



## Love your enemies

- *Mosque bombings in Christchurch, New Zealand.*
  - *Church bombings in Sri Lanka.*
  - *Synagogue shooting in San Diego.*

People in the world think that faith is a war, that there must be retaliation for the atrocities committed. Church bombings in Sri Lanka are “pay back” for mosque bombings in New Zealand.

“Copy cat” bombings occur in other places as hurt and angry people learn to take their hurt and anger out on others.

That’s the human way. Under our own power and reasoning, we lash out, lick our wounds, look for someone to blame, exact punishment.

But that is not Jesus’ way. He says, *“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”* Adopting his teaching, Gandhi said, *“An eye for an eye, and the whole world goes blind.”*

We take our cue from the one who sees through hurt, pain, retaliation, and our brand of “justice.” We take our cue from Jesus, who in the face of attack and accusation, stood silent and bore the brunt of systemic evil and abuse of power. He loved THEM, those who were leading him to his execution. He prayed for them while he was on the cross. He saw past the abuse to resurrected life for himself, them, and the whole community. He knew that in addition to 1) fight back and 2) run away, there is a third option for responding to horror and violence: love; entry into the fray with compassion.

That is what we are called to do. That’s what Lori Kaye did in San Diego. A shooter entered her synagogue and opened fire. She threw herself between

the shooter and her rabbi and saved his life. She was the only one to die that day. When we enter in with love, make no mistake, we will get hurt. We will get hurt in all sorts of ways, but we also will know the resurrected life of self, perpetrator and community that Jesus has promised.

O people of God, do not feed the fear and the anger and the disgust. Instead, enter in with love. Enter in with love for the victims and the perpetrators alike. Pray for everyone, but especially for those whose hearts are hard and who would pick up weapons of any sort. They kill others, but they also kill themselves. We are one. When you speak ill of Muslims, you are speaking ill of Christianity, because we have the same God. When you speak ill of terrorists, you are speaking ill of yourself, because you too have the potential for hate and anger in you, and you are feeding it. Instead, offer your life as life for all. Offer your love as love for all. It is a blessed and peaceful way to life.

Pastor Laura



May your month of May be blessed. I will be out of the country for 5 weeks, travelling with my younger sister Valerie’s family to fulfill a lifelong dream of Valerie’s to see the places Jane Austen lived and wrote about. You may recall that Valerie and Doug’s middle child, Kelsey Joy died in December two years ago. She was a lovely, vibrant special needs child and her death also resulted in freedom for Valerie to begin travelling. We are starting her travelling life together and I ask you all to pray for us and to support each other while I am away. Thank you for your love and support.

Pastor Laura

# Can we talk about this?

As I am writing this article, I am reading about and hearing about the flooding in Ontario, Quebec, southern Manitoba and New Brunswick. As Doug Ford, premier of Ontario commented,

"They say it's 100-year storms — well it's a few years later and we're back in the same boat. Something is going on and we have to be conscious of it."

Down in Texas (where I am from), the number of days over 100° F (38° C) increases almost every year.

Along the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts, the strength and duration of hurricanes is steadily increasing.

In the Yukon, buildings are starting to lean and crack because the permafrost that they were built on is thawing. And they are starting to grow apples in the Yukon because it is getting warm enough!

Granted, these are all anecdotal events any of which could be explained as coincidence or in a variety of ways...

What is sobering is when we get reports like the one that was released earlier this year by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). Their summary for policy makers begins with this statement:

A.1 Human activities are estimated to have caused approximately 1.0°C of global warming above pre-industrial levels, with a likely range of 0.8°C to 1.2°C. Global warming is likely to reach 1.5°C between 2030 and 2052 if it continues to increase at the current rate (high confidence).

We live in an incredible time where we have the benefit of the best standard of living that there has ever been. Science and technology have allowed us to easily travel around the globe, talk to people around the world, cure injuries and diseases, and heat up a meal in a minute! These same scientific processes (observe/measure, hypothesize, test/experiment, etc.) which were the foundation for all these technological wonders are telling us that our earth is warming and that global climate change is occurring.

Yet, it seems that we are afraid to talk about it... I'm afraid to talk about it!

