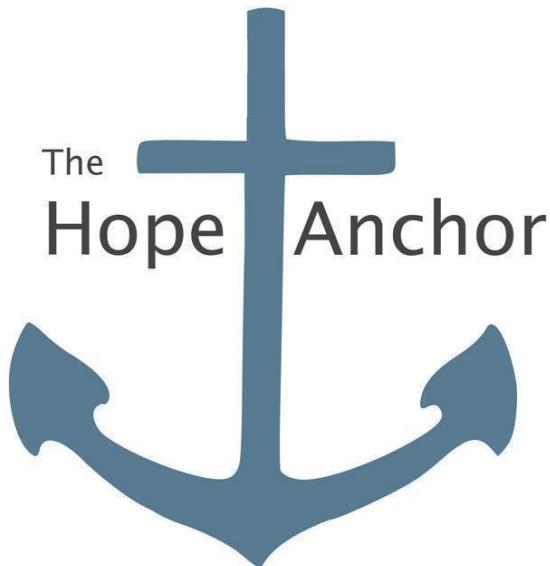


# FEBRUARY 2026



## ONLINE SERVICE DETAILS

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Connection Details for SUNDAY MORNINGS @ 10:00 a.m.

**ALL SERVICES ARE LIVE-STREAMED THROUGH OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL**

which can be found through Hope Lutheran's website: <https://www.hopelutheran.ca/>

Connecting by phone:

1. Dial 587-328-1099
2. Then press 487-603-306 #
3. Press # again.

### Zoom

To watch our service on Zoom, click the button on our home page  
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**ZOOM is ONLY active when the service is in progress.**

# Pastor's Page

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## Moving Forward in Faith

***The Lord went in front of them...to show them the way. -Exodus 13:21***

***Trust in the Lord with all your heart...and he will make straight your paths. -Proverbs 3:5-6***

***Faith is the courage to let go of what we know and step into what God is doing. -Soren Kierkegaard***

Lent is often described as a season of reflection, repentance, and renewal. We remember Jesus' journey toward the cross, and we examine our own hearts along the way. But Lent is not only about looking inward or backward. Lent is also about moving forward in faith.

The road to the cross was not easy for Jesus. It was marked by opposition, misunderstanding, and suffering. Yet Jesus continued forward, trusting God's purpose and God's promises. His journey reminds us that faith is not about standing still. Faith is about following—sometimes through uncertainty, sometimes through struggle, but always with hope.

As we begin this Lenten season, many of us carry our own burdens. We may be navigating change, grief, doubt, or exhaustion. We may feel unsure about what lies ahead for our families, our church, or our world. Lent invites us not to retreat in fear, but to move forward with trust.

Moving forward in faith does not mean we have everything figured out. It means we take the next faithful step, even when the whole path is not yet clear. It means we keep praying, serving, forgiving, and loving—because we believe God is still at work.

During Lent, we practice spiritual disciplines like prayer, fasting, and generosity not to earn God's love, but to make room for it. These practices help us let go of what weighs us down and refocus on what truly matters. They remind us that God's grace is enough for every step of the journey.

Most importantly, Lent points us toward the cross—and beyond it. The cross is not the end of the story. Resurrection is coming. Hope is coming. New life is coming. That promise gives us courage to keep moving forward, even when the road feels difficult.

As a church, we move forward together. We walk with one another. We support one another. We trust that God is leading us into new possibilities, deeper faith, and renewed purpose.

May this Lenten season be a time when we listen more closely to God's voice, open our hearts more fully to God's grace, and step forward with confidence in God's love.

Wherever you find yourself on the journey, know this:

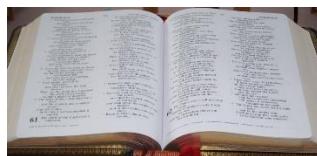
God is not finished with you yet.

Let us move forward in faith—together.

Pastor Greg



## Lent 2026 Sermon Series – Moving Forward in Faith



*Lent is a journey—not just toward the cross, but toward deeper trust in God. This series invites us to reflect on how we move forward in faith even when the road is uncertain, challenging, or unfamiliar. Each week we will focus on a different aspect of faithful movement: trust, repentance, courage, service, and hope.*

### **February 18 - Ash Wednesday “Turning Toward God”**

Text: Joel 2:1–2, 12–17; Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

Theme: We move forward by turning back to God.

