



Prince of Faith LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 19, 2017 Seventh Sunday After Epiphany



In today's first reading we hear, "You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy." Yet we know we cannot achieve perfection. Our attempts to love neighbors and even our enemies fall short of what God desires for us. Yet in Jesus we see one who loved even those who persecuted and killed him. We are made holy in baptism, and forgiven at the table of God's mercy. As a people made holy by God, we go in peace to love as we have been loved.

Please pray for the Call Committee as they meet and deliberate over the next months. Please pray for openness to hear God's calling, patience to listen for Him in the conversations of our congregation, wisdom to discern His will, and courage to follow His lead as we move forwards.

Our Readings Today...



1st Reading
Leviticus 19: 1-2, 9-18

Gospel
Matthew 5:38-48

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Assisting with today's worship service:

Worship	<i>Rev. Clara King</i>
Music	<i>Pat Neiderlag</i>
Usher	<i>Jan Engel</i>
Lector	<i>Kersti Meipoom-Jones</i>
Communion	<i>Diane Drescher</i>
	<i>Gerry Milan</i>
Prayers	<i>Thank-you</i>
Altar Guild	<i>Renita Racicot</i>
Counters	<i>Gerry Milan</i>
	<i>Jan Engel</i>

We Remember in our Prayers

For healing: *Sophie Boghean, Gary Archibald, LeeAnne Cayen, Harvey Nelson, Muriel Mocke, Rene Boghean, Rob Fehr, Irene Hohm, Leah Duncan, Ed Henning, Mark Bowden, James Bowden, Kayden, Len Thistlethwaite, Ron Wenzel, Richard Oliver, Kathy Moyer, Margaret, and Stafford Lee*

For the family of God at Prince of Faith:

- + Gary & Liz Archibald
- + Ron & Faith Boghean

For the wider Church:

- for Bishop Michael Pryse, Bishop of the Eastern Synod, and for the Eastern Synod staff
- for rostered members and people of the Eastern Synod
- for Rev. Trish Schermund, Dean of the Northern Conference and the rostered leaders and people of the Northern Conference
- for our Lutheran Campus Ministries in Canada and especially for Rev. Richard Reimer, Chaplain of Lutheran Campus Ministry, University of Alberta
- for those who serve as interim ministers, and for parishes who await pastoral leadership
- for Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran, Calgary and St. John Lutheran, Calgary
- for Candidate for Ordination Colin Millang, interning at Redeemer Lutheran, Hanna
- for the rostered members and people of the Lutheran Church of Estonia
- for the Lutheran World Federation, its President, General Secretary and staff
- for the Most Rev. Fred Hiltz, Primate of the Anglican Church in Canada
- for the Right Rev. Mark MacDonald, National Indigenous Bishop of the Anglican Church in Canada for the World Council of Churches, its President, General Secretary and staff
- The dean, council, and congregations of the Grand River and Thames Areas of the Eastern Synod

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offering report for February 12, 2017

General Offering	\$ 2514.33
Direct Deposits (dd)	<u>\$ 820.00</u>
Total General	\$ 3,334.33

Teen Challenge	\$ 40.00
Mortgage	\$ 30.00
Mortgage (dd)	\$ 25.00
CLWR (dd)	<u>\$ 20.00</u>
Total	\$ 3,454.33

To meet the budget, total general offerings need to average \$2,278 per week.

In January our income exceeded expenses by \$6,654.26.

An option is available for pre-authorized offerings through automatic monthly debit from your bank account. If you wish to sign up for this program or, if you are already on the program and want to change your monthly contribution, forms are available in the narthex or the office.

- Reverend Helen Belcher will be joining us as our permanent Interim Pastor starting on February 26th. We thank Reverend Clara so much for guiding us to now and look forward with joyful anticipation of the next phase of our journey!
- Pastor Howard Mastin is now available for any Pastoral care needs. Please email him at therevh@hotmail.com or contact him by phone at (587) 999-1118
- Check the bulletin boards in the Narthex for updated and new events taking place in our worship community and the outside community.

OUR JOURNEY THROUGH LENT TOWARDS EASTER

Shared with St. George's Anglican Congregation.

- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper - Tuesday February 28, 6:00 pm. Sign up sheet in the Narthex for food and volunteers.
- Ash Wednesday service, Wednesday March 1, 7:00 pm.
- Lenten Series, Wednesday evenings March 8 - April 5, starting with Soup Supper at 6:00 pm in the lower hall (sign up sheet in the Narthex) with the study beginning at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Based on You Are What You Love, by James K. A. Smith.
- Palm Sunday - April 9, 10:00 am.
- Maundy Thursday - April 13, 7:00 pm.
- Good Friday - April 14, 11:00 am.
- Easter Sunday - April 16, potluck breakfast at 8:30 am, service at 10:00 am: the Celebration of the Resurrection!

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK:

Sun	9:00 am	St George's Anglican
	10:15 am	POF Sunday School
	10:45 am	Prince of Faith Lutheran
	2:00 pm	Iglesia Vida Nueva
Mon	9:30 am	Coffee and Care Group
	8:00 pm	AA
Tue	7:00 pm	IVN - music practice
Wed	9:00 am	Primal Time
Thur		
Fri	6:00 pm	Iglesia Vida Nueva
Sat	9:30 am	ICV Fellowship (Spanish)
Sun	9:00 am	St George's Anglican
	10:15 am	Sunday School
	10:45 am	Prince of Faith Lutheran
	2:00 pm	Iglesia Vida Nueva

Sermon Notes:



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – 2017

An invitation to World Day of Prayer 2017

“Am I Being Unfair to You?” (by the World Day of Prayer Committee of The Philippines)

Before the World Wide Web there was the World Day of Prayer, an international event that has been connecting people in a meaningful way for nearly a century. Despite being planned years in advance, World Day of Prayer services have a remarkable record for anticipating major events, like the refuge crises (France 2013), the Arab Spring (Egypt 2014) and the winding down of the US embargo against Cuba (Cuba 2016).

