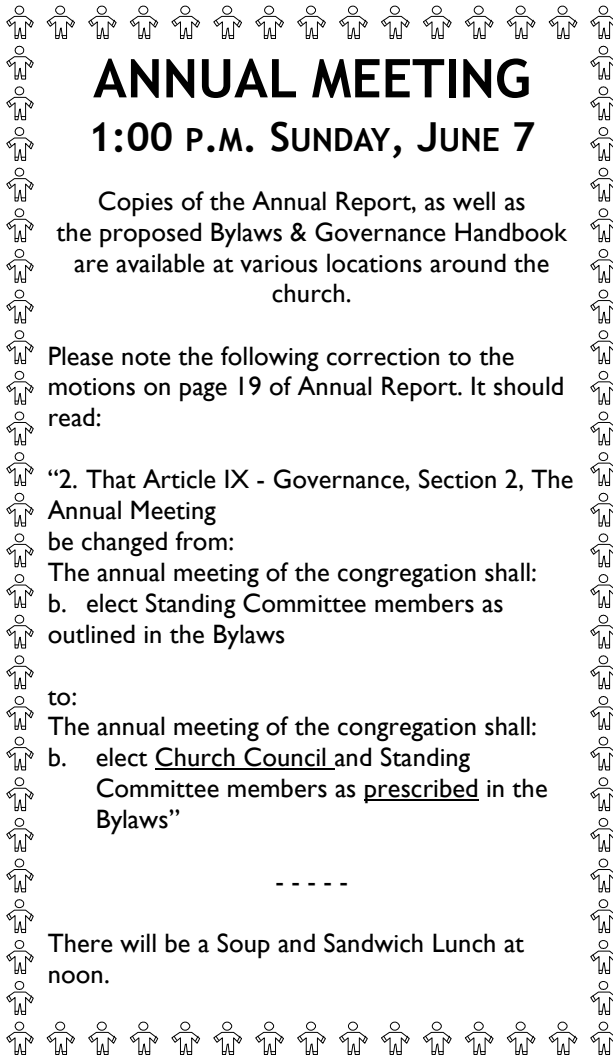




MESSIAH MESSENGER

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A special thank you to all those who have agreed to receive *Messiah Messenger* by email. This will save on printing costs and is also environmentally friendly. Because of the overwhelming response, it will take us at least until the July/August issue to reorganize our distribution network and update our email system.



ANNUAL MEETING

1:00 P.M. SUNDAY, JUNE 7

Copies of the Annual Report, as well as the proposed Bylaws & Governance Handbook are available at various locations around the church.

Please note the following correction to the motions on page 19 of Annual Report. It should read:

“2. That Article IX - Governance, Section 2, The Annual Meeting

be changed from:

The annual meeting of the congregation shall:

b. elect Standing Committee members as outlined in the Bylaws

to:

The annual meeting of the congregation shall:

b. elect Church Council and Standing Committee members as prescribed in the Bylaws”

There will be a Soup and Sandwich Lunch at noon.



SUMMER WORSHIP TIME

THERE WILL BE

ONE SERVICE

FOR THE SUMMER

AT 10 A.M.

BEGINNING SUNDAY, JUNE 28

AND GOING TO SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

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Guide to New Governance Structure

Former Standing Committees:

¹Communications, ²Deacons, ³Education, ⁴Evangelism, ⁵Family Life, ⁶Finance, ⁷Music, ⁸Property, ⁹Social Justice, ¹⁰Stewardship, ¹¹Worship, ¹²Youth

The chart shows where former responsibilities are located in the new structure.

