

August 2nd, 2020

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## CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/ChristLutheranChurchSC](http://www.facebook.com/ChristLutheranChurchSC)

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Please send to [secretary@christlutheransc.ca](mailto:secretary@christlutheransc.ca).

Deadline for submission is Thursday at 9 a.m.

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## NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**LESSONS FOR THIS SUNDAY:** Isaiah 55: 1-5; Romans 9: 1-5; Matthew 14: 13-21

**Prayer:** Grant us, Lord, the Spirit to think and do always such things as are pleasing in Your sight that we, who without You cannot do anything that is good, may by You be enabled to live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***SERVICES: 9:00 A.M. and 11 A.M.***

**OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES:** Let us pray for all of Susanne Anderson's family at the passing of her father's mother. Katarina Schuster died Tuesday evening at the age of 97. Dearest Lord Jesus, bring to all Susanne's family Your comfort and strength and be with them all, she so that in their sadness, they know You are right there with Your love and grace. Katarina was Your servant, and as You told Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in Me, even though he dies, yet shall he live." Thank you for that promise for Katarina, for Frank and Gabriele, for Susanne and all her family. Amen"

**WELCOME BACK HOME!** I am very happy to see the family of Christ Lutheran return to public worship today. While our numbers must remain small with safety measures in view, we are still surrounded by the fellowship of all believers through our faith in Jesus Christ our Lord. I am excited and honoured to serve you today for the first time in the sanctuary as your new pastor. I look forward to meeting each and every one of you in the days, weeks and months ahead. On behalf of my family, may our gracious Lord richly bless our worship time and keep you secure in the palm of His hand today and always.

In Christian love, Pastor Todd, Jennifer, Jonah, Nick and Georgia Hoeffs.

**REMINDERS:** Our own **WEBSITE ([www.christlutheransc.ca](http://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!

**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.

**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](mailto:secretary@christlutheransc.ca). Thank you!

## Dear Brothers and Sisters of Christ Lutheran Church

As we open the doors at Christ Lutheran Church **today, Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020**, two blended services will be held at **9:00 am and 11:00 am**. To ensure the safety and well-being of everyone we wish to assure you that all of the guidelines and protocol provided by the Ontario Government and Public Health which allow for 70 people in our sanctuary (including the balcony) will be followed.

- Please maintain **Social Distancing** upon arrival and when leaving. You will find all the signs and markings that you have likely already seen around the city. Pews and various areas of the church will be appropriately marked or taped off.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at all entry and exit points. Please sanitize your hands upon entering and exiting the church. All areas of the church have been sanitized and will be sanitized between services.
- Masks will be available and we are asking that everyone entering the church wear a mask at all times with the exception of the Pastor, organist and soloist(s). Masks will not be required if you have breathing issues as per provincial regulations
- Enter only at the South-West (double glass doors) entrance. Inside the doors you will be asked the basic questions relating to wellness and travel prior to entering and your attendance will be recorded before being ushered to a pew. We will seat you from front to back pews.
- Following the service you will be ushered out from the pews, starting at the rear of the sanctuary. Families may sit together, singles will be placed 3 to a pew. Please keep in mind that it is unlikely that you will sit in your usual pew.
- The washroom in the narthex will be available, however we would ask that it only be used if absolutely necessary. It will be sanitized after each use.
- Please do not gather in groups in the narthex or parking lot before or after the service, continue to observe social distancing of at least 2 metres or 6 feet.
- Offering baskets will be placed at entrance/exit to the sanctuary
- Bulletins and Portals of Prayer (when they become available) will be available for pick up as you leave.
- For the time being there will be no choir

We are not planning to begin Holy Communion for the time being. You will be advised when we are prepared to add that to our active church practices.

It is possible that changes to the safety guidelines and protocols may occur prior to August 2<sup>nd</sup> but we will continue to practice the highest level of safety to protect all of our members and guests.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR RE-OPENING:** As we re-open today, we will have 2 services one at 9 a.m. and one at 11 a.m. In order to comply with the government and public health recommendations, we will need the assistance of volunteers for both services to usher, record attendance, temperature check and assist with sanitizing between services. If you can be of assistance or have any questions, please contact Judy Slingerland at [judysling48@gmail.com](mailto:judysling48@gmail.com) or 905-688-3867. Thank you.

## **SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS:**

Monday: Matt. 5: 13-16

Wednesday: Jas. 2: 14-17

Friday: Phil. 1: 6-11

Tuesday: Gal. 6: 7-10

Thursday: 1 Cor. 12: 12-26

Saturday: Matt. 21: 18-22

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** We invite you to join us **Fridays, August 7th & 21st** for our **ZOOM Bible Study** as we look at **"NOT ALONE: A study on friendship"** with Jeanie Allen, through our "Right Now Media" site. In the beginning, God created Adam and in God's sin-free, beautiful world, something wasn't right. Adam was alone. The creation of Eve isn't just the story of marriage, it's the beginning of community. God exists in trinity and we were made in His image. Join us as we discover our need for friendship, biblical examples of friendship, joys, challenges and even how to rebuild broken trust. Let's celebrate the encouragement, wisdom, and love that only comes when you're not alone.

For more information text Louise at 905-329-8579.

