



## An Exciting Month Ahead

November is an emotional roller coaster in the life of the church. We begin by remembering our saints who have gone onto glory and celebrating the gift of their lives. For some, this experience is uplifting; for others it is painful. We are all over the map with joy and sorrow as we remember, grieve and give thanks.

For the rest of November, we wrap up the long season after Pentecost in which we have been celebrating the life of the Holy Spirit amongst us and our own spiritual growth. On these Sundays, we hear stories of Christ's return and how to prepare ourselves for its coming. The season culminates with Christ the King Sunday, as we acknowledge Christ's supremacy in every part of our lives and of our life together. Christ the King Sunday is something like New Year's Eve in the life of the church: a time to celebrate our life together, knowing that our resolution-making is coming with the dawn.

This makes November the perfect time to host our annual stewardship drive as we contemplate what it means to follow Christ in his way, open ourselves to being conformed into his image, and dedicate our resources to the building of God's realm on earth.

The colors on the altar will change a lot in November: from white to green to white, moving from "innocence and purity" to "spiritual growth" and back, symbolizing the celebrating and stretching we will do together.

I invite you to participate fully in this exciting month. Be in prayer about those who have touched and molded your life and prepare yourself to give thanks for them on November 5.

All during the month, consider that stewardship means more than you think it does. Stewardship is not just about money, but more importantly about:

- how we order our lives
- what we value
- whom we place on the throne of our lives
- where we hear God leading

These considerations determine how, what, and when we give in a much deeper way than considerations about money and budgets alone.

Be in prayer, discernment, and conversation with your family about God, your faith lives, your values, and your finances and other resources. Talk about what God is calling you to give to the church and what it takes to further our mission and communal life. Choose together what you will give for the year and come to church ready to make an anonymous pledge **on November 19**. For detailed help with this discernment, refer to the next several pages of the Crossbeams beginning with "What do I need to know in order to take a step in my giving?" and ending with the "Take a Step in Giving" financial chart.

Spend the last week in November week in prayer for all of the families and individuals in our church community. Ask God to support and care for them as they also prepare to keep their promises in the coming year.

Come to worship November 26 ready to re-enthroned Christ as Lord and King of all. Luther would say this is hard work, because each of us wants to be God ourselves! What will it take for you to get yourself off the throne of your life and put Jesus there?

peace is yours,

Pastor Laura



# What do I need to know in order to take a step in my giving?

## First, let's understand some things about money....

Financial transactions are nothing more than a system of trading one thing for another (bartering). Before the invention of money, people traded goods and services, agreeing upon relative value and exchanging like for like. For example, if you were strong and could lift heavy things, you could go around lifting heavy things for farmers in exchange for food. Of course, this system breaks down quickly: What if you need a hair cut, but the barber doesn't need any lifting done or the only lifting work is on the farm?

Money allows people to exchange good and services for an item of agreed-upon value, that can then be used as "currency" in the marketplace. (At first it was buttons.) In other words, money is nothing more than an "agreement of value". Money was not invented by God. Money was invented by people to make transactions easier and give people more choices in the marketplace. (As an interesting aside, look up "rai stones" or "stone money" on the internet!)

Currency, transactions, and the desire to accumulate money have a way of creeping into our internal value system and corrupting us. We call this condition "greed." 1 Timothy 6:10 says, "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains." (Note that it says, "the **love** of money", not money itself. Money itself is benign.) Indeed, if you want to discover why people suffer, follow the money in their personal lives, and in our governments, businesses and organizations. Much pain is caused to masses of people by the corruption and greed of a few in pivotal positions.

## Next, let's talk about why financial giving is necessary for everyone, no matter who you are or how much money you have....

Financial stewardship is the best way the worshipping community knows to keep the human heart free of greed and financial corruption. There are several reasons for this.

Financial stewardship helps people recognize that God is God and we are not. We name and claim that God has giv-

en us every good thing, including the ability to prosper. As recognition of God's blessings to us, we strive to give blessings back to God, measure for measure. The regular practice of giving money helps us honor the first commandment. It continually reminds us in a tangible and sometimes painful way that we honor God above everything and everyone else.

Financial stewardship invests us in the mission of God. In Luke 12, Jesus says, <sup>32</sup> "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailling treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." It matters where you put your money. If you invest in hockey, you will live, breathe, and love hockey. You will spend your time there, too. If you invest in the church, you will care differently about the church's mission. You will spend more time there and you will be changed spiritually as you make God and God's beloved community the center of your life. More and more, you will be challenged to pour your life out for others the way that Jesus did. Of course you can invest in more than one thing, but often people invest in many things, leaving the church out of the picture.



We strive to practice first fruits giving. This means giving to God first, before the payment of any bills, financial commitments, or spending desires. Why? Because if we give to God from the leftovers or excess money we have, we often find there is little left to give. "First fruits giving" requires us to think about and

plan where we will spend our money. It forces us to budget and tell our money what to do, rather than watch it drain away leaving us wondering where it all went. People who practice "first fruits giving" often report experiencing having enough money for all the things they want to do, no matter how much money they have.

## You should also know some things about the finances at Church of the Cross:

- All personal financial giving records are confidential.
- No one will ever talk to you or anyone else about how much you give, or "squeeze you" to give more, although they may ask you to give something.

- The weekly counters and the financial secretary, who are responsible for handling everything that comes into the offering plates and making deposits on behalf of the church are the only people who see individual contributions. They have a code of confidentiality they must keep to protect people's privacy in matters of giving. The pastors, staff, council, and members of the congregation do not know how much or how frequently individual people give to the church.
- All of the regular expenses, including the mortgage, utility bills, maintenance expenses, staff salaries and contracts, office supplies, coffee, candles, music, and program costs are paid from the contributions of members and guests and from rental fees received from outside organizations and groups who contract with us to use our building space.
- Sometimes we receive grants from outside organizations for special projects.
- We also receive memorial donations from people wishing to honor and remember a loved one. These funds are used to purchase "permanent furnishings" in the church, particularly things related to worship and enhancement of communal life.
- Your giving is never compared to the giving of anyone else.
- We do not receive funding from the national, synodical, or conference expressions of the church. In fact, we send money to them to fund ministry at those levels. These are things like: seminary education, world hunger relief, the national magazine, and provincial initiatives like mental health ministry.



**Three simple rules in life: If you do not go after what you want, you'll never have it. If you do not ask, the answer will always be no. If you do not step forward, you will always be in the same place.**

Anonymous

To take a step in your giving, you must address to aspects of giving: Frequency and amount.

Use the material following to assess the amount of your giving.

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As with every mark of discipleship, the pastors are available to meet with you for prayer, consultation and guidance as you take new steps. Remember that taking these steps in giving is an act of spiritual growth and deepening discipleship. May God bless your growth and your giving.