Worship Committee	Learning Committee	Witnessing Committee
Worship Screens ¹	Library Advisory ³	World Mission ⁹
Healing Ministry ²	KidFEST ³	Coffee Fellowship ⁴
Choristers ⁷	Table Talk ³	TV Ministry ¹
Ladies Chorus ⁷	Men's Bible Study ³	Messenger ¹
Worship Teams ¹¹	AdultFEST ³	Soup & Sandwiches ⁴
Handbells ⁷	Biblecino ¹²	Website ¹
Men's Chorus ⁷	College & Careers ³	Lectio Divina ²
Junior Choir ⁷	YouthFEST ¹²	Alpha ⁴
Big Drum ⁷	Stewardship ¹⁰	New Members ⁴
Cherubs ⁷	Splash ⁵	Hastings Lake
Ushers ¹¹	Confirmation ³	
Greeter ¹¹	Junior Youth ¹²	
Audio-Video ¹	Young Families ⁵	
Shut-In Communion ²	Senior Youth ¹²	
Communion Prep ¹¹	Friendship Club ³	
Communion Servers ¹¹		
Service Committee	Support Committee	Auxiliaries*
Volunteers ¹⁰	Mission Endowment ¹⁰	MCF
Neighbor Aid ⁹	Abuse Prevention	ELW
Seniors Ministry ²	Paper Pack	Librarians
Stewardship of Creation ⁹	Counters ⁶	Plant Care
Pre-Marital ²	Property ⁸	Funeral Lunches
Good Samaritan Fund ⁹	FaithLife Chapter	Quilters
Social Justice ⁹	Flower Beds ⁸	
Meals on Wheels ⁹	Finance ⁶	
Refugee Support ⁹	Communion Records	
Over 80s Teas ²	Financial Records ⁶	
	Wednesday Workers ⁸	

*Our Auxiliaries—Messiah Christian Fellowship (MCF) and Evangelical Lutheran Women (ELW) remain the same.



CLERGY CORNER

Be still and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10

What a full time of year it is. There is fullness as the flowers begin to bloom. There is fullness as the summer plans begin to form. There is new life everywhere. Things are opening.

There is also fullness in the "closings" that take place; choir concerts, band concerts, confirmations, graduations fullness of a different sort.

And in all of this there is that still small voice of the Spirit in Psalms gently inviting us to "BE STILL" There is that quiet voice that reminds us to stop and still our hearts and my minds and our bodies and our souls; that quiet voice reminding us to BE.

This same voice that reminds us daily to just BE LOVED. This same voice that reminds us to stop and listen for that stillness of the Spirit. For that little nudge and that reminder that we are indeed loved; that reminder of our "belovedness in God."

As we still ourselves even in the fullness of our "openings and closings", we are brought to know at a whole other level that God journeys with us. God journey's with our ordinary moments and with those most spectacular. God journeys with our quiet moments and with our loudest times. God journeys with our joy and with our deepest pain. God journeys with our lives in the deepest sense of the word.

God is with us...
 God is with us...
 God is with us...

When we stop to listen, we can know this...

In that stillness we know.

Being Still
 in time
 and space
 awake
 to the moments
 awake
 to the present
 awake
 to feeling
 fully
 and knowing
 that God is indeed
 God.

Peace to you as your journey into you fullest times and into your empty moments and into your closings and into your openings.
 God is with you.



FROM OUR SYNOD BISHOP

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada will be gathering in National Convention later this month on the UBC campus in Vancouver. As has seemed to become standard fare in the months preceding recent National Conventions, tensions heighten as people across the Church wonder what will happen and predict possible resolutions and results.

These are not easy days for the ELCIC – they are not easy days for our life together as Church. Issues divide us. We discover that it is not 1986 any longer. Our Church has grown too small for its britches.

Re-structuring is the order of the day. Finances are problematic as congregations, Synods and the National Church are trying to achieve economies of scale that maintain and expand the mission with lessening financial and personnel resources. The challenges are great. The institutional suspicion is high.

Yet signs of hope abound at the grassroots level. As I visit with congregations and with rostered workers, as I preside at ordinations and consecrations, as I rub shoulders with congregational members formally and informally, I cannot escape the reality that God is mightily at work among us – whether because of us, or in spite of us. This is God's Church!