### **February 22 - Lent 1 “Trusting God in the Wilderness”**

Text: Luke 4:1–13 (Jesus’ temptation)

Theme: Faith grows when we trust God in hard places.

### **March 1 - Lent 2 “Stepping Out in Trust”**

Text: Genesis 12:1–4a; John 3:1–17

Theme: Faith means stepping forward, even when the path is unclear.

### **March 8 - Lent 3 “Letting Go of What Holds Us Back”**

Text: Luke 13:1–9 (The fig tree)

Theme: Growth comes when we let go.

### **March 15 - Lent 4 “Walking in the Light”**

Text: John 9:1–41 (Healing of the man born blind)

Theme: Faith opens our eyes to God’s presence.

### **March 22 - Lent 5 “Trusting God with What We Love”**

Text: John 12:1–8 (Mary anoints Jesus)

Theme: Faith is expressed through generous love.

### **March 29 - Palm Sunday “Following Jesus to the Cross”**

Text: John 12:12–16

Theme: Faith follows Jesus, even to hard places.

### **April 2 - Maundy Thursday “Moving Forward Through Service”**

Text: John 13:1–17, 31b–35

Theme: Love is an action verb.

### **April 3 - Good Friday “Trusting God in the Darkness”**

Text: John 18–19

Theme: Hope in the midst of suffering.

### **April 4 - Easter Sunday “Moving Forward with Hope”**

Text: John 20:1–18

Theme: Hope carries us forward.

## MESSAGE FROM CHURCH COUNCIL

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As we move through February, it feels like Hope is standing right on the cusp of change. There's a lot happening—some of it exciting, some of it stretching—and all of it important for the life we are growing together as a community of faith.

One very practical and hopeful step forward is that Council is beginning the process of hiring a Manager of Operations for the church. This role will help bring greater coordination, sustainability, and support to the day-to-day life of Hope, and will relieve pressure that has been carried by staff and volunteers for a long time. If you know someone who might be a great fit—or if you're part of networks where this posting might land well—we'd be grateful if you would share the job posting on our website with friends, family, and colleagues.

I also want to take a moment to thank our staff for their patience, flexibility, and good humour over the past several months. There have been times when it has felt like we've been wandering in the wilderness—perhaps starting a little early, given that Lent doesn't officially begin until later in February. Your steadiness, care for this community, and willingness to keep showing up while we figured out next steps has not gone unnoticed, and we are deeply grateful.

Council has also been working carefully on the proposal that would see members of Unity join Hope. This is a significant moment, and we know it comes with many different feelings. We invite everyone to read the proposal thoughtfully and to talk with a member of Council about your hopes, expectations, questions, fears, or curiosities—whatever is coming up for you. These conversations matter, and your voice matters, as we discern what faithfulness looks like in this season.

February is also an exciting milestone in our broader discernment journey. Our visioning process is wrapping up this month with the naming of our core values and a vision statement that will guide the work of Council—and the life of our congregation—over the next five years. We're deeply grateful to everyone who has participated, reflected, and shared along the way.

I also want to recognize and thank Marianne and Gretchen for the tremendous work they've done in developing a new facility use and rental policy. This work supports good stewardship of our building while helping Hope remain a welcoming, sustainable presence in our wider community.

As we look ahead, I want to extend an invitation to anyone who feels called to help shape Hope's future to consider serving on Council. This is a meaningful way to contribute to the direction and health of our community during an important season of transition and possibility. If you're curious, discerning, or would simply like to learn more about what Council service involves, I'd love to talk with you.

Change can bring many emotions at once—excitement, hope, nervousness, grief, curiosity, even fear. All of those responses are human, and all are welcome here. My hope is that we continue to meet one another with honesty, grace, and generosity as we take these next steps together. Thank you for being part of this community, for staying engaged, and for walking faithfully into what's next—for Hope, and for one another.

With gratitude,  
Anne Harding, Hope Lutheran Church Council Chair

## **Naming Our Core Values & Celebrating Our Community – February 1**

Everyone who sees themselves as part of the Hope community is invited to stay after worship on Sunday, February 1 for an interactive congregational gathering and lunch.

