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IN CHRIST

EQUIPPED TO SERVE

AROUND THE WORLD



You are invited to:

Messiah's annual World Mission Month
with speakers who will share, educate and inspire us all.

Two Sunday mornings, 9:50 to 10:50 a.m.
and
Two Sunday evenings, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

in the Basement Auditorium
with Coffee/Tea/Juice/Goodies

Everybody Welcome !!

Sunday, January 10 — 7:00 p.m.

WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE, BUT...

WHERE IS VANUATU ANYWAY?

Richard Near, Messiah's trumpeter and Inventor

Sunday, January 17 — 9:50 to 10:50 a.m.

M2M

Alvin Sorenson: For some years, Golden Valley Lutheran Church, Viking, has sent a team to Mexico to strengthen the church there.

Sunday, January 24 — 7:00 p.m.

SHARING JESUS CHRIST IN MONGOLIA

Jonny Aicken: Jonny and his wife Marina served with WMPL in Mongolia for two years, returning here in 2008.

Sunday, January 31 — 9:50 to 10:50 a.m.

JOURNEY TO COLOMBIA

Tricia Hoepfner and her sons: From March 26 to April 8, 2009, 15 youth and adults from Ascension Lutheran Church, Edmonton, journeyed to Colombia. This life-transforming event had a powerful impact on each of the travelers. Enjoy a presentation of stories and pictures narrated by some of the participants.

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*World Mission Month is planned for the congregation  
by the World Mission Group of the Witnessing Committee*

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# THE GENIUS OF PIETISM AND THE CHALLENGE OF MODERNITY

*Five Monday evenings 7-9 pm January 11 - February 8*

## **PIETISM AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION OF RURAL NORWAY**

Monday, January 11 - Cam Harder

Dr. Harder will also be preaching at both services on Sunday, January 10 and will be leading AdultFEST that day.



## **SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION OR COLONIZATION: PIETISM, A PRAIRIE STORY**

Monday, January 18 - David J. Goa  
Dr. Goa is the Director of the Chester Ronning Centre.

## **PIETISM AND THE SACRAMENTS IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE**

Monday, January 25 - Eugene L. Boe

Dr. Boe will also be preaching at both services on Sunday, January 24 and will be leading AdultFEST that day.



## **PIETISM AND THE BIBLE IN THE NEW WORLD: READING FOR FRIENDSHIP, READING FOR PROOF**

Monday, February 1 - David J. Goa, CRC

## **A GLORIOUS AND SAD SONG: THE LAST PIETIST TO BE BURIED ON THE PRAIRIES**

Monday, February 8 - David J. Goa, CRC

*Please mark these dates on your calendar today  
and plan to attend as many of these sessions as you can.*

*There is no fee for the series. Donations are welcomed.*

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Chester Ronning Centre, Augustana Campus, University of Alberta  
Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute*



## CLERGY CORNER

We're entering a new decade. The year 2010 marks the beginning of the second decade of the 21st Century. I found it hard to remember how much has happened in the past ten years so I browsed a bit.

2000—Predictions that a Y2K computer virus might wipe out power grids, disrupt airplane flights, and cause ATM machines to malfunction were not fulfilled. The topic of global warming was expected to remain hot long into the future. Scientists had just revealed that they had completed a rough map of the entire human genome, the genetic blueprint for human beings.

2001—The September 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and the ensuing war on terrorism was the world's leading news story. Europe witnessed the advent of the Euro and the twin scourges of mad cow and foot-and-mouth disease.

2002—People discovered that they could send images using e-mail. There was a growing realization that there would be a long road ahead for military forces in Afghanistan.

2003—The United States and its coalition forces invaded Iraq. Health authorities all over the world were warned about a mysterious form of pneumonia called SARS.

2004—Genocide was reported in western Sudan's Darfur region. We learned about the destructive forces of tsunamis.

2005—Hurricane Katrina devastated New Orleans. John Paul II's death ended a 26-year pontificate, third-longest in history.

2006—There was mounting concern over climate change and global warming. Israel and the Lebanon-based Hezbollah militia fought a month-long war in the summer.

2007—Banks worldwide that had money in mortgage-backed securities realized many of their investments were worthless. Scientists announced that they had found a way to reprogram human skin cells to behave like embryonic stem cells.

