

Serving Today

Nursery:

Mikaela A

Ian P

Jan 24:

Gord L

Jenna U

Coffee Cleanup:

Butcher Family

Jan 24:

Gord & Betty Gray

Jan 31:

Pallot Family

Today's Offering is for:

Wolf Creek Ministries

Jan 24 - Wolf Creek Ministries

Jan 31 - World Renew Leprosy Day

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*Sunday Worship Service 10am.

Pastors Note:

Caring for People Like Jesus Did

Last year I read a book by Thomas C. Oden called, *Pastoral Theology*. It's one of the best books I've encountered on pastoral ministry. As I read this book to learn more about being a fruitful pastor, it was the chapter on "pastoral visitation" that really struck me. One of the ministries I enjoy the most as pastor is pastoral care. Accordingly, I'm trying to connect with more people face-to-face these days, as I seek to shepherd the flock (1 Peter 5:2). As I seek to do that, I look to Jesus as my model for visitation. Jesus was constantly connecting with people—sometimes with a group, sometimes with individuals. It's these private conversations that really intrigue me. How does Jesus interact with certain individuals as recorded in the New Testament Gospels? I became so intrigued by this idea that I decided to craft a sermon series based on it: "Conversations with Jesus." So, during this series, we will listen in on Jesus' conversations with three people: Nicodemus (John 3:1-17); a Samaritan woman (John 4:1-26); and the Rich Young Ruler (Matthew 19:16-22). As we listen to these conversations, I invite you to watch and learn how Jesus cares for people. And I invite you to join the conversation---to imagine yourself in each scene. What would Jesus say to you? As we spend time with Jesus through these Gospel texts, I pray that we will feel loved by the Lord, and that we will become more fruitful in our caregiving and outreach.

If you have a Pastoral need please contact:

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

January 17, 2016

The Season of Epiphany

John 3:1-17 NIV

"Nicodemus"

Conversations with Jesus

Pastor Leon H. Johnston

Welcome Guests! We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us today. Join us for coffee/tea and fellowship after the worship service.

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

Small Group Community:

BOB (Band of Brothers) - Men's ministry that meets Monday evenings here at WCCC. The next meeting will be **Monday Jan. 18** at 7:30pm. This year we will continue 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.....(Serve Unite Reach Grow Expand) - Wednesday evenings, 7-9pm here at WCCC. If you are aged 12-18, in grades 7-12, SURGE is the place for you! The next youth night will be on **January 20**. Your youth leaders are: Charissa, Brent & Alex.

MomTime - Hey momma's!! The next MomTime will **Thursday Jan. 21**. Join us for "Crochet Me". MomTime is growing and is open to any momma, no matter what age, all are welcome. We are always 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.

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 **Sunday Jan. 24** at Alex's house. Please talk to Charissa (403.505.9796) or Brent (587.877.3949) if you any questions

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 **February 6**.

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.

WCCC Announcements:

Youth Changed by God - Come out for another Youth Changed by God service on **Sunday Jan. 17** (TONIGHT) starting at 7pm at the Lacombe Pentecostal Church (Church on the Hill). Our guest speaker will be Donna Abma.

Spiritual Gift Workshop - On **Friday Jan. 22**, 6-9pm and **Saturday Jan. 23**, 12-3pm here at WCCC. The Leadership Team of WCCC will conduct a spiritual gift workshop ("Network"). Everyone is invited to attend this workshop to learn more about Spiritual Gifts, to discern or review your gift(s), and to experience fellowship. Please RSVP with Cassandra by email, phone or in person.

Upcoming Baptisms: We are pleased to announce that the following children will receive the sacrament of holy baptism on **January 24**: Ava Kennedy Postma (daughter of Jesse & Cassie Postma), Logan Hendrik Vogelaar (son of Peter & Taby Vogelaar), and Lincoln Kirk Vanderwekken (son of Jerid & Steph Vanderwekken). Everyone is invited to witness the baptisms of these three cousins as we celebrate God's amazing grace.

From the Refugee Sponsorship Team - Wolf Creek is an awesome community. Your response to the refugee support request is amazing! Thank you so much! The Lacombe community as a whole is also responding, so until we know exactly when the family will be coming, we are not asking for more household donations. We don't want to ask for more than we need. Financially, we are about half way in raising the monies we think we will need. The Benefit Concert featuring Flat Iron Jazz is set for **January 30** in Wolf Creek Church. Tickets are available from Cassandra or Margaret. This promises to be a wonderful concert. Don't miss out!

WCCC is going CURLING! This is a great way to get to know a fellow church member or an opportunity to invite a neighbour to join you in a fun activity. We have the curling rink booked from 2-4pm on **Sunday Jan. 31**. The sign up sheet is on the table at the front door. You can sign up as a team of four people or sign up on the singles list and we will put you on a team. Any combination will work - men's, ladies or mix it up. We ask if children are coming that they are at least 8 years of age and must be on a team with 2 adults. You will get to play 2 four end games (which will take 2 hours). We will set that up for you though...all you need to do is bring a clean pair of running shoes (you need to carry them in your hand into the rink as your street shoes are not allowed on the ice) and \$5 per person. Brooms and sliders will be provided. Sign up soon as there is a maximum of 48 people. For any questions you can talk to Mark or Amber DeSchiffart.

Ordinary People...Praying! Classis Alberta North Prayer Summit: Our Classis-wide annual Prayer Summit will be **Sunday March 13**. We're pleased to offer 2 Prayer Summits simultaneously this year: 1) Edmonton Prayer Summit hosted by Trinity CRC. 2) Central Alberta Prayer Summit hosted by Wolf Creek Community Church!! More details for this wonderful day of prayer to follow. In the meantime, plan to attend and save the date!

Help Another Nation Develop Schools - A HANDS-on opportunity to serve and learn with EduDeo Ministries: EduDeo Ministries' HANDS teams provide an opportunity to both learn and serve. Bernie Kolkman is an experienced team leader and familiar with the Dominican Republic, he is hoping to lead a team to the DR from **March 4 - 13**. 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 DR. To discuss this opportunity and find out more details contact Bernie Kolkman at 403.357.6853 or e-mail him at kolkman@telus.net.