



MESSIAH MESSENGER

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This is love: not that we loved God,
but that he loved us and sent his Son
as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

1 John 4:10

DailyVerses.net

Worship Schedule

Sunday 10:30 am

Services are broadcast on YouTube,
search for MessiahCamrose or find a
link anytime on our website
messiahcamrose.ca.

We also broadcast live 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 Thursday
9:00 am to Noon
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

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

*Sharing Jesus Christ
with All People*

Pastor's Ponderings



Tell me a story...about Messiah.
Tell me a story how God has impacted your life through this church.

Is it remembering that youth event where you ate ice cream out of an eavestrough?

Or the fun of singing in a youth choir, but coming to the concert wearing the wrong colour shirt? Is it learning about camera angles and planning shots up in the balcony tech crew? Is it calling to mind the melodious sounds of the organ filling the room during a community concert? Is it being part of the workers who put the finishing touches on the Link or one of the Sunday School spaces?

Is it when you were prayed for by this church and felt supported in a crisis? Or how you were offered a ride when you couldn't drive for a time? Or how a parade of people dropped off food at your house when you moved to Camrose? (That's my story — I'm still grateful for that). Or is it the many hours you've spent drinking coffee and sharing laughter in the Fellowship Centre?

Tell me a story, because I've only begun scratching the surface.

You might have heard of Renewal 125, looking forward to our 125th anniversary in 2026 — because it's never too early to start planning a big party.

But more than a group of party-planners, Renewal 125 is about our life together as a congregation. What is God doing among us? How is God renewing Messiah's life? How is God calling us to deeper stewardship and community engagement? How is God inviting us to grow together as disciples but also, dare we dream, to grow our membership and attendance?

This may be the first time you are hearing about Renewal 125, but you'll be hearing much more. I've been so excited finding out about people being recruited to various parts of the initiative — to the subcommittees asking questions about music and stewardship, and others dreaming possibilities for our building and how we can connect with the community.

And Renewal 125 will be gathering stories. Stories of

God's faithfulness.

Stories of community.

Stories of pain and loss.

Embarrassing and funny stories. But

through it all, the story

of God at work at

Messiah over this last

century and a quarter.



Our narrative lectionary readings are now in Mark's gospel. And for Mark there's no time to linger in one story. Instead, he's always moving the action: Jesus appears in the wilderness to be baptized, and wet in the water, the heavens are torn apart, and the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus. And then from the wilderness, Jesus announces that the kingdom of God has arrived, calls his first disciples by the seashore, preaches in synagogues with authority, rebukes evil spirits, and heals the those who are sick. And that's only the first chapter. The story of Jesus is the story of the power of God set loose upon the world bringing healing, renewal and life.

As we continue through the gospel and into Lent, we know that God's work is also in Jesus' suffering on the cross, and in the mystery of that empty tomb, and God's promise of new life.

Now that's a great story.

Jesus continues to bring God's healing, renewal and life among us at Messiah — planted in Camrose's inner city, with a storied history of music and learning, and a wide sense of mission outside the walls of the church, including television and online. These are anchors for us as we pray for the Holy Spirit's renewal, and wondering how we are being invited into an unknown future.

There are more stories to come as the Holy Spirit continues to be set loose among us — in those who gather at Martha's Table and hopefully soon the community Warming Hub, in connecting through our online and collaborative ministries, and in the care and compassion that we find day in and out at Messiah.

So, tell me a story. I bet that you have many.

Peace be with you all,

Pastor Jeff



I was watching the sunrise come up the other morning and it was full of pinks and purples and oranges. It was there in that moment and a few moments later it moved into daylight. As I drove home from the country later in the afternoon, I was utterly

blown away by the beauty of the sky. It shifted and changed moment by moment... like a lovely movie. Just now I am watching the evening sun setting. There is a lovely hue of blue and gold behind the shadow of a lovely tree. Again, so lovely and then it shifts. It's like a masterpiece painted in God's sky every moment. Each moment is a moment unto itself. Sometimes we don't actually stop to be in the present moment and to see the precious gifts of light and love from God, in creation, through people and in the small things in each day; the little touches of love from God. We often get too busy to pay attention. And we miss them. We get too full of what is on our minds and hearts. We get too full of our worries. So often we are moving on to the next moment when there are gifts in this present waiting for us to enjoy and connections with God waiting for us to lean into.

