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Our Mission: We are an inviting and growing Christian presence, with a passion for living and sharing Jesus Christ.

Our Vision: To be a Christ-centered community that Equips Disciples to Make Disciples.

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Pastor's Message by Pastor Greg



Who Are You?

The world will ask you who you are, and if you don't know, the world will tell you.

- Carl Jung

A number of years ago a little girl made the following statement: "My name is Martha Bowers Taft. My great-grandfather was President of the United States. My grandfather was a United States Senator. My daddy is ambassador to Ireland. And I am a Brownie Girl Scout!"

This girl knew exactly who she was in relationship to those who are in charge.

A very important question indeed for our country: even more so when we ask this about our life.

Who is in charge of your life? It is probably the most important question we ask about our life. It will define who we are, what we see as important, and how we live our life.

If the answer is God, then who are you in relationship to the One in charge?

Well, who are you?

Scripture says you are loved. You are a child of God and heir of the kingdom. You didn't earn this position or status; it has been graciously given to you. Jesus is your Savior and friend. You are in a right relationship with God. It's easy for us to stop the narrative at this point. But, there is more. Jesus did not come just to love and save us alone. He came to save the whole world (John 3:16). While he is the saviour of our life, he is also Lord. He is in charge of us, by virtue of his redeeming us by his precious blood. We belong to God.

What does that mean for our life?

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It means that our life is not our own (it never was in the first place). Galatians 2:20 reads:

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

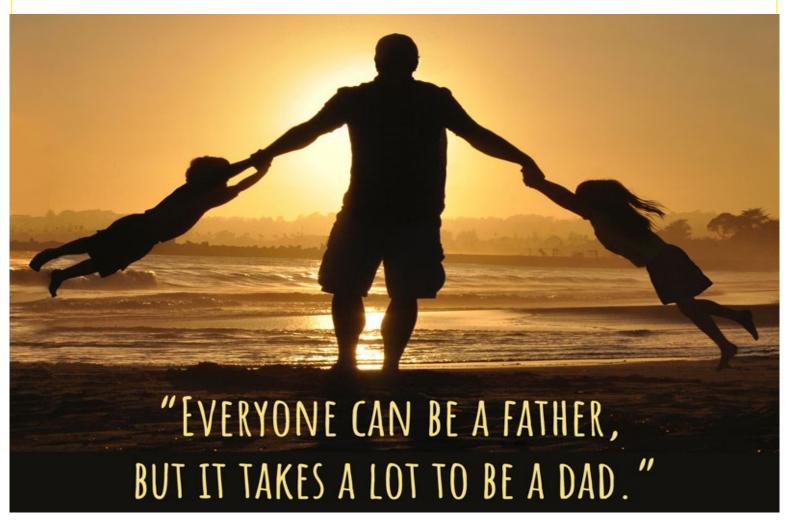
Our life is not about rules and regulations (which was the Apostle Paul's argument to the Galatians): it's about death and new life. It's about dying to ourselves and allowing Jesus to live through us.

Perhaps you have felt that living the godly life is impossible. You're right! I think we get too hung up on the do's and don't's that we forget faith is the simple life of surrender. It's about giving up and letting go. It's about dying to self, and rising to a new life. It's about letting the One who is in charge take control of our lives.

As this summer begins, I invite you to discover Who You Are through worship, study, and prayer. And equally important, I encourage you to live out Who You Are through your relationships, service and giving. That way people will not only know Who You Are, but WHOSE You Are.

Let Him live in you and through you,

Pr. Greg



Board Report by Nick Perchthaler

It is nice to see that we are continuing to get back to what our new normal may look like. We had our first Hot Dog Sunday in over two years that was attended by 127 people. This was the first time that Pastor Greg and his family got to enjoy this experience. We also had The Master's Singers perform for us on that Sunday. This was special and was also the reason for the high attendance. The Fellowship that we are starting to enjoy after our services is great to see. I know that there are still members who do not feel comfortable attending church in person and prefer to watch the Livestream in their jammies, but it would be great to see you again in person. Maybe we can hold a "Wear your jammies to church service".

