

PRAYERS

Prayer Chain Ministry is always ready to receive prayer requests. Information is kept strictly confidential. Contact Linda Joehnck at 279-3770 or the office.



Place Your healing strength on:

Marjorie Barton	Michael
Susan Brick	Hornburg
Doreen	Edith Kinzel
Cordingley	Kevin Loewen
Jimena (Andrea)	Alex Mckay
Fajardo	Michelle Myers
Judy Fielden	Brenda Scott
Crystal Gapka	John Scott
Shirley	Dean Turner
Hertlein	Laurie Watson

We remember those in care centers or "shut-in" at home including:

Irene Dekowny	Betty Oldis
Lyll Finlayson	Willy Singbeil
Jack Gammel	Kelly Williams
Caroline Lutz	Irene Zach
Alexa Nernberg	

Prayers

Loving God, give strength and hope to Fred, Harold, Karl and Peter as they mourn the death of their mother, Charlotte Biederstadt. Surround all those who grieve with your comfort and deep promise of eternal life. **Amen.**

God of fiery flames,

Even the most raging fire could not destroy your servants when they called upon you in faith.

Give us faith to withstand anything that rages to deter us from following you. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, who is, who was, and who is to come, we pray for the gift of hope, that amidst the trials and difficulties of this world, we may keep our hearts fixed upon you, who reigns over the cosmos. May your grace enliven us, strengthen us, and defend us as we await your coming in glory. **Amen.**

Financial Updates:

A total of 70 pledges have been received on Stewardship Sunday, November 26, 2017 committing a total of \$172,356 for 2018. This compares to last year's 77 pledges received committing a total of \$207,020. This is a 16.75% decrease in the amount pledged.

If you were not able to submit a pledge on Stewardship Sunday, you may still submit one. Please see an usher for a pledge card. You can complete it and place in the offering plate.

If you participate in the Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) program for your giving and you've changed the amount you've pledged, you'll need to submit a PAR Change Request form to the Financial Secretary by the end of December. You can find the forms on a table in the Place of Welcome.

If you have any expenses that require reimbursement please submit them to the office by December 15th for year-end wind-up.

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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.

If you are a visitor, during the time of offering, we have no financial expectations of you. Following the service you are invited for coffee and fellowship.
We would be blessed to have you share in worship with us again.



Sunday, December 3, 2017
9:00 & 11:00 am
First Sunday in Advent



Welcome/Announcements

Lighting of the First Advent Candle

"Advent Song"

Gathering Song

"Hark, the Glad Sound!" LBW#35

Children's Story: "Lights On!"

"I Will Call Upon the Lord"

Scripture Reading: Daniel 3:1-30

Message: "Ridiculously Hopeful: The Fiery Furnace"

"Hosanna (Praise is Rising)"

Offering

Ministry Moment: "Gratitude"

Prayers/Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Supper

"Hark! The Herald Angles Sing"



Today:

What a blessing and joy to gather together in Jesus' name! Please make yourself at home. All of our Sunday groups at 10:00 am operate on a drop in basis. Children (preschool to grade 6), youth (grade 7 to 12) and adult visitors are always welcome. Please ask for guidance.



Congregational Advent Activity Between Services:

All ages are invited to join us! We have incredible Advent posters to color and decorate, as we join together as a church family to celebrate the start of the Advent season. Even if you don't have any artistic abilities at all, please stop by to check out the designs!



After the 11:00 am Service today is our Christmas Choir practice. We are looking at performing on Dec 10th and on Christmas Eve at the 6:00 pm Service. No experience necessary and attendance at all dates and times are not required. We will have two practices on Nov 26th at 10:00 am and on Dec 3rd at noon. Questions or to RSVP contact Alex at mckayfam@telusplanet.net or 403-242-1928.



Our Giving Tree is now up. Please help decorate our tree with mittens, toques, scarves and socks. Under the tree you may place large items such as blankets. These items will be mostly distributed in the Calgary area to those in need through Ronald McDonald House, The Mustard Seed, Calgary Pregnancy Centre and others. A few larger blankets will go to CLWR for refugee camps. The items will be distributed after December 17th.



Donations for Poinsettias on Christmas Eve can be made through the offering plate. Please note any "in memory" comments on the envelope. The last day to donate is December 17th to be listed in the Christmas Eve bulletin.



An Advent Devotional can be picked up from the Ushers after the Service today.



Coming Up:

Mon, Dec 4th at 11:00: Memorial Service - Long time member Charlotte Biederstadt passed away on Mon, Nov 27, 2107. Charlotte's Memorial Service will be held at LCOS on Mon, Dec 4th at 11:00 am followed by a lunch in the Fellowship Hall.



Mon, Dec 4th at 6:00 pm: 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. A-M brings a main dish, N-Z brings a salad or dessert.



Tues, Dec 5th at noon: Games Group Christmas Potluck & games. On the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month we hold our Games Group. Everyone is welcome on a drop in basis. They accept new members year round and play Bridge, Mexican Train, Cribbage and a variety of other games and always are looking at learning more. Join us for a game or two and get to know us.



Fri, Dec 8th at 7:00 pm: Christmas Café for the Congregation. Once again, the youth will be hosting a Christmas Café for the congregation. Feel free to stop by anytime between 7 and 9pm to be served hot beverages and deserts by the youth. There may even be live entertainment!



Sat, Dec 9th at 7:00 pm: College and Careers -Christmas Cards. Join us for a fun evening of celebration. We'll be participating in a special Christmas devotion, and sharing some special Christmas treats, while we make cards to send out to the homeless.



Sun, Dec 10th at 7:00 pm: An evening of Caroling. Join our Christmas carol sing-along followed by a dessert potluck.



Fri, Dec 15th at 6:00 pm: Movie Lovers Christmas Party. Join us at 6:00 pm for a potluck followed by a Dickens of a movie followed by a dessert potluck. Everyone welcome. A-M bring a salad or dessert. N-Z bring a main dish.



If you have an artificial Christmas tree (in good condition) that needs a new home, please call Jaqui Anderson. 403-453-4071 There are a number of families, new to Canada, who would love to share in this tradition.



Jack Beck, "The Indiana Jones of Israel" is coming back to Calgary Jan 13-14. On the 13th he will lead a seminar from 9 am. to 3 pm. The theme for that day will be "Along the Road: How Jesus Used Geography to Tell God's Story." Tickets can be purchased starting next week for \$25.00 a person.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Today

- 9:00 Worship Service
- 10:00 Adult Study
- 10:00 Congregational Advent Activity
- 11:00 Worship Service
- Noon Choir Practice
- 6:30 Discipleship

This Week

- Dec 4
 - 11:00 Funeral for Charlotte Biederstadt
 - 1:00 Memory Plus
 - 6:00 Ladies Annual Potluck
- Dec 5
 - Noon Games Group
- Dec 6
 - 9:30 Experiencing God
 - 11:00 Acadia Lunch Program
 - 7:00 Running Group
 - 7:00 Al-anon
 - 8:30 11 AM Praise Team
- Dec 8
 - 7:00 The Experiment Christmas Cafe
- Dec 9
 - 8:30 50+ Exercise Class
 - 10:00 Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
 - 7:00 College & Careers

Coming Up

- Dec 10 An Evening of Caroling
- Dec 11 Fireside Christmas
- Dec 15 Applied Theory
- Dec 15 Movie Lovers Christmas
- Dec 16 Youth Band
- Dec 17 Christmas Pageant
- Dec 17 Service of Remembrance & Healing
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Services