We have found that life in our house has slowed down quite a bit lately and it reminds us to take a breath and be in this moment. There is gift in this. As we slow down, we are able to see more clearly the little things that

are right there; God's love for us in nature in the presence of a bird just out the window. The thing is God is here in each moment, reminding us of his incredible love. If we don't hurry to quickly to the next one, we will notice it and feel God's connection.

There is a phrase we often say. It is a book title. "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff". Maybe we need another new phrase that says... "Stay still and stay awake for the small stuff."

A favorite psalm that I have always loved is Psalm 46:10. "Be still and know that I am God." I think that if we allow some stillness in our busy and full moments, if we just stop and notice, we will see the little gems of God's connecting love for us right under our noses that we would otherwise miss.

We are coming into Valentine's Day and Family Day; days in the year for showing love to one another. It's kind of sad that we need days set aside for this... because truly every day should be full of many moments of connecting with God's love and sharing it with others.

Let's slow our lives down enough to notice God's gifts of love to us in this present moment. Maybe in doing so, we will connect more deeply with the Lord and be more able share that love with so many others.

Look! Here is another moment. Stay present in it! Be still! God is here!

In God's Love and Peace...

Pastor Bev





Synod of Alberta and the Territories

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada



Dear Beloved of God –

May grace and peace be yours in abundance (1 Peter 1:2a).

Ash Wednesday, we turn. We turn from the starlight of Epiphany. We turn from the very faint afterglow of Christmas. And we turn toward Holy Week. We turn toward Easter. We turn - and the first

word we hear is from the prophet Joel: “Blow the trumpet in Zion...for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near.”

Ring the bell, Joel is saying. Send up the flares. Beat the drum. Send out the email. The day we have been praying for is near. The Lord is near. But be wary for this trumpet is not ringing out a joyful, “Come one, come all!” No, this trumpet blast sounds more like an alarm.

This is not what we had expected. Nor is it what the people to whom Joel was writing expected.

We gather from a world of endless bad news – of darkness and gloom. We come from trouble, from sorrow, from heartache, from loneliness and despair. We come grieving the death of loved ones. We come with the pain of illness – we’re anxiously waiting for test results – or surgery is just around the corner. We come from our broken families – relationships between parent and child, and child and parent, fractured and torn. Our community knows violence and abuse of every kind. We see images of on-going tensions in many places – the struggle of many in conflicts all over the world – the fearful possibility of even more escalation. The very real potential for destruction of God’s creation – of polluted waters, of creatures extinct.

We gather and we had imagined, like those to whom Joel wrote, that the Day of the LORD would set everything right, would make the pain go away, would resolve, and redeem and make new.

Joel sees that the trouble that is loose among us and our world cannot be easily caged or tamed, because we are ourselves mixed up in it – caught up in the trouble! We are not innocent. We have turned from God. We have turned away from neighbour. We have turned away from creation.

We do not have an alibi. God knows that we are not merely victims. We have sinned!

That is why the season of Lent, like Advent, begins with a turn. Preparing for the coming of the Lord inevitably begins with turning - literally repenting – turning our hearts and lives toward the One who comes. “Yet even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart ... rend your hearts and not your clothing.” It is not too late, Joel is saying, it is not too late.

I suggest that the baptismal font be placed prominently at the entrance to the sanctuary for the season of Lent – for the font is the place of turning, the place of entry, of new beginnings – the place of dying to old ways and of rising in Christ. Here we were welcomed into the community of faith. Here we were first marked with the sign of the cross.