Reflecting on what it means to be unapologetically Lutheran, we will help prioritize the core values that will guide our life and decisions in the years ahead. Input will help shape a five-year vision that the congregation will be invited to vote on at the AGM on February 22.

**Next Council Meeting – Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:45pm.**

# **Hope Lutheran Church AGM**

## **Sunday, February 22 11:00am**

**ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.**

Come for worship at 10am and then kick off the AGM with coffee and muffins!

The 2025 AGM report will be available February 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **Properties and Facilities Update**

Hope Council has been working diligently with our PreK renters to support their transition into a licensed daycare operating within our church facility. In order to make this endeavor a reality, we will be installing a fence around the side yard outside of the PreK entrance, providing a safe and secure outdoor space for the children.

Additionally, signs will be installed on three parking stalls at the east end of the building, near the kitchen door. These signs will reserve these three parking spaces exclusively for Pre-K parents for pickup and drop off, from 8:00 AM until 6:00 PM on weekdays only.

Members of Council have also been working on a facility rental policy. This policy will ensure Hope is operating rentals within CRA guidelines while helping us make better use of our biggest asset: our building. In an era of ever-rising costs, we aim to proactively ensure that our various renters are meaningfully contributing to the maintenance and care of our church property. Even more importantly, it is our ultimate “hope” to align our rentals more emphatically with our mission. We are asking ourselves, how can sharing our space with community groups and nonprofits work in tandem with witnessing Jesus’s love to the world? Do you have thoughts on this topic? Feel free to share them with Council!

~ Marianne Astle & Gretchen Albers

## OFFICE NEWS

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### OFFICE HOURS

**Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9am – noon**

The office will be closed on Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup> for Family Day.

### 2025 DONATION TAX RECEIPTS

The 2025 Donation Tax Receipts have been printed and they will be placed in your church mailbox.

*Please be sure to update any changes to your mailing address, phone numbers or email addresses with the church office.*

*Also, if you'd like to be added to our birthday list, provide your birthdate!*

*Another great idea is to provide the church office with an emergency contact number (family or close friend). We'd like to have that on file, just in case.*

## WORSHIP NEWS

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Lent is upon us. We will have communion every Sunday throughout Lent.

### NEW WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

Typically, the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month, these services are non-communion, a bit shorter and include more music. Please join us February 22.

### SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

**February 17<sup>th</sup>**

Supper will be served from 5:30 – 6:30pm with a short service to follow. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Confirmation students and their families will be helping with supper.

### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

**February 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am (following Bible Study)**

### THE GATHERING TABLE

**WEDNESDAYS throughout Lent**

**The first one will be held February 25 and then will continue throughout March on March 4, 11, 18, & 25.**

A simple supper of soup and bread will be served at 5:30pm, followed by a short reflective service at 6:30pm each week. We'll try to get 5 people making soup for each Wednesday. There is a signup sheet on the Nurturing Connections board – please sign up to bring soup or bread, or to help with clean-up. Compostable bowls will be used, so clean up will be minimal. GF and Vegan options are available. *All are welcome. Please invite your family, friends and neighbours.*

# Holy Week



**MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE – APRIL 2 – SERVICE AT 7:00PM**

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE – APRIL 3 – 10:00AM**

**EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE – APRIL 5 – 10:00AM**

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Please contact the church office to sign up. After you sign up for a day, please remember to include \$50 payment in your offering envelope or you may e-transfer payment directly to the church. Please mark that it is for Flowers and the date you signed up for.

## **WORSHIP AT VARSITY MANOR**

Wednesday, February 12 at 1:15 pm. Please join us to help with singing.

Varsity Manor - 5353 Crowchild Trail NW

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

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### **KIDS CAMP SUNDAY**

Thank you to Advent for hosting Kids Camp Sunday on January 25.

The next Kids Camp Sunday will be held on **March 1** at Hope Lutheran Church. Contact Zena to volunteer!

### **CONFIRMATION**

Hope, Advent and Church of the Cross hold their confirmation classes together. The confirmands have enjoyed getting to know each other; having a larger group makes for better discussions and more fun activities. They had a great time at the Confirmation Retreat January 30<sup>th</sup> weekend at Camp Kuriakos. Thank you to Pastor Greg, Pastor Aaron and Pastor Lindsey for supporting the confirmands with their spiritual journey.

### **BIBLE STUDY – RELEVANT LUTHERISM**

Every Wednesday at 10am – all are welcome!

