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As of September 20, 2017.

“One man, Martin Luther, took a stand that literally shredded the fabric of Europe. It changed theology, it changed politics, it changed society and it changed political boundaries. It gave us a revolution in education, in literacy. There are many, many manifestations of the Reformation.”

—Tom Rassiour, curator, “Martin Luther: Art and the Reformation”

The Three Solas



It probably does not come as a surprise, with all the articles, banners, lectures, t.v. programs, messages and announcements, that this coming October 31st is the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Throughout this year it has been a time of repentance, reflection, renewal, celebration and thanksgiving. A time to join in the refrain: "To God Be the Glory!"

This lifting up of the 500th anniversary can also be a reminder of the "Three Solas." The "Three Solas," you say? Yes! You may have seen something like this on a preservice slide one Sunday morning. **Sola Fide** – By Faith Alone; **Sola Gratia** – By Grace Alone; and **Sola Scriptura** – Scripture Alone. For Martin Luther and many of the reformers, this was a rallying cry which

still echoes today. As Pastor Matthew Anderson brought this to mind in an essay a number of years ago: "If we are an evangelical and reforming church still, it will be in our upholding of the three solas."

Sola Fide (By Faith Alone): "For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith.'" (Romans 1:17). Faith is much more than simple belief. It is trust and love, a relationship with Jesus. Luther's explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed points out: "I believe that by my own reason or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me through the Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, and sanctified and preserved me in true faith..."

Sola Gratia (By Grace Alone): "For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from ourselves; it is God's gift..." (Ephesians 2:8). Grace is being reconciled with God and neighbor, not by what we have done, but by what God has done for all of us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Sola Scriptura (Scripture Alone): "All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that all God's people may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:16-17). The belief that the Bible contains what we need to be reconciled to God and live righteously was important to the reformers. Scripture is above all other authorities, including the Church and tradition. Ultimately, for Martin Luther, the Bible was the 'cradle' of Christ.

This provides a brief insight into a significant gift for us, courtesy of the Reformation and our God who blesses us with God's Word, God's Grace and the Faith to carry on!

Sola Fide, Sola Gratia, Sola Scriptura

To God Be the Glory!

Pastor Lee

We are well and truly back into the swing of things. After all of our launch parties in September, this month sees the return of a few more of our regular events. We do have some special events for Halloween however, including our open Halloween party for all families, all organized by the youth! And on top of all that, Christmas preparations have begun, including another super special Sunday event from our very talented kids and youth!

The focus for our youth classes over the past few weeks has been the reliability of the Bible. This is part of our difficult question series that the youth will be participating in throughout the year. In regards to the importance and trustworthiness of the Bible, this is one thing that Martin Luther heavily stressed. As we move closer and closer to the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, it is important that we remember some of the things that Martin Luther was passionate about, including Scripture! Romans 1:16 was actually one of his favourite Bible verses, because of the beautiful description of the gospel that it includes.

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes."
Romans 1:16a NIV

Sunday October 8th – 10am Young Explorers Special Class

All families are invited to join us for a special combined Young Explorer and Youth class with crafts, games, and lots more all with a Thanksgiving theme. This will replace normal class time, at 10am in the Fellowship Hall.



Youth, **FIND YOUR INNER NINJA** Friday, October 13th at 7-9:30pm



Friday October 13th – 7pm Youth – InjaNation

Join us at InjaNation for a night of Trampolining fun. Cost is approximately 25\$, and afterwards we'll be heading to McDonald's for some snacks. Parents must arrange rides to InjaNation as well as to McDonald's; the event is from 7pm-9:30pm. Please sign up by October 1st!

"When he asked why he got married, Luther responded that "his marriage would please his father, rile the pope, cause the angels to laugh, and the devils to weep."

—Terry Lindvall, author, God Mocks

Youth & Children's Ministry

Saturday October 14th – 7pm
Tween – Fear Factor

Test your courage with all kinds of challenges from taste testing, to gross games, to scary activities! All at the church, from 7pm to 9pm.



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Applied Theory

Grade 11 to University

Toppler Bowl (7640 Fairmount Drive SE)
Fri. October 20th from 7-9pm
Cost is \$20/person Sign up by Oct 8th

USING ONLY $\int_a^b \sqrt{1 - \cos^2(\frac{1}{2} \theta_0) - \cos^2(\frac{1}{2} \theta)}$

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Friday October 20th – 7pm
The Applied Theory – Bowling

Our first Applied Theory event will bet at Toppler Bowl from 7pm to 9pm. Cost is \$20, please sign up by October 8th! This group is for Grades 11-University.



Youth & Children's Ministry

**Saturday October 21st – 10am
Youth Band**

All youth with any musical abilities are invited to join our band, as we prepare some special Christmas songs. Contact Jesse beforehand for the music sheets.



A poster for the LCOS Youth Band. It features a large yellow starburst with the text "LCOS YOUTH BAND" in blue. Below the starburst, it says "SAT Sept 21 10am" in black text on a yellow background. To the right, a yellow box contains the text: "Everyone is welcome to join us as we practice praise & worship songs together". The background is blue with yellow lightning bolts.

**Friday October 27th – 7pm – Youth
Halloween Party**

All families from the church and the community are invited out for a night of Halloween fun hosted by the Youth! There will be snacks, games, and crafts, from 7pm to 9pm!



A poster for a Halloween party. It has a black background with a white spiderweb and a white spider. The text reads: "join us for a SPOOK-TACULAR Halloween Party FRIDAY OCTOBER 27th at 7PM snacks, games, and crafts organized by the youth all families in the church and community are invited".



"The law says, 'do this,' and it is never done. Grace says, 'believe in this,' and everything is already done."

