

The Vine

*Light*  
OF THE WORLD

JOHN 8:12

December 2018

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# Poinsettias

**Poinsettias will be enjoyed in the sanctuary during the Christmas season.**

**Place your donation marked "Poinsettia" in the offering plate or to the office by December 16th.**

**If you are giving the donation in memoriam, please indicate this on the envelope.**

# From Pastor Julianne

In my early twenties, a senior member of our congregation shared a story of her early married life. "I used to walk by the furniture store window every afternoon and dream about the couch we were going to purchase. I would imagine what it would look like in my living room, dream about the day our family could gather together on it, all snuggled in. Some days I would think of the colour we would paint the walls and which pillows I would use on it. Other days I would rearrange the room in my imagination, placing the chairs around the couch just so. It was different then," she continued. "In those days we saved money or paid on account week after week until it was fully paid. Nowadays it seems like people buy something on credit, take it home and pay for it as they can." Mrs. MacLeod paused as if she was remembering the moment. "You young people miss the experience of anticipation when you buy what you want right away."

Mrs. Macleod's story taught me about the gift of waiting. Now many years later, I too recognize the joy of anticipation, the value of being able to imagine the possibilities of the future. As we enter the season of Advent, the experience of the people of Israel, generation after generation anticipating the coming Messiah comes to mind. Their faithful trust in the promises of God was based on the words of the prophets. From the book of Isaiah:

*The Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means 'God is with us'). 7:10 NLT*

*For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 9:6-7 NLT*

*Say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, and do not fear, for your God is coming to destroy your enemies. He is coming to save you." 35:4-6 NLT*

*Sing for joy, O heavens! Rejoice, O earth! Burst into song, O mountains! For the LORD has comforted his people and will have compassion on them in their suffering. Yet Jerusalem says, "The LORD has deserted us; the Lord has forgotten us." "Never! Can a mother forget her nursing child? Can she feel no love for the child she has borne? But even if that were possible, I would not forget you! See, I have written your name on the palms of my hands. 49:13-16 NLT*

As the people of Israel waited with anticipation, God continued to shape the world, preparing for just the right time for Jesus, the Christ to come to live among them and change the world forever.

As we wait with anticipation for what God has for us next, God continues to shape the world, working in the hearts and lives of people around us, for just the right time for us to join in God's work of love for changing the world.

As we wait with anticipation for what God has for us next, let us continue to pray, "Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (Eric Milner-White, Daily Prayer, 1956)

May you enjoy the gifts of anticipation and have a blessed Christmas!



## Christmas Series



It is exciting to hear the God Sightings shared week after week in our time of Worship. The stories help us to see the living God's love active day by day, moment by moment in our lives.

This December, invite your friends and family to join us as we explore the promises and possibilities of God's story of love illustrated in the familiar words of Dr. Seuss. These stories point us to lives of forgiveness, newness, listening, discipleship, salvation and hope for the future.



The  
**Gospel**  
According  
to Dr. Seuss



James W. Kemp

*"Maybe Christmas  
doesn't come  
from a store."*

**Join us Sunday mornings in December as we consider Dr. Seuss' familiar words.**

# LCBI Annual General Meeting

On Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, I attended, on behalf of LCOS, the AGM for the Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute. I was already on campus sharing in the festivities of their Homecoming Weekend, so it made sense to represent our congregation. Up until this year, the high school's annual meeting has been held during the ELCIC national convention. However, recently, the Lutheran constituency of the school was expanded beyond the ELCIC to include NALC (North American Lutheran Church), CALC (Canadian Association of Lutheran Churches) and LCC (Lutheran Church-Canada).

This initial meeting was held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Outlook. LCBI's President, Wayne Hove, shared a positive report. In 2015, the enrolment was only 57 students. This year, there are 82. Mr. Hove's vision is that in a couple of years there will be over 100 students. His comment was that "the wilderness is behind us." A larger percentage of those attending grades 9-12 are now day students. In past years, most of the students lived in the dorms on campus.