The ashes that mark our forehead in the sign of the cross on Ash Wednesday are an ancient symbol of baptismal turning. Take on this ashen cross as a sign of a desire for right relationship with God and neighbour and all creation – as a sign of entrusting yourself to God – as a sign of your mortality.

And then, wade from the waters of the font to the communion table, where you will be met by God – in bread and wine – God, who “is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.” God who has come to us with forgiveness, new life, strength, nourishment so that we might walk into the heart of the season of Lent – our daily lives – with courage and faithfulness.

The prophet proclaims that such a turning is not giving something up for Lent but discovering anew the source of life in the gracious, merciful, slow to anger, steadfast love of a blessing God.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 15:13).

In Christ Jesus –

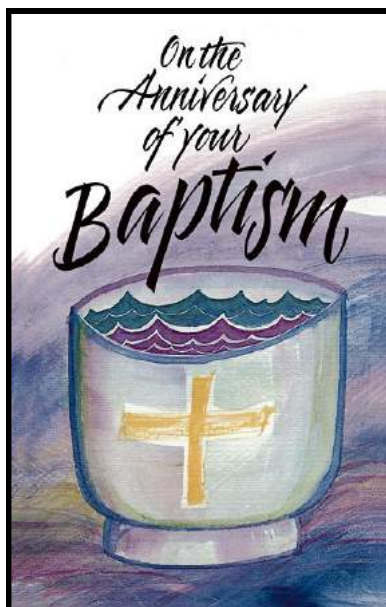
Shalom,
+ Larry





All Wednesday services will begin at 7:00 pm
and the theme will be *Give Us Peace*.

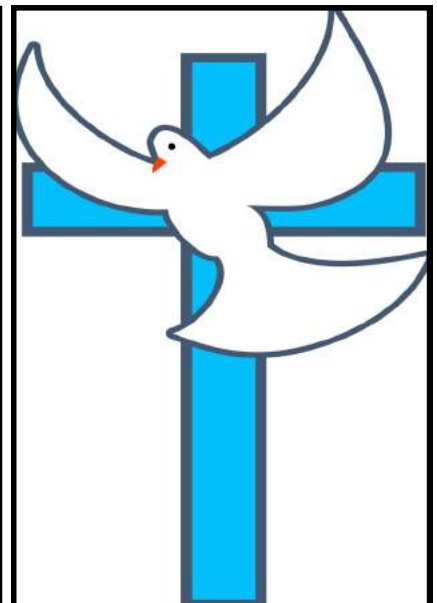
Date	Host
February 14 Ash Wednesday	Messiah Lutheran (also broadcast live on Eastlink and YouTube)
February 21	Bethel Lutheran
February 28	St. Francis Xavier Catholic
March 6	St. Andrews Anglican
March 13	Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic
March 20	Church of God



We recognize the monthly
Baptismal Anniversaries
of the children
in the *Splash* program:

Conner Cowan - February 12

*Let your light so shine
before others that they
may see your good works and
glorify your
Father in heaven.*



A PSALMS STUDY ONLINE

**YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN A PSALMS STUDY ON-LINE
WITH PASTOR BEV!**

It might be a good connection for you during the winter months!

Hello all!

I have been leading a study on the Psalms in the country parishes. What a powerful, practical and wonderful book in the Bible! We have been discovering just how much! The Psalms teach us so much about our God and also give us words to use in our lives.

The study began by ZOOM on **Tuesday** evening, January 16 from **6:30 - 7:45 pm for 6 weeks except on Feb 6** when I am away at the Pastor's Study Conference. The last 3 classes are on **February 13, 20 and 27.**

Note: If you cannot make every evening for different reasons, this study is easy to catch up on.

The study will begin with an evening of introduction to the Psalms.

Basic Outline for our Study:

A basic introduction:

- Psalms as accessible and real – “a little Bible” according to Luther
- Psalms as prose, poetry and metaphor
- Psalms as real and honest, connecting us to our hearts and souls
- Psalms written in prose, poetry, Metaphor and imagery
- Authors of the Psalms
- Where we use the Psalms in our daily lives and in worship
- The arrangement of the Psalter

Psalms of Thanks and Praise:

How the psalms teach us how to give thanks and Praise.

