

November 8th, 2020

## REMEMBRANCE DAY

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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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### 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Prayer:** O God our Father, we thank You for all Your goodness to us as a nation, and for the any occasions when You have guided and protected us. We thank You for Your Word, the Bible, which down the years has moulded the laws and thinking of our country. Above all, we thank and praise You for sending Your Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Saviour. Today, especially, we give thanks for those who died in the cause of freedom and justice, so that Your truth might continue to be known, and Your laws obeyed within our nation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**9 A.M.:** Creative Communion: Amazing Grace (my chains are gone); Your Grace Is Enough; Greater Is He; Keep Your Lamps Trimmed; O Canada; God Save The Queen; Communion Liturgy; What Feast Of Love; When Peace Like A River.

**Musicians:** Heaven Help Us

**11 A.M.:** Creative Communion: Amazing Grace; Praise To The Lamb; The Bridegroom Soon Will Call; O Canada, God Save The Queen; Communion Liturgy; What Feast Of Love; When Peace Like A River.

**Musician:** Louise Gondosch Children's message: <https://youtu.be/eLihorHNwRc>

**Precious Moments Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>:** <https://youtu.be/K-LxW1Zg1JY>

**FLOWERS** have been placed on the altar this morning to the glory of God by Tom & Mary Saxton on the occasion of Mary's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Happy Birthday Mary.

**OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES** to the family and friends of Anne Kemp, Starlet Kemp's mother-in-law (Bob's mom) and Brandon's grandma. Anne passed away 2 weeks ago. Pastor Todd led a memorial service at Pleasantview on October 30. We pray for them as we find comfort in the happy reunion of all the faithful in Heaven.

Also, to the family and friends of Zelma Veide, a member of the Latvian Lutheran Church who died this past week. A memorial was conducted at Butler funeral home by Pastor Todd on November 5th and led graveside burial at Pleasantview.

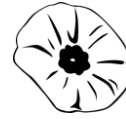
**COVID 19 – PROTOCOL:** Dear Brothers and Sisters of Christ Lutheran Church:

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



## **Remembrance Day 2020**



Christ Lutheran Church recalls and praises God for the willingness and the sacrifice of those who have served both God and country. The list of these people is on a plaque in the narthex area. Those in *italics* are still currently members.

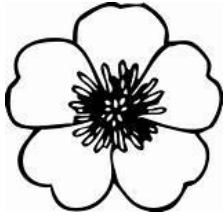
George Berger	John Nunnenmacher
Edward Brunsch	Edward Overholt
Herbert Brunsch	Stephen Harrison
William Ebert	Gustav Reimer
Emil Erling	Henry Rempel
Ernest Erling	Ernest Roepke
Howard Fritsch	Ernest Schappert
Howard Henemader	Philip Schappert
Orval Jansen	Carl W. Schwenker
Lloyd McKean	Gordon Skrydstrup
Cyril Mitchell	Walter Skrydstrup
James O. Kaufman	LeRoy Skrydstrup
Percy Dagesse	William Weaver
Henry Windecker	Edward Youngblut
Fred Pappel	Claire Gottinger
Donald Frick	Henry Fuchs
Kenneth Primmer	Stanley Thompson
<i>James Hyatt</i>	<i>John Mewhinney</i>
<i>Brandon Honey</i>	Bert Mitchell
<i>Dave Coghlan</i>	Frank Wickson
WW1: Carl F. Schwenker Sr.	Russ Mosher

### *Serving in the Axis forces:*

Erhard Olbeter Erich Klose  
German Army WW1: George Schneikart

The Lord bless these individuals and their families as we remember them, their dedication and willingness to serve. Of those listed above, the first one listed, George Berger, died in action.

## THE “POPPY”— THE FLOWER OF REMEMBRANCE



On **Remembrance Day** everyone wears a poppy, a reminder of the blood-red flower which grew in the fields where many men died. Much of the fighting was done in a place called “**Flanders**”. This was during the war of 1914—1918. Every Spring, the soldiers fighting in the trenches noticed the red flowers blooming on the battlegrounds. And as more and more of their friends were killed, the soldiers noticed that the poppies bloomed over the graves.

When the war was over and when the soldiers came home, they still thought of all their friends who were buried in Flanders. Each time they thought of the graves, they thought of the poppies which grew around the graves. Then the men who came back from the war decided that they would wear a poppy each year to show that they still remembered their friends.