—Martin Luther

College & Careers

Saturday October 28th – 7pm
College and Careers – Study

Join us at the church as we return to the Bible for group study time. Snacks will be provided! Please bring your Bibles

College & Career

FRIDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

Saturday, October 28th at 7pm

**Come join us for a night of fun,
fellowship & Scriptural learning.**

All young adults between 18-35 yrs are welcome!

“The less I pray, the harder it gets; The more I pray, the better it goes.”

- Martin Luther

threads



Stories are the diverse threads that God weaves together to form the tapestry of our lives. They can be ancient, personal, intimate, and can help us find meaning and purpose. We gather stories from each other and from our surroundings.

**Join youth from across Canada
at **threads**, where we will
learn how to discern our
God-given stories.**

August 15–19, 2018 / Thunder Bay, ON

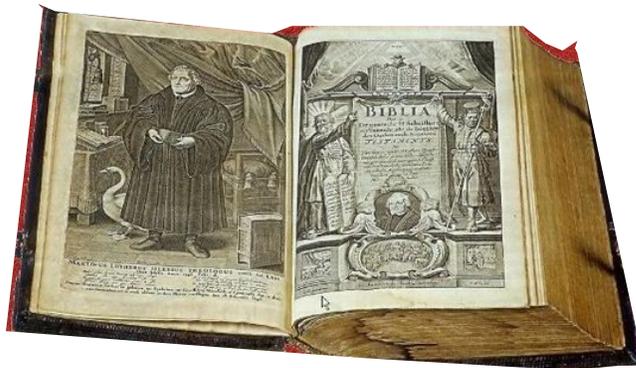
www.claygathering.ca

Help Us Celebrate the Reformation!

Special Morning Reformation Service Assistance required at LCOS:

We are planning a unique Service at 9 and 11 am on October 29th and require some assistance.

- Do you read and speak German?
- Do you own a German Bible?
- Do you own a Bible in another language?
- Do you own a large/grand Bible?
- Would you be willing to serve as an acolyte on October 29th? (The Webster dictionary of an acolyte is: one who assists a member of the clergy in a liturgical service by performing minor duties such as procession, lighting candles. Usually the acolyte is a youth so if you are under 18 we want you!)
- Would you be willing to cook a German Potato Salad?
- Would you be willing to provide some traditional German desserts such as Apple Strudel or German Chocolate Cake?



Special Reformation Choir for LCOS:

A 500th anniversary doesn't come along very often – so here's a chance to be a part of something special. A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!

As part of the celebrations we will be creating a special reformation choir to sing a "grand" version of Luther's most famous hymn and the anthem of the Lutheran Church – A Mighty Fortress.

We hope to have this special choir sing at both services on Oct. 29 (the end of 9am and the start of 11am). And we invite ANYONE to join us. We will hold three practices: on Oct. 1, 15, and 22 (not on Thanksgiving) immediately following the 11 am service on Oct. 1 and 22 and immediately following the 9am service on Oct. 15

“Beautiful music is the art of the prophets that can calm the agitations of the soul; it is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us”

Martin Luther

Email Alex at alex.mckay.2761@gmail.com if you have questions and to let him know you plan to participate (so we have enough copies of the music for everyone). If you are unable to make it to one of the practices you are also still welcome.

This invitation is open to everyone if you have ever:

Sung in a choir? Sung indoors? Sung outdoors? Heard a song?

Help Us Celebrate the Reformation!

Special Evening of October 29th Worship Service:

500th Commemoration of the Reformation Common Prayer Service as prepared by the Roman Catholic Church and the Lutheran World Federation is on Sun, Oct 29th at 5:00 pm at Cathedral Church of the Redeemer (604 1 St SE) with Catholic Bishop William McGrattan & Bishop Larry Kochendorfer.



"If we Protestants are 'reformed and always reforming,' then commemorating the Reformation should cause us not so much to celebrate the past as to renew our mission and ministry in the present."

—Christopher Gehrz, professor

Pie Social

Bring a pie!
Share a pie!

October 15th after 11am service



Please bring your pie pre-cut and ready to serve

Help Us Celebrate the Reformation!

Transformed by Love: Martin Luther and Ignatius of Loyola, Renewers of the Church

Thursdays, 7:00 pm–8:30 pm. October 12, 19, 26, November 2, 2017

Hope Lutheran Church – 3527 Boulton Road NW

Free and Open to the Public

The sixteenth century was a time of tremendous upheaval in church and society. Social and religious movements resulted from the new ideas and insights of individuals that changed the course of history and left legacies that are still alive today. Martin Luther (1482-1546) and his younger contemporary Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556) represent in many ways the essence of the Protestant Reformation and the Catholic Counter-Reformation that followed their contribution to that era. While divided by the forces of history, each man began with a personal spiritual transformation that set him on a path to renewal in the church.

This four-part lecture series will explore the gifts and legacies of Luther and Ignatius in an appreciative and ecumenical spirit. Co-teachers, Fr. Charles Pottie-Pâté, SJ and Rev. Kristian Wold of Hope Lutheran Church, will unfold and discuss the core insights of Luther and Ignatius, and point to their ongoing relevance in today's world. Each evening will feature a presentation followed by a response and open discussion.

October 12: Luther in the 16th century: the context of the Medieval church and Luther's personal history and core insight of "salvation by grace alone through faith."

October 19: Ignatius in the 16th century: Ignatius of Loyola and his first companions, their personal history and context and core insight and charism – "Finding God in all things."

October 26: Luther in the 21st century: presentation of the ongoing relevance of Luther's theological gift, based on the Lutheran World Federation's themes – Salvation Not for Sale, Human Beings not for Sale, Creation Not for Sale.

November 2: Ignatius and Ignatian spirituality in the 21st century: the ongoing work of the Society of Jesus and its collaborators and the relevance of Ignatius of Loyola's gift to the church, based on recent documents of its General Congregations.

