



The Vine

September 2016

EXCITING NEW OPPORTUNITIES

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As of August 3, 2016.

SMALL GROUPS ARE LARGE

“Jesus was in a small group...hey, I’m just sayin” (seen on a t-shirt)

Within a year of arriving in Calgary and venturing into sharing ministry at Our Saviour, Gretch and I became a part of a small group. We signed up with a number of others to form a temporary small group for a Lenten study. However, once the study was over, the group didn’t want to disband and we’ve been involved with the Fireside Group ever since!

One of the better definitions of small group ministry I’ve found is in Growing People Through Small Groups: *...an intentional face-to-face gathering, varying in size and meeting regularly together to accomplish an agreed-upon Christian purpose.* For well over a couple of decades our congregation has promoted and supported small groups. Some have been around a long time, others have come and gone over the years. A few of the current groups include: *Experiencing God, Today’s Pilgrims, Morning Glories, Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study, 9 am. and 11 am. Praise Teams, Fireside Group, and Choir.* One of the strengths that small groups provide is an opportunity to grow in faith and life with others.

As we enter the fall season, it is our intention to emphasize small group ministry throughout the coming year. We have already begun with a brief introduction during worship on August 14th. In between the two worship services on September 11th, I will be in the Fireside Room meeting with anyone who is interested in being involved in a small group. On the 25th, leaders from some of the small groups will be meeting with anyone wanting to find out more about their groups. There will also be video clips, spread out over a number of Sundays, with comments from people involved in a small group, sharing personal experiences, in a Ministry Moment during worship.

We are hoping to expand our small group ministry, creating more opportunities for people to grow together in Christ. The ultimate question will be, “what kind of small group would you rearrange your schedule for?” Not every small group is the same, so you are invited to dream about possibilities. Do you enjoy running, gardening, reading, cooking, sewing, crafts, Bible studies, seeing good movies, etc.? Would you value meeting with others who share the same love for any of the upper and beyond? Would you like to begin a small group in your neighbourhood or at school or at work? There are almost limitless possibilities. Let’s dream big and outside the box and see where God leads us!

**JESUS WAS
IN A SMALL GROUP.
I’M JUST SAYIN’...**

[life change happens in small groups]



Small groups are a LARGE part of our life in Christ together. Our hope then is to be “a church **of** small groups, not **with** small groups.”

And to God be the glory!

Pastor Lee

Old Cell Phone?

The Brenda Strafford 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.



BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS.
DO NOT BE AFRAID; DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED,
FOR THE LORD
YOUR GOD
WILL BE WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO.

- JOSHUA 1:9, NIV

Small Groups— Shared Interests & Activities

Choir—practices Wednesday nights

Do you have a song in your heart? Do you enjoy music and like to laugh? If the answer is “Yes”, then do we have a place for you. The LCOS Choir rehearses on Wednesday nights at 7:30 pm, only for one hour. You’ll share your time with like-minded folk, and come away feeling better for the songs and the fun. Questions? Contact Terry Lee or Alex McKay.



College and Careers – Dates and times to be determined by the group

Are you 18 to 29? Looking to connect with other people around the same age as you? This new young adult small group will be geared around having fun, sharing in fellowship, and learning more about God’s Word together. If you are interested, please contact Jesse Ramson, Director of Children and Youth Ministries at 403-253-1453 or emailing youth@oursaviourchurch.ca. The times, dates and activities will be determined by the group.



Couples Night—One Saturday a month

Beginning Saturday September 24th at 6:00 pm

Join other couples for an evening of conversation and activities. The activities will be determined by the group with different couples taking a turn planning the monthly event.



The first event will be on September 24th at “The Locked Room” followed by dinner and “debriefing” at a local restaurant. Contact Katharine in the office to RSVP to the first event or to find out more details. The second event will be hosted by the Sissons on October 29th.

Games Group—meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 1:00 pm all year

The group plays 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.



Hand Chimes Choir—practice 6 Sunday evenings leading to Christmas

“Come on ring those bells, light the Christmas tree!!!!”. We would like to fill the sanctuary with the sweet sounds of our hand chimes for the Christmas season in December. Some music reading abilities are a must. If you are Grade 7 on up to adults of all ages, you are welcome to join us to ring for the Dec 11th & 18th services. We need 12 people to make this special music happen. Please call Jennifer Sissons if you would like to join at 403-540-9910. Practice will be on Sundays (Sept 25th, Oct 16th and 30, Nov 6th and 20th and Dec 4th) from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.



