



# The Lutheran Light

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## My dear friends, brothers and sisters in our Lord Jesus Christ

Last few weeks I have been reading the book of Joshua. Especially its first chapters are amazingly inspirational and I recommend you to read them. Every single line offers a great encouragement for our personal but congregational future. Let me share with you a couple of ideas.

Here is the scene. God freed the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt. But because of their disobedience, they have been living in the wilderness for 40 years. – Moses has just died, and now it is Joshua’s turn to lead the people. The older, disobedient generation is gone, and the younger generation is ready to do what God tells them in order to enter the Promised Land. – They are close to fulfilling their dream but Joshua is afraid. He knows that once they enter the Promised Land they will be facing at least 7 enemy nations that are very strong, very well trained and armed. – It is not any wonder that Joshua is hesitant to take this final step. – So God appears to him and says, “Joshua, let me tell

you a few things. If you follow them I guarantee you won’t be disappointed. – Here they are:

A. The first thing that God says to Joshua is, “**Set my plan into motion.**” – But before Joshua could do that, there was something else he had to do. He had to let go of the past. – God began His speech by saying, “Moses my servant is dead.” – Moses was God’s chosen man. He freed the people, led them out of Egypt and brought them to the border of the Promised Land. – Now Joshua has to fill his sandals.

**Faith is an action!**  
**Faith is never passive.**

He has to take his place. – You can imagine the fear and tension he must have felt. – But God comes to him and says, “Joshua, listen! – Moses is dead, but I’m not and you are not. I have a plan for your life, and I have a plan for

my people. So let’s get on with the plan. “This is a message for us too. – If we only look back we will never move forward. Previous failures will hold us back and take our focus off the goal. – We need to know that God always has a good plan for us even though it looks like it won’t work. God sees things from a different, much better perspective than we do and so His plan is always better than ours. Now look at the change that happened. Joshua ordered the officers of the people: “Go through the camp and tell the people, ‘Get your supplies ready.’ Three days from now you will cross the Jordan and take possession of the land the Lord your God is giving you for your own.” – You know that in our congregation we made plans for the next three years. We were asking God for His .. direction to reveal His will for us. We set goals in our vision. Now is the time to get ready for hard work. Of course we don’t know what the cont’d pg 4

## The Church in my Life

Trudy Bauer

My fascination with the church began already when I was a child. It was a place where I felt safe and loved to go to. I was devastated when the church was destroyed in 1943 by bombs, the same time we also lost our home. My father was at war, so my mother went with us 3 children to her

father's house in Black Forest and away from the bombings. I started to go to school there in grade 7 where there were 48 students of which 45 were Catholics and 3 were Lutherans. There was no Lutheran Church in that town so the three Lutherans from class walked 5 km every Sunday to

church service and 2 times a week to confirmation classes. It was good exercise and we were never overweight.

In 1947 we moved back to Mannheim and started to rebuild our lives. With no help from anyone my parents sold there property ... cont’d pg 2

## The Church in my Life

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and immigrated to Canada 1 week after I got married. Two years later we followed and lived with them in Willowdale. We tried to find a Lutheran church but there was none. We sometimes went to a German speaking Lutheran church in Toronto. Then one day in 1957 our doorbell rang, it was a pastor and he told us that on Bayview and Finch there will be a Lutheran church built and that for me was music to my ears. It was Pastor Schweder who was the founder of St. Lukes. We started church services right away, sometimes in funeral homes or in a school. My son Eric was baptized in the school on Finch and Bayview. We became members of St. Lukes in 1957 and were very active members until we moved to Newmarket in 1990. I was in charge of the altar, communion and pastor's gowns. I also sewed all the altar linens by hand because at that

time, you were not allowed to sew them by machine. Until the beginning of the 1970's St. Luke's didn't do very well. The membership declined and we almost lost our church. We searched for a new pastor and got one of the best, Pastor Marvin Janz. Our membership started to grow and we became a happy church family.

After retirement the Janzs moved to Gil-

ford and the Bauers to Newmarket. We had our daughter and a son living there.

Every time Pastor Janz was doing the service at Christ the King, Norma called me and invited me to come to the church service. This is how I got to know this church and the people. In the beginning of 2011 I became a member at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church and met our Pastor Dusan Tillingier when he was installed on February 6th, 2011.

