



In aid of Canadian Lutheran World Relief many LCOS ladies have made dozens of sewing kits complete with fabric, scissors, needles, thread, and buttons. These kits will be placed in a small backpack and delivered by CLWR to women in need throughout the world. Thanks also to the women of Woodcliff United who have partnered with us by donating fabric and buttons for this project.

## Prayers

**Prayers Chain Ministry** is always ready to receive prayer requests. Information is kept strictly confidential. Contact Linda Joehnck at 403 279-3770, or the office.



Place your healing strength on:

Vincente Acosta	Eddie Glanville	Elaine and John Koop
Bonnie Barton	Elsie Gow	Karen Nordgaard
Marjorie Barton	Heldrun Grimm	Cori Paul
Renee Barton	Bob Halvorsen	Ellis Smith
Ken Bownes	Katharine Heimbigner-Tenor	Darren Tenor
Susan Brick	Shirley Hertlein	Rose Tenor
Doreen Cordingley	Ken Jung	Dean Turner
Judy Fielden		Alma Walker
Crystal Gapka		Laurie Watson

We remember those in care centres or “shut-in” at home, including:

Tom Bergman	Alexa Nernberg	Anne Sands
John Claussen	Robert Ohlhauser	Brenda Scott
Irene Dekowny	Betty Oldis	Willy Singbeil
Alma Krueger	Betty Sabo	Kelly Williams
Caroline Lutz	Andrew Sands	

The church office will be closed on December 23rd and re-open on January 2nd, 2020. In case of a pastoral emergency please contact Pastor Julianne at 403-464-8254.



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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 8, 2019  
9:00 & 11:00 AM



## Welcome/Announcements

### Gathering Songs

*“Come Now is the Time to Worship”*

*“There is a Redeemer”*

### Children’s Message: The Advent Wreath

*“Advent Song—Light One Light verses 1&2”*

### God’s Word: Isaiah 40: 1-11 NRSV

### Message: Preparing

*“Comfort, Comfort My People”*

### Offering

*“Angels from the Realms of Glory”*

### Ministry Moment

### 11:00 am Special Music: “The First Noel”

### Prayers and Lord’s Prayer

### Blessing

*“Joy to the World”*

## Today:

Another **Christmas Pageant rehearsal** is set for today at 10:00 am. The dress rehearsal will be at 10:00 am on December 15th with the pageant to follow at 11:00 am. There is still room to join in the fun. For more information please contact Heather Lietz-Salomon 403-255-4659 or Lauren Dzikowski 403-818-7260.

**Calgary Women's Chorus** is holding a Christmas Concert 2:30 today at McDougall United Church, 8516 Athabasca Street SE. Call 403-271-3950 or refer to calgarywomenschorus.ca for tickets.

Join us for our annual **Christmas Carol Sing** this evening at 7:00 pm. Come out to enjoy many of your favorite carols. Please bring a dessert to share.

If you have questions or concerns regarding the new **security system**, please contact Bob Montgomery at 403-660-8421 or mtmind@telusplanet.net.

Please note that most December events for **Family/Youth Ministry** will continue. Check the Vine, Bulletin or Website for details and dates, or contact the church office.

**Bibles for the Bibleless:** Please visit the table display and chat with Sunil about his work of sharing God's word.



Join our LCOS tradition of trimming our **GIVING 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 until December 15th. After the 15th the items will be delivered to various organizations including Ronald McDonald House, the Mustard Seed and CLWR.

## Thank you:

As a member of The Calgary Alliance for the Common Good, we stood tall this past week in speaking up for the most vulnerable in our community. A big thank you to all those who showed up at the Cathedral on November 25<sup>th</sup> and walked together with our partners to City Hall to raise our concern about the proposed 250% cost increases to the low-income transit pass program. The voice of the church in the public square spoke loudly and our collective action made a crucial difference in the process! For more information about the campaign see [www.keepcalgarystrong.ca](http://www.keepcalgarystrong.ca) or the Alliance at [www.calgarycommongood.org](http://www.calgarycommongood.org)

The Games Group wishes to thank all participants from 2019, and invites everyone to come and join in the fun in 2020. The games begin again **January 7<sup>th</sup>** at 1:00 pm. Ruth Peterson and Eleanor Wilson wish to thank all who joined in a wonderful pot-luck luncheon on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, and want to wish a blessed Christmas to all!

**Operation Christmas Child Thank You!** Thank you to all who helped with organizing, donating items, packing boxes at our work-bee and to Jens and Brent for delivering the boxes to Samaritan's Purse.

If you are interested in helping pay for shipping the boxes, please use one of the envelopes provided by Samaritan's Purse or put into the offering plate an envelope with your name and information for us to forward to Samaritan's Purse. Donations of \$20.00 or more qualify for an income tax receipt. Please make cheques made out to Samaritan's Purse. Thanks also for prayers for this work and the opportunity for children in the world to feel the love of Jesus through these small gift boxes.

## Upcoming:

**December 14<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm is the Youth Classy Christmas Party. Get dressed up in your holiday finest and come out for an evening of games, food and fun!

If you are struggling this Christmas season, please join us **December 15<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm for a Service of Healing and Remembrance.

If you have any expenses that require reimbursement please submit them to the office by **December 15<sup>th</sup>** for year-end reconciliation.

**December 15<sup>th</sup>** is the cut-off date to contribute to the poinsettia/foodbank fund.

## 2020 Pledge Update:

A total of 52 pledges have been received up to and including December 1<sup>st</sup>, committing a total of \$137,528 for 2020. This compares to last year where there were 60 pledges received committing a total of \$145,752. This is a **5.6% decrease** in the amount pledged.

If you were unable to submit a pledge on Stewardship Sunday there is still time. Please see an usher for a pledge card that you can complete and place in the offering plate.

## Today

9:00 am Worship Service  
10:00 am Christmas Pageant Practice  
10:00 am Adult Bible Study  
11:00 am Worship Service  
12:00 pm Coffee & Conversation  
7:00 pm Christmas Carol Sing

## This Week

Dec 10  
7:00 pm Today's Pilgrims

Dec 11  
9:30 am Experiencing God  
10:00 am Staff Meeting  
11:00 am Acadia Lunch Program  
7:00 pm Al-anon  
7:00 pm Drop In Dwelling  
7:00 pm 11:00 am Praise Team

Dec 14  
8:30 am 50+ Exercise Class  
7:00 pm Youth Classy Christmas

## Coming Up

Dec 15 Christmas Pageant  
Dec 15 Service of Healing & Remembrance  
Dec 16 Fireside Group  
Dec 16 January Vine deadline  
Dec 17 Board Meeting  
Dec 19 Flock Care  
Dec 24 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Service  
6:00 pm Christmas Eve Service  
8:00 pm Christmas Eve Service with Holy Communion  
Dec 29 One Service at 11:00 am