

Serving Today

Nursery:

Jenn H
Cayleigh S

April 17:

Rebekah T
Verity J

Coffee Cleanup:

Johnathon & Amber

April 17:

Ken & Marlene

April 24:

Paul & Cassandra

Today's Offering is for:
Diaconal Ministries - Operation
Manna

April 17 - Wolf Creek Ministries

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*Sunday Worship Service 10am.

Pastor's Note: "Only Christ Converts"

Over the last few weeks we've explored some stories from the Book of Acts about *witnessing* (telling others about Jesus). We generally shy away from witnessing. It's a difficult task—or is it? I think it's pretty clear that we're still called to be Christ's *witnesses*. But what exactly does that look like? I like what M. Craig Barnes says in his book, *The Pastor as Minor Poet*: "Witnesses don't really do very much. We have somehow twisted the term to make it more creative than Jesus intended it to be when he gave the Great Commission. Often when pastors call their congregations to witness, what they really mean is that it is the laity's responsibility to witness, their neighbors and friends. But that is asking too much. Only Christ converts. When the risen and about-to-be-ascended Christ tells his disciples 'You will be my witnesses,' he implies that he will continue to be the creative force for salvation in the world and that his disciples are now sent out as apostles who witness this work alone. The witness merely sees and speaks about what he or she sees. Ask any courtroom judge, and you will be told the last thing we need is for the witness to be creative. . . . That is not to say, however, that it is easy to witness the work of Christ. It takes a lot of time and hard work to learn how to recognize it." (63) I like Barnes' perspective on witnessing. We know we're called to be Christ's witnesses, but we often feel overwhelmed in doing it, like it's an impossible task. But the task of witnessing is really about paying attention to what God is already doing and naming it. So, what is God doing in your life? Or in the life of your neighbors? This is what you're invited to speak of when the opportunity comes. And then let Jesus do his work of changing hearts. After all, only Christ converts people.

Neighbourhood Life (NL) Update for Central Alberta:

The past few months have been filled with teaching opportunities in Burman University and among various groups in Sylvan Lake. We have been working hard presenting the many active neighbourhoods, and the future of more, to city hall in Lacombe. This is all very timely as we ramp up early for the many opportunities to connect with neighbours; the NL trailer BBQ has been used a few times already, with birthday's and anniversaries and general block parties booked in the upcoming months, all in the name of 'loving our neighbours.' And our collective book entitled, "Neighbouring" is off to be published with a potential launch date in June - exciting! Our greatest prayer request is that loving our neighbours does not become something we 'check off the list' but becomes part of our posture, practice and placement. We faithfully request for donations which can be made out to WCCC (Neighbourhood Life). Also, consider joining our 2nd annual CRC baseball fundraiser tournament, July 8-9 in Devon, Alberta. And subscribe to rickabma.com for weekly stories and pictures of how we walk along each other in our desire to transform our neighbourhoods for Christ.



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

April 10, 2016

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-20 NIV

"True Conversion"

This morning we will take time to talk as a Church Family during the Prayers of the People. We'll reflect on the question: What is the Lord doing in our lives? In response we will give our testimonies of praise and thanksgiving, and also gather prayer requests.

Pastor Leon H. Johnston

Welcome Guests! We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us today. Join us for refreshments & fellowship 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 gather in the upstairs classroom.

Gr. 4-6 class will meet down the hallway in classroom C1.

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.

BOB (Band of Brothers) - Men's ministry that meets Monday evenings here at WCCC. The next meeting will be **Mon. April 11** 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 Youth Group presents a evening of fine dining & entertainment on **Fri. April 15**. Doors open at 5:30pm. Dinner served at 6pm. \$15 per person/kids free. Child care will be provided. Please call/text to RSVP and/or register your children ahead of time, so we can be sure to have enough helpers & food :)

MomTime - The next MomTime will **Thu. April 14** at 9:15am. MomTime is growing and is open to any momma, no matter what age, all are welcome. We are always looking for helping hearts for this ever growing ministry. For inquiries about MomTime and or volunteering for this program, contact Donna Abma: 403.307.0889.

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. April 16**.

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. April 17**. Questions, please talk to Charissa (403.505.9796) or Brent (587.877.3949)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

From the Admin Team - We are looking for a volunteer to fill the position of Safe Church Coordinator. Safe Church ministry is foundational to work done in and through our church. For more information on what this position involves, talk to Amber DeSchiffart or Tracy McKain. The Leadership Team would also like to take this opportunity to thank Amber DeSchiffart, who is currently our Safe Church coordinator for all of her efforts in this ministry.

Timmy Tuesday - Just a reminder that "Timmy Tuesday" continues! Pastor Leon hangs out at the Lacombe Tim Horton's coffee house on Tuesdays (1:30-3:30 pm). You are invited to come and join him for coffee and conversation. No appointment needed! Just drop by and join the conversation.

Library Coordinator at WCCC - The Admin Team are also looking for a volunteer to fill the position of Library Coordinator. Roberta Biel has been doing this position for the past 8 years and would like to step down, she is willing to train the new volunteer. We would also like to thank Roberta for her many years of service and the great organizing of our library system.

The Times They Are A-Changin' - Responding to Alberta's radical education guidelines with grace and truth. In recent months the Alberta government announced that it is requiring all schools in the province to change their policies to promote a secular understanding of transgenderism and LGBT rights. What can Christian parents and communities do to stand up for parental authority and fundamental freedoms? In this presentation, ARPA's Executive Director Mark Penninga and Director of Law & Policy André Schutten will explain the current challenge while also speaking directly to a Christian perspective on transgenderism & civil disobedience. Join us at Parkland United Reformed Church on Wed, April 13, 7:30-9pm

Where has the time gone?? Momtime is into the last month until summer break, I can't believe it. We have had a wonderful season and the women of Momtime are nothing short of amazing. There are a couple of things that we would like the church to partner with Momtime. First - on April 14 we are making Pillowcase dress for Africa. We are looking for pillowcases- they can be gently used/no stains. If any women from Wolf Creek would like to join us in this awesome activity, you are more than welcome. Contact Donna at 403-307-0889 or show up thursday April 14 9:15am! Secondly - we are starting to collect items for our Annual Momtime Fundraising Garage Sale.... if you are doing a spring purge and want to donate please do not hesitate to bring in your treasures and put them in the sea can at the back of the church. Thank you so much!

Central Alberta Christian High School (CACHS) is having a pizza party for all grade 9 students from Red Deer, Lacombe, Ponoka, Rimbey and other areas are invited. Thu. April 14 from 7-9pm. Come out to meet and greet other GR. 9's who could be your classmates at CACHS! While the students are engaged in fun activities there will be an informative orientation session for all parents. Come out and check out what CACHS has to offer! PLEASE RSVP: 403-782-4535.

LCS Auction - Set aside the night of Fri. April 22 for the annual Lacombe Christian School Auction. Come out for an evening of family fun all in support of LCS. Supper is served at 5pm with auction beginning at 6:30pm. Hall of Games for the kids runs from 6:15-7:45pm. Any questions or donations, call Karri Folkerts at 403-782-0313.

Spring Clean - Welcome volunteers to come to the Spring Clean for WCCC on Sat. April 30 starting at 9am, come help brighten up your church. If you can only volunteer for 1 hour that is fine also. Lunch will be provided. There will be sign up job sheets in the foyer after church for the next few weeks. ~Thanks, The Admin Team.