And we are God's people! My vision is good enough to see that far, and that clearly. If these are not easy days for our Church, recognize that these are not easy days for our Church leaders at every level.

Henri Nouwen wrote (in *Bread for the Journey*, April 10 entry) that religious leaders can be admired and revered but also hated and despised. We expect religious leaders will bring us closer to God; therefore we watch them carefully and listen to them critically. But we are easily disappointed and even feel betrayed when they prove to be just as human as we are. The switch between admiration and unrestrained anger is easily toggled.

Nouwen urges us to "try to love" our religious leaders, forgive them their faults, and see them as brothers and sisters. In so doing, we will enable them to lead us closer to the heart of God. Even as I criticize Church leaders (and am criticized), I pray for them daily. Even as I wrestle with the Church (and am wrestled with), I commend the Church to the Lord daily.

I dare to urge you to do the same. Let prayers rise for our Church this month. And may faith inspire this confidence in us, that this Church is the Lord's!

+Ronald B. Mayan, Bishop
Synod of Alberta and the Territories



PASTOR DAVID'S RESIGNATION

To the Council Executive and Church Council
of Messiah Lutheran Church,

I am greatly appreciative of the opportunity that I have had to work as a pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church for these past 11 years. I have come to love the people of this congregation, and have experienced a deep and fulfilling sense of mutual ministry here.

It is consequently with considerable regret that I am writing to resign my position as associate pastor at Messiah. The most immediate reason for my resignation is personal stress which appears to be resulting in unwanted physical symptoms.

I wish to be clear that, although I find the situation arising in the National Church to be troubling, this is not why I am resigning. I also know that Messiah Lutheran is also facing challenges as it seeks to re-prioritize and adjust to its current financial constraints. I want to be clear that I am supportive of the proposals regarding governance. Indeed there will be challenges which lie ahead, for which I offer my encouragement and prayers. Meeting these challenges will require re-thinking and a reappraisal of ministry roles. I am sure that the people of Messiah will find the strength and direction to meet these challenges. I hope that my resignation will facilitate a rebuilding of ministry.

It seems there is no really good time to make such a decision and pass on this news. I regret that I will be disappointing people with whom I have established relationships over these many years. It is not my intention to add extra stress to the church council or to Pastor Kenn. However, it seems to me that for my own well being I need to wrap up my time of ministry at Messiah as soon as I can, hopefully by the end of June.

*Sincerely in Christ,
Pastor David Eriksson
May 25, 2009*

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

May 14, 2009

FINANCIAL REPORT/BUDGET

Donations received for the year was \$540,039. Added to this, our deficit appeal brought in \$38,698. These generous donations of \$ 578,737 have supported many programs in Messiah and the community. Our closing combined deficit was \$49,290, which indicates some trimming of expenses and programs is needed. The Council recommends to the Annual Meeting an interim budget of \$494,194 and that a review of Messiah's finances be conducted by November 22, 2009.

CORRESPONDENCE / SECRETARY'S REPORT

Letters of concern about worship services were read and are referred to the new Worship Committee. A check list of unfinished business was discussed and referred to the relevant committees. Sorting and cataloguing of archive material is being done with the help of Vi Madison. The plan is to have an index of the archive contents soon. However, a policy is needed to outline the guidelines for accessing and keeping information updated. This policy will be formulated by the new Council.

SOUP AND SANDWICHES

There is excess money from the Soup and Sandwich lunches. It was decided that this money be used to pay for the Sept. 2008 Pizza Lunch, and that the remaining funds, \$150, be given to Kathy McInnis for the Lamp Mission Trip this summer.

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Stewardship/Finance Committee presented many excellent recommendations to the Council. Guiding principles were outlined when considering an "essential" budget. The policy concerning "designated funds" was adopted from the ELCIC suggested policy. More detail will be found in the Annual Meeting packet.