It seems like even raising this as a conversation topic here in the congregation might label me as one those

"environmental extremists." It is not lost on me that many in the congregation make their livelihood on some activity connected to the oil sands. In a very real sense, it could be said that a big part of my salary is funded by the oil sands!

The pragmatists among us would rightfully point out that our societal infrastructure was built on and depends upon fossil fuels. We "can't just switch" to renewables (e.g. solar, wind, hydro). I think the same pragmatic thinking would also acknowledge the real world effects of climate change (flooding, droughts, forest fires, acidic oceans) and admit something like Doug Ford did, "Something is going on and we have to be conscious of it."

As Christians, I think I'm on pretty solid scriptural ground to say that we are:

- Called to love our neighbors (near and far)
- Called to be stewards of God's creation

I "risk" bringing up global warming and wondering what our response to climate change might be because... if we as people who gather as the body of Christ can't have a respectful, loving conversation about this, who can? There is a lot of ground between outright denial and freaking out. How might we as hopeful, faithful people find a way to listen, be informed, and explore ways that we might live out this hope and faith with regard to the environment?

My ancestral roots go back to Germany. When I was there in 2017, I visited a concentration camp (Buchenwald) for the first time. I couldn't help but wonder how good, German folk could have allowed this to happen in their backyard. So I asked our German tour guide if the local townspeople either did not know what was going on or whether they knew what was going on and chose not to do anything. His answer was, "There's no way that they didn't know. The ashes from the crematorium would have blown right into the town."

Many of us are parents and we have spent our lives trying to make sure that our children have the opportunity for a better life than we have had. If the climate change continues and it becomes clear that we had the opportunity to address it and didn't, it seems that they might very well be asking about us, if they knew, why didn't they do something about it?

Pastor Phil



## A glance at May Ministry Happenings....



- May 1 -** Sandwich Making - 7:30 am
- May 4 -** Men's Breakfast - 8 am
- May 4 -** Outside Rental - Women's Gathering - 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
- May 22 -** Council Meeting - 7 pm
- May 25 -** Women's Ministry - 10 am
- May 25 -** Aboriginal Awareness Day - St. Andrew's Presbyterian - 1:30

**May 26 -** Youth Bottle Drive



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### 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  
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**CHURCH OF THE CROSS**



# LEAD ... love God with all your soul



## What difference does camp make? All the difference in the world.

**BELONGING.** Camp is about meeting new people and learning how to make friends. And how to be a friend.

**GROWTH.** Camp is about trying new things and learning how to succeed. And how to try again.

**TOGETHERNESS.** Camp is about joining a community and drawing support from others. And giving back.

**Camp is a place for fun.** For many of our families, this experience is a highlight of their summer, or of their year. Each week, our staff work to create a great week for each camper, knowing how special camp can be. At camp, chores turn into games, creativity is encouraged, and faith comes to life.

**Camp is a place for growth.** Much like vegetables hidden in lasagna, we find opportunities for growth throughout each camp activity. Archery, or crafts, or skits, or meals, or canoeing, or cleaning, or singing; all can include valuable lessons for personal and spiritual development. Adventures are a daily occurrence, and there's always new ways to learn something new.

**Camp is a place for faith.** Kids and youth are immersed in their faith, with daily worship, prayer, songs, skits, and bible study. They have opportunities to learn, to ask questions, and to be challenged, all in a safe environment. Experienced directors, well-trained staff, and carefully-chosen resource pastors all combine to provide support and guidance for our campers.

**Camp is a place for people.** Kuriakos is a place set apart for all people to grow together in Christ. Through our programs, facilities, and staff, we seek to share values of belonging, growth, and togetherness. It's a pleasure to have you on board, as we truly are stronger together.

*Kuriakos is a year-round camp, outdoor education and retreat centre on Sylvan Lake, offering summer camps, retreat programs, conference and hospitality facilities, and school programming.*



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# LEAD ... love God with all your soul

You don't want to miss this!!!

*Save  
The Date*

**Saturday, June 22**

**5:30 - 8:30 pm**

**Here at the church**



## THE SHOE PROJECT!!!!

The Shoe Project is a writing and performance workshop where immigrant women tell the stories of their arrival in Canada – through a pair of shoes. They are coached by veteran Canadian writers and theatre professionals.

