

## Serving Today

### Nursery:

Trish V

Ryan P

### Dec 6:

Chelsey V

Anna J

### Coffee Cleanup:

Pallot Family

### Dec 6 (potluck):

Eisses Family

### Potluck Cleanup:

Young Married

Couples Small Group

### Today's Offering is for:

Nov 29 - World Renew  
(Refugee Support)

Dec 6 - Wolf Creek Ministries

Dec 13 - FCSS (Christmas fund)

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\*Sunday Worship Service 10am.

### Pastor's Note: *Advent: A Time to Refocus*

Last Sunday I was assigned to preach God's Word at Evergreen Community CRC in Fort McMurray, AB. These classical appointments are a blessing, as they give me a chance to meet new people and experience a different worship service. But what I found especially enjoyable were the various conversations I had with people. On the way to Fort Mac I sat with a young mechanic. The trip took an hour by plane, which gave us enough time to connect about many things. He is a Millennial student (born between 1983 and 2000). I enjoy working with Millennials. They are generally open and engaging people. As we talked I noticed that he continued to use his cell phone throughout our conversation. So I said, "You're pretty good with that thing!" In response he said, "Yeah, I can text in my sleep. . . . I tried to set my phone aside for a couple of days once, and it just about killed me. I'm can't live without this thing." We went on to talk about his heavy cell-phone use and his view of community. Happily, along the way I was able to bring God into the conversation and even share the gospel as it related to his life. But his comments regarding heavy smartphone use caught my attention. He basically named that his phone was an idol ("I can't live without this thing!"). It reminds me that we're all susceptible to idolatry. We all trust in other people or things to fulfill us. We all have deep inner longings that need to be fulfilled. How are you trying to fulfill yours? . . . The season of Advent (the four weeks before Christmas) is a time to refocus. A time to pull back a bit and reflect. A time to renew our sights on the coming Savior. Accordingly, we're invited to set aside the idols of our lives and worship the Lord. In practical terms this may mean setting aside items like smartphones for a time, if we find them distracting. But whatever else Advent is, it's certainly a time of worship as we prepare our hearts for the coming of the newborn King. This season we'll focus on the songs of Christmas from Luke's gospel. Please come and sing praises to God as we hear his praises sung through these gospel stories. Come and worship. Come and rest. Come and refocus.



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

November 29, 2015

### The First Sunday of Advent

Advent Sermon Series:  
"The Songs of Christmas" (based on Luke 1-3)

### Luke 1:46-56: "Mary's Song"

Today you are invited to receive God's grace through Communion on this First Sunday of Advent.

Pastor Leon H. Johnston

**Welcome Guests!** We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us today. Join us for refreshments and 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. No classes today for Children & Worship or Grades 4-6 because we will share in the Lord's Supper together today.

## Small Group Community:

**In-Betweeners** - If you feel "too old" for youth and "too unmarried" for young adults; maybe the In-Betweeners small group is for you! We will be gathering again on **Sunday Nov. 29** for a potluck lunch, at the Debree's house after the Worship Service. The group has decided to begin the study "The Christian Atheist" by Craig Groschel. Please talk to Charissa if you any questions 403.505.9796.

**BOB** (Band of Brothers) - Men's ministry that meets Monday evenings here at WCCC. The next meeting will be **Monday Nov. 30** at 7:30pm. This year we will be going through The Battle Plan For Prayer. Put out by the Kendrick brothers based on their newest movie, War Room. If you would like to join us in becoming prayer warriors, please contact Gord Littel : 403.302.9169.

**SURGE** - Wednesday evenings, 7-9pm here at WCCC. If you are aged 12-18, in grades 7-12, SURGE is the place for you! The youth have completed their study for the year. So now there is time for service projects (talk to youth leaders if you have any suggestions.) Your youth leaders are Charissa Cappis, Brent Pascoe & Alex Debree.

**MomTime** - Hey Mommas, join us **Thursday Dec. 3** for part 6 of "Your Sacred Yes" starting at 9:15am. MomTime is growing and is open to any momma, no matter what age, all are welcome. We are also looking for helping hearts as always 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 and 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 **Saturday Dec. 5**.

### If you have a Pastoral need please contact:

Albert 403 505-3555  
Pastor Leon 403 596-5806  
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## Announcements:

**Operation Christmas Child** - Thank You to everyone who packed Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes! This year our church filled 223 shoebox gifts for God's children. He placed it on your heart to pack that gift for a girl or boy and you did it! You have now opened a door in that child's community where a local pastor can reach that child. He can reach siblings and parents. You have given the most special gift of all...the gift of God's word. Thank You! We also wanted to share with you that 1805 boxes came into our Collection Center here at the church from schools, groups, business's, & churches in Lacombe, Bentley, Clive, Mirror, Tees, Alix & Ponoka area! Praise God!!

**WCCC Office** - Please note that Cassandra will work in the office on **Thursday Dec. 3** instead of **Friday Dec. 4** because of the no-school day.

**Profession of Faith and Baptisms** - On **Sunday Dec. 6** we will have the privilege of witnessing the Profession of Faith of Kim Keating and the baptisms of Noah Keating (son of Steve & Kim Keating) and Gregory Hultink (son of Curtis & Michelle Hultink).

**Baby Shower** - As we wait patiently on the birth of Taby and Peter Vogelaar's bundle of joy we would like you to save the date of **Wednesday Dec. 16** at 7 PM at WCCC. We will be showering Taby and the baby boy or girl with love prayer and gifts. Instead of a card please bring a favorite children's book with a special note to the baby and parents. Light refreshments will be provided.

**From the Stewardship Team** - We would like to make some Christmas gift baskets for those who are struggling spiritually or financially. Just a little something to say we care as a church. We are asking you to please help us... do you know an attendee who could benefit from a gift basket? If you do, please let one of us know, it will be kept in confidential. We are also wondering if there are any individuals, or small groups who would be willing to partner with us. Together we can make a big difference in someone's life. We will put a box in the entrance where donations can be made, if you so choose. Is God tugging on your heart to help us....if so, please talk to one of us on the Stewardship Team....John terSteege, Margaret DeVries, Judy Giesbrecht, Gaylord Hulsman or Ann Hultink.

**Central Alberta Christian High School Fall Drive** is now underway until **December 13th**. This year's goal is \$100,000.00. If you have not received a donation form or you have lost your donation form, you may contact Ann Oudman, our school secretary (403-782-4535), and request that she mail, fax or email you a copy of the donation form. During the evenings, you may also contact Clarence Verveda (403-747-2454) or Wendy Barnes (403-885-5187) and they will ensure that you receive a new form. Your donations may be mailed to CACHS, 22 Eagle Road, Lacombe, AB T4L 1G7: Attention Wendy Barnes or they may be handed in a sealed envelope to the canvasser who called you.

**The Arrogant Worms** - musical comedy group is performing on **Saturday Dec. 5** 7pm at St. Andrew's United Church in Lacombe. This fun evening of music and laughter is a fundraiser for a food security project in Guatemala. Tickets are \$35 and available from Sunny 94 or from St. Andrew's 403-782-3148.