GOVERNANCE REPORT

As a result of the various governance meetings attended by the members of Messiah, some revisions were made to various Bylaws and items in the Handbook. The full list of them will be printed in the Annual Meeting packet. You will be pleased with the thought and planning that has gone into these Bylaws and the Handbook as you read through the material.

At our Annual Meeting we will revoke all the old Bylaws and adopt the new Bylaws. We will then adopt the Handbook.

Submitted by Ioan Jobber--Secretary

PASTORAL ACTS

FUNERALS

Paulette Rasmussen, Catherine McCoomb, Ed Kvemshagen,
Hilmer Heggen

COMMITTAL

Desirae Couture

MARRIAGES

Daina Rodanisky & James Flemming
Rochelle Lansing & Matt Danko

NEW MEMBER

Alice Haldorson

CONFIRMATION

Amy Adams, Lucas Brown, Sarah Cole, Anna Eriksson,
Jenna Gross, Lee Lopez, Tamara MacInnis, Robin Manaloor
Katrina Nielsen, Brian Ofrim, Jordyn Riexinger,
Monika Thygesen, Alexander Wildeman

KIDFEST KIDBITS



Graduations. Convocations. Confirmations. Mother's Day. Father's Day. Anniversaries. Birthdays. Weddings. Wow! There is a lot to celebrate these months. A lot of special people to honour in our lives! These events mark the passing of time, time that has been well spent.....good times!

Tonight I was going through some boxes that came from Mom and Dad's place...old bulletins, Bible studies, Canada Lutherans etc. Stuck in between everything was an old CLBI Beacon. Guess who was on the front page? Lowell Dahlman! (on a CLBI team back in 1991). On the back page there is an announcement of the birth of my cousin's child, Anna Kochendorfer, whose Grad I just attended at LCBI last weekend!! Yes, life marches on!

The motto of Lowell's team that spring was Psalm 145:13b, "*The Lord is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made*". (NIV) Some words from a song they sang called *God's Promise is a Promise* (by Mary Kay Bottens) are "In the past, in the present, in the future, God's Word is still the same." How good to know that as we wind up some chapters in our lives and move on to others, God remains faithful to us. He continues to uphold us, lead us and bless us. There were many other people named in that old Beacon that I also know. Faithful servants, who continue to seek God's will in their lives. I am thankful for the Lowell's and Anna's in my life that continue to be an inspiration and witness through the changes and challenges that each year brings.

And so we in KidFEST wind up another year too and look ahead. In winding up we say goodbye and many thanks to our Grade 9s who have been so faithful in KidFEST through the years. We will miss you down in our basement hallways! You have been leaders and teachers, even as you have been students! Congratulations on your Confirmation. I know you will continue to serve in many ways at Messiah and elsewhere, and confirm your faith daily in the way you

live.

WIND-UP PICNIC AT THE CAMROSE TRAIN STATION

We have been invited again this year to join MCF in their annual picnic. Come at 4:30pm for games! Potluck at 5:30pm. Please bring food to share, your own plates etc. and lawn chairs. And we will pray for sunshine this year!! (Hopefully no snow!!)

COME TO ROME THIS SUMMER WITH ME!!

Meet Paul and Brutus and the Underground church! Work in the marketplace teaching leatherwork or serving snacks. Be a Bible character in Biblical costume, sharing the faith of the early Christians!

Our Vacation Bible School this July 27-31 is *Paul and the Underground Church!* On the link bulletin board you may pick up sheets with job descriptions for volunteer positions! There are also registration forms there and in the office, available for kids age four and up to Gr. 6 (completed). Students who have completed Gr. 7 may be volunteers.

We will be running mornings from Monday to Wednesday, and Friday, and the afternoon on Thursday. On Thursday morning we hope to be participants in the Camrose parade, along with Resurrection Lutheran Church. (I am also doing some planning with Resurrection and with CLBI, which is very helpful.)