Shoes accompany us on all our journeys. They say who we are, where we came from and where we are going. Writing their shoe memoirs gives members a voice and helps them be heard in the Canadian mainstream.

## What a weekend!

The weekend after Easter (April 25-28), about 40 folks gathered for the Way of Christ weekend at Kuriakos. Twelve of these people were participants (*people who had never been on this kind of retreat before*) and the rest were people who were “*on the team*” that helped support and provide this retreat for the participants. The promise of the Way of the Christ weekend is to Rediscover, Reconnect, Renew your life in 72 hours. There was a lot of rediscovery, reconnection and renewal that happened for the participants and the team!

Thanks to all who contributed to it being such a powerful weekend by serving, praying, baking, attending speaking, and guiding. Special thanks to Pastor Bill Wiegert for slip-sliding his way in to lead worship here at Church of the Cross while Pastor Laura, Pastor Phil and Intern Kate were supporting the weekend.

If you could do for some rediscovery, reconnection and renewal, you are encourage to attend our next weekend which will be around this time next year (*dates are still being finalized*).

For more information, you can talk to the Pastors, Hilary Gray, one of the Fortiers, or someone that seems to have a really big smile on their face!





Women's Bible Study/Mary & Martha Group will gather on **Saturday, May 25, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.** for our last meeting before summer. The topic is a stand-alone Devotional entitled: **Two Way Blessings**. All are welcome!

*"One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts" (Psalm 145:4).*

This is a study of intergenerational relationships in Scripture. Looking at the stories of Miriam, Anna and Simeon, as well as the miracle feeding of the 5,000, we'll see how God uniquely shares wisdom among each of us—and how our lives are enriched in community with all ages!

Please help as you are able in support of the **Calgary Pregnancy Care Centre – Baby Bottle Campaign** from **Mother's Day, May 12 to Father's Day, June 16**



**BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN**  
FOR THE CALGARY PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE  
Sunday, May 12 - Sunday, June 16

Your change  
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**Support the families the Calgary Pregnancy Care Centre serves by donating through our Baby Bottle Campaign. Participating is easy.**

- Put your **cash, coins or a cheque** in the bottle, or donate using your credit card.
- Bring your bottle back on **Father's Day (June 16th)**.
- Pray for CPCC & sign up for our newsletter to stay connected.

For more information about the CPCC, visit [www.pregcare.com](http://www.pregcare.com)

### ***What do we believe?***

In May, the Wednesday Morning Study and the Confirmation Class are going to be inquiring directly into, *What do we believe?* Our starting point or *touch stone* is the *Apostle's Creed*. Most Sundays, we confess this together after the hymn of the day. It has been part of the traditional church's confession of faith for over 1800 years. As a *creed* (from the Latin "I believe"), it clarifies many aspects of our faith but does not touch on others. You are particularly invited to come and join this conversation in the Wednesday Morning Study at 10am (on Wednesdays, of course!):

**May 1** - What's a *theological system*?

**May 8** - Article 1: *God the creator*

**May 15** - Article 2: *Jesus the Son*

**May 22** - Article 3: *The Holy Spirit*

**May 29** – Statements of Belief

### Youth Bottle Drive



**Sunday, May 26**

Proceeds towards  
CLAY Gathering

Please bring your bottles into  
the church that Sunday or just  
a few days before.

## The Significance of Easter

We live in a society where most people do not attend church. Some of these are former church-goers who for some reason (often a very good one!) have thought or felt that the church or Christianity is not something that adds enough value to their life so that it is important enough to rearrange their schedules.

On Easter weekend, the *Globe and Mail* had some of these “former church goers” reflecting on the church and Easter. On Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, they ran an *Opinion* piece that was written by an author name Michael Coren entitled, *The Easter story is revolutionary in its most intimate sense*. I find it to be an excellent, one-page summary of the core of Christian belief and the significance of the resurrection. Mr. Coren finishes the piece this way:

*Forgiveness, self-criticism and contrition, radical action to blanket the world with fairness, standing with those who need that love the most and seldom receive it. It's not easy and wasn't supposed to be. That, now and always, is Easter.*

I invite you to read the whole article.