## FREQUENCY

Financial giving is like a muscle that becomes strong as it is exercised and used. We take a step with the frequency of our giving so that financial giving becomes a habit. The questions below are intended to help to assess where and how to take a step with the frequency and regularity of your giving. If you can answer "Yes" to the question, continue to the next question. As soon as you answer "No" to a question, go to work in that section and assess how to take the next step in your giving.

### Have you ever given money to the church? If not...

Beginning to give is often a matter of confronting our awareness about how ministry is funded and our part in it. Oftentimes we simply haven't thought about giving. Maybe we think other people we take care of it, or that we don't have anything to contribute. Giving to the church, however, is not about any of those things. Giving to the church is about taking a step toward living in right relationship with God and others. Giving to the church is about reordering our economic minds and beginning to make them spiritual. Your first step is to pray. Ask God to reorder your thoughts about money. Listen for how God is calling you to contribution to your congregation.

### Why do we function this way?

Financial giving is a highly personal and spiritual matter. It really is no one's business except yours and God's, and it is best kept between you.

### How do take a step in my giving?

Most importantly, begin where you are. You cannot go from giving nothing to giving a huge percentage of your income in a single swift motion. Yet, it is important that you take a step, small or large. All of us stepping together will make a huge impact on the ministry of the church, and therefore the world.

**Do you give money to the church each Sunday you attend, or do you give on PAR? If not...**

You have given money to the church before, now the step to take is to plan to give money to the church each time you attend. This step is not so much about giving large amounts of money, but about getting in the habit of giving something regularly. Each member of the church is issued a set of offering envelopes to help with building this muscle. Use your envelopes to plan to make a gift to the church each time you attend. Plan out one month at a time, placing your offering in the envelopes when you plan. Bring the envelopes with you when you worship.

**Do you give money regularly, whether or not you attend? If not...**

You have given money to the church before, either every time you attend, or close to it. The next step in building your giving muscle is to give whether you attend or not. When you do your financial planning each month, plan to give a specific amount for the month. Either divide that amount into your envelopes, make one monthly payment in one envelope, or make arrangements to give of PAR. Giving on Par allows you to give monthly, electronically on a specific date of your choice. The calculations become easier if you do annual planning and plan your giving to the church once for the whole year.

**Do you give money at times above and beyond your regular giving, such as Cause of the Month, Lenten services, special asks, or for memorials? If not...**

If you are already giving regularly to the church, whether you attend or not, the next step is to open your finances to the special projects of the congregation and the extra-mile giving projects that benefit other agencies within the wider church and our community. Pray about which projects you might support and to what extent. Give generously and often.

**Do you give to these sorts of opportunities regularly? If not...**

Plan to give to the special projects of the congregation and extra-mile giving projects that benefit other agencies within the wider church and our community. If you plan once annually, you can budget for these projects and events as a method of planned generosity.

**AMOUNT**

**Are you giving a percentage of your income, or a regular amount each month? If not...**

When determining how much to give, the pastors recommend using a percentage of your income. Starting to give in this manner will reorder your financial life. The absolute best thing to do is to create an annual budget. If you have never done this, use the budgeting worksheet included in this packet. A budget is nothing more than a plan; you telling your money what you want it to do.

If you are giving a percentage of your income or a regular amount each month, the next step is for you to increase that percentage or amount.

Use the step charts to help you calculate how much to budget to give. (Page 5 and 6)



# TAKE A STEP IN GIVING

1. Find your income on the chart below.
2. Pray and reflect on your income and expenses as an individual and/or family
3. What would it take for you to take a 1/2% or 1% step up in giving? What would you have to reprioritize?

