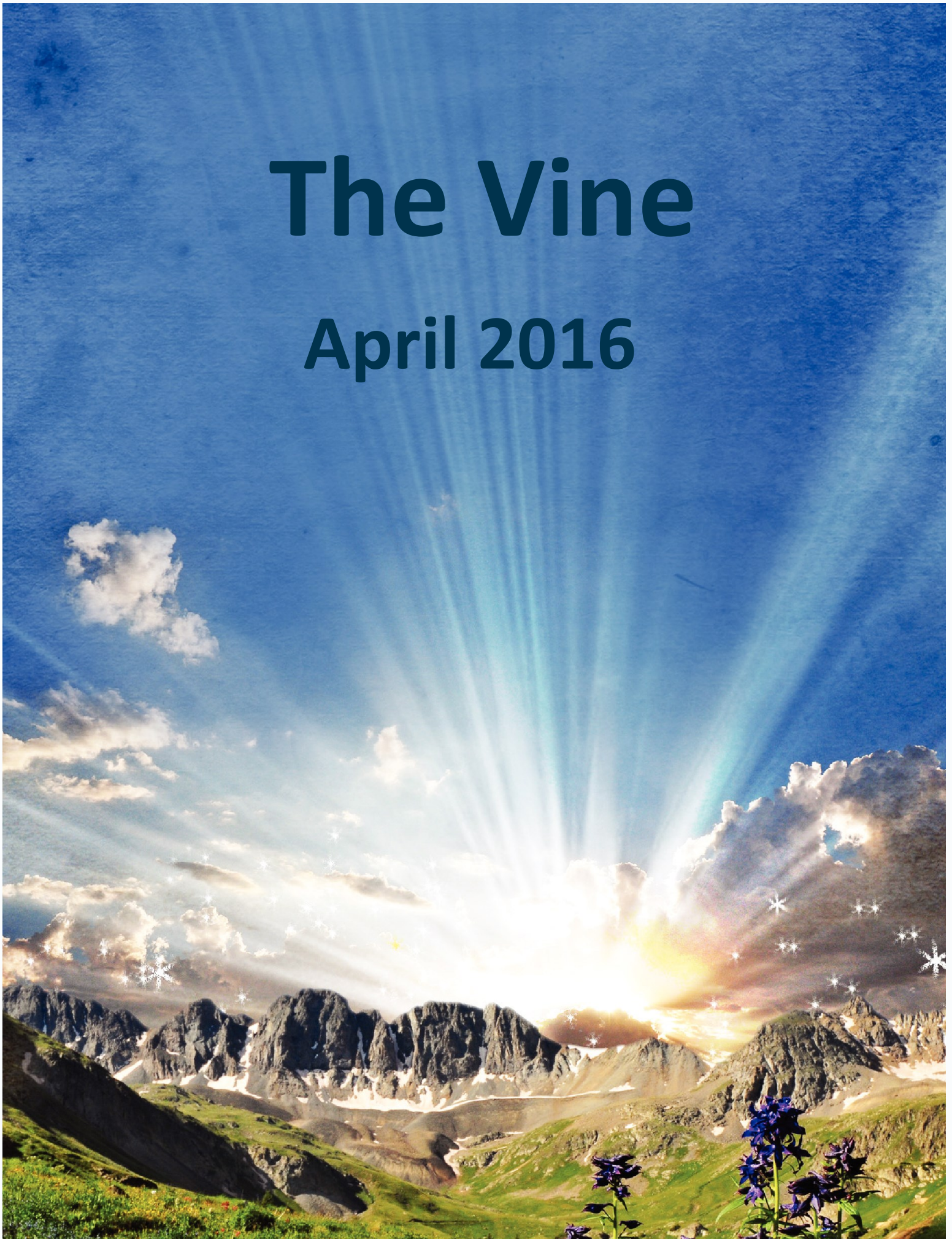


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THINKING ABOUT ISRAEL

“Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers.” Psalm 122:6-7

I’ve been thinking about Israel quite a bit lately. A part of this is because a group of us are in the final stages of preparing for a study tour to the Holy Land. But also because of the ongoing, unholy conflict between Palestinians and Israelis that never seems to come close to reaching a space of reconciliation and restoration. As I think about this, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, surprisingly, keeps coming to mind. This church is traditionally believed to be on the site in Jerusalem where Jesus was crucified and buried, although there are claims that another site, the Garden Tomb, is the place. Such a sacred place, you would think, should be an arena for peace, harmony and unity; a place for Christians to gather together around the cross of Christ. However, there is disruption and tragic divisions even there.



Holy Sepulchre—Armenian



Holy Sepulchre- Greek

Six different denominations of the Christian faith share control of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre: Roman Catholic, Armenian Apostolic, Greek Orthodox, Coptic Orthodox, Ethiopian Orthodox and Syriac Orthodox. “Sharing” control might be a bit generous, since there have been angry exchanges between some of the groups and even brawls with fists flying! One other time when I was visiting Jerusalem, I saw one of the priests meticulously sweeping his area, careful not to sweep across the line of his neighbor’s “territory.”

In the midst of all of this, we can still be bold to pray:

“Spirit of the living God, come afresh on your holy land, where Palestinians and Israelis struggle to live together peaceably. Help your people to restore broken relationships. Give them patience to break down barriers of suspicion and mistrust; ability to discern personal prejudices and the courage to overcome fear. Teach them to respect each other’s integrity and rights so that your kingdom may be established on earth. For Jesus’ sake. Amen.

Also, as our group of 19 embark on a study tour to Israel (April 3-17), please pray for us: Anna Elford, Art and Caroline Krentz, Carolyn Dubord, Gary and Elaine Buss, John and Gina Maguire, Jussi and Hilary Alto, Manfred Marofke, Marty and Joy Gove, Peter Bensler, Lee Woolery, Sharon Ripley, Sophia Della Rosa, Joseph and Ewa Columpsi.

Shalom!

Pastor Lee

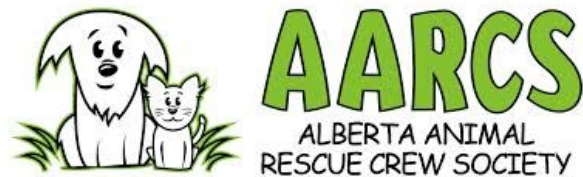


Holy Sepulchre- Latin

Young Explorers



Last month we had a wonderful presentation from AARCS – the Alberta Animal Rescue Crew Society – here at the church for our Young Explorers group! 3 humans and 2 dogs came to visit and teach us about how to understand animal behaviours. Everyone learned a lot and had fun and AARCS was very thankful to take home all the wish list items that were donated! We will be having AARCS back at the end of May so the children can present the society with the offering money that we have been collecting all year ... we will also give them more wish list items ... so keep donating and Thank You!



