

November 15th, 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.

24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prayer: O Lord, we pray that the visitation of Your grace may so cleanse our thoughts and minds that Your Son Jesus, when He shall come, may find in us a fit dwelling place; 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

Song – Have Thine Own Way, Lord
Spoken Scripture Sentences
Psalm Song – Come Let Us Worship
Prayer
Readings & Spoken Psalm
Gospel Song Verse – Seek Ye First
Gospel
Song – Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)
Message
Praise Song – God We Praise You
Prayers
Luther's Morning Prayer
Blessing
Song—He is Lord

11 AM – Spoken Matins

Hymn – O Christ You Are The Light
Spoken Matins Versicles
Venite Hymn – Come Let Us Praise
Prayer
Readings & Spoken Psalm
Spoken Gospel verse & Holy Gospel
Spoken Gospel Responses
Hymn – God Whose Giving
Sermon
Te Deum Hymn – Holy God We Praise
Prayers
Luther's Morning Prayer
Blessing
Hymn – Stand Up For Jesus

Musician: Mayuni Munoz

Sunday School: <https://youtu.be/UvULkLEywNk> **“Fruit of the Spirit #4Patience”**

Children's message: <https://youtu.be/l3NnTHBDcdg>

Precious Moments Nov. 17th: <https://youtu.be/wahquCtF08E>

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

DAILY SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS:

Monday: Matt. 10: 1-10 Wed.: Matt. 10: 16-23
Tuesday: Matt. 10: 121-15 Thurs: Matt. 10: 24-31

Friday: Matt. 10: 32-39
Saturday: Matt. 10: 40-42

The Old Testament: *Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18*

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Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests... At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.' Their goods shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them." The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the mighty man cries aloud there. A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring distress on mankind, so that they shall walk like the blind, because they have sinned against the LORD; their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them on the day of the wrath of the LORD. In the fire of his jealousy, all the earth shall be consumed; for a full and sudden end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The Epistle: *1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11*

[St. Paul writes:] Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

The Holy Gospel: *St. Matthew 25: 14-30*

[Jesus says:] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

MARY MARTHA: 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 17: Bible Study -& Assemble Warm Feet for the street socks.

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.**

BAZAAR NOTES: If you have placed an order with us, you will receive either a phone call or an email towards the end of the month to let you know the total cost of your order and when it will be available---**most likely Sat. Nov. 28 or Dec.5.** There is still time to order but please get them in ASAP. If there is something you are wondering about or that you might like that isn't listed on the form, just ask, as it may be available. Things are being made to fill requests that aren't necessarily listed. **Cash donations are also gratefully accepted and are appreciated. As per the note on the Bazaar insert, an envelope with cash or a cheque for Mary Martha may be given directly to Ivy, or put into the offering basket or the one in the Narthex which collects the forms. ****There are also special envelopes in the narthex for making your donations. Thank you again for your support for our Missions.**

CHURCH DECORATING:

The Fellowship and Worship Committees welcome all volunteers who would like to help with decorating the Church to meet

Saturday, November 28th. 4:00 p.m.

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!



NATIVITY DISPLAY

**You are invited to see the treasured
Nativity sets of our church family!**

When: Sunday, November 29

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. 28TH

Last Sunday Attendance: Nov. 8th --					
	<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	1,751.00	158,047.35	(82,669.77)
Missions	20,000.00	384.62	257.00	17,051.55	(640.76)
Property Improvement			77.00	4,637.66	

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 FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT - SUNDAY, Nov. 29: We will have our special **Chrismon Service**. *Please sign your name at back of church if you would like to hang an ornament or tell Louise.*

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.**

Sunday, November 22: The Canadian sermons are available for listening on-line on LLL website (www.ill.ca/radio-tv-and-podcasts)

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHEER



To share the joy of Christmas with those in our community who are less fortunate than we are, the "Outreach Committee" is planning to distribute, complete Christmas turkey dinner packages. We are asking for confidential referrals from our members. Last year we helped 25 families by making up 25 baskets.

We need your help by:

- Providing us with confidential referrals which can be placed into a box located in our church narthex
- Donating the funds required for the purchase of perishable and non-perishable food items which will be purchased just before the packages are distributed
- Letting the Outreach Committee,
Judy Mason—905-641-7546
Howard Bogusat—905-468-3566
know if you would be willing to help package baskets

- Praying that this project is a success and that those who receive these gifts are touched by the joy and wonder of our Saviour's birth and by His love for each one of us.

*(PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE COLLECTING
"MONETARY DONATIONS"
ONLY FOR THIS PROJECT)*

THANK YOU!

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 (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
are collecting items for the “Warm feet for the Street”
at their Nov. 17th 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.)
 - Band-aids
 - 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