

## Serving Today

### Nursery:

Janis B

Kiara A

**May 8:**

Mikaela A

Ian P

### Coffee Cleanup:

Cory & Robyn B

### Potluck Cleanup:

Luymes Small Group

### May 8:

Brian & Brenda Y

Today's Offering is for:  
Wolf Creek Ministries

May 8 - Pregnancy Centre

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\*Sunday Worship Service 10am.

### Pastor's Note: *The Benefits of Ascension Day*

The Ascension of our Lord is an often overlooked holiday, but it's an important one. I think I first encountered this holiday when I served as a teacher in Indonesia. Despite the fact that Indonesia is a predominantly Muslim country, they celebrated the Ascension of Jesus, as Christianity is recognized (tolerated?) as one of their official religions. Anyway, Ascension Day marks the fortieth day of Easter, and recalls the story of Jesus ascending to heaven, as recorded in Luke 24 and Acts 1. So, considering that Ascension Day is not observed by some churches, why is it important? I turn to one of our confessions of faith, the *Heidelberg Catechism*, to answer that question. The teacher asks, "How does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us?"

His answer: "First, he pleads our cause in heaven in the presence of the Father. Second, we have our own flesh in heaven---a guarantee that Christ our head will take us, his members, to himself in heaven. Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a further guarantee. By the Spirit's power we make the goal of our lives not earthly things, but the things above where Christ is, sitting God's right hand." So as you can see, Ascension Day is a very significant day for Followers of Jesus. What I find especially significant is the hope it brings, for in a few weeks will celebrate Pentecost Sunday, when we recall how our Lord sent down the Holy Spirit in his place, so we can grow spiritually and carry out his mission in the world. As we hear in today's Message: *the Holy Spirit makes us witnesses*. So, let us worship our risen Lord, who ascended to heaven for our benefit.

**Red Deer Pro-Life** is planning a 100,000 Flag Display in Red Deer on 22nd St. East of 40 Ave. on Sat. May 28. The purpose is to bring awareness to the 100,000 abortions done in Canada every year & draw people's attention to the fact that Canada has NO laws restricting abortions, & to begin public dialogue. Can you and/or your family and friends join together to plant 100,000 small pink and blue flags into the ground between 8-9am? We need 150 volunteers. We will also need 100 people to gather these flags up from 4-5pm. We need volunteers who will remain with the flag display during the day to engage people in conversation. Questions?

Call [403-789-7787](tel:403-789-7787)



*"...exists to reach out & enfold people for Jesus, together becoming devoted disciples of Him."*

May 1, 2016

### Ascension Day Observed

### Acts 1:1-11 NIV

### "You Will be My Witnesses"

Today we have the privilege of enfolded two new people into our church as members: *Stephanie and Jessica Bouwman*. We thank God for these ladies and for calling them to join our church family.

Pastor Leon H. Johnston

**Welcome Guests!** We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us today. Join us for a potluck lunch (first Sunday each month) and cake to celebrate our new members, after the worship service today.

We offer a supervised Nursery located off the side of the main entrance for babies and toddlers. As well as a Cry Room for parents with babies located behind the sanctuary.

### Sunday School:

Preschool: Ages 3-5. Will meet down the hall in classroom C3.

Children & Worship: Gr.1-3. Will meet in the classroom upstairs.

## SMALL GROUPS

Here at WCCC we aspire to be a prayerful community of love. In order to become that we promote Small Group Ministry. Everyone is invited to join a small group. If you need help finding a small group please talk to Albert 403-505-3555 or Carol Ypma 403-302-3868.

**In-Betweeners** - If you feel "too old" for youth and "too unmarried" for young adults; maybe the In-Betweeners small group is for you! The next gathering will be **Sun. May 1** at Alex's. Questions, please talk to Charissa (403.505.9796)

**BOB** (Band of Brothers) - Men's ministry that meets Monday evenings here at WCCC. The next meeting will be **Mon. May 2** at 7:30pm. This year we will continue going through "The Battle Plan For Prayer". If you would like to join us in becoming prayer warriors, please contact Gord Little: 403.302.9169.

