

June 28th, 2020

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Deadline for submission is Thursday at 9 a.m.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LESSONS FOR THIS SUNDAY: Jeremiah 28: 5-9; Romans 7: 1-13; Matthew 10: 34-42

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what You have promised, make us love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer: *“Almighty God, heavenly Father, give us grace to trust You during this time of great distress. In mercy put an end to the coronavirus epidemic that is afflicting many people around the world. Grant relief to those who are suffering, and comfort to those who mourn the death of loved ones. Sustain all medical personnel who are attending to the sick, and bless the efforts of those who are working tirelessly to discover a treatment for this disease. In these times of affliction and distress, strengthen us by Your Word and Spirit to continue steadfast in the one, true, saving faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our suffering Lord and Saviour, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.”*

Pray also for all of our congregations and Pastors in LCC and all people in Canada and throughout the world dealing with this **Covid 19**. I have been in contact via messenger with many people throughout the world. Africa, South America, Mexico, England and the population of the whole world is dealing with it, and some governments like in Uganda are just ignoring it, there are going to be millions of people wiped out because of this. We know God is in control but also that sin and mankind has brought this upon ourselves. He is our Refuge and Strength and ever-present help in trouble. ...Pastor Makey

REJOICING AND THANKING GOD IN PRAYER: We thank God for our wonderful shepherds Pastor John Makey & Linda as they continue their work among us during our vacancy. We rejoice also with Pastor Todd and family at the purchase of their new home in St. Catharines. Their intention is to move for July 1. May God continue to give each of these gifted pastors His wisdom, discernment and compassion; and may He keep them and their families safe and healthy during this time of crisis.

OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES to Lillian, Eunice and Louise, sisters to **IRENE BOYLE** who was called home to heaven on Tuesday, June 23rd. Please keep them in your prayers. A private family funeral will be held next week.

ANNUAL REPORT: It's that time again. Please send your annual reports as they are ready to: secretary@christlutheransc.ca.

NOTE: If you have something that you would like added to the bulletin, please send to Pat by Thursday morning as usual at, secretary@christlutheransc.ca. Thank you!

SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS:

Monday: Mark 2: 1-12

Wednesday: Mark 2: 13-17

Friday: Rom. 5: 1-5

Tuesday: Judg. 10: 6-16

Thursday: Rom. 4: 1-8

Saturday: 1 John 2: 1-6

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JOHN:

LESSONS: Jeremiah 28: -9; Romans 7: 1-13; Matthew 10: 34-42

Dear friends in Christ, this week we mark the half point of the year of our Lord 2020, with about half of that half dealing with COVID-19 and isolating from one another. It has been very strange for me trying to be a pastor to you during this time, and concluding the Pastoral vacancy here at Christ. But as our Saviour promised He has never left us nor forsaken us. He has blessed us with a new Pastor and his family and led us all through this confusing and stressful time. I found a devotion from a few years ago in the Portals of Prayer to share with you today.

A pebble in your shoe...a speck of dust in your eye... a small blister on your heel. All are small, insignificant things until they interact in some way with our bodies, and then we certainly take notice. Even small irritations can actually cripple and disable us. Big irritations are even more disabling. Sometimes our first encounter with the Scriptures might be a big irritation as we are confronted with our sins. For many, the chief message of the Bible is the Ten Commandments. God's laws and His perfection reveal faults in our lives. Feelings of guilt can cripple us. But God's Word does far more than pronounce judgement on us. It reveals His love in providing a Saviour from sin --- His own Son who bore our penalty on the cross. By God's Spirit that Word of redemption plants the seed of faith in our hearts. With proper nurture, that seed can sprout into a large plant. That plant can reap great yields for the Lord. Forgiven people with new hopes and promises are an unstoppable force for the betterment of society. That's how God has chosen to change the world - ***through ordinary people who believe the promises of an extraordinary God!***

Dear friends I see this as our challenge here at Christ as we welcome with open arms a new under shepherd to the Good Shepherd Pastor Todd and his family: this is the challenge God has laid before us, ***"Change is inevitable. Growth is the option!"*** Let's take the lit torch of the Gospel and run with it together.

