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# The Vine



Growing Our Faith Through Generosity

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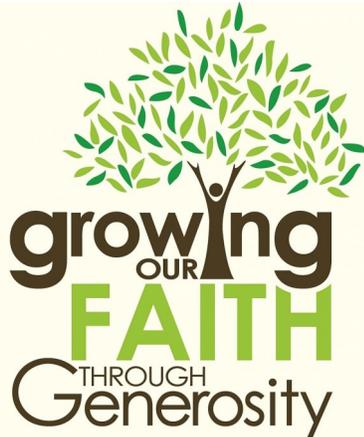
# As of October 25, 2017

# GENEROSITY: LOVE WITH FEET

*"They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous and willing to share." (1 Timothy 6:18)*

Dear Sister and Brothers in Christ:

During the month of November it has traditionally been, for us, a time to focus on, ponder and pray about what it means to be good stewards. And then, on the last Sunday of the church year (Christ the King Sunday), we have had the freedom to make a commitment of giving for the coming year. During our time of worship on that particular Sunday we have taken the opportunity, as the Spirit has led us, to fill out a commitment card as one expression of our gratitude to our generous God.



This year our theme is "Generosity: Love With Feet." On November 5<sup>th</sup>, we will begin a journey of discovery and rediscovery of what it means to be a generous people in today's world. We will be using a devotional book which we are calling "Growing Our Faith through Generosity." Each individual, couple, family will be receiving a copy and encouraged to follow this 29 day venture with 29 authors who will share "practical advice on creative ways" to be generous. In the preface it's noted that: *"This isn't a book exclusively about money or tithing. Generosity goes deeper than our finances. Instead, you'll be encouraged to discover the true meaning of generosity—learning how to give in a way that costs us something."*

In previous years, Stewardship Sunday has been shared during one combined worship service. This year, however, we will share this theme and this worship at both the 9 and 11 am services. Following the second service, since this is the last Sunday of the month, we will gather around the tables in the Fellowship Hall for hot dogs and good conversation.

I would like to invite you to be a part of the joy of learning and growing through 29 days of daily devotions; to come and share in the richness of worship; and to spend time in considering what God is calling you to give.

*"There is a certain joy and completeness that can only be experienced through generosity." ("Growing Our Faith through Generosity")*

To God be the Glory,

Your Brother in Christ,

Pastor Lee

Love With  
Feet

I think it's amazing to see just how busy it has been in Family Ministry over the past few months. We are introducing more and more opportunities for our families to develop and grow close together and with the Lord. This month is no different as we slowly start to transition our focus to the Advent season.

But, before we do that, I would urge everyone to keep the Reformation on their minds. Especially with such a large celebration as the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the tendency would be for the Reformation to slide off the radar. But again, I would urge everyone to remember that the Reformation still matters each and every day.

"The only way the Reformation could possibly not still matter would be if beauty, goodness, truth, joy and human flourishing no longer mattered. We have been made to enjoy God, but without the great truths the Reformers fought for that display Him as glorious and enjoyable, we shall not do so. Seeing less of Him, we shall be lesser and sadder. Seeing more of Him, we shall be fuller and happier. And on that note we should leave the last words to John Calvin.

This is why the Reformation still matters: *"It will not suffice simply to hold that there is One whom all ought to honor and adore, unless we are also persuaded that He is the fountain of every good, and that we must seek nothing elsewhere than in Him...For until men recognize that they owe everything to God, that they are nourished by His fatherly care, that He is the Author of their every good, that they should seek nothing beyond Him – they will never yield Him willing service. Nay, unless they establish their complete happiness in Him, they will never give themselves truly and sincerely to Him."*

Why the Reformation Still Matters by Michael Reeves and Tim Chester pages 211-212 from John Calvin, Institutes, 1.2.1

## Family Event Friday November 17th

Join us for this fun family PA Day Event, and bring your friends along! We'll be watching *The Star* at Shawnessy Landmark Cinemas at the Friday November 17th 12:15pm show time. Make sure to arrive early around 11:45am to reserve your seats! Afterwards, we'll head over to the nearby McDonald's for some special FREE treats! If you bring a friend along, we'll even pay for both you and your friend's ticket (parents have to pay for themselves)! This is a fun Christmas movie, for all ages! Please RSVP if possible!