There are other ways to help us out too! If you can help with any of the following, please contact Marlys (672-0813) or the office.

- 1) Lend us a tent top summer canopy. We need about 10.
- 2) Donate old sheets. (for marketplace canopy walls, togas)
- 3) Lend or donate plastic plants or vines, baskets, big vases
- 4) Donate towards the purchase of Rome postcard student books (\$4.25 per student)
- 5) Donate towards the purchase of "Rome @ Home" devotion booklets (10 for \$22.00)
- 6) Donate towards the purchase of craft supplies, costume materials, etc.
- 7) Donate snack items. (List to go up later)
- 8) Help with props/decorating. (Anyone know where I can get big sheets of styrofoam?)

What is your family celebrating this month? Whatever it may be, I wish you God's blessing.

What are you or your family winding up or leaving behind? I pray that you do it in peace, knowing that God has wonderful things ahead for you, just waiting to be unfolded in His good time. May you rest your trust in Jesus during the transition times.

What are your plans for the summer? May you be safe and refreshed. May you rejoice in the wonders around you and find renewal in the contacts with friends and relatives that you may make.

See you at camp! See you at VBS! See you at church! See you around!

*Marlys Sorenson
Children's Ministry Coordinator*

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WOMEN



A shipment of 41 boxes was sent to CLWR on April 20, 2009. The following items were sent:

Quilts – 109
 Baby Blankets – 58
 Afghans - 1
 Lap Robes – 5
 Children's Kits – 12
 Hygiene Kits – 3
 Sewing Kits – 12
 Personal Kits – 24
 School Packs – 4
 Pneumonia Vests – 30
 Hospital Gowns – 10
 Baby Bundles – 30
 Bandages – 1 box
 Soap, toothpaste
 Misc. sweaters/sweat shirts

3 C's Group

Baby quilts – 39 / Knitted and Crocheted Baby
 Blankets – 35 / Ladies Kits – 9 / Baby Layettes – 12

The 3 C's Group items are included with the final count. We are thankful for the contributions of the 3 C's. They also give a substantial amount of cash for freight costs and We Care bags.

LAMP

6 large quilts, 11 blankets

Wilf Aspenes and Wilf Willing delivered the boxes to Highway 13 depot. Allen and Mary Severson took the boxes for LAMP to Edmonton.

Thank you to all for your contributions and work. CLWR is very appreciative!

ELW elections will be held in September. Please pray that God will provide women to fill the executive positions.

NEEDED

Used sheets in good condition – preferably coloured or patterned for quilt backing. White sheets can be used to make bandages. (We would appreciate all donations. We will again accept fabrics for quilt tops.

NOTICE

ELW Supper and Evening Service at Hastings Lake on June 29, at 5 P.M.

Watch for further information.

ESPRIT MAGAZINE WINS AWARD

Sharon Betcher's "Remembering the Sabbath: A Practice for 21st Century Christians?" which was published in the Spring 2008 issue of *Esprit* took first place in the biblical reflection category at the 2009 Canadian Church Press Awards ceremony, held in Winnipeg, Friday, May 15. *Esprit* is the magazine of Evangelical Lutheran Women.

WE CARE THANK YOU

Thank you for supporting this important area of work at Canadian Lutheran World Relief. It is your commitment to the We Care program that allows us to make regular overseas shipments to people who need assistance.

As Canadians continue to feel the squeeze on the economy, many of us are moving back to traditional ways of supporting our neighbours (whether they be next-door neighbours of our global neighbours). Our society is rediscovering the value of the kinds of personal gifts that we touch with our own hands. Quilting a warm cover or bundling up a few essentials, for instance, are meaningful acts that are as effective today as they ever were.

*Irma McKenzie,
Human Resources and Administration Director
CLWR*



All ladies are invited to a
Bridal Shower for Angela Ponto,
Thursday, June 11, 7:30 pm
in the Basement Auditorium.

BENEFIT TEA

Come and have tea with me
Thursday, June 18 at three.