P.S. As I sat to write this it is March 20th, the first day of spring! We are headed into Holy Week, a time of anticipation, excitement, sin, forgiveness, obedience and trust, suffering and sorrow and ultimately everlasting Joy! We experience all of these things in our lives ... whatever season you are in as you read this, I wish you the Peace of Christ which passes all understanding.

Mariette Jessup
Children's Ministry Coordinator



Youth—Grade 7 to 12



Goodbye

Hello LCOS!

I have been struggling with how to put this Vine article into words. As you may have noticed I have been spending less time in the office over the past few weeks, there is good reason for this.

It has been agreed between myself, HR, Pastor Lee, and the Board, that is in the best interest of both parties to bring my ministry to a close following the end of the school year. I have enjoyed my time spent with the youth of our congregation immensely. Thursday nights have become my favourite night of the week, and I've had an awesome time doing crazy stuff with a group of kids.

This time spent at LCOS has been a great learning experience for me, whether in the challenges and the struggles, the good times, or the delicious communion wine. I know God has ordained this time and I plan to finish strong.

Thursday Night youth group will still continue to the end of the school year, I will still be leading Sunday School, and we will be going to paintball in April!

As this time of transition takes shape I will no longer be holding office hours at the church, I have decided to work for my Dad's business until the end of the summer.



Also in closing, my experience at LCOS would have been totally different if it wasn't for the help and support of a few key people, those people being: Richard Williams, Pat Nickel, and Jennifer May.

Thank you and God Bless,

Quinn Friesen



**Coldest Night of
the Year**

Family Movie Nights start at 6:30 pm

HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA 2

BRING YOUR FAMILY, THE DRAC'S PACK IS BACK

April 16th at 6:30pm



Ice Cream Sundae Sunday

Join us April 17th
After the 11 AM Service for some old
fashioned ice cream sundaes.
Everyone is welcome!



Mother's Day Activities

Join us May 8th
Between the Services for our special
Mother's Day family activity
Everyone is welcome!



Family Movie Nights start at 6:30 pm

Disney nature BEARS



MAY 14th
6:30 pm



MOPS

MOPS (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers) and MOPSnext (Mothers of School Age Children) is an international organization that supports Moms. MOPS creates a time out for Moms filled with fun, food, learning, fellowship, and faith while their kids are having fun in the MOPPETS childcare program.

Our meeting schedule in April is:

April 13th Relationships while raising young children—
A Presentation by Dr. Jody Carrington

April 27rd Video clips and discussion from this year's theme
"A Fierce Flourishing"

Your first visit is free and you are always welcome to join any time.
More information, including registration forms and pricing, is available from the LCOS website <http://www.oursaviourchurch.ca/#/connect/mops-momsnext>



Movers Lovers

Movie Lovers Night

McFARLAND USA

Starring
Kevin Costner

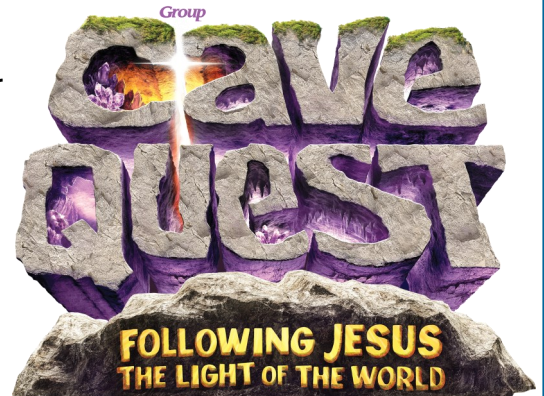
Friday, April 1st
7:00pm

Bring your own snacks



VBS 2016

Vacation Bible School is coming on Aug 22 -26. After many amazing years Sally Williams is stepping down as our volunteer VBS Co-ordinator. We are looking for a couple of people to share this responsibility. If you think God is calling you please contact Sally or Katharine to discuss this amazing outreach opportunity.



Volunteer at VBS each year? Be sure to mark down April 30th for the annual sneak a peak morning training session. To register or more info contact the office.

Earth Day



April 22nd will be the 46th year of Earth Day. The international movement is emphasizing planting of trees for the next 5 years with a goal of 7.8 billion trees world wide.

Lutherans in celebration of the Reformation have a goal of planting 500,000 trees. You can donate towards this by making a donation designated "planting trees" to LCOS.

For Mothers.....



Thank you to everyone that brought pillows and Lenten bags for the Brenda Strafford Centre. The final totals will be reported next month.

Did you know that when a family arrives at the Centre they receive one large bath towel for the whole family to share for a week at a time?

We are asking you to consider honouring your Mother by bringing one bath towel to church on Mother's Day, May 8th.

All towels will go to the Brenda Strafford Centre to help Mothers and children fleeing domestic violence.



We Care Kits Fundraiser

May 29th

All donations from hotdog Sunday will go towards supporting our We Care kits program including shipping.

Each kit costs \$5.00 to ship



Pastor Lee & Gretch at the work bee

Family Ministry Wind-Up

May 29th

Join us at the roller rink
Everyone Welcome!

After hotdog
Sunday
During public skate
RSVP by May 8th



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(403) 252 - 0146
www.lloydsrollerrink.com

April 30th

Watoto
RESCUE RAISE REBUILD

6:00 pm

"OH,
WHAT
LOVE"
LIVE TOUR

PREPARE FOR **A NEW SOUND**

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Small Groups

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WHEN I BECAME A MAN I PUT AWAY
CHILDISH THINGS

Games Group meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month—April 5th and 19th

You are welcome to drop in at any time.
We accept new members year round.

We play Bridge, Mexican Train, Cribbage and a variety of other games and always are looking at learning more. Join us for a game or two and get to know us. We also enjoy celebrating life's big events of our members such birthdays, anniversaries and other life events.

We would also like to extend a warm "thank you" for those that help with set-up, take-down and snacks each week.



Movie Lovers will meet occasionally throughout the year. On April 1st we will watching "McFarlane USA" with Kevin Costner at 7:00 pm. Please bring your own snacks. Everyone is welcome. Our May Movie Night will be May 13th at 7:00 pm. Stay tuned for the movie announcement.



Sunday Morning Drop-In Bible Study—10 am Sunday mornings.

This weekly drop-in class is held between the services on Sunday mornings. We are presently studying the Book of Hebrews with Jens Kaack. Contact the office for more details.



Experiencing God—meets every Wednesday at 9:30 am at LCOS.

This group of "mature" women always has an extra chair open to talk about faith, life, and God's Word over coffee. For more information, please contact the church office.



Fireside Group—meets twice a month on Mondays. For April it is the 18th and 25th. This small group enjoys meeting to study, converse, celebrate and have something to nibble on. They look at a variety of topics, books, and videos to deepen their faith together. You're welcome to attend! For more information, please contact the church office.



Morning Glories—meets 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month at 10:00 am.

This group of "mature" women always has an extra chair open to talk about faith, life, and God's Word over coffee. For more information, please contact the church office.