And more importantly, I invite you to share it with someone you know that has lost (or never known) the significance of Easter.

You can find it on *The Globe and Mail* website, [www.theglobeandmail.com](http://www.theglobeandmail.com) under *Opinion* on April 22. Here's the exact link to the piece:

[www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/article-the-easter-story-is-revolutionary-in-its-most-intimate-sense/](http://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/article-the-easter-story-is-revolutionary-in-its-most-intimate-sense/)



Pope Francis kisses an inmate's foot as he washes the feet of inmates at the Velletri prison, south of Rome, during the Holy Thursday celebrations.  
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*Christ is risen!*

*Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

Pastor Phil





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ON DISPLAY IN THE SANCTUARY

Our Artists!!

# Fantastic Imaginings



## CHILDREN'S ART SHOW

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

## REMEMBER!

**Saturday June 1, 9:00 AM**

**Lutheran Church of the Cross**

**10620 Elbow Drive SW**



It is time again to fill the heart-shaped Remembering Garden in front of our church sign with pink and purple petunias honouring the memory of women whose lives have been lost through acts of violence.

What began as a memorial to a beautiful young woman in our congregation has evolved into an expression of love and remembrance for all victims of violence. Those who knew Brittney feel the presence of her spirit both at the planting and in the stunning beauty of that garden throughout the summer.

For the past four years, we have planted in honour of our Indigenous sisters who are among the Murdered and Missing. Our garden is not big enough to hold one flower for each sister so instead we plant one for each one hundred and reflect on 1400 lives represented by fourteen precious flowers.

We have had visitors come to plant in memory of women in their own lives, and we rejoice in their presence and the honour they bestow on our Remembering Garden. We extend our invitation to all who will join us in making something beautiful out of lives senselessly lost.

We've been asked why, instead of planting perennials, we don't instead plant perennials for their strength and endurance. We choose the annual flower -- the ordinary but iridescently beautiful petunia— because it is symbolic of the lives that were too short. Each time we gather around that rich soil with our potted plants and trowels in hand we share songs and prayers of remembrance and forgiveness. This is a ministry and a plea for social justice.

If this ministry touches your heart, but you are unable to attend the formal planting, we welcome you to leave a plant of your own in the alcove at our north door during the week prior to June 1 and we will plant it with your blessing. We also invite you to come at any time after the Saturday gathering and plant a flower yourself, or simply sit on the bench with your own contemplations and prayers.



## COME GROW WITH US

### We Need Your Help!



Why do we grow vegetables and flowers on our ELCOC grounds? Because this is a ministry. The work is about faithful stewardship of the large property on which we're located. It's about doing the work and marvelling at the blessing of sun and rain. It's about showcasing a bit of creation and making our church a beautiful and welcoming place for people to visit, whether they come through the door or simply sit on a bench with their contemplations.

Gardening is a labour of love. For the past five years, our group of gardeners has tended our 40 ft x 40 ft vegetable patch from May through to September; turning the soil, planting a variety of vegetables, weeding, and harvesting. The produce—and we are amazed always at the abundance —will go to the Food Bank again this year. If we know of families who would enjoy the addition of fresh vegetables to their food supply, we offer samples of all that is ready.

We tend the flowers—Remembering Garden, rose garden, long perennial garden against the west wall, cedar planter at the front entrance, assorted pots and baskets that brighten other spaces. There too, we labour; choosing and buying plants, preparing the soil, planting, dead-heading, pruning, and weeding and weeding and weeding.

Some of us make a commitment each year to put in all of the time and energy we are able to tend these gardens. Our number and our energy levels have limits. We need help.

Will you let us contact you to ask if you have an hour on a particular day to help with a specific task? If you're not able to help on that day will you tell us what time might work for you so that one of us can be there to team up with you? Will you watch for the sign-up sheet for watering the planter and pots and sign up for a week?

You do not need gardening expertise. In fact, if you would like to enhance your own property with flowers, or grow your own vegetables, we are here to encourage and give advice and provide hands-on experience. We are happy to welcome any children you bring with you and find ways to put their small hands to work, and show them the wonders of where vegetables begin their trip to the produce aisle at the grocery store.