**November 11<sup>th</sup>** was the day on which the fighting stopped in 1918. The men who had been in the war picked that day each year to wear a poppy. Other people who had not been in the war, but who loved the soldiers who had been killed, also wanted to show that they remembered the dead. so they also wore a poppy.

There were not enough real poppies to go around. Then some of the men who were wounded, and couldn't work at other jobs, began to make poppies out of cloth. That is why today everybody wears a poppy which is not a real flower but which reminds us of the flowers which grew over the graves of the men who died.

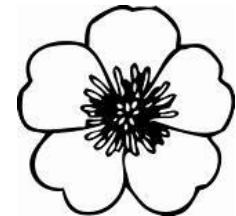
For many years after the first war, children stood with their parents on “Remembrance Day”. Everybody was silent, and everybody wore a poppy and they all thought hard about the men who were killed.

By the time many of the children grew up, there was another war. They boys who were now young men went to war. Many of them went to the same places as the men they used to remember. In the fighting in those places, a lot of these young men died.

When the second war was over, more people than ever wanted to wear a poppy; now there were more dead soldiers than ever to remember. There were also sailors and airmen. All of these people went to war to protect Canada. They went to war to protect the people who were in Canada then, and also the people who would be born in the future—people like us.

They died so that you could enjoy all the good things in your life. They so that your home would be safe, so that you would be given a chance going to school and going to the church of your choice. They also died that you could make friends with whomever you chose.

So perhaps you didn't know these men who died in war. But they knew you. They wanted you to live in peace.



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***Therefore, on Remembrance Day, when everyone wears a poppy and stands in silence it is like a “Thank You” to all those who died for us.***

## **DAILY SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS:**

Monday: 1 Cor. 9: 24-27

Wed.: Rom. 14: 4-12

Friday: Luke 22: 31-38

Tuesday: 11 Tim. 2: 1-5

Thurs.: 1 Cor. 9: 13-18

Saturday: 1 Cor. 7: 29-31

### **The Old Testament** *Amos 5:18-24*

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

### **The Epistle:** *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

[St. Paul writes:] But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

### **The Holy Gospel** *St. Matthew 25: 1-13*

[Jesus says:] 'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

**MARY MARTHA LWML/C:** 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.)

**Tuesday, November 17th** - Bible Study & Assemble Warm Feet for the street socks.

**Tuesday, December 15th - 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.**

**CHURCH DECORATING:**

It's time to start thinking about Christmas preparations! The Fellowship and Worship

Committees welcome all volunteers who would like

to help with decorating the Church to meet at **4:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 28th.** Please

wear a mask and use the hand sanitizing stations that will be available. During these times of pandemic uncertainty, we will **not** be meeting for a shared meal afterwards.

Thank you all for assisting us in decorating to the glory of God!



<b><i>Last Sunday Attendance:</i></b>	<b><i>Nov. 1st --</i></b>	<b><i>9 a.m.- 54</i></b>	<b><i>11 a.m. – 40</i></b>	<b><i>Total: 94</i></b>	
	<b><i>Budget</i></b>	<b><i>Weekly Need</i></b>	<b><i>Last Sunday</i></b>	<b><i>Year To Date</i></b>	<b><i>+ / (-)</i></b>
Current:	272,115.00	5,232.98	3,741.00	156,296.35	(79,187.787)
Missions	20,000.00	384.62	285.00	16,794.66	( 513.03)
Property Improvement			139.00	4,560.66	

**MEMORIAL DONATIONS** have been given in memory of Alice Martens to Christ Lutheran Church by Frank & Ivy Parkhouse, Laurel Regnier, Don & Lois Fretz, Eric & Marge Stark, Judy Slingerland, Susan Honey, Clyde & Josie Knoll, Pastor John & Linda Makey, Tom & Mary Saxton and Diana (Bode) Seebach; and to the Property Improvement Fund by Anna Schneikart.

**SUPPORTING YOUR CHURCH DURING THE PANDEMIC**

**1. THROUGH EFT DONATIONS:**

For members 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://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.

**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.

**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

**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](http://www.lhmcanada.org)

**LISTEN TO THE LUTHERAN HOUR:** You will hear The Lutheran Hour by tuning in to **WDCX 99.5FM or 970AM**. This Buffalo station covers our friends in Buffalo and Niagara Falls New York, but the catchment is actually focused on us up North of the border. We now are able to reach our friends along Lake Erie (which was not previously covered by a Canadian station) -going from Port Colborne, over to Fisherville, up to Cambridge, past Barrie- over to Peterborough and including everything in between."