Today's Pilgrims

Today's Pilgrims—meets April 12th and 26th at 7:00 PM in the fireside room. We are studying Love To Pray by Alvin Vandergrind. Love to have you join us. For information contact the church office.

Ushering

Thank you to everyone that ushers. Your willingness to serve is appreciated.

As ushering occurs 52 weeks out of the year, additional volunteers are always welcome.

If you would like to give it a try, please contact Ruth Peterson or the office.

If you are scheduled to usher and are unable to please contact Ruth so she may arrange replacements.

Blood Donor Clinic

We will be hosting blood donor clinics for Canadian Blood Services on April 20th and June 18th from 9 am until 2 pm. To register please go to:
www.blood.ca.



Interested in learning more about sound, lighting, and multi-media for Sunday morning and special events?

Each year Rock Pointe Church hosts a one day technical arts training conference.

If you are interested in attending please go to:
www.sharpenconference.com
or contact the office.



Join Calgary Economic Development in their Re-engage series – Mental Health Resiliency in an Economic Downturn; strategies for laid off professionals and skilled trades workers to cope and remain connected.

Callum Ross of the Canadian Mental Health Association and Cathy Keough of Calgary Counselling Centre will address coping strategies, the importance of physical health and turning challenge into opportunity.

This is a free event intended for recently laid-off professionals and skilled trades workers. You must register to attend. Spaces are limited and available on a first-come first-served basis. Please RSVP by April 12, 2016. For more information please contact Jeanette Sutherland at (403) 221-7898.

email jsutherland@calgaryeconomicdevelopment.com.

To register: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/re-engage-workshop-3-mental-health-resiliency-during-an-economic-downturn-strategies-for-coping-and-tickets-23287320001>



CONGREGATIONAL LIFE EVENT

"Walking Together: Mental Health Through our Lifetime"

Saturday, April 23, 2016

8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Red Deer

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Sharon Smith Ph.D., MCS, OT(c)

Dr. Sharon Smith has spent much of her professional career working as an occupational therapist in acute and community mental health settings in South Africa and Vancouver, Canada. Sharon co-founded Sanctuary Mental Health Ministries in 2011, an organization that prepares people of faith to support mental health recovery within their community. She is currently the Executive Director of Sanctuary Mental Health Ministries: <http://www.sanctuary-ministries.com/>

SCHEDULE

8:30 am	Check-in
9:00 am	Opening Worship
9:30 am	Keynote #1
10:30 am	Refreshment Break
10:45 am	Workshops
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	Workshops - (Repeated from the morning)
2:15 pm	Refreshment Break
2:30 pm	Keynote #2
3:30 pm	Closing Worship
4:00 pm	Dismissal

REGISTER:

Online by April 15 at <http://albertasynod.ca/leadership/congregationallife-workshops/>

WORKSHOPS:

Details are being finalized and will be available on the synod website as soon as possible, as well as at the event. Four workshops will be offered in the morning and repeated in the afternoon so each participant may attend two during the day.

Please note that there will not be a Treasurer's Session at this event; it will be held in the Spring of 2017. Watch for details about the date and location to come.

FEE:

\$40.00 per person for the first 6 participants from a congregation/parish. Group registration is preferred. So, if you are planning on attending please contact the office. Fee assistance is available and carpooling is possible.

Coldest Night of the Year—Update



First of all, thanks to the 2016 CHILL Team: the walkers - Nathan and Leah Thormoset, their daughter, Amina (who was “along for the ride”), Katharine Heimbigner-Tenor, Joe Schulz, Jennifer May and Mariette Jessup; the route volunteers – Moira Fielden, Kieren Fielden, Lauren Sissons, Andrew Nickel, Kiera Williams, Tiana Williams, Sophia Della Rosa, Marcus Della Rosa, Sam Prangnell, Quinn Friesen and Richard Williams. And thanks to all who sponsored the participants and all those who donated funds in support of the Mustard Seed, Feed the Hungry and Acadia Place. We raised over \$2,600.

Overall, around \$130,000 was donated in Calgary (3rd in the country, behind Kitchener-Waterloo and Toronto). We had 97 teams with 587 walkers. So, when all is said and done and the money is split among the three charities, the mortgage for Acadia Place has been paid! An official announcement and celebration will be held in the near future.

The next CNOY (Coldest Night of the Year) will be held on Saturday, February 25, 2017.



Acadia Lunch Program

In conjunction with McDougall United Church we are supporting a brown bag style lunch program for children at Acadia School and David Thompson. Each week 700 children need an entire lunch or a supplement because they are coming to school hungry. A child may need help once or multiple times each week.

To be able to continue this program and to keep costs minimal there is a need for either cash donations (please direct to urgent care) and/or items such as brown paper bags (lunch size or a little bigger), plastic snack bags, plastic sandwich bags and 7 oz. plastic glasses (for the fruit and veggie cups).



In addition, each week we provide 20 – 24 healthy cookies. To date there have been a few people from the congregation baking cookies, but as we move to a weekly schedule we need additional bakers. We ask the cookies be healthy and please remember NO NUTS and NO PEANUT BUTTER. This would be a huge help. A sign-up sheet is available by the kitchen or online at: <https://www.volunteersignup.org/FYLAY>

If you are interested in learning more, or supporting the program with time or financial support please contact Pastor Lee or the office.

April Healthy Cookie Recipe

Banana Chocolate Chip Muffins

Recipe adapted from the Best of the Best of Bridge, page 13

½ cup grapeseed oil
1 cup of sugar or splenda
2 eggs
1 cup mashed ripe bananas
1 ½ cups whole wheat flour
1 tsp cinnamon
1 tsp baking soda
2 tsp hot water
1 tsp vanilla
lots of “Vermont Nut-free” chocolate chips!!

Mix together oil and sugar.
Add eggs and bananas, mix well.
Stir in flour and cinnamon.
Dissolve soda in hot water, add to banana mixture.
Stir in vanilla and chocolate chips.
Fill greased muffin tins about ½ full.
Bake at 350 °F (180 °C) for 15 to 20 minutes, or until golden brown.
Makes 12 to 16 muffins.



If you would like to contribute a cookie recipe please send it to the office.

A little of this and a little of that.....

Do you have a used cell phones that is in good working order?

The Brenda Stafford Centre can reactive phones with new numbers and turn them over to clients who have no other source of communication.

Donated phones should be wiped clean of personal information (deletion of contact names, photos, etc.); placed in a Zip-lock bag; with a 120 VAC wall charger included (since most of the clients don't have cars- a car charger is optional). The name of the cell phone and model should be indicated on the bag. If donors wish, they may include a Telus /Bell/ Fido Pay-as-you-go card to get the user started. This would be a good way to make good use of your old phones that are no longer on contract.

Donated phones can be deposited in the collection box located in the donation cupboard at the church east entrance, on the shelf near the eye-glass collection bin.