If you can give even a small offering of time to this ministry, please leave your contact information with Dianne in the office, or talk with :

Judy Shore-Isford 403 251 7742  
or Betty Jane Hegerat. 403 278 9871

Labour, love, laughter and such excellent company,  
your ELCOC Gardening team



## An opportunity to expand our ministry!

### *The Mortgage Burning Project*

You have probably seen this thermometer in the narthex (*narthex* is the fancy word for the room outside the sanctuary). A year ago (with our mortgage renewal coming up), the thermometer would have been down at the bottom indicating that we still owed \$119,000. From May through July, we raised enough money to pay off over half of that balance. Council decided to take out a one-year mortgage so that we could have the opportunity to pay off the rest this year.

### **What would the impact of paying off the mortgage be on our finances and ministry?**

We are currently paying \$1,715 each month as our mortgage payment. If we were to pay off the mortgage when it comes due in August, that would free up \$1,715 each month for the rest of this year and for the years to come! With this diminished expense, we could consider using these funds to enhance or expand our current ministries... or even explore new ministries that enrich and equip our members or minister to people beyond our walls.



*The Men's Group is planning to purchase equipment that will help people with hearing difficulties during church services. This also includes people with hearing aids. A few people have tested this equipment, and a few units are available to be tested for today's service as well. **Please sign up if you are interested in using this, or need further information, so that we have an idea of how many units to order.***



## ***Building community, overcoming our divisions . . .***

Here's a chance to get to work on those goals! The Muslim holy season of Ramadan will begin in May. Our member organization the Anatolian Turkish Islamic Centre (ATIC) has invited us to partner with them in celebrating *Iftar*, the Breaking of the Fast Dinner (see poster below for details). It's an event that is open to all Calgarians. Please join us. Invite a friend. Come with a group from your community. Invite someone who may be isolated. Invite someone for whom the experience might help break down some barriers. Imagine how this can be an opportunity to strengthen our communities – and then take action!



*Ramadan Tent*

*Anatolian Turkish Islamic Centre (ATIC) of Calgary cordially invites you to Ramadan Iftar (Fast Breaking Dinner) at a tent.*

*Olympic Plaza  
228 8 Ave SE*

*Saturday, May 11, 2019  
Activities start at 8:00 pm*

Register at: [calgaryramadan.eventbrite.ca](http://calgaryramadan.eventbrite.ca)      Supported by: Calgary Alliance For the Common Good

## Southwest Area Refugee Mission



Lutherans supporting refugees in Calgary

### **We continue to accept donations.**

You can earmark an offering to the SWARM at any time. Your congregational treasurer will forward it to the right place. The mission committee will continue to receive and share funds as needs arise.

### **We meet regularly.**

The main mission committee is composed of 10-12 people representing most congregations and we meet monthly. We are open to new members. You would be welcome to join this main group and help determine the best ways to serve and support the refugee community in our city. It is fun and it is fulfilling. We meet at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of every month at First Lutheran Church.

## *A message from **SWARM***

*(Southwest Area Refugee Mission)*

### **SWARM – New Family update!**

**A new refugee family is arriving on May 15!** The Sharif family are 2 parents, 6 children and a grandparent, initially from Afghanistan but recently refugees in Turkey. This sponsorship is a partnership with one of our committee members who made the initial application. We have rented a house for them and will fill it with the many donated goods to make a home.

The Southwest Area Refugee Mission has begun a fundraising effort to assist the family with rent for their first year in Canada, allowing them to focus on learning English and finding work.