The Board had it's Retreat on May 28. The first part of the meeting was a team building exercise as we were wanting to get to know each other better. I can say that we had a lot of laughs during this part, which was great.

The Board had prepared for the meeting by reading a book called "If you want to Walk on Water, you have to get out of the Boat". The principle is that we need to overcome our fears and trust in Jesus. This is relevant as we now get out of survival mode and focus on how we can grow as a congregation. There were many items discussed, but we broke things down into three major areas. We have formed Board committees with leaders to follow through on these areas. The areas are:

Youth Ministry

This includes hiring a Youth Pastor as soon as possible and getting our youth involved in our services and reintroducing children ministry.

Outreach

This includes planning events such as the Stampede Breakfast and VBS and also involves advertising ourselves in the neighbourhood and introducing mid-week services in a contemporary way.

Sound Board

This includes looking at our current system and seeing how we can upgrade our 25 year old system to meet our "new normal" technological needs as the online services will be a part of our norm.

There are a lot of details in each of these areas and the committee leaders will be updating the Board on a monthly basis. We will be taking a stepped approach in all of these areas and will adjust along the way. Keeping our old traditions is important, but we will be adding some new ones as well. No fear as we move forward and if some things do not work out, we will simply re-adjust.

The Board is looking for volunteers who would like to support our purpose in the three key areas. Please contact any Board member if you are interested in helping out or if you have any questions.

The Board would also like to say a HUGE Thank You to Jocelyn. She did an incredible job in organizing our Retreat. This will be an extremely tough act to follow!

Board Report (continued)

It continues to be difficult to comment each month on our financial situation, but I do believe that it is important that all of us know what our situation is like. As a general comment, we are in a pretty decent position. We are still including the SWARM (South West Area Refugee Mission) donations in our statistics. It is great to see that so many members are donating to support our Ukrainian humanitarian efforts, but we do need to remove these donations from our operational numbers. When we remove these donations, we finished April in a slightly positive position. We think May will be a relatively balanced month. This is mainly due to the generous donations from the AW Peterson Foundation, which will mainly fund our VBS (Vacation Bible School) and our Memorial fund, which will fund the organ repairs.

The Board continues to work on behalf of the Congregation to ensure that LCOS is a safe place where we can grow according to our Mission "We are an inviting and growing Christian presence, with a passion for living and sharing Jesus Christ" and our Vision "To be a Christ-centered community that equips disciples to make disciples". If you have any questions or comments regarding Board activities, please feel free to contact Nick Perchthaler at nperchthaler@shaw.ca or via phone at 587-437-8511.

We hope all of you are doing well and please consider responding to our request for feedback regarding our Board Retreat priorities.

Nick Perchthaler

Board Chair



Submitted by Cliff Blumhagen, Financial Secretary

If you wish to contribute to the church, the following are options for giving:

Interac e-transfer:

Donations are made to email address: donate@oursaviourchurch.ca.

PAR Program Giving:

The Pre-Authorized Remittance program (PAR) gives the option to give monthly directly from a bank or credit union account.

If you sign up by June 01, your monthly donation would begin June 20. Please contact the Financial Secretary Cliff Blumhagen (403-936-0419 or blumhagencg@gmail.com) to get a PAR sign up form and with any questions.

Cheque:

You can mail, bring to a church service, or drop off a cheque at the church.

Online Giving (via credit or debit card **):

Donations are made via the following secure link: https://onrealm.org/LutheranChurchofOurSaviour/give/now.

<u>Text Giving (via credit or debit card**):</u>

Donations are made by texting LCOSGive to 73256 followed by the donation amount.

NOTE:

Giving via online and text will go to General giving.

General giving and Designated giving can be done via Interac E-transfer and cheque.

Together for Joy

The annual stewardship program for 2022 is 'Together For Joy'.