Do you travel frequently ?

Have you ever considered collecting the complimentary hygiene items in your hotel room for donation purposes? These travel size items may be perfect for many people in need—bring these and any other items to the church for donation and we will gladly find an appropriate place for them, whether it is the Mustard Seed downtown or the pregnancy care centre.



Time for New Glasses? The Lion's Eye bank can use your old glasses

Clear your cupboards and drawers. We continue to collect used eyeglasses in the box on the top shelf of the Donation cupboard. Please put them in a Zip-Loc bag. From there, they will go on a journey to help someone see. What a great gift.



Need a In Memory/Sympathy Anniversary or Birthday Card?



The Gideons International has sent us a card rack with greeting cards for various occasions, including birthdays, sympathy,

anniversaries, and 'thinking of you.' These Gideon Expressions cards are a fundraising effort for the Gideons organization, which has for many years been involved in putting the Bible into the hands of those who otherwise might never have the opportunity.

To participate in this fundraiser, simply give a card from the selection of cards which are in the church foyer, donate according to the instructions given within the card (online, by phone, or by mail), and help change a life! As little as \$3.00 can place a Bible. Around the world, the Gideons are well known for their hotel bibles, but their primary efforts are actually geared toward sharing Scripture in schools, colleges, prisons, hospitals, and medical offices. So far, they have placed 1.9 billions Bibles around the world!!



CLWR: EMERGENCY: Ethiopia is experiencing its worst drought in 50 years

ETHIOPIA DROUGHT APPEAL

*Without urgent help,
millions of people are
in danger of starvation*

Your support is needed now to prevent hunger

It's a humanitarian crisis few have heard about in North America, yet it has been classified at the highest level of humanitarian emergency, along with the war in Syria. No rain has put more than 10 million people at risk for starvation in Ethiopia, and an estimated 400,000 children are at risk of developing severe acute malnutrition, which can lead to stunting, and physical and mental delays in development. Canadian Lutheran World Relief is working with trusted aid agencies on the ground to provide Ethiopian families with food now. Your support also helps provide the supplies and infrastructure they need to produce food when the rains do come. Please donate today to provide food and livelihood supports for those affected by hunger: <http://clwr.donorsshops.com/product/F669712/ethiopiadroughtappeal.php>



We Care Kits

The We Care Kit Project is off to a great start! March and April will be devoted to **Baby Bundles**. We will be collecting: Sleepers, onsies, sweaters or sweat shirts, up to 12 month size, receiving baby blankets, washcloths, diaper pins and cloth diapers. In May and June we will work on Personal Kits. For more details please see the display board in the lobby or contact Jaqui Anderson at 403-453-4071.

If you prefer, donations can be made through the offering plate to "We Care Kits" and volunteers will do the shopping for you.

We Care kits are a great "giving opportunity" and a way to support refugees around the world, and the work of Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR). The kits are sent to refugee camps around the world. We will be doing a variety of different kits through 2016.



March 5th Work bee



134 Learning & Living Kits & 6 Sewing Kits



English Conversation Classes—Will you help?

We have received a grant to start an English as a Second Language Conversation program in the fall but planning begins now.

Why an English Conversation group?

Recently ESL Cooperative Ministries was mentioned in a Calgary Herald article outlining the challenges facing newcomers/refugees who are looking for ESL classes. The Language training wait list is long and newcomers need our help.

According to the article, 'The recent deluge of newcomers has only increased demand for language instruction, especially at beginner levels, and it means many immigrants, not just Syrian refugees, are waiting months to learn English.

...Potential students wait between two and ten months to attend classes, depending on the level, and the waits are longer if they require access to child-care services.

...Churches across the city have long offered conversation clubs for newcomers to practice English, and Roxy Meyers, a community liaison co-ordinator with Co-operative ESL Ministries, has noticed a heightened interest from Calgary church groups wanting training in intercultural communications as they think about offering English conversation classes to newcomers. "We're very aware of the wait lists for the LINC program and we try to encourage churches to come alongside and offer (opportunities) for English and friendship," said Meyers.' Read the full article

Am I qualified? If you can hear and speak English fluently, you're qualified!

What is the time commitment? A 2 hour commitment for 8 weeks for our initial class.

As an initial introduction we are encouraging anyone interested in helping with this program or working with refugees in general to consider attending a one day training course with ESL Cooperative Ministries on **April 9th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at 3851—54 Ave NE, Calgary**. The \$50.00 early bird fee will be covered by the ESL grant when registering through the office.

In the fall, there will also be an opportunity to take a 30-hour training program, Reaching Out with English. This program offers practical instruction for teaching conversational English to adults in your church or community if you are interested in diving deeper into the topic. We also will be making Intercultural Communication workshops available to understand and appreciate people from different cultures and develop more effective ways of communicating with them.



What are you waiting for? Contact the office to learn more!

**Let's reach out together to help the refugees
and newcomers in our midst.**



ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Guiding Mission—Working with the larger community

The Guiding Mission team and LCOS has joined The Metro Alliance for Common Good with the goal of working with interested Calgarians to address various social issues.

If you are involved with organizations outside of LCOS that are concerned with social issues we invite you to participate in these initial listening sessions as the group begins its work.

Contact Darren Tenor, Joe Schulz or Katharine Heimbigner-Tenor for more information.



The Metro Alliance for Common Good (MACG) is a broad based organization made up of individuals and organizations committed to bringing together interested Calgarians from business, faith communities, organized labour and the social sector to harness our shared interest and power to address the issues we face in Calgary. We are facing unprecedented challenges as a city. While as individuals groups we might have a little bit of power to make our community better, together we can create a chorus that can't be ignored.

But we've been missing your voice. Is the most important issue affecting your community Economic? Health care access? Child Care? Access to Education? Reasonable rental rates? Transit? Mental Health?

We would like to invite you to be a part of our listening campaign - *Facing the Challenges of Our Time: Listening to Real People, About Real Issues, Acting for Real Change.*

Currently we have organized three events on the first Monday of the month beginning on April 4th from 7:00 pm – 8:30 at Christ Church Anglican 3602 8 St. SW

May 2nd from 7:00 pm – 8:30 at Beth Tzedec Synagogue 1325 Glenmore Trail SW

& June 6th. From 7:00 pm – 8:30 – At Bethany Care Centre 916 18 a St NW in the Link Auditorium (5th Floor)

Our conversation will focus on the following questions:

What are the challenges and issues that we are facing?

What are possible responses?

How can we come together and act together to make a difference?

Together we will learn to how to effectively listen for people's pressures so that new leaders and energy can surface. We will encourage all who join in these conversations to commit to go back to our communities and authentically spread the listening campaign. We will work to build a broad and diverse alliance so that we can effectively act together on the issues that are identified.

Please come and add your voice – be ready to share and to listen. We would invite you to bring one or two people along with you from your organization or from other organizations that you think would be interested in this community effort.

