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As of December 21, 2016.

Start Your Year With Gratefulness

“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever.” Psalm 136:1

Okay, I’ll confess that what follows is not completely original. I have gently lifted parts of it from the DaySpring website. But I love the idea of beginning this new year with grateful hearts and an attitude of gratitude. One approach is to think back to last year (or further back) and consider writing thank-you notes to those who have made a difference in your life in one way or another. The thought is that when we look back with gratefulness (no matter what else we have faced), we are open to looking forward with gratefulness. So then, here are 6 looking back thank-yous to consider:

Who hosted you? Who invited you into their home and heart that made you feel welcomed and appreciated?

Who went out of their way to surprise you? Who caught you off guard with a special gift, outing, visit, etc...something that left you with a big smile and a precious memory?

Is there a child in your life who would be encouraged by a note of gratitude? Neighbour, nephew, daughter, grandchild...let them know how much you appreciate something they’ve done or said that reflected a grateful heart.

Who blessed you? Could be a co-worker, teacher, peer, store clerk, etc. Someone who didn’t even realize that what they said or did was a blessing for you.

Who showed you the love of Jesus? Who helped you out, prayed for you, shared a word of encouragement, or entered your life at the right moment?

Who is your unsung hero? Is there someone who is so close to you that you sometimes forget to show your gratitude; someone who is making a lasting impression on your life?

Then, as we make note of and send notes to those we are grateful for, we can lift our thanks and praise to God whose presence and love appears through those who touch our lives. May this new year be filled to the brim with glimpses of God’s grace and bundles of blessings.

To God be the glory!

Pastor Lee

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Youth & Children's Ministry—Upcoming Activities

A new year;: 2017! I'm excited to see what God has in store for the families of LCOS this year. We're halfway through the 2016/2017 programming year, and at least on my part, it's been an absolute blast. We have even greater things planned for the next few months; I hope everyone is as excited as me!

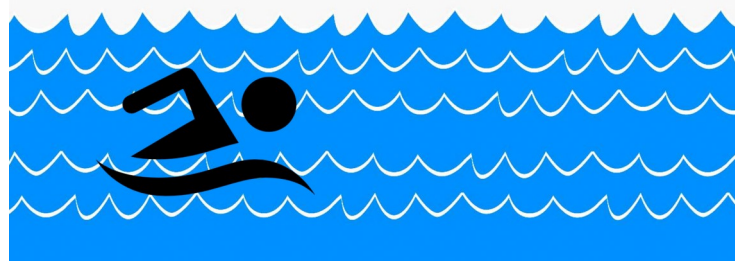
I also want to take this time to thank all the families involved in our Christmas Production this past December. It was absolutely amazing to see children and youth come together to produce something beautiful. I don't know about you, but one of the greatest joys for me is seeing people use their skills and talents for the Lord. The youth and children of the church have been covered with God-given gifts, and I believe the church is called to help them develop those skills, and give them a place to feel safe, welcome, and encouraged. This Christmas production was just one example of how great the youth and children of this congregation are.



Friday January 13th at 7pm

The Experiment - Swimming

FRIDAY JANUARY 13TH 7-10pm



Come on out as we go swimming at the Trico Centre. There's a wave pool, a water slide, a Tarzan rope, a hot tub, and much more! Cost is approximately 8\$ (13\$ for those 18 or older). Bring some extra money for snacks; we might head over to the mall after swimming for a little bit. Drop off at the Centre at 7pm, and pick up at the Centre at 10pm. For the parents, please join the Guiding Mission team at 7:30 at the church for conversation and food (details elsewhere in the Vine).



Saturday January 21st at 7pm

Tween Night – Snacks Galore!

Snack-time! Bring your favourite snacks, or the ingredients, and we'll spend the night making a variety of goodies, and then eating them! Please make sure that everything you bring is nut-free.

Youth & Children's Ministry—Upcoming Activities

Friday January 27th at 6:30 pm – The Experiment

Pizza, Dessert, Conversation and the Winter Olympics

Who's taking home gold? Silver? Bronze? Time to get competitive as the Olympics arrive at LCOS! We'll be tackling different winter sports with lots of wacky twists and weird spin offs. Anyone can compete; you definitely don't have to be sporty for these events! Please dress warmly, as some activities will be outdoors.

