

# CALGARY CHURCH OF CHRIST

## FALL NEWSLETTER 2017



## P R A Y E R

### *Satisfying Every Hunger*

Over the last few years our church has been using our times together on Sunday mornings and our Life Groups to focus on some of the most important ideas in Christianity. One year, we spent the entire time from September into June focussing on the Holy Spirit. At different points we have spent months focussing on the Kingdom of God, on discipleship, on reaching into the world with the gospel, and on what it means to be the church, especially with respect to our mission.

We begin this fall with a focus on prayer and personal spirituality. I cannot think of a theme that has more potential greatly to impact our church than such a focus. When Rick Atchley talks about why The Hills Church has for several years been baptizing 300-400 people a year, he attributes their evangelistic impact to prayer. When Jim Cymbala talks about the growth of the Brooklyn Tabernacle from a handful to thousands, he credits their growth to prayer. When I speak to Christians who have overcome great tragedy and pain, often they speak of their reliance, and the reliance of others who prayed for them, on prayer. It would seem there is no limit to what God might do when His people pray. So, I am excited about the attention we will be giving to prayer.

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by Kelly Carter

In light of this turning of our thoughts to prayer, it seems to me that there are some ways in which we might prepare ourselves to grow with respect to our prayer lives. For example:

- 1) Each of us would do well carefully to evaluate our prayer practices. How often, when, and about what do you pray? How would you describe your "prayer attitude"?
- 2) All of us need to reflect on our level of faith. Do you really believe that God hears you when you pray? Do you believe that He will answer in a way that is best, in line with His will?
- 3) Since our prayer lives are grounded in our relationships with God and can so significantly impact our relationships with God, it is important to think of our prayers in the context of the entirety of our spiritual walks. How does your prayer life reflect the state of your relationship with God? Are you growing, and is your prayer life keeping up?
- 4) Do you make use of the prayer resources offered to you by the church? Do you check our Prayer and Praise link that comes in the weekly newsletter or in the bulletin, praying through the list and contacting those on it with words of encouragement?

## WORSHIP by Jonathan Straker

I have to say, this has been a pretty incredible adventure so far for me, and I only have hopeful expectations for what's to come. We have a pretty unique situation in in our church with our demographic diversity and multiple worship services.

On the one hand we are blessed with a rich a cappella heritage. I have heard prominent thinkers from outside Churches of Christ comment on what a gift our a cappella singing is. If there was ever a time the world needed to learn some harmony, it is now! My prayer is that we can recognize the blessing and beauty of this gift and cultivate it for future generations as well. To do this, all of us need to work together. When we worship let's give our best and our all--for God, for each other, the community, and the next generation.

I'm also excited about our instrumental service. In 2017 we have expanded our potential considerably with some upgraded sound equipment and a full band complement (I'm still looking for that cellist, though!).

In all of this I am blessed to get to work with some amazing people. I have enjoyed getting to know every single person who serves in the worship and audio visual teams.

At the end of the day, however, this isn't about diversity, heritage, equipment or worship styles. Worship is about God's glory, our transformation and mutual upbuilding, and our role as Christ's Body in a hurting world. "Sing to the Lord, for He is good! His love endures forever!"

### DEVELOP YOUR FAITH

In this season of prayer, we wanted to give you as many helpful encouragements as we could to have an active, fulfilling prayer life. There is a sign-up sheet on our webpage so you can let the office know if you would like any of the following:

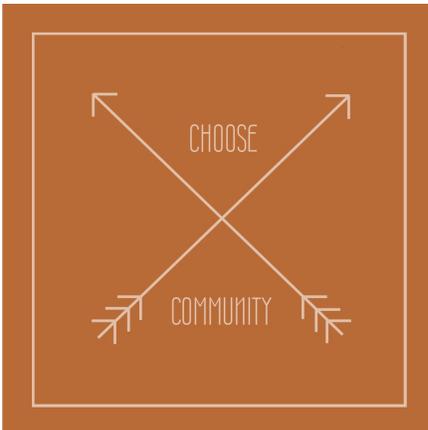
1. **Prayer Card Rings** - encouragement and tips to pray in different ways
2. **Prayer Jars** - *A prayer jar is a simple object that can serve as a daily reminder to pray. It can be filled with special prayer requests and can be used by an individual, or filled with an entire family's prayers. They are very useful in teaching children to pray and in creating a daily prayer time for families.*
3. **Weekly Prayer Encouragement** - Sign up for an email that will encourage you weekly in your prayer life.
4. **Prayer Garden** - be encouraged and encourage others with your praise and requests of prayer at the back of our auditorium. Our garden will be growing for the next few months.