Come. RSVP by March 30th to: Abbas Mancey abbasM@caryacalgary.ca or
Danielle Webber danielle@unitarianscalgary.org

We look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Ryan Andersen

Lead Organizer – Metro Alliance for the Common Good,

Wycliffe Canada—Easter Message

Dear friends,

On behalf of everyone at Wycliffe Canada, I want to wish you a blessed Easter. We have much to rejoice about. As the ancient Christian greeting and response puts it: "He is risen. He is risen indeed!"

Through your generous gifts, you are helping to bring this joy-giving, life-changing news of Christ's death and resurrection to Bibleless groups around the globe. Because God's Word is coming to them in a language they can truly understand, entire communities are being transformed.

I am reminded of the Sarangani Manobo people of the southern Philippines. In their culture, when a man committed an offense against another man, they became bitter enemies. This often resulted in lengthy feuds and violence.

Traditionally, these Manobo people sometimes called on a mediator. This man was called a *telekagon*, who would attempt to reconcile them. Once they successfully reached an agreement, they sealed their pact through a ceremony called *dyandi*. In this practice, each man cut his finger and dripped his blood into a container of water. Then they exchanged the containers and drank the contents to show their animosity had ended.

When the New Testament was translated, the Sarangani Manobo clearly understood the Easter Story. Their tradition had prepared them to grasp the role of Jesus and His work at Calvary—it was like the *dyandi*. And Christ became like their *telekagon*. Instead of requiring them to shed their own blood for reconciliation, Jesus shed His own, offering them the gift of forgiveness and eternal life. They could live in peace and reconciliation with God and each other!

This is the kind of life-changing truth you are giving to language groups around the world through Bible translation. We thank you for your partnership, and invite you to give generously this Easter, as we celebrate the great sacrifice God made for all people on the cross. Your financial gift will help many still waiting to finally grasp the Good News. Then they can join the worldwide throng of believers joyously proclaiming, "He is risen. He is risen indeed!"

May God bless you for your continued partnership!

Serving our Lord together,



Roy Eyre

President, Wycliffe Canada

*Did you know
that we regularly
pray for Paul &
Cathy Unger and
family?*

*The Unger family
spent many
years living in the
Solomon Islands
working with
Wycliffe on Bible
Translation.*

*They are back in
Canada now but
Paul travels to
The Solomon
Islands to
continue his
work.*

*Cathy is the
daughter of Pat
and Ken Farn,
long time
members at
LCOS.*

LCOS Response to National Church Reformation Challenge

Garry Mihaichuk – Chair LCOS Board

The Board had a visioning exercise in fall 2015 that led us to agree on the following statement for our future: “Lutheran Church of Our Saviour will be recognized as a Christ centered church providing service and support to the congregation, community and to the world”. We also received a challenge from the National Lutheran Synod, which wanted congregations to get involved in the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation led by Martin Luther in 2017 by setting some mission goals. The Board determined that we needed to get the views of the congregation on our overall mission priorities and funding appetite. It was determined that the best way to get this feedback was to develop a survey, which was sent out in January 2016 and the results were presented to the congregation at the 2016 AGM as follows:

A. Existing Mission Focus

1. International

The International mission focus is a number of initiatives, which include: Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR); individual missionaries; Watoto; Operation Christmas Child; We Care bags; etc. The survey indicated that there was support to continue and increase this effort.

2. Local

The local mission focus includes: Acadia Place; Wee Reads Program; Lenten Project; Breakfast at the Seed; Sandwich Sunday; School Lunches; etc. Again, the survey indicated that there was support to continue and increase this effort.

3. Benevolence

Benevolence goes to the Alberta & the Territories and National ELCIC church. The level of giving was decreased several years ago and the survey indicated that there was support to continue at our present level.

B. Reformation Challenge

1. 500 Scholarships – Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land

The survey indicated that 75% of the respondents were neutral to positive to this initiative. Further evidenced by the level of financial support, which was in the range of \$1,150-\$2,300 for the year. This would all be collected through Designated funds so that only those who were in support would be asked to provide funds. The Board has established a designated fund for those interested in donating under the title: **ELC Scholarships**.

2. \$500,000 to Lutheran World Federation (LWF) Endowment Fund

The survey indicated that 88% of the respondents were neutral to positive to this initiative. Further evidenced by the level of financial support, which was in the range of \$1,900-\$3,800 for the year. This would also be collected through Designated funds so that only those who were in support would be asked to provide funds. The Board has established a designated fund for those interested in donating under the title: **LWR Endowment Fund**.

3. Plant 500,000 Trees

The survey on planting trees was divided into funding and physically planting. The survey on the financing indicated that 75% of the respondents were neutral to positive of this initiative. Further evidenced by the level of financial support, which was in the range of \$1,600-\$3,200 for the year. This would also be collected through Designated funds so that only those who were in support would be asked to provide funds. On the question of physically planting trees the response of 72% of respondents was that they were neutral to positive. This activity could be part of our community outreach project to plant trees in storm damaged areas of Calgary. The Board has established a designated fund for those interested in donating under the title: **Planting Trees**.

4. Sponsor 500 Refugees to Canada

The last area of the survey was the sponsoring of refugees. There is an estimate of over 20 million refugees in war torn parts of the world that are looking for safety. This includes a variety of countries including: Syria; Sudan; Eritrea; Burma; Somalia; Columbia; Iraq and Iran. It has become highly publicized with the Canadian government wanting to support refugee settlement to the extent that they will provide 50%-100% of the funding. Organizations that want to participate on the "blended" program where 50% of the funding is provided by the Canadian government are able to get a fast track approval with a security checked list which could get a family into Calgary in 4-8 weeks. This is considerably faster than a stand-alone sponsorship which can come from any part of the world but which could take 18-36 months and would have not security clearances.

The results of the survey indicated that 93% of the respondents were neutral to very positive of this initiative. Further evidenced by the level of financial support, which was in the range of \$6,300-\$10,300 for the year. Since the cost of a 4 person family on a blended program is estimated to be \$13,500, it indicates the financial support for a family. At the AGM it was voted on that we should indicate that we had support for an \$8,000 level. We further questioned whether this should be funded through General or Designated offerings and there was a definite priority given to funding this through Designated offerings in partnership with other SW Conference Lutheran Churches.

We have had subsequent meetings with the SW Conference Refugee Committee and there appears to be a similar level of interest with a combined initial estimate of \$30,000 of support or 2 blended families. We are therefore moving ahead with the collection of designated offerings across the SW Conference to support this effort under the designation: **SWC Refugee Sponsorship**.



As of March 14, 2016.

Email From Member of Parliament Asking For Action

From Member of Parliament Ted Falk:

Canadian charities, both secular and faith-based, deliver critical social support services to communities. However, many charities are experiencing an ever declining donor base and I recognize that you may need help.