Movie Lovers—typically the 3rd Friday each month at 7:00 pm

Do you love movies? If you do then this is the group for you. Once a month we gather to watch new releases and a few older quality movies and then participate in a brief discussion afterwards. The group is open to everyone on a drop in basis.



Do you have an interest not represented here? Running? Pokémon Go? Book Club? Gardening? Would you like to begin a small group in your neighbourhood, school or work?

MOPS—Supporting Families

MOPS (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers) and MOPSnext (Mothers of School Age Children) is an international organization that is geared toward supplying support for Moms.

MOPS creates a time-out for Moms filled with fun, food, learning, fellowship, and faith while their kids are having fun in MOPPETS; the childcare program.

Throughout the year we will have various guest speakers on a broad range of topics as well as a time for fun activities to learn and grow together.

MOPS will be meeting at LCOS every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month from 9:30-11:30am starting on September 14th.

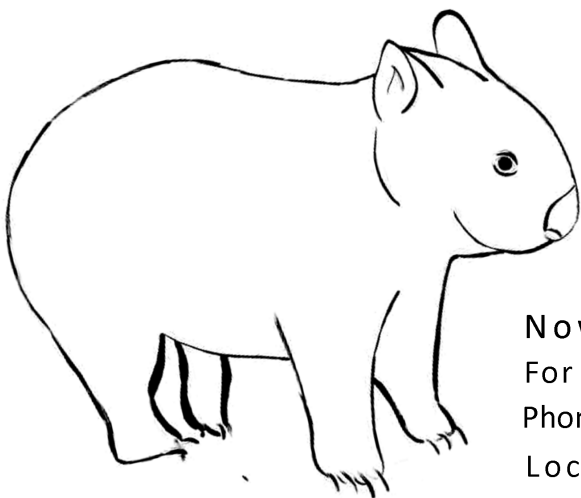
More information, including registration forms and pricing, is available from the LCOS website www.oursaviourchurch.ca/connect/mops-mopsnext

We can't wait to see you there and please bring a friend.



a new preschool is
opening this fall

painter wombat
fine arts preschool INC



Now accepting registrations for 2016/2017
For more information or to register contact Shauna at
Phone: 403 903 4277 email: hello@painterwombat.com
Located at 8831 Fairmount Drive SE Calgary AB

Small Groups— Study & Conversation

The Divine Drama “Our Narrative” study —meets every Monday

Starting October 17th at 7 pm

The Divine Drama is a total 30 week program. If you have taken the first 16 week series at anytime in the past you are welcome to sign-up to take the second part in the series . The second 14 units, "Our Narrative," explore the basic teachings that emerge from the Scriptures—e.g., the person and mission of Jesus the Messiah, prayer, discipleship, life in God's family—and examine how they apply to Christians today. If you have taken part 2 and would like to repeat the class you are also welcome. Questions? Please contact Jens Kaack.



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

Beginning again on September 18th.

This weekly drop-in class is held between the services on Sunday mornings. Beginning September 18th this drop-in Bible Study will be spending several months working through Galatians and Thessalonians with Jens Kaack. Contact the office for more details.



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

Beginning again September 7th.

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 at 7:00 pm.

Beginning again Sept 12th.

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 on 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month at 10:00 am

Beginning again on September 8th.

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— meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:00 pm

Beginning again on September 13th.

Today's Pilgrims are starting on September 13th and will meet September 27th as well. We meet in the fireside room at 7:00 pm. We will continue studying the “Love to Pray” book. If you are interested in joining, please get in touch with the church office for details.



Our Small Groups are happy to accept new members throughout the year and you are welcome to drop in and try them out.

H E L L O
f r i e n d s
the next
movie
will
be

Disney
ZOOPIA
SEPTEMBER 10th
at 6:30pm



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. The collection of eyeglasses is ongoing. The box is on the top shelf of the donation cupboard. Put your old glasses in a Ziploc bag and they will provide someone with the wonderful gift of sight.



Small Groups—For Our Younger Members



The Experiment – If you are in Grade 7-12, then we have the perfect opportunity for you! Join our Experiment Student Ministries group on Sunday mornings at 10 am as we study the Bible to see what Jesus commands from us, or on our various Friday night events for some hours of fun and fellowship. Check out our schedule every month for new event information!

