

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
Didsbury, Alberta



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NEWSLETTER

FROM THE VICAR

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Maybe you have heard of “giving something up” for Lent. Maybe you’ve even heard it called fasting. Either way, this is one of the three so-called Lenten disciplines: prayer, almsgiving, and fasting. Now of course these are not things that Christians do *only* during Lent. Could you imagine going 325 days without prayer in a year!?! But because in Lent we often focus on spiritual growth, reflection, and repentance these practices are encouraged in order to aid us. The reason that prayer, almsgiving, and fasting are chosen specifically has to do with Jesus’ sermon on the mount, where He teaches the proper way to practice these things (Matthew 6:1-18).

Jesus saw how the people of faith in His day would practice these in such a way that everyone knew that they were doing it. The thought being that, “if more people saw me praying/giving to the poor/fasting, the more people will think I am holy. ” Jesus warns us of having that attitude, saying “Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them” (Matthew 6:1). But that does not mean that we should not practice these things at all! On the contrary to open up every teaching in this section Jesus says, “When you...” meaning that these are things which are pleasing to our heavenly Father.

The first thing that Jesus speaks to us about is almsgiving (Matthew 6:2-4). He teaches us that giving to the poor in ways which make a show of it is not the proper way to give. And although there is not really anyone today who sounds a trumpet before them when they give, we might think of the giant novelty cheque, the photo op, or giving to offset your taxes. These things, make giving about us, or getting us recognition or benefit. But our Lord would have us give in secret, that is, without the show, without anything in it for us and only for those to whom we give. In Lent this helps us focus on loving our neighbour for their sake, and helps to teach us humility.

Next, our Lord speaks of prayer (Matthew 6:5-15). Again, He contrasts a public, showy, prayer which brings attention to ourselves with a quite private prayer where no one but you and God know. He adds too, that many words will not make us heard or not heard. God does not care about the length or elegance of our prayers, but a trust in Him. The Gentiles of Jesus’ day thought that if they prayed long and over and over, they would wear the gods down into hearing them and listening. But Jesus does not encourage us to pray like this, but like children who come to their father trusting he will listen. During Lent we can become more conscious of our prayers. An example is making more effort to make time for prayer. After all, it does not need to be long, nor fancy, a simple prayer from the heart or guided by a book is precious to our Father when we come to Him in faith.

Finally, Jesus speaks about the proper way for His redeemed people to fast (Matthew 6:16-18). The way which we are not to fast is the way we are often prone to do. While we may not disfigure our faces to show our discomfort from fasting in our day it might be something like a complaint like, “Oh, I wish I could eat that or do this, but I can’t I gave it up for Lent.” Just like disfiguring a face, comments like that bring attention to others what we are doing, either for recognition, sympathy, or support. Instead, Jesus instructs His disciples to act normal when they fast, to not let others know. In Lent, fasting, no matter which form it takes whether giving something up or not eating a meal, allows us to make more time and save more money for prayer and almsgiving. All while helping us learn more self-control.

And so, these practices are not about “earning points with God” or doing anything to earn our salvation, as we sometimes can misinterpret them. Nor are they something that anyone else can force us into doing, rather they must come from a free and willing spirit. And so as we approach Lent and journey through it, no matter which if any of the Lenten disciplines you do, let us always keep in mind Jesus, our Lord, Saviour, and Teacher, who freely gave His life in order to save us, who constantly intercedes for us at the right hand of the Father, and who after fasting in the wilderness 40 days and 40 nights overcame all temptations of Satan when we could not.

Blessed Lent to all!

In Christ our Lord,

Vicar Josh



ELDER'S REPORT

Elders met on Wednesday February 27. We finalized our application for a Candidate. Based on the two voters meetings our application will be presented with our first option, to receive a Candidate. Based on the voters meetings of February 24, we will include in our cover letter that our congregation is open to the Convertible Vicarage, if we fail to receive a Candidate.