*In Sony Pictures Animation's THE STAR, a small but brave donkey named Bo yearns for a life beyond his daily grind at the village mill. One day he finds the courage to break free, and finally goes on the adventure of his dreams. On his journey, he teams up with Ruth, a lovable sheep who has lost her flock and Dave, a dove with lofty aspirations. Along with three wisecracking camels and some eccentric stable animals, Bo and his new friends follow the Star and become accidental heroes in the greatest story ever told - the first Christmas.*



# Youth & Children's Ministry

## Operation Christmas Child Work bee Sat, Nov 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am

Come on out as we join the rest of the congregation preparing Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes by packing the boxes full with lots of necessities, and Christmas gifts. What a great way to get into the Christmas spirit ahead of the season!

**YOUTH EVENT** **BUILD-A-BOX**

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

**PACKING PARTY AT LCOS NOV. 18th**  
**10am**

one. shoe box    two.    three.    four.

The graphic features a blue background with a white rounded rectangle in the center. At the top left, it says 'YOUTH EVENT' in red and 'BUILD-A-BOX' in white on a blue banner. Below this is the 'OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD' logo, which includes a red and green circular emblem with a white airplane and the text 'Operation Christmas Child' and 'Samaritan Way'. To the right of the logo is a small illustration of a person packing a box. Below the logo, the text 'PACKING PARTY AT LCOS NOV. 18th' is written in red, with '10am' in red below it. At the bottom, there are four numbered steps: 'one. shoe box' with a shoe box icon, 'two.' with a box containing a teddy bear, 'three.' with a box containing various items, and 'four.' with a box containing a gift. The background of the entire graphic has a subtle pattern of trees.

Join us as we get ready for Christmas

**Saturday**  
**NOV. 18**  
After the work bee

**LCOS**  
**YOUTH BAND**

For more information contact Jesse Ramson youth@oursaviourchurch.ca

The graphic has a blue background with several yellow stars of varying sizes. In the center is a green Christmas tree with a yellow star on top. The text 'LCOS YOUTH BAND' is written in white on the tree. To the left of the tree, the text 'Join us as we get ready for Christmas' is written in white, followed by 'Saturday NOV. 18 After the work bee' in white. At the bottom left, there is a small line of text: 'For more information contact Jesse Ramson youth@oursaviourchurch.ca'.

## Youth Band Sat, Nov 18<sup>th</sup> after the Work bee

Anyone of youth age with a love for music is welcome to join us as we get ready for our special Christmas presentations. Not only do we practice a lot of music, but we have fun doing so!

## The Experiment Christmas Cooking Challenge Fri, Nov 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

Last year we crowned a cake cooking champion group. Can they defend their title or will it be a different group to win our Christmas Cooking Challenge? Special points to the group wearing the most Christmassy aprons!

**YOUTH**  
**CHRISTMAS**  
**COOKING**  
**CHALLENGE**

**FRI. NOV. 24TH . 7PM**

**Who will win this years crown?**  
\*\*Extra points to the group wearing the most Christmassy aprons!

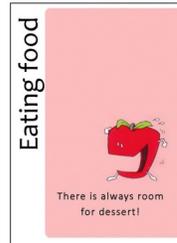
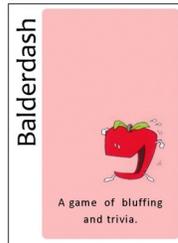
The graphic has a red background with yellow and white bokeh lights. On the right side, there is a yellow crown icon and a black whisk icon. The text 'YOUTH CHRISTMAS COOKING CHALLENGE' is written in large, bold, yellow and white letters. Below this, 'FRI. NOV. 24TH . 7PM' is written in white. At the bottom, there is a line of text: 'Who will win this years crown?' followed by '\*\*Extra points to the group wearing the most Christmassy aprons!'.