# CHOOSE COMMUNITY

## WELCOME LUNCHES

*Every other month on Sundays after 2nd service.*

We would love to get you connected to our church community in a way that fits you best. Every other month we plan to have a Welcome Lunch to get to know new people, answer their questions and discover their passions and gifts and how they can use those to serve God's Kingdom and grow in their faith. Watch the bulletin for future dates and sign up anytime at [www.calgarycofc.com/onlinesignups](http://www.calgarycofc.com/onlinesignups).



## LIFE GROUPS *by Michael Coghlin*

Regular Life Group gatherings kick off again this year starting the week of September 10.

Our groups meet all over the city, at many different times, and with all kinds of people. There's sure to be one where you'll find other followers of Jesus with whom to share life and grow in faithfulness. Our group discussions typically follow our sermon series. This Fall our focus will be on prayer and spirituality, through which we'll consider what it means for a disciple of Jesus to be a spiritual person.

I invite you to join a Life Group this year. Ideally you could connect with a Life Group Leader on September 10, but please know at anytime you would be warmly welcomed into a group. Talk to

one of our ministry staff, elders, or Life Group Leaders and we'll help you get connected.

## SPANISH GROUP *by Claudia Borda*

The Spanish Ministry desires to create a community of support while encouraging inclusiveness and unity in Christ (Colossians 3:11-12). This ministry welcomes everyone: Spanish speakers, people who are learning Spanish or anyone who would like to learn or experience Spanish culture. This ministry's goals are:

- To reach out to people in need, especially those who may feel isolated due to language or cultural barriers
- To foster spiritual friendships and connections that will bring growth and unity to the body of Christ

We meet the last Sunday of every month for a pot-luck lunch after the last service. Other times for prayer and bible study are being looked into and we hope to encourage everyone to grow and stretch spiritually.

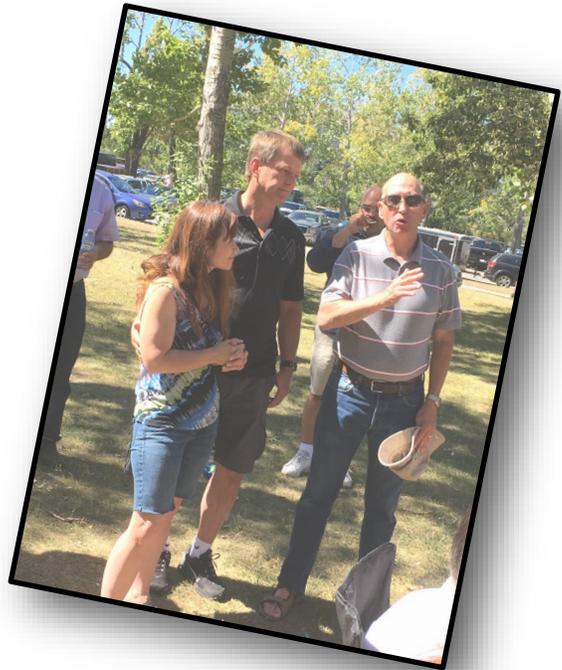
## YOUR NEXT STEPS

- ✓ Note the community (connection) events that are advertised each week and be a part of them.
- ✓ Join a Life Group!

## ANNUAL PICNIC

*Pearce Estates Park, 2018 date TBA*

In late August we enjoyed a time of fellowship and celebration together at one of our favorite locations, Pearce Estates Park. Not only is it easy to access, but there is lots of shade to protect us from whatever weather is sent our way. This year we celebrated Barb and Gary Zorn's 50th Wedding Anniversary, but we also said goodbye to Kwasi and Comfort Nimoh, who went back to Africa after 6 months with us, and Mike and Michelle Muirhead, who have worshipped and served with us for 30+ years. Although bittersweet, we rejoice in having the community that we do, filled with people we love so dearly.