Tween Experiences – Introducing Tween Experiences! Once a month on Saturday night, come join us at the church for an event full of challenges, games, snacks, and much more! Together we'll study exactly who Jesus is, and why that's important, while having a night full of fun! Check out our schedule every month for new event information.



Young Explorers – Every Sunday morning at 10am, join us as we study the Bible using art, drama, games, science, and much more! We have three separate groups, ages 3-5, Grades 1-3 or Grades 4-6, all with separate teachers helping you understand exactly what the Bible says about love. For more information, please call Jesse Ramson, Director of Children and Youth Ministries at 403-253-1453 or emailing youth@oursaviourchurch.ca.

Discipleship—A two year program for students in Grades 7 & 8 run by Pastor Lee. The group will be meeting twice per month on Sunday evenings from Fall until Spring. They will explore the Bible, the Creeds, the life of Jesus, what it means to be Lutheran, and many tough questions along the way. If your youth or friends from outside the congregation are interested in this opportunity, please see Pastor Lee.

We meet from 6:30 to 8:30 pm Sunday evenings. Our tentative schedule for the year is:

September 11th	January 22nd
September 18th	February 12th
October 16th	February 26th
October 30th	March 19th
November 6th	April 9th
November 20th	April 23rd
December 11th	May 7th
January 8th	



March 3rd to 5th the youth will be participating in a *Discipleship Retreat* at Camp Kuriakos with Pastor Lee.

Snack



Sign Up

On Sunday mornings we like to provide a snack to our Young Explorers and Youth at 10:00 am. A snack sign-up sheet can be found by the kitchen and by September 9th online. Thank you!



Acadia School Lunch Program For Hungry Kids

In conjunction with McDougall United Church we are supporting a brown bag style lunch program for children at Acadia School, David Thompson and Lord Beaverbrook High School. The program begins again on September 7th.

At present we have a core group of volunteers that come in every Wednesday to prepare the lunches. In addition, we need assistance preparing 2 dozen healthy cookies prior to the assembly day to go in the lunch bags. If you can be of assistance please sign-up for one or more weeks on the sign-up sheet in the kitchen or online via the website.



In addition, we are looking for a donation of snack sized zip lock bags (we have lots of the sandwich size at the present time).

If you can help out with assembly, cookies or providing any supplies please contact the Acadia Lunch coordinator Barb Smith or the office.

Youth & Children's Ministry—Upcoming Activities

Dear Congregation,

Thank you all for the kind welcome into your church family over the past month. It's been a great transition, and I'm ready and excited to dive in to September and the launch of all of our programs. Our Young Explorer program launches September 11th, as well as the Experiment Sunday class. Our Tween Experiences and Experiment Nights launch the same week on September 17th. More information regarding those events and others are listed below.

As we start off on this new year, I would like to ask everyone to pray for the leaders and for the participants as well, that God would touch their hearts and minds, and change them according to His will. Throughout the year on Sunday mornings, the Young Explorers program will be focusing on learning more about God's love from the Bible. The Experiment will be focusing on what a relationship with Christ looks like, exactly what it is, and why it matters. The aim is to inspire youth to step up their pursuit of Christ and become more active in their faith. Please pray that God blesses the ministry, and that we start to see revitalized, reinvigorated, and passionate children and youth.

Young Explorer/Experiment Launch – Sunday September 11th at 10am-11am



Join us as we throw a carnival themed party for the launch of our 2016/2017 Young Explorer and Experiment Ministries launch. Bring the whole family for a fun hour of different activities ranging from face painting to mini car shuffleboard. There may even be prizes at the end!!

Experiment Ministries will be having a party of a different sort at the same time, with a race to complete a task list with varying activities. Come out ready to run, and learn more about Jesse and each other.

Experiment/Tween Experiences Meet and Greet Potluck Saturday September 17th at 6pm-9pm

Bring your whole family to our first event of the year; a Potluck Meet and Greet. At 6pm, we'll share some food; make sure you bring a desert, a salad, or a main course. Afterwards, we'll have a fun family competition with a variety of games that are geared around learning more about each other. At the end, the group with the most points will win something special! Make sure you bring your parents and siblings, and even your friends!



