

Sunday, December 1, 2024

*Today* at W.L.A.

**9:00 & 11:00 a.m. Worship Services**

**Hope: A Shoot from Jesse's Stump** (Pastor Jude) **Isaiah 11:1-10**

Our first Advent sermon focuses on Isaiah 11:1-10 and how the arrival of Jesus was the arrival of hope for God's people.

9:00 a.m.	Live service on <a href="http://wlachurch.org">wlachurch.org</a> or our YouTube Page	
9:00 a.m.	Chinese Fellowship (Mandarin)	Fireside Room
9:00 a.m.	JK - Grade 5	Growzone
9:00 a.m.	6 months-pre JK	Seedlings
11:00 a.m.	Arabic Fellowship	Core
11:00 a.m.	Chinese Fellowship (Cantonese)	Fireside Room
11:00 a.m.	JK - Grade 5	Growzone
11:00 a.m.	6 months-pre JK	Seedlings
12:30 p.m.	Soup Sunday	Core
1:30 p.m.	Member's Meeting	Sanctuary

*This Week* at W.L.A.

**Monday, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. M68 Men's Group**

Join other men in the Sanctuary as they learn to be more faithful to God. Questions? Contact Brian at [bworrad@menearlaw.com](mailto:bworrad@menearlaw.com).

**Monday, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. TLC**

The Ladies Connection meets for Bible Study. For info or to register, please contact Louise at 519-643-0173 or [l.somerville@rogers.com](mailto:l.somerville@rogers.com).

**Tuesday, 6:15 - 7:30 a.m. Women's Early Morning Prayer**

Join us as we encourage one another through prayer and discussion related to the Sunday ministry! For info, contact Deb by texting or calling 519-859-4133 or by emailing [debewilkins@gmail.com](mailto:debewilkins@gmail.com).

**Tuesday, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. Seniors Drop-In**

Join us for coffee, tea, euche, table games, and much more! Contact Lyall for more information at [lyall@wlachurch.org](mailto:lyall@wlachurch.org).

**Wednesday, 9:15 - 11:30 a.m. TLC**

The Ladies Connection meets for Bible Study. For info or to register, please contact Louise at 519-643-0173 or [l.somerville@rogers.com](mailto:l.somerville@rogers.com).

**Thursday, 6:30 - 7:30 a.m. Men's Morning Prayer**

All men are welcome to join in prayer and fellowship. For info, contact Pastor Jude at [jude@wlachurch.org](mailto:jude@wlachurch.org).

**Thursday, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Playgroup**

All parents of babies and preschool age children are invited to join us in the Nursery. Questions? Contact Karyn at [karyn@wlachurch.org](mailto:karyn@wlachurch.org).

**Thursday, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Forevergreen (Seniors)**

The Gathering – Hymn Sing. Join us as we begin the Christmas season singing some wonderful Christmas Carols.

**Friday, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. ESL Conversation Circles**

Women's English Conversation Circles meet for the purpose of extending friendship and practicing conversational English with newcomer women in our community. Contact Kathleen at [esl@wlachurch.org](mailto:esl@wlachurch.org) or 226-448-4354.

*This Week* at W.L.A. *Cont'd*

**Saturday, 8:15-10:30 a.m. Women's Breakfast Event**

All ladies are welcome to join us for a delicious continental breakfast at our Growing in Grace-Patient Endurance event. Cost is \$15. Register through the link in our weekly church emails or the WLA Women Facebook page. Contact Nancy Whynot at [nwhynt3@gmail.com](mailto:nwhynt3@gmail.com) with any questions.

*On Beyond* THIS WEEK

**December 8, between services Sauyunan Handicrafts**

Support Matt & Connie's Handicraft Project...Sauyunan Handicrafts will be sold between services in the South Foyer on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. These Christmas ornaments are great for gifts! All funds are returned to the Foundation to support Indonesian families in need. Matt and Connie are grateful for your support!

**Until December 15 Christmas Initiative**

We, as a church, have an opportunity to bless families and individuals in our communities this Christmas season. We have identified six ministries and programs that we will intentionally partner with this year. Details on how to get involved are on our website.

**Saturday, December 24, 5 & 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Services**

This year we celebrate the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ at 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. All services will be identical with Christmas Carols and a message. There will be no childcare provided, but the nursery will be open. Please come and worship with us this Christmas Eve!

*Other Important* NOTES

**Financial Summary as of November 24, 2024**

General Fund Budget to Date	\$1,189,462	
Received:	\$1,143,704	(96.1% of Budget)
Shortfall to Date:	\$ 45,758	

**Pre-Approved Donation Plan...** pre-authorized debits are available to people wishing to contribute via automatic bank withdrawals. To enroll, please email [kim@wlachurch.org](mailto:kim@wlachurch.org).

**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".

*Growzone*NOTES

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

**9:00 a.m.** Lorraine Turkstra, Alisah Nicol, Sarah Cameron, Mindy Worrad, Eleora Jacob, Jessica Balderston, Rosanne Bakker.

**11:00 a.m.** Giselle Alkhouri, Laura Stanley, Sarah Carandang, Mary Stanley.

*Youth* STUFF



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

**SHIFT** (Grades 6-8)

**Sundays, 9:00 a.m. SHIFT** Join us for a time of fun, community, and time in God's Word.

**JUNIOR HIGH** (Grades 6-8)

**Tuesday, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.** Join us in the Core as we learn to follow Jesus, build friendships, and serve each other through learning from God's Word.

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

**Wednesday, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.** Join us in the Core for a time of music, learning, prayer, and fellowship through small groups.

**YOUNG ADULTS** (18-23ish)

**Sunday, 12:30 p.m.** All Young Adults are welcome to join us. This is a great opportunity to get plugged in! Check out our [wlayoungadults](https://www.instagram.com/wlayoungadults) Instagram page to keep up to date with gatherings and events!

*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" using the QR Code provided in the chair back or in the Front Foyer or fill one out on our website [wlachurch.org](http://wlachurch.org) under "Getting Connected". 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 (519) 471-8716.

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