

July 12th, 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.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LESSONS FOR THIS SUNDAY: Isaiah 55: 10-13; Romans 8: 12-17; Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

Prayer: O God, because You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding, pour into our hearts such love towards You that we, loving You above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

“Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise.” Ps. 48:1

We are delighted to announce that, after a long vacancy, God has answered our prayers for a new pastor! We are excited to welcome **Pastor Todd & Jennifer Hoefs and their 3 children; Jonah, Nick and Georgia** to our family here at Christ. They have now arrived and taken possession of their home on 5 Brisbane. With the church remaining closed through July, many will not have the opportunity to meet them in person, however as things open up, Lord willing, we will have opportunity to worship together again in our church building yet this summer and at some point in the fall, pastor Todd will be installed and we will have a celebration to officially welcome them. If you have shared your email with our outreach chairman, Judy Mason, (outreach.chairman@christlutheransc.ca) you will receive Pastor Todd's sermons or we are happy to get you a printed copy (call Louise 905-329-8579). Please help Pastor Todd, Jennifer and the family feel welcome over this next month through a card, phone call or email. More information will be coming in the following weeks. Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they get settled.

“Look to the Lord and His strength, seek His face always. Remember the wonders He has done.” Ps 105: 4-5a

CHILDREN'S MESSAGES are available on our church website or 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 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!

ANNUAL REPORT: It's that time again. Please send your annual reports as they are ready to: secretary@christlutheransc.ca. I can work on them at home.

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: Luke 9: 57b

Wednesday: Luke 9: 51-57a

Friday: Luke 9: 18-26

Tuesday: 1 Kings 19: 15-21

Thursday: 11 Tim. 4: 1-5

Saturday: Luke 14: 25-35

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: We are so privileged to be free to study and learn from God's Word. We will continue our study of "**Fearless over Covid**". Our next study is scheduled for **Friday, July 24th at 7 p.m.** If you would like a Zoom invite, please speak with Louise. (905-329-8579). Even if you choose not to join us with a Zoom meet, be encouraged to go on the right now website (www.rightnowmedia.org) to be enriched as you study with some impactful Christian leaders.

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 SUPPLIES: A few things we still need this week **10 sheets of clear plastic canvas, and 50 pencil sharpeners.** If you can help with any of these things please let Louise (905-329-8579) know by Monday. Please continue to pray for our VBS and get the word out to family and friends.

CONTINUE TO PRAY for our VBS! That God will bring children to hear and be encouraged by the message of Jesus. That the children there will impact their family and friends with the Good News of the Gospel shared. Please also encourage your family and neighbours that have children to register at www.vbspro.events/pl/e7ac19

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

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.



MARY MARTHA / LWML:

In search of buttons for **mask mate ear savers** which are crocheted, knitted or sewn. Each mask mate needs 2 buttons. Button Style: FLAT Backed only Button Size: can use up to 1 1/4" but no smaller than 3/4".

"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.

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)
- L** "LOVE THE LORD your God with all your heart, soul, strength and mind." Luke 10:27 (July 5th, 2020)
- M** "MY SOUL finds rest in God alone, my salvation comes from Him." Ps. 62:1 (July 12th, 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.



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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

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:

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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.

The Lutheran Hour

Hear God's Word at the click of a button on Lutheran Hour webpage or on their super convenient app! (*Just hold your "Ctrl" button down and click the box to follow the link*)

[LISTEN NOW >>](#)

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Lutheran Hour Ministries—all info.—www.lhmcanada.org

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

Next Sunday, July 19th, 2020 — "**The Jesus Protocol**" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler What kind of doctor prescribes a treatment that kills Him while saving the patient? The "Jesus Protocol" is the cure that kills and then makes alive. (Matthew 7)

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 20 – Friday, 24



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

Online Registration

*****Parents—follow this link to register*****

www.vbspro.events/p/e7ac19

(Ctrl + Click to follow Link)

We are excited for you to join us 😊

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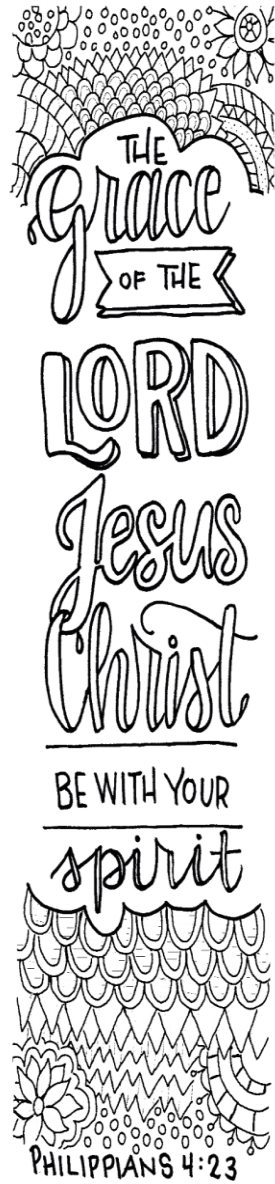
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Bookmarks





This is the day
the Lord
has made
Let us
REJOICE
& be glad
in it.

psalm 118:24