2008—After 40 years, CBC lost the rights to the theme for Hockey Night in Canada. Barack Obama was elected president of the United States.

2009—Concern about the HINI virus attracted much attention. The recession began to show signs of coming to an end.

As I remembered those events as well as all that has happened in my own life this past decade, I also remembered something about time that never changes: *The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.* Psalm 121:8

God has been with us in this past decade and God will continue to walk with us in the next. As we reflect on what may be, let us pause to ponder where God wishes us to go and how God wants us to live, love and fill those coming years.

*God bless,  
Pastor Kenn Ward*

## A 'FULL-COMMUNION' CHRISTMAS GREETING

Winnipeg, 14 December 2009 - Once again this year, National Bishop Susan C. Johnson of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, come together to offer a reflection on the Christmas season and greetings to all Canadian Lutherans and Anglicans.

In this year's message, both church leaders reflect on Christmas in the context of recent trips to the Holy Land.



View the Christmas video greeting here:  
<http://elcic.ca/From-the-Bishop/default.cfm>

The two church leaders are in frequent communication with each other and strive to give life to the special relationship that has existed between Anglicans and Lutherans since the Waterloo Declaration on full communion was signed in 2001.

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office will be open on December 24 until noon. It will open again from 9 am to noon each day on Tuesday, December 29, Wednesday, December 30 and Thursday, December 31.

### PASTORAL ACTS

#### Funerals

Darrell McClelland

#### Baptisms

Jazmin Melin  
Brynne Pearson

## CANADIAN GOVERNMENT MAKES CUTS TO ELCIC'S PARTNER KAIROS

Winnipeg, 2 December 2009 – The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) learned today that the Canadian government has cut funding to KAIROS: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives; a decision which will have a devastating impact on KAIROS' overseas partners and the thousands of marginalized people in local communities they support.

KAIROS, a church based non-governmental organization that represents seven of Canada's largest denominations including the ELCIC, works on a range of social justice issues, including human rights in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East.

An official from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) called KAIROS executive director Mary Corkery on Monday afternoon, November 30, to inform her that CIDA would no longer fund KAIROS. Corkery was told that KAIROS no longer fits CIDA priorities. No other explanation or information was provided.

KAIROS' current contract with CIDA expired in September, but it had received an extension until November 30, the day it was informed of the cuts.

In a message to Bev Oda, Minister for International Cooperation, requesting an explanation, Corkery writes, "I know of no precedent for the Canadian International Development Agency ending a decades-long funding relationship with a major Canadian organization without notice in writing, with no reason and no transition plan."

"We are disheartened that this longstanding relationship and decades of support by the Canadian government has been ended," says Corkery. "KAIROS and the millions of Canadians we represent through our member churches and organizations do not understand why these cuts have been made."

"KAIROS is one of our most effective partnerships," says ELCIC National Bishop Susan C. Johnson. "By working ecumenically in the area of compassionate justice we have been able to maximize our ministry in this area. The denial of CIDA funding will be a huge loss in our collective ability to be In Mission for Others."

Bishop Johnson urges members of the ELCIC to visit their members of parliament to express their support for KAIROS and to ask for a reversal of this decision. "I further ask that they write Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Bev Oda, Minister of International Cooperation, and Margaret Biggs, President of CIDA, expressing their disappointment and the critical need for funding to be restored," she says.

The CIDA-funded overseas program received matching financial support from KAIROS' member churches, church related organizations and other donors. Since 1973, KAIROS, and the church coalitions from which it was formed eight years ago, had received funding from CIDA to support partners.

<http://www.kairoscanada.org/>

**IN CHRIST**  
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**WORLD MISSION MONTH**

*All programs in the Basement Auditorium.  
 Refreshments at each event. Everybody Welcome!!*

**TWO SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 9:50 A.M.**

**MISSION IN MEXICO**  
 Sunday morning, January 17 — Friends from Golden Valley Lutheran Church, Viking, talk about their mission in Mexico

**MISSION IN COLOMBIA**  
 Sunday morning, January 31 — Trish Hoepfner and her sons from Ascension, Edmonton, talk about their mission in Colombia

**TWO SUNDAY EVENINGS AT 7 P.M.**

**MISSION IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC**  
 Sunday evening, January 10 — Richard Near talks about his personal mission in the western Pacific

**MISSION IN MONGOLIA**  
 Sunday evening, January 24 — Johnny and Marina Aicken talk about the World Mission Prayer League & CLBI mission in Mongolia

How does Messiah’s popular trumpet player end up on a South Pacific Ocean island, only to find out that what he thought he was going to do was not what he ended up doing at all?

