

The Vine



Lent

A SEASON OF
RENEWAL



March 2018

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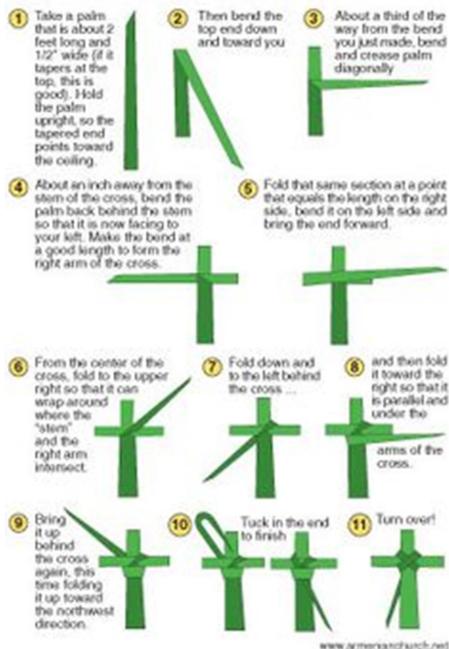
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How to make a palm cross



HELP US MAKE PALM
CROSSES AT LCOS
Sat March 24th at 10 am



Family Trips

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So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to the land of Canaan.” (Genesis 12:4-5)

Whew! That must have been some kind of family trip!



When I was growing up, our family took a trip almost every summer. We travelled by car, ate at restaurants and stayed overnight in motels. We would leave early in the morning, around 6, but end up looking for a motel no later than 2 pm. My dad wasn't big on camping or bringing food along, but he was big on seeing every dam along the way.

When Gretch and I had a family of our own, our summer trips were always to the States to visit our families. We travelled by car, brought food along to munch on, and spent over 24 hours of driving with the kids sleeping along the way. We usually stayed just one night at a motel there and back. But we also had our camping stuff with us allowing us to have a family camping adventure on the way home. Our trip down to the States wasn't always that scenic, but we treasured our time at our destinations.

Since 2008, I've had the great joy of travelling to Israel four times on a study tour. Along the way, it has been a dream that someone from my family would be able to share this journey. It hasn't happened before, but it will happen this time on my fifth trip, March 11-25. My son-in-law, Kyle Gross, will be a part of our group. It will truly be a unique family trip to Israel and a dream come true.

And our study tour to Israel will also be an extended family trip. Our Canadian content includes: Kirsten Bagh, Gerry Gross (Kyle's dad), Dennis and Lillian Kozak, Marlis and Ben Krueger, Lloyd Manz (my roommate in Jerusalem and by the Sea of Galilee!), Beverly Marshall, and Harold and Connie Zimmer. Plus there will be a USA component: the Ayers family, including Lee, Diana, Cliff (and his girlfriend, Lelia Smith), Jake and Elizabeth, and Garrett. In 2012, Lee and his son, Garrett, joined our group and Lee has been looking forward to bringing the whole family this time.

God's blessings on your next family trip wherever you might venture!

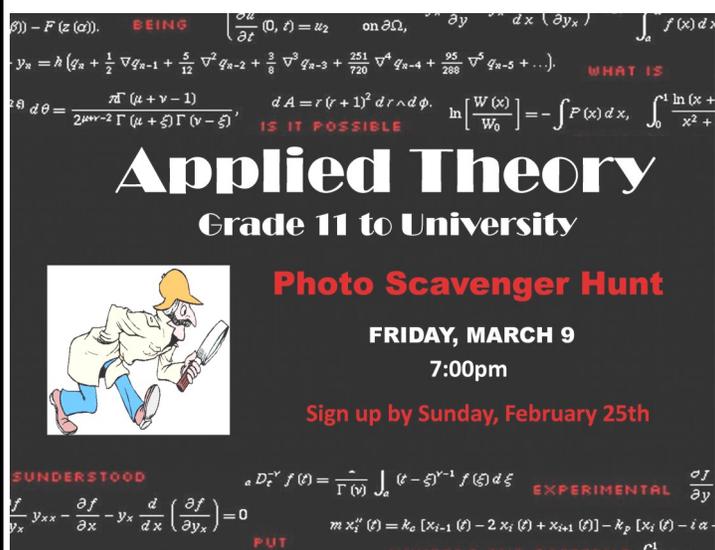
Shalom,

Pastor Lee

Youth & Children's Ministry

A common theme, especially in the Palm Sunday story, is the cry Hosanna. Initially, this word came from the Hebrew word *hoshiya na*. Interestingly, the word meant "Save me please!" It was a cry to God for help. However, over the years, the meaning of the word changed. It became a cry of hope and exultation, meaning "Salvation has come!" I love the analogy of swimming. When you fall into the deep end, and you can't swim, you start shouting "Help! Help!" That's what hosanna initially meant. But now, it means the feeling that overrides every sense when you see the life-guard running and jumping in towards you. Help is here! It's a transition from a plea to praise, from a cry to confidence.