## PICKLE BALL

*Led by Terry and Muriel Harkness*

Pickleball is a racquet sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis. Two, three, or four players use solid paddles made of wood or composite materials to hit a perforated polymer ball, similar to a wiffle ball, over a net.

We have been blessed with passionate pickle ball players who are eager to share their love of the game with others. Watch for upcoming dates and join the team that has so much fun together!



# FAMILY CAMP

by Mark Lewis

Mid-August

Each year, for one weekend in the middle of August, our church books a group campground (typically in Kananaskis). This is a great weekend to relax with other people that attend our church and/or their friends, to get to know one another, to worship God by sitting around the campfire and enjoying His beautiful creation. If you'd prefer not to camp you can drive out for the day on Saturday and still have a wonderful time

in nature. Traditionally there is very little structure - we often have an optional pancake breakfast on Saturday morning, a potluck supper, a brief church service on Sunday morning and often an optional activity for families on Saturday afternoon. If you've never been - try it next year - either for the weekend or just for the day.

*This year we enjoyed an amazingly thought out skills competition and the release of water from the dam.*

*It was a great camp!*

*Thanks for your work Mark!*



Bubble gum blowing competition



# FISHING DAYS

*Ice Fishing in February, Lake Fishing in July*

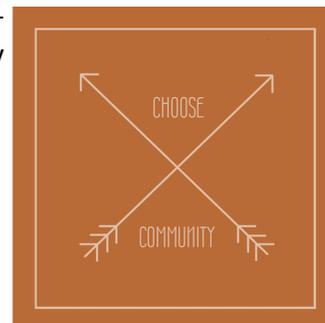
From boating on the waters of Crawling Valley and sunning yourself on the campground beach, you can come and enjoy a day on frozen Burntstick Lake, where the fish are plentiful even if they are teeny tiny.

There is always a plethora of food at both events and in the winter hot chocolate to keep you warm. PLUS, the Alberta government lets you fish without a licence on these two weekends. We have a lot of fun, sharing our food and laughter and photos as we visit and play and fish on the water and ice.

Ice fishing is definitely about the visiting and fellowship. July lake fishing is all about the fishing! Many good size fish are caught in July (compared to the teeny perch in February). Take your pick of which event you want to experience. Or be really adventurous and try both!

You are not likely to be disappointed.

**Event Signups are always found at [www.calgarycofc.com/onlinesignups](http://www.calgarycofc.com/onlinesignups).**



# DEVELOP YOUR FAITH

## LADIES BIBLE STUDY *by Marlene*

*Thursdays, 9:30 a.m., starting mid September*

This year in our memorizing we learned John 14:6 where Jesus tells us He is the way to the Father. But the next verse caught my eye – He says “If you had REALLY known me, you would know His Father. What better way to 'really' know Jesus than through his closest follower, John. In class this fall we will get to know John and through him Christ. Then with a video series by Kelly Minter in 'What is Love' we will study John's three letters to learn what he thought was most important in how to live because we do know Jesus.

We meet on Thursday mornings in the Fireside Room at 9:3. we welcome those who have been attending but also anyone who would like to study God's Word with a group of women.

## SUNDAY MORNING

### YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

*10:10 a.m., starting September 24th, 2016*

Darcy Pawlak will continue his Young Adult class on topics that are pertinent to the Young Adults and help to shape their biblical worldview. Classes will be weekly in the Fireside Room, and everyone is welcome to attend and join the conversation.

## SUNDAY MORNING

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

*10:10 a.m., starting September 17th, 2017  
In the Auditorium*

#### Class Title: Our Core Values

In addition to our Mission and Vision Statements, our church over a decade ago established other directional statements which identify and influence our church's life and ministry. One of these is our Core Values statement, consisting of nine Core Values central to our lives in Christ.

Over 12 weeks this fall, Kelly Carter and Kevin Clark will in the Auditorium Class teach on our Core Values, speaking to both the biblical foundations and the practical impact of each Core Value. This study will take us right to the heart of what it means to be Christian. We encourage you to join us!

## YOUR NEXT STEP

✓ Make Bible study a priority this year.