**Richard Near**, owner of Near Manufacturing in Camrose, has a strong background in agriculture, is a talented and creative designer and maker of metal parts and equipment, is qualified to fly (is a wannabe pilot), and is an avid downhill skier. Not having had a holiday from his demanding business for many years, Richard took five weeks in September/October 2008 to deal with the technical side of a medical program on the remote island of Espiritu Santo, one of 14 major islands in the country of Vanuatu.



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To find out how God used his skills for the unexpected, come to hear his presentation and see his pictures on Sunday evening, January 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Basement Auditorium.

Richard Near's message is the first in the series of presentations during World Mission Month, January 2010. The World Mission month program is not a series of travelogs, but rather is intended to help the listeners to see how Christ is influencing people of the church to serve cross-culturally for God's glory and the extension of the Kingdom.

The second presentation, on January 17, 9:50-10:50 a.m., will be by **friends from Golden Valley Lutheran in Viking** who have established a group which started out as M2M, that is Mission to Mexico, but has now expanded its field of service. Putting building skills together with sharing the Gospel, this group, which has both teenagers and adults in it, has built up a pattern of yearly excursions to be about God's business in the world.

When we think of Mongolia, the expression "ends of the earth" comes to mind. **Johnny and Marina Aicken** served there with World Mission Prayer League for two years, but are now resident in Camrose, working with both WMPL and CLBI. Mr. Aicken has the second evening presentation in World Mission month. On Sunday evening, January 24 at 7:00 p.m. he will share his experiences in Mongolia and speak of the future of Gospel proclamation there.

In April 2008, you may recall the enthusiastic presentation which Mrs. **Tricia Hoepfner** of Ascension in Edmonton made to our congregation as she described the visit which several young people and adults were going to make to Colombia in 2009. That trip became a reality in March of 2009. This mission trip was not designed to put up bricks, paint walls, or repair broken arms, but rather to learn of the situation of the church members and so become better prayer partners for this Companion Synod. But, not unexpectedly, there were other results as well.

Tricia Hoepfner, her sons, and maybe some additional Ascension members will be present in the morning adult class time on January 31, 9:50 to 10:50 a.m. to share their story. Some readers will remember that Mrs. Hoepfner is a daughter of Rev. Jose Ariza who lives in Colombia.

Freewill offerings will be received for ministry and/or expenses at the second, third and fourth sessions.

Each of these World Mission Month activities (both the morning and evening ones) will take place in the Basement Auditorium. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome.

*WM Month is organized for the congregation by the World Mission Group, under the Witnessing Committee.*

## SPECIAL BENEVOLENCE AND MISSIONARY SUPPORT

Because our current budget did not make provision for a tithe to our synod and our national church, the Special Congregational Meeting created two Support Funds to try to top up our giving so that we could achieve the same goal.

We are seeking an additional \$5,500 beyond regular through a **Missionary Support Fund** so that we can top up our support for Brian Rude's ministry in El Salvador to a total of \$20,500.

We are seeking an additional \$11,800 beyond regular through a **Benevolence Support Fund** so that we can top up our support for the ministries of our synod and our national church to a total of \$42,300.

When you contribute to either of these funds, please use one of the pew envelopes and write the amount and the fund to which you are contributing on that envelope.

## NEIGHBOR AID AND THE FOOD BANK

At the time of writing this, the temperature has plummeted. After a mild November, we now have a world of white, as snow blankets all the streets and lawns, and we shiver. Along with this change in temperature goes additional hardships for many more people as they hope to have enough food to eat, try to keep warm, and encounter high heating bills.

Again the Food Bank will play a major role in the lives of many in our community. The numbers of people walking through its doors will climb.

You are being asked once more to help by donating food items on January 17. This date will coincide with the monthly Soup and Sandwich Sunday. As you plan to attend this, why not bring along a food item for the Food Bank. Your ongoing generosity will help. And if you cannot attend the lunch, why not bring a food item anyway, to either service.