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
And soon all those around can warm up in its
glowing;
That's how it is with God's Love,
Once you've experienced it,
Your spread the love to everyone
You want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is spring,
When all the trees are budding
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start
their blooming;
That's how it is with God's love,
Once you've experienced it.
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring,
You want to pass it on.

I wish for you my friend
This happiness that I've found;
You can depend on God
It matters not where you're bound,
I'll shout it from the mountain top - PRAISE
GOD!
I want the world to know
The Lord of love has come to me
I want to pass it on.

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God Bless, Pastor John and Linda

CHILDREN'S MESSAGES are available on our church website or on our Facebook page. **Precious Moments** is also online. If you or someone you know would like to receive these please text Louise (905-329-8579) or send an email.

REMINDERS: Our own **WEBSITE** (www.christlutheransc.ca) and **FACEBOOK PAGE** (*Christ Lutheran Church in St. Catharines*) are both packed with useful information for ourselves and to share with others. They include sermons from Pastor Makey and Pastor Todd, Children's Messages, the bulletin and other resources as well as important updates and upcoming events. Thank you to Karen and Lisa for your diligence in keeping both of these updated!

YOUTH & CONFIRMATION are invited to join us for a **Zoom chat** on **Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m.** as together we **IMPACT** those around us. *"By this everyone will know that you are My disciples if you love one another."* John 13:35

"ROCKY RAILWAY; Jesus' power pulls us through" **V.B.S.** *is full steam ahead.* Our plan is to offer a virtual experience this summer. Please continue to pray that the Lord will help us in implementing this special program to our families and those we can share God's Great love and power with. **VBS will be held week of July 20th to 24th.** *(more details on flyer)*

VBS ITEMS WANTED: This year we are doing a virtual VBS, however, we will be **"live streaming from the church"** and we need to decorate. If you have train sets or things that could help with a "Railway Express" theme, please contact Judy Slingerland at 905-688-3867. If you are willing to help make some staging sets and decorate, please let Judy know.

PLEASE, KEEP OUR VBS IN YOUR PRAYERS

VBS ONLINE REGISTRATIONS and other pertinent information is on vbs flyer further down in the bulletin. Please continue to keep this wonderful endeavour in your prayers.

VBS TECH SUPPORT: We continue to seek out an individual who can help us with live streaming and computer support before and during our week of VBS. If God has blessed you in this way and you are able to help or even give direction, please contact Louise. (905-329-8579), parish.assistant@christlutheransc.ca

ART ENTHUSIASTS: We are asking members to share a favourite Bible Verse. You may choose to make a Bible Verse poster, you may choose to display it in the window of your home, write it on your bathroom mirror, get out some chalk and write it on your sidewalk or driveway; however you choose to display your Bible Verse, please take a picture and share it with us, and we will put it on our Facebook page. This is a great opportunity to get the entire family involved and a wonderful way to impact our community. May God continue to help us **GROW IN HIM!**

IMPACT: So during this time of isolation how are you making an impact on your family, on your neighbours, on those around you? Colossians 3:12, 16 & 17—As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience...Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts whatever you do, do it in the name of Jesus.

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: Have you had a chance to start this challenge?

Memorizing God's Word is ALWAYS a wonderful thing. You can do it as a family, couple or even as individuals while we are in self isolation. Some people are copying a verse and placing it on their kitchen table to read at each meal, or on their bathroom mirror. May you be blessed as you meditate and memorize God's Word and encourage others to do the same.