Experiment Baker Challenge – Friday September 30th at 7pm-10pm

Think you're the Experiment's best cook? Come test your baking skills and compete for the crown of LCOS' greatest baker! In teams you'll be given some core ingredients, and some secret ones as well that you have to use to create a masterpiece. Our panel of star judges are waiting to be amazed (hopefully not sickened)! Extra points for craziest apron.

English Conversation Classes—Update & Volunteer Opportunity

We are planning on hiring an experienced ESL instructor to launch our ESL classes in the next few weeks. However, we are looking for people that would like to volunteer in the classroom along side the instructor to act as assistants (no experience necessary). In addition, it is our hope to develop leaders that can continue teaching ESL classes once a week on an ongoing volunteer basis when the grant has expired.

For those that are interested in leading a class we are encouraging them to consider taking the 30 hour course listed below. Reimbursement for the cost could come from the grant we received to develop the ESL classes. If these class times do not work we also have additional options.

If you are interested in exploring this volunteer opportunity please contact Katharine in the office right away. It is hoped that our new refugee family may also be able to participate in these classes!

Let's walk together with newcomers to Canada!



REACHING OUT WITH ENGLISH

One course • 30 hours • Many lives changed

<p>In 2012 Calgary's immigrant population grew by</p> <h1>29,898</h1> <p>This number grows each year</p>	<p>Almost</p> <h1>50%</h1> <p>of Calgary's population aged 15 years or older is a first or second generation Canadian</p>
<h1>2/3</h1> <p>of the city's population growth is from immigration</p>	<h3>Why attend?</h3> <p>One ESL class can do so much more than teach an immigrant English. Our 30-hour training course will prepare you to use ESL to reach your community.</p>

Join us!

Practical instruction for teaching English to adults in your church or community

Fall 2016 — 1 course over 3 weekends
Sept. 30-Oct. 1, Oct. 14-15, Oct. 28-29

\$295

Catch the early bird before September 21 and save \$35!

Our Refugee Family— Important Update

Our refugee family Zuheir and Maram and their two little boys Mo-hammad (3 years) and Hamza (10 months) are **arriving on September 8th.**

A lovely apartment has been chosen for our refugee family, and an initial move-in of furniture, kitchen, bath and bedroom supplies, and food was accomplished Thursday, Sept 1. Many thanks to all who helped with this!

Thanks also to all who have offered donations for the home set up. In order to not overwhelm our Syrian family we plan to let churches know the items they are needing. **If you have an item/ items you would like to donate please contact our new Refugee Donations Co-ordinator.**

We are very grateful to Dianne Fortier who is the Office Administrator at Lutheran Church Of The Cross, who is willing to take on this position.

Here is her contact information:

Dianne Fortier - Office Administrator
Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Cross
10620 Elbow Drive SW
Calgary, AB T2W 1G4
403-255-4792
churchofthecross@shaw.ca
www.churchofthecross.ca

At present the only known items that are needed are:

1. An apartment size baby crib and mattress+crib sheets (must be current safety standard).
2. Baby change table pad+new change pad sheets, (for the top of the change table).

Hands On Help Required:

We would also appreciate it if someone is willing to come and wash the outside windows at the apartment, as this is not done by the apartment complex. It is on the main floor so you will need to have a key. Please call Marla Mulloy 403-617-6494 if you can do this job and she will give you directions to the apartment (Wyldeewood Estates on Bonaventure Drive SE. close to Southland and Macleod).

The family has a wonderful view of the courtyard and playground!

Anyone interested in helping the family scrapbook their journey and possibly scrapbooks for the children of their new home, etc., please call Jaqui Anderson 403-453-4071.

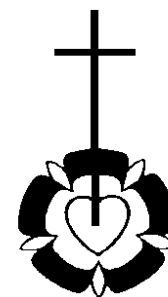
Our family, The Aldakkaks. are due to arrive at 3 pm Sept 8! Exciting times ahead!



Message for Congregations

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. Part 1 was available May 2016.



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*Sing to the Lord a new song.
God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.
Let Israel be glad in its Maker;
...Let them praise God's name with dancing.
Making melody to God with tambourine and lyre.*

Psalm 149:1-3

Singing Our Lives – Part 2

At this past summer's National Anglican-Lutheran Worship Conference, *Formation & Reformation: Worship, Justice, and God's Mission*, presenter The Rev. Dr. Stephen Larson posed several questions as he began his first keynote address.