The cost of the loss of praise.

The Rhythm of our Lives - Orientation, Dis-orientation, re-orientation.

Hymns of Praise: Enthronement, Royal and Zion

Psalms:

We get in touch with God who reigns and as we do we reminded of who our God is.

Penitential and Wisdom Psalms:

Psalms of confession and righteousness - God's holy expectations and our response to our loving, forgiving God.

Psalms of Lament:

The Heart Cries to God in the “real” of our lives and God's presence in these moments.

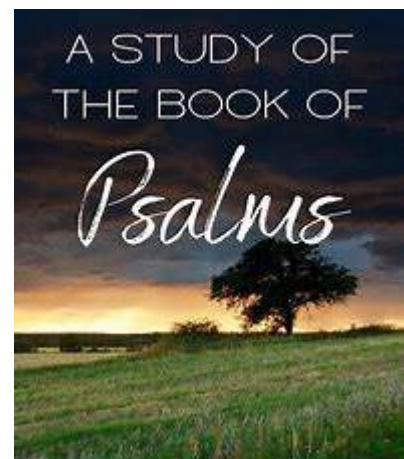
Closing: Bringing it all together:

The practical use of the Psalms in our Lives as people of God living together.

Please sign up in the office and leave your email address and contact information there.

I look forward to spending this time with you.

Pastor Bev



NEWS BRIEFS



Our regular newscasts keep us somewhat informed about what is happening in hot spots around the world such as in Ukraine and the Gaza-Israeli conflict, and there are obviously great needs there. However, there are also other areas which may receive less attention, but which also need assistance.

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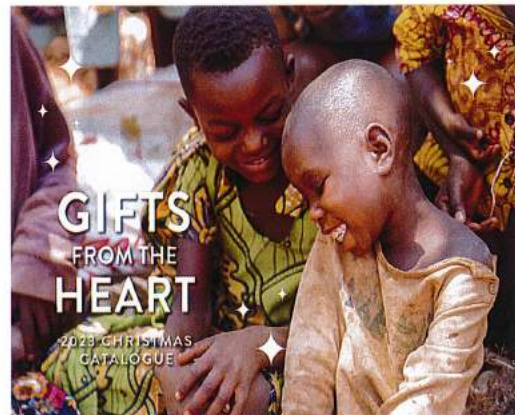
Sudanese refugees have been forced into Chad due to armed conflict in Sudan and they have limited access to food, basic household supplies, shelter or sanitation. CLWR's partner, LWF Chad, is responding.

HAITI

This country has had heavy floods and landslides as well as massive earthquakes. CLWR partners are responding with cash assistance prioritizing groups such as the elderly, those with disabilities and female-headed homes.

INDIA

Clashes between ethnic groups in the state of Manipur have resulted in over 200 deaths and thousands of injuries, as well as the destruction of 2000 homes and 200 churches. CLWR has responded to a call for help from Manipur Evangelical Lutheran Church and is helping to provide food, shelter and hygiene products to families affected by this conflict.



Our donations are needed and much appreciated on an on-going basis. Remember also, that **GIFTS FROM THE HEART** can be given at any time of the year.

TREASURER'S REPORT



Last month I dared expect that the December financial statements would be more positive than November, when there was a deficit of \$10,719. And it was much more positive. December was another amazing month, with special Christmas offerings of \$20,205. This is a dramatic increase from 2022, when it was \$10,117.

Regular offerings were also more than average, likely reflecting year end giving. The resulting surplus of \$22,522 for December brings us to a surplus for the first eight months of the fiscal year of \$19,998. This leaves us in a good position for the coming months when utility costs will be higher, and offerings probably lower than December.

When we approved the budget for this year we talked about it being a transitional year, with the new collaboration agreement and the addition of a second pastor. We anticipated there could be a deficit. Now eight months into the year it is very encouraging to see that offerings have increased to cover the additional costs. This will make it easier to plan for next year's budget, which will begin on May 1.