Income		Weekly Giving to the Congregation (monthly figures are on the reverse side)														
Hourly	Monthly	Yearly	0.5%	1%	1.5%	2%	2.5%	3%	3.5%	4%	4.5%	5%	7%	9%	10%	11%
\$10.70	\$1,851.10	\$22,213.20	\$2.15	\$4.30	\$6.46	\$8.61	\$10.76	\$12.91	\$15.07	\$17.22	\$19.37	\$21.52	\$30.13	\$38.74	\$43.05	\$47.35
\$11.20	\$1,937.60	\$23,251.20	\$2.25	\$4.51	\$6.76	\$9.01	\$11.27	\$13.52	\$15.77	\$18.02	\$20.28	\$22.53	\$31.54	\$40.55	\$45.06	\$49.57
\$12.00	\$2,076.00	\$24,912.00	\$2.41	\$4.83	\$7.24	\$9.66	\$12.07	\$14.48	\$16.90	\$19.31	\$21.73	\$24.14	\$33.80	\$43.45	\$48.28	\$53.11
\$13.00	\$2,249.00	\$26,988.00	\$2.62	\$5.23	\$7.85	\$10.46	\$13.08	\$15.69	\$18.31	\$20.92	\$23.54	\$26.15	\$36.61	\$47.07	\$52.30	\$57.53
\$14.00	\$2,422.00	\$29,064.00	\$2.82	\$5.63	\$8.45	\$11.27	\$14.08	\$16.90	\$19.71	\$22.53	\$25.35	\$28.16	\$39.43	\$50.69	\$56.33	\$61.96
\$15.00	\$2,595.00	\$31,140.00	\$3.02	\$6.03	\$9.05	\$12.07	\$15.09	\$18.10	\$21.12	\$24.14	\$27.16	\$30.17	\$42.24	\$54.31	\$60.35	\$66.38
\$17.00	\$2,941.00	\$35,292.00	\$3.42	\$6.84	\$10.26	\$13.68	\$17.10	\$20.52	\$23.94	\$27.36	\$30.78	\$34.20	\$47.88	\$61.56	\$68.40	\$75.23
\$20.00	\$3,460.00	\$41,520.00	\$4.02	\$8.05	\$12.07	\$16.09	\$20.12	\$24.14	\$28.16	\$32.19	\$36.21	\$40.23	\$56.33	\$72.42	\$80.47	\$88.51
\$22.00	\$3,806.00	\$45,672.00	\$4.43	\$8.85	\$13.28	\$17.70	\$22.13	\$26.55	\$30.98	\$35.40	\$39.83	\$44.26	\$61.96	\$79.66	\$88.51	\$97.36
\$24.00	\$4,152.00	\$49,824.00	\$4.83	\$9.66	\$14.48	\$19.31	\$24.14	\$28.97	\$33.80	\$38.62	\$43.45	\$48.28	\$67.59	\$86.90	\$96.56	\$106.21
\$26.00	\$4,498.00	\$53,976.00	\$5.23	\$10.46	\$15.69	\$20.92	\$26.15	\$31.38	\$36.61	\$41.84	\$47.07	\$52.30	\$73.22	\$94.14	\$104.60	\$115.07
\$30.00	\$5,190.00	\$62,280.00	\$6.03	\$12.07	\$18.10	\$24.14	\$30.17	\$36.21	\$42.24	\$48.28	\$54.31	\$60.35	\$84.49	\$108.63	\$120.70	\$132.77
\$32.00	\$5,536.00	\$66,432.00	\$6.44	\$12.87	\$19.31	\$25.75	\$32.19	\$38.62	\$45.06	\$51.50	\$57.93	\$64.37	\$90.12	\$115.87	\$128.74	\$141.62
\$34.00	\$5,882.00	\$70,584.00	\$6.84	\$13.68	\$20.52	\$27.36	\$34.20	\$41.04	\$47.88	\$54.72	\$61.56	\$68.40	\$95.75	\$123.11	\$136.79	\$150.47
\$36.00	\$6,228.00	\$74,736.00	\$7.24	\$14.48	\$21.73	\$28.97	\$36.21	\$43.45	\$50.69	\$57.93	\$65.18	\$72.42	\$101.39	\$130.35	\$144.84	\$159.32
\$38.00	\$6,574.00	\$78,888.00	\$7.64	\$15.29	\$22.93	\$30.58	\$38.22	\$45.87	\$53.51	\$61.15	\$68.80	\$76.44	\$107.02	\$137.60	\$152.88	\$168.17
\$40.00	\$6,920.00	\$83,040.00	\$8.05	\$16.09	\$24.14	\$32.19	\$40.23	\$48.28	\$56.33	\$64.37	\$72.42	\$80.47	\$112.65	\$144.84	\$160.93	\$177.02
\$42.00	\$7,266.00	\$87,192.00	\$8.45	\$16.90	\$25.35	\$33.80	\$42.24	\$50.69	\$59.14	\$67.59	\$76.04	\$84.49	\$118.28	\$152.08	\$168.98	\$185.87
\$44.00	\$7,612.00	\$91,344.00	\$8.85	\$17.70	\$26.55	\$35.40	\$44.26	\$53.11	\$61.96	\$70.81	\$79.66	\$88.51	\$123.92	\$159.32	\$177.02	\$194.73
\$46.00	\$7,958.00	\$95,496.00	\$9.25	\$18.51	\$27.76	\$37.01	\$46.27	\$55.52	\$64.77	\$74.03	\$83.28	\$92.53	\$129.55	\$166.56	\$185.07	\$203.58
\$48.00	\$8,304.00	\$99,648.00	\$9.66	\$19.31	\$28.97	\$38.62	\$48.28	\$57.93	\$67.59	\$77.25	\$86.90	\$96.56	\$135.18	\$173.80	\$193.12	\$212.43
\$50.00	\$8,650.00	\$103,800.00	\$10.06	\$20.12	\$30.17	\$40.23	\$50.29	\$60.35	\$70.41	\$80.47	\$90.52	\$100.58	\$140.81	\$181.05	\$201.16	\$221.28
\$52.00	\$8,996.00	\$107,952.00	\$10.46	\$20.92	\$31.38	\$41.84	\$52.30	\$62.76	\$73.22	\$83.68	\$94.14	\$104.60	\$146.45	\$188.29	\$209.21	\$230.13
\$54.00	\$9,342.00	\$112,104.00	\$10.86	\$21.73	\$33.59	\$43.45	\$54.31	\$65.18	\$76.04	\$86.90	\$97.77	\$108.63	\$152.08	\$195.53	\$217.26	\$238.98
\$56.00	\$9,688.00	\$116,256.00	\$11.27	\$22.53	\$33.80	\$45.06	\$56.33	\$67.59	\$78.86	\$90.12	\$101.39	\$112.65	\$157.71	\$202.77	\$225.30	\$247.83
\$58.00	\$10,034.00	\$120,408.00	\$11.67	\$23.33	\$35.00	\$46.67	\$58.34	\$70.00	\$81.67	\$93.34	\$105.01	\$116.67	\$163.34	\$210.01	\$233.35	\$256.68
\$60.00	\$10,380.00	\$124,560.00	\$12.07	\$24.14	\$36.21	\$48.28	\$60.35	\$72.42	\$84.49	\$96.56	\$108.63	\$120.70	\$168.98	\$217.26	\$241.40	\$265.53
\$65.00	\$11,245.00	\$134,940.00	\$13.08	\$26.15	\$39.23	\$52.30	\$65.38	\$78.45	\$91.53	\$104.60	\$117.68	\$130.76	\$183.06	\$235.36	\$261.51	\$287.66
\$70.00	\$12,110.00	\$145,320.00	\$14.08	\$28.16	\$42.24	\$56.33	\$70.41	\$84.49	\$98.57	\$112.65	\$126.73	\$140.81	\$197.14	\$253.47	\$281.63	\$309.79
\$75.00	\$12,975.00	\$155,700.00	\$15.09	\$30.17	\$45.26	\$60.35	\$75.44	\$90.52	\$105.61	\$120.70	\$135.78	\$150.87	\$211.22	\$271.57	\$301.74	\$331.92

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\$12.00	\$2,076.00	\$24,912.00	\$10.38	\$20.76	\$31.14	\$41.52	\$51.90	\$62.28	\$72.66	\$83.04	\$93.42	\$103.80	\$145.32	\$186.84	\$207.60	\$228.36
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\$15.00	\$2,595.00	\$31,140.00	\$12.98	\$25.95	\$38.93	\$51.90	\$64.88	\$77.85	\$90.83	\$103.80	\$116.78	\$129.75	\$181.65	\$233.55	\$259.50	\$285.45
\$17.00	\$2,941.00	\$35,292.00	\$14.71	\$29.41	\$44.12	\$58.82	\$73.53	\$88.23	\$102.94	\$117.64	\$132.35	\$147.05	\$205.87	\$264.69	\$294.10	\$323.51
\$20.00	\$3,460.00	\$41,520.00	\$17.30	\$34.60	\$51.90	\$69.20	\$86.50	\$103.80	\$121.10	\$138.40	\$155.70	\$173.00	\$242.20	\$311.40	\$346.00	\$380.60
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\$24.00	\$4,152.00	\$49,824.00	\$20.76	\$41.52	\$62.28	\$83.04	\$103.80	\$124.56	\$145.32	\$166.08	\$186.84	\$207.60	\$290.64	\$373.68	\$415.20	\$456.72
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\$32.00	\$5,536.00	\$66,432.00	\$27.68	\$55.36	\$83.04	\$110.72	\$138.40	\$166.08	\$193.76	\$221.44	\$249.12	\$276.80	\$387.52	\$498.24	\$553.60	\$608.96
\$34.00	\$5,882.00	\$70,584.00	\$29.41	\$58.82	\$88.23	\$117.64	\$147.05	\$176.46	\$205.87	\$235.28	\$264.69	\$294.10	\$411.74	\$529.38	\$588.20	\$647.02
\$36.00	\$6,228.00	\$74,736.00	\$31.14	\$62.28	\$93.42	\$124.56	\$155.70	\$186.84	\$217.98	\$249.12	\$280.26	\$311.40	\$435.96	\$560.52	\$622.80	\$685.08
\$38.00	\$6,574.00	\$78,888.00	\$32.87	\$65.74	\$98.61	\$131.48	\$164.35	\$197.22	\$230.09	\$262.96	\$295.83	\$328.70	\$460.18	\$591.66	\$657.40	\$723.14
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\$46.00	\$7,958.00	\$95,496.00	\$39.79	\$79.58	\$119.37	\$159.16	\$198.95	\$238.74	\$278.53	\$318.32	\$358.11	\$397.90	\$557.06	\$716.22	\$795.80	\$875.38
\$48.00	\$8,304.00	\$99,648.00	\$41.52	\$83.04	\$124.56	\$166.08	\$207.60	\$249.12	\$290.64	\$332.16	\$373.68	\$415.20	\$581.28	\$747.36	\$830.40	\$913.44
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\$54.00	\$9,342.00	\$112,104.00	\$46.71	\$93.42	\$140.13	\$186.84	\$232.55	\$280.64	\$326.97	\$373.73	\$420.39	\$467.10	\$653.94	\$840.78	\$934.20	\$1,027.62
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# A glance at November Ministry Happenings....