# SPIRITUAL LIFE NEWS

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## DAILY BIBLE READINGS – FEBRUARY

Sunday, Feb. 01, 2026: Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Monday, Feb. 02, 2026: Psalm 37:1-17; Ruth 1:1-18; Philemon 1-25;

Monday, Feb. 02, 2026: Presentation of the Lord

Tuesday, Feb. 03, 2026: Psalm 37:1-17; Ruth 2:1-16; James 5:1-6;

Wednesday, Feb. 04, 2026: Psalm 37:1-17; Ruth 3:1-13; 4:13-22; Luke 6:17-26;

Thursday, Feb. 05, 2026: Psalm 112:1-9; Deuteronomy 4:1-14; 1 John 5:1-5;

Friday, Feb. 06, 2026: Psalm 112:1-9; Isaiah 29:1-12; James 3:13-18;

Saturday, Feb. 07, 2026: Psalm 112:1-9; Isaiah 29:13-16; Mark 7:1-8;

Sunday, Feb. 08, 2026: Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Monday, Feb. 09, 2026: Psalm 119:105-112; 2 Kings 22:3-20; Romans 11:2-10;

Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2026: Psalm 119:105-112; 2 Kings 23:1-8, 21-25; 2 Corinthians 4:1-12;

Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2026: Psalm 119:105-112; Proverbs 6:6-23; John 8:12-30;

Thursday, Feb. 12, 2026: Psalm 2; Exodus 6:2-9; Hebrews 8:1-7;

Friday, Feb. 13, 2026: Psalm 2; Exodus 19:9b-25; Hebrews 11:23-28;

Saturday, Feb. 14, 2026: Psalm 2; 1 Kings 21:20-29; Mark 9:9-13;

Sunday, Feb. 15, 2026: Transfiguration Sunday

Monday, Feb. 16, 2026: Psalm 78:17-20, 52-55; Exodus 33:7-23; Acts 7:30-34;

Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2026: Psalm 78:17-20, 52-55; 1 Kings 19:9-18; Romans 11:1-6;

## Lent

Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2026: Ash Wednesday

Thursday, Feb. 19, 2026: Psalm 51; Jonah 3:1-10; Romans 1:1-7;

Friday, Feb. 20, 2026: Psalm 51; Jonah 4:1-11; Romans 1:8-17;

Saturday, Feb. 21, 2026: Psalm 51; Isaiah 58:1-12; Matthew 18:1-7;

Sunday, Feb. 22, 2026: First Sunday in Lent

Monday, Feb. 23, 2026: Psalm 32; 1 Kings 19:1-8; Hebrews 2:10-18;

Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2026: Psalm 32; Genesis 4:1-16; Hebrews 4:14-5:10;

Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2026: Psalm 32; Exodus 34:1-9, 27-28; Matthew 18:10-14;

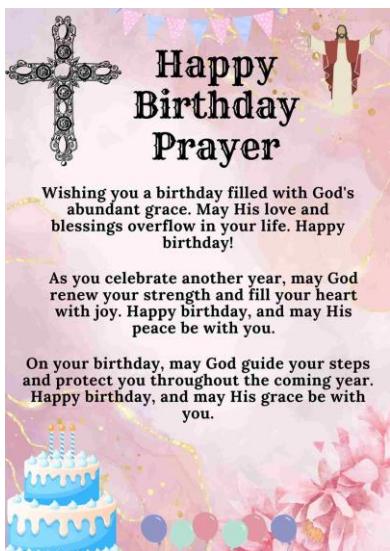
Thursday, Feb. 26, 2026: Psalm 121; Isaiah 51:1-3; 2 Timothy 1:3-7;

Friday, Feb. 27, 2026: Psalm 121; Micah 7:18-20; Romans 3:21-31;

Saturday, Feb. 28, 2026: Psalm 121; Isaiah 51:4-8; Luke 7:1-10;

## BIRTHDAYS

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February 1 – Tina Linder	February 15 – Len Christensen
February 2 – Erik Linder	February 17 – Joanne Seminuk
February 11 – Jane Henderson	February 19 – Byron Bergh
February 12 – Brenda Zimmer	February 20 – Kathy Lee
February 13 – Sharon Alcock	February 21 – Tracy Syro
February 13 – Marilyn Haugen	February 23 – Paul Scholz

## FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

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This group meets the first Saturday of each month, 8:30am at Cora Brentwood, so if you can't make this one, hope to see you next time! Please contact Robert: [robert.hiebert@gmail.com](mailto:robert.hiebert@gmail.com) for details.