This program encourages us to share our treasure and invest in our mission as a church as a community of new songs, new ways of singing and new ways of being God's church in God's world.

Thank you for all who give generously financially to the church and to those who have submitted a pledge for 2022.





You're Invited...

to Lutheran Church of Our Saviour's

Returning Event : VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mon.-Fri. AUGUST 15TH - 19TH 9am-noon

8831 Fairmount Dr. SE

Bible Teachings!

Drama with Puppets! Activities! Snacks & meals!

Memory Verses! Crafts!

Worship songs!

FUN for everyone ages 5-12!



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JOIN US @
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VBS
(Vacation Bible School)

August
15th -19th!

For all children
ages 5-12.

Sunday, May 29



Our goal since 2000 has been and continues to be, to bring hope and joy to Albertans through our voices in song. The first 20 years of our music ministry exceeded all expectations through the musical direction of our founder, Muriel Wiebe. Our name, The Master's Singers, represents men singing for our Master, our Lord Jesus Christ. We are a non-auditioned choir that rehearses weekly from September through May.

We are a non-profit society registered in Alberta.

After a 2 year hiatus due to the COVID pandemic, we are back in the saddle again rehearsing and preparing songs for worship at local church services. We also sing by request at Retirement Residences and Care Centres.

We believe our chorus provides a meaningful ministry in Alberta. We have a renewed commitment to reach out with our music to those in as many communities in Calgary, and Central and Southern Alberta as possible. We all need a fresh sense of hope and gratitude.

Introducing our new MUSIC DIRECTOR, Humberto Vargas!

Humberto received from God the opportunity to be well qualified with numerous international and Canadian workshops and engagements in both symphony orchestra and choir direction.

He pursued a bachelor degree in bassoon from the National School of Music in Mexico City and a graduate degree (M. Mus. in Symphony Orchestra Conducting) from the Université de Montréal.

His love for our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ and his passion for music is witnessed by his commitment directing The Master's Singers for the glory of God.

Humberto is also an electronic engineer with a degree from the Universidad La Salle in Mexico City. He is fluent in Spanish, French and English.



Some Special Birthdays We'd Like to Celebrate



Shirley Hertlein

Lorraine Dubord

Earlene Manz

Aase Friis

Alta Cooling

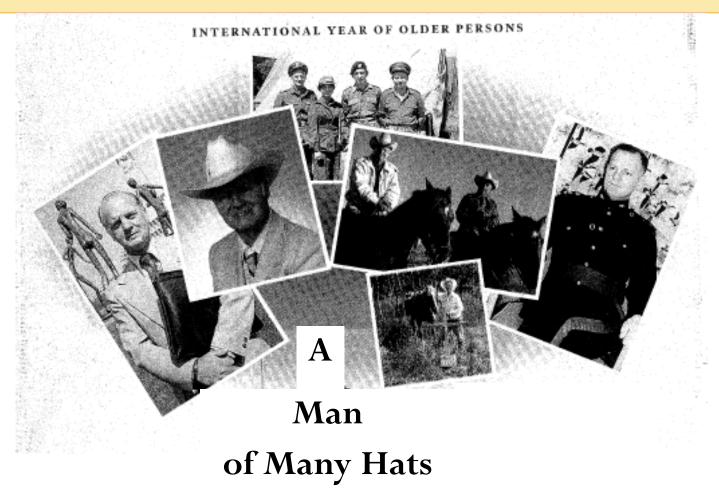
Marg Bergman

Garnet Anderson



To show our appreciation to Berva for all her work at LCOS over the years you are invited to join us for coffee and cake on Sunday, June 12 following our 10:00 worship service.

Remembering Harald Gunderson



Author, teacher, politician, journalist, salesman ... Harald Gunderson has pretty much done it all. "I'd like to die with my boots on. Going somewhere. Doing something."