If you have any questions or concerns about Messiah's financial situation, or if you have any thoughts about the budget for next year, I would be happy to hear from you.

Dave Stolee, Treasurer

Food Bank Sunday - February 11

Food Bank donations are still needed and can be left in the grocery cart in the Church foyer during the week or at the back of the sanctuary on Sunday mornings or dropped off directly to the Neighbor Aid Food Bank located at

4524 54 Street in Camrose,

Monday to Friday from 9:00 am - Noon

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

Monetary donations are also greatly appreciated and can be made online at atbcares.com by entering **CAMROSE NEIGHBOR AID CENTER INC.**

in the Find A Cause search area.



CURRENT FOOD BANK NEEDS:

canned soup

canned beans (without pork)

canned proteins: tuna, salmon, meat

canned fruit

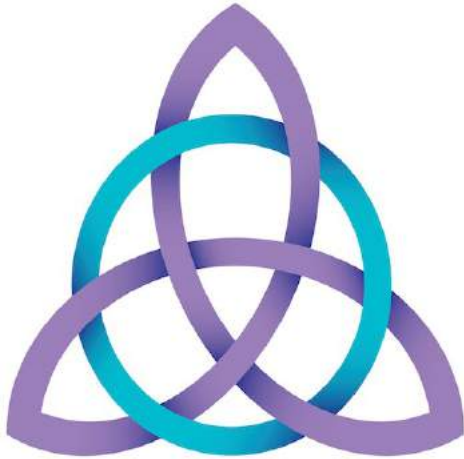
cereal (not highly sugared)

toilet paper



Lectio...Journeying Through Prayer

Mondays 10:30 AM



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.



**You are Welcome to join
Pastor Bev for Worship Services
at our collaborative parishes on
the second and fourth Sundays
of the month.**

***New Norway Bethesda 9:15 am.
Bashaw Zion Lutheran 11:00 am.***

Men's Bible Study

When? Saturday Mornings
9:00 to 10:15 am

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

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

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

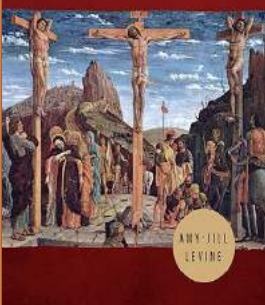
Leaders? Some men take turns
as leaders, others join in as they
wish.



All Men Are Welcome!!

A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO HOLY FRIDAY

**WITNESS
at the CROSS**



Selected Sunday Adult Classes during Lent, beginning February 25, will be led by Pastor Jeff studying the book *Witness at the Cross*. A copy of this book can be purchased from Amazon for \$24.99 plus taxes and shipping at the following link:

<https://www.amazon.ca/Witness-at-Cross-Amy-Jill-Levine/dp/1791021123>

Contact the office at 780 672 3444 by February 5
if you prefer to have a book ordered for you.

The Adult Class schedule for February can be found on page 13.



Tuesday, February 13th join us for our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper followed by a presentation from our second year students on their IMPACT mission trips to New York and Brazil.

- CLBI Campus (4837 52A Street, Camrose AB.)
- Meal begins at 5:00pm
- IMPACT Story Night to follow supper (in main classroom)

- Free will offering will be taken for the IMPACT program
- Donations can be made by visiting clbi.edu/give (select "MissionTeams" to direct your donation to the IMPACT program)
- **Please RSVP in advance by emailing info@clbi.edu or by calling the CLBI Office at 780-672-4454.**

A Reminder about Canadian Tire Dollars

When making a purchase at Canadian Tire, if you wish to donate your rewards \$\$ to Messiah Lutheran Church, just give the church's phone number 780-672-3444 to the cashier and she will add the points to Messiah's points card. Sheila Becker's name may show up on their system, but it is Messiah's account.



THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE DONATED IN THIS WAY IN THE LAST YEAR!

During the recent cold snap we were able to put the accumulated value towards purchasing an additional space heater for use in the Church. It is very much appreciated!



