

Sunday, December 14, 2014

This Sunday at W.L.A.

9:15 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Service(s)

SERMON: The Birth of Jesus Christ: According to Joseph Matthew 1, 2
The second of three Christmas sermons focussing our attention on the details of the first and best "Christmas gift".

At the conclusion of our services this morning, we will be collecting an offering for our WLA Cares fund, to help families from our community for Christmas.

9:15 a.m.	JK - Grade 5	Growzone 1
9:15 a.m.	Grades 6 - 8	SHIFT
10:30 a.m.	Coffee and tea and time to talk. In the gym.	Intermission
11:00 a.m.	JK - Grade 3	Growzone 2
11:00 a.m.	Grades 3 - 6	Junior Bible Quizzing
11:00 a.m.	Grades 7 - 12	Senior Bible Quizzing

New sermon series to begin 2015.

THE WORDS OF JESUS CHRIST, *According to John.*

Between New Year's and Easter, our Sunday sermons will feature the seven "*I am...*" statements of Jesus.

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. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Deb Wilkins at (519) 471-4133.

Tuesday, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Playgroup

The nursery is open for parents with young children to spend time together in a fun space, enjoying the company of other kids and parents. For further details, please contact Anne Buchanan at (226) 919-6453 or buchanan24@gmail.com.

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

One more Christmas Party to enjoy!! Seniors and their friends are invited to join us. Cookies to decorate, cider to drink and many more surprises!!

Wednesday, 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. Childcare available. For more information, contact Cheryl at cherylhargraves@live.ca. **We will resume again January 7.**

Thursday, 6:00 – 7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer & Accountability

All men are welcome! For info, email Mike (mike@wlachurch.org) or Jude (jude@wlachurch.org).

Friday, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. ESL

Weekly reading and discussion groups for women looking to practise English. **We will resume again January 9.**

On Beyond THIS WEEK

Wednesday, December 24, 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 Service provided at either service.

Thursday, December 25, 3:00 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.

Sunday, December 28, 10:00 a.m. One Sunday Service

Saturday, January 17, 7:30 a.m. Guys Day Out!!

Men 18+ are invited to join us to attend the North American International Auto Show in Detroit. Cost is \$15, which includes coach transportation and admission to the show. Seating is currently limited, so please go to the kiosk in the south foyer to pay for and reserve your spot!

Other Important NOTES

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 SEND Canada offering... totalled \$1,819.96!

Our special offering for ... Matt & Connie Russell, Alliance International Workers in the Asian Spice Region, totalled \$1,964.01!

Women's ESL Conversation Circles... are looking for you to get involved! No special skills required, just a willingness to connect with New Canadians. Join us Fridays from 10:00 - 11:30 to facilitate small group discussion, or take care of some little ones while their moms practise English. Childcare providers can commit weekly, or even just once a month. To discuss how you can be involved, please email Rebecca and Laura at englishWLA@gmail.com or call (519) 702-8536.

Volunteers are needed... to help out at the Northwest London Resource Centre food bank depot, on the third Tuesday monthly, during the day. If you are interested in being involved, or want more information, contact events@wlachurch.org.

Taste of Home... Are you a student studying in London and missing the comforts of home? Are you looking to get to know some families who are part of WLA? Sign up at the kiosk for the opportunity to join a family in the church for a home cooked meal. Or email dave@wlachurch.org.

A Note About Sunday Morning Coffee... We are now serving a Peruvian Fair Trade blend. Please consider donating as you enjoy your morning coffee, as Net Proceeds will be going towards Mission Peru!

Financial Summary... as of November 30th
General Fund Budgeted to Date: \$ 701,538
Received to Date: \$ 685,380 (97.7%)
Shortfall to Date: \$16,159

Growzone NOTES

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

9:15 a.m. Shelly Booy, Grace Bell, Emily Stranks, Kim Banman
Grace & Nolan Pollock, Faith Mix, Kayleen Collier,

11:00 a.m. Genevieve Argall, Heidi Martin.

Youth STUFF



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

CLUB CORE (Grades 6-8)

Sundays, 9:15 a.m. SHIFT - Church for Junior Highs! Come on out to the Core for worship, messages and small group time! This week we'll be continuing our Christmas series, focusing on the birth of Jesus through the eyes of Joseph!

Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Club Core - Junior High Christmas Party! Come on out for an awesome night of games, food, indoor snowball fights and more! Make sure to wear your best ugly Christmas sweater! The ugliest sweaters get a prize! The cost is FREE (that's right, free!) so be sure to bring your friends!

SENIOR CORE (Grades 9-12)

Wednesday Night - Christmas Semi-Formal!

Come dressed in your semi-best for our Senior High Semi-Formal Christmas banquet. It's only \$10 with great food, games and prizes! Dinner starts at 6:00 p.m.

YOUNG ADULTS (18-25ish) Tonight we are going to head downtown. Please dress warmly and bring a few extra dollars to purchase a hot chocolate or coffee for someone. The idea behind tonight is to engage in conversation, connect with, and pray for some of the local residents of downtown. Meet at the church for 6:45 p.m. and we'll be back just after 9:00 p.m.

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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