

August 9th, 2020

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## CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

**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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## TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**LESSONS FOR THIS SUNDAY:** Job 38: 4-18; Romans 10: 5-17; Matthew 14: 22-33

**Prayer:** O God, the Protector of all who trust in You, without whom nothing is strong and nothing is holy, increase and multiply Your mercy on us that with You as our Ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; 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. and 11:00 a.m.** – Service of Prayer and Preaching {1969 LCMS Hymnal Supplement}  
Musician: Mayumi Munoz

**Hymns:** “God of Tempest”; “Lord I Lift Your Name”; I Love You Lord/He is Lord!”, “Christ Beside Me”;  
“Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me”

**Last Sunday Attendance:** Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> — 9 a.m.-26; 11 a.m.-23; Total: 49

**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.

**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. Full information on a separate page in bulletin for your perusal.

**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.

Here is the Children's message for August 2<sup>nd</sup> from Louise. Please share it with others.

<https://youtu.be/ADIAprIhGsY>

**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!

**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!

## **SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS:**

Monday: Eccles. 9: 13-18

Wednesday: Jas. 3: 13-18

Friday: Matt. 10: 16-23

Tuesday: Luke 16: 10-13

Thursday: 1 Tim. 4: 12-16

Saturday: Luke 12: 54-59

## **Dear Brothers and Sisters of Christ Lutheran Church**

As we resume services at Christ Lutheran Church we will hold two blended services 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 NEEDED:** 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.

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** We invite you to join us **Friday, August 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.

**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)
- Q** = "A **QUIET** and gentle Spirit is of great worth in God's sight." 1 Pet 3:4 (Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020)

**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!**

**MARY MARTHA / LWML:** "A special thank you to all who have donated buttons for the mask mate ear savers. There are some complimentary mask-mates available at the welcome table at the entrance."

**"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	Christian Growth:	Mary S
Vice President:	Carole P	Mission Service:	Gloria M
Secretary:	Naomi H	Social Convener:	Kathy D
Treasurer:	Ivy P		

**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*

**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. 16th, 2020 — **"Seeing Is Believing"** Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer  
Believing in Jesus Christ, we truly see things the way they are. 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.



**MEMORIAL DONATIONS** have been given to Christ Lutheran Church in memory of Irene Boyle from: Louise Townsend, David and Lillian Cunningham, Dorothea vonVulte, John and Nancy McCauley, Andy and Bette Vasko, Frank and Ivy Parkhouse, Susan Honey and Rev. John and Linda Makey. Also to SOUL from Don & Lois Fretz.

**Right Now Media:** Hopefully since COVID you have had some time to look at our video library site at <http://www.rightnowmedia.org> . If you don't have an account, connect with Louise to receive an invitation. If you have suggestions to share with others, please let us know. Here are some new picks for August. !

COUPLES: Time Starved Marriage

GENERAL: The Art of Neighbouring

FAMILY: Bible Unearthed

CHILDREN Micah's Super Vlog

The Mr. Phil Show

WOMEN: What the Women Saw

MEN: Whole hearted men

YOUTH: Shaken

## **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](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:**

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.

**A BIT OF HUMOUR:** There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country.

"*Is there anything breakable in here?*" asked the postal clerk.

"*Only the Ten Commandments.*" answered the lady.



**LWML**  
CANADA

# UPDATE

THE LATEST NEWS AND VIEWS FROM LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE-CANADA  
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## **LWML— REPEAT WEBINAR – “Called to Speak”**

**Saturday, September 19, 2020**

Does fear hold you back from sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ? Have you longed to have purposeful Christ-centred conversation with family and friends? Do you recognize the opportunity to share your faith? Grab a phone, iPad or computer and join us for a one-hour webinar giving insight on having those Christ-centred conversations.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND WATCH FOR SIGN UP DETAILS.**

## **LWML SUNDAY -- October 5, 2020**

**Theme: “Called to Serve: Guided by the Spirit through Word and Sacrament.”**

**Theme scripture verse is Exodus 15:13: You have led in Your steadfast love the people whom You have redeemed; You have guided them by Your strength to Your holy abode.**

**Updated materials can be found on the website. As well, there will be a new video up by mid-August that can be shared in service or virtually. Letters to pastor's and society presidents will be going out soon.**

## **CONVENTION NEWS**

### **Mission Grant Proposals**

**Have you been sleeping for four months? Well, it's time to wake up. We have been experiencing challenging times. Now we can return to worship in the Lord's House. How we have thirsted for that. Convention 2021 is less than a year away. We have deadlines looming. We challenge every society to think about submitting a Mission Grant proposal. This is how our mites are spent. Start now,**

so the process is not rushed. Go to our website and read the Mission Grant Submission Guide. If you need an idea, contact me at [vpchristianmission@lutheranwomen.ca](mailto:vpchristianmission@lutheranwomen.ca). The deadline for submissions is November 15, 2020. That's less than four months away. Let's get cracking!

### **Theme Song/Hymn (s)**

Time is counting down – October 31, 2020, is the deadline for submissions for theme songs or hymns for the convention. The theme is Galatians 2:20 – Christ Lives in Me. Thank you to those who have already sent in submissions – it is exciting to see the immense talent of our members!

### **MISSION GRANT UPDATE**

We have eight months left to complete payments for the mission grants selected in 2018.

### **“ONE” VIRTUAL SEMINAR A SUCCESS**

We hope that those who were able to participate in one of the ONE Seminar webinars enjoyed it and found it uplifting. While it was not created to be a webinar, it was surprising to see how it could be adapted to be presented in such a way.

Bookmarks and magnets were designed to go along with the prepared materials so the women would be able to take a reminder of the seminar home with them. While we remain hopeful that ONE will be done in its entirety as a face-to-face gathering - and we encourage you to do that when the time is right - we would like to see that the women have an opportunity to receive these items, either now or in the future. In an effort to keep down postage costs, please arrange for one person from each zone to be a contact and email her name, address and number of bookmarks/magnets required to **Roberta Nixon** at [jbirdnix@gmail.com](mailto:jbirdnix@gmail.com) and we will do our best to get them sent so she can distribute them accordingly.



**SHARE AND ENCOURAGE THROUGH TAPESTRY  
SERVING HIS PURPOSE: in our calling/vocation  
Winter 2020 issue. Submission deadline: ASAP**

We are still looking for submissions to the coming winter issue of Tapestry. From the summer issue 2020 to spring 2021 we are looking at “serving His purpose”—how we are God’s instruments to accomplish His purpose, individually and corporately. In the issue we are inviting you to write for, we examine how our calling or vocation is instrumental in accomplishing His purpose.

Here are some thought-starters, but if, after prayer, the theme takes your thinking and writing in a different direction from these ideas, please follow that leading. God often directs a theme in ways we don’t imagine when we set it.

Serving His purpose:

- at any age, from newborns to seniors
- in any circumstance
- being the one cared for/served
- changes to our calling throughout life

We also encourage articles on seasonal topics, Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, winter. In addition to articles we welcome artwork, photos, craft ideas, recipes, etc.

Send your submission to editor-in-chief, Marion Hollinger, at [tapestry@lutheranwomen.ca](mailto:tapestry@lutheranwomen.ca) or 223 - 250 Hunter Road, Saskatoon, SK S7T 0Y4. Please include a mailing address as well as your email address.

Becky Wandio VP Communication, LWML–Canada