Both meanings are extremely applicable, especially during the Lent season. Trust me, we all need help. We all need the saving power of Christ. But we can cry in praise because we know that help has arrived. That's the entire point of the Easter story. Christ came to save us, and that He did! So remember and rejoice!



The poster features a black background with white and red text. At the top, there are several mathematical formulas including $\delta) - F(z(c))$, $\frac{\partial u}{\partial t}(0, t) = u_2$ on $\partial\Omega$, $\frac{\partial y}{\partial x} \dots dx (\partial y_x)$, $\int_a^b f(x) dx$, $y_n = h \left(g_n + \frac{1}{2} \nabla g_{n-1} + \frac{5}{12} \nabla^2 g_{n-2} + \frac{3}{8} \nabla^3 g_{n-3} + \frac{251}{720} \nabla^4 g_{n-4} + \frac{95}{288} \nabla^5 g_{n-5} + \dots \right)$, $\frac{\pi^\Gamma (\mu + \nu - 1)}{2^{\mu+\nu-2} \Gamma(\mu + \xi) \Gamma(\nu - \xi)}$, $dA = r(r+1)^2 dr \wedge d\phi$, $\ln \left[\frac{W(x)}{W_0} \right] = - \int P(x) dx$, and $\int_0^1 \frac{\ln(x)}{x^2} dx$. The main title "Applied Theory" is in large white font, with "Grade 11 to University" below it. To the left is a cartoon illustration of a scientist in a white lab coat and yellow hard hat, holding a clipboard and a pen. The text "Photo Scavenger Hunt" is in red, "FRIDAY, MARCH 9" and "7:00pm" are in white, and "Sign up by Sunday, February 25th" is in red. At the bottom, there are more mathematical terms: "UNDERSTOOD", ${}_a D_t^\gamma f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\gamma)} \int_a^t (t-\xi)^{\gamma-1} f(\xi) d\xi$, "EXPERIMENTAL", $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$, $\frac{f}{y_x} y_{xx} - \frac{\partial f}{\partial x} - y_x \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial y_x} \right) = 0$, $m x_i''(t) = k_0 [x_{i-1}(t) - 2x_i(t) + x_{i+1}(t)] - k_p [x_i(t) - i\alpha]$, "PUT", and "NUMBERS AND PATTERNS".

Friday March 9th at 7 pm Applied Theory – Photo Scavenger Hunt

Come on out for a fun photo scavenger hunt! We'll be teaming up and driving around South Calgary to get the coolest, funniest, best pictures!

Saturday, March 10nd at 7pm Tween – Movie Night

Come on out to our annual Movie Night event! There'll be popcorn, snacks, drinks, and of course, a wonderful movie! Our two options are Wonder or Coco! Let Jesse know beforehand which one you want to watch!

Movie Night TWEENS CHOICE



"Wonder"
or
"Coco"



March 11, 2018

Both Services at 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Musical Meditation

The Seven Last Words of Christ



JOSEPH HAYDN
THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST



Narration - Morris Ertman

Keith Hamm - Viola Julie Hereish - Cello

Sheila Jaffé - Violin Elizabeth Skinner - Violin

Youth & Children's Ministry

Saturday March 10th at 10 am Youth Band

Join us as we continue to prepare our special songs for the end of the year celebrations, and the Stampede Breakfast! Any youth are welcome to join, simply bring out your instrument, and we'll have some music sheets here for you to follow along with.