For those who receive pensions, income support or allowances, January is particularly trying. To help people get through the holidays, government cheques are sent early in December. This means that the next monies to come in will be at the end of January, with an approximate six-week lapse in between. This is a crucial time for survival, when food supplies get low and bills get high.

To those who gave so unselfishly at the Charity Check Stop, thank you. For a few days the shelves at the Food Bank had food on them. But of course, food given to those in need has to be replaced. This is an on-going challenge.

We give because we are created to serve in any way we can. The love behind the unconditional giving changes our world, and passes on hope to those previously without. Luke writes, *"Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over. For the with same measure that you give it shall be measured to you again. (Luke 6:38)*

*Until then, peace. Carol Cherry*



## ELW HIGHLIGHTS

From September through November, a group of faithful quilters met every two weeks to make **quilts for CLWR** (Canadian Lutheran World Relief) **and LAMP** (Lutheran Association of Missionary Pilots). This ministry also includes the participation of quilting enthusiasts from the Camrose community.

The quilts and kits on display during **CLWR Sunday**, November 29, were a visual reminder of the work of CLWR to meet the needs of our neighbours in other parts of the world.

On November 30, the following gifts were packed for shipment to CLWR. Approximately 30 quilts were sent to LAMP.

This shipment also included two boxes of kits prepared by St. Joseph congregation of the Armena parish: 24 Baby Bundles, 11 Bandages, 4 Boys' Kits, 10 Hygiene Kits, 4 Lap Robes, 7 Men's Kits, 23 Personal Kits, 59 Pneumonia Vests, 5 Premie Hats, 60 Quilts, 19 School Kits, 8 Sewing Kits, 10 Shirts, 15 Soap, 3 Tissues, and 19 Toothpaste.

A silent auction of two quilts provided approximately \$200 to assist with the cost of ocean freight. Thank you again to Hiway 13 for taking CLWR gifts to Edmonton for transport to Winnipeg.

At the General Meeting on November 23, ELW enjoyed giving away \$3,400 to the **Messiah's Good Samaritan Fund**, a variety of church-related ministries and community service agencies. These gifts were in addition to others given during the year. Much of the money, which is shared with others and projects within the congregation, has been received from donations for funeral lunches served by the women and men of Messiah's five serving groups. Indeed, the sorrow of death is turned into gifts for sharing Jesus with all people.

The ELW has been **managing the kitchens** in the downstairs auditorium, the Fellowship Centre and the Sacristy for years and years. One of the responsibilities connected with kitchen management is meeting with the Health Inspector. On November 20, Marie Brager, the ELW representative, met with the Inspector for a review of practices connected with preparation, serving of food and sanitation.

The requirements for the areas mentioned have been posted in both kitchens and are to be observed by everyone involved with the fellowship of the table. The Inspector advised that all sandwiches or prepared buns, including that beloved egg salad, be left on the serving table for no more than two hours before disposal. There will be more information in the next MESSENGER. Please remember that the Inspector may just drop in during one of our table fellowship events.

The ELW **Advent-Christmas celebration** was held on December 14. During the evening we acknowledged with thanks three members of the Executive who had each served two terms of two years. They were: **Carol Saugen**, Secretary, who always managed to convert our discussions into Minutes; **Lois Aspenes**, Treasurer, the lady of the ledger, whose competence and diligence was noteworthy; and, **Lorene Willing**, Program Coordinator for Quilting, whose leadership and skills were so willingly shared. Secret 2009 prayer sisters were revealed and 2010 sisters selected. Program-Praise Circle, refreshments-Gentleness Circle assisted by Grace Circle.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

January 7 Bible Study Briefing 7:00 pm, downstairs A007

January 10 Installation of 2010 ELW Executive at the 8:30 service

January 23 General Meeting, 9:30, Program-Faith Circle, Lunch-Joy Circle.

*May the Christ of the Cross, born in a manger to be our Redeemer, grant you peace and hope as you continue your journey of faith through the year 2010.*

*Submitted by Lorene Pinno for Messiah ELW*

## BIBLE BOOK CLUB BEING FORMED

Pastor Kenn is introducing a unique way of reading the Bible through Bible Book Club. Each month members of the club will read a book of the Bible before their monthly meeting.