There have been staff cuts in the past due to smaller enrolments and consequently the position of Chaplain was eliminated over the last four years. It is hoped that this position will be re-instated in the near future.

Please keep LCBI in your prayers. Thanks.

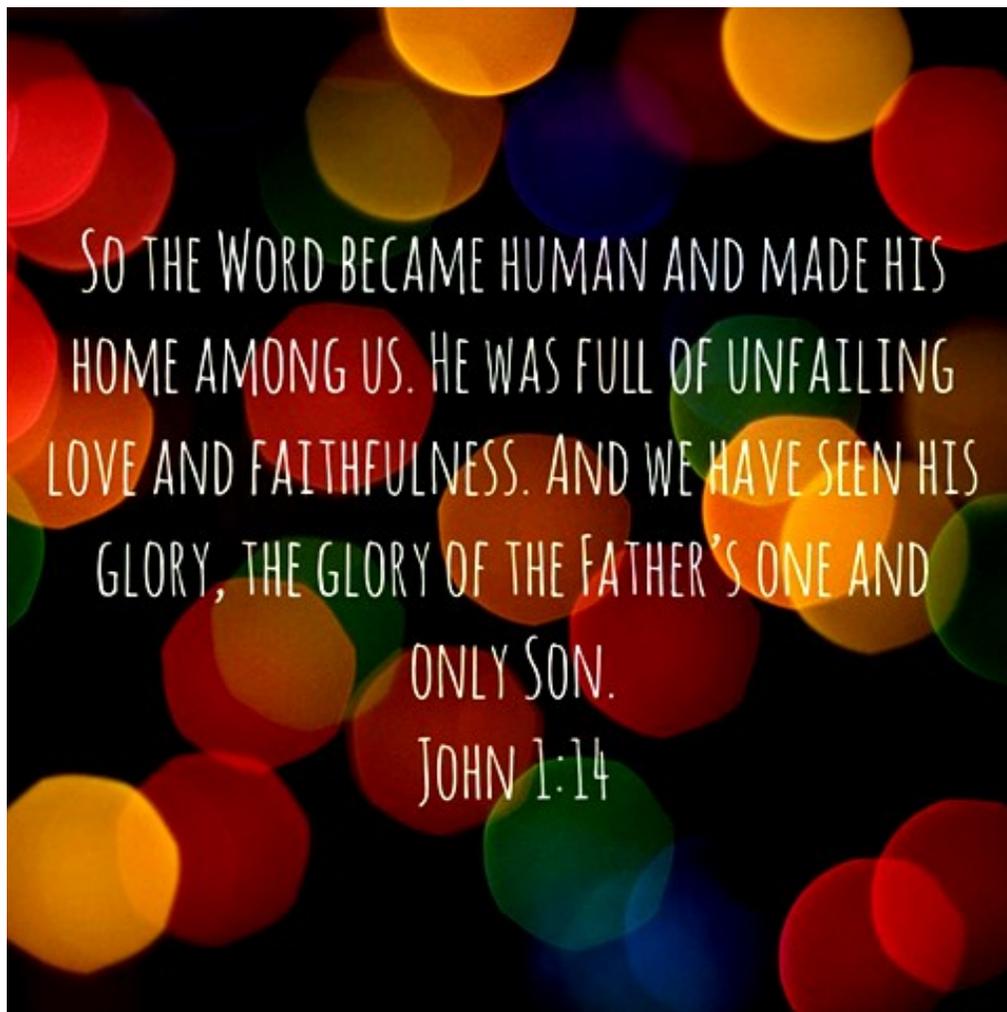
Submitted by Pastor Lee



Unbeknownst to me, when I started planning for all of the different activities for December this year, the theme of lights was going to take centre stage. It just so happens that one of the songs that the youth band has been working on is centred on the importance of lights. Then, the idea that the youth came up for their part of the Christmas Production hinges on the use of light, in the actual presentation, and in the Christmas story. Finally, I stumbled on a video that we'll use to introduce the youth's Christmas presentation, and it is all about Christmas lights.