# College & Careers

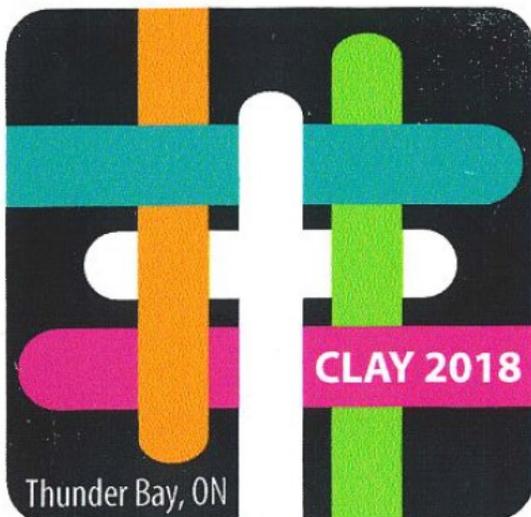
College and Careers  
Game Night  
Sat, Nov 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm

Bring your favourite board or card game to our annual game night! Who will win it all this year??

College and Careers  
**ANNUAL GAMES NIGHT**  
Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup> | 7pm



# threads



Stories are the diverse threads that God weaves together to form the tapestry of our lives. They can be ancient, personal, intimate, and can help us find meaning and purpose. We gather stories from each other and from our surroundings.

Join youth from across Canada at **threads**, where we will learn how to discern our God-given stories.

August 15–19, 2018 / Thunder Bay, ON

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

## With A Grateful Heart

This is a small note with a BIG THANKS for the surprise 70<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration! Your warmth and grace definitely touched my heart. Thanks to Katharine for arranging the out pouring of birthday greetings and words of encouragement. She has parcelled them out day by day throughout this month, so I begin each day with a smile and a grateful heart. Also, the generous gift of a trip to the Grand Canyon for Gretch and me was truly over the top! Our gratitude is deep and wide.

*Love in Christ, Pastor Lee and Gretch*



## Sunday Morning Volunteers

Are you looking for a Sunday morning volunteer opportunity? Would you like to visit with new people?

Would you like to enhance everyone's Sunday morning Worship and fellowship experience?

If the answer is "yes" or "maybe" to any of the above then please take a look at some ideas below:

Altar Care	Hotdog Crew	Choir
Ushers	Children's Ministry	Volunteer Driver
Counters	Youth Ministry	Welcome Desk
Communion Assistance	Computer Operation	
Coffee Duty	Praise Teams	

Training provided to every willing heart. Please contact the office.

# Christmas Choir

A huge thank you to ALL those who came out to sing in the Reformation Choir on Oct. 29. It was without a doubt the mightiest rendition of "A Mighty Fortress" we have ever heard at LCOS! And it was great to see and hear such a large group.

Jesus' story on earth was first announced by a choir (of angels) so why not be part of a long tradition by being part of a special Christmas Choir!?

The special Reformation choir was so successful, we are looking at doing something similar for

Dec 10th at both Services  
Christmas Eve at the 6:00 pm Service.

No experience necessary and attendance at all dates and times are not required. We will have three practices on

Nov 19th at noon  
Nov 26th at 10:00 am  
Dec 3rd at noon

Questions and to RSVP please contact Alex at 403-242-1928 or [mckayfam@telusplanet.net](mailto:mckayfam@telusplanet.net).



## People Are.....

“People are often unreasonable and self-centred. Forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.

If you are honest, people may cheat you. Be honest anyway.

If you find happiness, people may be jealous. Be happy anyway.

The good you do today may be forgotten by tomorrow. Go good anyway.

Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough. Give your best anyway.

For you see, in the end, it is between you and God.

It was never between you and them anyway.”

Mother Teresa



# Veterans

## FOOD DRIVE

**NOV. 5th-12th**  
**Help fill the boxes at LCOS**

**DONATE  
TODAY**

# Unger Update—October 2017



## Cultural Experience:

The local ice cream shop has lovely ice cream cones for less than a dollar Canadian! Favourite flavours from our in-house taste testers are:

Isaac: Chocolate Ripple  
Nathan: Lime  
Aaron: Lime  
Rachael: Passion Fruit  
Paul: Chocolate  
Cathy: Guava

Perhaps not surprisingly, no one chose Purple Yam...

## Please pray with us:

- thank God for the hard work of the participants in the back translation workshop
- pray for good progress in the community checking process of second drafts
- pray for Hannah as she manages 6 courses this semester



It's hard to believe it is October already! A month has already flown past, and in many ways, coming back to the Solomons has been business as usual...