*Beautiful is the large church,  
With stately arch and steeple;  
Neighbourly is the small church,  
With groups of friendly people;  
Reverent is the old church,  
With centuries of grace;  
And a wooden church or a stone  
church  
Can hold an altar place.  
And whether it be a rich church  
Or a poor church anywhere,  
Truly it is a great church  
If God is worshiped there.*

## Family Fun Fair

Meghan Grech

On June 8<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting our annual Family Fun Fair 11am-3pm. This is a chance for the members of Christ Lutheran to connect with the local community. Members have a chance to bring their own family to the church to enjoy the event, but also invite friends and family to join them.

Last year, we had over 200 people come to Christ Lutheran for the Family Fun Fair. We are hoping to have an even better turn out this year. We would like to connect with as many families as possible in the



hopes of having 1 family join Christ Lutheran before the end of 2013.

Events at the Family Fun Fair include, PONY RIDES, PETTING ZOO, BOUNCERS, FACE PAINTING, MAGIC SHOW, DJ WAYNE JONES, SOCCER, GAMES and FIELD ACTIVITIES. And no Family Fun Fair would be complete without a BBQ. There is something for everyone!

Raffle tickets will be sold starting in May

until the Family Fun Fair, 1 for \$2 or 3 for \$5. Prizes include 1 week at Soccer Camp July 1- July 5, or 1 Night Stay in a Tipi with Dinner and a Movie Gift Card, or Blue Jay Tickets. If you are interested in purchasing tickets please see Meghan Grech.

If you would like to volunteer to help out on June 8<sup>th</sup>, please send an email to [meghan.grech@gmail.com](mailto:meghan.grech@gmail.com). If you would like to make a donation to the Family Fun Fair, please mark on your envelope Family Fun Fair.

## Vision Update

Michael Denman

The new vision process that started back in September 2011, was unanimously approved at our last congregational meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup> April 2013

The vision presentation document can be found on our website [www.blessaurora.com](http://www.blessaurora.com) outlining the following objectives:

WORSHIP = BY CELEBRATING GOD'S

LOVE in three ministries with a goal of 100 people on average attending our weekly services by December 2015

FELLOWSHIP = BY GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER in three ministries with a goal of 20 committed individuals by December 2015

OUTREACH = BY PROCLAIMING CHRIST IN THE COMMUNITY in three

ministries with a goal of reaching 10 de-churched / un-churched families and 20 individuals to Jesus Christ by December 2015

It's now time for us all to come together and get started on the next & most exciting phase of planning and implementation of these objectives serving Christ.



# The Great Flood of 2013 at Christ Lutheran

Bob Ernst

“Hello”

“Hi Bob, it's Dusan. Are you busy right now? Can you come to the church?”

“Sure – is there a problem?”

“Yes, I'm standing in the basement in 2” of water!!”

“I'll be right there”

And so it started! I grabbed a utility pump I had saved for some reason I was just discovering. I mean, who needs a utility pump in a town home! Got to the church, and sure enough the basement had been transformed into a wading pool. Within a short time, Mike G and Steve arrived and, armed with the utility pump, two shop vacs, two big squeegees, shovel and pails, we set about

trying to remove the water which was coming in almost as fast as we were removing it. Finally, we prevailed and were able to see that the water was coming in at a number of points around the foundation. Not able to find a sump pit or outlet, we assumed the weeping tiles were hooked into the storm drains and that the tiles might be plugged up. Meanwhile, Mike had called our insurance company who sent out a restoration team. By the time they got there late that night, the basement had flooded again and they set about removing water and setting up dryers and fans and left for the night.

Next morning, I arrived to find the basement flooded again, got the pump and squeegees going again and Mike and I waited for the insurance ad-

juster and restoration manager to arrive. They too could not find sump pit or outlet and came to the same conclusion.

Bad News! Deductible for this type of flooding was higher than the probable cost – we were on our own! Since we had not yet corrected the problem and water was still coming in, very expensive dryers and fans were not of any real benefit, and we directed that the restoration company remove their equipment.

Good News! Jerry returns home from his trip and, learning of the flood, arrives at the church, knows where the sump pit is, finds the pump not functioning and places another utility pump in the pit to remove the water. It took a day at least, but ... cont'd pg 7

## Financial Report

Mike Gondosch

On April 7, 2013 during our congregational meeting, I reviewed our operat-

*The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.*

Psalm 126:3

ing budget for 2013. On estimated

offerings of \$87,500 we are projected to lose approximately \$11,000 for the year. The loss is slightly less than 2012.

Please “GiveThanks to the Lord With a Grateful Heart” (The Celebration Hymnal, #170) and increase your offering in 2013 by at least 5% to help Christ Evangelical move toward our financial goal of being self sufficient.



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## They're Back! Those wonderful Church Bulletins!

Bob Ernst

Thank God for church ladies with typewriters. These sentences (with all the BLOOPERS) actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

“Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands! “

“The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.”