These questions stirred up my memory and caused me to reflect. Questions like: What is the first childhood prayer that you remember? What was your earliest awareness of the liturgy? When did you memorize hymns? Who are your musical mentors? Your liturgical mentors? What is the most meaningful season or day of the church year for you? What are your favorite hymn, carols, songs?

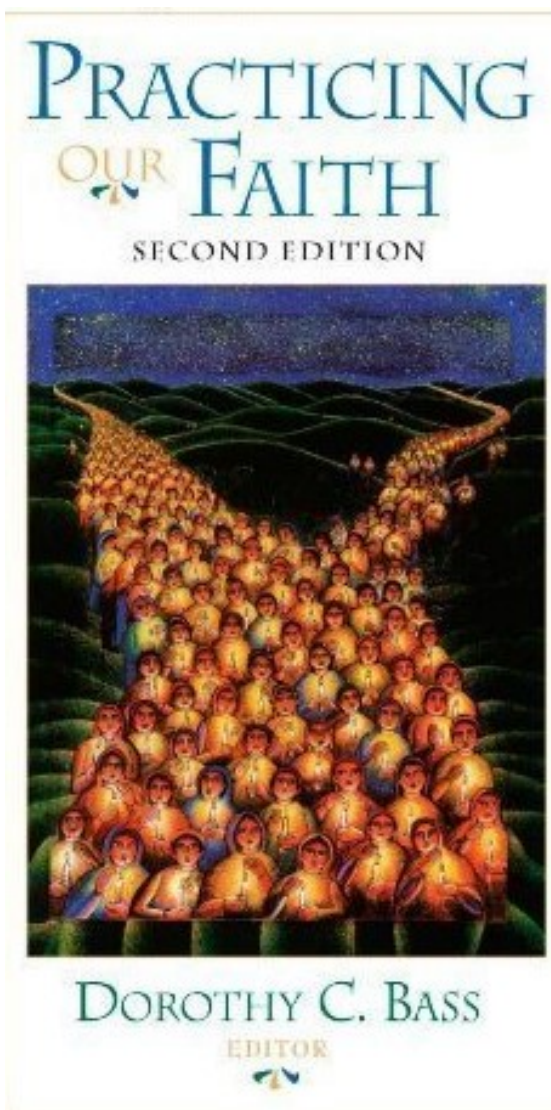
This last one sent me on a deep trip down memory lane. There are so many I thought. In fact, I have a list of favorites. “Children of the Heavenly Father” sung at every family funeral that I can remember. “Joy to the World” proclaimed on the Eve of Christmas. “Beautiful Saviour” sung without accompaniment and in four-part harmony...or more. The beauty and simplicity of “Jesus, Remember Me.” “Holy, Holy Holy” sung in Spanish and with friends from Colombia or El Salvador. Oh, the list goes on!

Over the course of my lifetime these texts and melodies have shaped my faith. I've sung them “by heart,” in the heart, and from the heart. Through the practice of singing, the dispositions and beliefs expressed in the words of the hymns – gratitude, praise, trust, lament, joy, hope – have been knit into my body, as integral parts of the theology by which I live.

These hymns and songs are carried – profoundly – deeply – within my bones.

This formation of an embodied theology happens whenever congregations sing, even though they do so in a great variety of ways from one culture to another – from one congregation to another.

Read and Reflect: Colossians 3:16



Discuss and Reflect:

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

Consider sharing (and singing) a song from childhood that is part of your faith tradition. What is the most powerful memory the song evokes? What does it say about the faith of your childhood? Are there connections to the faith of your adulthood?

Reflect on the various ways in which music is sung in worship.

Comment on the following: “Over the course of my lifetime these texts and melodies have shaped my faith.”

Pray together: *Maker of creation's choir, you sing the Song of Love to us. Breathe your Spirit into our singing until the rhythm of your mercy shapes all our music-making and we join with one another to give you thanks and praise. Amen.*
(Susan Briehl)

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



Small Groups
let's do life together

Happy birthday, Bishop Larry!

On October 8, Bishop Larry will be celebrating his 55th birthday.

You are invited to join the celebration of his birthday by donating (in multiples of \$5) to the ELCIC Reformation Challenge - Scholarships for Schools of the ELCJHL: *Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land.*

Cheques may be forwarded to the Synod office (10014-81 Avenue NW, Edmonton, AB T6E 1W8) or donations may be directly made on the Synod website,

www.albertasynod.ca through the Canada Helps Donation button (bottom middle of home page).