Youth OVERNIGHT AT LCOS

AS WE COMPLETE OUR 30 HOUR FAST

FOR WORLD HUNGER

STARTING 7PM FRIDAY MARCH 16TH

PICK UP AT 10AM SATURDAY MORNING

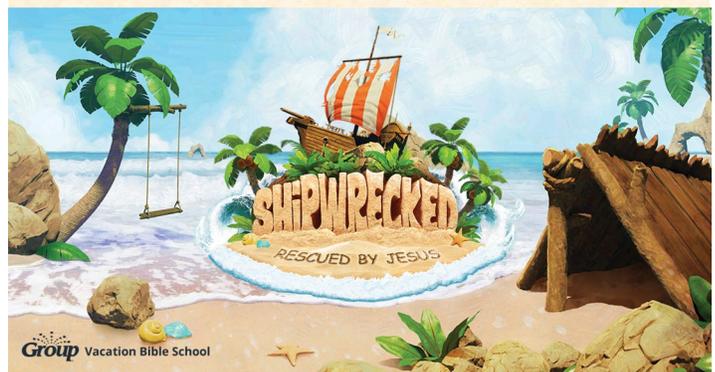
Friday March 16th at 7pm Youth – Hunger Mission

This is our second annual Hunger Mission. Join us as we fast for 30 hours, from Thursday 6pm to Friday midnight. Our actual event here at the church will be an overnight party from Friday 7pm to Saturday 10am. We'll break the fast with a special meal at midnight on Friday. Please sign up with Jesse before the event to get a special registration and pledge form. Our goal is to raise \$300 for the Mustard Seed.

Sunday March 25th at 10am Young Explorers – Spring Break Event

This is a special Young Explorer class due to the Spring Break. Join us at 10am for a combined class of all ages, as we have a unique preview of our Vacation Bible School coming up in August! Feel free to dress up like a Pirate!

Sunday March 25th - 10 AM



Young Explorers Spring Break Event

Youth Mission Trip

by Jesse Ramson

An update on our summer mission plans.

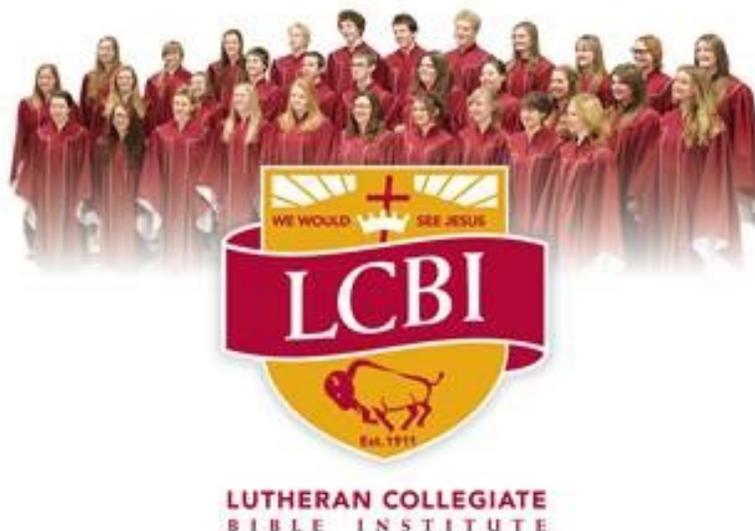
As of right now, we have decided to go with the Mustard Seed week trip in downtown Calgary. We are debating between July 8-12 and 15-19. We're leaning towards July 15-19 but we need a certain amount of youth and leaders to be able to do the mission trip. Right now, I have six youth confirmed (Lauren, Ashlyn, Clay, Finley, Amy, and Liam) (for the 15th-19th). I need at least two more aged 13-17, and one female leader to join us for the trip. If we can't get those numbers, then we might have to partner with another group for the week of July 8-12th.

Please let me know asap if you want to sign up, or if you are a parent, if you'd be willing to help us out as a leader. I'm looking into the possibility of them allowing our youth aged 18 to join us as well.



LCBI Concert & Billeting Request

Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute is sending their concert choir on tour! They are performing at Lutheran Church of the Cross at 7:00 pm on Sat, April 14. The tour organizers are looking to billet the 37 people (high school students and their chaperones) in groups of 2 or more that Saturday night. Hosts would pick up their billets at the concert on Saturday evening and return them to Church of the Cross on Sunday morning. Our Saviour youth are already scheduled to visit Church of the Cross the morning on April 15, the other half of our exchange this year. (Church of the Cross youth already visited Our Saviour one Sunday morning in January.) Please check your calendar and let Lisa Rude (rudel@telus.net, 403-686-7311), know ASAP if you can help us out.



Youth & Children's Ministry

Tuesday March 27th at 7pm
Youth – Pizza and Pinball

It's a special event for March Break! Join us at Alfred's house for some pinball (Alfred has an incredible collection of pinball machines!) and pizza! Sign up with Jesse to get directions.