**Next Sunday, November 15th: "BIGGER"** Guest Speaker: Pastor Gerard Bolling Big problems call for faith in an even bigger God. Pastor Gerard Bolling tells how the God Who is bigger than our problems works through us to bring bigger blessings to the people around us. (Daniel 6) The Canadian sermons are available for listening on-line on our website ([www.ill.ca/radio-tv-and-podcasts](http://www.ill.ca/radio-tv-and-podcasts))



# NATIVITY DISPLAY

You are invited to see the treasured  
Nativity sets of our church family!  
When: Sunday, November 29th  
Sunday, December 6th  
*Immediately following the service*

Process: Descend the stairs to the basement, walk the 1-way route through the display and leave the basement through the other exit.

*(We will have a pathway back to the elevator for those who require use of the elevator.)*

WOULD YOU CONSIDER SHARING YOUR TREASURED NATIVITY SET WITH OUR MEMBERS? IF SO, PLEASE BRING IN AND LEAVE IT ON THE TABLE MARKED WITH "NATIVITY SETS HERE" SIGN. WE WANT TO KNOW A BIT ABOUT YOUR NATIVITY SET SO PLEASE FILL IN ONE OF THE SHEETS ON THE TABLE. THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE WILL DO SET-UP NOV. 28<sup>TH</sup>



# OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX GIFT



Operation Christmas Child has become a Holiday tradition for many of us here at Christ Church. The love and care put into every shoebox gift has changed the lives of children worldwide, and I think we can say it has changed us as well. Together, let's continue to make these children an important part of our Christmas celebration by extending Christ's love and compassion.

## **HOW TO PACK YOUR SHOEBOX**

1. Pick up a designated shoebox from the narthex.
2. Decide on the category and age. Girl/Boy 2-4; 5-9; 10-14
3. Fill the box, mark it and put an elastic around it.
4. Enclose a \$10.00 cheque and put it in the offering basket and the congregation will send a combined donation - saving them money.
5. **Drop the box off here at Christ Lutheran Church by Sunday, November 15th.**

## **SUGGESTED GIFTS**

- Toys:** slinky, yo-yo, kazoos, animals, stickers, dolls, balls, cars
- School Supplies:** pens, paper, stamps, markers, calculators, pencil crayons & sharpener, colouring books
- Hygiene Items:** soap, toothbrush, comb, washcloth, NO toothpaste or shampoo
- Other:** hard candy only, sunglasses, ball caps, socks, watches, hairclips, T-shirts, small picture books, flashlights, batteries

**Please DO NOT include:** used items, war related items, medicines, cosmetics, breakable items, perishable foods or liquids (shampoo, etc.), gum

*((Shoeboxes available in Narthex))*



# CHRISTMAS URN WORKSHOP SOUL FUNDRAISER

Friday, November 27

AT "THE WATERING CAN" IN VINELAND

6 p.m.: DOORS OPEN

7 P.M.: WORKSHOP STARTS

TRADITIONAL URN \$70

***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, 2020 to secure your spot.  
**MINIMUM OF 12 PEOPLE. CONTACT WENDY SHOOK-905-380-6544**



## MARY MARTHA\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT NEWS\*\*\*\*



**OUR ANNUAL BAZAAR** obviously can't be held this year as we usually do; however we would still like to offer you the ability to purchase some of the items that you would normally find at the Bake, Deli or Craft Tables. We can individualize your orders and provide you with them 'take out' style.

Do you have a favourite pie, loaf, cookie, square, pickle, jam, preserve, or other baking that you look forward to buying every year? We will get it done for you! Is there something you might have looked for at the Craft Table? We'll see if we can get one of our crafters to make it for you.

Fill out the form on the reverse side and drop it in the basket that you will find in the Narthex. They will be collected each Sunday. If you won't be at church, send it with a friend.

**OR** email your order to [capink@cogeco.ca](mailto:capink@cogeco.ca) (different from my gmail one so it will be easier for me to keep things separate.)

Give a form to a friend or friends if they would like to place an order too.

**Be sure to include your phone # or email** so we can contact you to check any information, give you an order total, and let you know a pickup date.

Contact me if you have any questions.

We will plan 1 or 2 Saturdays when just like a drive through, you can drive up near the basement door, be given your prepackaged order and pay (with the exact amount in an envelope please). If for any reason you are unable to come to the church, please try to have it picked up by a friend; otherwise we will try to make alternative arrangements to get it to you if possible.