You will enjoy Mary's tea pot collection and a variety of teas by Fiona's.

Bring a friend, your own tea cup and a donation for the Messiah Samaritan fund.

Please sign the reservation sheet at the Information Centre prior to June 10th.

Sponsored by Lavona Broen and Mary Broen

LITE MISSION TRIP UPDATE

Thanks so much to everyone for coming to the Soup and Sandwich in April, that was such a great way for us to get started and the kids all felt really supported in the. For those who didn't get a chance to buy soup mix there is still some left, give me a call.

May was Regal Month. Your support was tremendous! Thank you so much. All profits from the orders will be credited to our mission.

Also, we have set up an account with Sheila at the Church Office for anyone wishing to help us with financial support.

Kathy MacInnis 780-672-1084

THE QUALITIES OF A CONGREGATION THAT IS SPIRITUALLY WELL NURTURED

As the Deacons Committee comes to the end of its term, its members would like to make a gift to the congregation in the form of a study they made in 2008-09.

Included in our mandate, in the bylaws, was "shall nurture the spiritual life of the congregation." So we asked, "What is a 'well-nurtured congregation?'" The results of our study are attached as two lists.

The first list is about qualities of the congregation as such.

The second list is about qualities of individuals in the congregation.

How far along are we in possessing these qualities?

Are there activities we can be doing to come closer to the best possible meaning of these qualities?

In the midst of all of our thinking and discussing and praying, we know that it is the Holy Spirit to whom we look for actual growth in these qualities. We submit our thoughts to the congregation. The lists are not exhaustive, so we invite readers to improve upon them as they consider them. And we realize that there is overlap in some areas.

We invite individuals and groups to use this as a basis for study or as factors to be considered in planning. To God be the Glory.

What does it mean to have a congregational life that is well nurtured?

Characteristics of the congregation as a whole:

- Possesses a clear mission and actively pursues that mission (Matthew 28:19-20)
- Is grounded in the Word, the Good News, recognizing forgiveness and living in the grace of Christ Jesus. (Romans 3:23, Romans 5:1 -2, Romans 8:1)
- Worships in a meaningful and inspirational manner (Psalm 107:32, I Chronicles 16:29, Psalm 29:2, John 4:24, Psalm 33:1-3)
- Understands and actively participates in the Sacraments (I Corinthians 12:13, Mark 14: 22-24, Luke 22:17-20, I Corinthians 11:24-28)
- Is active in prayer (Ephesians 6:18, I Thessalonians 5:16-17, Colossians 4:2)
- Is involved in a lifelong process of learning/Christian education (2 Peter 3:18, Colossians 3:16)
- Provides for pastoral care of young people (John 21:15b, I Tim. 4:13, II Tim 3:14-5)
- Lives in harmony, peace, and in unity. (Rom. 12:16. Eph. 4:13)
- Is devoted to brotherly love and actively promotes fellowship. (John 15:12, I John 4:7, Acts 2:42)

- Possesses leaders who prepare God's people for works of service (Eph 4: 14 & 18)
- Practices inclusiveness (1 Corinthians 12:12-13, Galatians 3:28)
- Is active in the community, sharing gifts with the community (local, national, international) both in evangelism and service. (1 Peter 4:10; Eph. 2:10)

Characteristics and qualities of individual members of the congregation:

- Are committed to the Lord (1 Samuel 7:3, Ps 37:5, Prov 16:3, 1 Kings 8:61)
- Grow in knowledge (2 Peter 3:18, Col 1:10, 2 Thess 1:3)
- Read the Bible regularly (Dt 17:19, Rev 1:3)
- Pray regularly (Ps 32:6, Matt 5:44, 6:5, 6:9, Luke 6:28, 11:1, 18:1, Eph 6:18, 1 Thess 5:17, Proverbs 15:8, 15:29, 1 Timothy 2:8, 4:5).
- Worship regularly (1 Ch 16:29, Ps 95:6, 100:2, John 4:24)
- Are at Peace (Php 4:6-7, John 14:27)
- Love others (1 Cor 13:4-13, Gal 5:13, Heb 13:1, Lev 19:18, Matt 5:43-48, 19:19, John 13:34-35, 15:12-13; Rom 13:9-10, 1 John 3:1-24, 4:7-21)
- Are humble (Gal 5:22-23; Php 4:5, Col 3:12, 1 Tim 6:11, 1 Pet 3:15)
- Offer themselves as living sacrifices (Rom 12:1)
- Possess an attitude of thankfulness in all circumstances (Col 2:7, 3:15-17; 1 Thess 5:18; Eph 5:20; Psalm such as 106:1 and 107:1; 1 Tim. 2:1, 4:4 and the example of Jesus such as in Matt 11:25 and Luke 11:41)
- Support other members and are respectful (Eph 4:31-32; Eph 5:21; Romans 12:10; Romans 12:13; Phil 2:3-5; 4:5)
- Give of their time, talents, and financial resources (Matt 25:14-30; 1 Tim 6:17-18; Col 4:5; Eph 5:15-6)
- Share with those in need: (11 Cor 9:6-12)
- Are stewards of creation (Rom 8:19-25; Ps 104)
- Are living witnesses in every aspect of life (Phil 1:9-11; 27-28; Col 3:12-15; Gal 6:9-10)
- Live beyond themselves as a servant of others, "Little Christs" (Phil 2; John 15:1-17; Gal 5:14, 6:2)
- Spur others to love and good deeds (Heb 10:24)
- Exercise their gifts for the good of the whole body (1 Peter 4:10, Romans 12:4-8)
- Live in loving, supportive, caring relationships (John 15:12)

Respectfully submitted,

*Deacons Committee, 2008-09
Joanne Myrehaug, Chairperson
Suzanne Wowk, Secretary
Art Pfeiffer
Ray Blacklock
May, 2009*

REV BRIAN RUDE RECEIVES DOCTORATE



At the regular Convocation of Lutheran Theological Seminary in Saskatoon on May 8, Rev. Brian Rude received an honorary Doctorate of Divinity in "recognition of his more than 20 years of ministry in El Salvador."

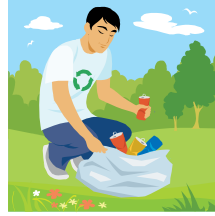
His citation reads, in part, "Despite facing bureaucratic obstruction, threats, civil unrest, imprisonment, deportation, assault and theft, Brian has worked for more that two decades with people who experience rejection and condemnation. His ministry in HIV/AIDS began in 1994 by assisting the Roman Catholic Archdiocesan AIDS team in parishes throughout the country and continued by the developing of the Quetzalcoatl Foundation. The Foundation provides AIDS prevention, awareness and wellness workshops in prisons in El Salvador and more recently also to gang members and at-risk youth on the streets of San Salvador. He accompanies the Salvadoran Lutheran Synod programs of AIDS workshops and the Lutheran radio program. His ministry is hands on as he gathers with prisoners, street youth, families and pastors, and gives care to AIDS patients and family members at Rosales Public Hospital. Many times he has been the sole person at the bedside of a dying person.

"Whatever Brian does, he does to a high degree of excellence, be it calligraphy, swimming, skiing, teaching singing, writing, photography, playing the organ or piano, serving prisoners and AIDS patients, training youth, learning a foreign language, ministering to the dying or communicating with street gangs. The Rev. Brian Glen Rude is a distinguished graduate of the Lutheran Theological Seminary and an outstanding leader and courageous servant in Christ's church."

Congratulations Brian!

A major portion of Rev. Rude's financial support for his outstanding work in the name of Christ comes from Messiah Lutheran Church as it seeks to Share Jesus Christ, cross-culturally, with all people.