We are looking at donating the old hymnals to a congregation that can use them. We understand that some of them were donated by members of the congregation. If those individuals would like to receive the ones that they donated we will arrange this. Please speak to an Elder, if this is your wish. If not we will proceed to find a congregation for these hymnals as we feel they should be used and not stored in a storage room.

Yours in Christ
Board of Elders



LENTEN SERVICES

SERVICE SCHEDULE

March 3 * Vicar Josh Bible Study 9:30am
*Worship Service 10:30am *Sunday School

March 10 * Pastor Darren
Holy Communion 3:00pm

March 17 * Vicar Josh Bible Study 9:30am
*Worship Service 10:30am *Sunday School

March 24 *Pastor Darren Holy Communion
10:30am *Potluck

March 31 * Lay Worship Service 10:30am
*Sunday School

March 6 *Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper 5:30 Lenten
Service 6:30pm

March 13 *Potluck 5:30pm Lenten Service 6:30pm

March 20 *Potluck 5:30pm Lenten Service 6:30pm

March 27 *Potluck 5:30pm Lenten Service 6:30pm

April 3 * Potluck 5:30pm Lenten Service 6:30pm

April 10 *Potluck 5:30pm Lenten Service 6:30pm

April 14 *Palm Sunday Holy Communion Service 3:00pm

April 18 **Maundy Thursday Service 6:30pm

April 19 **Good Friday Service 6:30pm

April 21 ** Easter Sunday Service 6:30pm

(Holy Communion TBA)**

April 28 * Pastor Darren Holy Communion 10:30am



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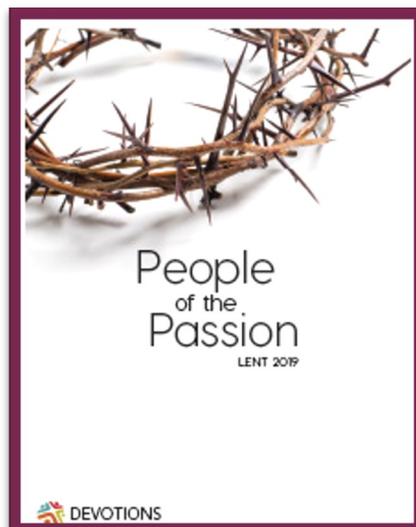
Marguerite Krebs
John and Beatrice Folkmann
Clara Bogner
Ida Kihn
Vi Hergert
Marlene Wrightson
Val Schmidt



Lenten Devotions from Lutheran Hour Ministries

Centuries before Christ, God was preparing the way for His Son's arrival. From mankind's original sin through the children of Israel's on-again, off-again obedience, God was faithful, honoring his promise to Eve (Genesis 3:15), which first pointed to Jesus. In *People of the Passion*, you will see God working through the lives of ordinary people to achieve His ultimate aim; our salvation. There are prophets, priests, and kings, servants, soldiers, and civilians -- each with a role in the high drama of Christ's passion. You may see yourself in some of these people -- ordinary individuals who, like us, need a Savior.

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Visit the website to subscribe





LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE - CANADA

LWMLC REPORT

Meeting Monday March 11, at 9:30 in the fireside room.



SPRING RETREAT

Sponsored by
Parkland Zone Lutheran Women's Missionary League

April 26 - 28, 2019
4-H Centre - Westeros, AB

Beautiful Feet

"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news." Romans 10:15

Cost of Weekend \$130 per Person

Facilitators: **Betty Ann McKinty, Linda Horton**

Are your feet running in all directions, aching to be put up or longing to walk alongside others? No matter where you are in your faith walk, the Lord has equipped you with beautiful feet!



