

Sunday, December 7, 2014

This Sunday at W.L.A.

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

SERMON: The Birth of Jesus Christ: According to Mary **Luke 1:26-55**
The first of three Christmas sermons focussing our attention on the details of the first and best "Christmas gift".

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

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
Seniors and their friends are invited to join us for coffee, snacks, euchre, table games, shuffleboard, exercise and more.

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).

Thursday, 12:00 Noon Forevergreen Luncheon
A traditional Christmas turkey dinner with all the trimmings! Carol singing, guest singers/presenters and much more will bring a joy to your heart this Christmas season.

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.**

Friday, December 12, 6:00 p.m. Rockin' Christmas: A Family Event
Saturday, December 13, 10:00 a.m.

Christmas fun for the whole family, especially young children! Games, crafts, and a Christmas show! This is a great opportunity to introduce your friends to our church family. Tickets must be purchased in advance at www.rockinchristmas.ca or at the south foyer kiosk. Cost: \$15/family. Interested in volunteering or baking? Sign up at the kiosk today!

On Beyond THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 14, 9:15 & 11:00 a.m. WLA Cares Offering
Last Christmas we helped over 30 families from our community, through our WLA Cares fund. We will be taking a special offering on December 14, so we can do the same this year!

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

Other Important NOTES

A BIG thank you... to all those who came out to "deck the halls" of WLA this past week!!

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".

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 to this Sunday morning coffee fund, 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, Marian Kowal, Jenna Butler, Lorraine Turkstra, Bertha Blockeel, Christine Bell, Caleb Butler, Katherine Argall, Sara Turkstra, Kristine Jongepier.

11:00 a.m. Michelle Koch, Sarah MacLeod.

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, 9:15 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 starting our new Christmas series!

Tuesdays, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Club Core - We are back at the Core this week! Come on out for games, sports, snacks and a whole lot more. Bring your friends!

SENIOR CORE (Grades 9-12)

Wednesdays, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. This week is Serve Group. Check with your serve group leaders for meeting times! Next week is our Senior High Semi-Formal Christmas Banquet! It's only \$10 with great food, games and prizes!

OASIS (18-25ish) Tonight you are invited to Dave's place for dinner at 6:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Dave to let him know you'll be there, so he knows how much food to make! See you there!

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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