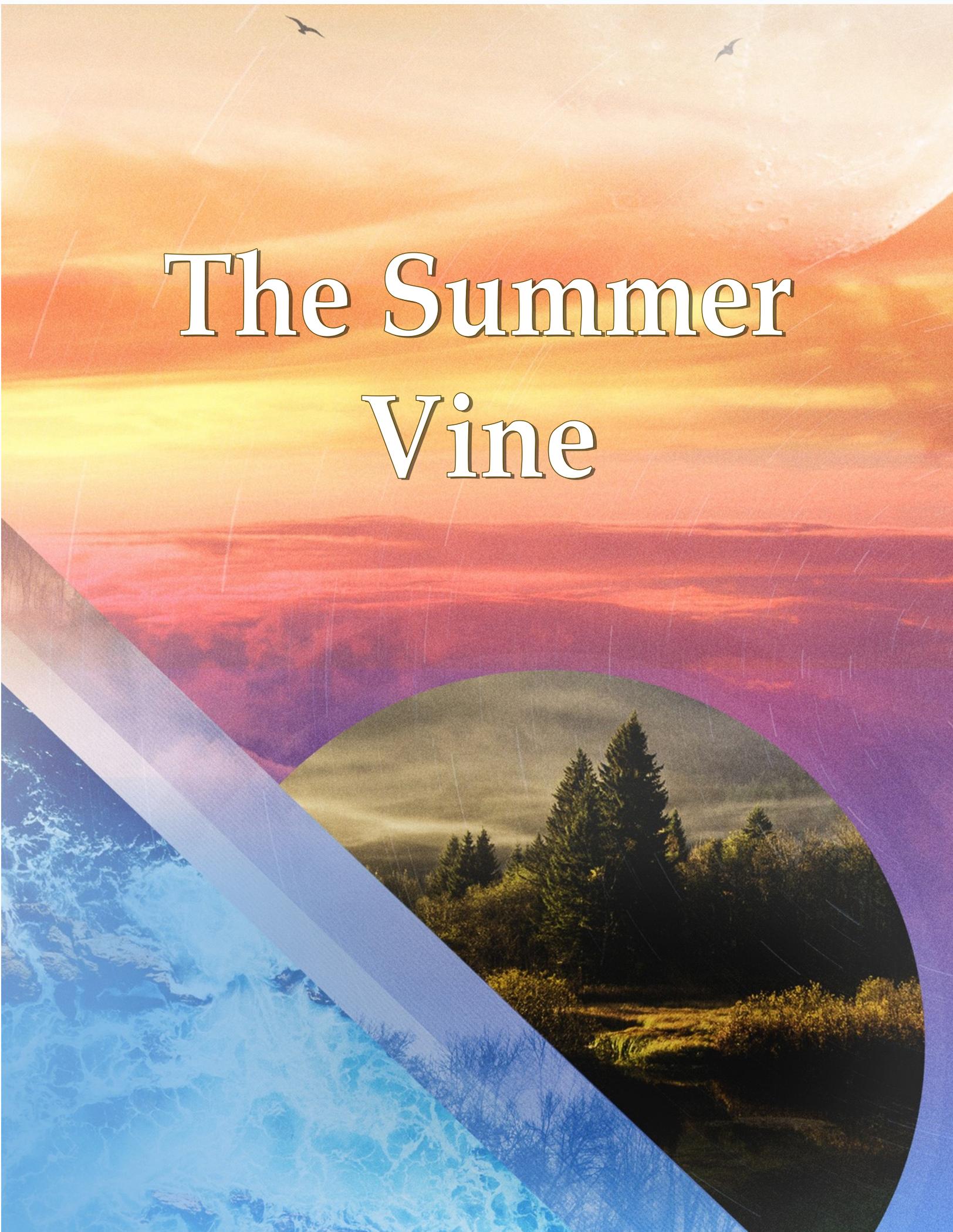


# The Summer Vine



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As of June 22, 2017.

# AGENTS OF GRACE

On July 30<sup>th</sup>, the Rev. Dr. Cam Harder will be retiring as a Professor at the Lutheran Theological Seminary (LTS) in Saskatoon. He has spent 16 years in parish ministry and the last 20 years at LTS. Cam is a remarkably gifted servant leader; humble, gracious and compassionate with a particular passion for the people of the rural farming communities. As he has reflected on his years of teaching at LTS (which is found in this issue of the Vine), he has issued a challenge to all of us to be **agents of grace**.



