jane at 780-672-7982.

Quilting

will resume on September 19

at 9 am

In the Fellowship Centre



Calling All Confirmation Students!

On September 28 at 6:00 pm, we will be starting our next year of confirmation. We will meet at Bethel Lutheran Church with all students and their parents. There will be hot dog roast followed by a meeting for information and a time to connect and begin our year. You will find out everything you need to know about confirmation at this meeting. If you have a youth who is confirmation age or are aware of someone who might like to join please contact either of our Pastors or the office! Put it on your calendars!! We begin again!

Food Bank Sunday - **September 10**

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.





GOD WRITES A BETTER STORY ... Thank you Messiah friends



The beginning of my interest in Missions and in the Tanzania mission field began at a Luther League camp in 1955 when a missionary from Tanzania came as the Bible Teacher for our youth week. He and his family were stationed at the Mwiki Bible School near the base of Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, East Africa. Little did I know that 50 years later in retirement, I would find myself invited as a guest Bible Teacher, teaching students at that same school how to use the Bible Society Swahili Bible Story Book in their work as evangelists and teachers. Along with his terrific Bible Teaching, our youth camp leader taught us a Swahili song. A simple chorus which God permanently inscribed on my heart. For 50+ years I had no need to speak, think or sing anything Swahili. However, during my first week in Tanzania in 2006

I was sitting with an older evangelist waiting for a meeting to begin and I found myself flipping through the Swahili hymn book. My eye caught the words: Mungu ni Pendo (Our God is Love). There it was, our old Bible Camp song! I quickly closed the book and began to sing from the songbook of my own heart those old precious words ... in Swahili! The evangelist looked shocked as he said to me, "You speak Swahili!" I told him my story and realized I had a sermon I could share everywhere I went in the next 8 weeks! When God writes his story on the heart He uses indelible ink!

I spent the following 14 years travelling to Tanzania each year to two particular areas teaching the Bible to church leaders, Sunday School teachers, youth workers, women's groups, neighborhood Bible Study groups, Pastors and Evangelists, Bible School students and ...! I made it my mission to distribute the Bible Society Swahili Bible Story Book to each group and each home I could. In my last year I surpassed the distribution of 5000 books. By then I missed a year because of knee surgery. Then came Covid when practically the whole world stood still, and then two years ago I had a serious fall and the shattering of my right femur and right shoulder. And things did not go back together neatly! I kept hoping and praying I'd be ready to continue my annual treks... but not to be. I had to let go of Tanzania! Not an easy letting go! Surely there must be a way to keep going! Oh how I struggled with "No."

Now here is the major reason for this newsletter article. This project is not only a story written by me. From my childhood, I grew up learning God's wonderful stories in the Bible. When I



Messiah Ladies Bible studies begin again in Sept., the second week of each month. If you would like to join one of the five groups, call the leaders to get the specific meeting places for September.

Joy - Tues 7 pm	Shirley Loewen	678-5599
Grace - Wed 2 pm	Erna Litzenberger	679 6863
Faith - Wed 7 pm	Diane Scarisbrick	672-9132
Gentleness - Thurs 9:30 am	Marion Midbo	608-2156
Praise - Thurs. 9:30 am	Marilyn Hoveland	672 6358

discovered the Swahili Bible Story book was available in Tanzania I quickly made the decision to provide this terrific book to as many homes, church groups, church leaders and Sunday School teachers as possible. I had a wonderfully positive response from friends like many of you folks who wanted to be part of sowing "Bible Storybook seeds." Thus, each year with gifts from friends, I was able to purchase and give away about 500 books. Parents, grandparents and children begged to have this book in their homes.

Here at Messiah, your MLW group invited me to tell the story of the Tanzania Project ... my small project of providing Swahili Bible Story Books in the two large districts where I was fortunate to work with enthusiastic Pastors. The story book — *Sehema za Biblia kwa Watoto* — was available in the Bible Society of Tanzania and I could easily get books delivered where I needed them. This Bible Story Book project was supported generously and faithfully by a great number of you. Your support was amazing and enabled me to provide just over 5000 Books in the years I travelled to Tanzania. Messiah Lutheran Women also recently sent 3 boxes of baby quilts, dresses for young girls, and many other valuable items.

