PRAYERS

Prayer Chain Ministry is always ready to receive prayer requests. Information is kept strictly confidential. Contact Linda Joehnck at 279-3770 or the office.

Place Your healing strength on:

Mart Anderson
Marjorie Barton
Christa Barrett
Susan Brick
Doreen Cordingley
Judy Fielden
Crystal Gapka
Masyn Gapka
Michael Hornburg
Neil Huber
Betty Oldis
Rev. Milton Rude
Andrew Sands
Karen Wersch
Kelly Williams

We remember those in missions:

- Paul & Cathy Unger with family working on Bible translation for The Solomon Islands.
- Reverend Brian Rude in El Salvador
- National Bishop Susan Johnson
- Bishop Larry Kochendorfer (on Sabbatical from Nov 1, 2016 to Jan 31, 2017)
- Assistant to the Bishop Julianne Barlow

and all those we hold close.

Prayer:

Stir up your power, Jesus, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins and enlighten our walk in the way of your saving grace, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

O God, you continue to call your church and your people to be fully in relationship with you. Infuse us with your Spirit and call us to the edges of our lives to share the gospel of forgiveness and reconciliation, and then to serve with radical hospitality. This we pray, knowing that you will sustain us because you are already at work in your world. **Amen.**

Financial Update:

A total of 71 pledges have been received on Stewardship Sunday, November 20, 2016 committing a total of $194,528 for 2017. This compares to last year where there were 78 pledges received committing a total of $209,754. This is a 7.25% decrease in the amount pledged.

If you were not able to submit a pledge on Stewardship Sunday, you may still submit one. Please see an usher for a pledge card. You can complete it and place in the offering plate.

If you participate in the Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) program for your giving and you've changed the amount you've pledged, you'll need to submit a PAR Change Request form to the Financial Secretary by the end of December. You can find the forms on a table in the Place of Welcome.

If you have any expenses that require reimbursement please submit them to the office by December 9th for year-end wind-up.

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Our Mission...We are an inviting and growing Christian presence, with a passion for living and sharing Jesus Christ.

Our Vision... To be a Christ-centered community that Equips Disciples to Make Disciples.

If you are a visitor, during the time of offering, we have no financial expectations of you. Following the service you are invited for coffee and fellowship.
We would be blessed to have you share in worship with us again.

LIBERATED BY GOD'S GRACE

Sunday, November 27, 2016
9:00 & 11:00 am
First Sunday in Advent

Lutheran Church of our Saviour

Welcome/Announcements

"Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus" LBW#30

Children's Story: "Hoping and Waiting"

Lighting of First Candle of Advent

"Advent Song" (verse 1)

Psalm 122

"Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmmanuel" LBW #34

God Sightings

"Breathe"

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Message: "Isaiah Says: Walk in the Light"

Video: *"Hope of the Nations"*

Offering

Prayers/Lord's Prayer

Blessing

"We are Marching in the Light of God"

Flowers on the Altar are placed by Carla Beardsell
In loving memory of her Dad Leslie's birthday.

What's Happening ....

Join us between Services in the Fellowship Hall for our Family Advent Craft. Bring the whole family out as you create your very own nativity scene, as well as some special ornaments.

Our Giving Tree is now up. Please help decorate our tree with mittens, toques, scarves and socks. Under the tree you may place large items such as blankets. These items will be mostly distributed in the Calgary area to those in need through Ronald McDonald House, The Mustard See, Calgary Pregnancy Centre and others. A few larger blankets will go to CLWR for refugee camps. The items will be distributed after December 11.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Update: Thank you to everyone that participated in the work bee last week where 50 volunteers packed 304 boxes. So far, the congregation has donated 605 boxes and almost $1000.

Coming in December...

Dec 2nd at 7 pm — College & Careers Bible Study. Join us for our third study in the book of Philippians, specifically discussing how we can continue to mature as Christians in our faith and relationship with Jesus Christ.

Dec 3rd at 7 pm– Tween Night – Get in the holiday spirit as we watch and discuss the Nativity Story. Popcorn provided!

Dec 3rd at 7 pm—The Master's Singers Christmas Concert at Bethany Chapel (3333 Richardson Way SW). Several LCOS gentlemen sing in this choir. Cost: Freewill Offering. More info at www.themastersingers.org

Dec 5th at 6 pm- Ladies Potluck - Last year's secret prayer partner will be revealed and a new one chosen for those wishing to participate. Come and have a relaxing evening among old and new friends.

Dec 9th at 7 pm– Christmas Café. The Experiment youth group would like to invite you and your family & friends to our Christmas Café. Come out and enjoy hot beverages, delicious deserts, & amazing entertainment. Cost: by donations. Youth arrive at 6 pm to help set up.

Dec 11th at 7 pm—Evening of Caroling. Bring a dessert afterwards to share.

Dec 16th at 6 pm– Movie Lovers Christmas Potluck followed by "It's A Wonderful Life". Everyone welcome even if you have never attended before.

December 16th at 7 pm– College and Careers Christmas Party. Offsite.

December 17th at 6:00 pm – The Experiment Christmas Party. There will be food, gifts, games, fellowship, and a ministry opportunity. Come dressed as snazzy as you can, and bring a warm coat as well! We will be doing a Secret Santa, so also bring a wrapped gift (max 10$).

December 18th at 11 am - Family Christmas Pageant. We're putting on a show for you! Come out to our 11 am service, which will feature some amazing music with songs led by the children and youth, special performances by many skilled congregation members, and Christmas messages, again from children and youth. This is one special service you don't want to miss! Children and youth, please show up ready to practice at 10 am!

December 18th at noon - Potluck following the Christmas Pageant. A-M brings a main, N-Z brings a salad or dessert.

December 18th - Deadline to contribute to the **Poinsettia fund** for decorating the Altar on Christmas Eve.

December 18th at 7 pm— Service of Remembrance & Healing. The holiday season can be difficult for those missing loved ones. Join us this evening for a service to remember loved ones lost.

December 24th - Candlelight Worship Services at 4:00, 6:00 and 8:00 pm. The 8:00 pm Service will also have Holy Communion.

December 24th - Last day to donate & receive a 2016 tax receipt.

Today—First Sunday in Advent

9:00	Worship Service
10:00	Young Explorers
	The Experiment
	Adult Bible Study
11:00	Worship Service

This Week

Nov 28	
1:00	Memory Plus
7:00	Divine Drama
Nov 29	
7:00	Yoga
Nov 30	
9:00	Experiencing God
11:00	Acadia Lunch Program
1:00	ESL Conversation
7:00	Al-anon
7:00	Running Group (offsite)
7:30	Choir
8:30	11 am Praise Team
Dec 1	
7:00	Revelation Study
Dec 2	
6:00	College & Careers
Dec 3	
6:30am	Breakfast at the Seed
4:00	Pageant Rehearsal
7:00	Tween Night
7:00	Master's Singers (offsite)

Coming Up

Dec 5	Ladies Potluck
Dec 9	Christmas Café
Dec 11	Evening of Caroling
Dec 16	Movie Lovers
Dec 17	The Experiment
Dec 18	Christmas Pageant
	Service of Healing