**If you can help in any way, financially or with set up assistance please let us know. Financial donations are welcome at any time. Your key contact or church administrator can give you contact information. Please make your cheques to Lutheran Church of the Cross and we will forward the donations to SWARM.**

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019  
8:30AM - 4:30PM

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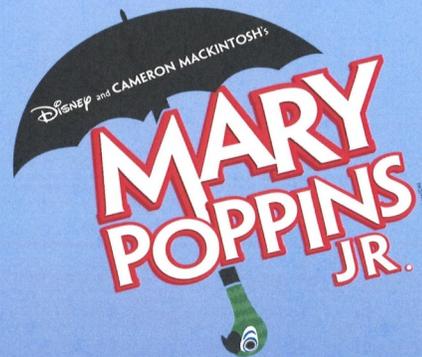
- Moderated panel discussion
- Interactive breakout sessions
- Catered lunch

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This Event is happening at  
Lutheran Church of the Cross

Southwood Church Musical Theatre Production of



A Musical based on the stories of P.L. Travers and the Walt Disney Film  
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Book by Julian Fellows  
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Adapted by iTheatrics under the supervision of Timothy Allen McDonald

May 3rd & 4th - 7:30 pm  
May 4th & 5th - 2:30pm

TICKETS:

General (13+) \$12.00 . Child (5-12) \$8.00  
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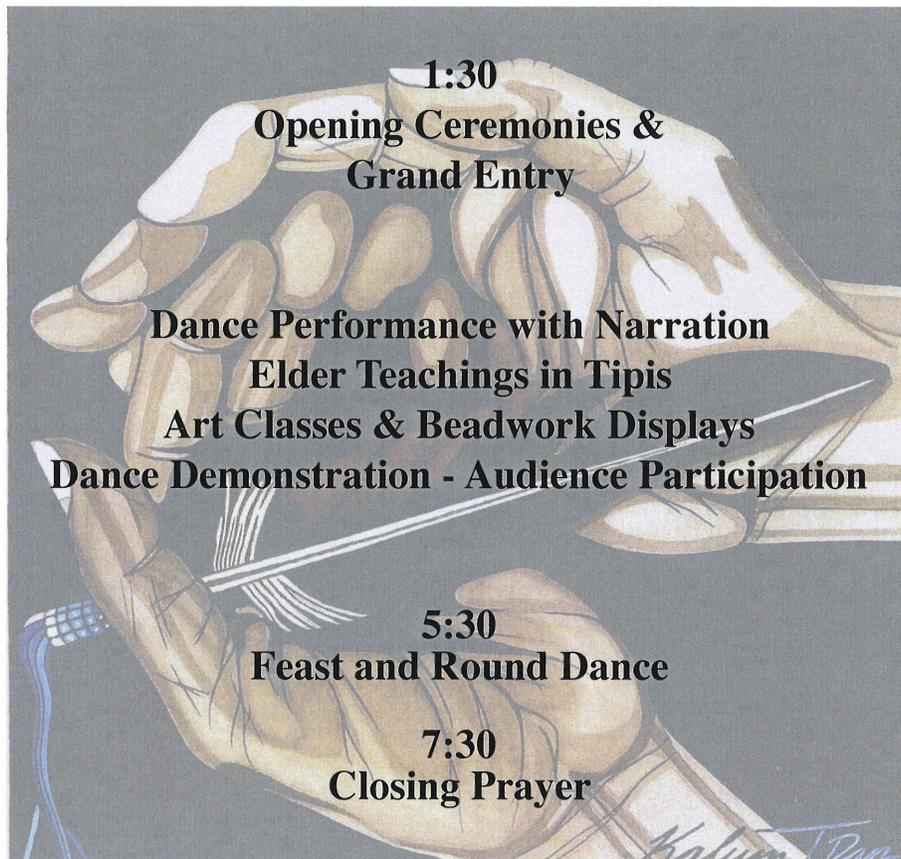
**Breaking the Barriers**

**25 May 2019 1:30-7:30 PM**

**St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church**

**703 Heritage Drive SW**

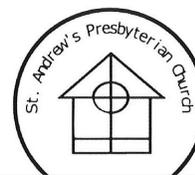
**(C-Train access West from Heritage Station)**



**Paba Time Grill - Food Concession**

**Indigenous Artists Welcome**

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Cantaré is accepting new singers to join in this experience of a lifetime for our 2019-2020 season- no previous musical experience is necessary! We are certain there are children or grandchildren of members of your congregation who would enjoy being part of our program. We offer four ensembles to meet the differing needs and abilities of boys and girls ages 6 to 18 years of age. We need your help in spreading the word to those families. We would be grateful if you would include the attached recruitment postcard in your bulletin, or print off a copy and post it on your notice boards around the church. We would be happy to send you hard copies of the postcards to distribute to families in your congregation whom you know have children who would like to participate in this award winning choir program. If you would like more information about our programs, please do not hesitate to contact our office (ph.403-685-1132, [cantare.assistant@shaw.ca](mailto:cantare.assistant@shaw.ca), or visit our website [www.cantarechildrenschoir.org](http://www.cantarechildrenschoir.org))

Thank you in advance for your help spreading the word about Cantaré Children's choir.