- November 1**—Sandwich Making—7:30 am
- November 2** - PHD group—Noon—potluck
- November 4** - Cantare workshop—all day
- November 5** - All Saints Sunday

- November 5** - Young Families Gathering—following worship
- November 10** - ForWord—6:30—8 pm
- November 11** - Men’s Breakfast—8 am
- November 12** - BLAST training
- November 14** - Prayer and Care—11:30 am—potluck
- November 14** - An Evening with Eileen Christensen—6:30 pm
- November 17—18** - CARE Conference—(*conference is full*)
- November 18** - Youth Geo-cashing
- November 19** - “*Decisions That Count*” - following worship—sponsored by Prayer & Care
- November 23** - Prayer & Care—“*Caring Conversations*” - 5 pm—potluck
- November 25** - Men’s Breakfast—8 am
- November 25** - Glass Bowl Making—9 am—2 pm
- November 25**— Women’s Ministry—10 am
- November 26** - FOOD BANK SUNDAY
- November 28** - Mentor Night @ Confirmation—6:30 pm



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***Love the Lord your God***  
***with.....***

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## Lutheran Church of the Cross

10620 Elbow Drive SW Calgary, AB  
[www.churchofthecross.ca](http://www.churchofthecross.ca)  
[churchofthecross@shaw.ca](mailto:churchofthecross@shaw.ca)  
 Pastors Laura & Phil Holck  
 403-255-4792

### Mission

Gathered by God to worship and grow.  
 Empowered by Spirit to love and care for each other  
 Living Christ’s love by witnessing to all.

### Vision

To be a vibrant and growing congregation unified in sharing the  
 love of Christ through words  
 and actions.



## SOCIAL MINISTRY

### Cause of the month for November

Families in Need

During November and December we encourage members to donate funds to enable us to supply food/gift cards for families who struggle to meet their needs during the winter and holiday season. Your continued support is much appreciated.

As our Christmas project we will again do the 'stuff a pair of socks' for the Mustard Seed. A box will be placed in the narthex for the collection of socks and needed items.

**Some of the items needed are:** personal hygiene (ie. Soap, toothpaste, deodorant, lip balm, skin cream, comb, tissues), band-aids, gloves, chocolate bars or candy treats, pen and writing pad, bus tickets, gift card to fast food restaurants, sewing kit, etc.

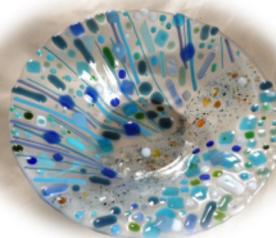
**December 10<sup>th</sup> is the final day for collection.**

## Saturday Retreat: God and You Creating Together

Genesis 1 reveals that God is tremendously creative. Genesis 1 also tells us that we are created in the image of God; we are creative too! Lots of people think they don't have a creative bone in their bodies, but it's quite simply not true. Everyone is creative, even if that creativity has been dormant!

On **Saturday, November 25**, discover some of your own creativity, the joy of creating something lovely, and how you and God make a creative team. Pastor Laura and Lise Wilson lead a retreat on creativity from 9 am to 2 pm, lunch included. Our creative medium is fused glass bowls. Check out the sample and RSVP in the narthex on Sundays. A \$65 fee covers the cost of materials.

**YOU CAN DO THIS!**



## BACKPACKS URGENTLY NEEDED

Do you have gently used and empty backpacks that you are willing to donate?

There are people in our community who are in need of new or gently used backpacks. For some, a backpack is the only place they have to keep personal belongings.



Donate your gently used backpacks at any of these locations:  
**Church of the Cross, November 5 - 26**

SORCe - Located off City Hall C-Train Platform / Next to Central Library  
Calgary Police Service - District 3 - 4304 14 St NW  
Calgary Police Service - District 4 - 3207 12Ave NE  
Calgary Police Service - District 6 - 8325 Bonaventure Dr SE

# LEAD ... love God with all your **strength**

Earlier this year when **Prayer and Care** met to refine and clarify the purpose of our group we agreed that we had fallen short on our educational goals. With that in mind we are offering an exciting opportunity for you to explore **how to care in a distinctively Christian way**.

Once a month on **Thursday evenings— 5pm-7pm** come and enjoy a **Potluck and Study!**

Hilary Gray and Wendy McCulloch will lead the group as we work our way through the book...

**“Christian Caregiving-a Way of Life”** written by the founder of Stephen Ministry **Kenneth Hauck**.

We will meet for **10 sessions** (*September 28, October 19, November 23, January 25, February 22, March 22, April 26, May 24*) The group will plan how we can accomplish two more sessions in our busy church year! A mini retreat is a possibility.

Perhaps you have asked this question. **Do I as a Christian have anything unique to offer my friends and family when they are hurting?**

You are invited to come and find good answers as we study together. **Register** at the office or speak to Hilary or Wendy. The cost for the course/book is \$20.00.



- Are you interested in connecting with other young adults and families at the church?
- Do you wondering how your faith can give you new life in the midst of the busyness of work and family?