Pizza at 6:30 pm. Dessert and Conversation at 7:00 pm. Winter Olympics at 7:45 pm.

RSVP by January 24th to Jesse or the office.

**PIZZA
6:30PM**

**DISCUSSION
TIME WITH
GUIDING MISSION
7PM**

**WINTER
OLYMPICS
LCOS**

7:45pm to 10pm



**RSVP
BY 24TH OF
JANUARY**

**THE EXPERIMENT
01/27/17**



Guiding Mission—Supporting Our Youth

"As the sunflower turns to the sun, we should turn towards the Son"

This January the Mission Group will be organizing a set of conversation events about one of the most important areas of our church – Youth. Whether you're a current member of the youth, someone who's moved on to a college and/or career path, a parent, or just an interested member of the congregation, we've got questions about what we can do to make LCOS a stronger environment for youth and their families. We did similar conversation groups back in August of 2015.



Each Conversation Group will take about one hour of time, will have a group leader to keep the flow of conversation organized, and the ideas will be recorded so that your thoughts aren't lost in the moment. There will also be food and refreshments provided as a thank you for your participation. If you'd like more information about these events or if you'd like to volunteer to help set up, please contact Katharine Heimbigner-Tenor, Joe Schultz, or Darren Tenor.

Parents of Youth & Tweens
are invited to an evening
of conversation, drinks & desserts
with the Guiding Mission team.

Friday January 13th
7:30pm until 9pm

RSVP to the office by Wed. Jan 11th

College & Careers

Saturday January 28th at 7pm

Game Night

Bring your favourite board or card game out, as we share in a night of fun and fellowship, and maybe even a little bit of competition! Games may include Dutch Blitz, Scattergories, Apples to Apples, Four on the Couch, and much more



Sunday Mornings

We have several hearing assist devices that you may use on a Sunday morning. They are at the back beside the ushers. If it is the first time using them please ask for assistance. If you have your own headphones you can use them as long as they use a standard jack.

ASSISTIVE
LISTENING
SYSTEMS
AVAILABLE



College & Career

**GAME
NIGHT**

**Saturday, January 28th
7pm**

MOPS



MOPS (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers) and MOMSnext (Mothers of School Age Children) is an international organization geared towards providing support for Moms. MOPS creates a time-out for Moms while their kids have fun in MOPPETS; the childcare program. Our meetings for January are:

Jan 11th 9:30 -11:30 am—Calgary Public Library

Jan 25th 9:30 -11:30 am—'Do your own thing'

You are welcome to join any time. We offer drop-in, 5-and 10-card passes and yearly membership.

More information, including registration forms and pricing, is available from the LCOS website:

<http://www.oursaviourchurch.ca/connect/mops-mopsnext>

Movie Lovers

WATCH ROBIN WILLIAMS FRIDAY, JANUARY 20TH AT 7PM



Laughter is contagious

PATCH ADAMS

based on a true story

Reformation Readings



There were many factors leading up to the protestant reformation, a big factor, though, was quite simple: a young monk, Martin Luther, read the Bible. In commemoration of the reformation's 500th anniversary, just imagine what could happen if we simply read our Bibles! What could happen if we commit to reading a chapter a day (from Reformation Sunday 2016 – Reformation Sunday 2017)?

I want to encourage our congregations to take up the LWF's reformation challenge and add some simple devotions, based on the Daily Lectionary (as published in our ELW hymnals). This is something we can do wherever we are, and yet still do together.

What might happen today, with that kind of devotion and unity in God's word?