*Thanks, Carole*

### **AS ALWAYS, you help support MISSIONS:**

- Haiti
- Nicaragua
- CLWR
- LBT
- Seminary
- Medical Missions
- SOUL
- & this year - our new Refugee Fund

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Items:**

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| 1. _____ | Quantity _____ |
| 2. _____ | Quantity _____ |
| 3. _____ | Quantity _____ |
| 4. _____ | Quantity _____ |
| 5. _____ | Quantity _____ |
| 6. _____ | Quantity _____ |
| 7. _____ | Quantity _____ |

\*\*Please note, as usual, these items come from an uninspected source, but are made by our own ladies with love and care.

Please include any necessary details of your preferences like:

- regular 8" or 9" pie or individual size
- ½ doz. or full doz.
- no raisins or nuts, or, you would like raisins or nuts included
- a tray with mixed squares or cookies or a tray of one specific kind

**General pricing:**

- **Loaves:** \$6.00 - \$7.50 depending on kind and whether plain or with nuts or raisins
- **Half Loaves:** \$3.50 - \$4.00
- **Pies:** 9" - \$9.00 - \$10.00; 8" - \$8.00 - \$9.00; small 5" - \$3.50 - \$4.00. (depending on kind)
- **Tarts:** 6 for \$4.50
- **Cookies:** \$2.50 - \$3.50 for 6; \$4.75 - \$6.00 for a doz. (depending on kind)
- **Date Squares:** 6 large \$5.50
- **Other Squares:** \$3.50 - \$5.00 depending on size & kind
- **Muffins:** 6 for \$4.00
- **Christmas cake** - \$20 loaf; \$10 ½ loaf
- **Turkey or beef pies** – individual size \$5.00
- **Jams, Pickles, Preserves** – can't guarantee until I see what kinds have been made by our ladies. We will advertise some specific kinds in a few weeks.
- **Crafts:** again, we will advertise some specific things that have been made at a later date; If you have a request, although not guaranteed, we will see if we can find someone to make what you want, and quote you a price.

**A BAZAAR NOTE:** Thank you to those who have or are handing in orders. For anyone wishing to make a donation of money to help us in our fundraising efforts this can be done several ways.

1. An envelope can be put into the same basket in Narthex that collects the order forms.
2. A cheque made out to Mary Martha Society can be put onto the offering plate.
3. Cash or a cheque can be given directly to Ivy, our M.M./LWMLC Treasurer

**THANKS again with our appreciation !**



# “Warm Feet for the Street” Kits



The LWML/MARY MARTHA ladies are again collecting items for the Warm feet for the Street at their Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE: This year will be different!!

+++ Kits will be distributed through Mainstream +++

1. You can assemble a sock at home or
2. We would welcome donations from the congregation.

**LARGE WARM SOCKS**  
**Warm Gloves (adult size)**  
**Toothpaste**  
**Lip Balm**  
**Hand Lotion**  
**Shampoo (small)**  
**Deodorant**  
**Kleenex (little pkgs.)**  
**Bandaides**  
**Scarves**

*Remember that everything needs to be small enough to fit into the socks. Also, new underwear are always needed. If you would like to help, but prefer for us to do the shopping, a donation of money would be terrific too which you can give to Ivy Parkhouse.*

Thank you for your participation and donations. *Contact: Wendy Hyatt*

## **KAREEM & FAMILY REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP UPDATE**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, things are processing slowly with the application for Kareem and his family to immigrate to Canada. Jennifer and Muna at Canadian Lutheran World Relief are working to help in getting the government forms completed. This takes translation from Arabic into English and filling out the required forms online for the Canadian government. It has been a month long process, plus the men who transferred Kareem and his family from Turkey in a rubber raft to the island of Samos refugee camp took their passports and money and refused to give them their passports back. This family like many refugee families have faced a lot of struggles as they try to get to a safe and peaceful country to live in. **We need to pray** fervently that our government officials receive favourably the request from Canadian Lutheran World Relief to assign Kareem and his family to our congregation to welcome them into our community and care. We need to keep Jennifer and Muna in prayer as well as they guide our application request and get all the forms completed as required by immigration. Please also consider donating to our Refugee Resettlement Fund as we do need to raise \$25,000. I ask that you not redirect donations from supporting the local work of Christ with our new Pastor. However, as the Lord may bless you in ways that you may not have expected perhaps you could consider giving from those blessings. And remember this is a mission outreach so also think of it as a mission to show God's Love and forgiveness to Kareem and his family. As always, if you have any questions please talk to me or contact me at 289-407-7662.

**God Bless, Pastor John**