From the beginning I sensed that together we were writing a wonderful story. But as the demand for books was increasing and the opportunities for distribution were growing steadily, I realized God was writing a much better story! He always does if we let Him! Covid and my own sudden physical limitations prevented me from returning to continue the Tanzania Project. Early this year Canada Revenue told us there were new limitations for projects such as mine, so I was forced to clear out the account. I managed to put together a huge order of Bible books and get them delivered to several locations where Pastors, Evangelists and committed friends are distributing them now! The account had **\$19,343.00!** Imagine! Enough for over 500 Bible Story Books and hundreds of children's materials and children's booklets.

To you dear friends, partners in the ministry of the Tanzania Project, I say you have enabled God to write an even more beautiful story than I began writing the Tanzania Project in 2006. And I can only say, *"Ejo Enkai Ashe"* ... *May God thank you in the way only God can do!* (Maasai)

Connie Landstrom



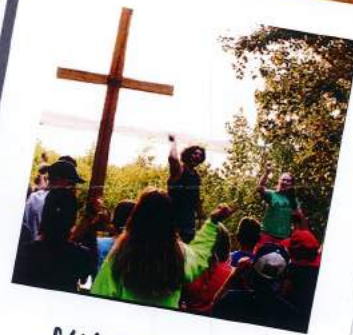
Hastings Lake Bible Camp's

Fall Festival

September 17
2:30pm



SUMMER 2023



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celebrating an awesome summer of
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Hastings Lake Fall Festival & 85th Anniversary September 17

Join us as we thank God for the incredible summer we just had!

2:30pm - Chapel Service

3:30pm - Coffee, inflatable slide, basketball, games

4:30pm - Supper

6:00pm - Campfire





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- * dessert & coffee
- * live auction fun
- * silent auction suspense
- * all proceeds to benefit the Camrose Refugee Centre



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4857 50 St, Camrose CASH ONLY



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 780 672 8488

Or email dahledar@gmail.com

ATTENTION HEARING AID USERS



Hearing Loop
Switch hearing aid to T-coil

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 July to Sept 2023 are available in the office, or at the Welcome Desk at the back of the sanctuary, for a suggested donation of **\$3.00.**



MESSIAH is gearing up for a new Pictorial Directory !

WHEN: September 26 – 30, 2023

WHERE: Messiah Fellowship Centre

HOW: Please sign up at Coffee Fellowship after worship or contact Shirley Loewen at 780 678 5599. You will be contacted by phone 2 days prior to your scheduled appointment time as a reminder.



COST: FREE for the picture taking and receiving a pictorial directory. If you wish to purchase any pictures, there is a cost. Hey, you can even order Greeting Cards for Christmas.

BENEFITS: Keeps Messiah connected with names with faces; builds and strengthens our faith community; and best of all, refreshes our memory!

PICTORIAL UPDATE: Thank you for the huge response in signing up already. **We now have Friday & Saturday (Sept 29 & 30) dates available to book.** So if you have already booked and would like to change for Friday or Saturday, please call Shirley Loewen at 780-678-5599 or make changes at the table during Sunday morning coffee time. Submitting your own picture is an option, but you will then not receive a free Directory. **Please note** that if you have your picture(s) taken, you are not obligated to purchase photos. The photos will be available before Christmas.

Ubuntu:Collective, the non-auditioned community church choir in Camrose (supported by Messiah Lutheran Church), is starting up again this fall! Rehearsals for this choir are on Monday evenings, 7-8:30pm - and we begin with rehearsals on Sept. 11, in the Messiah Lutheran Church choir room. Carolyn Olson is the accompanist, Dr. Joy Berg is the conductor, and we would love to have you involved in this community! Registration fee is \$60 per semester (\$120 for the year), with concerts on Nov. 26 and April 28. Members of this choir (*Ubuntu:Collective*) are also invited to enter into two additional Masterworks projects this year (for free) - Sing-Along Messiah before Christmas, and Faure Requiem on Palm Sunday. You are very welcome!



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead.

We know it hurts, and we want to help.