**The business:** Last week Paul held a workshop with a colleague's help, to train the translators how to do "back translation". This is the part of the translation process that gives a consultant—who does not know the Doku language—a window into the text to check it (the *next* part of the translation process!). A consultant usually has experience in a related language and can, through the back translation, identify things in the draft that might need revision. Nouns and verbs, idioms and pronouns (Doku has just under 50 possible pronoun forms!), all need to be marked to show what the translation says. The five Doku translators who participated learned a lot and approached the task with a real seriousness. They are now working to back translate Ruth and Mark.

The business for the rest of us has been school. All the children are doing well in their studies, and all of them enjoy the time when they are free for the day to play outside. Games have included tag, basketball, weaving coconut fronds, climbing trees and tree houses, and swinging on a swing (that has now been removed because of too many injuries)!!

**The usual:** Daily life takes a lot of time: power cuts are common, water shortages still happen, everything seems to need repair, ants *are* taking over the world, shopping involves multiple stores plus the market. Even drinking milk involves getting the powder and mixing a jugful first. Our visa paperwork is finally finished (last Friday of September), but after three days Paul is still struggling to get the paperwork on his motorbike up to date (again multiple offices to take care of registration, a sign shop [to make a license plate], inspection, and insurance).

The days follow a fairly predictable pattern: the sun rises by 6:30am and sets by 6:30pm, the temperatures range between 24° C (early morning) and 35° C (midday), the bird song is bright each morning, the smoke of burning garbage later in the day is toxic. Ships come in and out of the harbour and colleagues come in and out of the country. The words of the Teacher come to mind:

"What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun." Ecclesiastes 1:9

So with Moses we pray:

"Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." Psalm 90:12

With thankfulness for your partnership,

Paul and Cathy

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# Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes



**Nov 12—Sewing kit prep!** Why sewing kits? The kits provide an opportunity for girls in third world countries to gain valuable employment skills. If you would like to purchase items we are looking for: buttons (they don't have to match), needles, straight pins, bobbins of thread and scissors.

**Nov 18— Work bee:** Items needed: pencil sharpeners, notebooks, pencils, erasers and other small school supply items. Small toys such as beach balls, tennis balls, blow up balls and Canada Day items. Items can now be dropped off at the church.



**Questions?** Arianna Tenor has offered to coordinate all donations & planning for this annual event. If you have purchased items, want to volunteer at the work bee, or help with the lunch please contact her at [arianna.tenor@gmail.com](mailto:arianna.tenor@gmail.com).



**COME JOIN US AS WE PACK SHOEBOXES FOR OCC  
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18th at 10am**



# Social Justice In Action

## Foundations of Community Organizing Training

How do we respond to the issues of our time and our communities?

This training provides content based on the philosophy and practices developed by the Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF) in over 70 years of organizing experience. It includes:

- What is community organizing and why use a community organizing approach
- The organizing cycle
- Relational meetings
- Listening sessions
- Problems vs. Issues
- Power *over* vs. Power *with*
- Negotiations and actions to obtain concrete and winnable outcomes

This training is being offered over three evenings. We ask participants to attend all three evenings

**Date:** Monday November 13, 20 and 27 from 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

**Location:** Emmanuel Community Church 3003 28 St SE

**Cost:** Members Free. Non-members \$50 or pay as you are able at the door.

**Register at:** [www.commongoodactions.ca](http://www.commongoodactions.ca)

For More Information Contact  
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By Nov 12th  
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(Jan/Feb, March, April/May, June, July/Aug, Sept, Oct/Nov, Dec)

## CLWR Appeal—Matching Grant from Government of Canada

Since August 2017, more than 600,000 Rohingya people have fled to Bangladesh to escape violence in Myanmar. They join an estimated 300,000 refugees already in Bangladesh who fled previous spikes in violence. Thousands of people are still arriving every day, some having walked 14 days to reach safety. Approximately 80 per cent are women and children.

CLWR has a long history of supporting displaced people around the world... through alliances we are able to provide life-saving assistance to displaced people affected by the crisis in Myanmar.

Canadians have until November 28 to see their donations matched by the Canadian government into a response pool for the Rohingya Crisis. This means your donation will have double the impact!

Donations can be made online or by calling Canadian Lutheran World Relief directly.



