

### **Lutheran Association of Missionary Pilots (LAMP)**

Staff Missionary Gord Gilbey is merrily taking much-needed donations of warm clothing and children's materials to the northern Indigenous communities that LAMP serves. These items were distributed to Deschambault Lake, Sandy Bay, Nelson House, South Indian Lake, Lynn Lake, and Brochet in a whirlwind 6-day, 4,000 km trip. Please keep the LAMP missionaries in your prayers as they continue to make long, dangerous trips over rough and isolated roads and flying in wintry conditions with no cell phone service in some areas. Please also pray for northern clergy and residents who experience loneliness and depression amid the winter darkness, remoteness, and pandemic restrictions.

We are short in our designated offerings towards our mission goal for the work of Lutheran Church-Canada. If you would like to make a special gift for the work of our seminaries, Canadian and foreign missionaries, and the care of our Synod President and Regional Pastors, you can add it to your regular offering and show the amount on the "Missions" line of your donation envelope.



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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 19, 2021



*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall call His name Immanuel. Matthew 1:23a*

**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 **Fourth 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 Mary-Martha Society – Special Meeting, 1:30pm  
Choir Rehearsal, 7pm  
Tues St. Thomas, Apostle (John 20:24-29)  
Wed Christmas Tree Set Up, 7pm  
Thurs Private Confession and Absolution, 4-5pm  
Fri Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7pm  
Sat Christmas Day Divine Service, 11am

**Next Sunday:** The Feast of St. Stephen, Martyr  
Sunday School and Bible Class recessed until Jan 09.  
Divine Service at 11:00am

### **Coming Events**

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  
Jan 09 Sunday School and Bible Class resume  
Jan 09 Installation of the 2022 Church Council

### **Mary-Martha Society Special Meeting... Dec 20, 1:30pm**

In place of their regular Christmas Social, the Mary-Martha Society will hold a Special Meeting on Monday at 1:30pm in the Seminary Wartburg (Student) Lounge.

### **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.

### **In Memory of Joyce Elisabeth (Manning) Misener**

Joyce, one of our congregation's charter members, died on December 10, 2021, in her ninety-first year. Joyce and her husband, Art (d. 2010), served the congregation in many different roles, especially in the early years. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Joyce may be made to Resurrection Lutheran Church. Visitation with the family was held on Thursday, December 16 at George Darte Funeral Home. A service will be planned in the Spring.

### **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**

“Charlie Brown Christmas Tree” Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The drama surrounding the first airing of “The Charlie Brown Christmas Special” 56 years ago, against all odds, it gave viewers the true story of Christmas and doomed aluminum Christmas trees to near extinction. (Luke 2:1-15) Find this and other inspiring messages at [www.lhm.org](http://www.lhm.org)

### **Lutheran Public Radio**

EXPERT GUESTS, EXPANSIVE TOPICS, EXTOLLING CHRIST... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's subjects include: The Christmas Hymn “Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming”; The Movie “Spiderman: No Way Home”; What Can We Learn from “The Benedict Option?”; Jesus Seeking the Lost in Luke 15; and more. You can listen at your convenience at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org), the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app, and your favourite podcast provider.

### **Lutheran Church-Canada Convention: “Stand Firm in the Faith”**

Overtures are recommendations in the form of proposed resolutions requesting action on the part of the Convention. Besides the Board of Directors and LCC Commissions, overtures may also be submitted by a Member Congregation, Regional Mission and Ministry Councils, and Circuit Convocations. You can talk to your Pastor, Church Council, or Circuit Counsellor if there is any action you would like to recommend for Lutheran Church-Canada. Overtures should be submitted to [convention@lutheranchurch.ca](mailto:convention@lutheranchurch.ca) or by mail to the Synod Office, Attention: President Teuscher. The deadline for submissions is February 18, 2022.