- Pastor Jason Anderson, Trinity Lutheran Church, Edmonton



First Sunday of Christmas

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| 1. Psalm 148 | Hebrews 2:10-18 |
| 2. Psalm 72 | Hebrews 11:1-12 |
| 3. Psalm 72 | Hebrews 11:13-22 |
| 4. Psalm 72 | Hebrews 11:23-31 |
| 5. Psalm 72 | Hebrews 11:32 – 12:2 |
| <i>f Epiphany</i> 6. Isaiah 60:1-6 | Matthew 2:1-12 |
| 7. Psalm 72 | Ephesians 3:14-21 |

First Sunday after Epiphany

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| 8. Psalm 29 | Matthew 3:13-17 |
| 9. Psalm 89:5-37 | Acts 10:44 to 48 |
| 10. Psalm 89:5-37 | Acts 8:4-13 |
| 11. Psalm 89:5-37 | Matthew 12:15 - 21 |
| 12. Psalm 40 1-11 | Galatians 1:6 - 12 |
| 13. Psalm 40 1-11 | Acts 1:1 - 5 |
| 14. Psalm 40 1-11 | Luke 5:1-11 |

Second Sunday after Epiphany

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| 15. Psalm 40:1 - 11 | John 1:29 - 42 |
| 16. Psalm 40:6 - 17 | Acts 8:26 - 40 |
| 17. Psalm 40:6 - 17 | Hebrews 10:1 - 4 |
| 18. Psalm 40:6 - 17 | Matthew 9:14 - 17 |
| 19. Psalm 27:1 - 6 | Galatians 1:11 - 24 |
| 20. Psalm 27:1 - 6 | Galatians 2:1 - 10 |
| 21. Psalm 27:1 - 6 | Luke 5:27 - 32 |

Third Sunday after Epiphany

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| 22. Psalm 27:1,4 - 9 | Matthew 4:12 - 23 |
| 23. Psalm 27:7 - 14 | Ephesians 5:6 - 14 |
| 24. Psalm 27:7 - 14 | Philippians 2:12-18 |
| 25. Psalm 27:7 - 14 | Luke 1:67 - 79 |
| 26. Psalm 15 | 1 st Peter 3:8-12 |
| 27. Psalm 15 | 1 st Timothy 5:17 - 24 |
| 28. Psalm 15 | John 13:31 - 35 |

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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| 29. Psalm 15 | Micah 6:1 - 8 |
| 30. Psalm 37:1 - 17 | Ruth 1:1 - 18 |
| 31. Psalm 37:1 - 17 | Ruth 2:1 - 16 |

English Conversation

Regional Action Team—Seniors Issues

We are happy to announce that our English Conversation classes will continue with another 10 week session from January 18th to March 22nd. Spread the word!

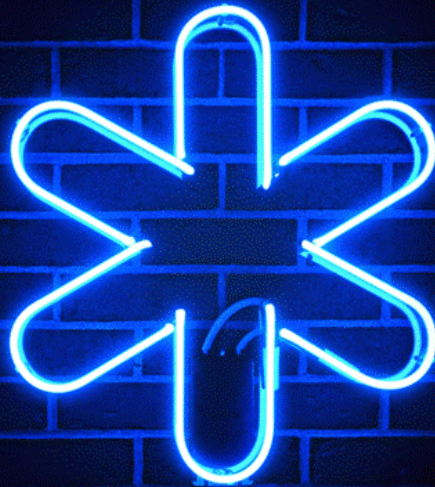
Let's walk together with newcomers to Canada!



ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

The Metro Alliance for the Common Good (MACG) has formed two action teams to take focused action on issues identified as important within the City of Calgary. One team will be focusing on issues related to Seniors. Initially we will be conducting interviews to gather information on the wide range of challenges seniors face. After the initial information gathering stage a plan of action on one of the issues identified will be selected. If you are aware of individuals or organizations that work directly with seniors and their challenges please contact Pastor Lee or Katharine to help us connect and interview them.

The other regional action team is addressing reconciliation between the Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Community. If you would like to participate in this topic contact Katharine to be put in touch with the other action team.



Join the CHILL team

Walk together on Saturday, February 25, 2017

sign up to walk or donate at

www.thechillteam.com

The Coldest Night of the Year



Join the CHILL team (Christians Helping Individuals Lift Lives)

Our fourth annual Coldest Night of the Year Walk is on February 25th. This 2, 5, or 10 km hike is a fundraiser for Feed the Hungry, Bankview Apartments and the Mustard Seed. You can sign up to walk or donate at www.thechillteam.com

Bankview apartments (sister project to Acadia Place) is a project that supports housing first, a successful model that places people in a home with the supports they require to live a long and prosperous life. Located in southeast Calgary, Acadia Place, which is owned by [Calgary Homeless Foundation](#) and operated by CUPS, has a blend of single adults, couples and families, with the majority being families who were experiencing homelessness or were at extreme risk of becoming homeless. KAIROS Calgary, an ecumenical Social Justice initiative in Calgary, is currently fundraising for the mortgage on Bankview (as we did last year for Acadia Place). Funds raised from CNOY will support this effort.