Upcoming dates: February 7<sup>th</sup>, March 7<sup>th</sup>

### MINDFUL MOVEMENTS EXERCISE & BALANCE CLASS

Mindful Movements Exercise & Balance Class with Physiotherapist Tonia Wood

Tuesdays, 11:30am – 12:30pm. February 10th is the last class in the current session.

### NEW SESSION

Tuesdays 11:30-12:30 February 24 to March 24.

\$40, physiotherapy receipt provided. (No charge for nonagenarians).

Contact [toniawood10@icloud.com](mailto:toniawood10@icloud.com) to try a class.

### WORK OF ART

Thursday mornings from 10am – noon.

Do you have an art project at home you just never seem to get to? Bring whatever project you are working on and join in the conversation while to work on your project while enjoying the company of others.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

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**Ushers needed** for Sunday mornings. Please contact Zena to sign up for a day or two!

**Coffee clean-up** ..... Things were smooth sailing for a while.... but once again there are several blank spaces on the coffee set up/ clean-up poster. Please have a look and take a turn. You never have to do this job alone – ask someone who's sipping a coffee to lend you a hand!

## **SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS**

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### **STITCHING FOR HOPE - Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am**

This group meets at 10 am every Tuesday morning to do a little stitching while enjoying some great fellowship (and often coffee and treats). Can't stitch? No problem, come for the visit!

### **CHARITY OF CHOICE FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY - Inn from the Cold**

Hope Lutheran has a long-standing relationship with this charity. For over 27 years, Inn from the Cold has supported families in finding stability during times of crisis. They empower independence and foster resilience, guided by their belief that every child and family should have a safe and stable place to call home.



## MINISTRY PARTNERS



# Giving Thanks..

2025-2026

Recognizing and giving Hope Lutheran Church gratitude for their generous support of Campus Ministry!



Thank you for your faithful support of Lutheran Campus Ministry. Over the past year, the ministry has offered deep pastoral care-accompanying students through loneliness, mental health crises, hospitalization, and family strain, and reminding them they are not alone. Weekly programs such as Women's Circle, along with retreats and special events, have provided spaces for community, prayer, and honest conversation, even as the community has navigated grief and shifting partnerships. Behind the scenes, careful planning, staff support, and grant applications have helped sustain this work. Your prayers and generosity make this life-giving ministry with students possible and deeply appreciated.

**“Everything that is done in  
the world is done by hope.”**  
– Martin Luther



## Upcoming Kuriakos events and more:

For more information about these events, visit their website - [kuriakos.ab.ca](http://kuriakos.ab.ca)

Summer camp registration is now open! Please see the Kuriakos website for all the details, but note that there is:

- \$20 discount if you register by **February 15<sup>th</sup>**
- \$25 discount for additional campers (siblings)

<https://kuriakos.ab.ca/programs/summer-camps>



**Summer Staff Applications due - Feb 15 ----->**

<https://kuriakos.ab.ca/about/careers>

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## SWARM

The volunteers of SWARM, along with many Canadians, are concerned for the future of Ukrainian evacuees who fled hostilities in their homeland, seeking safety and stability. Canada graciously provided a sanctuary for them through the CUEAT program which initially had a 3-year period which has since been extended with conditions. The conditions of the extensions are strenuous and costly and exclude many people. During that time, they have become an important part of our communities, filling essential jobs, starting businesses, paying taxes and building new, safe lives alongside us as neighbours, colleagues and friends. However, by not being considered refugees, these evacuees may eventually be required to leave Canada despite living, working and integrating here for several years.

We want to encourage the Canadian Government to develop a special program/pathway for Ukrainian evacuees to obtain Permanent Residency in Canada.

SWARM has created a template letter to our government officials highlighting the [Urgent Need for a Permanent Residency Pathway for Ukrainian Evacuees in Canada](#).

Click this link or contact your church office to receive the template.

Thanks for your consideration!

Marla Mulloy  
Chair, SWARM

[Link for letter template](#) (should automatically download the letter)

# FROM THE WIDER CHURCH

## Bishop Trish's February Messages



February 2026

Dear friends in Christ.