The Families and Friends group is a chance for families with young children and young adults at the church to gather to build relationships, eat lunch and have meaningful conversations together. This year we will be meeting the first Sunday of the month after church (During Blast) in the small classroom next to the fellowship hall. Each time it will be a new conversation about life and faith. No prep work is expected, and we know life is full, so come when you can and bring simply yourself (and your little ones). You are simply welcome. If you have any questions feel free contact Ryan Andersen at [ryancandersen@yahoo.com](mailto:ryancandersen@yahoo.com) or (403)993-7123.

**Next meeting is Sunday, November 5th**—following worship

# LEAD ... love God with all your **soul**

Last month, Sarah, Gundars and Heather (*along with Pastor Laura and Pastor Phil as spiritual directors*), helped lead the LOGOS retreat at Camp Kuriakos. LOGOS is a retreat *for youth and by youth* and is a youth version of *the Way of Christ* weekend.

Members of Lutheran Church of the Cross should be very proud about the leadership that these youth provided at this weekend and the way the Holy Spirit moved to strengthen the faith of the participants and enliven them to be at work in their home congregations. There were 13 participants: half in high school and the other half just out. They listened, discussed, created, worshiped, prayed and were all impacted by the experience. The team did a great job of delivering talks and sharing stories from their own life. Their willingness to share their faith, a few surprises provided on the weekend, and the movement of the Holy Spirit (assisted by your prayers) made this a powerful weekend.

## LOGOS Youth Retreat



Love Of God, Others & Self



**\$996.31** was raised by Church of the Cross in this year's campaign!

**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN**  
FOR THE CALGARY PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE  
Sunday, May 14 - Sunday, June 18



Your change can  
**Change lives**

# An evening with Eileen Christensen



Early in her life, Eileen met the love of her life. He then proceeded to become a pastor and she a pastor's wife. Hear the story of one who has been in the church her whole life...

*Come, be inspired by faith in action.  
Come, be inspired by God's amazing grace.  
Come, be inspired by our own Eileen Christensen.*

**Tuesday, November 14, 2017 6:30 - 8 pm**  
Light refreshments will be served

## *The Way of Christ*

Weekends and community experiences that make a difference

# ForWord

Friday, November 10

6:30-8 pm

at Church  
of the Cross

10620 Elbow Dr. SW

- People speak in relevant ways about their struggles and faith
- Small group conversation and prayer
- Music, worship and a free-will giving opportunity to support *The Way of Christ*
- Dessert potluck and coffee: Bring something to share

## All Are Welcome

For more information, contact Angelique Linge: [investinginfoiks@hotmail.com](mailto:investinginfoiks@hotmail.com)

*ForWords are also an opportunity to hear about  
The Way of Christ Weekends*

Rediscover, Reconnect, Renew your life in 72 hours

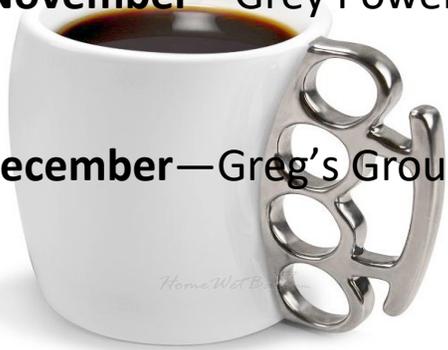
# LEAD ... love God with all your **soul**

## Acolytes for November

### COFFEE SET-UP

**November**—Grey Power

**December**—Greg's Group



**November 5**— Isak Larsen, Leo Rettie  
**November 12**—Jamie Risse, Leo Rettie  
**November 19**—Max Thomson, Kim Reath  
**November 26**—Jamie Risse, Kim Reath

  
**Acolyte**  
Ministry

**Morning Prayer—9 am—Monday—Thursday**

**Fellowship & Coffee at**  
Tim Hortons—every Tuesday morning at 10 am.  
11472 Braeside Dr. SW.



**November 2nd**

**12:00 noon to 1:15 pm**

We would like to welcome you to Church of the Cross for a **revival of the PHD program.**