## YOUTH ASSEMBLY *by Dustin Lammiman*

Youth Worship is held most Sundays during the second service from September to July and is for ages 4 to grade 4. The program includes Bible lessons, crafts, and memory verse activities. The children also learn to share God's love through singing, rhythm and the use of various basic instruments. We spend several weeks before Christmas and at the end of the school year preparing musical presentation for the congregation. We also focus on learning the books of the bible through the '66 Club.' Children can become a member by reciting all 66 books on their own, and they then receive a bible, Tim Horton's gift card, and public recognition during the Sunday morning service. If you would like to assist in this ministry or have talent and passion for teaching, drama, crafts, or other creative ways to teach God's word to children, please contact Jodie Rubel or Dustin Lammiman.

## MEMORY VERSE

### CHALLENGE *by Kerri Nickel*

The Memory Verse Club was started last year and is returning to finish the remaining 20 verses as outlined in “The Joshua Code” and “I Can Learn The Bible”. For the 2017-2018 year, we will start memorizing verses on September 10<sup>th</sup> and go until March 4<sup>th</sup>, with check-in times available on all non-holiday Sunday mornings. Each week, we will have one focus verse to memorize. For those who want to go a little more in-depth, there are adult and family devotional books available (“The Joshua Code” and “I Can Learn the Bible”) which participants can read at home during the week to help them think about the verse and memorize it. Volunteers will be available 10 minutes before and after both the first and second service times for participants to say their verses. One of the great parts of this program is that we will be buying a bible for someone in Canada or around the world for every single verse that is said. Participants will be personally encouraged by memorizing scripture but will also be providing bibles to many others in Canada and around the world! The Memory Verse Club is for kids and adults alike, and you can still participate even if you are not following along in the devotional books.

The Memory Verse Club needs you to participate! Pick up an information handout from the Connection Centre and check the bulletin each week for reminders about the weekly memory verse. If you have any questions, send an email to [kerbear\\_cares@hotmail.com](mailto:kerbear_cares@hotmail.com). Also, we are eagerly looking for volunteers for the check-in times. If we can find 10 volunteers for each service, you only will have to serve at check-in for two times during the year. Please contact Kerri Nickel if you would be interested in serving in this way or sign up at the check-in table.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

*10:10 a.m., starting September 17*

Every Sunday morning, except on long weekends, there are Sunday school classes from 10:10 to 10:50, for all children aged 0 to grade 6. This is a great time for children to learn from God's Word, memorize Scripture and make new friends or strengthen existing friendships.

## YOUNG ADULTS *by Dustin*

Our young adult life group meets on Monday evenings from 7-9pm at various homes throughout the city. Contact Dustin Lammiman for more information.

## Spring Retreat – March

Every spring our young adults head out to the mountains for a weekend of relaxation, fellowship, and spiritual growth.

## Deeper Life Camp at Pine Lake Christian Camp – August

This camp is specifically designed for young adults to go deeper in their relationship with God. The weekend includes fellowship with other Christian young adults from around Western Canada, worship, speakers, and engaging activities.



## BROWN BAG LUNCHES

Each week throughout the school year we prepare lunches for hungry kids in Calgary. BB4CK is currently feeding 3200 students across Calgary.

We currently assist with Rundle Elementary (5 lunches a day) and Discovery School (15 lunches a day). We are given gift cards, through corporate donations, that we use to purchase supplies, and we rely on volunteers to make the lunches. We could always use more people on this team and hope that you will consider joining us in this initiative. Thank you to Jill Pawlak who is doing the shopping each week and to all the volunteers who take time out of their schedules to help out.

## CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

*December 17th*

For the last four years, we have made Christmas Hampers for people recommended to us in our neighbourhood. We post in November items that people are able to purchase for particular families. These will be brought to the building by December 17th when we have a wrapping and organizing party. These gifts are delivered the week before Christmas, and the families that God has provided for us to serve are always overwhelmingly grateful. We are undetermined as to what this will exactly look like this year, but two things you can do are: (1) pray for God to reveal families in need to us.; (2) ask your dentist for a donation of toothbrushes at your next visit. This is a great expense, which we can possibly alleviate with donations from local businesses. Watch for more details in November.