ALPHABET OF BIBLE VERSES (Weekly Bible Verse Challenge)

A = "**Ask** and it will be given to you, **Seek** and you shall find, **Knock** and the door will be open to you." Matthew 7: 7 (April 19, 2020)

B = "**Blessed** are those who have not seen and yet believe". John 20:29 (April 26, 2020)

C = "**CAST** your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you." 1 Pet. 5:7 (May 3, 2020)

D = "**DO NOT BE ANXIOUS** about anything, (but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God.) Phil 4:6 (May 10th, 2020)

E = "**EVERY GOOD** and perfect gift is from above." James 1:17 (May 17th, 2020)

F = "**FOR GOD** so loved the World that He gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him should not die but have everlasting life." John 3:16 (May 24th, 2020)

G = "**GOD IS OUR REFUGE** and strength a very present help in trouble." Ps. 46:1 (May 31st, 2020)

H = "**HE ALONE** is my rock and my salvation." Ps 62:2 (June 7th, 2020)

I = "**I PRAISE YOU**, because I am fearfully & wonderfully made." Ps 139:14 (June 14th, 2020)

J = "**JESUS CHRIST** is the same yesterday, today and forever." Heb. 13:8 (June 21st, 2020)

K = "**KNOW** that the Lord is God, it is He who made us." Ps. 100:3 (June 28th, 2020)

Right Now Media Video Picks:

During this time of self-quarantine, we have opportunity to share videos from our [Right Now Media Streaming Video Library of Bible Studies](http://www.rightnowmedia.org) (www.rightnowmedia.org). Below are some videos to check out this week for the entire family. Some suggestions are:

Children: "*Veggie Tales*" or "*What's in the Bible*"

General: "*Overcoming Anxiety during Covid 19*" with Jonathon Pokluda

Women: "*What the Women Saw*" with Sadie Robertson Huff

Men: "*This is the Day*" with athlete Tim Tebow

Youth: "*Different*" with Jonathon Evans

Couples: "*Ready or Knot*"

This is the perfect time to be making use of this wonderful tool-site. For more information about how to join, feel free to text Pastor or Louise (905-329-8579). May God bless you as you continue to listen to and study His Word.



MARY MARTHA / LWML:

1) In search of buttons for **mask mate ear savers** which are crocheted, knitted or sewn. The mask goes over the buttons, instead of the ears. Each mask mate needs 2 buttons. Button Style: FLAT Backed only Button Size: can use up to 1 ¼" but no smaller than ¾".

"As a former RN in the operating room, when I stood for 7 or 8 hours during surgeries, my ears took a real beating from

those masks. Our front line workers have been doing this now for weeks upon weeks and their ears are raw and painful. Lorie Tokola.

Lorraine is accepting donations of buttons (905) 371-2972 or if you have any questions, give her a call.

2) **The Widow's Mite:**

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. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. Calling His disciples to Him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth, but she, out of her poverty, put in everything — all she had to live on" (Mark 12:41-43).

Our mighty mites are still needed to support our mission projects. If you are able to support our mission, please make a cheque out to "Mary Martha Society" and drop it off at the church in the drop box. You can designate it for mites on the cheque or attach a note. Thank you!

3) **Thank you** to all the ladies who attended our virtual LWML-C/Mary Martha meetings. We pray for each of an excerpt from the Bible Study:

"Muscle is a word often connected with physical strength or power. We aren't inclined to think of it when describing our Lord. Yet how many times have you felt His divine muscle carrying you when you had no strength to go on? Read 2 Corinthians 12: 8-10. Our Strength, God's Strength. Throughout Scripture, we see "kindred spirits"- people like you and me who love the Lord yet struggle with sin and weakness. From the following verses, look at the biblical characters and their source of strength.

Exodus 15: 22 - 26, 2 Samuel 22: 1-4, Nehemiah 8: 9 - 10, Psalm 73: 21-26,

Psalm 118: 10-14, Philippians 4: 10 - 13. Reflect on what these verses show about our own human strength and Reflect on what these verses show us about God's strength."