If you have any extra reusable cloth grocery bags to donate, please drop them off at the Church office.



They are handy for our homeless friends to carry items.

Drivers are needed for
Meals on Wheels!

If you are interested or require more information on what the commitment involves contact Marie Brager at 780-672-8200.

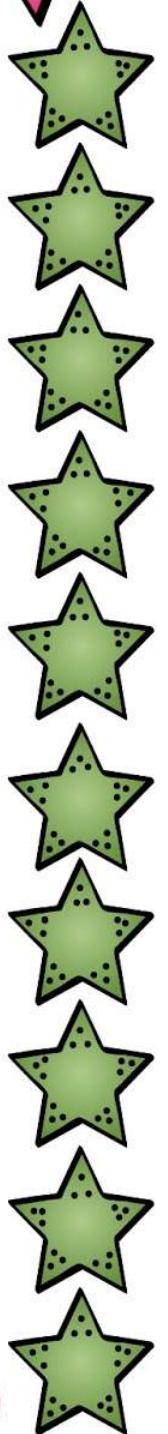
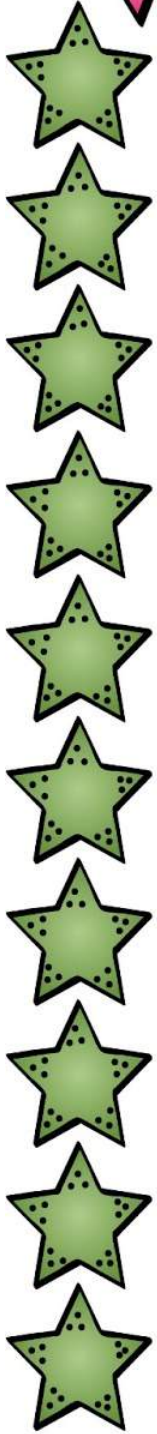




MESSENGER BULLETIN BOARD



YOUTH EVENT
SUNDAY, JANUARY 14
AUGUSTANA CAMPUS
CLIMBING WALL



Pictorial Directory update - the proof has been received, corrections made & sent back. It will take approximately 8 weeks to receive the printed directories.



COME JOIN US FOR COFFEE FELLOWSHIP
ON WEDNESDAY MORNINGS AT 10:00 AM
IN THE FELLOWSHIP CENTRE



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

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.



Hearing Loop
Switch hearing aid to T-coil

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



offering@messiahcamrose.ca




Sunday School is about the same as usual - which means never a dull moment!

This month I want to highlight Signe Harder's work for Sunday School. She kindly and artfully creates the Sunday School display on the bulletin board in the hall between the nursery and the office. The teachers and I are grateful to Signe for taking care of that for us and providing a space where we can display our little crafts, but that also looks great when we don't have any items from our time downstairs to display.

We would welcome snack and juice box donations again starting mid/late February. We are thankful that our snacks so far in the new year were covered by a lovely donor. Thank you!

Michelle Kennedy Hawkins



 <h1>Adult Classes</h1>	SUNDAY MORNING AT 9:15 AM in the Basement Auditorium		
	Feb 4	What's a Bishop For ?	Pastor Bev
	Feb 11	What's a Bishop For ?	Pastor Jeff
	Feb 18	No Class Today	Family Day
	Feb 25	Witness at the Cross	Pastor Jeff



THANK YOU

For your generous donation of toques, mitts,
socks and scarves.

The contents of the Mitten Tree have been
distributed to Sparling & Chester Ronning
Schools, the Women's Shelter
Open Door.



Volunteer Opportunity!



The CARE GROUP needs
you to help
people
with small jobs!

Contact the church office with
your skills at 780-672-3444.



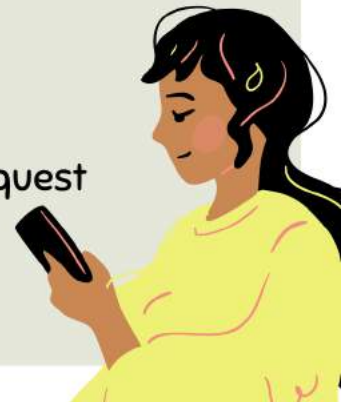
Need a Hand?