Feed the Hungry (FTH) is a Sunday Night dinner program offering a sit down meal in St. Mary's Hall in downtown Calgary. A ministry of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary, *each week FTH offers 500 guests a three course dinner that is served by volunteers*. FTH is intentional about creating an atmosphere of dignity and welcome. Proceeds will support the ongoing needs of the program.

The Mustard Seed is non-denominational Christian charity that builds community, grows hope and supports change. It has been impacting and changing lives for more than 30 years. With support from donors and volunteers, the organization provides food, clothing and shelter to men and women who are experiencing poverty and homelessness in Calgary. It also helps them find homes and jobs and improve their overall health – physically, mentally and spiritually. Proceeds will be used to provide meals, employment coaching, and housing assistance.

Also, don't forget to mark your calendar for February 12th between Services to purchase baked goods in support of the CHILL team.

Refugee Sponsorship Update

“Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod”

Matthew 2: 14-15a

We think about this little family all the time. Joseph and Mary and their precious new baby travelling to an unfamiliar place. This wasn't really what they had in mind for their lives: always worried about safety, trying to learn a new language or dialect, finding work to support themselves in a foreign place. We can see them everywhere today, on the streets of Calgary, in the shelters, in our country and all around the world in the faces of men, women and children who are seeking refuge, renewal and a fresh start to life.



Early in 2016, The SW Conference Refugee Mission, Lutheran churches in the Calgary area, came together to support a young refugee family from Syria. The Aldakkak family of four arrived in early September and are settling into life in Canada. They are learning English and exploring opportunities for employment. They have discovered friends from Syria in Calgary and have met new Canadian and Syrian friends. The two little boys are growing confident and happy. Zuheir, the father in the family, is an experienced professional chef and has already provided a catered lunch for the congregation at Advent Lutheran and dinners to various folks at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, as well as friends from his English classes. They, a Muslim family, have visited a number of our Lutheran churches, hoping to share their gratefulness, even though our language and customs are still unfamiliar. The SW Mission and the Canadian Government will help to support the family in terms of living expenses until August 2017. Support as friends will continue long after that date.

God has a way of putting surprises at our doorstep, things we cannot ignore. Then He gives us the tools to handle those surprises. One of the translators we were led to, a young man named Hussam, is this kind of surprise. Hussam has given freely of his time so often, to offer translation between the Aldakkak family and we, their Canadian sponsors. He has become a good friend to the family, as well. Just before Christmas we learned that Hussam and his family (parents, 3 brothers and a sister-in-law) arrived in Canada in February with nothing. In Syria, Hussam was an assistant university professor, his brother an engineer, his sister-in-law a pharmacist. They have been working in coffee shops and restaurants, trying to make enough money to survive here. They do not have the support, financial or friendship, of sponsors. A call was put out to various congregations and the family has received much help, financial and otherwise, from many of our members. They have become friends to many and are more than grateful for this support. They, a Christian family, shared Christmas Eve with the LCOS congregation. The decision has been made that we, as the SW Conference Mission, continue to support them through friendship, employment connections, resources, language learning and possibly financially as need arises.



Refugee Sponsorship Update

When the Aldakkak family arrived at the airport, we brought along a young Syrian man to help us translate. Bassel has become a friend to the Aldakkak family as well and, having been in Canada for a few years, is setting up a catering business that will specialize in Mediterranean Food. Folks from All Saints, Hope and LCOS have provided valuable business and catering information resources for him. This is a venture that will use the skills of Zuheir, as chef, as well as others new to our city with culinary skills. Bassel had his first Canadian turkey at Christmas with one of our families this year!



Our work together, as the SW Conference Refugee Mission, continues. There are a number of areas of need, as we continue to support our new friends. And, as we get to know these families, we meet others who become friends or acquaintances and who can use our help. We are reminded how much we, as Canadians, have and how much we could possibly give.