As they read, they will think about: Who wrote this book? What is its main theme or themes? Where was it written and for whom? When was it written? Why was it written? What is its message for us today?

The reading schedule will be January - Jonah;  
February - Luke; March – Exodus; April – Esther;  
May – Song of Solomon; June – Revelation

Membership in a club will be limited to a maximum of 12 people. If more people are interested in taking part, we will form an additional club or clubs.

A sign-up form is available at the Information Centre. On it you will be asked to indicate the times that you would be available once a month to meet with other club members. We'll sort through the forms and try to come up with a time that matches everyone's schedule.

## MESSIAH MEMBERS VOLUNTEER WITH YOUTH WITH A MISSION

The University of the Nations in Kona, Hawaii, is a mission base for Youth With a Mission.

At present, Lavona and Ordean Broen have been there for over a month and will return Jan. 4. Ben and Herta Heise beat the snowstorm out of Edmonton to Kona, on Fri. Dec. 4, by 1/2 hour! They are there until Jan. 15. Vivianne Grue, Adrian and Joyce Bergquist and Marlys Sorenson leave Dec. 31, and will return Feb. 13.

If you are interested in what they are all doing while there (the work and the waves!) please check out their blog <http://messiahhawaii.blogspot.com>

Lavona and Ordean report that they are loving it! Ordean is renovating and Lavona is in the kitchen. They have also done a lot of touring around the Big Island with other Mission Builder volunteers who are from Germany, Portugal, Korea and other places.



**On the 3rd Sunday of each month  
lets overflow the grocery cart  
in the Narthex with gifts  
for the Food Bank.**



## KIDFEST KIDBITS

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We already said "Happy New Year" in KidFEST on Nov. 29, the first Sunday of the new church year! But we say it again now as we begin 2010! Happy New Year to everyone! I pray your Christmas celebrations have warmed your hearts and that you have been blessed and

inspired to "Give the Gift Back" even beyond the Christmas season.

**Give the Gift Back** was the theme of our Christmas program. Thank you to the students who took part, from our Age 3 angels right up to our Gr. 7-10 class who were the speaking characters in our drama! Big thanks to Katelyn Palo who organized and directed this part of the play with the Gr. 7-10 Leadership class. Our thanks also to all the teachers who helped with costumes, props, organizing the kids etc. You are all valued and do a great job of giving of your gifts to our KidFEST family!

**Classes begin again on Jan. 10, 2010!** We will be starting a new 5-week Akaloo unit on being "Disciples". (until Feb. 7, no classes Feb. 14)

Each age approaches it in a different way. I think these are great themes and questions for our young growing Christians. We could probably all learn from each age group and find something to challenge and encourage our faith.

Age 3 - Who am I? (follower of Jesus, child of God, part of a family, neighborhood and church family)

Age 4/5 - Who loves me? (God, Jesus, family, friends, church family)

Gr. 1/2 - How can I be a good friend? (help, share, be loyal, love, forgive)

Gr. 3/4 - Why do I serve others? (Jesus served us by feeding, teaching, healing, praying: people need help, Christians are servants)

Gr. 5/6 - Why do I tell others about God? (part of being a Christian, God tells us to, so others hear and understand the good news, God can change lives)

Gr. 7-10 - What are the characteristics of a disciple? (follows Jesus, prays for others, shares his/her faith, gives away money, chooses to worship)

Here are the topics for the Adult sessions. Maybe they could be used somehow!!!

Adult - Who am I? (a broken person claimed by Christ, a child of God, called to be a neighbor, to pray for the world, to share the good news)

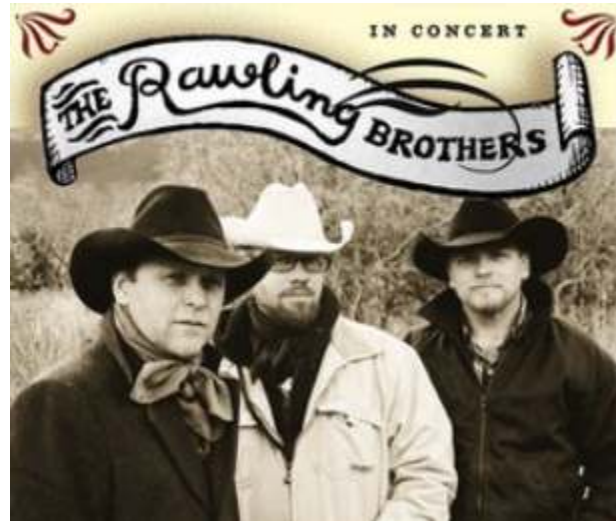
During this unit, **Charlene Brown** will be leading the Opening times for KidFEST. I will be volunteering with YWAM in Kona, Hawaii, at the University of the Nations along with other Messiah members.