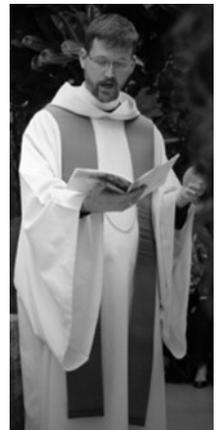
The Presenters



Charles Pottie-Pâté sj is originally from Nova Scotia with Acadian roots. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1959 and has completed 58 years as a Jesuit. He taught liturgy and sacramental theology from 1980 to 2006 in various universities – Toronto, Ottawa, Rome, Halifax. He has been giving the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola since 1970 in one form or another, accompanying people in their journey of faith. He has been in the Calgary diocese since September of 2011 and his ministry involves the continuation of his work with Ignatian Spirituality including the Spiritual Exercises, retreats, and spiritual direction and as Jesuit liaison with Christian Life Community – lay association rooted in Ignatian vision. He plays the piano and organ, and has been involved in liturgical

music ministry. He resides at St. Mary's Cathedral, Cathedral. He enjoys swimming, hiking, theatre and music.

Rev. Kristian Wold, a lifelong Lutheran, grew up in Red Deer, Alberta. He attended the Canadian Lutheran Bible School, then Augustana University in Camrose. His summers as a student were spent working at Wilderness Ranch, a Lutheran summer camp, as a guide and wrangler. Training for the ministry in Saskatoon, at seminary he discovered an abiding love for the liturgy of the church. As a pastor since 2004 he has focused his ministry on teaching, preaching, and liturgical leadership. He has served congregations in Camrose and Calgary, and has always valued his ecumenical and inter-faith connections. In recent years he has focused attention on building community through *Nonviolent Communication*, and *Music that Makes Community*. Kristian enjoys playing jazz piano, mountain biking, and hiking in the beautiful Rocky Mountains.



Help Us Celebrate the Reformation!

Calgary lectures series on Luther, the Reformation and Ecumenism Today

Sunday October 1st at 7:00: “Martin Luther After 500 Years: Why Should Anyone Care?” by Dr. Mark Konnert, University of Calgary. Location: Central Public Library (John Dutton Theatre—616 Macleod Trail

Thursday October 19th @ 7:00 pm: “Luther and the Reformation: A Canadian Roman Catholic Perspective” by Dr. Mark McGowan, University of Toronto. Location: McGivney Hall, St. Marky’s University, 14500 Bannister Road SE

Tuesday, November 14th @ 6:30 pm: “Singing the Gospel: Lutheran Hymns and the Success of the Reformation” by Dr. Christopher Boyd Brown, Boston University. Location: Ambrose University, 150 Ambrose Circle SW.

Monday, December 4th @ 7:00 pm: “The Battle of the Biographies: The Portrayal of Luther in Catholic and Lutheran Polemics” by Dr. Robert Kolbe, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Location: University of Calgary.



Christian Book Sale

Used Book Treasures

will be selling used and new Christian and family friendly children, teen & adult books.

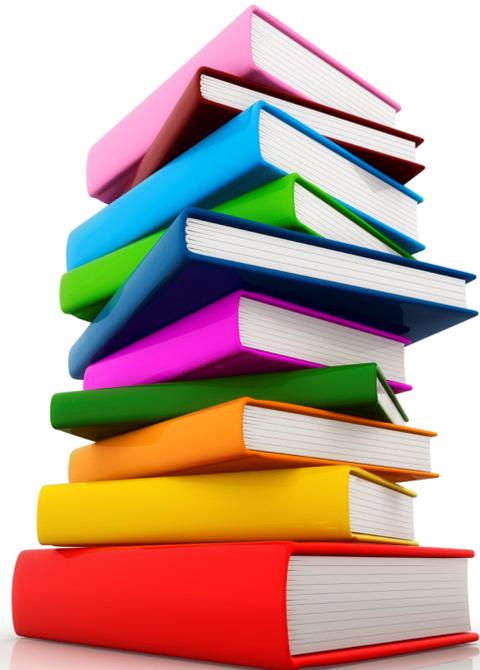
Hours:

10 am to 9 pm Thursday and Friday

9 am to 4 pm on Saturday

Cash or Cheque only please.

Nov 2nd to 4th
at LCOS



Reformation Readings for September



October - the finale of Reformation Challenge Readings

Sunday, October 1, 2017: Psalm 25: 1-9; Matthew 21:23-32

Monday, October 2, 2017: Psalm 28; Judges 14:1-20; Philippians 1:3-14

Tuesday, October 3, 2017: Psalm 28; Judges 16:1-22; Philippians 1:15-21

Wednesday, October 4, 2017: Psalm 28; Judges 16:23-31; Matthew 9:2-8

Thursday, October 5, 2017: Psalm 80:7-15; Jeremiah 2:14-22; Colossians 2:16-23

Friday, October 6, 2017: Psalm 80:7-15; Jeremiah 2:23-37; Philippians 2:14-18; 3:1-4a

Saturday, October 7, 2017: Psalm 80:7-15; Jeremiah 6:1-10; John 7:40-52

Sunday, October 8, 2017: Psalm:80-7-15; Matthew 21:33-46

Monday, October 9, 2017: Psalm 144; Ezekiel 19:10-14; 1 Peter 2:4-10

Tuesday, October 10, 2017: Psalm 144; Isaiah 27:1-6; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Wednesday, October 11, 2017: Psalm 144; Song of Solomon 8:5-14; John 11:45-57