One example of an opportunity to become an agent of grace can be found in being a part of **Kiva**. This is an international non-profit whose mission is “to connect people through lending to alleviate poverty.” Beginning in 2005, Matt Flannery, Jessica Jackley, Premal Shah and Chelsa Bocci found a way to dispel the myth that people in poverty don’t want to work. “By lending as little as \$25, anyone can help a borrower start or grow a business, go to school, access clean energy or realize their potential. 100% of every dollar that is loaned goes directly to the individual, family or community group which one can choose from a fairly long list of those in need of support to build a business, a dream, a future. The repayment rate is an amazing 97.1%. By lending as little as \$25 (which I started out with a number of years ago), millions of lenders have created “a pool of patient capital,” which can come in handy when funding is not available.

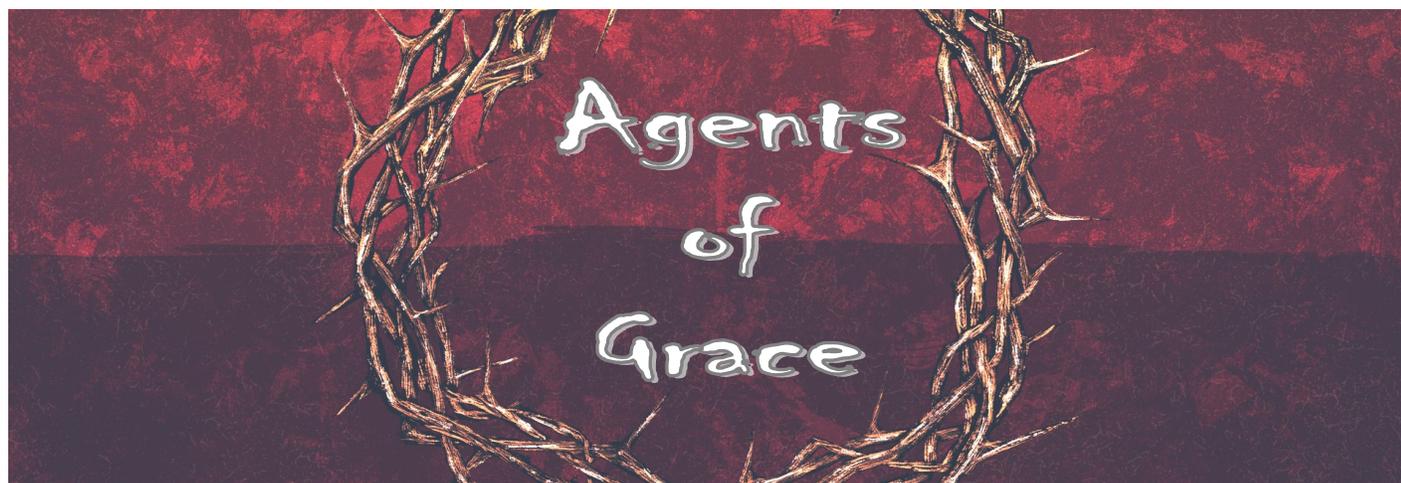
There are now 1.6 million lenders funding \$1 million in loans **every 3 days**. On June 22, 2017 Kiva reached a significant milestone: **\$1 billion in lending to 2.4 million borrowers in 84 countries!** There are now t-shirts that proclaim “\$1 Billion in Change”.

Our congregation has a Kiva team, so if you are interested in finding out more or becoming a part of this agency of grace, please let me know.

*“If we Lutheran Christians want to be agents of grace in a world whose future is clouded with ecological collapse, sectarian violence, and economic volatility, we must equip ourselves much better than we have.” (Cam Harder)*

*In love and grace*

*Pastor Lee*



# Reflections on 20 years

Taken from Lutheran Theological Seminary Saskatoon

May & June 2017 Newsletter article:

*Reflections on 20 years as a Professor at LTS by Rev. Dr. Cam Harder*



I'm retiring July 30 and wondering what I can say in a few words after 20 years as a prof at LTS. Here are a couple of thoughts:

My ordination text in 1981 was Ephesians 4: "God's gifts were that some should be ... pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for ministry." "Pastor-teacher" is my calling. For 16 years in the parish I was a teaching pastor, and for 20 years at the seminary I've tried to be a pastoral teacher, connecting our faith stories and core beliefs to the places where people actually live and work.