This is why I have announced details of my new Private Members Bill – *The Fairness in Charitable Gifts Act*. And I need **YOUR** help to make this proposal a reality.

Currently, federal tax credits for political contributions **far exceed** the federal tax credits for donations to registered charities in Canada. That's just not right.

The *Fairness in Charitable Gifts Act* will level the playing field between donations to political parties and donations to registered charitable organizations.

I am proposing to Parliament that we substantially raise the federal donation tax credit for donations to registered Canadian charities to:

- **Donations under \$400:** 75% federal tax credit. A \$400 donation would now only cost \$100. (Even less once you add in the provincial tax credit also available).
- **Donations from \$400-\$750:** 50% federal tax credit. A \$750 donation would now only cost \$225. (Even less once you add in the provincial tax credit also available).
- **Donations over \$750:** 33.3% tax credit. A \$1000 donation would only cost \$442. (Even less once you add in the provincial tax credit also available).

If we can accomplish this, **charities all across Canada** will benefit greatly as more dollars will be freed up for donations. This will make it easier for small donors to become larger donors, and for people who do not currently donate, to start.

As I mentioned, I need your help.

I have attached additional information on this bill and I am requesting that, if you are supportive, take just **one minute** out of your day right now to contact **YOUR** Member of Parliament and lend your support to this bill. The bill is C-239 - The Fairness in Charitable Gifts Act.

As a Member of Parliament I know how much of an impact every letter, call and email from one of my constituents makes.

How do you get the contact information for your Member of Parliament? It's easy! Simply click on the link below, type in your postal code and the contact information will pop up.

A 30 second call or very brief email asking your MP to support bill C-239 (The Fairness in Charitable Gifts Act) is all that's needed. Please let your MP know your name and the town in which you live. You can also leave your address if you would like a response.

<http://www.lop.parl.gc.ca/ParlInfo/Compilations/HouseOfCommons/MemberByPostalCode.aspx?Menu=HOC>



Email from Ted Falk continued

Please feel free to copy in the party leaders and make them aware as well! Here is their contact information: justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca; rona.ambrose@parl.gc.ca; thomas.mulcair@parl.gc.ca; Elizabeth.May@parl.gc.ca

Thank you for helping. Together we can make a huge difference in your organizational efforts!

Blessings,

Ted Falk
Member of Parliament for Provencher

**In Acadia our Member of Parliament is:*

Jason Kenny

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Ottawa, Ontario

K1A 0A6

Telephone: 613-992-2235

E-mail: Jason.Kenny@parl.gc.ca

Constituency Address

1168–137 Ave South East

Calgary, Alberta

T2J 6T6

Telephone: 403-225-3480

E-mail: Jason.Kenny@parl.gc.ca

The attached article mentioned in the letter can be found online or in the lobby.

Breakfast at the Seed One Saturday a month at 6 am

If you are sixteen years of age and older, and have some time on a Saturday morning, why not come out to help prep and serve breakfast for approximately 325 – 375 residents of the Mustard Seed at the Foothills Industrial Park Shelter? 6 to 8 volunteers are needed.



We meet to cook and serve a hearty breakfast (typically eggs, sausages, hash browns, toast and coffee) to those in our community who are less fortunate. Although it is an early Saturday morning, we receive great fellowship and a strong feeling of accomplishment. Questions? Contact Ken Farn.

Our next few dates are April 2nd, and May 7th.

Sandwich Sunday

Simply get a loaf of bread and make sandwiches to be placed back in the bread bag. They can be any kind, ham, cheese, lettuce, mustard—whatever you would like. Bring the bag of sandwiches to the church on the second Sunday of the month and place them in one of the fridges in the Kitchen. They are then taken down to the Calgary Drop-in Centre by a member of our congregation. The Calgary Drop-in Centre is grateful to receive the sandwiches. We can make a difference!



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) Mortgage debt reduction

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.

PAR: If you give by the Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) Program and you have made a change to your pledge amount for 2016 (as compared to 2015), you will need to complete a PAR Amount Change form and submit to the Financial Secretary via church mailbox # 91. If the form is submitted by February 01, 2016 the amount will be effective for the February 20, 2016 withdrawal.

Internet e-transfers 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.

Luther Reading Challenge—500 years in the making!



As we approach the 500th anniversary of the posting of the Ninety-Five Theses on October 31, 2017, Martin Luther is going to be a significant topic of conversation and debate. That is where the Luther Reading Challenge comes in. An assortment of the reformer's writings will be presented online for everyone to read and to reflect upon. The texts range from Luther's personal letters and hymns to his doctrinal and social treatises to his catechisms and his will. Each text is prefaced with an introduction to orient the reader. The reading part is just the beginning. Readers can also participate in online discussions.

You simply have to register! The initiative is a joint venture of [The Lutheran World Federation](http://www.lutheranworld.org/) and the [Institute for Ecumenical Research in Strasbourg](http://www.strasbourg-institute.org/). Highly recommended!

Luther Reading Challenge: <http://www.lutherreadingchallenge.org/>

Lutheran World Federation: <http://www.lutheranworld.org/>

Institute for Ecumenical Research: <http://www.strasbourg-institute.org/>



Financial Report

by Cliff Blumhagen, Financial Secretary

	YTD - 2016	YTD - 2015
Budgeted Giving	\$58,104.60	\$52,236.05
Designated Giving	\$6,534.25	\$5,348.86
Non-Receiptable / Credit	\$285.00	\$557.00
Other Income	\$2,911.65	\$1,927.60
TOTAL	\$67,835.50	\$60,069.51
Average Weekly Budget Offering	\$6,456.07	\$6,529.51
Average Weekly Budget Required	\$7,115.00	\$7,193.00
PAR Giving (included in above total)	\$9,584.00	\$10,760.00
Number of envelopes issued	169	166
Number of envelopes unused	38	34
Number of pledges (budget)	77	79
Number on or over pledge (budget)	49	47
Number under pledge (budget)	28	32
Average Weekly Attendance	180	179

Comments:

Year to date budgeted giving for 2016 is 11.23% higher than 2015.

