

October 18th, 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.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prayer: O God, whose almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity, grant us the fullness of Your grace that we may be partakers of Your heavenly treasures; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

9 AM-- Contemporary Morning Praise: Majesty; Come Let Us worship;

Jesu, Jesu, Show Us How To Serve; God We Praise You; Take My Life and Let It Be.

11 AM --Divine Service Setting One: Renew Me, O Eternal Light; We Give Thee But Thine Own;

Lord Of All Good Our Gifts We Bring

Musician: Mayumi Munoz **Children's Message:** <https://youtu.be/shUFKI4hafw>

FLOWERS have been placed on the altar this morning to the glory of God by Frank & Ivy Parkhouse to celebrate the occasions of their Wedding Anniversary and both their Birthdays. Also by Tom & Mary Saxton in celebration of 60 years of marriage on October 22nd.

OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES go out to the family and friends of **Alice Martens** who was called to heaven on Friday, October 9th. She has fought the good fight; she has run the race; her trust and hope was in her Lord and Saviour so her salvation has been accomplished. Eternal life is hers. Thank you Lord Jesus. Alice's family has decided to wait until next year June for some kind of memorial.

COVID 19 – PROTOCOL: Dear Brothers and Sisters of Christ Lutheran Church:

As the number of cases of Covid are beginning to rise in the Province, let us not be complacent; we cannot let our guard down. Kindly continue to follow the safety measures and protocols that are currently in place. If you have any of the symptoms outlined by Public Health, please remain at home. Sermons are available online. If attending worship please:

- Wear a mask (covering both your mouth and nose) at all times
- Sanitize your hands frequently.
- Practice social distancing – 2 metres or 6 feet apart.
- Ensure you have a temperature check before entering.
- Ensure that your attendance is noted at the entrance doors

SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS:

Monday: Mark 8: 22-26

Wednesday: Col. 3: 12-17

Friday: 1 John 1: 5-10

Tuesday: Col. 3: 5 - 11

Thursday: Luke 19: 1-10

Saturday: Jude 20-25

The Old Testament: *Isaiah 45:1-7*

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him— and the gates shall not be closed:

I will go before you and level the mountains,^[a] I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

The Epistle: *1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10*

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

The Holy Gospel: *St. Matthew 22: 15-22*

Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his words. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard it, they marvelled. And they left him and went away.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGES are available on our church website or on our Facebook page. If you or someone you know would like to receive these please text Louise (905-329-8579) or send an email. ***This week: Children's message:*** <https://youtu.be/shUFKI4hafw>

Precious Moments: Tuesday, October 20th: <https://youtu.be/5NwCkjJLI8U>

Sunday School: "*Fruits of the Spirit*". Week #2: "Fruit of the Spirit JOY":

<https://youtu.be/3ieBOK05Wvo> This link will also be available on the church's website. (Just a note that Sunday School videos are just every 2weeks).

MARY MARTHA LWML/C MEETING: Tuesday, October 20, 7 p.m. — Please confirm attendance and please note our meeting is subject to change (*based on public health guidelines.*)

"But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong." [2 Corinthians 12:9-10](#)

MARY MARTHA LWML/C: We are excited to start our new schedule for 2020/2021 even during these trying times. Our God is an awesome God, He reigns with power and might. Our meetings will require masks, social distancing and bring your own drink (kitchen facilities will not be available).

Saturday, November 14: Ontario District Retreat - Grace Lutheran Church - Kitchener

Tuesday, November 17: Bible Study -& Assemble Warm Feet for the street socks.
Details to follow

Tuesday, December 15, 6 pm: Advent /Christmas social, Prayer sisters. Mites

*****Please note that all of the above activities are subject to change. God willing, we will continue with our schedule.. **** Blessings, Lorraine**

LWML-C National Convention News - 2021

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. Send to Becky Wandio, VP Communication at vpcommunication@lutheranwomen.ca

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 the LWMLC website and read the Mission Grant Submission Guide. If you need an idea, contact vpchristianmission@lutheranwomen.ca. **The deadline for submissions is November 15, 2020.** That's less than four months away. Let's get cracking!