I joined the LTS faculty in '97 because I was convinced that our Canadian communities need leaders who can provide both good pastoral care and life-giving teaching. To some extent Canadians are out-growing interest in violent, judgemental, anti-science and overly simplistic expression of religion. But we haven't lost the desire to know a gracious God. I've heard it in rural communities, university classrooms and church basements across the country: we long for a mature worldview that can honestly embrace both God and the harsh realities of this suffering world. And at the Truth and Reconciliation gatherings I heard story after story of indigenous lives shattered by the residential school experience. In almost every case those who found healing said that key to their recovery was gracious spiritual care and a better understanding of themselves as people loved by the Creator. They point the way to wholeness for all of us.

So theological education in a pastoral style, as LTS offers it, is more needed than ever. If we Lutheran Christians want to be agents of grace in a world whose future is clouded with ecological collapses, sectarian violence, and economic volatility, we must equip ourselves much better than we have. Canada needs our gifts of healing ritual. It needs people who live an open and daring faith. It needs public, thoughtful conversation on the difficult questions of our day, conversation that connects the best of our theological tradition with the best insights of science, the arts and humanities. Canada needs citizens who live the spirit of Jesus—humble, honest, open to God and the forgotten neighbour, and able to see a future in which God brings real resurrections out of our personal and corporate crucifixions.

In these 36 years I've helped train a few such "agents of grace." I hope that in the years ahead, whatever they bring, I'll learn how to be a better one myself.



Y'ALL ARE INVITED

TO LCOS'S 25TH ★★

# STAMPEDE BREAKFAST



*Sunday, July 16th*

**8am to 10:30am**

CHURCH SERVICE TO FOLLOW AT 11AM

★★★ WITH SPECIAL GUEST

THE REV. DR JULIANNE BARLOW

ASSISTANT TO THE BISHOP FOR MISSION

DONATIONS GO TOWARDS PUT BOOTS TO HUNGER

# THE CLOSING OF ST. JOHN LUTHERAN



After 108 years of ministry in Bridgeland and beyond, St. John Lutheran will be “leaving the building” and ending its call as a congregation on June 25<sup>th</sup>. One can imagine that during the closing worship service there will be much to celebrate and give thanks to God for, plus many tears.

Back in 1909, a group of German-Russian settlers began meeting for “both the purpose of holding service and for discussing the possibility of creating a church.” On July 22<sup>nd</sup> of that year a name was chosen: “*Die Evengelische Lutherische Sankt Johannes Gemeinde Zu Calgary*” (The Evangelical Lutheran Church, St. John’s Congregation in Calgary). The congregation originally met in homes or in the Baptist hall on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Construction of the church began in November 1909.



As St. John Lutheran is concluding its ministry, their outreach continues. They are blessing local Lutheran churches with an expression of generosity. LCOS has now received a wonderful gift of over \$13,000 dollars. We are truly grateful! May we honor the legacy of St. John Lutheran as we prayerfully ponder how best to make use of this amazing gift of grace!



# Youth & Children's Ministry

## Youth Archery Tag

Wednesday, July 19th at 4 pm

Join us for a mid-summer bash! We'll be heading down to the newly opened Archery Games Center for some archery tag! Parents are welcome to join this event, cost is approximately 25\$ per person for a 75 minute session, although the cost can be reduced if we have more than 20 people signed up for the event. Please sign up at least two weeks in advance by contacting Jesse at [youth@oursaviourchurch.ca](mailto:youth@oursaviourchurch.ca).



SAVE THE DATE  
08/25/17 2PM

## Youth Paintball Bash

Friday, August 25th at 2 pm

It's almost back to school time! As a last summer hurrah, we'll be heading outside to play some paintball! Location and cost to be announced soon stay tuned for more details. Parents, you are welcome to join us as well.

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# Vacation Bible School Planning—Help Needed!

## Decorating Fun Bees!

July 20th at 7 pm

July 27th at 7 pm

Do you have a creative mind? Are you great at making tons of different things? We need you to come out and help us get ready for VBS by creating some of the decorations that we'll be using. You could be building a robot, painting cars, or designing backdrops. Bring your own ideas as well!