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ALBERTA  
AND THE  
TERRITORIES

### Why do we exist?

That's a question I asked as we turned the corner to 2026. It's a missional question, an identity question, a purpose question!

Because of our theological approach, Lutherans have a unique perspective of the Gospel, and thereby an important contribution to make to peoples' lives and to society. "Justification by grace" isn't a cute slogan from our historical roots, but is a thread that has run through the history of God's people right up to this moment. In a world that measures worth by productivity, popularity, wealth, military might, gender or skin colour, Lutherans proclaim that our value is not earned but is a gift.

What this does for us is to open our hearts to the lives of others and to all creation. We learn compassion, forgiveness, justice. We learn to collaborate. We work for the common good and not just our own. We care for the earth. We respect our heritage and are active stewards for the future. We know the world isn't easily fixed nor do we imagine that faith shields us from pain. Still, we stand together to proclaim the hope and love of Christ.

This is especially important today. Our lives feel unstable with world events. There is fear and foreboding all around. But remember, as God's children we are secure in a love that knows no end. We always have a place of belonging. We are never alone. Each Sunday in our congregations we remind one another of God's love and faithfulness, and we encourage one another to lead tenacious and committed lives shaped by that love.

Today is a day to lean into our baptismal promises. Do you remember those?

*To live among God's faithful people, hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, serve all people following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.*

That's a recipe for a changed world and a clear answer to the question I first posed above.

May God bless you in living out or anticipating your baptism. May you know Jesus is beside you in the journey of life. May the Holy Spirit energize and encourage you to courageously stand firm in love.

Bishop Trish Schmermund

Rev. Trish Schmermund, Bishop

Synod of Alberta and the Territories

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

## REFLECTION & FUN

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### EARLY SCHOOL DAYS REFLECTIONS – Kathy Lee

The first school I attended was a one-room country school tucked in the southeast corner of my paternal grandfather's farm. Grandpa had given this piece of land for a school to be built so the children in the community could get an education. For some reason the pastor of Bethany Lutheran (the church we attended) declared the school should be named Bethany as well. (The church was only a mile away, as the crow flies.) Despite some opposition to the pastor's choice, he prevailed and so it was that Bethany School District 4750 was born. Originally it housed grades one to nine.

When I started school in 1950, I was 7 months past my sixth birthday. By then there were only six grades. Kids who were born before the end of December were allowed to start school in September, but those who were born after that, like myself, born in February, had to wait until the next school year. In a student body of 24 I was the only girl in grade one. My classmates were Larry, Lee, and Kenny.

Bethany School's entrance was a step above ground level with stairs inside that led up to a landing, a cloakroom and the classroom with six large windows on the east side. There was a library in the back corner on the west side, with bookshelves and storage cupboards for the year's supplies needed by the teacher: foolscap, chalk (white and coloured), blackboard brushes, ink and hectograph materials, plus exercise books, pencils, erasers, etc. for pupils.

The school had a full basement with a wood/coal furnace and a coal bin. A storage area under the stairs was a good hiding place for a game of *Hide and Seek*. During the winter, when it was too cold to play outside, the basement was the play area at recess and noon hour. Some of the girls played jump rope, the boys, marbles. The younger girls often brought their dolls from home and played with them in the cloakroom. Kids also played *Hangman* on the blackboard or took to the library to find books they could read at their desk. That was my favourite activity and the beginning of my lifelong love of stories.

The outbuildings consisted of a barn, a wood shed, two outhouses and a tiny, two-room teacherage. In Bethany's early days, students who lived beyond walking distance rode horses to school, hence the need for a barn. With its pitched roof it was perfect for playing *Anti-I-Over*. The wood shed was near the barn and, over time, the soil around it had sunk. When the snow melted in the spring, a huge puddle of water collected in the low spot. It was the main attraction at recess when we could try out our new rubber boots, wading in to see how far we could go without the water overtopping them. I risked wading too far once and my boots filled with water. My stockings were soaked, never mind the boots. The puddle was even more inviting when there was a thin layer of ice that formed overnight. We'd try sliding on it, but it usually broke into pieces. Well, just go wading then. Oh, oh! I slipped on a piece of ice and my feet went out from under me. This time it was more than wet stockings. I was soaked to the skin from the waist down. There was no hope for it; my parents couldn't be contacted to rescue me with dry clothes. The teacher had a phone but nobody else did. I had to sit on a bench at the back of the room in front of the heat register to dry out- a miserable afternoon. I don't remember that being completely successful. More likely I was probably still quite damp when it was time to go home.

