

Sunday, December 23, 2012

*Today* at W.L.A.

**9:15 & 11:00 a.m.**

**SERMON:** [Mike Wilkins]

**Worship Service(s)**

**“CHRISTMAS HUMILITY”**

Luke 1:26-55

**9:15 a.m.** JK-Grade 5

**Growzone 1**

**9:15 a.m.** Grades 6- 8

**SHIFT**

**9:15 a.m.** **Prayer Ministry**

Join us in the Library to pray for the people in our lives, our church, our city, and the world. All are invited and welcome. Contact Nigel Garnaitis if you have any questions ([nigel.garnaitis@gmail.com](mailto:nigel.garnaitis@gmail.com)).

**10:30 a.m.** Coffee and tea and time to talk. In the Gym. **Intermission**

**11:00 a.m.** Grades 3 – 6

**Junior Bible Quizzing**

**11:00 a.m.** Grades 7 – 12

**Senior Bible Quizzing**

**11:00 a.m.** JK-Grade 3

**Growzone 2**

**6:45 p.m.** **Christmas Caroling**

In the neighborhoods around the church building. Let's go wish our neighbors a Merry Christmas! *Questions?* Ask Chad!

*Christmas Week* at W.L.A.

**Monday, 4:30 & 6:30 p.m.**

**Christmas Eve Services**

The 4:30 Service is especially for families with young children. The 6:30 service will be a celebration for adults. There will be no Nursery at either service.

**Tuesday**

**WLA Christmas Dinner**

If you are interested in enjoying a shared meal at the church on Christmas Day, please contact Julia or Stephen Argall, at (519) 473-4461 or [julia@argall.ca](mailto:julia@argall.ca).

**Sunday, December 30, 10:00 a.m.**

**One Sunday Service**

Nate Wright preaching: Isaiah 6.

*On Beyond Christmas* at W.L.A.

**Thursday, January 3, 6:00 a.m.**

**Men's Prayer & Accountability**

A whole new year! We meet together early on Thursday to “spur one another on” to godliness, to pray for the work of God in London and around the world --- and for one another. All men are welcome. Contact Mike or Nate for info. [mike@wlachurch.org](mailto:mike@wlachurch.org); [nate@wlachurch.org](mailto:nate@wlachurch.org)

**Tuesday, January 8, 6:15 – 7:30 a.m.**

**Women's Prayer**

For women of all ages [18+.] Don't have much free time during the day or evenings? How about an early morning group (with optional breakfast to 8:00am)? An excellent way to grow deeper in your walk with God and to meet some new friends. For more details contact Deb Wilkins at [dwilkins@compassion.ca](mailto:dwilkins@compassion.ca).

**Tuesday, January 8, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Seniors' Community Drop-In**

Seniors and their friends are invited to join us for coffee, snacks, special features, games and much more.

*On Beyond Christmas* at W.L.A. (Cont'd)

**Tuesday, January 8, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

**Playgroup**

The Nursery is open every Tuesday for parents with young children to spend time together in a fun space...enjoying the company of other kids and parents. Snack will be provided...bring your own drinks/coffee

**Wednesday, January 9, 9:15 – 11:30 a.m.**

**TLC**

**The Ladies Connection...**is a morning out for women of all ages to deepen their connection with the Lord and each other through prayer and study.

**Thursday, January 10, 12:00 Noon**

**Forevergreen Luncheon**

We will start the year off with a nice hot lunch (\$5/person). Special guests: Matt & Connie Russell, our newly International Workers.

**Friday, January 11, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.**

**ESL**

Weekly reading and discussion groups for women looking to practice English. Childcare is provided.

*Other Important* **NOTES**

**Our condolences to...** Deb Wilkins and family on the death of Deb's father on Tuesday, December 18.

**Financial Summary...**as of December 16

Budgeted to date \$707,264

Received to date \$691,612

Shortfall to date \$15,652 (97.8% of budget)

**On the last two Sundays...** we received an offering of \$2,028.41 to be used to provide Christmas Baskets for distribution through the Northwest Resource Centre. We are continuing to collect contributions this month.

**Numbered Offering Envelopes...** are now available in the South foyer.

If you are not already using them but would like to request a set for 2013, please use a “Let Us Know You're Here” card to say so. And if you would like to participate in our automatic withdrawal “Pre-Approved Donation Plan”, you will find Enrolment Forms in the chair pockets.

**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”.

**Congratulations to...** Ben Booy who placed first, Miles Malik and Niki Wright who placed second, and Jon Magwood who placed fourth in the Central Canadian District at our recent tournament.

**At the conclusion of our January 6th Communion Service...**We will receive an offering for **Matt & Connie Russell**, our own newly appointed International Workers.

*Growzone* **NOTES**

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

**9:15 a.m.** Mary Anne MacCrone, Sandra Pettit, Joanne Marzaro, Sharon Close, Allison Eagles, Anne Buchanan, Rob & Christine Bell, Kim Banman.

**11:00 a.m.** Heidi Martin, Katherine Argall, Michaela Anborgh

*Youth* **STUFF**

**CORE**

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Check out our website for the latest events, pictures, leader bios, prayer requests and more!  
[www.wlayouth.org](http://www.wlayouth.org)

**CLUB CORE** (Grades 6-8)

**Sundays, 9:15 a.m. SHIFT** in the **CORE**. We are taking a break for the holidays and resuming **SHIFT** on January 6! See you then!

**Tuesday, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.** We will resume on Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.!! Have a great Christmas Break!

**SENIOR CORE** (Grades 9-12)

**Wednesday, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.** We will resume on January 9<sup>th</sup>, which will be a Serve Night. See you in the New Year!!

**OASIS** (18-24ish)

**Sunday, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** Enjoy your exams, followed by holidays! Look for details about when we will be reconvening in January.

For more information, contact Dave DeSmit at [dave@wlachurch.org](mailto:dave@wlachurch.org)

*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 our great God. Please take a moment to fill out a “**Let Us Know You Are Here**” card 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](mailto:info@wlachurch.org) or check out our website at [www.wlachurch.org](http://www.wlachurch.org) or phone us at (519) 471-8716.

**Mike Wilkins**, Pastor

**Lyll Mix**, Associate Pastor

**Graham Buchanan**, Director of Community Connections

**Chad Louwerse**, Director of Worship Arts Ministries

**Dave De Smit**, Director of Student Ministries

**Kim Seabrook**, Office Manager

**Angela McCallum**, Administrative Assistant

**Judith Gaunt**, Director of Sunday Morning Children's Ministries

**Nate Wright**, Apprentice Pastor