The secret to this depth and insight is the women who plan and write each WDP service. Too often, women have the most intimate experiences of armed conflict, violence, social injustice and human rights violations. What might Canadians learn from women of the Philippines, a country on the front lines of climate change, foreign mining and resources interests, a regional insurgency and social upheaval due to migration, who wrote the World Day of Prayer 2017? How will we answer the question, “Am I being unfair to you?”

On March 3, 2017 Christians in more than 170 countries and in 2,000 communities across Canada will gather to learn about, pray and celebrate in solidarity with the women of The Philippines through the World Day of Prayer. Please join us and invite your friends and family to attend one of the following services in the Calgary area.

Lutheran Church of the Cross, 10620 Elbow Dr. SW
Fri, March 3 @ 1:00 pm

In Canada the World Day of Prayer is coordinated by the Women’s Inter-Church Counsel of Canada. To learn more about WICC please visit www.wicc.org

Pander Anew
what the Almighty can do

Join Bishop Larry for dinner.
Listen to stories of God's work in
and around the Synod.

Save the Date!

May 28 - Brooks	June 24 - Calgary
June 10 - Red Deer	June 25 - Camrose
June 11 - Edmonton	

Venues TBA

There will be no cost to attend. Watch for more information on the Synod website and in Wednesday's Word.

Community Outreach Ministry sponsored by Prince of Faith

Free clothing give-away and free soup/bun lunch at Prince of Faith on Saturday April 8, 2017 from 1100-3:00 p.m.

You can contribute by donating adult and children’s gently used, in reasonable shape [Not needing repair] clothes. This can include coats and shoes, purses and jewelry. Please canvas your friends/family for clothes. It's also a tremendous help if you're able to label the bags you bring identifying male/female; adult/child; and size.

If you have questions or know of places you can place a poster advertising the event please contact Sonja Morrison - nepal2008@live.ca

JOIN US ON MAY 6, 2017 FOR OUR “20TH ANNUAL WALK/RUN FOR LOVE”

Thank you to all walkers and donors for your unfailing generosity towards Lutheran Hospital Ministries – Southern Alberta in the past walks. We are again asking for your support. Our annual fundraiser, a Walk/Run for Love, will take place on May 6, 2017. We will meet at Faith Lutheran Church and walk or run a 5 km course through Confederation Park.

If you love to walk or run, come and join us. We meet at Faith Lutheran Church, 1903 – 19 Ave NW at 8:30 am. The Walk begins at 9:30. This once-a-year fundraiser supports the Ministry in our training program for volunteer visitors, who visit patients in hospitals and care facilities. If you cannot walk or run, consider being a “virtual walker” by collecting pledges.

Our goal this year is to raise \$22,500. Faith Life Financial is a sponsor and will match donations up to \$300. Please contact your Church office for more information about the grant.

For more information about the Walk please contact us at (403) 264-4045 or lhmsac@gmail.com. Thank you for your faithful support

LOGOS RETREATS
MAR 17-19 + SEP 29 - OCT 1

BY and FOR youth
 age 14 to young adult

I belong at camp.
WWW.KURIAKOS.AB.CA

Introduction to the Hebrew Language

Thursday Nights - 7 to 9 pm for 10 weeks
March 2nd until May 18th (two week break in April)

Taught by Hebrew teacher Orly Shalev, it is designed for Adults to learn and experience some of the richness of the Hebrew language.

Cost: \$100 for the 10 weeks

RSVP to office@oursaviourchurch.ca or 403-253-1453 by February 27th
Lutheran Church of Our Saviour—8831 Fairmount Drive SE, Calgary

Who to call?

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About the Call Committee? Dorrit Hoff (403) 275-6846 dorrit@shaw.ca

Council Meets on the third Thursday of each month. All are welcome to sit in with us, our meetings begin at 7pm and we try and end by 8:30pm.

If you did not receive this bulletin via email please be sure to drop a note to office@princeoffaith.ca and will add you to the list! Do you know a member that we can add to the mailing list? Please let us know.

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500TH COMMEMORATION OF THE REFORMATION

Everyone is invited to attend the following events taking place in 2017

LIBERATED BY GOD'S GRACE

HYMN FESTS
 Hosted by the Synod of Alberta and the Territories Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

Friday, March 17, 2017
 7:00 pm at Hope Lutheran Church, Calgary
 3527 Boulton Road NW

Saturday, March 18, 2017
 4:00 pm at Hosanna Lutheran Church, Edmonton
 9009 163 Street NW

COMMON PRAYER
 A Reformation Commemoration service prepared by the Roman Catholic Church and the Lutheran World Federation

Sunday, October 29, 2017
 Calgary
 with Bishop Larry Kochendorfer
 (details to follow)

Monday, October 30, 2017
 All Saints Anglican Cathedral, Edmonton
 with Archbishop Richard Smith
 and Bishop Larry Kochendorfer