

### St. Paul's Chilliwack Flood Relief Update

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Chilliwack, British Columbia identified a group of migrant workers from Central America and the Philippines who fell through the cracks of relief organizations helping in the area. The congregation decided to provide grocery store gift cards to these workers and their families. Lutheran Laymen's League of Canada generously provided Spanish and Tagalog language resources to accompany the gift cards. The estimated cost of the flood relief program is \$3,000. Congregational members and individuals across LCC have thus far provided \$2,000 to the flood relief program. Thanks be to God for all those who have lifted prayers, phoned or wrote letters of support and encouragement, and provided so generously to help provide relief. It is all greatly appreciated and timely. Donations can still be sent directly to St. Paul's Lutheran Church until the flood relief funding goal is reached.

### New Pastor Coming to the Niagara Circuit

Rev. Saulo Bledoff of Brazil has accepted the call to serve St. John's Lutheran Church in Snyder. Let us join them in giving thanks to God for giving the gift of a pastor and pray that Pastor Bledoff's immigration to Canada goes smoothly.



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Join us at Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary  
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Parking is available at the side door, in the new spaces along the front of the seminary building, and in Zone 1 on the other side of the traffic circle.

**December 12, 2021**



*Behold, I send My messenger before Your face,  
who will prepare Your way before You. Matthew 11:10b*

**Sunday School and Bible Class, 10:00 a.m.**

**Sunday Divine Service, 11:00 a.m.**

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LUTHERAN CHURCH – CANADA

### ***Welcome guests and visitors.***

We are glad to have you with us. For the Time of Christmas (Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany) we will follow the order of Divine Service Setting Three, beginning on page 184 of *Lutheran Service Book*. During Advent the “Gloria in Excelsis” is omitted and we pray the Advent Litany for the Prayer of the Church. The bulletin insert will guide you through the service and provide you with the parts that are proper for this **Third Sunday in Advent**.

### ***We receive the Lord's Supper every Sunday.***

In joyful obedience to the teaching of Scripture, the congregations of Lutheran Church-Canada practice closed communion. We would like you to commune with us, but because of the different teachings between Christian churches we want you to know what we believe and confess before showing your agreement as you join us in this communion meal. Guests who desire to commune with us are thus asked to speak with the pastor to arrange for a time of instruction before giving their public confirmation of what we believe and confess. Everyone who communes should fill out a communion card and leave it in the offering plate.

### **Winter Reminders**

When the wet weather is upon us, it is a good idea to bring a change of footwear in order to preserve the hardwood floor of the chapel from deterioration due to salt and water staining.

Please continue to tidy up after the service, taking bulletins and papers with you and returning the kneeling cushions to the back of the chapel.

### **This Week:**

Today Sunday School and Bible Class, 10:00am  
Divine Service, 11:00am is also streamed live to our Facebook page  
Mon Choir Rehearsal, 7pm  
Tues Niagara Circuit Pastors' Conference at the seminary  
Wed Advent Evening Prayer, 7pm  
Catechism Class  
Thurs Private Confession and Absolution, 4-5pm

**Next Sunday:** The Fourth Sunday in Advent  
Sunday School and Bible Class at 10:00am  
Divine Service at 11:00am

### **Coming Events**

Dec 01, 08, 15 Advent Evening Prayer, 7pm  
Dec 24 Christmas Eve Divine Service, 7pm  
Dec 25 Christmas Day Divine Service, 10am  
Dec 27-Jan 02 Pastor Lantz on vacation  
Dec 31 New Year's Eve Divine Service at Grace St. Catharines, 7pm  
Jan 06 Epiphany Divine Service, 7pm

### **The Gift of Justification... Advent Evening Prayer, Wednesdays 7pm**

*“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus”* (Romans 3:23-24). As we prepare for the coming of the Christ, we turn our hearts to consider the gift of God in giving His Son to reconcile us to Himself.

### **Private Confession and Absolution**

As we prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord Jesus this Advent Season, you can take advantage of designated hours for Private Confession and Absolution in the chapel on Thursdays from 4-5pm. You can also contact the pastor to schedule an alternate time.

### **Daily Advent Devotional Booklet**

Lutheran Hour Ministries in Canada has supplied us with several copies of their Daily Advent Devotional “Child of Promise.” You can pick one up at our services or call the church to arrange for one to be dropped off at your home.

### **Choir for Christmas**

There is quite a bit of interest in a Christmas Choir this year. We will sing for our Candlelight Christmas Eve service. We will rehearse on three Mondays, 6, 13, 20 December, meeting at 7pm, well distanced in the seminary chapel for 45 minutes. At the service we will sing from our seats instead of gathering in one spot. If you are interested in lifting up your voice to sing with us, please talk with Dr. Tom Winger.

### **Handyman Wanted**

The seminary is looking for a handyman to help out with odd jobs around the building—dealing with basic repair and maintenance issues. Time requirements are minimal (perhaps one or two days a month at most). If you have some free time and would like to volunteer, please contact the Business Manager, Ashu Paul, at [business@concordia-seminary.ca](mailto:business@concordia-seminary.ca), or call 905-688-2362 ext. 24.

### **The Lutheran Hour**

“when You’re Expecting” Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The season of Advent is about living in the middle of a story that is still unfolding, between what is already and what is yet to come. (Luke 1:20-80) Find this and other inspiring messages at [www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org)

### **Lutheran Public Radio**

SACRED MUSIC FOR THE ADVENT SEASON... “Savior of the Nations, Come”; “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending”; “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry”; “Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding”; “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.” You can listen to your favourite Advent hymns 24/7 at [www.lutheranpublicradio.org](http://www.lutheranpublicradio.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

### **Malabar Mission Society**

The Malabar Mission Society is a Listed Service Organization of Lutheran Church-Canada, serving to proclaim the Christian Gospel to Hindus and Muslims in Malabar and Anantapur in India. The mission opportunities of sharing God’s love are immense.