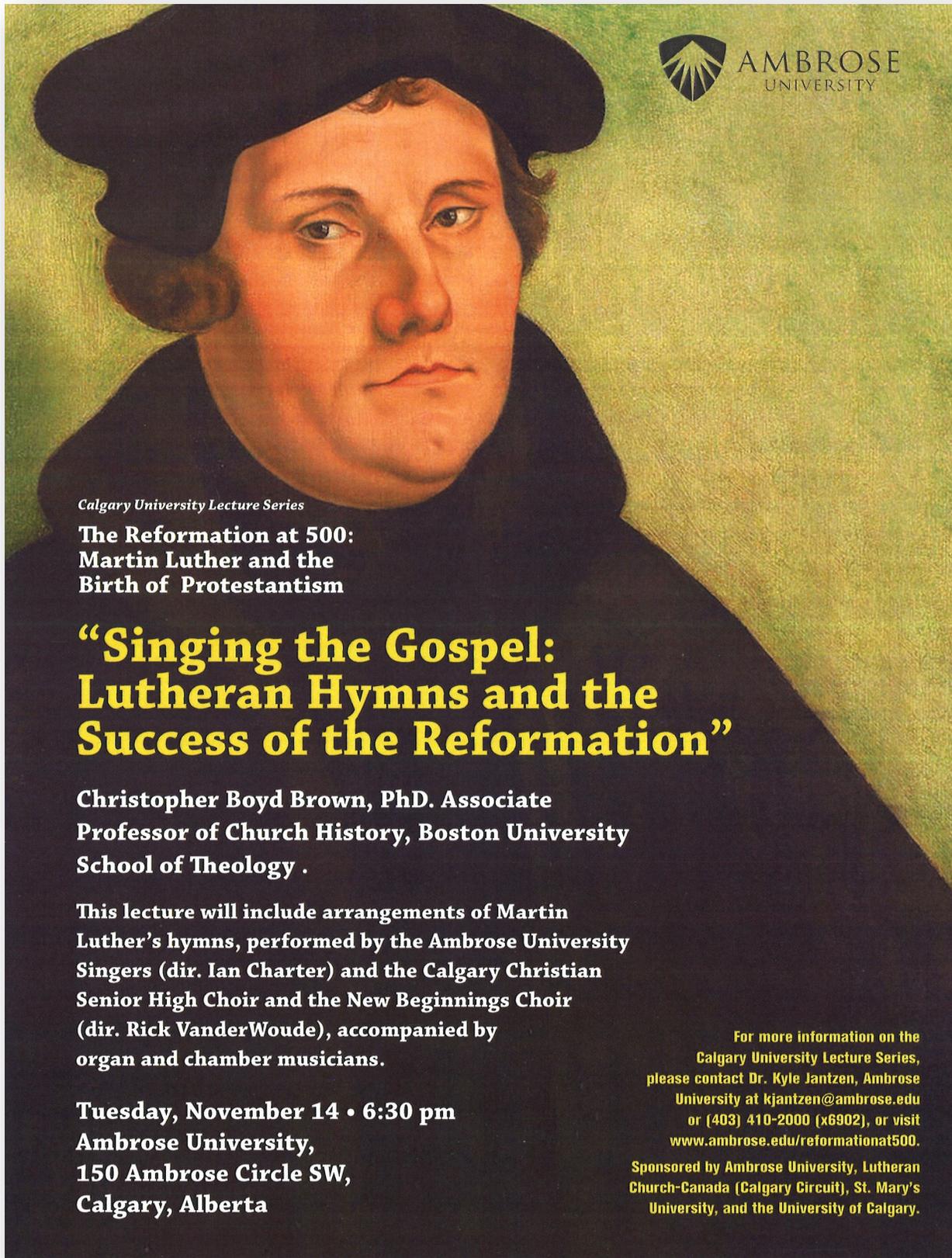
**PHD means – POTLUCK/HYMN/DEVOTION**

There will be a potluck lunch, a presentation regarding the contemplation and reflections of the composer of a hymn (*chosen by the presenter*), then a devotion followed by a short hymn sing.

Please join us for:

**GOOD FOOD/ GOOD COMPANY/ FUN/ KNOWLEDGE**

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*Calgary University Lecture Series*

**The Reformation at 500:  
Martin Luther and the  
Birth of Protestantism**

## **“Singing the Gospel: Lutheran Hymns and the Success of the Reformation”**

**Christopher Boyd Brown, PhD. Associate  
Professor of Church History, Boston University  
School of Theology .**

**This lecture will include arrangements of Martin  
Luther’s hymns, performed by the Ambrose University  
Singers (dir. Ian Charter) and the Calgary Christian  
Senior High Choir and the New Beginnings Choir  
(dir. Rick VanderWoude), accompanied by  
organ and chamber musicians.**

**Tuesday, November 14 • 6:30 pm  
Ambrose University,  
150 Ambrose Circle SW,  
Calgary, Alberta**

**For more information on the  
Calgary University Lecture Series,  
please contact Dr. Kyle Jantzen, Ambrose  
University at [kjantzen@ambrose.edu](mailto:kjantzen@ambrose.edu)  
or (403) 410-2000 (x6902), or visit  
[www.ambrose.edu/reformationat500](http://www.ambrose.edu/reformationat500).**

**Sponsored by Ambrose University, Lutheran  
Church-Canada (Calgary Circuit), St. Mary’s  
University, and the University of Calgary.**

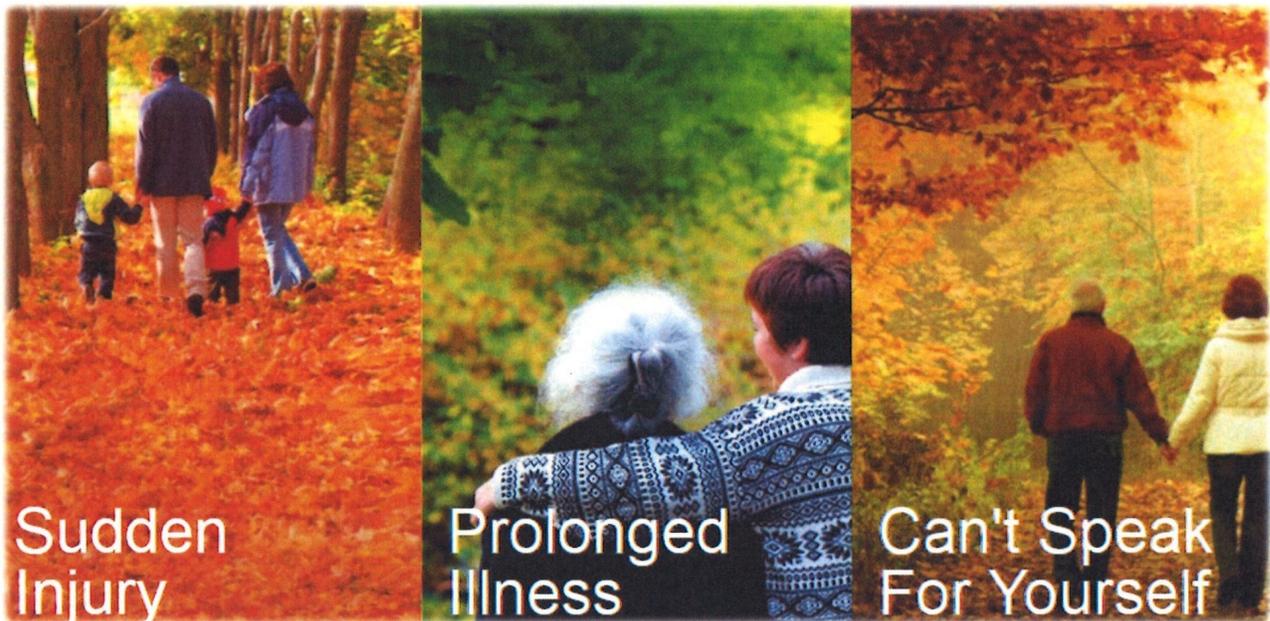
# LEAD ... love God with all your **mind**

## Decisions that Count – Personal Directives, Advance Care Planning & Goals of Care Designations

Everyone is invited, we can all benefit from Advanced Care Planning. If an unexpected event or change in your health occurs and you are unable to make decisions about your health care, planning in advance ensures your wishes will be known.

### Conversations Matter

*It's about decisions and how we care for each other*



Advance care planning is the process of thinking about, talking about, and documenting your wishes for health care. We will bring resources related to Advance Care planning (free Personal Directives) and share an informative presentation. Advance Care Planning is translated into Goals of Care Designations for patients in the health care system, and all of this is communicated in a Green Sleeve – your very own Health Passport!

**When** Sunday, November 19

**Time** following worship

**Where** Lutheran Church of the Cross

Further information can be found at <https://myhealth.alberta.ca/Alberta/Pages/advance-care-planning-topic-overview.aspx>

# LEAD ... love God with all your mind



**BIBLE STUDY – Self-led study with discussion**  
**Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Church**

Please join us for part three of a three-session study on the Apostles' Creed:

*I believe in the Holy Spirit...*

## DID YOU KNOW . . .

- the Women of Southwood United and ELCOC have been meeting each year to celebrate the beginning of Advent since 1972 ??
- this is the 45<sup>th</sup> year of this traditional meeting for meditation & fellowship?