# Persons Are Gifts

Persons are gifts which the creator sends  
Some are wrapped very beautifully:  
They are attractive when I first see them.

Some come in ordinary wrapping paper.  
Others have been mishandled in the mail.

Once in a while there is a “special delivery”.  
Some persons are gifts which come very loosely wrapped;  
Others very tightly.

It is so easy to make this mistake.  
Sometimes the gift is very easy to open.  
Sometimes I need others to help.  
Is it because they are afraid? Does it hurt?  
Maybe they have been opened up before and thrown away?

I am a person. Therefore I am a gift, too!  
A gift to myself, first of all.  
The creator gave myself to me.  
Have I really looked inside the wrapping? Afraid to?  
Perhaps I've never accepted the gift that I am...  
Could it be that there is something else inside the wrappings than what  
I think there is?  
Maybe I've never seen the wonderful gift that I am?  
Could this gift be anything but beautiful?  
I love the gifts which those who love me give me.  
Why not this gift from God?

Am I a gift to other persons?  
Am I willing to be given by God to others?  
Do others have to be content with the wrapping  
never permitted to enjoy the gift?  
Friendship is a relationship between persons who see themselves as they  
really are:  
Gifts of God to each other for others – brothers, sisters,  
Persons are gifts,  
Gifts received and gifts given.

Adapted from a poem by  
Rev. George Nintemann, O.P.



## Movie Lovers



**November 24th at 7:00 pm**

Join us for this animated comedy that encourages us to find  
the music inside each one of us!

## 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.

# October Financials

CATEGORY	FUND	2017	2016
	General	\$32,574.00	\$30,705.25
	Initial		\$130.00
	Loose	\$576.15	\$512.95
<b>Budgeted Giving</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$33,150.15</b>	<b>\$31,348.20</b>
	CLWR	\$255.00	
	LTS Theological Seminary	\$5.00	
	Samaritan's Purse	\$110.00	
	Refugee Mission	\$195.00	
	Refugee Mission-Hope	\$50.00	
	Memorial Fund	\$240.00	
	Capital Maintenance	\$20.00	
	Other	\$25.00	
<b>Designated Giving</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$900.00</b>	<b>\$12,028.30</b>
	Cost Recovery	\$390.00	
	Youth Funds	\$70.00	
<b>Non-Receiptable / Credit</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$460.00</b>	<b>\$85.00</b>
	Hot Dog-Reformation Scholarships	\$353.95	
	Rentals	\$816.00	
	MOPS Closing	\$4,224.36	
<b>Other Income</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,394.31</b>	<b>\$988.84</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$39,904.46</b>	<b>\$44,450.34</b>
Number of Sundays		5	5
Average Attendance		210	190
Pre-Authorized (PAR) giving (included in totals above):			
	# participants	21	21
	General	\$4,269.00	\$4,469.00
	Capital Maintenance	\$20.00	\$70.00
	CLWR	\$205.00	\$255.00

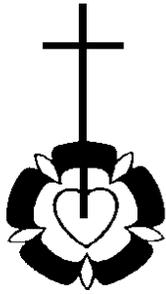
**COMMENTS:**

Designated >= \$1000 for 2016 includes:

Refugee Mission (\$2,440.00)

Cliff Blumhagen  
Financial Secretary

# Bishop's Message



Dear Beloved of God –

The season of Area Gatherings (formerly Conference Conventions) is upon us.

As I write the Northern Area Gathering and the East/West Central Area Gathering have taken place and I am anticipating the South/SW Area Gathering on Saturday (October 21). I value these times when we have the opportunity to gather together as God's people for worship, learning, business, conversation and feasting; and I appreciate those who serve as host congregations (Ascension, Edmonton; Peace, Innisfail; and All Saints, Calgary) and those who

planned and coordinated each Area Gathering.

This year we gathered under the theme: "Celebrate the Promise: Celebrate the Hope" which is a phrase from a hymn I first heard at the 12<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation in Namibia earlier this year.

The text of the hymn is from Bolivia and expresses the reality for those living in the midst of war and misery, violent oppression, doubt and darkness, where every turn seems fraught with new betrayal.

The melody of the verses, in its staccato-like sixteenth notes, creates the image of rapid gun fire piercing all around.