[youth@oursaviourchurch.ca](mailto:youth@oursaviourchurch.ca).

## VBS Set Up—Saturday August 19th

We need your help! Join us as we set the church up for the coming week of VBS, putting up our decorations all over the building! Time to be announced.

## VBS Set Up and Volunteer Orientation—Sunday August 20th

Join us after the church service to finish setting up for VBS! All helping hands are greatly appreciated. For everyone who will be volunteering during the week, please stick around after the service a little longer for a quick orientation session, where we'll go over some specifics, including schedule, procedures, and much more!



# DECORATING FUN BEE



workshop open:

July 20th at 7pm

July 27th at 7pm

WORKERS NEEDED



## Vacation Bible School Details

Imagine a world where curious kids become hands-on inventors who discover they're lovingly crafted by God. Join us for Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible School!

Thanks to a generous sponsor the cost to families this year is zero! However, we still need help with some supplies. Please see the lobby or website (coming soon) for a list.

We anticipate a full house so please sign-up early to guarantee a spot.

[www.vbsfun.ca](http://www.vbsfun.ca)



The image is a colorful promotional sign for a Vacation Bible School (VBS) event. The background is a dark brown brick wall. On the left, the words "MAKER FUN FACTORY" are written in large, colorful, 3D block letters. Below this, a white sign with a blue border says "Created by GOD Built for a Purpose". The main text on the right reads "August 21-25" in large white letters, followed by "VBS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN" in green and blue letters, and the website "www.vbsfun.ca" in orange. At the bottom, a quote from Jeremiah 29:11 is displayed: "For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord." The sign is decorated with various mechanical elements like gears, pipes, and a bee character. A vertical sign on the right edge says "CREATE" in blue and green letters.

**MAKER FUN FACTORY**  
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**August 21-25**

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*"For I know the plans I have for you,  
says the Lord."  
(Jeremiah 29:11)*

**CREATE**

# Kitchen Renovation

by Katharine Heimbigner-Tenor

Over the next few weeks our kitchen will be undergoing some renovations and re-organization. The main driver of the renovation is the City of Calgary. For many years our kitchen has been “grandfathered” in as it was built to an older set of codes. As of January 2017 all churches and community centres have been required to bring their kitchens up to the new requirements. Below are a list of the major changes.

## External Venting/New Ovens & Range

We will be replacing the two ranges with one new range with a bridging element and a double wall oven to reduce venting requirements. In addition, effective immediately we must never cook any items on the stove top that contains a protein from raw or we will be violation of City of Calgary code.

The new ovens also will have a “steam clean” function. We ask that anyone using the ovens and experience a spill use the “steam clean” setting on the oven. It can be set and run in a short amount of time unlike traditional high heat clean. Instructions will be posted in the kitchen.

## Paper & Other Recycling

The fire inspector requires all bins to be removed from the hallway. The hallway beside the kitchen is a signed emergency exit and must remain clear to avoid a tripping hazard during times of rapid exit.

The mixed recycling will be moved into the kitchen where the garbage presently is. Please watch for signs.

## Pop Bottles

We can no longer store pop bottles in the hallway due to a potential tripping hazard during emergency exit from the building. Effective immediately please do not bring any more pop bottles to the church. If you have an idea on how we might continue to collect bottles without storing them at the church please contact Jesse or Katharine.

## Organic Recycling

Organic recycling will be implemented no later than November 1st as required by by-law. As such, we will be installing organic recycling bins in the kitchen,

## Coffee Grounds Collection

If there is interest we can sort coffee grounds separately from the other organics. If you would like to occasionally pick up grounds for your garden please contact Katharine in the office.

## Fridges

Our fridges are 19 and 10 years old. On busy days with potlucks, funerals and other events we often run out of space in the fridges. We will be replacing the two fridges with one large commercial fridge with glass doors. This will improve ease of use and more importantly increase our food handling safety.

## Recycling The Old Appliances

If you are interested in possibly using any of the old appliances please contact the office immediately. Please be aware that the ovens will require some work. The fridges are in working order.

## Looking To The Future

The kitchen we have at LCOS today is very well laid out. It also is the third edition the building has seen since 1962. This remodel will stay true to the existing layout but reflect changing requirements. Some additional modifications not listed above will be coming in later months through the assistance of a memorial donation received by LCOS. More details will follow.



