

Sunday, December 24, 2017

Today at W.L.A.

9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Service(s)
Jesus's Birth Luke 2:1-21

This Christmas Eve day we consider the birth of Jesus as recounted by Luke. We will hear that Mary "gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger." We will look into the significance of this to our lives.

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

6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

Tonight 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 tonight!

This Week at W.L.A.

Monday, December 25, 4:00 p.m. Christmas Day Potluck Dinner

If you are interested in enjoying a shared potluck meal at the church tomorrow, please sign up at the kiosk! Or contact Julia Argall at (519) 473-4461 or julia@argall.ca for more information

Tuesday, 6:15—7:30 a.m. Women's Prayer

Join us again beginning January 9th. For information, contact Deb Wilkins at (519) 471-4133.

Tuesday, 9:30—11:30 a.m. Playgroup

We are taking a break over Christmas, and will resume on January 9th. 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

Plan to join us when we resume on January 11th, 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

Thursdays, Jan.18-March 1, 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Club Elements

Our midweek program for kids in Grades 1 - 5 begins again! Each night will consist of teaching, games, snack, and an activity of their choice (Athletics, Art, Lego, or Culinary). For more information, contact Angela at angela@wlachurch.org or register at wlacamps.org/clubelements.

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

Have you checked the Church Family Mailbox today?... It is overflowing with Christmas cards and other good things that just might have your name on them! You will find it just outside the Main Office.

Our WLA Cares Offering... in support of families from our community for Christmas totalled \$5256.95!

Our Special Offering... received for the London Pregnancy and Family Support Centre totalled \$4335.68!

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.

Growzone NOTES

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

9:00 a.m. Mary Anne MacCrone, Alicia Hiebert, Lorraine Turkstra, Bethany McLandress, Sara Turkstra, Heidi Martin, Morgan Jones, Sarah Handler, Cheryl Hargraves.

11:00 a.m. Katherine Argall, Kendra Birtch, Lana Luka, Shannon Dundys.

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 There is no Shift this morning, or next Sunday, December 31st. We will resume on Sunday, January 7th.

Tuesdays, 6:30—8:30 p.m. Club Core: We will not be meeting over the holidays, but will start again on Tuesday, January 9th. Have a Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year.

SENIOR CORE (Grades 9-12)

Wednesday, 6:30—9:00 p.m. We are taking a break for Christmas, and will gather again starting Wednesday, January 10th with a prayer night. Mission Peru Team: Don't forget our all-day Peru meeting on Saturday, January 20th, 9:30 - 4:30. Cost is \$5 to cover lunch.

YOUNG ADULTS (18-25ish)

Sunday, 7:00 p.m. We are taking our Christmas Break and will be back on Sunday, January 14th. 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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