CHRISTMAS URN WORKSHOP

at "The Watering Can" in Vineland

SOUL FUNDRAISER

TRADITIONAL URN \$70

Friday, November 27th

6:00 pm: Doors open

7:00 pm: Workshop

COVID PROTOCOLS MUST BE FOLLOWED:

- Social distancing
- Masks must be worn
- Handwashing/sanitizing
- **NO** sharing of food or drinks - *Bring your own refreshments*

- If you are unwell---stay home (*You will still receive an Urn if you cannot attend*)

Spots are limited—Payment must be received by November 15 to secure your spot.

Minimum of 12 people.

Contact Wendy Shook-905-380-6544

Last Sunday Attendance: Oct. 11th -- 9 a.m.- 40 11 a.m. – 30 Total: 70					
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Weekly Need</u>	<u>Last Sunday</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>	<u>+ / (-)</u>
Current:	272,115.00	5,232.98	2,380.65	142,276.68	(77,508.51)
Missions	20,000.00	384.62	603.00	15,504.16	(649.69)
Property Improvement			147.00	4,087.16	

A DONATION has been given to the Refugee Fund by Tom & Mary Saxton in thanksgiving for 60 years of marriage on October 22nd.

GOD'S LOVE – Sponsoring a Refugee family

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, thank you for taking the step of faith last Sunday and approving the Sponsorship of Kareem and his family. This is totally an act not just of faith but showing God's Love to Kareem, Hamida, Ameer (he will be 3 yrs old in November), and Asser (10months). Jesus bid the little children to come to Him and not to prevent them. We will need approximately \$25,000 to see this family through the one year sponsorship we are responsible for. Donations can be made to Christ Lutheran Refugee Sponsorship fund and you can receive a charitable donation receipt. If you have any family or friends who would like to help please spread the word. Jennifer at Canadian Lutheran World Relief will be looking after all the paperwork to get them here and once they arrive in Canada we need to surround this family with God's Love. Kareem is so appreciative and thankful for you providing a safe home in Canada for his family. The committee and I will continue to update you and keep you informed. Please continue to keep this outreach in love in your prayers and Kareem and family. God bless all of you, and if you have any questions please talk with me.

Pastor John 289-407-7662

October is Pastor Appreciation Month – Thank You Pastor!

“A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way and shows the way” – John C. Maxwell
“Every student needs a school and a teacher, so does every Christian need a church and a Pastor” – Justice Bentil

Thank you for your work as a pastor. Know that our community sees you not only as a spiritual leader but above all, as a moral and upright teacher of the Word of God. Keep up the good work!

Just as Peter was the rock of Christ's Church, you are the rock of this congregation. Thanks for always being present to serve not only as a pastor, but as confidant, advisor, and friend.

By preaching the Word of the Lord, you allow our Christ family to experience the joy of God's presence. Thank you for your work as our pastor and thank you for being the glue that brings this congregation together!

Be encouraged, your faithfulness is being multiplied in this place. You are growing God's flock and deepening our faith. Thank you for your spiritual guidance.

Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding. Jeremiah 3:15

Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherd of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. Acts 20:28

Remember to pray for our pastors, their work and their families, not just today or this month, but each and every day. Tell them how much they mean to you and our congregation.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR: If you would like to place a flower on the altar for a coming Sunday, please sign your name and special occasion or reason if you have one on the bulletin board at the back of the church, or you could email Pat

AN OPPORTUNITY: We received a drawing of a Christmas lawn NATIVITY but need someone skilled who can make it. I'll leave drawings in office in my mail slot for you to look at. If you, or someone you know, has the time & skill, please have them speak with Louise or Pat

SUPPORTING YOUR CHURCH DURING THE PANDEMIC

1. THROUGH EFT DONATIONS:

Some members are hesitant to return to in-person worship during these uncertain times, it's important for members to keep in mind that expenses for payroll, utilities, maintenance, etc. continue to accumulate. 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, 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.

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.

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 clickbox to follow the link)*

[LISTEN NOW >>](#)

[DOWNLOAD THE APP >>](#)

LHM—all info.—www.lhmcanada.org

LISTEN TO THE LUTHERAN HOUR: tune in to **WDCX 99.5FM or 970AM.**

Next Sunday, October 25th: "No Boasting, Just Belonging" Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler "The kingdom of God is not a game. The law teaches us how to love others as God first loved us. Our performance matters, but in God's kingdom belonging comes before performance." (Romans 3: 19-31)

We will have the Canadian sermons available for listening on-line on our website (www.lhc.ca/radio-tv-and-podcasts)



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.