

Sunday, December 17, 2017

Today at W.L.A.

9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Service(s)
The Magnificat Luke 1:39-56

This week's passage from the Gospel of Luke contains three people-- John, Elizabeth, and Mary--testifying to the coming of the Lord and the resulting blessings of this fulfillment of God's promise.

8:00 – 8:50 a.m. All Welcome Prayer Ministry
9:00 a.m. JK - Grade 5 Growzone
10:15 a.m. Coffee, tea and time to talk. In the gym. Intermission
11:00 a.m. JK - Grade 5 Growzone
11:00 a.m. Grades 3 - 6 Junior Bible Quizzing
11:00 a.m. Grades 7 - 12 Senior Bible Quizzing

2:00 p.m. Community Carolling
Come and carol through the Sherwood community, along with our neighbour churches of Gateway and West Park. We hope to have 100 people from our three churches joining their voices and bringing the joy of the season to our community! No need to be a good singer to join in! Meet at Trinity Church on Gainsborough Rd. at 2:00 p.m.

This Week at W.L.A.

Tuesday, 6:15 – 7:30 a.m. Women's Prayer
Join us as we encourage one another through prayer and discussion related to the Sunday ministry. Contact Deb Wilkins at (519) 471-4133.

Tuesday, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Playgroup
The nursery will be open for parents with young children to spend time together in a fun space, enjoying the company of other kids and parents. Bring your own drinks, snack provided. For further details, please contact Thea Close at (519) 281-7947 or thea.close@gmail.com.

Tuesday, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Seniors' Community Drop-In
Drop In will be up and running again starting Tuesday, January 9th.

Wednesday, 9:15 – 11:30 a.m. TLC
The Ladies Connection... will be taking a short break, and will resume again on January 10th. For more information, contact Cheryl at (226) 271-5346 or cherylhargravestlc@outlook.com.

Thursday, 6:30 – 7:30 a.m. Men's Morning
All men are welcome to join us this Thursday at 6:30 a.m. for prayer and fellowship. For info, email Pastor Jude at jude@wlachurch.org.

Friday, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Women's ESL Conversation Circles
Our Winter ESL session will begin with Registration on Friday, January 26. Cost is \$10 for the session, which runs until March 9. Please join us! Contact Laura at 226-239-4950 or esl@wlachurch.org to find out more!

On Beyond THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 24, 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
This Christmas Eve we will be celebrating the birth of Christ at 6:00 p.m. We will gather in the main Sanctuary and in the Core. Though both services will be the same - including carols, the Christmas story, and a short homily - the service in the Core will have a "family flavour" which children will enjoy. There will be no childcare provided, but the nursery will be open. Please come and worship with us this Christmas Eve!

Monday, December 25, 4:00 p.m. Christmas Day Potluck Dinner
If you are interested in enjoying a shared potluck meal at the church on Christmas Day, please sign up at the kiosk! Or contact Julia Argall at (519) 473-4461 or julia@argall.ca for more information.

Saturday, January 27, 8:30am - 10:30 a.m. Advance
Ladies, plan to join us for our women's continental breakfast, with special speaker Krista DuChene - Rio Olympics 2016 competitor.

Saturday, Feb 3, 6:00 p.m. Auction Dinner Fundraising Banquet
Come and enjoy amazing food and friendly competition, all in support of our Senior High Youth Missions Team, heading to Trujillo, Peru this March. Put a table of 8 together, or sign-up as an individual or couple. Registration begins today at the South Foyer kiosk.

Other Important NOTES

Our Condolences to... Shelley Ripley-Bulckaert and Al Bulckaert on the death of Shelley's father Jack on Saturday, December 9th.

Our Condolences to... Dave Hanton on the death of his mother Eunice.

Numbered Offering envelopes... are now available for pick up in the south foyer! If you are not already using them but would like to request a set for 2018, please use a "Connection" card to say so. And if you would like to participate in our automatic withdrawal "Pre-Approved Donation Plan", enrollment forms are in the chair pockets. *Thanks!*

Every year at Christmas... we present our pastoral and office staff with a cash Christmas gift. To contribute, please use an envelope marked "Staff Gift".

Our Ushers and Greeters Team... is in need of more volunteers! If you are looking to get involved, please contact Graham at grahamb@wlachurch.org.

Financial Summary as of November 30, 2017

General Fund Budget to Date	\$808,755
Received to Date	\$808,909 (100.0%)
Surplus to Date	\$114

Growzone NOTES

Our thanks in advance to next Sunday's Nursery workers...

9:00 a.m. Mary Anne MacCrone, Charissa Newson, Jodi Beswick, Kathy DeJong, Lauren Riddolls, Genevieve Argall, Meredith Clow, Kim Banman.

11:00 a.m. Laura Knapp, Lois Etherington, Penelope Argall, Svenja Webster.

Youth STUFF



Check out our website for the latest events, pictures, leader bios, prayer requests and more! www.wlayouth.org

CLUB CORE (Grades 6-8)

Sundays, 9:00 a.m. SHIFT A special service for Junior Highs, in the Core. Join us for worship, a message, & small group time.

Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Club Core: Join us this Tuesday, December 19th for our Junior High Christmas Party! You can look forward to games, food, and amazing prizes!

SENIOR CORE (Grades 9-12)

Wednesday, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. This week is our Senior High Christmas Banquet!! Cost is only \$15 and includes dinner and some great entertainment. Sign up in the Core today! Then we will take a break for Christmas, and will gather again starting Wednesday, January 10th!

YOUNG ADULTS (18-25ish)

Sunday, 7:00 p.m. Tonight we will continue our series on Ephesians 6: The Armour of God. Next week, on Thursday, December 21, is our Christmas Banquet! Cost is only \$20 and includes an amazing meal and great times! RSVP on the FB event or talk to Dave to sign up! And don't forget our Young Adults Retreat at Riverview Bible Camp, happening January 5 - 7. Cost is \$80 before December 27th, and forms are available in the Core. Sign up today!

TASTE OF HOME... If you are a student missing the comforts of home, let us know and one of our WLA families will have you over for a great home-cooked meal! For more information, or to sign up, contact Tracy (tloessin@shaw.ca) or Sue (sdclow@hotmail.com).

A NOTE to Our Guests:

Welcome! And thanks for being with us!

We're happy you are here today and hope that being with us will be a help to you in learning to know and love and live for our great God. Please take a moment to fill out a "**Connection Card**" located in the seat pocket in front of you, and bring it to the **Welcome Kiosk** in the South Foyer. **We have answers to your questions, a packet of WLA information and a gift for you!**

You can use the card to provide us with any information you think will help us serve you. You can email us at info@wlachurch.org or check out our website at www.wlachurch.org or phone us at **(519) 471-8716**.

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