(Submitted by Ray Blacklock)



There's a new way to support Messiah's Youth Ministry.

We have made arrangements with the Universal Bottle Depot so that you can take your bottles and pop cans there and simply ask them to credit the amount to Messiah Lutheran Church Youth. Of course, you can still drop them off in the boxes at the church and Messiah Youth will take them over and sort them out as they have been doing.

FROM THE LIBRARY

The Shack by Wm. P. Young

This book has touched millions of readers with its portrayal of a compassionate God in the face of evil. (In the fiction section)

Finding God in the Shack by Dr. Roger Olson

Dr. Olson views *The Shack* with a theologian's eye, and finds much to endorse. Dr. Olson, who has faced his own 'Great Sadness' finds comfort in this beloved story. However, some may ask "Is God really like that? Is that how God responds to evil?" (In the inspiration section)

The Mitford Series by Jan Kavon

This set has been donated (thanks Neta). Jan Kavon has written nine books centered around the life of an Episcopalian priest in the town of Mitford. Jan has a wonderful gift for illuminating the struggles that creep into everyday lives. Father Tim's big heart causes him much pain, but also great happiness, as God's love is allowed to bring healing and light into the dark corners of many lives – Oh yes, his marriage in later life, to a delightful and caring lady adds a new and broader dimension to his life and unusual ministry.

I highly recommend these for pleasure and inspirational readings!
(In fiction section)

Berniece Sogge

LAUGH FOR LIFE GALA



We're very pleased to announce that one of the most dynamic comedians in North America has accepted our invitation to be the headliner at the 6th Annual Laugh for Life Gala.

Comedian Anita Renfro is not afraid to say what everyone else is thinking! She will do one show only on Saturday, October 24th, 7 p.m. at the gorgeous Winspear Centre in Edmonton. Anita is a

smash internet sensation thanks to her "Mom Song" to the William Tell Overture (over 25 million online hits!). Also in the lineup, world renowned Performance Painter Lewis Lavoie who returns by popular demand. Lewis will paint to the music of The Roland Majeau Band from St. Albert, Alberta.

Tickets will go on sale this summer.

For more information go to LaughforLife.ca

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JUNE 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 5:30 Music Festival Cmt 7:30 World Missions @ Pinno's	2 8:30 Administrative Staff	3 8:00 Morning Prayer 3:00 Big Drum 7:00 Worship Cmt	4 4:00 Croteau/Fredrichs Wedding Rehearsal 7:00 LITE Mission Norwax Fundraiser 7:30 ELW Bible Study Briefing	5 2:00 Croteau/Fredrichs Wedding	6 10:30 Worship Band
7 Holy Trinity 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Coffee Fellowship 9:30 KidFEST 9:30 Youth Leadership 9:30 Biblecino 11:00 Contemp Comm 12:30 Soup & Sandwich 1:00 Annual Meeting	8	9 8:30 Administrative Staff 4:00 MCF Picnic & Games 5:30 MCF Supper	10 8:00 Morning Prayer 3:00 Big Drum	11 7:00 Annual Planning Meeting 7:30 Angela Ponto's Bridal Shower	12	13 10:30 Worship Band
14 Pentecost 2 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Coffee Fellowship 11:00 Contemp Comm	15 5:30 Music Festival Cmt	16 Messenger Articles Due 8:30 Administrative Staff	17 8:00 Morning Prayer 3:00 Big Drum	18 3:00 Tea Party 7:00 Church Council	19	20 10:30 Worship Band 2:00 Urkow/Zeniuk Wedding
21 Pentecost 3 Father's Day 8:30 Holy Communion 9:30 Coffee Fellowship 11:00 Contemp Comm	22	23 8:30 Administrative Staff	24 8:00 Morning Prayer 3:00 Big Drum	25	26 Messenger Delivery	27 10:30 Worship Band
28 Pentecost 4 10:00 Worship	29	30 8:30 Administrative Staff				