## **A BIT OF HUMOUR:**

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, *"I know what the Bible means!"*

His father smiled and replied, *"What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?"*

The son replied, *"I do know!"*

*"Okay,"* said his father. *"What does the Bible mean?"*

*"That's easy, Daddy..."* the young boy replied excitedly, *"It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'*

(This one is my (Pastor Hoeffs) favorites)

**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 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020)

**E** = **"EVERY GOOD** and perfect gift is from above." James 1:17 (May 17<sup>th</sup>, 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020)*

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

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

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

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

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

**L** "**LOVE THE LORD** your God with all your heart, soul, strength and mind." *Luke 10:27 (July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020)*

**M** "**MY SOUL** finds rest in God alone, my salvation comes from Him." *Ps. 62:1 (July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020)*

**N** "**NOW FAITH** is being sure of what we hope for & certain of what we do not see." *Heb. 11:1 (July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020)*

**O** "**O GOD**, You are my God, earnestly I seek you." *Ps 63:1 (July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020)*

**P** "**PRAISE THE LORD** all my soul, all my inmost being, praise His holy name." *Ps 103:1 (Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020)*

### **MARY MARTHA / LWML:**

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 1/4" but no smaller than 3/4".  
Lorraine is accepting donations of buttons (905) 371-2972 or if you have any questions, give her a call.

(What a fantastic idea 😊)



### **"We are pleased to present the Mary Martha/ LWML-C Executive for 2020/2021. We are very grateful for their continuing willingness to serve!"**

President: Lorraine K  
Vice President: Carole P  
Secretary: Naomi H  
Treasurer: Ivy P

Christian Growth: Mary S  
Mission Service: Gloria M  
Social Convener: Kathy D

**We will continue to meet in 2020/2021 on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. (following Public Health guidelines). Please feel free to contact any one of us on the Executive if you have any suggestions for our society or program.**

**Our first event will be on Tuesday, September 15th.**

*"Let us fix our eyes of Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:2*

**A NOTE FROM WENDY HYATT:** This is just a note to let you all know that Kathy and I finally finished assembling the "Hygiene Kits" from items collected at the beginning of the year. Thank you all for your donations. Yesterday I delivered 35 kits to Home Hardware in Virgil to be transported to CLWR in Winnipeg. *Wendy Hyatt*

*"Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done. Sing to Him, sing praise to Him; tell of all His wonderful acts. Glory in His Holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Look to the Lord and His strength; seek His face always. Remember the wonders He has done, His miracles, and the judgements He pronounced." 1 Chronicles 16: 8-12*

## **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://christlutheransca.ca/?page\\_id=96](http://christlutheransca.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:**

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](http://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 >>](#)

[DOWNLOAD THE APP >>](#)

Lutheran Hour Ministries—all info.—[www.lhmcanada.org](http://www.lhmcanada.org)

**LISTEN TO THE LUTHERAN HOUR**, Sundays on CHAM 820 at 8:00 a.m. Next Sunday, Aug. 9th, 2020 — "**Over The Darkness, God Hovers**" -- Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer  
A 5-year-old boy once observed, "God has the whole world in His hands-but sometimes He drops it." Hear how Dr. Dale Meyer responded to that young philosopher in a classic message titled "Over the Darkness, God Hovers". It's "Archives August".

### **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.





## HAITI LUTHERAN MISSION SOCIETY

### Distributes food hampers, soap, essentials to Haitians amid pandemic



by Andrew Jackson

**HAITI** – The Haiti Lutheran Mission Society (HLMS) has been making great strides in adopting a new focus: Educating our Haiti brothers, laymen, to fill the role as spiritual leaders within their communities, in light of the lack of pastoral presence in the country. HLMS will, of course, still continue their relief work in service of those in need. Our brothers and sisters in Haiti experience much need, and it is often hard to understand in our vastly different style of living in Canada. One thing that is no different from Haitians and Canadians is that we are all created by our Lord God Almighty and are loved very, very much.

When HLMS asked our contacts in Haiti how the COVID-19 pandemic was affecting them, we were sad to learn that the situation is far worse than we had even anticipated.

The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore (Psalms 121: 7-8).

What comforting words King David wrote as he praised our Lord, “The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore”. We have Jesus Christ with us every day, everywhere – during times of joy and, most assuredly, in times of stress and worry!

No country has been spared from this pressing reality that the human body can be quickly overcome with sickness and death. All life is precious. Our work in Haiti has always been centred on bringing the Good News of Jesus’ salvation to all. We have learned that, in Haiti, the numbers of those infected and dying are increasing everyday by the thousands. The virus has infected the poor in the overcrowded slums of Port-au-Prince. It has infected policemen and doctors. It has even spread into the prisons, which do not offer much hope for physical distancing of inmates. Many Haitians are distrustful of the government and, as a result, many do not take seriously the threat of COVID-19. Despite orders to stay indoors, people still frequent shops and go about their daily routines in the streets, without masks or physical distancing.



The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore (Psalms 121: 7-8).

Last month HLMS sent relief in the form of funding the distribution of food hampers and soap. With just a couple thousand dollars,

we helped 40 individuals receive food but more importantly soap to clean themselves and their clothing. The hampers contained rice, pasta, milk, oil, Clorox and soap. With your support, additional food and soap can be distributed to Haitians, along with the message of hope in Jesus Christ our Saviour. Please help us continue to support our brothers and sisters in Haiti. Your generous giving will provide essentials to these people as the pandemic continues to devastate the country. We also ask that you remember in prayer the hospital staff, doctors, and government workers in Haiti, that the Holy Spirit would work through them to care for the people during this crisis. We pray that the hearts of the leaders that govern are guided to facilitate the necessary care and education for their people; and that the people of Haiti hear and heed the recommendations by healthcare professionals; and that they would soon be delivered from the devastation of this pandemic. Please visit our website for more information on how you can help: <http://www.haitilutheranmissionsociety.ca/>

May the LORD bless you, protect you from all harm, keep you in health and continue to be with you all, always. Amen.

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**Andrew Jackson** is treasurer of Haiti Lutheran Mission Society (HLMS); a husband and father; and Chairman of Elders at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Waterloo, ON.

**Haiti Lutheran Mission Society (HLMS)** is a listed service organization of Lutheran Church–Canada (LCC).