To read the full article from the Calgary Herald dated October 17, 1999, submitted by Margaret Heimbignor, please see the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

Spring Clean Up

Annual LCOS Outdoor Spring Clean Up
Saturday, June 4 - 9:30 am
Contact Ken Farn to Volunteer



Submitted by Pat Kaack

THE ART OF HAPPINESS

"June is busting out all over." It brings us joyful hearts. I thought this verse would help us as we move forward after 2 years of isolation, and determination not to give up.

This reflection was on the inside of a birthday card I received when I was 21. I was in my second year of Nursing School in Toronto 1965. The lady who sent this to me has been a dear friend of mine since my early years of childhood. Her husband died years ago on August 14th, the same day as our wedding anniversary of 51 years,

Margaret will be 96 years old. She has had her share of grief in her life. Her strength to carry on comes through her daily devotion to Our Blessed Lord. She has been a beautiful role model for me, and her happiness is reflected in this reflection I would like to share with you, God's faithful servants. The verse at the end comes from Romans 8:28. Enjoy your summer days and share your happiness with those you meet along your "highway of life."

Patricia Kaack

"THE ART OF HAPPINESS"

Happiness does not depend upon what happens outside of you but on what happens inside of you; it is measured by the spirit in which you meet the problems of life.

Happiness is a state of mind. Lincoln once said: "We are as happy as we make up our minds to be."

Happiness doesn't come from doing what we like to do but from liking what we have to do.

Happiness comes from putting our hearts in our work and doing it with joy and enthusiasm.

Happiness grows out of harmonious relationships with others based on attitudes of good will, tolerance, understanding and love.

The master secret of happiness is to meet the challenge of each new day with the serene faith that: "All things work together for good to them that love God."

FROM THE ART OF LIVING BY WILFERD A PETERSON





VOLUNTEER ROLE POSTING **FOOD BANK VOLUNTEER**

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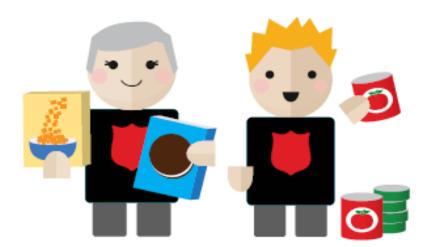
1731 29 Street SW

Time Commitment:

12 - 3 pm every Friday

Working Conditions:

West Campus



Role Purpose Summary:

Are you looking for a way to meet new people while doing good for others? This volunteer role is a unique opportunity to help provide an immediate response to hunger in your community. As a food bank volunteer, you will ensure proper distribution of food items and assist with food packing for client pick up.

You will have an opportunity to handle activities associated with the food bank while working with a great team. Volunteering at a Salvation Army food bank is a rewarding and meaningful way to help your community thrive.

Key Accountabilities:

- Paying detailed attention to food labels and expiration dates
- Receiving and unloading food items
- Putting food items away on shelves or storage area.
- Rotating food items to use fresh before expiration's
- Adhere to confidentiality

For more information please contact: volunteer.services@salvationarmycalgary.org



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Blood donation events

Acadia Recreation Complex

240- 90th Ave SE Rose Hall

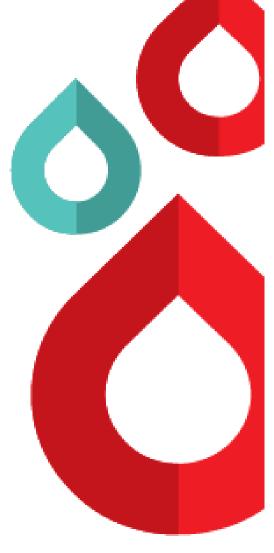
Thursday, June 9 Saturday, June 25

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Donor Event - 100 Donors Needed Appointments are required during Covid-19

Join Canada's Lifeline

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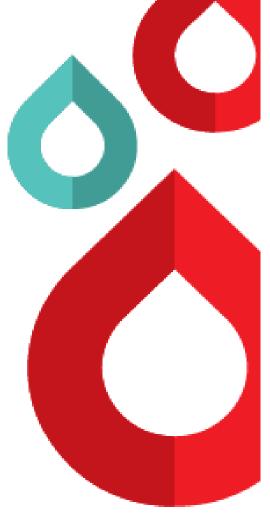
Lake Bonavista