(Check out our blog <http://messiahhawaii.blogspot.com>)

**New Children's Library** - The library has been moved and updated! It is next to the Resource Room, past the Gathering place in the basement. Please check it out and encourage your kids to sign out books and videos/DVDs. Excellent content!

Also, don't forget to check out activities and dates etc. on the Akaloo website. For everyone! Looking forward to seeing you when I come back! While I am gone, I will also try to learn more about what being a DISCIPLE of Jesus really means for me.

*Aloha (much love), and Mahalo (Thanks)  
Marlys Sorenson, Children's Ministry Coordinator*



Sunday, January 10, 2:30 pm at  
Messiah  
Benefit Concert  
for Hastings Lake Lutheran Bible Camp  
to build a new cabin



FaithLife Financial will give a grant up to \$1,500 to match offering received at the concert.

*This event is sponsored by Messiah's FaithLife Chapter.*

## MEN'S RETREAT

Theme: ***Bringing Your Soul to Work (or Retirement)***

February 5-7 at Kuriakos Lutheran Camp (Sylvan Lake)

Presenters: Rev. Darryl Roste and Rev. Dr. Rolf Nosterud

Many today find their work to be a burden. Statistics reporting on workplace stress, burn-out, and stress-leaves are going through the roof. No workplace or person is exempt. Whether one works for a big corporation, a small business, or in government and even church offices, the stress levels have drastically increased. What's contributing to stress in the workplace, even in retirement? Is it our human nature, our expectations that have changed? Or the workplace?

If these issues disturb you, come and participate in our weekend discussion of issues like ***Who Stole Meaning and Joy for Work?*** Or ***Why Do So Many Have a Troubled Spirit in Retirement?*** and finally ***How Do We Recover a Sense of Vocation in Gifted Service? (in Work or Retirement)***

The presentations, discussions, worship interludes, and lots of time for relaxation are bound to bring light to the issues and to restore your soul in solitude and service.

Register by phone at 403-748-3927, or online at [www.kuriakos.ab.ca](http://www.kuriakos.ab.ca)

## IN OUR PRAYERS (JANUARY)

*Corporate prayer is one of the principal tasks of the Church. Prayer changes people, and people, inspired by the Holy Spirit, change things. Because there are many people and situations that may not be mentioned in our prayers regularly at our worship service, this list offers some suggestions as one focus for our prayers for January.*

- ✠ for our **Standing Committees** as they begin to prepare budgets to reflect our priorities in mission and ministry
- ✠ for our National Bishop, **Susan Johnson**, and for our National Church Staff
- ✠ for those who will make presentations during **World Mission** events and the mission work they represent
- ✠ for our Companion Synod, the **Evangelical Lutheran church in Colombia**, its leaders and people
- ✠ for the pastors and people of the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**
- ✠ for our **Genius of Piety** lecture series and all who will participate
- ✠ for the **volunteers in mission** of this church, and those who share the Good News of the Gospel around the world
- ✠ for our Synod Bishop, **Ron Mayan**, and for the synod staff, rostered members and people of our synod
- ✠ for Rev. **Fran Schmidt**, missionary for our church to the people of Peru
- ✠ for all who serve on **synodical committees**
- ✠ for the students, faculty and staff of **Lutheran Theological Seminary** in Saskatoon
- ✠ for the ministry of **On Eagle's Wings**
- ✠ for Messiah's **staff and ministries**
- ✠ for Archbishop **Fred Hiltz**, primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, for the bishops, priests and people of the Anglican Church of Canada, and for **St. Andrew's** Anglican Church in Camrose
- ✠ for Executive Director, **Bob Granke**, and all the staff at **Canadian Lutheran World Relief**
- ✠ for Messiah's adherents and members serving in Kona, Hawaii as Mission Builder volunteers at the University of the Nations, Youth With a Mission: **Lavona and Ordean Broen** (Nov. 20 - Jan. 4), **Ben and Herta Heise** (Dec. 4 - Jan. 15), **Adrian and Joyce Bergquist**, **Vivianne Grue** and **Marlys Sorenson** (Jan. 1 - Feb. 12).
- ✠ for **the coalition forces** serving in Afghanistan and their families. Keep them safe from harm and bring them home to their families and friends. Protect their hearts also from all the disaster and pain they must encounter as they serve. Give them and their loved ones and all those in the other places of conflict on this planet strength, encouragement and peace.