**Women of Lutheran Church of the Cross & Southwood United Church will gather together on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Lutheran Church of the Cross for the Annual Advent Celebration.**

We'd like you to begin Advent with us at this very special joint gathering where Lutheran Church of the Cross will lead the Advent meditation service and Southwood United will provide entertainment in the fellowship time to follow. **(Church of the Cross women please bring sandwiches or an appetizer to share)**

## Why should YOU come? Participants share:

*...It's a fun night with time for quiet meditation and fellowship with others.*

*...I look forward to seeing the faces of our friends at Southwood United.*

*... It's a special evening that calms me down and prepares me for Christmas*

*... This event offers a chance to pause and puts focus on the true meaning of the season - it moves me beyond thinking of gifts and shopping.*



For  
Parents

## Grandparents, Aunts & Uncles Grandkids, Nieces and Nephews

Sometimes we talk about our congregation being a family. It certainly is not the only metaphor for our congregation, but it does emphasize that *relationships* are key to our life together. There is the relationship we have with God. There is the relationship we have with ourselves (you might say our *baptismal identity as a child of God*). And there is the relationship we have with other members in the congregation.

When I think about my own grandparents, aunts and uncles, my experience was that they loved me, were interested in what I was doing, and gently guide and advised. It is a different role than my parents had but the gentle reinforcement and encouragement these relatives provided supported and contributed to my whole upbringing.

One of the possibilities for your children is that they can have a whole congregation of grandparents, aunts and uncles who:

- First and foremost, love and accept your children,
- Are interested in who they are and what they are doing, and
- Who can gently guide and advise your children and support you in their life and faith development.

These relationships are developed through consistency, intentionality, and awareness of what these relationships provide. Allow your children to get to know these *new relatives* through regular worship attendance and participation in BLAST. Allow your children to recognize themselves as grandkids, nieces and nephews of the older folks in the congregation!

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# Canada Lutheran

Connecting faith to everyday life.

Learn practical, no-nonsense strategies for personal spiritual growth. Find information and inspiration to live life *In Mission for Others.* **\$18.75**

**Deadline: November 12**

Through the **CONGREGATIONAL SUBSCRIPTION PLAN**, *Canada Lutheran* is available at a significantly reduced rate to the members of the ELCIC.

**For only \$17.85 (plus tax)—just over \$2 per issue—you can receive *Canada Lutheran* eight times a year.**

(Jan/Feb, March, April/May, June, July/Aug, Sept, Oct/Nov, Dec)



**YES!** I want to **START** or **RENEW** my subscription to **Canada Lutheran** magazine!

Complete the information below and submit this form to your congregation's *Canada Lutheran* Representative.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Prov: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_  
(AREA CODE)

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Canada Lutheran Representative: Dianne Fortier

Return by: Nov. 12



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# LEAD ... love God with all your **mind**

## Going Deep: The Trinity and Transformation

### *Men's Breakfast*

8-9:30 am

**Saturday Nov. 11th and Nov. 25th**



The Men's Breakfast is continuing its inquiry into spirituality and the life of contemplation. Father Richard Rohr of the Center for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque, NM, continues to challenge and invite us into a broader perspective of God's action in the world. In October, we listened to a talk he gave at a non-dualistic science conference in San Francisco last year. On Nov. 11th, we listen to a talk that he gave to Google where he focuses on the Trinity and how its *divine dance* models and embodies a more *unitive* way of thinking and being in the world. Join us for some good eats and challenging conversation. For more info, talk to Helmut Hofer or Pastor Phil.

## Worship Services from six continents

On Reformation day the Lutheran World Federation will invite you on a trip around the world and across the seven LWF regions to witness how the Reformation has become a global citizen.

A live stream of worship services from 11:00-23:00 CET, will show the rich diversity and unity of the Lutheran churches as they commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.

This journey will also feature three ecumenical services, demonstrating the spirit of ecumenical accountability with which the LWF has commemorated the 500th Reformation anniversary.

The program also include information about the seven regions, the 145 member churches and the ongoing reformation.

We also invite viewers to be part of this global journey by sharing their impressions on social media.

Follow this event

Join us on Facebook and Youtube for a Reformation Day to remember.

<https://www.lutheranworld.org/content/live-reformation-day>



# LEAD ... love God with all your mind

## Leadership for Mission

In Baptism, we are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world. Through theologically-trained and accountable leadership, Rostered Ministers help all members to live out the calling to mission and to a life of spirited discipleship. Congregations play a vital role in leadership formation.

The ELCIC has two types of rostered ministers: **Ordained Ministers** are called to a public ministry of "Word and Sacrament," with a strong emphasis on preaching, teaching, presiding at Baptism and Communion, and offering spiritual care;

**Diaconal Ministers** are called to a public ministry of "Word and Service," with a strong emphasis on equipping all the baptized for service in all the places where the needs of the world encounter people of faith.

[Have you considered becoming a rostered minister?](#)

Talk to your Pastor, Diaconal Minister or Bishop; or contact the Synod office: [info@albertasynod.ca](mailto:info@albertasynod.ca).



### The Beginning of the Good News

An eight-week study with Pastor Laura

- November 15 Introduction to Mark:  
Background, empire, cosmic battle
- November 22 Beginnings: Jesus' first words  
and first public acts
- November 29 Characters: Jesus, his disciples,  
religious leaders, & minor characters
- December 6 Story patterns and additions
- December 13 Authority and boundaries
- December 20 Jesus and the empire
- January 10 The road to Jerusalem
- January 17 Endings

**Wednesday mornings 9:30-11:30 North Meeting Room**

*We are entering Year B of the Revised Common Lectionary, which features readings from Mark in public worship December 2017 - November 2018*

### The Lay Academy presents CONNECTING CONVERSATIONS: The Arrival "Our Bishops on Advent"

November 18th & 25th

(online and in person)

8:30 am to 11 am BC/Yukon;

9:30 am to 12 pm AB/NWT

10:30 am to 1 pm SK/MB;

11:30 am to 2 pm ON



In Advent we rehearse waiting and remember the long years of yearning for the promised 'Prince of Peace'.

Sometimes living 'waiting' with every breath is a fierce act of faith.

How will this Advent find you?

Bring your Bible and join **Bishop Sid Haugen** (SK Synod), **Bishop Larry Kochendorfer** (ABT Synod), **Bishop Elaine Sauer** (MNO) Synod and **Bishop Greg Mohr** (BC Synod) as together we rehearse, remember and rediscover the 'arrival' of our Saviour again.