## CLOTHING GIVEAWAY

*October 21 and April, 9:00 a.m.*

For over 25 years we have hosted a Clothing Giveaway. Members are encouraged to donate any good, unused clothing, and volunteers sort out tables and tables of clothes that are given away on a Saturday morning. Setup begins on Thursday evening with a potluck, and it is a fun, energetic time of laughter and fellowship. The fun continues on Friday with more setup and organizing, and, then, we open our doors on Saturday morning to a flood of people coming to get some much needed clothing. Cleanup is usually done by 11:00 a.m. on Saturday with very little being taken away at the end.

## FEEDING THE HUNGRY

*Isaiah 58:6-7*

We began a ministry in February 2016 of connecting with the people that come to our door for food, particularly those that are homeless. It has been wonderful to see our congregation embrace this ministry and provide meals and friendship to the people who come through our doors. The men and women we serve are so appreciative and look forward to the fellowship each week. *Please pray that we will have the words of encouragement they need and that we can show God's love and transforming power.*

We have an ongoing sign up sheet available at [www.calgarycofc.com/onlinesignups](http://www.calgarycofc.com/onlinesignups).

### YOUR NEXT STEPS

- ✓ Pray.
- ✓ Ask your dentist for toothbrushes.
- ✓ Set aside clothes for giveaway
- ✓ Speak to Hope Pawlak about how to get involved in any one of these ministries or many more!

*hope@calgarycofc.com*

## IGNITE FUNDRAISERS

To prepare for their trip to Estonia, our teens spend three years raising funds. Two significant ways that they do this are:

**Fireside Café** – Almost every Sunday you will find teens and their families at the Fireside Café serving you coffee and tea and goodies that they donated. All the proceeds of this café go towards their Overseas Mission Trip. Come and purchase a coffee for you or a newcomer today, and help support our teens!

**Garage Sale** – The teens host a garage sale every June. Church members donate items they are no longer using and our gym is FILLED with many, many items, which are sold for a very reasonable price. Thank you to our church family for being so supportive of our teens over the years. We often raise \$2500 a year from the garage sale.

## STAMPEDE BREAKFAST

*First Sunday of Stampede, 8:30 a.m.*

It may feel a little silly to don a cowboy hat and boots, but it is so much fun! Thanks to Ed and Karina for organizing a great time of fellowship and yummy pancakes. It takes a great team of volunteers to pull off this event, and we appreciate the efforts of each one. The last two years we have really focused on making this a fellowship event and enjoying being together. Make sure that you join the next one and bring a friend, as it is a great opportunity to introduce people to community.

## Sunday School Ministry

*By Robin Carter*

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### TEACHERS AND HELPERS NEEDED:

Right now, we are in need of a teacher for the 4-5 year olds for January through June. We would like this teaching slot to be two terms for two people to teach for three months each. Brenda has been teaching for over 20 years and is ready to step down and let someone else enjoy this great opportunity to teach. Over the course of several years, Brenda has developed a curriculum that anyone can step into and teach from with not a lot of preparation. This is currently the case with all the classes.

### YOUR NEXT STEPS

- ✓ Pray.
- ✓ Listen to God's prompting.
- ✓ Speak to Linda Aasen or Robin Carter soon.
- ✓ Make Sunday School a priority for your children.

If you are thinking that you might like to try teaching, please talk to Linda or Robin as they are anxious to hear from you. They will do all they possibly can to help make your teaching/helping experience be rewarding.

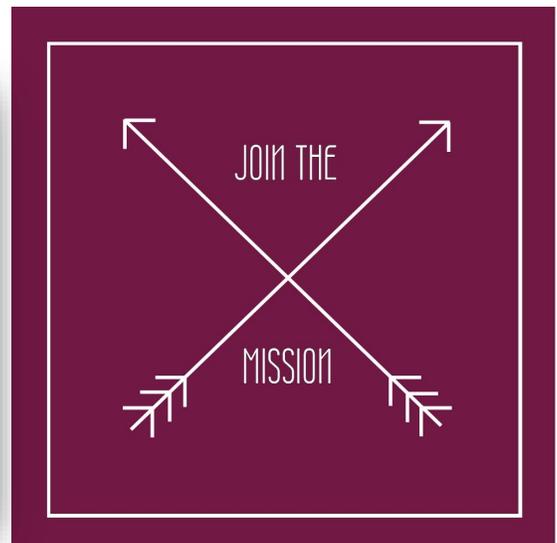
# Vacation Bible School

by Kerri Nickel

Every summer, typically during the last full week in July, our church family runs a VBS (Vacation Bible School) for community children and children who attend Calgary Church of Christ – about 100 children in total, with ages ranging from Kindergarten to Grade 8. It is quite an undertaking, with our building skilfully decorated to host a musical and dramatic opening and closing every day, along with crews who rotate between craft, games and science stations. We also feed the children a healthy and fun snack every day. There are about 55 volunteers needed to run this event every summer, not including extra people who stay the Sunday before to help with set-up and decorating, and those who put on a celebration meal when VBS is done.

