

May 15th, 2016

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Church Office Hours: Tuesday to Friday—9 a.m. – 12 noon

FACEBOOK: Like us on Facebook for an easy way to connect with all the latest news and updates.

www.facebook.com/ChristLutheranChurchSC

YOUTUBE: Listen to Pastor Duke's sermons on YouTube at www.youtube.com/user/ChristStCats

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please send to secretary@christlutheransc.ca.

Deadline for submission is Thursday at 9 a.m.

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Prayer: O God, on the day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

9:00 a.m. – Contemporary Worship (*Musician: Jeff Gondosch*)
Hymns: Open the Eyes of My Heart, Breathe on Us Again, How Majestic is Your Name, Bless and Keep You

10:00 a.m. – Sunday School, Bible Study, Coffee

11:00 a.m. – DS3 Traditional (*Musician: Jeff Gondosch*)
Hymns: 913, 693, 650, 920

WELCOME GUESTS & VISITORS: Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church! If this is your first time with us please sign our Guest Registry in the back of the church by the double doors. May our gracious and loving Lord bless you as you worship Him.

WE THANK OUR ASSISTANTS FOR TODAY'S SERVICES:

GREETERS: 11 a.m. Marion Schappert
(next Sunday: Clyde & Josie Knoll / Helen Stark)

ELDERS: 9 a.m. John Gondosch
11 a.m. Glenn Pink

OVERHEAD MUSIC: 11 a.m. Adam Meyer

COFFEE HOUR: Bronwyn Goodburn Sonja Eppinger
(Next Sunday) Elly Reck Mary Severy

THIS AFTERNOON— Sunday, May 15' 4:30: ORDINATION: Our own Jeff Swords will be ordained here at Christ Lutheran today. Everyone is welcome—lunch to follow. Congratulations, Jeff!

OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES: Please keep Karen and Jeff Swords and Karen's family in your prayers at the passing of Karen's brother Rob last week. May The Lord be their shelter; give them His strength; and help them at this sad time, bringing His comfort and peace.

DAILY SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS:

Monday: Acts 10: 42-48

Wed.: Acts 3: 1-10

Friday: Eph. 2: 17-22

Tuesday: Acts 2: 42-47

Thurs.: Acts 4: 6-21

Sat.: Acts 8: 14-25

EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Today: **4:30 p.m. – Ordination of Jeff Swords with lunch to follow (see note)**
Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. – Precious Moments 10:00 a.m. – Luther Manor Bible Study
7:00 p.m. – LWML/Mary Martha Meeting 8:00 p.m. – Heaven Help Us
Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. – SOUL Bingo/Sing-a-long
7:15 p.m. – Recovery Meetings
7:30 p.m. – Men's Bible Study
Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – SOUL Crafts 11:30 a.m. – SOUL Lunch Group & Bible Study
7:30 p.m. – Rhythm & Blessings
Friday: 10:00 a.m. – MAD Friday (SOUL)
6:00 p.m. – YOUTH BBQ at Gondosch's

"Precious Moments": We have about 4 more weeks to share and be together. There are 2 special outings planned. Tuesday, May 24 we will meet at Happy Rolphs, and our last week June 13th is a walk to the neighbourhood "splash pad". We encourage parents, grandparents or caregivers to join us with their little ones, Tuesdays 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY resumes this Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. for 5 weeks.

BBQ at GONDOSCH'S: All Confirmands and high school youth & friends are invited to join us **Friday, May 20th at 6:00 p.m.** We will plan to spend much of our time outside (weather permitting). Please speak with Louise to see what you can bring.

SOUL is holding a "Spring Plant Sale", Saturday, May 28th from 9 a.m. till noon. If you wish to donate some plants from your garden, SOUL will be accepting donations. If you need assistance digging up perennials or someone to pick them up from your house please call Heather at the church or at home @ 905-935-0591 and leave a message. *(see flyer for more details). Sponsored by Faithlife Financial.*

SEMINARY CERTIFICATION AND CALL SERVICE will be held Saturday, May 28th at 4:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church.

NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING: "Living H2O – Come thirsty – leave refreshed!" – July 8-12th. Confirmed and high school youth are encouraged to attend this 5 day event, gathering Lutheran youth from all over Canada! You've seen the logo and maybe you're wondering why we're talking about water? Water is needed for life, and Jesus Himself has promised us in John 4 to provide us with "living water." We will learn more about this living water from our main stage presenters, but we will also have the opportunity to gather in smaller groups for an H2O break where we get the chance to go a little deeper into the ideas presented on the main stage. For more information look to www.NYG16.ca or facebook 2016NationalYouthGathering. *(* Keep in mind that we have been doing fund-raisers to help lower the registration cost for this gathering*)*

VBS THEME: "CAVE QUEST: Following Jesus, The Light of the World" Monday, July 25 – Friday, July 29th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Registration forms are now available.
VBS MEETING: We will have our VBS meeting Thursday, May 26th at 7 p.m. ALL those interested in helping with this wonderful outreach please plan to attend!
VBS EXTENDED HOURS: We are also offering a full day program (12 noon – 4 p.m.) for children in Grades 1-6. Our week is set – Monday is cooking with Chef James, Tuesday is a craft to share with our Manor Friends, Wednesday is our day at Luther Manor, Thursday is painting with Wendy Shook and Friday is our "Fun Day. Thank you in advance James, Heather & Wendy for your patience and willingness to serve!!

Last Sunday Attendance: (May 8th, 2016) 9 a.m. - 102 11 a.m. - 70 Total: 172, ('15 - 204)

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Last Sunday</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
Current:	299,246.00	3,435.80	73,299.71
Missions	26,200.00	402.00	8,422.00
Property Improvement		1278.00	3,160.00

LWML MITE BOXES: We now have **Mite Boxes** in the Narthex. LWML Sunday is in October so we have 6 months to save our change to hand in. You need not be in the LWML to have a mite box, even the men may have one. For those who don't know what a MITE BOX is, it is a coin box based on the story in Mark 12:41-44 (NIV).

The Widow's Offering:

41) *Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts.*

42) *But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.*

43) *Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others.*

44) *They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."*

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BULLETINS BY E-MAIL: If you would like to receive the bulletin by email please email to: chairman.outreach@christlutheransc.ca and leave your name and permission to have bulletins emailed to you. You can cancel at any time. This is a good way to always be in touch with activities and events happening at Christ Lutheran Church.

Many of you have sent a request to get the bulletins by email; and this has been great! Many have commented how much they like getting it ahead of time, but Judy asks that you check your Junk folder as some say they are not receiving it when they are. Thanks!

Social Ministry and Health Committee: I recommended to Council that no further action be taken as a congregation regarding refugee sponsorship for the following reasons. 1) The motion that came from the floor almost duplicated the motion last year, to form a committee to find out more. 2) There was little change in support after the education opportunities about this issue since last year's voters meeting. 3) Again it was suggested that we have been excluded from raising funds for a Niagara Circuit refugee sponsorship fund. That information is incorrect. No such fund exists. Please contact Rev. Lantz for clarification. 4) No one has stepped forward to lead this process if it were to proceed. For those of you who have wanted to know, Grace is delighted with any monetary donations to assist them in settling the extended family of the family they are helping. Gifts of grocery cards and such would also be most welcome. Please contact the Church office at Grace for directions as how to best do so. Please speak with our congregational Chair or Pastor if you would like to know what Council has decided about this issue. CLWR has an excellent reputation nationally and internationally for using donated funds as directed. They have very low operational costs compared to many charitable organizations and remain a valued service organization of LC-C.

Julie Whittard

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES INFORMATION:

Ambassador Aaron invites you to pray for and support this soul-saving mission. Talk to him personally, or phone him at 905-937-4997.

Wired With THE WORD: Online tools and services from Lutheran Hour Ministries!!

Daily Devotions: www.lhm.org/new_devo.htm

Topical Messages: www.lhm.org/topical.htm

Search the Scriptures: www.lhm.org/verse

E-mail Services: www.lhm.org/email.htm

About Us: www.lhm.org/about.htm

Just for Men! Check It Out!

The Men's NetWork: lhmmen.com

LISTEN TO THE LUTHERAN HOUR, Sundays on CHAM 820 at 8:00 a.m. Next Sunday's topic

(May 22nd), ***"Here's a New, Lasting Identity"*** (John 8: 48-58) — Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz—The Bread of Life, Living Water, Good Shepherd: Jesus' statements leave no doubt as to who He is, for you.

PLEASE PRAY for Residents of Fort McMurray evacuated due to massive wildfires . . .

Please keep the residents, fire fighters, and other emergency workers in your prayers as wildfires continue to burn out of control. We give thanks that there have been no fatalities or serious injuries reported at this time. **Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR)** has set up a **Wildfire Relief Appeal** to assist the rebuilding efforts. A reported 1600 structures have been affected. Emergency funds will be channeled through Lutheran churches in the city. Your help and prayers are appreciated!



Thank you to all who have donated to our Fort McMurray wildfire response. You've generously donated over \$23,000 in just three days. But this is only the beginning. There will be a long recovery ahead for the people of Fort McMurray and we hope you will give your support to the **Lutheran response** to this tragedy. CLWR and the Lutheran churches will be there for the long-term.