**SURGE** (Serve Unite Reach Grow Expand) - The student ministry of WCCC. If you are aged 12-18, in grades 7-12, SURGE is the place for you! Next meeting, **Wed. May 4** @ 7pm. Youth leaders Charissa (403.505.9796) Brent (587.877.3949) & Alex (403.896.9132).

**Men's Breakfast** - Do you like breakfast? Saturday mornings at 7am we will be meeting in the church for food, fellowship & conversations about manly life, come join us. If you have any questions, get in touch with Jay 403 373-0765 or Jake 403 597-2057. Next Men's Breakfast will be **Sat. May 7**.

**WCCC Young Adults!** (Young, Old, Married, and Single) Mark your calendars for **May 7** for our first Softball Social! We will be meeting at 4:30 in Anthony and Susan Eisses backyard (5720-51 Ave) before heading to a nearby park where we will divide into teams and play a game of softball. Afterwards we will head back to Eisses for a fire and wienner roast. If you can please bring: Ball Glove/Bat, Lawnchair, Hot Dog Roasting Sticks. Under 25's: Bring a beverage or bag of chips to share. Over 25's: Bring a salad or dessert item to share. Hot Dogs will be provided. Any Questions please talk to Bowen/Rebekah TenHove or Anthony/Susan Eisses.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Re. Pastor Leon's Schedule:** Please note that Pastor Leon will be away this week on vacation. Accordingly, he will not be available for pastoral care. However, he is pleased to announce that Timmy Tuesday will continue on May 3, as June Miller has offered to lead this ministry. So, as usual, you are invited to come out for good coffee and conversation.

**Thank You!** The SERGE Youth group of WCCC would like to extend a BIG thank you to everyone who came out to show their support during the Italian Date Night. The amount raised was \$2700! We could not have done it without you. Thank you for your continued support of Youth Ministry.

**The Administration team** is happy to announce that our new Safe Church Coordinator is Taby Vogelaar. Please continue to put program attendance sheets and completed police checks in the safe church mailbox. We continue to update our files so if you need an updated police check Taby will be contacting you soon.

**Bridal Shower** - Let's wrap up our best wishes and shower the bride with love! We're throwing a bridal shower for Sam Ypma on May 2 at 7:30 pm at WCCC. As Sam and Joe will be living in Washington DC we will have a money treasure chest if you would like to contribute or gift cards are appreciated. Hope to see you there!

**MomTime** - Annual Indoor Garage Sale/Fundraiser will be held May 5, 1-8pm/May 6, 9am-8pm/May 7, 9am-1pm. We are still collecting donations for the sale, raffle/auction tables and also baked goods. MomTime is celebrating decade of ministry. Thank you for your help!

**Highway Cleanup** - The Bethel youth group will once again be taking part in highway cleanup on Sat. May 7. If you would like to join in and take part, please talk to Charissa.

**CACHS** will be hosting their annual Fashion Show on Fri. May 6, 7pm in the school gym. The fundraiser consist of desserts, door prizes, silent auction items and the Fashion Show. This year we are raising funds for the Central Alberta Chapter of the MS Society of Canada. If you would like to donate a door prize item or a silent auction please contact the school. We will accepting cash donations on the night of the Fashion Show, we would only ask that you make your cheques out to the school to receive a tax receipt for you donation. All funds raised through ticket sales and auction items will go directly to The MS Society of Canada. Tickets are available at the school office for \$20.00. Please call to reserve your tickets at 403-782-4535.

**Pro-Life Banquet** - Did you know that parental consent is not required for a minor to have an abortion? Did you know that last year over 14000 abortions occurred in Alberta! Shocked? So were we. But we have a plan. Come and learn more at Alberta's Benefit for Life, June 4th in Edmonton. Hear our keynote speaker Stephen Woodsworth give his pro-life experience from Parliament Hill. This FREE banquet is filling fast so RSVP today at: [thewilberforceproject.ca](http://thewilberforceproject.ca) or call 780 421 7747.

**Bethel CRC** will be putting on a VBS program again this summer entitled "Egypt - Joseph's Journey". They are once again looking for help to run this ministry from July 25 - 29. If you are interested in helping in any way or in sending your children, please contact the church office at 403-782-6400 for more information or to volunteer.