I don't know about you, but I used to be incredibly fascinated by Christmas lights. One of my favourite things to do as a kid was to convince my Mom and Dad to drive us around town so we could look at all of the different Christmas lights on houses. One of my favourite memories is staring out the window as we drove down a street that was completely covered in lights. It was magical.

Lights hold a special place in the season of Advent. Not only do they provide those magical memories, but they are also a reminder of the purpose of Christ. He came to be a light in the dark. Today, when I look at a Christmas tree, and see all the lights, I am reminded of that, and more. I also think about all those who shine their light in my life. I'm reminded of those who passed away that made such a difference in my life, I think of those who today help to guide me, and I reflect on Christ and His love for me. Christmas lights are such a vivid reminder that there is hope, even in the dark.



# Youth & Children's Ministry

## Saturday December 1<sup>st</sup> at 10 am Youth Band

Join us for our last practice before our Christmas Production! We'll put the finishing touches on our Christmas songs!



## Friday December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm Tween Christmas Party

It's time for our Christmas party! Come on out for a night of snacks, games, crafts, gift giving, and so much more. The highlight of the night will be our Secret Santa. Bring a wrapped gift under a value of 20\$, and watch the festivities take place!

## Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 am Youth Ski Trip Christmas Party

What a special Christmas party this year! We'll be hitting the slopes for the day, before coming back to Calgary for a special dinner out!

Of course, if you don't know how to ski, we have other options available! For cost and other information, please contact Jesse. Sign up early is crucial!

The deadline to register is Sunday November 25<sup>th</sup>.



# Family Advent Craft—December 2nd at 10:00

It's the return of our annual tradition to launch the Advent season.

Join us in the Fellowship Hall as we make unique Christmas cards, some fancy ornaments, and our own nativity scenes.

This will be a super fun intergenerational event!



# *FAMILY ADVENT CRAFTS*



***SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 - 10:00AM***



***FELLOWSHIP HALL***



# The Giving Tree

Join our LCOS tradition of trimming our tree in the lobby with mittens, scarves, hats and socks. Under the tree you may place small afghans, and blankets.

The tree will be available for decorating from December 2nd until December 16th. After the 16th the items will be delivered to various organizations including Ronald MacDonald House, the Mustard Seed and CLWR.



# The Giving

# Tree



Give the gift of warmth this holiday season.  
Dec 2nd to 16th

# Applied Theory

Saturday December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm

## Mall Shopping Hunt

Our Applied Theory Christmas Party is going to look a little different this year, in fact, it's going to be a challenge! We'll be heading to Chinook Mall and splitting into teams, drawing someone else's name that we then have to search for a gift under \$15 for. Afterwards, we'll exchange gifts and get some treats from the food court. Cost is \$15, plus extra for food.

Please see Jesse to sign-up.



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**IS IT POSSIBLE**

## Applied Theory

### Grade 11 to University

## Mall Shopping Hunt—Chinook Centre

### Saturday December 1 - 7:00pm

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${}_a D_t^{-\nu} f(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\nu)} \int_a^t (t-\xi)^{\nu-1} f(\xi) d\xi$  **EXPERIMENTAL**  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}$

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**NUMBERS AND PATTERNS**  $\int_0^1 x^a dx$

# Games Group Potluck

Usually 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month

December 5th only in December

We accept new members year round.

The Games Group is having a Christmas Party potluck on December 4th beginning at noon. Please come and join us as we celebrate together! Any questions can be directed to Eleanor Wilson. Our first meeting in 2019 will be January 15th.

We play Bridge, Mexican Train, Cribbage and a variety of other games and are always looking at learning more. Join us for a game or two and get to know us. We also enjoy celebrating life's big events of our members such as birthdays, anniversaries and other celebrations.



# Ladies Annual Potluck

Calling All Ladies!

The ladies Christmas potluck supper is on Monday Dec. 3rd at 6:00 pm. If your last name starts with A-M, please bring a main course. N-Z please bring salad or dessert. Last year's secret prayer partner will be revealed and new one chosen for those wishing to participate. Come and have a relaxing evening among old and new friends.