Thursday, October 12, 2017: Psalm 23; Isaiah 22:1-8a; 1 Peter 5:1-5, 12-14

Friday, October 13, 2017: Psalm 23; Isaiah 22:8b-14; James 4:4-10

Saturday, October 14, 2017: Psalm 23; Isaiah 24:17-23; Mark 2:18-22

Sunday, October 15, 2017: Psalm 23; Matthew 22:1-14

Monday, October 16, 2017: Psalm 34; Exodus 19:7-20; Jude 17-25

Tuesday, October 17, 2017: Psalm 34; Amos 9:5-15; Philippians 3:13-4:1

Wednesday, October 18, 2017: Psalm 34; Song of Solomon 7:10-8:4; John 6:25-35

Thursday, October 19, 2017: Psalm 96:1-9; Judges 17:1-6; 3 John 9-12

Friday, October 20, 2017: Psalm 96:1-9; Deuteronomy 17:14-20; 1 Peter 5:1-5

Saturday, October 21, 2017: Psalm 96:1-9; Isaiah 14:3-11; Matthew 14:1-12

Sunday, October 22, 2017: Psalm 96:1-9; Matthew 22:15-22

Monday, October 23, 2017: Psalm 98; Daniel 3:1-18; Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20

Tuesday, October 24, 2017: Psalm 98; Daniel 3:19-30; Revelation 18:21-24

Wednesday, October 25, 2017: Psalm 98; Daniel 6:1-28; Matthew 17:22-27

Thursday, October 26, 2017: Psalm 1; Numbers 5:5-10; Titus 1:5-16

Friday, October 27, 2017: Psalm 1; Deuteronomy 9:25-10:5; Titus 2:7-8, 11-15

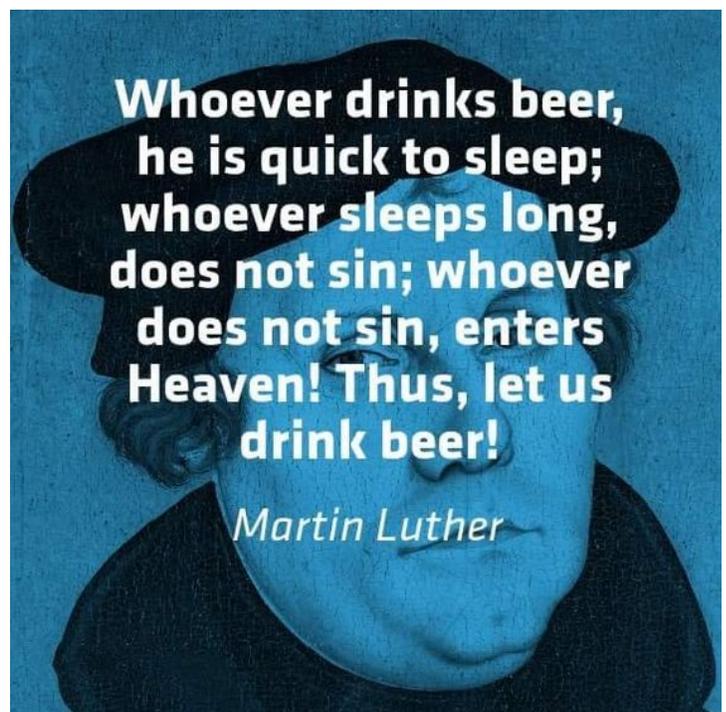
Saturday, October 28, 2017: Psalm 1; Proverbs 24:23-34; John 5:39-47

Sunday, October 29, 2017: Psalm:1; Matthew 22:34-46

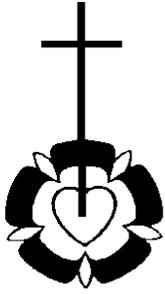
Monday, October 30, 2017: Psalm 119:41-48; Deuteronomy 6:1-9, 20-25; James 2:8-13

Tuesday, October 31, 2017: Psalm 46; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Romans 3:19-28; John 8: 31-36

Wednesday, November 1, 2017: Psalm 34:1-10,22; Revelation 7:9-17; 1John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12



Bishop's Message



Dear Beloved of God –

Soon we will be gathering across our Synod, the ELCIC, and indeed, around the world to Commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

Already much has taken place, for example: the *Common Prayer* service in Lund, Sweden in October 2016 with His Holiness Pope Francis, Rev. Dr. Martin Junge – General Secretary of the LWF and Bishop Munib Younan – President of the Lutheran World Federation; and of course, the international Lutheran Commemoration during the 12th Assembly of the Lutheran World Federation in Namibia this past May.

Closer to home and within our Synod two Hymn Festivals were held in Calgary and in Edmonton using the Hymn Festival commissioned for our 2016 Synod Convention. I know of many other congregations who have used or will be using this Hymn Festival, too, within their own context and inviting their sisters and brothers in Christ from other congregations to join them.

Already in Lent 2016 Roman Catholics and Lutherans in Edmonton gathered for study, conversation and Evening Prayer focusing on the joint Roman Catholic and Lutheran document, *From Conflict to Communion*. And this past year with a resource prepared by the ELCIC and Roman Catholics, *Together in Christ*, other Roman Catholics and Lutherans from across the Synod gathered during Lent or at another time.

Many lecture series, workshops, presentations and worship are being prepared for this October. Wonderful! As these are further opportunities for learning, reflection and relationship building. Please do forward posters or information to the Synod Office for inclusion in *Wednesday's Word*.

And I pray that many will gather for three 'larger' events within our Synod, *Common Prayer*, together with the Roman Catholics and Anglicans:

- Sunday, October 29, 2017 5:00 pm Cathedral Church of the Redeemer, Calgary with Bishop William McGrattan, Archbishop Greg Kerr-Wilson and myself.
- Monday, October 30, 2017 7:00 pm All Saints Anglican Cathedral, Edmonton with Archbishop Richard Smith, Bishop Jane Alexander and myself.
- Thursday, November 16th, 2017 7:00 pm Sacred Heart Cathedral, Whitehorse with Bishop Hector Vila, Bishop Larry Robertson and myself.