The CARE GROUP has
volunteers to help
with small jobs!

Contact the church office with your request
at 780-672-3444.

There is no cost for this service.



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 at 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 (full size bottles), conditioner, pajamas (youth 10-17), slippers (adult & child), toothpaste & toothbrushes, twin sheet sets.

Items can be placed in the white wooden box at the back of the sanctuary labelled Women's Shelter.

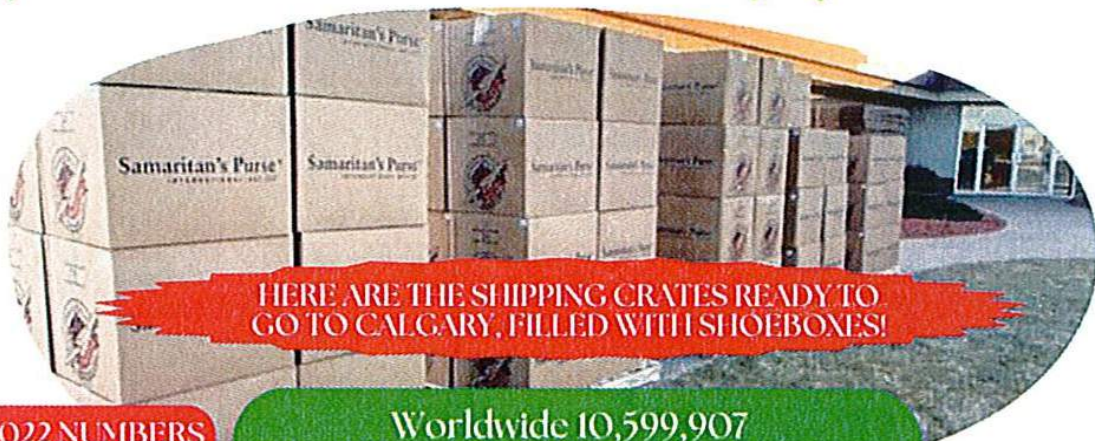
CONNECTING IN THE WORD

Check out our brief recorded inspirational messages with Pastor Bev! Go to messiahcamrose.ca to connect to the link called "Connecting in the Word".



**30 Boxes were collected from Messiah and sent to
Century Meadows Baptist Church.**

PACK A SHOEBOX,
Impact a community forever



**HERE ARE THE SHIPPING CRATES READY TO
GO TO CALGARY, FILLED WITH SHOEBOXES!**

2022 NUMBERS

Worldwide 10,599,907
Camrose and Area: 1516 boxes - 779 online
2022 Total - 2295 boxes
We exceeded our goal!!

2023 NUMBERS

Camrose & Area: 1656 boxes
How many can we do online??

Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Mark 10:14



**2023 Donation Receipts have either been mailed or
are in your mailbox at the back of the Sanctuary. If
you have any questions contact Sheila at the office.**

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

At the start of the new calendar year, we can look back with gratitude and renewed energy at all that God has enabled and blessed us to do in the past year, and we ask God to continue to guide us in the year ahead.

Sooner than we think, Messiah will celebrate 125 years of ministry and LeRoy Johnson spoke with enthusiasm about the time he has spent in our archives rediscovering some of the wonderful things that have happened over the years. The Renewal 125 committee is hard at work preparing. One of the highlights is sure to be the ways music has drawn us together, reached into the community and shared the Gospel in the past and will continue to do.

Our pastors are planning to attend the Synod Study Conference February 5-8. This is a time for them to re-connect with colleagues and be refreshed just before Lent begins.

Max Lindstrand has been appointed as Messiah's representative on the NeighbourAid board.

Preparations are complete to allow for Messiah to serve as a warming station on extremely cold nights. All that awaits is confirmation of an operator.