# Family Christmas Movie Night

Friday December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm\*

One of the best parts of Christmas is the holiday movies! We'll be watching some of our old favourites such as "A Charlie Brown Christmas" and other short holiday favorites. And, of course, we'll have snacks and popcorn!

\* This is happening in the youth room while Movie Lovers is at 6:30 in the Sanctuary.



## Family Movie Night Classic Christmas Movie Shorts

Dec 14th @ 6:00



# Christmas Café for Congregation

**Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm**

Once more, our Christmas Café is returning. Join us for a night of enjoying desserts, stories, conversations, and of course, hot beverages!

This night is open to the entire congregation, and is hosted by our wonderful youth who will serve you the entire night!

Youth are asked to arrive around 6:30 to set up.



**Christmas  
CAFE**

**DECEMBER 15TH**  
**open 7pm-9pm**

*Enjoy desserts, drinks, stories  
and conversations while our youth host.*

# Thank You!

Thank you to everyone that has helped on Sunday Mornings. Your willingness to serve is appreciated.  
Our helper Elves include:

Altar Care

Hotdog Crew

Choir

Ushers

Children's Ministry

Volunteer Driver

Counters

Youth Ministry

Welcome Desk

Communion Assistance

Computer Operation

Coffee Duty

Praise Teams



**MIRACLE**  
**ON 34<sup>TH</sup> STREET**  
**Dec 14th at 6:30 pm**

Potluck followed by movie  
A - M brings a salad or dessert  
& N - Z brings a main dish.

# Christmas Pageant Rehearsals

## Sunday December 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 am

Join us in Classroom A/B as we continue to practice our Christmas Production. This is when we will iron out all of the kinks, so please make sure you are there. We'll be trying on costumes, running through our songs, and doing a walk-through of our play.

## Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup> at 10 am

One more practice before the real thing! Join us in the Sanctuary as we do a full rehearsal of songs and our play on the stage. Please come dressed in your costume. Snacks will be provided.

# Christmas Dress Rehearsal Dates

## Dec 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am



# Christmas Pageant

**Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup> at 11 am**

This is always an incredible service every single year. For this production, the Young Explorers will be travelling to heaven to reveal how truly “Unexpected Christmas” was. Our youth will be once again displaying their fantastic artistic skills in a special presentation. And of course, there are songs, played by our wonderful youth band, and sung by our children!

*Unexpected*  *Christmas*

*Children & Youth Pageant*

*Dec 16th at 11:00 am*



## Thank You!

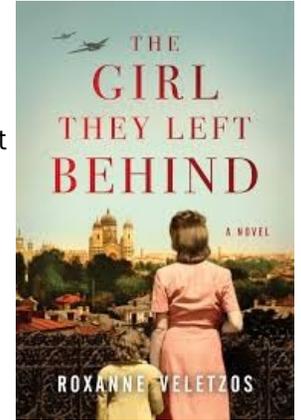
Thank you to everyone that helped with our work bee on November 17th. Between the work bee and individual families the congregation donated a total of 320 boxes so far.



## Book Club

Tuesday Dec 11th at 10:00 am  
**The Girl They Left Behind**

By Roxanne Veletzos. Inspired by a true story, this novel is about a Jewish girl, Natalia, who is adopted by a wealthy childless couple in Bucharest in 1941, during the first years of World War II. As an adult, Natalia continues to learn details about her biological parents and why they left her behind. With numerous twists and turns, this book is full of mystery and surprises.



# Christmas Potluck Dec 16th After the Pageant

**A - M bring a main**  
**N-Z bring dessert or salad**



# Spiritual Direction



Are you interested in exploring spiritual direction?

Spiritual direction is a spiritual practice of listening and supporting someone to deepen their relationship with God and grow in their spirituality. The intention is to create a space where a person can grow in their openness to perceiving and being shaped by God's presence and activity in their life.

Spiritual direction is a simple, but profound process. A directee meets monthly with a director. The time begins with a period of immersion in prayer and scripture. Then together they listen prayerfully for how God is speaking in scripture and the circumstances of life.