# Refugee Update

Please remember our refugee families this summer. They would love day trips to Heritage Park, the zoo or Banff would be a wonderful experience for them. They have zoo passes and qualify for a 75% off price reduction at most City of Calgary facilities including Heritage Park.

Need more information? Call Jaqui Anderson at 403-453-4071



# Financials

## Get on PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) at LCOS

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

### **Amounts from PAR can be directed to:**

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

You can give additional amounts and to other purposes via your regular donation envelopes.

The minimum amount to give via this program is a total of \$50.00 per month.

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

## Internet e-transfers & PayPal are also available!

To make a one time or recurring email transfer simply send donations to [donate@oursaviourchurch.ca](mailto: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.

# April Financials

CATEGORY	FUND	2017	2016
	General	\$23,411.00	\$27,436.10
	Initial	\$10.00	\$2.55
	Loose	\$292.88	\$683.80
<b>Budgeted Giving</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$23,713.88</b>	<b>\$28,122.45</b>
	CLWR	\$305.00	
	Urgent Care	\$120.00	
	ELCIC Reformation-Endowment	\$380.00	
	ELCIC Reformation-Trees	\$89.25	
	Refugee Mission	\$25.00	
	Refugee Mission-All Saints	\$195.00	
	Refugee Mission-Cross	\$125.00	
	Refugee Mission-Hope	\$160.00	
	Capital Maintenance	\$215.00	
<b>Designated Giving</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,614.25</b>	<b>\$10,493.50</b>
	Youth Funds	\$70.00	
<b>Non-Receiptable / Credit</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$70.00</b>	<b>\$120.00</b>
	Hot Dog Sunday	\$90.30	
	Rentals	\$615.00	
<b>Other Income</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$705.30</b>	<b>\$1,380.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$26,103.43</b>	<b>\$40,115.95</b>

Pre-Authorized (PAR) giving (included in totals above):

General	\$4,469.00	\$4,469.00
Capital Maintenance	\$70.00	\$70.00
CLWR	\$255.00	\$255.00
# participants	21	21

Number of Sundays	4	5
Average Attendance	173	179

## COMMENTS:

Designated >= \$1000 for 2016 includes:

- CLWR-Ft. McMurray Fire (\$1,165.00)
- Watoto Concert (\$1,343.15)
- Refugee Mission (\$1,580.00)
- Memorial Fund (\$2,350.00)

Cliff Blumhagen  
Financial Secretary

# July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Canada Day
2 10:00 am Service	3 7:00 Al-anon	4 1:00 Games Group	5 7:00 Al-anon	6	7 Stampede Parade	8
9 10:00 Service 11:30 Youth Band Sandwich Sunday	10	11	12 7:00 Al-anon	13	14	15 9:-00 Stampede Set-up  9:30 Youth Band Practice
16 Communion Sunday  <b>8:00 to 10:30 25th Annual Stampede Breakfast</b>  11:00 Service	17	18 1:00 Games Group	19 4:00 Youth Archery  7:00 Al-anon	20 7:00 VBS Decorating	21 6:00 Wedding Rehearsal	22 1:00 Dirk Wedding
23 10:00 Service	24	25	26 7:00 Al-anon 8:15 Al-anon Book Study	27 7:00 VBS Decorating	28	29
30 Communion Sunday  10:00 Service	31					

# August 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 1:00 Games Group	2 7:00 Al-anon	3	4	5
6 Communion Sunday 10:00 am Service	7 Heritage Day	8	9 7:00 Al-anon	10	11	12
13 10:00 am Service Sandwich Sunday	14 7:00 Al-anon	15 1:00 Games Group 7:00 Church Board	16 7:00 Al-anon	17 7:15 Flock Care	18	19 VBS Set-up Time: TBA
20 Communion Sunday 10:00 Worship Service VBS Set-up after Service	21 9:00 VBS	22 9:00 VBS	23 9:00 VBS 7:00 Al-anon	24 9:00 VBS	25 9:00 VBS 2:00 Youth Paintball	26
27 10:00 Worship Service	28 Staff Retreat	29 6:00 Preschool Open House	30 7:00 Al-anon 8:15 Al-anon Book Study	31		