Tue March 27th - 7 pm



Movie Lovers

At The Theatre March 16th

I CAN ONLY IMAGINE

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Lenten Project

The Brenda Strafford Society for the Prevention of Domestic Violence

The Brenda Strafford Society for the Prevention of Domestic Violence is a second-stage shelter for women and their children who have fled domestic violence. The Centre offers a safe and secure environment. During their six-month stay at the Centre, both women and children are provided with programs and services in a supportive yet independent environment.



Programs and Services include:

Second-Stage Shelter

Child & Youth Counselling Programs

Progressive Housing

Child Care Programs

Follow-Up and Outreach programs

I Am Courage Volunteer Program

Lutheran Church of Our Saviour is once again pleased to support the Brenda Strafford Centre in two ways.

The first is by putting together special bags of necessities & gifts. There are many women who leave their homes with only the clothes on their back. These bags are gratefully received by these women, and long after the practical contents of the bag has passed, the caring bag serves as a reminder that the larger community is thinking about them and they're not alone.

The second is by providing a new pillow for each resident that comes into the shelter during the year. For sanitary reasons each resident must be given their own pillow to keep. For some of the children it is the first time they have ever had their own pillow.



So, take a bag from the Place of Welcome starting March 1st and fill it with items from the suggested list and next time you are out shopping consider throwing an extra pillow in your cart. All items can be placed in the donation cupboard by **Easter Sunday, April 16th.**

**Our goal is to collect
50 bags and 100 pillows
to supply the Centre for 1 year**

Youth Surge—April 6th to 8th



Once again CLBI is hosting it's annual YouthSurge retreat weekend. This is a chance for your young people to come rub shoulders with current CLBI students, and see for themselves the positives of taking a year or two for Bible education.

Our goal for YouthSurge is that it would be a deep impact youth retreat weekend. We have seen God use this weekend in powerful ways, as relationships with Christ have both begun and been renewed during this ministry time. YouthSurge, hopes to encourage even those who are not considering Bible school as a post secondary option to attend for a weekend of high energy fun and worship.

We would like to invite all high school and college students (grades 9+) to this weekend April 6 - 8, 2018. The main goal is to hold an event that will help churches and youth leaders expose their youth to the Gospel in a unique, fun filled, and inexpensive way. All the programming, facilities, meals, etc. are included in the registration costs. Early registration (\$50) ends MARCH 23. Our hope is that no student would leave without hearing the saving truth of salvation through Jesus Christ. CLBI students will lead in worship, small group sessions and other various activities, striving to provide an enjoyable and spiritually fulfilling experience for all those coming.

This year the theme is Never Alone. We will be digging into the book of James, **so please** pre-read **that** before hand.

If you have a youth interested in attending please speak to Jesse.

Run /Walk For Love



**Lutheran Hospital
Ministries**
SOUTHERN ALBERTA

Thank you to all walkers and donors for your unfailing generosity towards Lutheran Hospital Ministries – Southern Alberta in the past walks. We are again asking for your support.

Our annual fundraiser, a Walk/Run for Love, will take place on April 28, 2018. Registration is at Faith Lutheran Church, 1903 – 19 Ave NW, at 8:30 am. Coffee, tea, water and muffins will be available. The walk, a 5 km course through Confederation Park, begins at 9:30 am. Finish with a light lunch.

If you love to walk or run, come and join us.

This once-a-year fundraiser supports the Ministry in our training program for volunteer visitors, who visit patients in hospitals and care facilities. If you cannot walk or run, consider being a “virtual walker” by collecting pledges.

Our goal this year is to raise \$20,000.

For more information about the Walk please contact us at (403) 264-4045 or lhmsac@gmail.com.

PALM SUNDAY
March 25th, 2018

Building Sacred Bridges

“Building Sacred Bridges: An Interfaith Musical Experience” marked the end of another successful celebration of UN World Interfaith Harmony Week in Calgary, Alberta. Two concerts, held at the Knox United Church and the Beth Tzedec Congregation, supported the Habitat for Humanity Southern Alberta initiative to build affordable homes for local families in need.

Featuring choirs and performers from faith communities throughout Calgary, the concerts included the All God’s Children Choir, consisting of children from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the Beth Tzedec Congregation.

Other performers included United in Song, Lutheran Church of Our Saviour Praise Singers, Dr. Harjot Singh, St. Bonaventure Choir, Adorare Choral Ensemble, UUphonia, Chor Vida, Zamram and Harmony Through Harmony.