The school yard, with its three swings and two teeter-totters, had never been cultivated. It was raw prairie, with gophers and gopher holes all over and ball/pincushion cactuses along the barbed wired fence line. We loved their pretty pink blooms because that meant cactus berries when the blossoms dried up. We'd pull them out and suck the contents between our teeth. They tasted a lot like modern-day kiwi fruit. Delicious! We saw killdeer and meadowlarks every spring, and cliff swallows came each year to build their mud nests under the eaves of the school's south wall. One day a group of boys

made an astonishing discovery: a meadowlark's nest on the ground. They called the rest of us over to take a look. It was the most incredible thing we had ever seen, an engineering marvel in its construction: long grass swirled into a dome over a clutch of eggs. We were awestruck, simply speechless. To this day I have never forgotten the sight of that exquisite avian masterpiece.

## BIBLE SWEETHEARTS

### Match Game

Connect the men on the left to their sweethearts on the right.

1. ADAM	&	_____	A. SARAH
2. JOSEPH	&	_____	B. NAOMI
3. SAMPSON	&	_____	C. REBECKAH
4. ABRAHAM	&	_____	D. RACHEL
5. ZACHARIAS	&	_____	E. JEZEBEL
6. BOAZ	&	_____	F. SAPPHIRA
7. URIAH	&	_____	G. DRUSILLA
8. NABAL	&	_____	H. EVE
9. JACOB	&	_____	I. MARY
10. AHAB	&	_____	J. DELILAH
11. FELIX	&	_____	K. ABIGAIL
12. HEBER	&	_____	L. BATHSHEBA
13. ISAAC	&	_____	M. RAHAB
14. ANANIAS	&	_____	N. RUTH
15. ELIMELECH	&	_____	O. JAEEL
			P. ELISABETH



# Lent Word Scramble

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PTENAECCR \_\_\_\_\_

SIGTNAF \_\_\_\_\_

MURALEJSE \_\_\_\_\_

TEBYARLA \_\_\_\_\_

NIRES \_\_\_\_\_

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R F U U W P R T R F G Z G P Z M H O E H Y I Z W  
B W D L O T G L A O Q Y Q R S F J L E J J W V S  
O M R K A P X I L J Z Q G A N X F Q U U E M R Z  
S H G M M L T K H Q Y J N I L B A P R A Y S E M  
V G R W O H X R O O T V S S W C I O S Q V P H E  
O Y R G G F Y N E E L E N E I F T C L O O H T E  
N L E D N C Q P V H R Y H Z Q P H D C H R I A J  
D Q D J I R B C O M T E K I N G F G Z N X A F E  
M T E Y T E V S L N T X T Z S Q U L U M W E T N  
K S E O S A B S M P K G I L X U L I I E V P Y O  
O D M W A T W U X X T X E U U B G D S S N N Z Z  
L F E W L O F O U K Z C R F N U A B X E Q W O H  
H G R J R R D E N H V F O R W O S F O N L H R B  
J X X S E Y P G E F O P I E W R J A I Q B B O K  
M O H S V Q X A P Z T N V D N L B O V D G S I Y  
U I C U E H L R K Y A D A N P S N K G I H V O B  
P M O O X E D U B N W A S O Z Z J N B L O I Y Q  
F Q N E R F B O L A M B D W C A D X A C K U G S  
A C Z T Z Y V C G L J L O R D G L K J G G N R K  
Q X L H T D E R W W F H V M X R U D B T G G Y K  
R R E G N E Q M Q R L Y O J O B C O H F O F M W  
I A Z I S J K F W C H K O U R V M E S Q F H G N  
C K N R X T R U S T W O R T H Y Q T S I R H C W  
G Q X Z A K E Y R A D L G U Q D P U Q A C U O C

redeemer	righteous	king	lamb	healer
faithful	wonderful	lord	holy	savior
christ	creator	father	saviour	trustworthy
pray	praise	worship	everlasting	joy
bible	love	faith	hope	courageous