1. Transportation – although all of these folks are adept at public transportation, there comes a time when a car is going to open up new worlds for them and help them access new learning and employment opportunities. There are a number of families that need a car now. **If you become aware of a decent vehicle that is not needed, is for sale, is ready for a new home – please let us know.**

2. Employment – Gainful employment of any kind can be fulfilling and is economically necessary. Being employed in a field that is of interest to you or matches your area of training is ideal. However, work is work and we know that folks will take any kind of work in order to provide for their family. **Employment of any kind is always needed in our refugee community. Also consider these areas of expertise that are represented in our own refugee community: culinary - professional chef, assistant chemistry professor, electrical engineer, medical supply company administrator, pharmacist, hairdressing/nail work, elder care.** Again, let us know if you have any opportunities for employment or would be willing to help someone in a job search.

3. Financial support of the SW Conference Refugee Mission – this group will continue to support the Aldakkak family through the Private Sponsorship Program along with the Canadian Government. Although we have raised almost enough funds to cover our commitment to the Aldakkak family, we are beginning to discuss the ways in which we might be called to continue to support the refugee community of our world, perhaps supporting another family at some point. **The SW Conference Mission will gratefully continue to receive donations and will consider at a later time what financial support can be provided to other refugee families.**



Contact information

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Acadia Community Update

Volunteers Needed to Help the Acadia Neighbourhood

Seven areas for social development emerged during the process of conducting a neighbourhood social strategy (community plan). These are: Social Isolation & Connectedness, Safety, Developing Financial Capacity, Inclusion & Diversity, Meeting basic needs/food security, Affordable/Accessible childcare, Affordable housing.

The following are some of proposed ideas to address these needs. We need your help in turning these ideas into action.

A Neighbourhood Welcoming Program

Creating handouts with list of what's in the neighbourhood; list of resources for people on low income, for immigrants, Indigenous people. Volunteers needed to help a resident organize this. Also translators needed in Spanish & Tagalog

Multicultural Cooking at Francis Klein

For isolated immigrant seniors living in a seniors complex. Seniors will be the "teaching" others how to cook food from their country of origin. Need volunteers to organize the sessions (3-4).

Community Indigenous Family Event

Event is for the whole community, celebrating indigenous traditions. Volunteers needed to help plan the event. Indigenous residents from Acadia Place will be organizing.

Employment Networking Fair Event

To support people needing to improve skills, get jobs. Volunteers needed to organize this.

A Clothing Exchange Event at Acadia Place

Volunteers needed to organize this, along with Acadia Place residents.

Adopt a Grandparent Program

Volunteers needed to create, organize a program to support isolated seniors in the community. Would be working with already established programs.

If you are able to help in any aspect of these activities, please contact Viviana Reinberg, community social worker, Acadia Strong Neighbourhood Initiative, The City of Calgary, at 403 476-7280 or viviana.reinberg@calgary.ca



Caring for Creation

GROUNDED

FAITH, MISSION, AND CARING FOR CREATION

A CONFERENCE TO ENGAGE, ENCOURAGE,
AND SUSTAIN CREATION CARE IN THE
CHRISTIAN MISSION IN ALBERTA



A conference to engage, encourage, and sustain creation care in the Christian mission in Alberta.

The conversation around environmental stewardship has become incredibly polarized. Often missing in this conversation is the Christian voice. Both those in the Church and those in wider society need a clear understanding of what the Biblical narrative says about environmental stewardship, climate justice, and how to face an uncertain future with hope.

This conference will explore the Christian response to environmental issues. Participants will be encouraged to discover what Scripture tells us about our relationship to the rest of creation, what God expects of the Church, and how Jesus is central to creation's redemption story.

The conference opens Thursday night at Ambrose University and continues all day Friday and Saturday at Samaritan's Purse Canada.