For more information about spiritual direction you can visit Rev. Ryan Anderson's website at: <http://transforminggrace.org/spiritual-direction/> or you may contact him directly at [engagingtransformation@gmail.com](mailto:engagingtransformation@gmail.com) or call (403) 993-7123

Ryan's training as a spiritual director was received through Fr. Bob Mitchell at Mount Saint Francis. This training followed the Franciscan style of spiritual direction. Ryan has also been a recipient of spiritual direction since 1999 with directors from the communities of Taizé, St. John the Evangelists and Mount St. Francis. His practice of spiritual direction is also shaped by his experience in interfaith and inter-spiritual dialogue as well as his formal theological training at the Lutheran Theological Seminary and Harvard Divinity School. Ryan was ordained as a Lutheran Pastor in 2007.

## Christmas Eve Candle Light Services

4:00 pm, 6:00 pm &  
8:00 pm with Holy Communion



# 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.



No  
worship  
service  
DECEMBER 25th

# Financials

CATEGORY	FUND	2018	2017
	General	\$23,322.93	\$32,574.00
	Loose	\$536.91	\$576.15
<b>Budgeted Giving</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$23,859.84</b>	<b>\$33,150.15</b>
	CLWR	\$670.80	
	Refugee Mission	\$1,100.00	
	Capital Maintenance	\$20.00	
	Canada Lutheran Subscriptions	\$133.77	
<b>Designated Giving</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,924.57</b>	<b>\$900.00</b>
	Cost Recovery	\$450.00	
	Youth Funds	\$40.00	
<b>Non-Receiptable / Credit</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$490.00</b>	<b>\$460.00</b>
	Hot Dog Sunday	\$183.00	
	Rentals	\$897.00	
<b>Other Income</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,080.00</b>	<b>\$5,394.31</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$27,354.41</b>	<b>\$39,904.46</b>

Number of Sundays	4	5
Average Attendance	184	210

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

# participants	18	21
General	\$3,984.00	\$4,269.00
Capital Maintenance	\$20.00	\$20.00
CLWR	\$255.00	\$205.00

## COMMENTS:

Designated >= \$1000 for 2018 includes:

Refugee Mission (\$1,100.00)

Cliff Blumhagen

Financial Secretary

# Year End



If you have any expenses that require reimbursement please submit them to the office by December 16th for year-end wind-up.

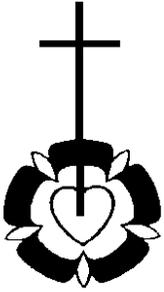
The Annual General Meeting will be held on  
January 27th.

# AGM

One worship  
service

Sunday, December 30th at 11am

# Bishop's Message



Dear Beloved of God –

We are taught by the morning newspaper headlines and by the evening news broadcasts to know names like: Donald Trump, Theresa May, Emmanuel Macron, Kim Jong-un, Vladimir Putin, Emperor Augustus, Quirinius – governor of Syria. Important people. Politicians, some of whom use power, who keep records – who announce that the world should be registered – and the entire world moves at their command – even the poor and the pregnant!

Rome reaches out its long arms to the little towns of Nazareth and Bethlehem and tightens its grip on its subjects through taxation and military might and population control – the empire-building business!

But the name Augustus meant more than just an inconvenient government decree for an imperial document carved forever in marble heralded the birth-day of Augustus as the birth-day of a god! Set in stone, this declaration announced the birth of Augustus as good news to the world! As emperor he was called *soter*, which means, “savior.” He was: “god on earth in human form, protector of the state, cause of peace and of blessing in the inhabited world!” His laws were presented in official propaganda as, “good tidings of great joy.”

The official party-line proclaimed that if you want to see deity at work look to the Emperor, savior, god, the rising star, the bringer of peace, the one who brings “good tidings of great joy!” And yet, what the record tells is of organized violence, militarism and exploitation of the poor. Of an emperor – a savior – who killed three of his sons and one of his wives, and a number of close advisors because he feared their disloyalty.