"Come Sing With Us ...the Music Experience of a Lifetime Awaits!"

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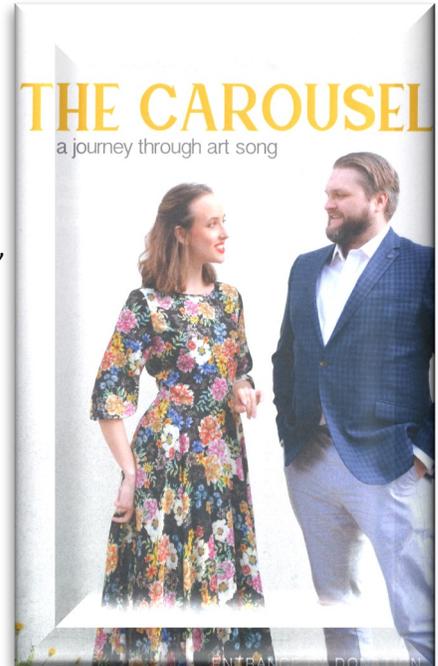
## The Carousel: A Journey through Art Song

Saturday June 1 at 2pm

McDougall United Church | 8516 Athabasca St. SE, Calgary

In art song, poetry is lived through music. Together, composers and poets distill familiar human experience into musical morsels that explore nostalgia, love, and loss. The Carousel strings together some of art song's most enduring works, cycling through gripping vignettes of sentiment and memory. From Strauss to Rachmaninoff, Schumann to Fauré, this carefully curated program interprets themes of longing, waiting, remembering, and reuniting, pairing the immediacy of spring hopes and passions with wonderfully self-indulgent moments of introspection.

Recognized for his musicality, buoyant characterizations, and "darkly bur-nished tenor" voice (Vancouver Classical Music), **Scott Rumble** spent the past year with Vancouver Opera's Yulanda M. Faris Young Artist Program, performing in mainstage operas and understudying lead roles in *Faust* and *La bohème*. He is a desired soloist for symphonic work, concerts, and new works, and will be a member of Calgary Opera's young artist program in their upcoming season. **Taryn Plater** brings thoughtful artistry and a magnetic poise to each performance. An alumna of Opera NUOVA, this summer Taryn performs Donna Elvira in UBC Opera's *Don Giovanni* and Helena in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at the Hawaii Performing Arts Festival. Travelling from a French cabaret to grassy Moravian countrysides and a swirling ball in imperial Russia, these two artists prove that song - like emotion - is timeless.



Entrance by donation, reception to follow.

## Strawberry Tea & Craft Sale

Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>

2:00 - 4:00pm

TICKETS AT THE DOOR:

General (13& up): \$7 Child (5-12): \$4 4& Under: Free

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Dear Beloved of God

One of the joys and life-giving gifts for me as a Synod Bishop is our Synod's relationship with The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia (IELCO).

I have been privileged to journey to Colombia several times facilitating delegation visits for youth, youth and adults, and adults who have sought to begin to experience, embrace and engage the contexts and ministries of IELCO; to build relationships with our siblings in Christ; to explore stronger ties between partner congregations in our Synod and IELCO; and to seek an expanding global understanding of faithful discipleship through the Lutheran Colombian context. I have also been privileged to host on two occasions delegations from Colombia to our Synod.

Our ELCIC global mission accompaniment model is one of walking together in solidarity, side by side, practicing interdependence and mutuality, in service to God's mission. The values of the accompaniment model are interconnected, and include mutuality, inclusivity, sustainability, vulnerability and empowerment. The core purpose of these relationships, this accompaniment, is God's mission.