*You are also encouraged to make use of **Additional Prayers** beginning on page 72 in **Evangelical Lutheran Worship**.*

*We welcome requests for prayer. If a person is to be prayed for at one of our services, we must have that person's permission to use their name.*

## Open Door—Touque Campaign

Camrose Open Door once again will be selling Toques this year. Toques are supplied by **Raising the Roof; a National organization that brings awareness to homelessness.** Each Toque is **\$10. with 80% proceeds to the Open Door.** Funds raised by this campaign help pay the costs of supplying supportive housing to youth at risk. Your purchase of a Toque helps us help the youth of our community.

Offer your support by purchasing a Toque. Available colors this year are Black, Driftwood, or Red. Toques available at The Open Door office - 4825 - 51 St. Call either the office 780-679-6803 or the help line 780-679-4357 for your Toque of hope.

For more information on Raising the Roof please check out their websites: [www.raisingtheroof.org](http://www.raisingtheroof.org) and [www.sharedlearnings.org](http://www.sharedlearnings.org)



### YOUTHFEST

- January 8 **Traveling Supper.** If your family would like to host a meal, please let Dorina know. We'll begin at 5:30pm.
- January 10 **Parent Meeting on Fundraising** For those who are fundraising for any activity including the Gathering, YC in Edmonton, Breakforth, or any other youth events. A Parent Group still needs to be established and plans made. 12:30 in the Youth Room.
- January 15 **Mustard Seed.** We'll be going up to Edmonton.
- January 17 **Sunday Spirit.** 7-9:30. An evening of mystery and detective work as we participate in a "Murder Mystery" evening.
- January 22 - **LOL at CLBI.** Meet in the CLBI Parking Lot at 7:15. Evening goes to 9:30.