And the melody of the refrain, a complete contrast to the melody of the verses, raises in pitch to a concluding high note emphasizing the text: *the promise of the Lord...where all are free.* (Refrain: *All together we will celebrate the promise of the Lord. All together we will build a world where all are free.*)

I wondered as this theme and hymn were chosen if we could sing it in partnership with those in Bolivia, we who do not know nor live such realities...and then the police officer was stabbed in Edmonton and the shooting took place in Las Vegas and the explosion happened in Mogadishu...and we sang...*though death is everywhere; we can't escape it. We will celebrate the promise. We will celebrate the promise found in Jesus Christ.*

In Christ Jesus –  
Shalom,

+Bishop Larry Kochendorfer

*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*

The hymn: *En Medio de la Guerra: When War and Misery* can be found within the Lutheran World Federation 12<sup>th</sup> Assembly's "Worship, Bible Studies, Hymns": [www.lutheranworld.org/content/resource-lwf-twelfth...](http://www.lutheranworld.org/content/resource-lwf-twelfth...)

Celebrate the promise,  
Celebrate the HOPE



# Connecting Conversations: The Arrival

## Expectation. Preparation. Anticipation. Hope. Longing. And then, Good News!

We have all gone through the process of waiting for something yearned for. It is no different now than it was in days past. Today, as is then, there is the hunger for good news. And finally it arrives - Christ is Coming!

Advent – the season where the we prepare not just for celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, but also for Christ’s second coming, as we remember how our Lord comes to us in our daily lives.

The Lay Academy presents  
CONNECTING CONVERSATIONS: THE ARRIVAL  
“Our Bishops on Advent”



Join Bishop Sid Haugen of the SK Synod, Bishop Larry Kochendorfer of the AB & Territories Synod, Bishop Elaine Sauer of the MNO Synod, and Bishop Greg Mohr of the BC Synod, as they discuss the Advent texts and help us to ‘get ready and remember’. Our four Bishops of the Western Synod will be conversing together with us and one another on the Readings of Advent.

Mark your calendars for November 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> and save the dates!

It will be a time of illuminating insights, learnings, dialogue and more. Bring your Bible and rediscover “The Arrival” again.

The sessions will run from:  
8:30 am to 11:00 am BC/Yukon Time  
9:30 am to 12:00 pm AB/NWT Time  
10:30 am to 1:00 pm SK/MB Time  
11:30 am to 2:00 pm ON Time.

Registration fees are \$27 per session or \$52 for the 2 dates.

Further information on Registration and Sites of attendance can be found on the [Lay Academy](#) website and an link can be found on our LCOS website.

# LOOKING TOWARDS



# ADVENT

December 1<sup>st</sup> - The Experiment Christmas Party.

December 2<sup>nd</sup>—Come join us in making Advent corsages and trimming the Christmas trees at 10am. We should be done by noon.

December 2<sup>nd</sup>—Christmas Pageant Rehearsal at 5:30 pm (one hour).

December 2<sup>rd</sup> - Tween Night - Winter Olympics.

December 3<sup>rd</sup> - Congregation Advent Activity. All ages are encouraged to join us in the Fellowship Hall for this Annual Event. At the end of the day we will have a Christmas display for the church and an activity for families to take home.

December 3<sup>rd</sup> to December 17<sup>th</sup> - Donate to the Giving Tree. This year LCOS is asking for donations of mittens, scarfs, socks and small afghans. These items will be distributed to Canadian World Relief, the Mustard Seed and other organizations that help those in need.

December 4<sup>th</sup> - Ladies Potluck - Last year's secret prayer partner will be revealed and a new one chosen for those wishing to participate. Come and have a relaxing evening among old and new friends.

December 5<sup>th</sup> - Games Group Christmas Party.

December 8<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Café. More information to follow soon.

December 9<sup>th</sup>—Christmas Pageant Rehearsal at 10:00 am.

December 9<sup>th</sup>—College & Careers Christmas Party at 7:00 pm.

December 10<sup>th</sup> - Family Christmas Pageant rehearsal at 10 am.

December 10<sup>th</sup> - An evening of caroling at 7:00 pm.

December 15<sup>th</sup> - Applied Theory—Christmas Event.

December 15<sup>th</sup> - Movie Lovers Christmas Party.