Free Lecture at Ambrose University Thursday February 16th at 7:00 pm

Conference Friday and Saturday at Samaritan's Purse all day

Cost: Free Thursday Evening

\$50.00 for weekend or \$30.00 for each day

Reduced cost for Students

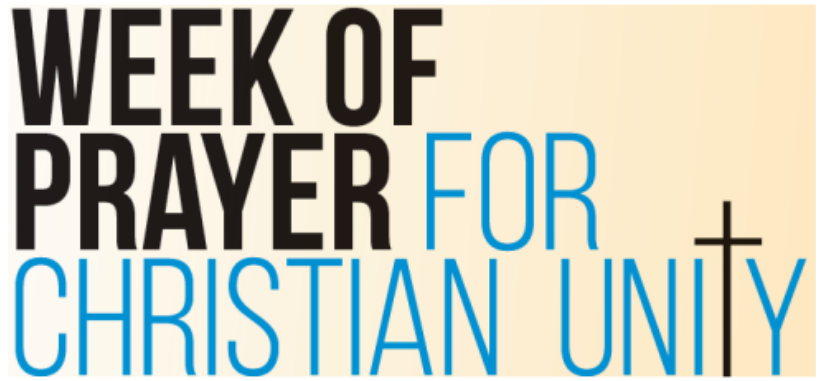
Buy Tickets at: <https://arocha.ca/grounded-faith-mission-caring-creation/>

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has its roots in the beginning of the last century. Interestingly, both evangelical and mainline movements were a part of the uptake of the Week from the beginning.

The Week of Prayer began fairly recently (the 1960's) in Calgary and Southern Alberta. Like the originators, and all the Christians praying during the Week, the focus is on our unity is the person of Jesus Christ: "that they may all be one, just as you,

Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me," (Jn. 17:21). This year's theme for the Week comes from Germany and is: "Reconciliation – the love of Christ compels us" and focusses on the theme of the 500th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.



Why have a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity?

There are many reasons to have a Week specifically devoted towards Christian Prayer for unity: (1) Jesus himself prayed for unity in the Church and noted that unity would be understood by the world as a sign that Jesus is truly who he said he was: both God and Man (Jn. 17:23), (2) We are baptised into the Church of Christ, and the Church of Christ only. Therefore we already are a part of a family. Don't all families work better when we pray for and love each other? (1 Cor. 1) (3) Like all problems we have in life (and we clearly have not met Jesus' perfect standard of church unity, Jn. 17:23), prayer is essential to them being solved.

How can I pray with Christians I disagree with?

Even the apostles disagreed with each other sometimes (Gal. 2:11-14). We also know that they prayed and discussed with other during these hard times. They also knew that they agreed on the essentials: that Jesus was the Son of God, one with the Father, and that he died for our sins. Prayer was a part of their reconciliation.

Dates:

Jan. 15th, 7:00-7:50pm Grace Presbyterian Church (Chapel)

Jan.18th 4:30pm: Ambrose University Chapel, Rev. Paul Verhoef, preacher

Jan. 18th 12:00-12:50pm: University of Calgary, Vitruvian Space (Dining Centre- 1st Floor)

Jan. 19th 7:30-8:30pm: Lutheran Church of the Cross, Bishop Henry, preacher

Jan. 20th 7:00-8:00pm: St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Annual Report & AGM

Annual General Meeting of Lutheran Church of Our Saviour will be held on Jan 29th. The annual report will be available Jan 22nd hard copy and electronic form. The report will include the proposed budget for the 2017 year and an update from various ministries in the church.

AGM

Annual Report: In preparation for the AGM please submit your Annual Report by Jan 16th to the office. Anyone is welcome to submit a report including (but not limited too) small group leaders and those managing the various ministries at LCOS. For electronic submission please submit to office@oursaviourchurch.ca.

Schedule for January 29th:

9:00 am: No Service

10:00 am: Adult Bible Study, The Experiment & Young Explorers

11:00 am: Worship Service followed by AGM

After AGM: Soup and Sandwich Potluck

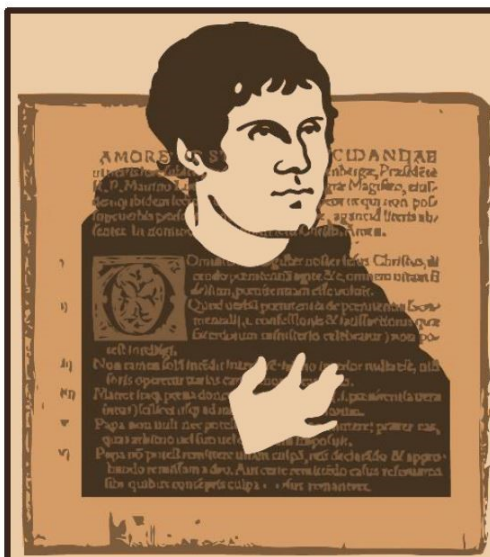
- A to M – bring sandwiches
- N to Z – bring salad or dessert
- Please bring table ready
- Four volunteers needed to prepare one crock pot of soup each. If you can help please contact Janice Hawking.

