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Feb 5 - Wolf Creek Ministries  
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**Wolf Creek Events, Feb 6-12:**

Monday - BOB @ 7:30pm  
Tuesday - Timmy Tuesday 1:30-3:30p  
Wednesday - SURGE @ 7pm  
Thursday - MomTime 9:15am  
Saturday - Men's Breakfast 7am  
Sunday - Worship Service 10am

**Serving Today**

**Nursery:**  
Trevor L  
Jenna U  
Mikaela A

**February 12:**  
Brittany T  
Geoff L  
Verity J

**Coffee Cleanup:**  
Anthony & Susan E  
**Potluck Cleanup:**  
Eisses Small Group

**February 12:**  
John & Ann H

**February 19:**  
Kevin & Marian D

**Church Information**

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Visit our website for more info about our church & a safe place to submit confidential prayer requests: [www.wolfcreekchurch.ca](http://www.wolfcreekchurch.ca)

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**pray.**



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

February 5, 2017

Season of Epiphany

John 10:11-21 NIV

"I Am the Good Shepherd"

Who is Jesus? The "I Am" Sayings of John's Gospel

Pastor Leon H. Johnston

**Welcome Guests!** We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us today. It is our prayer that you experience the love of Christ and His presence during our worship today. Join us for a potluck lunch after the service today. Everyone is welcome!

**Nursery:** 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 Today:**

**Preschool Class (ages 3-5)** - Will meet down the hallway in room C3. Parents are required to sign their children in/out for this group.

**Children & Worship (Gr. 1-3)** - Join your teacher for a class today, in the upstairs classroom.

**Gr. 4-6 Class** - Will have a class today as well. See you in the classroom C1 down the hallway.

## **Pastor's Note: Sport as Spiritual Formation?**

Today I'd like to reflect theologically on sport. Sometimes I look around me at our Western culture and wonder if we overemphasize sports. Let's face it, we honor and sometimes even idolize athletes more than most in our society. Part of me can understand why, as some athletes can do some pretty amazing things with their bodies. Through their sport they can delight and even amaze us. But then I think of the salary that some of our professional athletes are making, and I wonder what that says about the value of sports in our culture. Now, I'm not saying high paid athletes aren't gifted, nor am I saying they don't work hard. But how do we make sense of our dominant sports culture? . . . At any rate, I'd like to think about some of the benefits of sports—especially spiritual benefits. Can we grow spiritually through sport? Two ways come to mind. Through sports we can learn discipline, which can help us to deny ourselves as we're often called to do as Christians. In order to be an athlete, you must do certain things (i.e., train hard, sleep lots, eat well, etc.), but there also certain things you must refrain from (i.e., eating certain foods, staying up too late, over-training, etc.). As Jesus says in Mark 8:34: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." Seems to me that the discipline you learn in sport could help you deny yourself as a disciple of Christ. But I'm also thinking of another spiritual benefit of sport: play. We may not often associate play with the Christian life, but humans are not just made to work and worship. We're also made to play and rest. And I think sport can help us do that too. Mind you, that may not happen if you take your sport too seriously, as some seem to do these days. How do you respond to a loss? That will help you discern how important sport is to you. . . . What do you think? Can we grow spiritually through sport? I'd like to hear from you.

## *Announcements:*

**It's a Girl!!** We are delighted to share with you that Lily Karen Anne arrived on Thursday, January 26 at 4:04pm, weighing 6lbs 8oz. Congratulations to the parents Derek & Ashley Stingel and big sister Kayla! Thanks be to God!!

**Swing into Spring!** Central Alberta Christian High School (CACHS) would like to invite students, parents, families, alumni & all community members to a family dinner fundraiser on March 2 at 6:30pm. What is involved? A free meal provided by CACHS catering and a dessert auction. Plus movie & popcorn for the kids. The purpose of the evening is to build community & raising money for the shop program at CACHS. Please call the school to reserve your seat or table.

**MomTime Paint Night FUNdraiser:** You are invited to join us on Friday March 3 @ 7pm for a MomTime style FUNdraiser. Tickets can be purchased on line. Please see the poster on the bulletin board for extra details!

**Help Another Nation Develop Schools:** A HANDS-on opportunity to serve and learn with EduDeo Ministries: Would you like to travel to another part of the world, experience a different culture, and meet others serving Christ? Would you like to make a real difference in the life of a child at the same time? EduDeo Ministries' HANDS teams provide an opportunity to both learn and serve. Bernie Kolkman from Lacombe, Alberta is an experienced team leader and familiar with the Dominican Republic, he is hoping to lead a team to the D.R. from March 3 – 12, 2017. There is still room for you to experience this exciting opportunity to see first-hand the difference that Christ-centred education makes in developing countries. By assisting with a school construction project, you'll be able to learn from and serve with indigenous workers, teachers and students in the Dominican Republic. To discuss this opportunity and find out more details contact Bernie Kolkman at 403.357.6853 or e-mail him at [kolkman@telus.net](mailto:kolkman@telus.net). Learn more about EduDeo Ministries at [www.edudeo.com](http://www.edudeo.com)

**Time for Lessons?** Improve your Guitar Skills. Christian Instructor, All Levels, Located in Lacombe, Worship Speciality, \$25 per week / 45 min. Please contact: Tom Cameron ([pepfi@shaw.ca](mailto:pepfi@shaw.ca)) or text me: 403-350-0391.

**NADC News:** Day of Encouragement: Planning for this year starts now! If you have any suggestions or input that you would like to give for the DOE, please let the planning committee know ASAP. Remember November and put Saturday November 4, 2017 on your calendars. Email comments to [journadc@gmail.com](mailto:journadc@gmail.com).