December 16<sup>th</sup> - Youth Band practice.

December 16<sup>th</sup>—Christmas Pageant Rehearsal at noon (if necessary).

December 17<sup>th</sup> - Family Christmas Pageant at the 11 AM Service.

December 17<sup>th</sup> - Potluck following the Christmas Pageant. A-M brings a main, N-Z brings a salad or dessert.

December 17<sup>th</sup> - Deadline to contribute to the Poinsettia fund for decorating the Altar on Christmas Eve.

December 17<sup>th</sup> - Service of Remembrance & Healing. The holiday season can be difficult for those missing loved ones. Join us this evening for a service to remember loved ones lost.

December 24<sup>th</sup> - Candlelight Worship Services at 4:00, 6:00 and 8:00 pm. No Services in the morning.

December 25<sup>th</sup> - No Worship Service this day.

December 31<sup>st</sup> - One Worship Service this day at 11:00 am.

December 31<sup>st</sup> - Last day to donate and receive a 2017 tax receipt.

The office will be closed at 1 pm on December 22<sup>nd</sup> and re-open January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9 am. Emails and Phone messages will be checked intermittently during this time. If there is an emergency please contact the staff via their personal cell phones.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:30 Experiencing God 11:00 Acadia Lunch 7:00 Running Group 7:00 Al-anon 7:30 Choir 8:30 11 AM Praise Team	2 7:00 Medical Assistance in Dying Study	3 6:30 Youth & Applied Theory at Mustard Seed	4 6:30 Breakfast at the Seed 8:30 50 Plus Exercise Class 7:00 Tween Event
5 Communion Sunday 9:00 Worship Service 10:00 Adult Study 10:00 Young Explorers 10:00 The Experiment 11:00 Worship Service 6:30 Discipleship	6 1:00 Memory Plus 1:00 Prayer Group 7:00 Al-anon 7:00 Altar Care	7 1:00 Games Group	8 9:30 Experiencing God 11:00 Acadia Lunch 7:00 Running Group 7:00 Al-anon 8:30 11 AM Praise Team	9 7:00 Research Action Team—Seniors	10	11 8:30 50 Plus Exercise Class
12 9:00 Worship Service 10:00 Adult Study 10:00 OCC Sewing Kit 10:00 Young Explorers 10:00 The Experiment 11:00 Worship Service  Sandwich Sunday	13 1:00 Memory Plus 1:00 Prayer Group 7:00 Fireside	14 10:00 Book Club 7:00 Today's Pilgrims	15 9:30 Experiencing God 9:30 Moms Group 11:00 Acadia Lunch 7:00 Running Group 7:00 Al-anon 8:30 11 AM Praise Team	16 7:00 Medical Assistance in Dying Study  7:15 Flock Care	17 12:15 Families at the Theatre to watch "The Star"	18 10:00 OCC Work bee  2:00 Youth Band
19 Communion Sunday 9:00 Worship Service 10:00 Adult Study 10:00 Young Explorers 10:00 The Experiment 11:00 Worship Service Noon: Choir Practice 6:30 Discipleship	20 1:00 Memory Plus 1:00 Prayer Group	21 1:00 Games Group 7:00 Church Board	22 9:30 Experiencing God 11:00 Acadia Lunch 7:00 Running Group 7:00 Al-anon 7:30 Choir 8:30 11 AM Praise Team	23 7:00 Medical Assistance in Dying Study	24 7:00 Movie Lovers—"Sing"  7:00 The Experiment Christmas Cookie Challenge	25 8:30 50 Plus Exercise Class  7:00 College & Careers
26 Stewardship Sunday 9:00 Worship Service 10:00 Adult Study 10:00 Choir Practice 10:00 Young Explorers 10:00 The Experiment 11:00 Worship Service Noon: Hotdog Lunch  Last day to drop off OCC shoeboxes	27 1:00 Memory Plus 1:00 Prayer Group 7:00 Fireside	28 7:00 Today's Pilgrims	29 9:30 Experiencing God 11:00 Acadia Lunch 7:00 Running Group 7:00 Al-anon 7:30 Choir 8:30 Al-anon Book Club 8:30 11 AM Praise Team	30 7:00 Medical Assistance in Dying Study		