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### STUDENTS AWAY FROM HOME

**Kayla Bentley** (Science) University of Lethbridge

**Morgan Bentley** (Science) University of Lethbridge

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| SUN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | MON                                                                                            | TUE                                                                                                                                                  | WED                                                                                                                                          | THU                                                                                                                 | FRI                                                                          | SAT                                                                                                                  |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                     | 1 New Year's Day<br>Office Closed                                            | 2<br><br>10:30 Worship Band<br><br>3:00<br>Reimer/Gallaugh<br>Wedding                                                |
| 3 Christmas 2<br><br>8:30 Holy Communion<br>9:30 Coffee Fellowship<br>NO KidFEST<br>NO Youth Leadership<br>NO Friendship Club<br>NO AdultFEST<br>NO Tune In To God<br><br>11:00 Contemporary Comm<br>1:00 Worship Cmt                                                                                                        | 4<br><br>7:00 Camerata<br><br>7:30 World<br>Missions                                           | 5<br><br>9:30 Staff Meeting<br><br>10:00 Journeying<br>Thru Prayer<br><br>4:00 Big Drum<br>5:00 Learning Cmt<br><br>7:30 Messiah<br>Choristers       | 6<br>8:00 Morning Prayer<br><br>1:15 Ladies Chorus<br><br>1:15 Big Drum<br><br>6:45 Scouts<br><br>7:00 Men's Chorus                          | 7<br><br>11: 00 Handbells<br><br>4:00 Cherub Choir<br><br>6:45 Confirmation<br><br>7:00 ELW Bible Study<br>Briefing | 8<br><br>5:30 Youth—Traveling<br>Supper                                      | 9<br><br>8:45 Men's Bible Study<br>9:00 Girl Guides<br><br>10:30 Worship Band<br><br>1:00 Camerata                   |
| 10 Baptism of Our Lord<br>ELW Installation<br>8:30 Holy Communion<br>9:30 Coffee Fellowship<br>9:30 KidFEST<br>9:30 Youth Leadership<br>9:45 Friendship Club<br>9:50 AdultFEST<br>10:30 Tune In To God<br>11:00 Contemporary Comm<br>12:30 Youth/Parent Meeting<br>2:30 Rawlings Bros Concert<br>7:00 World Mission Presents | 11<br><br>7:00 Camerata<br><br>7:00 The Genius<br>of Pietism                                   | 12<br><br>9:30 Staff Meeting<br><br>10:00 Journeying<br>Thru Prayer<br>1:00 Worship Planning<br><br>4:00 Big Drum<br><br>7:30 Messiah<br>Choristers  | 13 Council Reports Due<br><br>8:00 Morning Prayer<br><br>1:15 Ladies Chorus<br><br>1:15 Big Drum<br><br>6:45 Scouts<br><br>7:00 Men's Chorus | 14<br><br>11: 00 Handbells<br><br>4:00 Cherub Choir<br><br>6:45 Confirmation                                        | 15<br><br>5:30 Camerata Dress<br>Rehearsal<br><br>7:00 Youth-Mustard<br>Seed | 16<br><br>8:45 Men's Bible Study<br>10:30 Worship Band<br><br>7:00 Camerata<br>Concert                               |
| 17 Epiphany 2<br>8:30 Holy Communion<br>9:30 Coffee Fellowship<br>9:30 KidFEST<br>9:30 Youth Leadership<br>9:45 Friendship Club<br>9:50 AdultFEST<br>10:30 Tune In To God<br>11:00 Contemporary Comm<br>12:15 Soup & Sandwiches<br>7:00 Unity Prayer Service<br>7:00 Sunday Spirit                                           | 18<br><br>5:30 Music<br>Festival Cmt<br><br>7:00 Camerata<br><br>7:00 The Genius<br>of Pietism | 19 Messenger<br>Articles Due<br><br>9:30 Staff Meeting<br><br>10:00 Journeying<br>Thru Prayer<br><br>4:00 Big Drum<br><br>7:30 Messiah<br>Choristers | 20<br><br>8:00 Morning Prayer<br><br>1:15 Ladies Chorus<br><br>1:15 Big Drum<br><br>6:45 Scouts<br><br>7:00 Men's Chorus                     | 21<br><br>11: 00 Handbells<br><br>4:00 Cherub Choir<br><br>6:45 Confirmation                                        | 22<br><br>7:15 Youth-LOL @<br>CLBI                                           | 23<br><br>8:45 Men's Bible Study<br>9:30 ELW World Mission<br>10:30 Worship Band<br><br>7:00 Blue Thistle<br>Concert |
| 24 Epiphany 3<br>8:30 Holy Communion<br>9:30 Coffee Fellowship<br>9:30 KidFEST<br>9:30 Youth Leadership<br>9:45 Friendship Club<br>9:50 AdultFEST<br>10:30 Tune In To God<br>11:00 Contemporary Comm<br><br>7:00 World Mission Presents                                                                                      | 25<br><br>7:00 Camerata<br><br>7:00 The Genius<br>of Pietism                                   | 26<br><br>9:30 Staff Meeting<br><br>10:00 Journeying<br>Thru Prayer<br><br>4:00 Big Drum<br><br>7:30 Messiah<br>Choristers                           | 27<br>8:00 Morning Prayer<br><br>1:15 Ladies Chorus<br><br>1:15 Big Drum<br><br>6:45 Scouts<br><br>7:00 Men's Chorus<br>7:00 Witnessing Cmt  | 28<br><br>11: 00 Handbells<br><br>4:00 Cherub Choir<br><br>6:45 Confirmation<br>7:00 Church Council                 | 29<br>Breakforth Weekend<br><br>NO Youth                                     | 30<br>Breakforth Weekend<br><br>8:45 Men's Bible Study<br>10:30 Worship Band                                         |
| 31 Epiphany 4<br><br>8:30 Holy Communion<br>9:30 Coffee Fellowship<br>9:30 KidFEST<br>9:30 Youth Leadership<br>9:45 Friendship Club<br>9:50 AdultFEST<br>10:30 Tune In To God<br>11:00 Contemporary Comm                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                     |                                                                              |                                                                                                                      |