This is an incredible opportunity for us every year as a church family to focus on the process of discipleship – to share and connect with the children who come to VBS, and to equip teens and adults to minister/serve, and to learn how to disciple others around them.

Please consider being a part of VBS this coming year; there are many, many jobs to be done and we would love to find you a place to serve and grow! Watch for announcements in the bulletin and church emails once planning gets underway early in January 2018. You can also give your contact information to Kerri Nickel or Hope Pawlak so we can be sure to inform you of opportunities as they arise.



# JOIN THE MISSION



## JOIN GOD ON AN ADVENTURE!

Has God been stirring your heart to step out and serve Him in a different culture. Have you felt a desire to experience how He is working in another part of the world?

Lifeline Christian Mission's vision is to 'Spark a life on mission for God. Everyone. Everywhere.' As part of this, we offer short term mission trips to many of our locations including Haiti, Honduras, Arizona, Cuba and others. Our trips are more than a destination or stamp in your passport; it's an opportunity to serve and experience God moving in another language, culture, and people!

This past summer we just took a team of individuals and families from Northern Hills Church, to our location in Grand Goave, Haiti where we participated in building a house for a needy family, served kids in a VBS, distributed food, clothing, shoes and baby bundles to needy people throughout the community. It was an amazing experience and time of growth for our church, and personally for those who went. We are looking to see if anyone from the Calgary Church of Christ would be interested in a trip, or organizing a team, to serve Him and see how He is working in another culture in another part of the world. If you are interested then I would love to hear from you. For more information go to <https://lifeline.org/go> or you can reach me at [Colin.Hattrick@lifelinemission.ca](mailto:Colin.Hattrick@lifelinemission.ca).

And you never know: on this journey, God may ignite a spark in your life to create possibilities to serve Him in unimaginable ways!

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## DREAM AND PRAY

There is no limit to what God can do through us if we let Him. If you have a dream that God has placed on your heart, share it with someone, let the dream grow into a passion and do something about it. Whether is it an adventure at home or one far away, God can use you anywhere to do His work.

We have a few ministries that we are dreaming about. Please pray for these:

- (1) Stronger Community Connections through a Community Day partnered with Marlborough Community Centre.
- (2) Community Kitchen Ministry with immigrant women who want to learn how to make Canadian dishes for their children.

## Greece Mission Trip

By Melissa Adrian

On the morning of August 10<sup>th</sup>, Allen, Megan, David, and I got on a plane headed to Greece! We had been praying for an opportunity to do a family missions trip with our youngest children (Megan is 14 and David is 13) when we received an email invitation to join an international church group who was going to Greece this summer to provide support at a Community Center across the street from one of the two Refugee Camps on the Island of Lesbos. Our mission was to go and help in any way we could and so we went with open hands and hearts to do whatever was needed. Mostly we wanted to take some Christian hope, kindness, and compassion to the weary Refugee families there.

The mission is called “Gateway 2 Life” and they support Refugee families from Syria, Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, and Turkey with resources while they wait to transition to a more permanent location. This Community Center had just opened up the week before we arrived and had already reached out to 200 mothers and children. Daily, invitations are given out to families as they walk by encouraging them to come over to the Community Center. Once they arrive they are warmly greeted, served tea and cookies, and are offered a variety of activities while they wait for their laundry to be washed and dried, in a safe and air conditioned hall. We were there with a small team from New Jersey (please see the photo). Each person offered something special to the efforts there. David was in charge of laundry (he did 27 loads one day!). Allen worked at the back of the building leveling the ground, creating a retaining wall, setting up a fence, and preparing a space for garden boxes. Megan helped in a variety of ways serving refreshments, face painting, nail painting, and bracelet making with the mothers and children. And, I set up a craft table for the children to practice their drawing, tracing, cutting, and creative skills (since they are not in school). My greatest joy was making friends with a young Iranian mother and her 6 month old son whom she allowed me to cuddle each day while she participated in the activities. My greatest purpose was to silently pray over each person as we interacted throughout the day.