Receipts will be issued for amounts of \$15 or more sent in to the Synod office.

Please indicate on the memo line of your cheque that it is for *Bishop's Birthday – Scholarship Fund.*



The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL) carries out its ministry in the midst of the conflict in Palestine/Israel. The church is committed to a hopeful, sustainable and peaceful future for the whole community. ELCJHL schools welcome children of all faiths, primarily Christian and Muslim, providing education, job skills and leadership formation.

The ELCJHL is responsible for four K-12 schools which serve more than 2,000 students with the help of nearly 200 full-and part-time educators.

Gender balance and equality is an emphasis of ELCJHL Schools. All schools learn together in a co-educational framework in which 44% of the students are female and 56% are male. Peace Education and Interfaith Dialogue are also key emphases of ELCJHL Schools. Muslim and Christian populations in ELCJHL Schools reflect closely the populations of their communities.

The ELCIC and Canadian Lutheran World Relief support many projects with the ELCJHL ministries, including the schools. A scholarship of \$1400 will allow a student to attend school for one year. As with all schools, steady enrollment of students paying tuition helps the ELCJHL schools to be sustainable and effective. You can learn more about the schools of the ELCJHL at <http://elcic.ca/ReformationChallenge/Scholarships.cfm>

Small Groups— Support & Caring

Flock Care: Meets Once a Month

Thirteen years ago a small group, FLOCK CARE was formed for the purpose of enhancing and maintaining intentional caring supportive connections within the church family for those who were ill, homebound, in residential care, grieving loss or facing other difficult life issues.

The mission statement is: to facilitate, encourage and ensure caring connections within the church family of LCOS and within the wider community as the need arises.

Small Groups are an ideal setting for people to get to know each other and provide a supportive caring place. But many worshippers at LCOS are not members of small groups and that is when Flock Care, if made aware, will visit, provide some basic service, information regarding services, or in some way facilitate an ongoing relationship with the church family.

Is this ministry for you? We meet on the third Thursday of each month except December and July.

Expectations are comfortable (people participate as they are able), and mentoring is provided. We have a devotional study time to enhance our skills and feed us spiritually.

If you would like more information or discuss the possibilities please call Janice Hawkings or Pastor Lee.



Breakfast at the Seed 6 am one Saturday a month.

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.

For the fall our dates are September 12th, October 10th, November 14th and December 5th.





Couple's Night Out

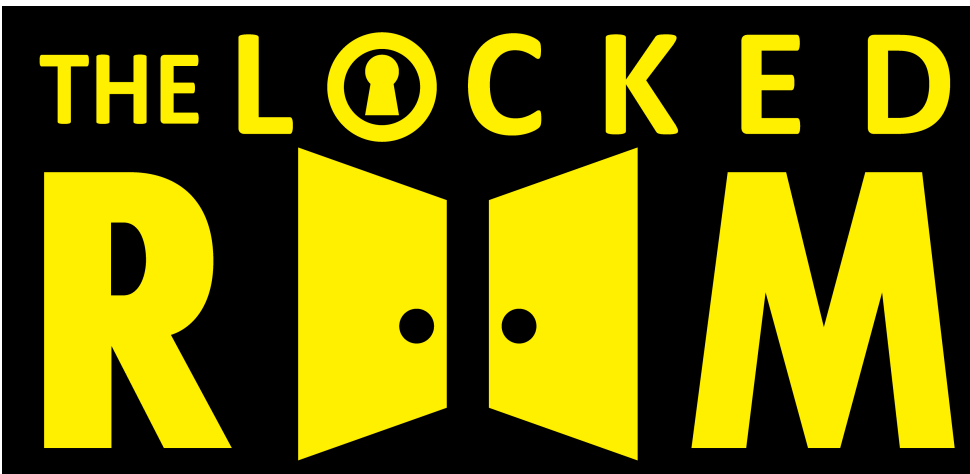
Sept 24th

September will be busy!

Plan your fun evening now!

We start at the "Locked Room" with their immersive escape rooms on Fairmount Drive SE and will follow up with dinner and drinks.

RSVP to Katharine as soon as possible in the office and no later than Sept 16th as reservations are required.



Operation Eyesight

285 million people in the world suffer from blindness and low vision, while 80% of the cases can be avoided!