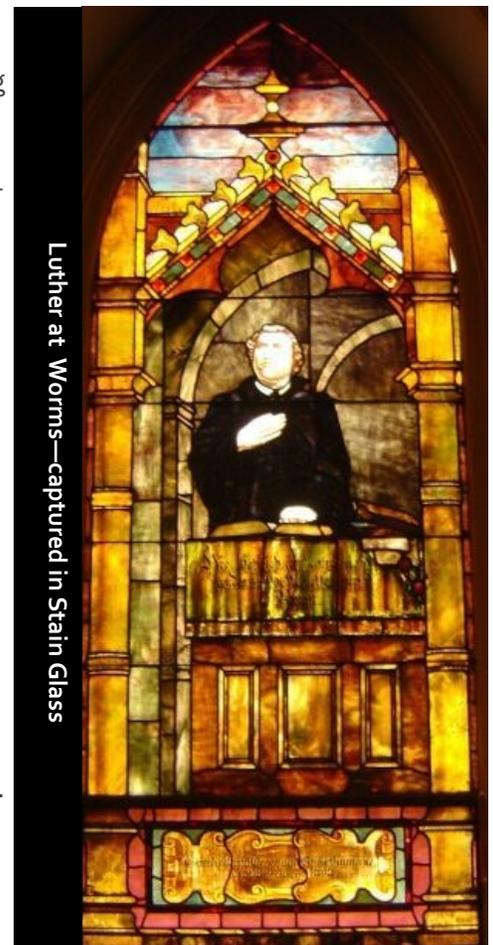
Similar *Common Prayer* services are happening across Canada.

I encourage you to join in on the Commemoration. Invite your neighbor. Join me in Calgary, Edmonton and/or Whitehorse as we make this milestone and perhaps more importantly, look forward.

Rev. Dr. Martin Junge, preaching at the Commemoration Service of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation, Federation of Lutheran Churches in Switzerland, September 10, 2017 says it well: "The Reformation continues. But it is not about how right we are, and how wrong are the others. Instead, it is about what we have in common in Christ."

Blessings as you gather to commemorate what we have in common in Christ.

In Christ Jesus –
Shalom,
+Bishop Larry Kochendorfer



Small Groups For Our Younger Members



Young Explorers: Every Sunday morning at 10 am, join us for crafts, science, games, videos, music, snacks and so much more! Split into three aged classrooms, kids are led through Bible lessons by a volunteer teacher from the congregation. This year we will be learning about the Life of Jesus! Watch for special family events and crafts on select Sundays as well.

Tween: The jump from Sunday school to Youth events can be a big one for children, and somewhat scary as well. In order to ease the transition, we invite all those in Grade 4 – 6 to join us once a month on a Saturday night at 7pm for a fun event with Biblical learning involved as well.



Youth Band: Have a love for music? We're looking for youth join our band, as we practice a wide variety of songs once a month. Throughout the fall we will be preparing for some special Christmas performances. We'd love to have you join us! All skill levels are welcome! Youth Band Practice Dates:



- Saturday, October 21st at 10am
- Saturday, November 25th at 10am
- Saturday, December 16th at 10am



Discipleship

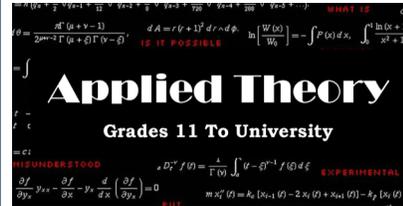
Discipleship for grade 7 & 8.: This is a two year program for students in Grades 7 & 8 run by Pastor Lee. The group will be meeting twice per month on Sunday evenings from Fall until Spring. They will explore the Bible, the Creeds, the life of Jesus, what it means to be Lutheran, and many tough questions along the way.

If your youth, or friends from outside the congregation are interested, please see Pastor Lee.

Experiment group is for Grades 7 – 12: with a Sunday morning study at 10 am, and two fun events each month on Friday



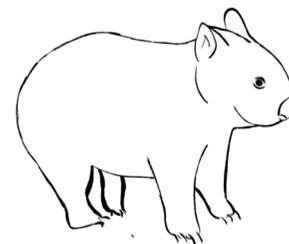
nights at 7 pm. This year we have some amazing events planned, including some amazing mission opportunities. Our focus through our Sunday studies is answering the sticky questions of our faith, including is it wrong to doubt God? Is hell real? Why do bad things happen to good people, and so much more!



The Applied Theory Group: This is our newest group, designed to bridge the gap between youth and young adults ministry. For grades 11 through university, this group is all about continuing to develop relationships with each other and God. In order to keep our core together, we are meeting once a month, usually Saturday nights at 7 pm, with a Bible study or fun fellowship event.

Preschool On Site

"Painted Wombat" preschool runs Monday, Wednesday, Friday for four year olds and Tuesday and Thursday for three year olds. The program is run by congregation member Shauna Gross. Shauna holds degrees in the fine arts and teaching. This will be her second year running this amazing program. A few spots are left.



Celebrate the promise, Celebrate the HOPE

ABT Synod 2017 Area Gatherings

Northern Area Gathering - September 29-30
Ascension Lutheran, Edmonton

East & West Central Areas Gathering: October 14
Peace Lutheran, Innisfail

Southern & Southwestern Areas Gathering: October 21
All Saints Lutheran, Calgary

All Area Gathering Registrations and Reports are online.
Please go to the Synod website: www.albertasynod.ca
Select the Area Gathering tab under "Conventions" on the home page.

Offerings at the Area Gatherings will be collected for:
ELCIC Reformation Challenge – Scholarships for the ELCJHL



Saturday

8:15 am Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:00 am Gathering; In Song, with Remembrance of Baptism and Prayer
9:15 am Bishop's Time
10:00 am Refreshment Break
10:15 am Word; Dwelling in the Word
10:45 am Area Gathering Vision & Conversation
11:45 am Business Section

- Approval of 2016 Area Gathering Minutes
- Report of the Dean
- Report of the Treasurer
- Other business

12:15 pm Lunch

1:00 pm Gathering with Song
1:15 pm National Convention Delegates Report and Q&A
2:00 pm LWF Assembly Report
2:45 pm Refreshment Break
3:00 pm Meal and Sending; Offering, Installation, Prayer, Meal, Sending

Southwestern Area online registration form: coming soon. For more information, contact Dean Kristian Wold—pastor.kristian@hopelutheran.ca, or Registrar Helga Weisenberger—helgaw@telus.net

In keeping with the ELCIC Reformation Challenge, it is our hope to distribute two trees at the conclusion of each area gathering to every congregation for planting. One is to keep for your congregation, the other we request that you share with a neighbouring congregation or community organization.