We were not allowed to take photos with our new friends, but their beautiful faces will be cherished in my heart forever. The people’s resiliency and courage to

face each day in the Refugee camp, could cause you to forget all that they have been through, but hearing their stories while you visited with them in broken English made their tremendous losses very clear. I was inspired to write a poem called “Home” that tells their story. We went and made a difference for a short while, and I pray that God will continue to watch over and guide the people in their journey to their new home.

*As I sat with the mothers and children in this new place, I could not help feeling that I had been there before. The activities that we were doing with our new refugee friends were like a fusion of many ministries I have participated in before...Moms and Tots, VBS, Sunday School, Camp. I was struck by the fact that we are so blessed at our own neighbourhood church where so many people from so many nations come to our building and allow us to share God’s love with them. It is not necessary to travel to another country to do mission work, it can be accomplished right here at our own church building. Being a “Missionary” is not about your location it is about your heart’s orientation to share God’s love wherever you are with whoever you are with. I pray that God will continue to bring opportunities for us to serve with Him, that we will be willing to do whatever He asks of us, and that He will provide all that is needed.*

## YOUR NEXT STEPS

- ✓ Pray. Listen.
- ✓ Dream. Pray.
- ✓ Act. Share. Inspire.

What is God leading you to do?  
How will you make a difference in His kingdom? At home or away?



## IGNITE

Our Ignite group is for youth in grades 7-12 and meets weekly on Friday evenings at the church building from 7pm-9pm. Most evenings include games, snacks, and biblical teaching through small group discussion. These small groups are a relational environment intentionally designed to disciple our teens. In addition to our weekly gatherings, we also offer a Sunday morning class (at 10:10am), and there are several special events we participate in throughout the year:

**Fall Campout** – September 15-17. Each year we kick things off with a weekend of camping together in the mountains. This is a big weekend for us as it sets the tone for the year and really does a lot to initiate and develop relationships. We are able to establish a focus for the year and get everyone really excited for our weekly gatherings.

**PYPA** – October 13-15. PYPA is a youth conference that takes place every fall, usually at a church in Calgary. The weekend features worship, speakers, and a variety of fun activities. Most of the churches that attend are from the Restoration Movement (Church of Christ/Christian Church) and our youth are able to build relationships with Christians from other congregations throughout the year at this and other events (Pine Lake, PYPA, Emerge, etc).

**Operation Backpack** – Every November our youth donate money and use it to buy supplies to fill backpacks which are given to homeless youth in Calgary.

**Fire & Ice** – Tentative dates: February 9-11, 2018.

Fire & Ice is our annual winter retreat at Pine Lake Christian Camp near Red Deer. It is a great weekend of community building and spiritual growth. Although it's cold, the teens absolutely love it and have a blast taking a bus to camp, having giant campfires, playing games, and playing in the snow. **Emerge – Early March.** Emerge is a youth conference and the open house weekend for Alberta Bible College, which takes place every March in Calgary. It is similar to PYPA.

**Spring Mission Trip** – Every spring we plan to go on a short mission trip (weekend) in Western Canada. This is a great opportunity for our teens to learn about service and to go on a road trip where they can build meaningful relationships with other teens in the church and youth leaders.

**Overseas Mission Trip** – Summer 2020. Every 3 years, our youth are given an opportunity to go on an overseas mission trip. The trip is for those who are in grades 10-12. This means each teen will get the opportunity to go on an overseas mission trip once during their involvement in Ignite. Our last trip took place this past July, when we spent two weeks in Estonia. The first week involved running children and youth programs at a local church. During our second week we partnered with a Young-Friends group to help Estonians improve their English through an English conversation course based on the gospel of Luke. These programs gave the opportunity for our teens to share their faith and to help connect youth to the local church. The teens raised money and trained together for about 7 months prior to going on the trip.

**Pine Lake Christian Camp** – July. Every summer we encourage our teens to attend camp at Pine Lake Christian Camp near Red Deer. Teens from likeminded churches around the province attend this camp. Camp is a great time for building relationships, discipleship, and spiritual growth. It can be truly life changing.