Fund Raising Auction

Son & Fun, Surprises & Prizes, Fellowship, Singing

Contact Fay Schatschneider at 403 728-3495 or
fcsegs@gmail.com for registration forms or more information



PARKLAND ZONE LWMLC RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM
Friday – Saturday – Sunday April 26, 27, 28, 2019
4H CENTRE, WESTEROSE, ALBERTA

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ CHURCH _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Do you have dietary concerns? _____

If need babysitting please complete the following:

Children's Names: _____ Age _____

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_____ Age _____

TIME PERIOD	COST PER PERSON	RECORD AMOUNT
Friday night to Sunday	\$130.00	\$ _____
Friday night to Saturday	\$ 80.00	\$ _____
Saturday to Sunday	\$ 80.00	\$ _____
Saturday only	\$ 70.00	\$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT		<input type="text"/>

Please make check payable to PARKLAND ZONE LWMLC and send your registration and check prior to Monday, March 29, 2019 (You may post date your check so you are registered)
To: Meaghan Maskowitz, c/o Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, 18 Selkirk Boulevard, Red Deer, AB T4N 0G2

*NO REFUNDS WILL BE ISSUED.

Children, other than babysitters, must room with their mothers.
Bring bedding, towels, toiletries, your Bible.

(Silent Auction will be held to allow us to pay our Presenters and pay for other expenses so we won't have to raise the price of the Retreat)

For Information Contact: Fay Schatschneider, 403-728-3495 or
Email: fcsegs@gmail.com



MOUNTAIN VIEW CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Tuesday, March 12, 2019 9:30am -11:30am

"The Best Look... Anytime... Anywhere"



Music by

"A Touch of Grace"

Inspirational Speaker

Feature—Fashion Show



Tickets \$7 per person – free child care available To reserve call Ann (403) 335-8444 or Vicky (403) 335-3500

Bring a friend...she'll thank you!

Sponsored by RSVP Ministries www.rsvpministries.co

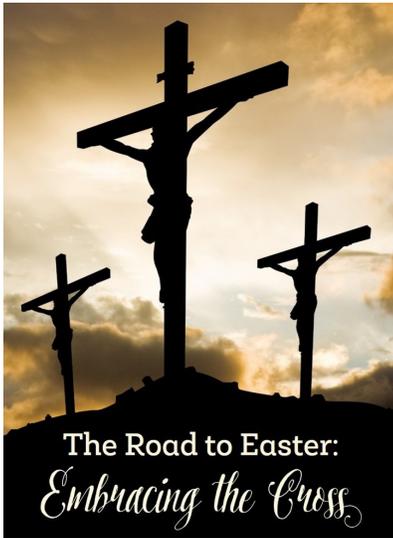
SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sunday March 3, 17 & 31

Grades K-5 in the Elementary room with Lisa Reinhardt

Grades 6-10 in the Junior room with Lisa Schielke.



PASSION DRAMA 2019

Passion Drama is coming

April 13 & 14, 2019



So it is just around the corner!!!!!!

Anyone interested in participating to help to tell the story of Jesus's supreme sacrifice for all people !

Please contact Pam Thomas or Bev. Regner A.S.A.P. to let us know where you are willing to help out!!!

We need many hands to help to make this a success!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019

Please make note of the dates for V.B.S. 2019 while you are making your summer plans!!!!

The dates are **July 9 to 12, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** inclusive.

We would love to have a great multitude of children.

Many volunteers needed to help with this, so please be thinking about where, what & how you can help to make this program a huge success.





- Jan 04 Scavenger Hunt * Jan 25 Survivor
- Feb 09 COP Tubing (Saturday) * Feb 22 Lego Night
- Mar 09 Ski Trip (Saturday) * Mar 29 Bowling
- Apr 13 & 14 Passion Drama * Apr 28 Help out at Mustard Seed
- May 11 Bike Trip (Saturday) * May 25 Hike Moose Mountain (Saturday)
- Jun 7-9 Camping Weekend * Jun 28 Wrap-Up & Slide Show

Youth – please feel free to bring friends to any youth event – the more the merrier. For travel events, please advise us of the number of friends attending, so we can make sure to have the number of drivers needed.