This is how the Christmas gospel begins – with a word of power – a decree – with powerful, important people in the powerhouse cities of Rome and Jerusalem. But the gospel writer doesn't stop there instead the writer tells of a bunch of politically powerful nobodies – like Joseph and Mary from the backward town of Nazareth – in a stable, in a dot-on-the-map-town called Bethlehem, surrounded by a group of scraggy low-life shepherds who lived in the fields and who, likely as not, smelled to high heaven!

The gospel writer invites us to listen carefully and to look closely as the stone-cut declaration about Emperor Augustus is countered with another word – this one delivered by heavenly messenger rather than Roman decree.

This gospel writer, you see, is busy re-arranging and contrasting our ideas about power, about history, about good news of great joy – in this child lying in a manger – heard against the backdrop of empire builders, power brokers and census takers.

To people suffering under unbelievable oppression, under the thumb of imperial Rome – Luke proclaims that they will hear and see truly good news not in imperial decrees, but in a manger -in this “good news of great joy for all the people” – in a birth announcement which calls forth worship and adoration, amazement and awe, wide-eyed wonder and running feet – and hope.

If we are not stunned by this declaration, perhaps it is because we fail to see what God is up to for when God chooses to challenge the empire and the idolatry of imperial power God comes as a helpless infant; when God chooses to bring hope God comes not as a declaration cut into marble but as a babe wrapped in strips of cloth; and when God chooses to embrace us and all of humanity with the gift of love God comes not as a decree but in flesh.

# Bishop's Message

This gospel writer invites us to ask the very real questions. The very real questions during the candle lighting and the gathering with family and friends, with strangers and friends; in the midst of our very real grief, and our very real concerns for our family and friends and for this world: who saves and who gives peace? And who claims our ultimate loyalty? And who is it that brings good news of great joy?

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn king.

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)*



## A Victory for the Calgary Alliance for the Common Good and Calgary Seniors!

To the members and friends of the Calgary Alliance for the Common Good:

Two years ago our Alliance listened to its members. We identified the need to support seniors to stay in their homes and communities by providing non-medical supports such as lawn care, minor repairs and snow shoveling. We formed a seniors' team and spent the year clarifying the issues, looking at other programs, consulting with other seniors' resource providers and lobbying our city politicians. This culminated in the Action Assembly, which was held on October 16th at the Temple B'nai Tikvah. **Two hundred of you turned out to demonstrate our strength and the importance of these issues. Your work and participation in this Assembly made a difference for Calgary's seniors.**

As a result, four city councilors, the Mayor and the province committed to work with us to support seniors in their homes. On October 30th our seniors' team met with the City of Calgary's Senior Services.

**We are extremely excited to announce that the City of Calgary is now working to address 8 and a half of the 9 objectives we asked for and will be making this a priority! This will impact thousands of Calgary seniors, their families and communities for many years to come.**

**What we asked for was:**

A non-medical home support for seniors that has:

1. Access across Calgary's geography.
2. Access across the economic spectrum using a sliding scale for financial support.
3. A spectrum of services to meet the variety of needs.
4. People who will connect seniors to service providers.
5. Trusted, competent service providers.
6. Service providers who can recognize signs of distress and refer the senior to appropriate resources.
7. Support for the development of Business/Service providers.
8. Public awareness/promotion of the program.
9. A gateway to connect seniors with other community resources.

## So what is next?

1. As promised at our assembly a meeting with Minister Sigurdson on December 17th has been set up to discuss establishing the sliding scale (the other half a point).
2. Use our strengths to support this program. We will work with the city to:
  - a. Recruit potential service providers.
  - b. Promote the program ways that seniors can access it.
3. Promote other ways for communities to support seniors such as the established snow angel program.

**Our victory is not yet complete until our seniors experience the positive difference this program makes for them and their communities. This is why we are building an alliance that will last. We will continue to engage with the city and monitor the program to ensure positive results for the future.**

## Recognition and Thanks

It is important that we recognize, express our appreciation and extend our gratitude to the leaders who have made this win possible. First and foremost this begins with our seniors' team members and the co-chairs Katharine Heimbigner-Tenor and Lee Woolery. They have shown significant skills and perseverance. Our CACG leaders have collectively created the capacity to make this and future victories possible. Those of you who came out to our Assembly and wrote letters to your city councilors; your work and participation definitely made a difference.