Small Groups—Shared Interests & Activities

College and Careers: Did you know that almost 70% of graduating youth fall away from the church? In fact, the ages 18-29 have recently been identified as the most important for the formation of faith, and strengthening of a relationship with Jesus. Our group meets once a month to partake in a Bible study or fun fellowship event, usually Saturday nights at 7pm.



Choir: The choir is one of the longest-serving, if not the longest, small group at LCOS. We meet on Wednesdays from 7:30 – 8:30 pm and sing at the 11 am service usually three Sundays monthly from September to May. We put out a schedule well in advance to accommodate members' needs.



We are especially looking for some new members as a few have moved away. No need to be a professional singer – none of us are! You don't even need to know how to read music; you can learn along with us! Just a love of singing and a commitment to serving the Lord through music.

We start on September – come join us and have some fun! If you have questions, talk to Alex or email him at mckayfam@telusplanet.net. We hope to see you there!

Games Group: The Games group meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday at 1:00 pm all year. The group plays Bridge, Mexican Train, Cribbage and a variety of other games and always are looking at learning more. Join us for a game or two and get to know us. We also enjoy celebrating life's big events of our members such birthdays, anniversaries and other life events. Drop-in without commitment. Try us out!



The Running Group: Typically meets every Wednesday at 7:00 pm at rotating locations such as Glenmore Reservoir, Fish Creek Park and others. This is group is for all levels of runners. Whether you're working toward your first 5 k or are a seasoned marathoner, you are welcome to run with us! We will do our best to maintain a pace that works for the group, and a few can always run on ahead if they have the need for speed.



Movie Lovers: Movie Lovers typically meets the 3rd Friday each month at 7:00 pm. Do you love movies? If you do then this is the group for you. Once a month we gather to watch new releases and a few older quality movies and then participate in a brief discussion afterwards. The group is open to everyone on a drop in basis. Be sure to bring your own snacks. This year we may also make a trip or two to the movie theatre as a group.



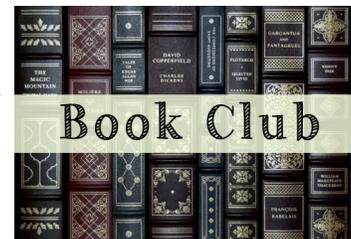
Role Playing Group: Meets Saturday nights as determined by the group. This group will meet and play roleplaying games (RPGs). Games can be set in many genres like superheroes, fantasy, science fiction, mysteries, espionage, literary horror, cartoon/slapstick, etc. Contact Darren Tenor if interested.



Sunday Lunch Bunch: Regularly after the 11 am Service. This is an informal group that naturally and accidentally formed a number of years ago. This group meets regularly after the 11 am Service at South Centre in the food court to chat over a coffee and snacks. Please speak to Pastor Lee to arrange to join the group.



Book Club Starting Up: An organizational meeting will be held on Tue, Oct 17th at 10:00 am for anyone interested. At this meeting the group will set a regular date and time for the monthly meeting and ask for an additional facilitator to step forward. **Please contact the office** if you are planning on attending the meeting or are interested in being part of a book club but cannot attend this time.



The fewer the words,
the better the prayer.

Martin Luther

Movie Lovers at the Theatre

SAME KIND
OF
DIFFERENT AS ME

October 20th
early evening, time TBA
Meeting at Chinook Theatre

Sunday Morning Volunteers

Are you looking for a Sunday morning volunteer opportunity? Would you like to visit with new people?

Would you like to enhance everyone's Sunday morning Worship and fellowship experience?

If the answer is "yes" or "maybe" to any of the above then please take a look at some ideas below:

Altar Care

Hotdog Crew

Choir

Ushers

Children's Ministry

Volunteer Driver

Counters

Youth Ministry

Welcome Desk

Communion Assistance

Computer Operation

Coffee Duty

Praise Teams

Training provided to every willing heart. Please contact the office.

Small Groups— Study

Sunday Morning Drop-In Study:

Between Services on Sunday mornings. The Study this fall will be using the curriculum “Ever-Reforming”. Each self-contained study will look at a piece of scripture and an aspect of issues raised during the Reformation and how those issues are still relevant today. Drop-in when you can.



Fireside Group:

Meets twice a month on Mondays at 7:00 pm. This small group enjoys meeting to study, converse, celebrate and have something to nibble on. They look at a variety of topics, books, and videos to deepen their faith together. You're welcome to attend! For more information, please contact the church office.



Today's Pilgrims:

Today's Pilgrims is a group of ladies who meet twice monthly on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. We meet in the fireside room at 7:00 PM. We are discussing "The Golden Years" which offers tidbits and biblical references to help us do well in our golden years. It talks about how to deal with issues like health, work, and living fulfilled and significant lives. If you are wondering what it means to live life to the fullest as you grow older, then join in on our discussions. For information please call the church office.

Today's Pilgrims

Experiencing God:

Meets every Wednesday at 9:30 am at LCOS. This group of "mature" women always has an extra chair open to talk about faith, life, and God's Word over coffee. For more information, please contact the church office.



“The Reformers did not seem themselves as inventors, discoverers, or creators. Instead they saw their efforts as rediscovery. They weren’t making something from scratch but were reviving what had become dead. They looked back to the Bible and to the apostolic era, as well as to early church fathers such as Augustine for the mold by which they could shape the church and re-form it.”