Relationships and accompaniment are at the heart of our approach to global ministry. We seek to actively listen to our partners and companions, share in their joys and sorrows, and support them in their mission – as they support us in ours.

Recently we have had an opportunity as a Synod to accompany our Global Companion Partner in Colombia in prayer. A car bombing occurred January 17, 2019 in Bogotá, Colombia in an area very familiar for our Synod delegation participants. Upon learning of this violence, I wrote to Bishop Atahualpa Hernandez expressing concern, solidarity and prayer support for Colombia and our Global Companion Partner, IELCO. Bishop Atahualpa sent the following correspondence which I share with his permission:

*"The work of righteousness will be peace; its effect will be quietness and confidence forever." Isaiah 32:17*

*To our dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia - IELCO, advocates for the joy of human rights and peace in our country and rejects any act of violence which sows fear and threatens the dignity of people.*

*We are united in solidarity and commitment with the families of the victims of the car bomb on January 17 in "La Escuela de Policía General Santander", which left 21 people dead and 68 injured in Bogotá, among whom were young cadets. We also reject the violent actions that have taken place during recent months towards social leaders and human rights defenders, especially in the most forgotten regions of our country.*

*We call for truth and justice in the face of the serious upsurge of violence, in the regression of the negotiated solution to the armed conflict, and in the proven facts of corruption that permeate the State. Before the militarization of the territory, the restriction of democratic liberties and the escalation of the war, we pray that the negotiations between the national government and the ELN guerrilla will be resumed. We pray for peace, insisting that it is a constitutional right for all and should correspond to everyone. We especially pray for the government to ensure that this peace can become a reality in our country.*

Your Brother in Christ,

Atahualpa Hernandez  
Bishop-President of the IELCO

As we walk together in solidarity, side by side, will you join me in prayer for Colombia and IELCO as sharing in their joys and sorrows, and supporting them in their mission – just as they support us in ours?

*O God, where hearts are fearful and constricted, grant courage and hope. Where anxiety is infectious and widening, grant peace and reassurance. Where impossibilities close every door and window, grant imagination and resistance. Where distrust twists our thinking, grant healing and illumination. Where spirits are daunted and weakened, grant soaring wings and strengthened dreams. All these things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen (from Time of conflict, crisis and disaster, ELW p. 76)*  
In Christ Jesus –

Shalom,

+Bishop Larry Kochendorfer



# May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Cause of the Month</b> <b>Lutheran Hospital Ministries</b>			<b>Pastor Laura - May 6 - June 7 - vacation</b> <b>Pastor Phil - May 6 - May 20 - vacation</b>			
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
			Sandwich making - 7:30 am Bible Study - 9:30 am AA - noon - 1 AHS Caregivers - 1:15pm Cantare Children's Choir - 6 - 9 pm	Kodaly - 9:15 am Choir - 7:15 pm	<b>Office Closed</b>  SWCG—7 pm	Men's Breakfast - 8 am Outside Rental - 7 am - 5 pm
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
Adult Study - 9 am Worship—10 am BLAST - following worship Youth - following worship SWCG—1—3 pm	Kodaly - 9:15 am Staff Mtg.—10:15 am AA - noon - 1 Cantare Children's Choir - 6 - 9 pm	Coffee @ Tim Hortons - 10 am Faith Formation - 7 pm Confirmation - 7 pm	Bible Study - 9:30 am AA - noon - 1 Cantare Children's Choir - 6 - 9 pm SWCG—7 pm	Kodaly - 1:15 pm Choir - 7:15 pm	<b>Office Closed</b>  SWCG—7 pm	
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
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<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>	<b>31</b>	
<b>Youth Bottle Drive-</b> Worship—10 am BLAST - following worship SWCG—1—4 pm	Kodaly - 9:15 am Staff Mtg.—10:15 am AA - 11:30 - 1 Cantare Children's Choir - 6 - 9 pm	Coffee @ Tim Hortons - 10 am  Confirmation - 7 pm - MENTOR NIGHT	Bible Study - 9:30 am AA - 11:45 - 1 Cantare Children's Choir - 6 - 9 pm SWCG—7 pm	Choir - 7:15 pm	<b>Office Closed</b>  SWCG—7 pm	