Contact Us Today

**13 Week Series: 2023 September 10th - December 3rd
Sundays LIVE & via ZOOM: 3 pm - 5 pm**

(You can start at any time during the 13 weeks)

LIVE: Bible Fellowship Assembly, 207 Lawrence St, Porcupine
(Across from the Skateboard Park on Hwy 101 E)

ZOOM: Link given upon registration

Ted Bendell: 705.360.0697; Peggy Bendell 705.235.5121

griefshare@bfa.church <https://bfa.church/griefshare>

NOTE: sessions & work books are free (donation to BFA appreciated)

GRIEF SHARE

This is free to participants. A free will donation to BFA is always appreciated

Thank you to all those who helped out during our absence this summer. We particularly want to give a hearty, heartfelt thank you to the “mouse patrol”. You are brave souls.

Lloyd and Carolyn



Reminder: If family members or loved ones are in the hospital, please let the church office know so we can make a pastoral visit.

The hospital no longer releases this information to Pastors.

NAME

TAGS... Having a name tag on is a nice way to greet other worshippers. Please wear one if you have one! You will find supplies to make one at the Welcome Centre.



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



Camrose Women's Shelter Society

The Camrose Women's Shelter has provided an updated list of current needs: body wash, shampoo, conditioner, kids shampoo, thick feminine pads, pajamas all sizes. Items can be placed in the white wooden box at the back of the sanctuary labelled Women's Shelter.



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 was our family's church home for my whole childhood, and for more than 30 years for my parents, and meant so much to her. I am attaching Sigrid's obituary for your information. Thanks.
Sue Ostrem



Sigrid Edith Christiansen Ostrem passed away on January 22, 2023, in St. Paul, MN at the age of 88. Sigrid was born November 19, 1934 in Oberlin Ohio to Olaf and Ellen (Kjos) Christiansen. When she was six her family moved to Northfield, Minnesota when her father joined her grandfather on the music faculty at St. Olaf College. She stayed in Northfield through high school and college, graduating from St. Olaf in 1958. After a year teaching in St. James, Minnesota, she and a college friend moved to Long Beach, California. There she met Bob Ostrem, a St. Olaf classmate she knew by reputation only, but they soon began a quick courtship and engagement. As Sigrid recounted, Bob told a friend that night that he was going to marry Sigrid, and proposed for the first time just a few weeks later - it took a couple of asks before she said yes! In 1958 they married and were blessed with three children: Sten (Jill) of St. Paul, Sue, currently working in Kyiv, Ukraine, and Kristi Lacey of Camrose, Alberta. After living in Long Beach, Minneapolis, Iowa, and New York, they headed north to Camrose, Alberta, Canada, where they spent 32 years. During that time, Sigrid not only kept the family organized, she also taught music, volunteered on dozens of committees and boards (at one point a member of more than 40 groups), taught courses at Camrose Lutheran Bible Institute (CLBI), directed and sang in choirs and served on the board of Messiah Lutheran Church. In 1996 they retired, and she and Bob spent winters in Mesa, Arizona, where many fellow retirees, including many of Bob's family from Alberta, fled to escape the cold. She spent almost every summer of her life in Sister Bay, Wisconsin, where her extended family traditionally spent their summers. Sigrid and Bob made the most of retirement - taking classes, volunteering, perfecting their tennis games, and traveling. Perhaps more than anything, Sigrid was known for her hospitality - she and Bob opened their doors and welcomed friends and family into their home regularly. There was always good food, good conversation and a lot of laughter. After Bob died in 2004, she continued her routine of winters in Arizona and summers in Wisconsin, active in her churches in both locations. Several years ago she adopted her dog Casey, soon coming to love Casey as much, if not more, than her children! Casey brought joy and companionship to her every day - they were inseparable. As short-term memory problems developed, Sigrid made the move to a senior apartment in Sister Bay and finally to Episcopal Homes in St. Paul, MN, where she died peacefully in her sleep. Sigrid leaves behind a great many people whom she loved and who loved her, and are missing her presence: Sten, Jill, Sue, Kristi; grandchildren Cooper, Lauren and Meg; sister Julie Christiansen (Carl Dietz), sister-in-law Mary Christiansen, sister-in-law Marion Ostrem, nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

A Memorial Service was held at Shepherd of the Bay Lutheran Church in Ellison Bay, Wisconsin on Friday, July 21, 2023 at 1:00 pm, with a reception following at her cottage on Little Sister Bay.



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