“The sermon



this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'”

‘Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.’

## My dear Friends ... cont'd from pg 1

future will bring but God assures us that He will always be with us in any situation.

B. The second thing God tells Joshua to do is to "**Stay in the Word**. Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful." – Did you notice? – We need to **talk about it**, discuss it, and learn it. – We need to talk with each other about what God is teaching us, and how He is working in our lives. We need to share with each other. – You can't benefit from what God is doing in my life if I don't tell you. And I can't benefit from what God's doing in your life if you don't tell me. Then, God also says, "**Think about it**. Meditate on it day and night." The word "meditation" has fallen on hard times because when we hear it we often think of someone sitting cross legged, in some kind of a trance. But "meditation" is a good Biblical word. If you want to understand what it is, consider this: "Worry is

negative meditation." That's all, worry is constantly thinking about all the bad stuff that could happen. That's negative meditation. – Positive meditation is thinking about what God can and will do, and how He can work in our lives. Then God says, "**Do it!** Put it into practice. Be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful." Take the teachings and principles out into the world, and live them every day.

C. The third thing God told Joshua to do was: "**Step out in faith**." We need to understand that faith is an action. Faith is never passive. – Faith isn't a sporadic coming to church where we assure ourselves that we are saved. That's not faith. – It is not enough to say, "I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God." Satan believes that, too! – Faith is not real until it is active as you commit your life to Jesus Christ, and say, "I not only believe in you, Lord, but I trust my life to you, and I'll follow you wherever you lead me." – That was what God was asking of Joshua – to make a commitment and

trust Him in every situation.

D. Now Joshua needed to cross the Jordan River in order to get out of the wilderness but obviously he was not ready to make that step. So how is God going to get him and all the people across this raging river? – God says three times to him, "**Be strong and courageous!**" "**Be strong and courageous!**" "**Be strong and courageous!**" And continues, "Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." – Fear will keep you always in the desert and never allow you to enjoy God's gifts. – What was the problem here? When Moses led the Israelites to the Red Sea, God opened the waters for them to cross on dry land. But that's not what happened here. "Now the Jordan was at flood stage during harvest. Yet as soon as the priests who carried the ark reached the Jordan and their feet touched the water's edge, the water from upstream stopped flowing. It piled up in a heap .. cont'd pg 6

## The Fellowship of Believers

Pastor Dusan Toth

In the early Christian church believers "devoted themselves to the apostles' teachings and to the fellowship, to prayer and to breaking of the bread. Everybody was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and they had everything in common.... They broke bread and ate together.... And the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. (The Acts 2:42 – 47)

Old custom in many churches in Central European countries kept the Early

Christian community traditions. They broke bread and ate together! Naturally, they prepared food together and celebrated! The customs moved with us to Canada, to Christ Lutheran Church in Aurora. We have met at the church hall for making sausages, a little over a dozen of us. Excellent atmosphere of friendship filled the air. Each one of us donated our time and energy and devoted it to the congregation. That is the way community of Christians shows to be together worshipping, praying and enjoying life together. Eve-



rything was done in a spirit of the community. Using the Old Country techniques, we made excellent sausages, we smoked them and proudly shared them with family and friends.

We hope and pray that we will experience more and more of this kind of fellowship in our congregation. DT

## Our Wee-Ones (age 0 – 5)

Jennifer Grammenz

Most parents would say that their children are the most valuable thing in their lives. We do our best to protect them and help them grow to be capable individuals. Our best ally, in protecting and raising our children would be the Lord. He is the fortress that our children need. Encouraging them to learn the Word, and understand that Jesus is our ultimate Savior, is the true way to make sure that our children will have the skills be secure and succeed in life.

A new Christ based adventure has been set up in our church. A nursery for children ages 0 - 36 months, and Sunday school programme for ages 3 - 5 years. The idea is to allow parents to have an option of keeping their children with them during the service, or being able to have their children attended to, in a Christian environment downstairs. The nursery will be mostly play based with supervision. Opportunities will be provided for the nursery children to join in during prayer, Bible story time, col-

oring, and other Sunday school activities if they wish. There will also be a snack provided.

As the children grown and move from the nursery programme into the Sunday school programme (age 3 – 5), a more structured programme will be set. The Sunday school programme will be filled with prayer, exciting Bible stories, Christian based activities and games. It will offer a wonderful learning experience to help our children grow a closer ... cont'd pg 5

# Praise God in Song

Bob Ernst

Another fun season has come and gone, and the choir disbands again for the summer. We had a great season, practicing on Monday evenings, and singing at special celebrations during the church year.