Everyone is welcome to speak at the AGM. However, due to government regulations, if you wish to participate in the voting process you must have completed one of the following requirements:

- 1) Confirmed member of LCOS (Affirmation of Baptism).
- 2) Baptized as an adult at LCOS.
- 3) Transfer membership as an adult to LCOS.

Synod Study Convention

<http://albertasynod.ca/education/study-conference/>



Synod Study Conference, February 6 - 9, 2017

REFORMATION 500

Coast Canmore Hotel and Conference Centre

511 Bow Valley Trail, Canmore

(403) 678-3625

Stewardship

LCOS thanks all who participated in the annual Stewardship program 'Live Simply' in November, 2016.

A total of 77 pledges have been received for 2017 pledging a total of \$207,020 for 2017. This compares to last year where there were 78 pledges received committing a total of \$209,754. This is a 1.30% decrease in the amount pledged.

If you were not able to submit a pledge on Stewardship Sunday, you may still submit one.

As well, a reminder to PAR givers to submit a PAR Amount Change if they wish to change the amount they donate. Any requests received by the 1st day of the month will be effective the 20th day of that month. You can find the forms on a table in the Place of Welcome.



Finance

submitted by Cliff Blumhagen, Financial Secretary

Get on PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) at LCOS

Did you know that you may give to LCOS via pre-authorized remittance one time per month from your bank or credit union chequing account? This program is like any other pre-authorized debit program and is called the PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) program. Debits will be drawn from accounts on the 20th of each month. Whenever the 20th falls on a weekend or holiday, the debits will be drawn on the first business day following the 20th. Donations via the PAR program will be recorded on quarterly statements and year-end tax receipts along with all other giving.

Amounts from PAR can be directed to:

- 1) The LCOS general budget
- 2) Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR)
- 3) Capital Maintenance

You can give additional amounts and to other purposes via your regular donation envelopes. The minimum amount to give via this program is a total of \$50.00 per month.

You can sign up, make banking or donation amount changes, or withdraw from the program at any time. These changes will be effective the month following the submission of the change. Forms are available to process these changes. The program is administered by the Financial Secretary. Authorization forms are available in the Place of Welcome.

Internet e-transfers & PayPal are also available!

To make a one time or recurring email transfer simply send donations to donate@oursaviourchurch.ca. Please include either your envelope number or your name and address in the email so that we can give you a proper receipt at the year's end.

2016 Year End Preliminary Financial Report

	YTD - 2016	YTD - 2015
Budgeted Giving	\$343,555.20	\$379,393.28
Designated Giving	\$58,449.36	\$44,035.75
Non-Receiptable / Credit	\$3,005.57	\$4,884.11
Other Income	\$11,546.16	\$11,614.31
TOTAL	\$416,556.29	\$439,927.45
Average Weekly Budget Offering	\$6,736.38	\$7,296.02
Average Weekly Budget Required	\$7,115.00	\$7,193.00
PAR Giving (included in above total)	\$57,524.00	\$62,550.00
Number of envelopes issued	180	168
Number of envelopes unused	14	9
Number of pledges (budget)	78	79
Number on or over pledge (budget)	47	52
Number under pledge (budget)	31	27
Average Weekly Attendance	178	175

Year to date budgeted giving for 2016 is 9.45% lower than 2015.