Committees are reminded that it is entirely at their own discretion what they serve when their turn comes up for Lunchfest. The purpose is fellowship around a table and that it need not be elaborate

The Synod convention will take place June 6-8 at Augustana. At this time, a new Bishop will be elected. With that in mind, at the adult class in January and February, Pastor Jeff plans to lead a discernment process intended to help bring forward which gifts are needed to guide the election process. We will need to appoint one youth delegate (age 16-30) and one lay delegate to the convention. Let David Dahle know if you are interested in attending.

The ELCIC National Convention will be held in Winnipeg in July 2025. We can nominate a delegate to represent the East Central Area. If you are interested, please contact David Dahle as the nomination needs to be approved by Council and submitted to the Synod before March 1, 2024.

Council approved a Code of Conduct for Staff and a Complaints Handling Committee consisting of Carolyn Andersen and one other.

Three intrepid souls - David Dahle, Agnes Hoveland and Pastor Jeff (advisory) have agreed to serve on a Constitution and Bylaws Review Committee.

Gail Stolee, Council Secretary





Camrose Community Pantry

- **Camrose & District FCSS 4821 - 51 St.** (Across from Camrose Co-op grocery store.)
- Stop in & take what you need. Stock for Community Pantry is dependent on donations received
- Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - noon & 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- **Also available @ Camrose Public Library**
- 4710 - 50 Ave.
- Mon. - Fri., 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Sat. - 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. & Sun. 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Camrose Neighbor Aid

- Bread available on Mondays at Camrose Community Church - 5204 - 53 Ave., 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. & Community Cupboard; Wed. 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Bread & coffee available on Wednesdays at Camrose Center Point Church; 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. 5807 - 47 Ave.

Food Bank (4524 - 54 St.); Tues., Wed., Thurs.; 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. 780-679-3220

Martha's Table Soup & Sandwich from 12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.

- Tuesdays - at Messiah Lutheran Church; 4810 - 50 St.
- Wednesday - Camrose United Church; 4829 - 50 St.

Community Spaghetti Supper - Wednesdays, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. @ Moose Hall Basement; 5001 - 52 Ave. (may take July & August off).

Community Table @ Camrose CityLights Church - 4920 - 48 St., Thursdays @ 12:00 noon. Fresh meal (different each week).

Transit Token - worth \$4.00 to subsidize the cost of participating taxi, handi-van or community bus rides. Tokens available from different social agencies. When you are paying for a ride, you give the driver the token(s) to go toward your fare & responsible for paying the remainder of the fare.

Visit the HelpBook
@www.camrosefcss.ca
for other resources.





Messiah Lutheran Church

Sharing Jesus Christ with All People

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Music Ministry Coordinator: Tova Olson

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



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

Our services are on YouTube. Search for MessiahCamrose.

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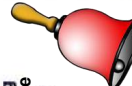




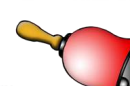

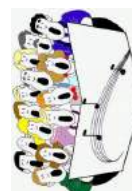



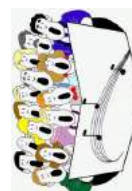




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Members, staff, committees and groups are encouraged to submit articles so that we are aware of what is happening in our congregation.

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FEBRUARY 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
<p>9:15am - Adult Class</p> <p>9:15am - Friendship Class</p> <p>10:30am - Communion</p> <p>10:30am - Sunday School</p> <p>11:45am - Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>2pm - Seasons Communion</p>	<p>9:30am - Centra Cam Volunteers</p> <p>10:30am - Lectio</p> <p>2pm - World Mission Prayer Group by ZOOM</p> <p>7pm - Ubuntu Choir</p>	<p>12pm - Martha's Table</p>  <p>Warm Soup</p>	<p>10am - Coffee Fellowship</p> <p>7pm - Faith Circle by ZOOM</p>  	<p>10:30am - Handbells</p> <p>7:30pm - Choristers</p> 	<p>OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>9am - Men's Bible Study by ZOOM</p> 
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