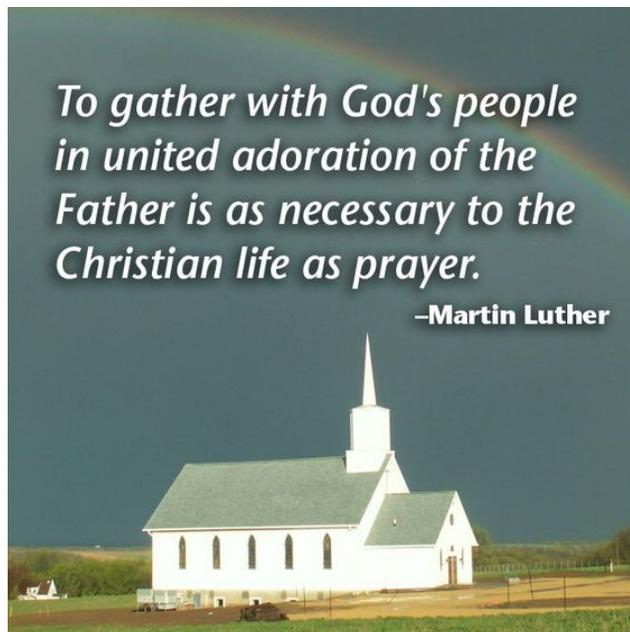
—Stephen J. Nichols, author, The Reformation

Lion’s Eye Bank

If you would like to make use of your old glasses, bring them to church! The collection box is in the top shelf of the Donation cupboard. Please put them in a Zip Loc bag as they do not collect cases. That is all you have to do to start them on their voyage to a third world country, to supply someone with the means to see again.

To gather with God's people in united adoration of the Father is as necessary to the Christian life as prayer.

—Martin Luther



Small Groups—Support & Caring

Flock Care: Meets Once a Month

Fourteen years ago a small group, FLOCK CARE was formed for the purpose of enhancing and maintaining intentional caring supportive connections within the church family for those who were ill, homebound, in residential care, grieving loss or facing other difficult life issues.

The mission statement is: to facilitate, encourage and ensure caring connections within the church family of LCOS and within the wider community as the need arises.

Small Groups are an ideal setting for people to get to know each other and provide a supportive caring place. But many worshippers at LCOS are not members of small groups and that is when Flock Care, if made aware, will visit, provide some basic service, information regarding services, or in some way facilitate an ongoing relationship with the church family.

Is this ministry for you? We meet on the third Thursday of each month except December and July.

Expectations are comfortable (people participate as they are able), and mentoring is provided. We have a devotional study time to enhance our skills and feed us spiritually. If you would like more information or to discuss the possibilities please call Janice Hawkings or Pastor Lee.



Sandwich Sunday

Simply get a loaf of bread and make sandwiches to be placed back in the bread bag. They can be any kind, ham, cheese, lettuce, mustard—whatever you would like. Bring the bag of sandwiches to the church on the second Sunday of the month and place them in one of the fridges in the Kitchen. They are then taken down to the Calgary Drop-in Centre by a member of our congregation. The Calgary Drop-in Centre is grateful to receive the sandwiches. We can make a difference!



Breakfast at the Seed 6 am

If you are sixteen years of age and older, and have some time on a Saturday morning, why not come out to help prep and serve breakfast for approximately 325 – 375 residents of the Mustard Seed at the Foothills Industrial Park Shelter? 6 to 8 volunteers are needed one Saturday a month.

We meet to cook and serve a hearty breakfast (typically eggs, sausages, hash browns, toast and coffee) to those in our community who are less fortunate. Although it is an early Saturday morning, we receive great fellowship and a strong feeling of accomplishment. Questions? Contact Ken Farn.



Acadia Lunch Program For Hungry Kids

In conjunction with McDougall United Church we are supporting a brown bag style lunch program for children at Acadia School, David Thompson and Lord Beaverbrook High School. The program begins again on September 7th.



At present we have a core group of volunteers that come in every Wednesday to prepare the lunches. In addition, we need assistance preparing 2 dozen healthy cookies prior to the assembly day to go in the lunch bags. If you can be of assistance please sign-up for one or more weeks on the sign-up sheet in the kitchen or online via the website.

If you can help out with assembly, cookies or providing any supplies please contact the Acadia Lunch coordinator Barb Smith or the office.

Martin Luther's desk at Wartburg Castle



Invitation for Discussion

Study/Conversation group on Medical Assistance in Dying

Pastor Lee will be leading a four week small group study on the topic of Medical Assistance in Dying. The study has been prepared by the National Church in the hope of promoting discussion on this difficult topic. If you have questions or are interested in participating please contact Pastor Lee or the office. Pastor Lee will be running two sessions. The first session will be on Thursdays Oct 26th, Nov 2nd, Nov 23rd, and Nov 30th at 7:00 pm. The second session will be early in the New Year.



Board Report from Garry Mihaichuk

The fall session has started and with it exciting new activities and programs. The board continued its work after the Annual General Meeting in January and through the summer. We wanted to provide an update on a couple activities that may be of interest to the congregation.

Church Management System is a new computer system that Katharine has been working on, on our behalf, to provide a single source for all of our none accounting data. This system would include all family related data, donation information, small group information, volunteer interests, youth and children information etc. The goal is that directory information can be updated when changes occur by the congregation (or Katharine for those who do not have computers) including your family or individual photos. Cliff would also be able to have the receipts be printed by each person whenever they needed. The goal is to have this in place by the end of the year.

The west portion of the roof requires further reshingling which the board approved and which Ken Farn is hoping will be completed before winter.

The board has also set up two board committees to work on two important aspects of our congregation: 1) Welcoming and 2) Volunteers. They are working with the congregation's individuals that are most involved with these aspects to explore ideas to improve the methods and resources that can be used to continue our welcoming tradition and to get everyone involved in building God's Kingdom.