Designated Giving for 2016 includes:	CLWR (\$4,985.00)
	CLWR:Ft. McMurray Fire (\$1,697.03)
	Urgent Care (\$3,260.00)
	Flower Fund (\$1,390.00)
	Coldest Night of the Year (\$1,129.25)
	Grant:Alberta Synod:ESL Program (\$2,800.00)
	Watoto Concert (\$1,343.15)
	Capital Maintenance (includes Ark Mural) (\$6,615.35)
	Refugee Mission-LCOS (\$9,981.52)
	Refugee Mission-Advent (\$2,600.00)
	Refugee Mission-All Saints (\$2,202.00)
	Refugee Mission-Cross (\$3,125.00)
	Refugee Mission-Hope (\$5,617.50)
	Samaritan's Purse (\$1,353.00)
	Memorial Fund (\$2,860.00)
	VBS Fees (\$1,263.00)
Designated Giving for 2015 includes:	CLWR (\$4,880.00)
	CLWR:Give Life Project (\$1,270.00)
	CLWR:Nepal (\$1,310.00)
	Flower Fund (\$1,150.00)
	Urgent Care (\$3,000.00)
	Memorial Fund (\$14,668.86)
	Jack Beck Ticket Sales (\$1,190.00)
	VBS Fees (\$1,054.00)
	Capital Ministry-Ark Mural (\$7,750.00)
	Samaritan's Purse (\$1,659.00)

January 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 One Service at 11:00 am	2 Office Closed	3 Preschool Re-opens 1:00 Games Group	4 9:00 Experiencing God 9:30 MOPS Steering 11:00 Acadia Lunch 7:00 AI-anon 7:00 Running Group 7:30 Choir 8:30 11 AM Praise Team	5 7:00 Revelation Study	6 7:00 College & Careers—	7
8 9:00 Worship Service 10:00 Young Explorers 10:00 The Experiment 10:00 Adult Bible Study 11:00 Worship Service 6:30 Discipleship Sandwich Sunday	9 1:00 Memory Plus 7:00 Fireside 7:00 Divine Drama 7:00 AI-anon	10 7:00 Yoga 7:00 Today's Pilgrims	11 9:00 Experiencing God 9:30 MOPS 11:00 Acadia Lunch 7:00 AI-anon 7:00 Running Group	12 10:00 Morning Glories 7:00 Revelation Study	13 7:00 The Experiment 7:30 Parent Conversation Event	14 10:00 Youth Band
15 Communion Sunday 9:00 Worship Service 10:00 Young Explorers 10:00 The Experiment 10:00 Adult Bible Study 11:00 Worship Service	16 1:00 Memory Plus 6:00 Preschool Open House 7:00 Divine Drama	17 1:00 Games Group 7:00 Yoga 7:00 Church Board	18 9:00 Experiencing God 11:00 Acadia Lunch 1:00 ESL Conversation 7:00 AI-anon 7:00 Running Group 7:30 Choir 8:30 Praise Team	19 7:00 Revelation Study 7:15 Flock Care	20 7:00 Movie Lovers	21 7:00 Tween Night: Snacks Galore
22 9:00 Worship Service 10:00 Young Explorers 10:00 The Experiment 10:00 Adult Bible Study 11:00 Worship Service 6:30 Discipleship	23 1:00 Memory Plus 7:00 Fireside 7:00 Divine Drama	24 7:00 Yoga 7:00 Church Board	25 9:00 Experiencing God 9:30 MOPS 11:00 Acadia Lunch 1:00 ESL Conversation 7:00 AI-anon 7:00 Running Group 7:30 Choir 8:30 Praise Team	26 10:00 Morning Glories 7:00 Revelation Study	27 6:30 The Experiment Pizza, Conversation and The Winter Olympics	28 7:00 Collee & Careers
29 9:00 No Service 10:00 Young Explorers 10:00 The Experiment 10:00 Adult Bible Study 11:00 Worship Service & AGM Potluck following AGM	30 1:00 Memory Plus 7:00 Divine Drama	31 7:00 Yoga	Upcoming in February			
			Feb 3rd—College & Careers Feb 4th – Tween Night Feb 10th—The Experiment Feb 11th—Youth Band Feb 11th—College & Careers Feb 12th—CUPS Guest Speaker		Feb 12th—Bake Sale Fundraiser for Coldest Night Of The Year Feb 17th—Movie Lovers Feb 24 & 25—Urban Mission Feb 25th—Coldest Night of the Year	