In developing countries, being visually impaired is not a disability, it's a death sentence – especially for the very young and old.

Please go to www.operationeyesight.com to see all the work this wonderful organization does. You can be a part by donating on line or by phone 1-800-585-8265 or by mail to Operation Eyesight Canada Suit 200, 4 Parkdale Crescent N.W. Calgary, AB T2N 3T8.



For All The World To See

Hatha Yoga Classes

Connecting mind, body and breath
All levels are welcome...

From the novice to the more experienced student.
Work according to your own limits of flexibility and strength.

Classes held:
Tuesday Nights 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM in the Fellowship Room
Starting September 13th and finishing December 13th.

For more information and to register for this session please call: Sheryl Tweten at 403-257-5306 or e-mail: sheryltweten@shaw.ca



Small Group—Community & Social Justice Leadership

Guiding Mission: Meets as projects dictate

This small group is always looking for additional members . Our members are interested in working in the community on various projects and supporting the development of leaders in LCOS and the greater community.

In the past we have worked on a Wee Reads program at Acadia School, the Art and Garden mural project, the Little Library project, and other experiments that encourage us to re-think how we interact and support our local community .

Our members are interested in senior, children and youth issues within LCOS and the broader community.

We are concerned with poverty, homelessness, education and other wide ranging social justice issues.

You may come with your own particular passions or may choose to embrace one of the projects we are currently working on. There is no need to commit to a particular project. This group is interested in developing and supporting leaders in their personal areas of interest.

At the moment areas of interest include:

- 1) Supporting Youth Leadership development at LCOS
- 2) Development of Mentors/Leaders for the Youth
- 3) Calgary Aging In Place Co-Operative Concept
- 4) Development of the Metro Alliance for the Common Good network (MACG)

For more information contact Darren Tenor, Joe Schulz or Katharine Heimbigner-Tenor.



**Metro Alliance for the Common Good -
MACG**

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.

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 individual 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.

All members of LCOS may participate in the various sessions that MACG offers in Calgary throughout the year at no cost. If you have any interest in social justice this is an organization to connect with.

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

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.

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.

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.



Ushers

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 too please contact Ruth so she may arrange replacements.

Financial Report - Ending July 2016

	YTD - 2016	YTD - 2015
Budgeted Giving	\$187,237.45	\$203,917.91
Designated Giving	\$31,115.13	\$19,936.09
Non-Receiptable / Credit	\$1,846.42	\$2,371.11
Other Income	\$7,713.92	\$7,504.10
TOTAL	\$227,912.92	\$233,729.21
Average Weekly Budget Offering	\$6,039.92	\$6,797.26
Average Weekly Budget Required	\$7,115.00	\$7,193.00
PAR Giving (included in above total)	\$33,554.00	\$37,705.00
Number of envelopes issued	175	165
Number of envelopes unused	27	12
Number of pledges (budget)	78	79
Number on or over pledge (budget)	42	38
Number under pledge (budget)	36	41
Average Weekly Attendance	170	178

Comments:

Year to date budgeted giving for 2016 is 8.17% lower than 2015.

Designated Giving for 2016 includes:	CLWR (\$2,935.00)
	CLWR:Ft. McMurray Fire (\$1,697.03)
	Urgent Care (\$3,060.00)
	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) (\$6,265.35)
	Refugee Mission (\$3,175.00)
	Refugee Mission-Advent (\$2,600.00)
	Refugee Mission-All Saints (\$1,470.00)
	Memorial Fund (\$2,460.00)
Designated Giving for 2015 includes:	CLWR (\$2,515.00)
	CLWR:Give Life Project (\$1,270.00)
	CLWR:Nepal (\$1,310.00)
	Urgent Care (\$3,000.00)
	Memorial Fund (\$7,573.86)
	Jack Beck Ticket Sales (\$1,190.00)

Cliff Blumhagen
Financial Secretary

Blessing of the Animals Worship Service—Oct 7th

October 4th each year marks a day of celebration for St. Francis of Assisi.

As Catholic author Jon M. Sweeney [wrote in HuffPost](#), St. Francis is the among the most popular Catholic saints. Sweeney writes:

He is the one who preached to the birds; blessed fish that had been caught, releasing them back into the water; communicated with wolves, brokering an agreement between one famous ferocious wolf and the citizens of a town that were terrified of it and used real animals when he created the very first, live, Christmas nativity scene. As a result of these, Francis is the patron saint of animals and the environment.