## ESTONIA

From June 30-July 15 a team of 19 youth and youth leaders travelled to Tallinn, Estonia. In partnership with the local Church of Christ we ran City Camp (a sort of VBS) for children and teens during our first week. The following week we were joined with a YoungFriends group from Saskatchewan. Together we helped Estonian youth improve their English language skills by leading them in conversation using a curriculum based on the gospel of Luke. Our time in Estonia was a huge encouragement to the church in Estonia, and also a time of great growth for the teens from Calgary who participated. It was amazing to see them trust in God as they stepped forward to lead in new ways in a new culture and country. A huge thank you to everyone who supported us with their prayers and finances to make this trip possible!



## THANK YOU

for your support and encouragement of our youth and their programs.

Please attend services on October 1 and hear their report of Estonia.

# JOIN THE MISSION

## SUMMARY OF SERVING OPPORTUNITIES & CONTACTS

We would love to have you serve with us and contribute to lightening the load for all. Your service is invaluable and necessary to the expansion of the Kingdom of God. Please give one of us a call today!

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# YEARLY CALENDAR

\*\*Please note that these dates may change over the year and you will need to keep up-to-date with the bulletin for accurate dates.

## SEPTEMBER

- 8 Ignite Starts
- 8 Spark Begins, 7-9 p.m.
- 10 Fall Launch—Two Services Begin
- 15-17 Teen Retreat
- 22 Ladies Class Begins on Thursdays
- 24 Spanish Potluck, 12:30 p.m.

## OCTOBER

- 8 Thanksgiving, No Classes, Muffin Time
- 13-15 PYPA
- 21 **Clothing Exchange**

## NOVEMBER

- TBA SPARK, Operation Shoebox
- 19 Posting of Christmas Hamper Items
- 19 International Potluck

## DECEMBER

- 10 Last Day of Bible Classes
- 10 Jay Don Presents Ukraine Missions
- 17 Christmas Hamper Wrapping / Party
- 24 Christmas Eve Service—morning only
- 31 New Year's Eve service

## JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day
- 7 Bible Classes Resume
- 22 Annual General Meeting , 10:10 a.m.

## FEBRUARY

- 9-11 Fire & Ice
- 17 Free Ice Fishing Day
- 18 No Sunday School Classes, Brunch

## MARCH

- TBA Emerge
- 23-25 Young Adult Retreat

## APRIL

- 1 Easter Sunday—Muffin Time
- TBA Clothing Exchange

## MAY

- TBA Teen Spring Mission Trip
- 13 Mother's Day
- 20 No Sunday School Classes (May Long)

## JUNE

- TBA Women's Retreat
- 2 Garage Sale
- 9 Community Day
- 10 Grad Banquet
- TBA Church Picnic
- 17 Father's Day
- 17 Showcase Sunday
- 24 One Service Begins

## JULY

- 7 Free Fishing Day
- 8 Stampede Breakfast
- All Pine Lake Camps

***Event Signups are always found at [www.calgarycofc.com/onlinesignups](http://www.calgarycofc.com/onlinesignups). Watch for new ones often!***

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## PANTRY GROCERY LIST

We would love to have your continued help in keeping our pantry stocked. So many people need our help and this is an easy way to help out! When you are shopping, please buy any of the following:

Cereal, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Oats, Peanut Butter  
Mac & Cheese, Canned Ham, Canned Beans, Tuna Mayo, Canned Veggies, Rice, Canned Mushrooms, Canned Potatoes, Canned Tomatoes, Pasta Sauce, Pasta of any kind, Cake Mix, Jello or Pudding, Soup  
Canned Fruit, Soup Crackers, Ichiban Noodles, Granola Bars, Cup of Soup, Tuna Snacks, Canned Weiners, Ravioli, Small Bags of Chips  
Toothpaste, Hand Soap, Toilet Paper

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**Jonathan Straker**  
*Associate Minister*

**Dustin Lammiman**  
*Youth & Young Adult Minister*

**Hope Pawlak**  
*Admin Assistant*

## SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

First Service (Instrumental) - 8:50 a.m. Bible Classes. - 10:10 a.m. Second Service (A cappella) - 11:10 a.m.