A quote by Martin Luther overlaid on a misty forest background. The text reads: "I KNOW NOT THE WAY GOD LEADS ME, BUT WELL DO I KNOW MY GUIDE." - MARTIN LUTHER
- MARTIN LUTHER

pastor/parishioner

ISRAEL

study tour

March 12th to 25th, 2018

THROUGH JERUSALEM UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

Your experience starts here as you work together through material and maps beginning in October here in Calgary provided by Jerusalem University. Once in Israel you will be led to a multitude of sites by an instructor of Jerusalem University College. Come discover Israel and see God's Word come alive. For more information contact Pastor Lee at 403-253-1453 or visit <http://www.oursaviourchurch.ca/learn/israel-study-trip>.

Financials

Get on PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) at LCOS

Did you know that you may give to LCOS via pre-authorized remittance one time per month from your bank or credit union chequing account? This program is like any other pre-authorized debit program and is called the PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) program. Debits will be drawn from accounts on the 20th of each month. Whenever the 20th falls on a weekend or holiday, the debits will be drawn on the first business day following the 20th. Donations via the PAR program will be recorded on quarterly statements and year-end tax receipts along with all other giving.

Amounts from PAR can be directed to:

- 1) The LCOS general budget
- 2) Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR)
- 3) Capital Maintenance

You can give additional amounts and to other purposes via your regular donation envelopes. The minimum amount to give via this program is a total of \$50.00 per month.

You can sign up, make banking or donation amount changes, or withdraw from the program at any time. These changes will be effective the month following the submission of the change. Forms are available to process these changes. The program is administered by the Financial Secretary. Authorization forms are available in the Place of Welcome.

Internet e-transfers & PayPal are also available!

To make a one time or recurring email transfer simply send donations to donate@oursaviourchurch.ca. Please include either your envelope number or your name and address in the email so that we can give you a proper receipt at the year's end.

Small Group—Community & Social Justice Leadership

Guiding Mission

This small group is always looking for additional members. Our members are interested in working in the community on various projects and supporting the development of leaders in LCOS and the greater community. Interests include seniors, children and youth issues within LCOS and the broader community. We are concerned with poverty, homelessness, education and other wide-ranging social justice issues.

You may come with your own particular passions or may choose to embrace one of the projects we are currently working on. There is no need to commit to a particular project. This group is interested in developing and supporting leaders in their personal areas of interest. At the moment areas of interest include:



Supporting Youth Leadership development at LCOS

Through the Fall we will be working with Jesse, Director of Youth and Children to enhance and support the youth program. We will be looking for leaders in the community that would like to participate in one of the following ways:

- Volunteer as Assistant Leaders on Sunday morning. No preparation needed. Once every 4 to 6 weeks..
- Volunteer on Friday evenings. Once or twice a month. You need to be fun-loving with an active personality.
- Volunteer to participate in one of the “sticking faith questions” the youth are tackling this fall. Some of the topics include:

Can I trust the Bible?

Does the Bible Contradict Itself?

Can I be a Christian and believe in evolution?

Is Jesus really the only way to God?

Does God discriminate against Women?,

Does God endorse violence?

Is Hell real?

Why do bad things happen to good people?

Why is it so awkward to talk about Jesus with my friends?

And many more.



Would you like to help out? Contact the Guiding Mission team of Darren Tenor, Joe Schulz or Katharine Heimbigner-Tenor or Jesse.

Development of the Metro Alliance for the Common Good (MACG) network

The Guiding Mission team and LCOS has joined The Metro Alliance for Common Good with the goal of working with interested Calgarians to address various social issues.

MACG is a broad based organization made up of individuals and organizations committed to bringing together interested Calgarians from business, faith communities, organized labour and the social sector to harness our shared interest and power to address the issues we face in Calgary. We are facing unprecedented challenges as a city. While as individual groups we might have a little bit of power to make our community better, together we can create a chorus that can't be ignored.



Seniors Issues in Calgary

At this time Pastor Lee and Katharine Heimbigner-Tenor are co-chairs on the Senior Research Action Team for MACG. The team is looking at two main issues: 1) How do we better communicate the resources for Seniors presently available to them, and 2) Development of a sliding scale for services designed to keep seniors in their homes. If you are interested in learning more, please contact either Pastor Lee or Katharine.

Connecting Conversations: The Arrival

Expectation. Preparation. Anticipation. Hope. Longing. And then, Good News!

We have all gone through the process of waiting for something yearned for. It is no different now than it was in days past. Today, as is then, there is the hunger for good news. And finally it arrives - Christ is Coming!

Advent – the season where we prepare not just for celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ, but also for Christ’s second coming, as we remember how our Lord comes to us in our daily lives.

The Lay Academy presents
CONNECTING CONVERSATIONS: THE ARRIVAL
“Our Bishops on Advent”



Join Bishop Sid Haugen of the SK Synod, Bishop Larry Kochendorfer of the AB & Territories Synod, Bishop Elaine Sauer of the MNO Synod, and Bishop Greg Mohr of the BC Synod, as they discuss the Advent texts and help us to ‘get ready and remember’. Our four Bishops of the Western Synod will be conversing together with us and one another on the Readings of Advent.

Mark your calendars for November 18th and 25th and save the dates!

It will be a time of illuminating insights, learnings, dialogue and more. Bring your Bible and rediscover “The Arrival” again.

The sessions will run from:
8:30 am to 11:00 am BC/Yukon Time
9:30 am to 12:00 pm AB/NWT Time
10:30 am to 1:00 pm SK/MB Time
11:30 am to 2:00 pm ON Time.

Registration fees are \$27 per session or \$52 for the 2 dates.

Further information on Registration and Sites of attendance can be found on the [Lay Academy](#) website and an link can be found on our LCOS website.

October 2017

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