SUPPORTING YOUR CHURCH DURING THE PANDEMIC

1. THROUGH EFT DONATIONS:

During these uncertain times, it's important for members to keep in mind that although the Church is closed for services, expenses continue to accumulate. Expenses for payroll, utilities, maintenance, etc. continue whether we hold services or not. We have an awesome tool available to us in the form of EFT donations. Lutheran Church - Canada, East District Corporation continues to facilitate this service for us. To assist you in continuing your financial support to your church during these troubled times, we encourage you to fill out the form that is available for printing on Christ's website, (PDF form under "*Coming Events*" tab --> "*Bulletin Board*" tab --> [LCC-ED-EFT Authorization Form-Parishioner](#)) or follow the link: http://christlutheransc.ca/?page_id=96 and then mail the form along with a voided cheque to:

Lutheran Church - Canada, East District Corporation
275 Lawrence Ave.
Kitchener, ON N2M 1Y3
Attn: Darryll Holland

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2. BY MAIL: cheques can still be mailed to:

Christ Lutheran Church
140 Russell Ave.
St.Catharines, ON

L2R 1W1 or dropped in the Church mailbox at the East entrance.

(Please note: Donations will be collected during the month and deposited on the last day of the month.)

3. ONLINE VIA LUTHERAN CHURCH-CANADA:

Lutheran Church-Canada has opened a web portal that allows parishioners to donate directly to their home church. Just visit LCC's website: www.lutheranchurchcanada.ca and click on the "*Support My Home Congregation with Online Donations*", select "*St. Catharines-Christ Lutheran-30950*" from the drop down menu, enter the amount of your donations and LCC will transfer your donation to Christ. Donation is via VISA or Mastercard. Tax receipts will be issued by LCC (not Christ). This opportunity will be in effect until the COVID-19 emergency is over.

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The Lutheran Hour

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Special Canadian Lutheran Hour - Sunday, June 28th!

CHAM 820 at 8:00 a.m.

"O Canada, Canada: A Love/Hate Relationship"

**Special Guest Speaker: Pastor Scott Gamble from
Grace Lutheran Church, Drumheller, Alberta**

In the message based on Matthew 23:37- 39, Pastor Scott points out that generation after generation, the Lord provides for His people and watches over them with loving care, despite constant rejection.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES INFORMATION: all info.—www.lhmcanda.org

LISTEN TO THE LUTHERAN HOUR, Sundays at **8:00 a.m** on **CHAM 820.**

Next Sunday, July 5th, 2020 — "**Unhelmed**" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Are you living in the reality of life as it is right now, life as it will be, or somewhere in between? (Matt 6:1-18)

DAILY DEVOTIONS FROM LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

will help strengthen and encourage your faith as you do the same for others.

Have them, podcast the audio devotional, access them on your mobile

device through the FREE app, or listen with Spotify, iHeart Radio, Alexa, or

Google Home. Seasonal Devotions for Advent and Lent are also available in both English and

Spanish. Perfect for personal reflection or to share with family and friends.



VIRTUAL V.B.S.

“ROCKY RAILWAY;
Jesus’ power pulls us through”



Monday, July 20th – Friday, 24th
Online Registration

*(**watch for details coming soon **)*



*“For I can do everything through Christ
Who gives me strength” – Philippians 4: 13*

*****Parents—you can go to this site to register*****

vbspro.events/p/e7ac19

(Ctrl + Click to follow Link)