We want to recognize and express our appreciation to the public officials that have shown commitment to make this possible. This includes the city councilors who came to our assembly; Councilors Gonek, Chu, Chahal and Woolley; Mayor Nenshi and his staff, especially Nancy Close have helped move this forward. Thank you to City of Calgary Senior Services, especially Lisa Davis and Chris Hunter, who are developing and implementing this program. We also want to recognize the city staff, community agencies and their leaders that have also worked to address and advance these issues in our city.

The successful initiative is an example of how we can have a significant impact when we come together and use our shared power for the common good.

Thank you to all who contributed!



# *Breakforth Weekend*

Join us for one weekend where Christ-followers of all generations and all denominational backgrounds from all regions of Canada gather to worship one God.

Our cultural landscape is changing. The rate of change is accelerating faster than at any time in history. If the church is to speak into this changing reality with the love and grace of Jesus we will need to do so prayerfully, strategically, thoughtfully, lovingly and humbly. As One.

Break Forth One is an invitation to come together in unity. It's an invitation to leaders and the broader church to come together for one weekend to dialogue, listen, learn and pray together—to be equipped and empowered—to reach our neighbourhoods, cities, and country.

There is programming for youth and adults and as such would be appropriate for grade 9 and up. If you are interested in attending Breakforth please contact Jesse or Katharine. The rates go up to \$279.00 per adult and \$239.00 per student December 1st. For speaker and worship line details please check out:

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# Seek Him

Matthew 2:11

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.



# December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 6:30 Breakfast at the Seed 8:30 50 Plus Exercise Class 9:30 Advent Corsages 10:00 Youth Band Practice 7:00 Applied Theory
2 Communion Sunday 9:00 Worship Service 10:00 Adult Study 10:00 Advent Craft 11:00 Worship Service Noon: Choir Practice 6:30 Hand chimes	3 1:00 Memory Plus 6:00 Ladies Annual Potluck	4 Noon: Games Group Christmas Potluck	5 9:30 Experiencing God 11:00 Acadia Lunch 7:00 Al-anon 8:30 11 AM Praise Team	6	7 7:00 Tween Christmas Party	8 7:00 Youth Ski-trip 8:30 50 Plus Exercise Class
9 9:00 Worship Service 10:00 Adult Study 10:00 Pageant Rehearsal 11:00 Worship Service 7:00 An Evening of Caroling  Sandwich Sunday	10 1:00 Memory Plus 7:00 Fireside	11 10:00 Book Club "The Girl They Left Behind" 7:00 Today's Pilgrims	12 9:30 Experiencing God 11:00 Acadia Lunch 7:00 Al-anon Appreciation Party 8:30 11 AM Praise Team	13 7:00 RATS	14 6:00 Family Movie Night 6:30 Movie Lovers Christmas Potluck & Movie	15 8:30 50 Plus Exercise Class 7:00 Christmas Cafe
16 9:00 Worship Service 10:00 Adult Study 10:00 Pageant Rehearsal 11:00 Worship Service with Children's Pageant Noon: Christmas Potluck	17 6:00 Preschool Art Show	18 7:00 Church Board	19 9:30 Experiencing God 11:00 Acadia Lunch 7:00 Al-anon	20	21 Office closes at 1:00 pm and re-opens on January 2nd at 9:00 am	22 8:30 50 Plus Exercise Class
23 Communion 9:00 Worship Service 11:00 Worship Service 7:00 Service of Remembrance and Healing	24 4:00 Candlelight Service 6:00 Candlelight Service 8:00 Candlelight Service with Holy Communion	25 Merry Christmas 	26 Office Closed 7:00 Al-anon 8:30 Al-anon Book Club	27 Office Closed	28 Office Closed	29 8:30 50 Plus Exercise Class
30 One Service at 11 am	31 Office Closed					