“Music has a way of reaching the soul that helps us feel closer to God,” remarked Mormon Area Seventy Elder G. Lawrence Spackman, who also serves as a member of the Calgary Interfaith Council. “In many faiths, music is a way of praying. Through music, we heard many beautiful prayers from various faith traditions that helped us appreciate each other. A highlight for me was to hear the combined choir of Jewish and Mormon children, especially when the multi-faith congregation was invited to join in and sing ‘I Am a Child of God.’ It was a wonderful evening with the added benefit that it was raising funds for a worthy cause, providing homes for needy families.”



Our Praise Team:

Joan Drennan, Terrylee McKay, Reiko Formella, Beth Eberhardt, Lisa Henderson,
Yvonne Eberhardt, Doug Drennan, Alex Mckay, Scott Drennan

Building Sacred Bridges

Throughout the 2018 World Interfaith Harmony Week, Calgarians were invited to participate in events that included interfaith meals, an AJC Islamic School of Calgary prayer service, Habitat for Humanity interfaith “builds,” a KAIROS Indigenous blanket exercise and a Calgary Food Bank service project as well as multi-faith dialogues at Mount Royal University and St. John the Evangelist’s Catholic Church. Thirteen faith communities welcomed the public to open houses at places of worship throughout the city.

Rabbi Shaul Osadchey of the Beth Tzedec Congregation said: “The 2018 UN World Interfaith Harmony Week sponsored by the Calgary Interfaith Council has become the premiere interfaith event in Calgary and an example of how diverse religious traditions can promote respect, understanding and harmony to enhance the common good.”

Rabbi Osadchey further commented: “Through prayer, dialogue and social justice programs, World Interfaith Harmony Week demonstrates how interfaith collaboration can dispel the darkness of intolerance, prejudice and enmity that threatens to overwhelm our world. Rather than being the cause of conflict, interfaith relations can actually foster hope for a future of peace.”

In 2017, the Calgary Interfaith Council was awarded the King Abdullah II of Jordan First Prize for UN World Interfaith Harmony Week. Calgary delegates Rabbi Osadchey, Reverend Debra Faulk and Imam Fayaz Tilly accepted the award in Amman, Jordan, on behalf of the Calgary Interfaith Council.



Faith leaders, musical directors and volunteers are among the hundreds of people who participated in the “Building Sacred Bridges” concert at Beth Tzedec Congregation. © 2018 BY INTELLECTUAL RESERVE, INC. ALL RIGHTS RESERVED.

Bishop's Message by Bishop Larry Kochendorfer



March 2018 Message for Congregations and Lay and Rostered Leaders

Dear Beloved of God –

Many have noted that I sign correspondence with the word, *Shalom*. This has been my practice since my first call serving with and among the people of God at Bethany Lutheran, Dickson.

Recently I ran across an explanation of *Shalom* from a Pastor's sermon preached May 27, 1984. The Pastor, Rev. George Madsen, is Father to this year's Synod Convention keynote speaker, Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen. It feels right to share this with you...In the midst of Lent:

Shalom is a word that is broad in the extreme. It has to do with wholeness, with fulfillment.

Shalom paints a vision of the way things will one day be with all hands helping.

Shalom knows of a lion lying down with a lamb, of the thirsty having drink, hungry having food, naked being clothed.

Shalom knows of swords being beaten into plowshares, of justice and freedom.

Shalom knows of strangers being welcomed, the sick and imprisoned being visited.

Shalom knows of sorrow and tears disappearing and death being no more.

Shalom has as its agenda liberation and reconciliation.

Shalom has as its agenda love, hope, and renewal.

Shalom has as its agenda drought and famine.

Shalom has as its agenda war and hatred.

Shalom has as its agenda prejudice and oppression.

Shalom has as its agenda sickness and suffering.

We are not bound by our own lives, our own deaths, but live within the great parenthesis of Shalom.

Bishop's Message by Bishop Larry Kochendorfer

Shalom is the shape of the future, the vision of that to which a mysterious power summons us all here and now, in the role of servant, in bringing and establishing justice and freedom, grace and peace.

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

Maundy Thursday Service

March 29, 2018



Coldest Night of the Year—Final Update

On February 24th we came together to help the hurting in our communities.

Across Canada:

19, 365 walkers, 4, 696 volunteers and 62,500 donors raised:

\$4.3 million dollars

In Calgary:

397 walkers, 84 volunteers raised:

\$82,500 dollars

Our LCOS team

Christians Helping Individuals Lift Lives (CHILL)

Raised \$4575.05



A background of red and white flowers, possibly roses, with a dark red overlay. The text is centered in a white box with a dark red background.

Good Friday

March 30th at 7:00 pm

A background of a bright, orange and red sky with clouds, suggesting a sunrise or sunset.