Matching donations:

We're glad to announce that **FaithLife Financial** is responding with a \$10,000 commitment in Special Matching Grants to support fundraising efforts through FaithLife Financial's Chapters across the country.

FaithLife Financial is making \$250 Special Matching Grants available to 40 Chapters, and the funds raised through the grant will be distributed through CLWR.

The Canadian government is matching donations given to the Canadian Red Cross.

Additional gifts:

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) will give \$5,000 from their Disaster Fund and CLWR will give \$10,000 from our Emergency Fund Reserves. These donations are in addition to the \$23,000 we've received so far.

CLWR's response to the wildfires:

All donations will go to our relief response. We are actively working with **the ELCIC Synod of Alberta and the Territories and the Lutheran Church-Canada Alberta British Columbia District** to find the best way to help their congregations and the larger community.

Both churches have congregations in Fort McMurray (Christ Lutheran Church and Trinity Lutheran Church, respectively).

Congregation members have reported that they are safe, but there is no definite word yet on the church buildings (Trinity Lutheran has a church; Christ Lutheran met in a school).

With your generous donations, we expect to provide urgent relief items like food and clothing in the short-term.

CLWR is experienced in supporting trauma counselling, and we can see that this may become our focus in the long-term.

We will know more in the coming days, as the situation evolves in Fort McMurray and the surrounding area.

If you have not given, please consider a donation to the Lutheran response to this disaster. The people of Fort McMurray and the surrounding areas will be recovering for years to come, and they need your support. CLWR and the Lutheran churches will be there for the long-term.

Thank you again.

Updates can be seen at the following website:

Lutheran Church-Canada Alberta British Columbia District
ELCIC Synod of Alberta and the Territories

To have your donation matched by FaithLife Financial:

1. FaithLife Financial Chapters apply to FaithLife Financial to receive a Special Matching Grant to match donations made to Fort McMurray wildfire relief.
2. The Chapter holds a fundraising event or accepts free-will donations.
3. Donations are counted, and the Chapter's primary contact
 - lets FaithLife Financial know how much money was raised
 - sends in the donations to CLWR
4. FaithLife Financial matches the donations for each Chapter up to \$250.

FaithLife Financial members can give directly to CLWR, but those donations will not be matched. Only donations given through a Chapter event will be matched.

S.O.U.L

'Plant Sale'

Saturday, May 28th

9 a.m. - 12 noon

Christ Lutheran Church

140 Russell Ave.



**All proceeds go to help fund our
S.O.U.L Ministries Program.!!**

*If you would like to donate any perennials to our sale they can
be dropped off at the church on*

Thursday, May 26th or Friday, May 27th

9 a.m.—12 noon.

*Also, if you need any assistance bringing them to the church or
digging them up,*

please contact Heather at the church

@ 905-685-8294 or @ 905-935-0591

and leave a message.

*****Thank-you in advance!*****

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Parish Education
“Family Fun Days for 2016”
Coming Events to mark on your calendars!!

(contact Lorraine Kaija by texting 905-964-5837 for more information)

Saturday, May 14th

4-6 p.m.

Ball Hockey activity at the church *(followed by pot-luck)*

Saturday, June 11th

5—8 p.m.

Date night for parents

Children—dinner and movie

*Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are weary
and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble
and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls.*

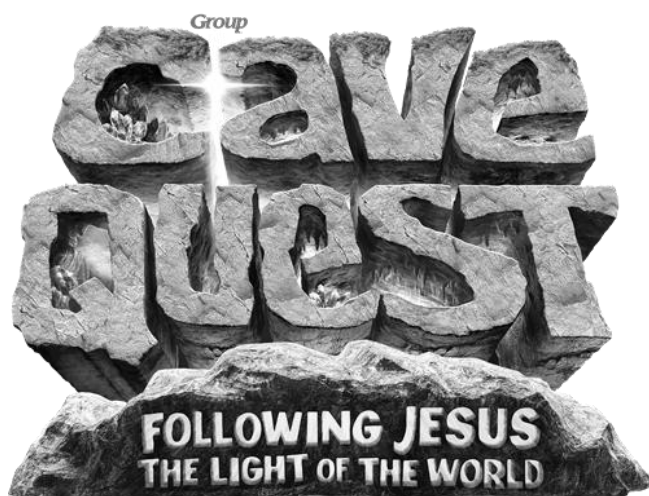
Matt. 11: 28-29 (NLT)

Vacation **B**ible **S**chool

Monday, July 25—Friday, July 29

9 a.m. to 12 noon

**(Extended program—12 noon to 4 p.m.—
pre-registration only)**



**Registration forms are now available
at back of Church.**

Be sure to register soon!

**“Cave Quest:
Following Jesus—The Light of the World”**