We are excited for you to join us 😊

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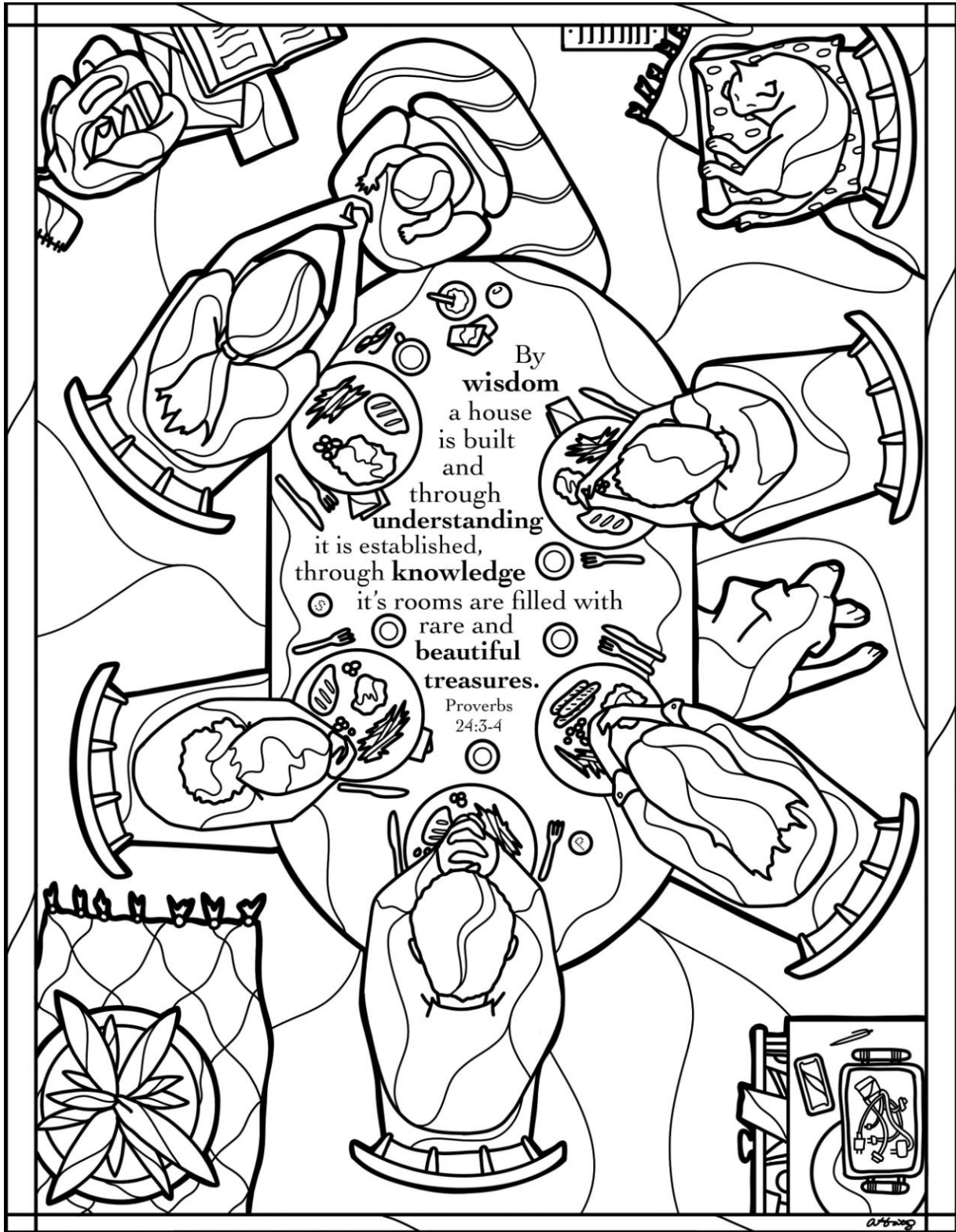
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communications@lutheranchurch.ca <<mailto:communications@lutheranchurch.ca>> or at 1-877-770-7842.

This week we have a different type of colouring activity- a view from above the tables practicing devotions as a family. Thank you to Amelia Hatzitolios, an artist who created this piece based on the Lutheran Hour Ministries materials "*The Spiritually Vibrant Home*".



By wisdom
a house
is built
and
through
understanding
it is established,
through knowledge
it's rooms are filled with
rare and
beautiful
treasures.

Proverbs
24:3-4

A. King