Easter Sunday

Services at 9:00 & 11:00 am

Breakfast at 10:00 am

Financial Update

	YTD - 2018	YTD - 2017
Budgeted Giving	\$51,190.87	\$55,722.65
Designated Giving	\$3,945.40	\$12,797.00
Non-Receiptable / Credit	\$231.00	\$533.35
Other Income	\$2,148.24	\$2,103.00
TOTAL	\$57,515.51	\$71,156.00
Average Weekly Budget Offering	\$6,398.86	\$6,191.41
Average Weekly Budget Required	\$6,731.00	\$6,539.00
PAR Giving (included in above total)	\$9,348.00	\$9,588.00
Number of envelopes issued	177	175
Number of envelopes unused	39	35
Number of pledges (budget)	77	72
Number on or over pledge (budget)	38	43
Number under pledge (budget)	39	29
Average Weekly Attendance	178	166

Comments:

Year to date budgeted giving for 2018 is 8.13% lower than 2017.

Designated >=\$1000 for 2018 includes: Coldest Night of the Year (\$1,595.05)

Designated >=\$1000 for 2017 includes: Urgent Care (\$1,140.00)

Refugee Mission (\$1,280.00)

Coldest Night of the Year (\$1,300.00)

Cliff Blumhagen

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. 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.

Redemptive Gifts

We have all received special gifts,. Those gifts were given to us in order to serve God and each other in the Body of Christ.

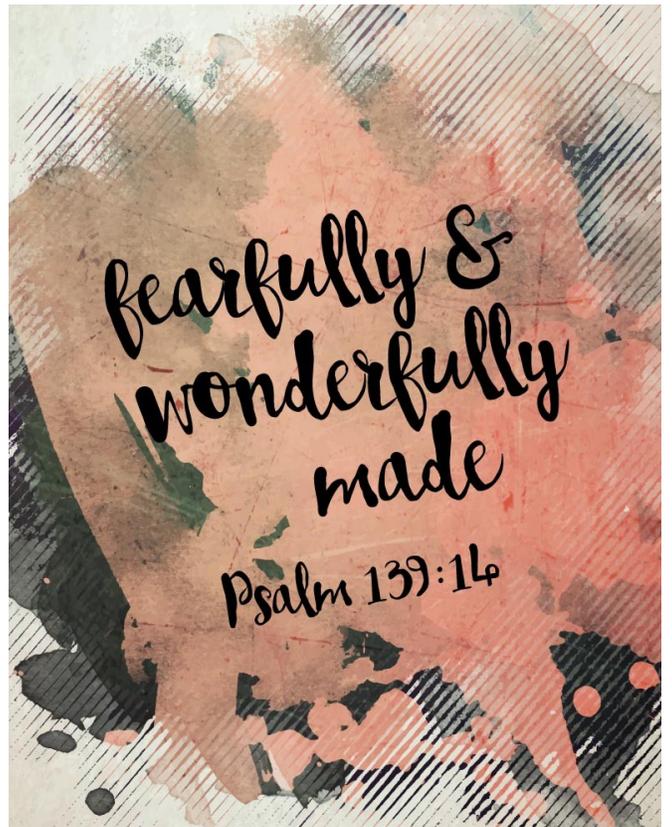
"For we are God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do".
- EPH 2:10

God has a purpose for us and we were provided with gifts to accomplish this purpose but sometimes it may be difficult to discover these gifts. This is why when we search for our gifts we often use the word REDEMPTIVE GIFTS or to redeem them.

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms" - 1Peter 4:10

There are 7 Redemptive Gifts listed in Romans 12:6-8. They are: Prophesying, Serving, Teaching, Encouraging, Contributing, Leadership and Mercy.

Jens Kaack would like to invite all those interested to join him on April 21st for a day long journey in discovering your redemptive gifts. For more information or to register please contact the office.



March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
April 1st—Easter Service & Breakfast April 2nd—Easter Monday—office closed April 6th to 8th—Youth Surge April 14th— Congregational Life Event in Red Deer April 14th—Youth Ski-trip April 14th—Annual Spring Clean-up			April 15th—Service of Healing April 20th—Movie Lovers April 20th—Applied Theory April 21st—VBS Fun shop April 21st—Redemptive Gifts April 21st—College & Careers April 29th—Affirmation of Baptism		1	2 11:00 World Day of Prayer	3 6:30 Mustard Seed 8:30 50 Plus Exercise Class 7:00 Youth event
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