Designated Giving for 2016 includes:

- Urgent Care (\$2,050.00)
- Capital Ministry-Ark Mural (\$1,700.00)

Designated Giving for 2015 includes:

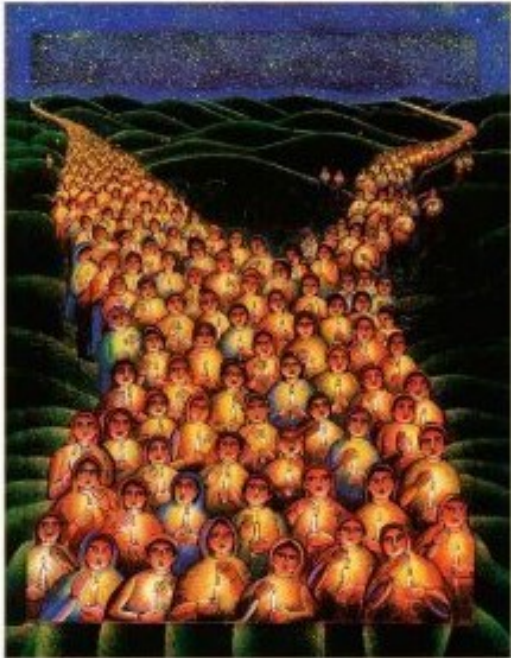
- Memorial Fund (\$1,938.86)
- Jack Beck Ticket Sales (\$1,190.00)

Cliff Blumhagen
Financial Secretary

Message for Congregations

PRACTICING OUR FAITH

SECOND EDITION



DOROTHY C. BASS

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ –

Throughout 2016 I invite you to reflect with me on the theme of “Practicing Our Faith” as you gather for church council, adult study, youth group, coffee group, choir rehearsal and are engaged in learning, discernment and reflection together. Dorothy Bass has edited an excellent resource published several years ago by Jossey-Bass, *Practicing Our Faith*, which I will be using as a primary resource. Together with Don Richter, Dorothy Bass has also edited a second book, *Way to Live: Christian Practices for Teens*, published by Upper Room Books, which is also an excellent resource. Each article will include a Scripture reference, thematic reflection, questions for consideration, and a prayer. Portions of this article were also used in the February 2013 Monthly Message for Congregations and Lay and Rostered Leaders and the March 2014 edition of the *Canada Lutheran*.



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*In testimony,
people speak truthfully about what they have experienced and seen,
offering it to the community for the edification of all.*

Thomas Hoyt Jr., “Testimony,” *Practicing Our Faith*

Testimony

Throughout 2008 the Church Council (where I was serving) and I worked through Diana Butler Bass’, *Christianity for the Rest of Us: How the Neighborhood Church Is Transforming the Faith* (©2006 HarperCollins), at our council meetings. Butler Bass, in her extensive three-year study of churches across the United States, discovered that many mainline Protestant churches were flourishing in contradiction to decades of accepted wisdom. As she delved into the rich life of various Episcopal, United Methodist, Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian, United Church of Christ, and Lutheran congregations, certain consistent practices – such as hospitality, contemplation, diversity, justice, discernment, worship – and testimony – emerged as core expressions of congregations seeking to rediscover authentic Christian faith and witness today.

I admit I was intrigued by her chapter on testimony which she defines as ‘talking the walk’ – a sharing of one’s journey in faith with others during a time of worship – a practice which began in the early church (see the book of Acts) when the new believers prayed for boldness in speaking about God. In fact, the entire New Testament is a testimony, a record of experiences that early Christians had with the transformative power of God.

Unlike the stories of Puritans and revivalists, testimony is not a spirituality of arrival – of the certainty of securing eternal life. Testimony “is the act of getting there. Pilgrimage stories.... And, in telling the stories of our lives, we find we are not alone on the journey. Other pilgrims are on this road, too. Pilgrims have always told stories along the way. And, in those stories, we may well hear God ringing in our ears” (page 142).



What would it be like, we wondered, if individuals from our community of faith were invited to share a story of faith with us during worship? Sharing a brief testimony – much like many confirmands do when they affirm their baptism on confirmation Sunday. Sharing individual stories of being surprised by God's love and grace and transformed in unanticipated ways. And we wondered if we did so if our congregation would discover – testify – “to the power of stories to change us” (page 139), and see anew the continuing work of the Holy Spirit among us and through us?

Well, we wondered and we sought individuals to share a brief testimony as we began worship each month throughout the year.

And together, we heard “God ringing in our ears.”

Read and Reflect: I Corinthians 1:4-6; Jeremiah 1:6-9

Discuss and Reflect:

What in this reading leads you to say, “I wonder about...”, or, “I noticed...”

Consider sharing a story from your faith journey – emphasizing God's work, God's initiative, God's activity – and how you were surprised, changed, transformed.

How might testimony be practiced in your ministry context?

Comment on the following: *Testimony “is the act of getting there. Pilgrimage stories.... And, in telling the stories of our lives, we find we are not alone on the journey. Other pilgrims are on this road, too. Pilgrims have always told stories along the way. And, in those stories, we may well hear God ringing in our ears”.*

Pray together: Come, Holy Spirit, open our eyes, enter our hearts, release our tongues to “talk the walk” so that we might hear You ringing in our ears. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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

The Rev. Dr. Larry Kochendorfer, Bishop—Synod of Alberta and the Territories, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

Spirit -Led Leadership - Hope-Filled Discipleship - Innovative Tradition - Collaborative Partnerships

Annual Spring Clean-up

April 9th



Sign-up Sheets are in the lobby



WALK OR RUN FOR LOVE

Saturday, April 30, 2016

Support Lutheran Hospital Ministries – Southern Alberta's Visitors

Who bring Jesus' Healing to Patients in Hospitals and Care Centres

Join the Fun



Raise the Funds \$\$\$

Walk or Run 5 km through Confederation Park

Sponsor a Walker or Runner

Support by Donations

9:00 am Registration at Faith Lutheran Church

1903 – 19 Avenue NW, Calgary

9:30 am Walk & Run Begin

Finish with Lunch at Faith Lutheran Church

Tax Receipts will be issued for sponsorship donations of \$10 or more.

**Pledge forms are available from your Church Office
or from**

Lutheran Hospital Ministries – Southern Alberta

66 – 7 Street NE, Calgary, AB T2E 4B7

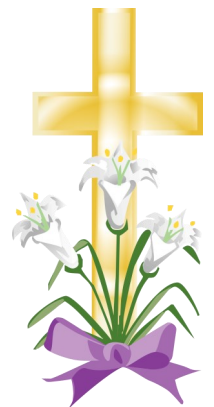
Phone: (403) 264-4045 email: lhmsac@gmail.com

Website: www.lhmsa.ca

Flower Chart

The 2016 flower chart is on the Worship Bulletin board by Pastor Lee's office.

If you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory, celebration, or just because, please write your name on the Sunday you choose. Contact the church office with any questions.



Outreach Service for Adults 55+

The term **outreach** applies to services that aim to improve accessibility to services and supports for older adults.

The mission of outreach is to enhance the quality of life of older adults in need by providing direct service, information and support in partnership with the community.

Outreach workers offer services in the Calgary 50 + Centres, in the community and in the older adult's home.