The present Pope selected the name Francis in honour of St. Francis of Assisi and his love of creation.

Join us at 7 pm on October 7th for a brief Service of Celebration as we thank God for the gifts of companionship and beauty which animals and pets bring to our lives and homes, and ask God's blessing on them.

Bring Your Pet



Bring a pie! Share a pie!

Oct 16 - After 11 am Service

Please bring your pie pre-cut & ready to serve



The Great
Pie Social



Pie Fixes
★ Everything

**Welcome to
the Family!**

There will be an opportunity for those interested to formally transfer their membership to LCOS on October 23rd.

To participate please contact Pastor Lee no later than October 16th.

WELCOME

To the Church Family

Oct 23rd



September 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Oct 1—Family Movie Night</p> <p>Oct 7—Blessing of the Animals</p> <p>Oct 10—Thanksgiving</p> <p>Oct 14—Movie Lovers</p> <p>Oct 15—Tween Night</p> <p>Oct 16—Drive for Five & Pie Social</p>		<p>Oct 17—Divine Drama begins</p> <p>Oct 21—The Experiment</p> <p>Oct 23—Welcome to the Family</p> <p>Oct 23—Service of Healing</p> <p>Oct 28—The Experiment</p> <p>Oct 29—Couples Night</p>		<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Subscribe to our online calendar via the website www.oursaviourchurch.ca</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p> <p>10:00 Worship Service</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Labour Day</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>6</p> <p>1:00 Games Group</p>	<p>7</p> <p>First Day of Preschool</p> <p>9:00 Experiencing God</p> <p>9:30 MOPS Steering</p> <p>11:00 Acadia Lunch</p> <p>7:00 Al-anon</p> <p>7:30 Choir</p> <p>8:30 11 AM Praise Team</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10:00 Morning Glories</p> <p>3:00 Refugee Family Arrives</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:00 am Breakfast at The Seed</p> <p>6:30 Family Movie Night "Zootopia"</p>
<p>11 Sandwich Sunday</p> <p>9:00 Worship Service</p> <p>10:00 Young Explorers</p> <p>10:00 The Experiment</p> <p>10:00 Let's Talk Small Groups</p> <p>11:00 Worship Service</p> <p>6:30 Discipleship</p>	<p>12</p> <p>1:00 Memory Plus</p> <p>7:00 Al-anon</p> <p>7:00 Fireside</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:00 Today's Pilgrims</p> <p>7:00 Yoga</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:00 Experiencing God</p> <p>9:30 MOPS</p> <p>11:00 Acadia Lunch</p> <p>7:00 Al-anon</p> <p>7:30 Choir</p> <p>8:30 11 AM Praise Team</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7:15 Flock Care</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:00 Movie Lovers: "Miracle From Heaven"</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:00 Youth/ Tween Family Potluck</p>
<p>18 Master's Singers at both Services today</p> <p>9:00 Worship Service</p> <p>10:00 Young Explorers</p> <p>10:00 The Experiment</p> <p>10:00 Adult Bible Study</p> <p>11:00 Worship Service</p> <p>6:30 Discipleship</p>	<p>19</p> <p>1:00 Memory Plus</p>	<p>20</p> <p>1:00 Games Group</p> <p>7:00 Yoga</p> <p>7:00 Church Board</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:00 Experiencing God</p> <p>11:00 Acadia Lunch</p> <p>7:00 Al-anon</p> <p>7:30 Choir</p> <p>8:30 11 AM Praise Team</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10:00 Morning Glories</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:00 Couples Night Out—"The Locked Room"</p>
<p>25</p> <p>9:00 Worship Service</p> <p>10:00 Young Explorers</p> <p>10:00 The Experiment</p> <p>10:00 Explore Small Groups</p> <p>11:00 Worship Service</p> <p>Noon: Hotdog Sunday</p> <p>6:30 Hand chimes</p>	<p>26</p> <p>1:00 Memory Plus</p>	<p>27</p> <p>7:00 Today's Pilgrims</p> <p>7:00 Yoga</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:00 Experiencing God</p> <p>9:30 MOPS</p> <p>11:00 Acadia Lunch</p> <p>7:00 Al-anon</p> <p>7:30 Choir</p> <p>8:30 11 AM Praise Team</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7 pm The Experiment Baker Challenge</p>	