Congregation Members – If you know of Youth who may be interested in attending, please forward them our Newsletters, or contact Wes & Pam Thomas with their contact information.

We would be more than happier to contact them with an invite.

Wes and Pam's Contact Information: thomaswpc@gmail.com – e-mail address

(403) 335-2383 – home phone (403) 586-4111 – Pam's cell phone (403) 556-0067 – Wes's cell phone

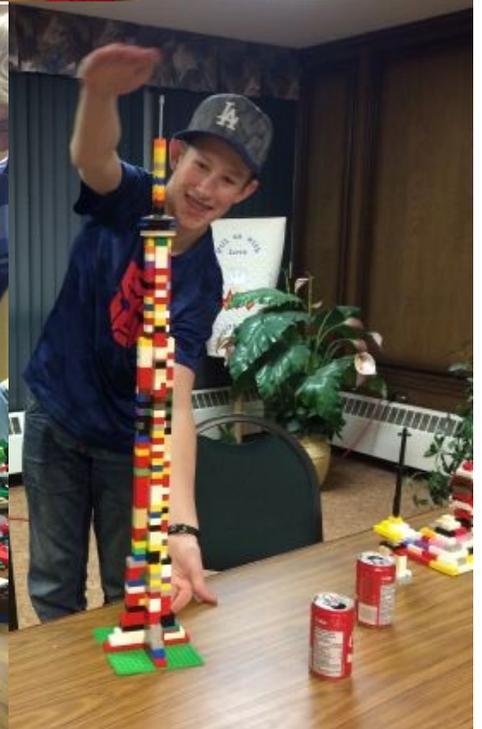
Well, we should give up on **COP tubing**, as this year had to be **cancelled yet again on Feb. 9th** because of extreme cold weather. I think out of the last four years only once has Tubing worked out to be a successful event . Maybe we will move it to a later date AGAIN and see if mother nature will give us a break.

Our **February 22 LEGO** night was lots of fun. We challenged the youth to construct famous buildings or bridges. Three youth and one guest youth made for a lot of competition and great ideas - Pyramid, Leaning Tower of Pisa, Capilano bridge, a bridge to nowhere, and the CN tower (on display by the youth board) also vehicles and wagons.

Good fun with snacks and laughs. Check out the amount of LEGO on the floor. Now you can get a feel for the parents (Pam and Wes) that walked on this stuff over the years

We will be moving the ski trip to March 30th and March 29th bowling to another night later in April.

Wes and Pam





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MARCH 2019

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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3 Bible Study 9:30 Worship Service 10:30am Sunday School Chapel @Aspen 6pm	4 Confirmation 3:30pm	5 Exercise / Bible Study 1:30pm	6  Pancake supper 5:30pm Service 6:30pm Chapel @Bethany 2pm	7	8	9
10 <i>Daylight Savings</i> Holy Communion 3:00pm	11 Confirmation 3:30pm LWML Meeting 9:30am	12 Christian Women 9:30am Exercise / Bible Study 1:30pm Chapel @Unit 1 11am	13 Potluck 5:30pm Lenten Service 6:30pm	14	15	16
17  Bible Study 9:30 Worship Service 10:30am Sunday School	18 Confirmation 3:30pm	19 Exercise / Bible Study 1:30pm	20 Potluck 5:30pm Lenten Service 6:30pm Vicar attending Winkel meeting	21	22	23
24 Holy Communion 10:30am Potluck	25 Confirmation 3:30pm	26 Exercise / Bible Study 1:30pm	27 Potluck 5:30pm Lenten Service 6:30pm	28	29	30 Youth Group Ski Trip
31 Lay Worship Service 10:30am Sunday School						

Notes

Winkel Schedule – Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
 Opening Service -David Dressler / Topic Leader – Mark Rekken / Darren Dressler
 Passion Drama April 13 & 14