Services provided:

- assistance with the completion of forms for:
 - government benefits
 - transportation
 - housing subsidies
- advocacy
- individual and group supportive counselling
- educational speakers and workshops
- assessment
- information and referrals



Provided by Jewish Family Service Calgary

Intake and information:
403-287-3510

email: seniorsoutreach@jfsc.org

Bow Cliff Office
608 Poplar Rd. S.W.
Calgary, Alberta T3C 2Z7
403-240-2213

Jewish Family Service Office
420, 5920 1A St. S.W.
Calgary, Alberta T2H 0G3
403-287-3510

Ogden Office
2102 69th Ave. S.E.
Calgary, Alberta T2C 3Y4
403-279-2030



THE CITY OF
CALGARY



CALGARY AGING IN PLACE CO-OPERATIVE CONCEPT

"Grow old along with me! The best is yet to be." Robert Browning (1812-1889)

In a Co-operative the seniors that are members are the owners, they decide what the Co-operative does.

The mission of the Cooperative is to allow for seniors to stay at home and be supported as they age. The first leg of this project is to find services that support our members by providing services such as house cleaning, handy persons, snow removal, lawn care, etc. The concept being as a member you get to help determine what those services will be as we grow.

We are also looking for existing service providers in your community, if you know of anyone who owns their own business and offering any of these services, please do encourage them to also come out and meet with us. All service providers will be required to complete a Criminal and Vulnerable Sector Check with Calgary Police Services.

We are looking at other opportunities to continue support of the live at home option for seniors in our communities, such as a secondary suite in your existing home. Suites would be managed by our Co-operative in consultation with the home owner.

Please join us at one of our membership drives in your community to hear more about this concept.
Contact us by: Phone **403-630-1427** or Email: calgaryaginginplace@gmail.com for more information.
Website: www.calgaryaginginplace.ca (under development)

You can also talk to LCOS member Alice Rodier: cerear@telusplanet.net, (403) 252-0087

Making Summer Plans?



Mulhurst Lutheran Camp programs include children's camp (grade 3-6), family camps (all ages), youth camp (grade 7 to 12), MADD Camp (music, art, drama), mini camp (age 7 to 10), single family camp and youth adventure camp. This year's theme is "Glow". Facilities include a main lodge, heated cabins, sauna, dining shelter, chapel, playing fields, camping sites (with and without power) and an outpost/orienteering area.



Kuriakos at Sylvan Lake Bible Camp.

Kuriakos is a year-round camping and outdoor education centre, specializing in summer camps and school programs for all ages. Camps include kids camps for ages 6 to 9, ages 8 to 11, ages 10 to 14, ages 11 to 16, ages 12 to 14, ages 13 to 18, ages 14 to 18, soccer camp, dance camp and MADD camp. They also have family camps, senior camps, and men's and women's retreats.



Where God's Grace Runs Free

Wilderness Ranch—Where God's Grace Runs Free

Wilderness Ranch mission is to provide in a wilderness setting a program of education and fellowship where faith and trust in Jesus Christ is integrated into everyday living. Programs take place in two locations and include trailblazers (age 9 to 12), pioneers (age 12 and up), outriders, scouts and sky riders (age 14 and up), adult retreats (over 18) and family camps (all ages).

Martin Luther House Student Residence in Edmonton

Martin Luther House offers co-operative Christian community living for five students just steps away from the U of A campus in Edmonton. Public transit, grocery & convenience stores are a few minutes' walking distance. Rent-for-a-student-budget incl. utilities, internet, TV & laundry. Furnished bedrooms, living & dining rooms & kitchen.

For further information and to apply, contact: Rev. Richard Reimer, Lutheran Chaplain Phone: (780) 492-4513. E-mail: rreimer@ualberta.ca Or visit: www.lcmedmonton.ca Application deadline: April 30th



ELCIC Women of Faith Fund—Do you have a project?

The ELCIC Women of Faith Fund provides annual grants that encourage and facilitate the Christ-centred ministry of women within the ELCIC and *In Mission for Others*.

This fund was established in 2011 in recognition of the “significant contribution of the women of the Evangelical Lutheran Women (ELW) of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC)”.

The initial contributions to the fund came from the residual amount remaining after the dissolution of the ELW. Individuals or groups may continue to make additional donations to the fund.

Grants for the ELCIC Women of Faith Fund will be available on an annual basis. **The annual deadline for applications is MAY 1.** Applicants must submit their proposals for review and consideration by an advisory committee appointed by National Church Council. If you have a project in mind please contact the church office for assistance and approval of the grant request.



Examples of ELCIC Women of Faith Funds Approved in previous years.

- Prayer Shawl Ministry, SK - \$1,500
- Mustard Seed Family Support, BC - \$9,800
- Happy Hearts Quilters, SK - \$2,000
- Lutheran Women's Retreat & Spring Connection – SK - \$1,500
- Adopt a Room - Hope House Loft Retreat Area, MNO - \$2,000
- Peer Partner Programme, ABT - \$3,000
- If You Plant A Seed - Putting An Idea Into Action, Eastern - \$5,000
- East-West Community Outreach, Eastern - \$7,690
- Women in Leadership - Cameroon Companions, MNO - \$5,000

Are you a woman of faith? Would you serve?

Dear Women of the ELCIC:

My term as the ABT representative on the Women of Faith Fund Committee is up this year. We will be deciding on grants this year in early May and at that time need to select replacements for reps. This would be a 2 year term, likely for 4 if possible as at that time the monies are expected to be exhausted. It involves one conference call a year with reps from other synods and reading of some 8 to 10 emails a year. The national office collects all the information and sends it out to the reps who peruse the information, make some personal choices, and then make decisions as a group as to allocation of grants.

Contact mnolson@shaw.ca if you are interested.



April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Upcoming Events: <i>May 15th</i> —Last 10:00 am class for Young Explorers & The Experiment <i>May 22nd</i> —One Service at 10:00 am until fall begins <i>May 29th</i> —Hotdog Sunday <i>May 29th</i> —We Care Kits fundraiser <i>May 29th</i> — Family Ministry Roller Skating Party Wind-up					1 7:00 Movie Lovers	2 6:00 am Breakfast at The Seed
3 9:00 & 11:00 Worship Service 10:00 Young Explorers The Experiment Adult Bible Study Depart to Israel	4 1:00 Memory Plus Alzheimer support group 7:00 Al-anon Information	5 1:00 Games Group 7:00 Yoga	6 9:30 Experiencing God 9:30 MOPS Steering 11:00 Acadia Lunch Program 7:00 Al-anon 7:30 Choir 8:30 Praise Team	7 7:00 The Experiment	8	9 Annual Spring Clean-up
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24 9:00 & 11:00 Worship Service 10:00 Adult Bible Study Young Explorers The Experiment Noon: Hotdog Sunday 6:30 Discipleship	25 1:00 Memory Plus Alzheimer support group 7:00 Fireside Group	26 7:00 Today's Pilgrims 7:00 Church Board	27 9:30 Experiencing God 9:30 Mops 11:00 Acadia Lunch Program 7:00 Al-anon 7:30 Choir 8:30 Praise Team	28 10:00 Morning Glories 7:00 The Experiment	29	30 9:00 VBS Funshop 9:00 Walk/Run for Love 10:00 Kairos Meeting 6:00 Watoto Children's Choir