#### British Columbia

Trinity Lutheran Church, Delta (*Bishop Greg in attendance on Nov. 18th*)

Lutheran Church of the Cross, Victoria

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Prince George

Site in Kelowna pending

#### Alberta and Territories

Ascension Lutheran Church, Edmonton (*Bishop Larry in attendance on Nov. 18th*)

First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Calgary (to be confirmed)

#### Saskatchewan

Messiah Lutheran Church, Prince Albert

St. Olaf Lutheran Church, Swift Current

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Regina

Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon (*Bishop Sid in attendance on Nov. 25th*)

#### Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario

Erickson Lutheran Church, Erickson

Gimli Lutheran Church, Gimli

Grace Lutheran Church, Winnipeg

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Steinbach (*Bishop Elaine in attendance on Nov. 25th*)

Please Register Online: \$27 each session, \$52 for the two

<https://layacademy5.wixsite.com/elcicwla/advent>

For more info contact : [layacademy.its@usask.ca](mailto:layacademy.its@usask.ca) , 306-966-7851

# LEAD ... love God with all your heart



In October I joined ELCOC as pastoral intern. As someone with relatively fresh eyes I've been asked to write about where I see God at work in and through this congregation.

I came to this place in the middle of an exciting time. ELCOC was celebrating 500 years of reforming the church, five years as a rainbow congregation, young people confirming their baptismal vows, and new members being welcomed. What a month, and it's not over yet. In all of these celebrations I could see the Holy Spirit moving through the body of Christ, empowering and inspiring individual members of all ages to service and sharing their faith.

In Sunday worship I heard confirmands lead worship and share their faith statements with the assembly - proclaiming how they experience God working in their lives. A week later I saw that this practice is not limited to young people at their confirmation when Lise, emboldened by her experience of God, shared her faith story. I heard other adults share their faith stories outside of worship and I know that more people will share their stories in worship on October 22.

In this place I have seen people empowered by the Spirit to speak truth, including how the church and members of the clergy have harmed them. I have seen people empowered to forgive, to serve, to lead,

to teach, to welcome, and to bless. I have seen the Spirit empower the people here in big ways, for example lay people getting up to share their stories of salvation, right down to three-year-old Rebekka laying her hand and her teddy bear's paw on the new intern in blessing. In that small gesture I saw that this is a place where not only are little children welcome to come to God, but a place where they are allowed to show us how the Spirit moves through them.

Here is a place where the Spirit flows through and dwells in the little children the older children at heart, in families and single people, in straight and gay, trans- and cis-gender people, in charter members and newly welcomed members, empowering and encouraging them to a ministry of Word and Service.

Intern Kate

Intern Kate is in the office Monday to Wednesday. Please stop by and meet her if you haven't already met her.





**FAMILY ADVENT RETREAT  
NOV 10-12**

**WHY WAIT?** *What's Advent all about?*



*I belong at camp.*  
**WWW.KURIAKOS.AB.CA**

Join us at this new retreat for families and congregations. Congregations are encouraged to bring their Sunday School participants and leaders.

This year's theme, **Why Wait?**, focusses on the reasons for Advent, and will help us to prepare for Christmas with our congregations and our families. You'll leave Kuriakos with resources for sharing Advent with the rest of your congregation, and a plan for how to live out this season of preparation within your family.

This retreat is intended to enrich faith and worship, providing support for practicing Advent. It's a chance for families to become involved in worship, and for congregations to share ideas. Enjoy a weekend *Set Apart to be Together* as your family and congregations still and settle for a season of waiting and anticipation.

# LEAD ... love God with all your heart

## Sacred Pauses

A Retreat for Women

November 3-5, 2017 | \$150



In the fullness of our lives, we need to take sacred time for sabbath moments: to pray, to dwell in the word, to drink in God's love, connect with God's people and to breathe and be.

During this weekend we will pause to share stories of faith and life, do walking prayer, centering prayer, dwell on God's word, and journal.



Experience  
Embrace  
Engage

...the contexts and ministries of our Synod's Companion Partner  
(The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia)  
...build relationships with our sisters and brothers in Christ

*Maximum of 12 participants – must be 18 years of age  
Journey Cost - \$1600 (flight not included)  
Journey facilitator – Bishop Larry Kochendorfer*



## Daunting Challenges – Wellsprings of Hope

A SYNOD JOURNEY TO COLOMBIA – JULY 26 – AUGUST 6, 2018

Applications must be completed and submitted by December 31, 2017  
Further information and application forms are available from the Synod Office

[info@albertasynod.ca](mailto:info@albertasynod.ca)



# November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Cause of the Month</b> <b>Families in Need</b>				<b>Communion Sundays</b> <b>Nov. 5 &amp; 19</b>		
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
			<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> Sandwich Making—7:30 am AHS Caregiver's Group—1 pm SWCG—7 pm Cantare—6—10	Quilting—9 am PHD—12—1:15 pm E.A.—7 pm Choir—7:15 pm	<b>Office Closed</b> SWCG—7 pm	Cantare workshop—all day
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>All Saints Sunday</b> Adult Study—9 am Worship—10 am BLAST—following worship Youth Faith Lens Young Families Gathering—following worship SWCG—1—3 pm	Morning Prayer—9 am Kodaly—9:15 am Staff Mtg.—10:15 am	Morning Prayer—9 am Coffee @ Tim Hortons' - 10 am Faith Formation—6:30-8	Morning Prayer—9 am Bible Study—9:30 am Cantare—6—10 SWCG—7 pm	Morning Prayer—9 am Quilting—9 am Kodaly—1:15 pm E.A.—7 pm Choir—7:15 pm	<b>Office Closed</b> ForWord—6:30—8 pm SWCG—7 pm	<b>Remembrance Day</b> Men's Breakfast—8 am
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
Adult Study—9 am Worship—10 am— BLAST—following worship BLAST Training Youth Faith Lens SWCG—1—3 pm	<b>Office Closed</b> Kodaly—9:15 am Cantare—6—10	Morning Prayer—9 am Coffee @ Tim Hortons' - 10 am Prayer & Care—11:30 am Faith Formation—6:30-8—an evening with Eileen Christensen	Morning Prayer—9 am Bible Study—9:30 am Cantare—6—10 SWCG—7 pm	Morning Prayer—9 am Quilting—9 am Kodaly—1:15 pm E.A.—7 pm Choir—7:15 pm	<b>Office Closed</b> <b>CARE Conference</b> SWCG—7 pm	<b>CARE Conference</b> Youth— Geocaching
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
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<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		
Adult Study—9 am Worship—10 am— BLAST—following worship SWCG—1—4 pm <b>FOOD BANK SUNDAY</b>	Morning Prayer—9 am Kodaly—9:15 am Staff Mtg.—10:15 am Cantare—6—10	Morning Prayer—9 am Coffee @ Tim Hortons' - 10 am Faith Formation—6:30-8—mentor night	Morning Prayer—9 am Bible Study—9:30 am Cantare—6—10 SWCG—7 pm	Morning Prayer—9 am Quilting—9 am Kodaly—1:15 pm E.A.—7 pm Choir—7:15 pm		