Community Association

1401 Acadia Dr SE Gymnasium

Saturday, June 11 9:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Donor Event - 100 Donors Needed Appointments are required during Covid-19



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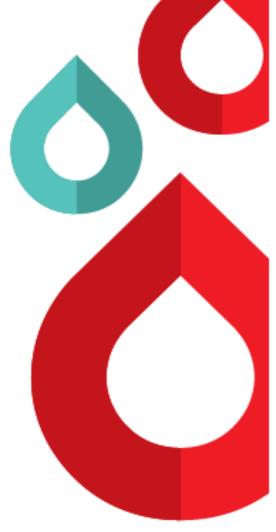
Donate blood

Acadia Recreation Complex

240- 90th Ave SE Rose Hall

Thursday, June 23 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Donor Event - 100 Donors Needed
Appointments are required during Covid-19



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Bishop's Message by Bishop Larry Kochendorfer



June 2022 Message for Congregations and Lay and Rostered Leaders

Dear Beloved of God -

While on Sabbatical I experienced the prompting of the Spirit to enter a time of listening across our Synod. I wasn't sure of the shape that this would take, but I was committed to engaging in some sort of listening exercise.

For several days in March and April and 1 day in May I met one-on-one with each active rostered pastor and deacon in our Synod, as well as a handful of retired pastors – nearly 80 conversations.

Each listening exercise lasted 30 minutes and I took copious notes (I typed with fury) as each responded to 3 questions:

Now, following 2+ years of COVID:

- How are you feeling in body? in your mind? in spirit? in your place of ministry?
- 2) What is/what has been life-giving for you...sustaining your hope and resiliency? Both in day-to-day living and in ministry?
- 3) As you consider the near future what is your greatest concern/challenge for yourself? for ministry?

I was privileged – honored – to hear from pastors and deacons. Thank you to each for your time, for your sharing, for your vulnerability, for your frankness.

My next step is to prepare a report for our Synod Council who will meet in September. I anticipate that they will want to share this report, perhaps in an abbreviated format, with our Synod. I also anticipate that as the Synod Council receives and is in conversation regarding this report that they will consider future ministry within our Synod based on the report and shaped by our Synod's mission priorities, including the prioritizing of ministry.

Next, I will be entering a listening exercise with lay members of our Synod. Those who have been a part of our Synod's monthly Zoom conversation with lay members across our Synod will be invited to meet with me for a one-on-one conversation.

Other lay members will be invited to respond to a brief survey which will be made available to all who are subscribed to our Synod's e-newsletter, Wednesday's Word. Please feel free to

Bishop's Message (continued)

forward the link to the survey to other lay members of your congregation's council, congregational committee members, etc., all who are in leadership roles in your congregation.

Won't you participate?

A report will be prepared from this listening exercise (the one-on-one conversations and the survey responses), shared with Synod Council, and, I anticipate, shared in an abbreviated version with our Synod.

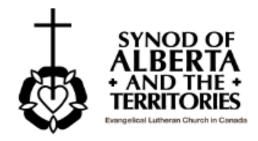
As with the report from the listening exercise with rostered pastors and deacons, this report will inform our Synod Council's consideration of future ministry, shaped by our Synod's mission priorities, including the prioritizing of ministry.

Please join me in prayer:

Holy God, we pray for our church as we continue to engage in renewal: that the Spirit would guide us and enlighten us, and that in living into a renewed vision of the church we may all be strengthened for ministry in and for our church, and in and for our world. We give you thanks for the gift of being called through baptism. Bless the church with faithful pastors, deacons and laity. Inspire us all to pattern our lives on our Lord Jesus Christ, in gratitude to you and in service to others. Grant us courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to others. Amen. (Adapted from EvLW, pg 74)

In Christ Jesus – Shalom, +Larry

"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





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