Thank you to our faithful choir members who show up regularly - - well - most of the time, for practice. Nathalie starts our one hour practice with vocal and breathing exercises, where we are



all exhorted to “pretend we are opera singers”. We then systematically learn our parts, individually first, then together, then the words, and then finally, its the whole enchilada! Then comes the polish, where we do our best to add musical expression in time for “the performance”. It’s a special joy to praise God in song on that chosen day, and the appreciative smiles

and applause make it even better.

We are small in numbers, and could always use a few more voices. It’s always nice to have support, and it’s no different in a choir where the support of another voice in each part is so important. So if you think you might like to give our choir a try, please let one of us know and we’d be very happy to have you join us.

A special thanks to Nathalie for her generous efforts with our choir, and with the children’s choir too.

Next season - - here we come!

Your Choir

# Our Wee-Ones (age 0 – 5)

Jennifer Grammenz - cont'd from page 4

spiritual relationship to God. Snack time too of course ;)

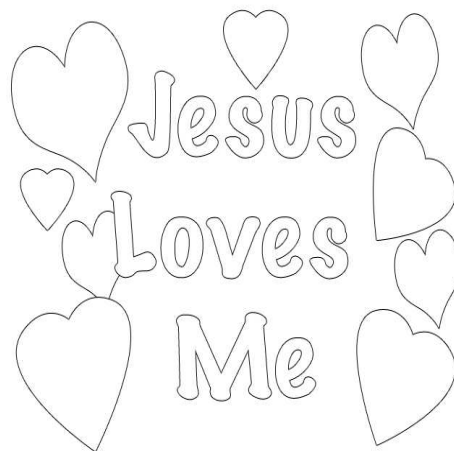
The children’s ministry is important to the parents, children and our church family as a whole. This will open doors to allowing new families to our church, enabling all of us to hear the Word and not have to worry about our children’s needs during the worship service. In order for this nursery and Sunday school programme to work, we need our church family to work together, offering prayer

support and physical time. We are looking for volunteers to watch children in the nursery, and volunteers to teach Sunday school lessons. We hope that you and your family will be able to be a part of this new and exciting experience.

Please contact Jennifer Grammenz if you are able to provide support in any way.

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Colour Me



# Sunday School at Christ Lutheran

Andrea Denman

Sunday school is an awesome opportunity to learn of God’s word. Our goal is very simple; to know, love, and worship God. Whether it is for forty-five minutes or an hour and a half, we spend this time having fun, teaching, and learning through music, crafts and games.

Our Christmas program this year is a play entitled *A Fresh-From-God Baby*. Most of the children of the church, and hopefully a few from the neighborhood,

love to get involved. Everyone works so hard to make this event a true celebration of God’s love for us. This year we have our choir director, Nathalie, joining us for Sunday school as well as the play. We are asking for donations to Aurora Food Bank as the entrance fee.

There are many volunteers that help make our Sunday School a special, fun place be. All children are welcome in our program, no matter what your background

or age, or how often you would like to attend.

Thank you and God bless all who are a part of our team at Christ Lutheran Sunday school:

Karen Hoffrogge, Milada Tillinger, Meghan Grech, Donna Quinn, Sue Jones, Hannah Hoffrogge, Olivia Denman and, of course, Pastor Dusan Tillinger



## My dear Friends ... cont'd from pg 4

a great distance away.” (Joshua 3). Picture this scene: here come the priests carrying the Ark, walking toward the Jordan River. Then they step into it. They stand knee deep in the water, but the waters didn't part like when Moses raised his staff at the Red Sea. – Then they take another step. They're waist deep in the water, but the water is still rushing past them. What happened? Isn't God going to do something? – Then they take another step, they're chest deep in the water. And I can just imagine that the priests are thinking, “How far

does God expect us to go before He does something?” – You see, God was testing their faith. What actually happened? The moment the feet of the priests touched the water, God did His thing up there, but the water kept flowing and they kept getting deeper even though God had already done what He was going to do. – What's the point of this? The point is that the first steps of faith are always the hardest ones. God expects us to keep stepping out in faith even though the water is getting deeper because He has al-

ready done His thing. He has dammed up the water, so that we could reach dry ground. God has already defeated sin. He has won the victory on Calvary for us. But we're still standing knee deep in the water, waiting for the effect of His miracle to take place in our lives and in our world. The apostle Paul said, “**I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.**” (Phil 4:13) – So be courageous and in trust step out of your faith and start to work for Christ who will be always with you.

## Milk Bag Mats for Haiti

Have you ever wondered what happens to your Milk Bags when you are done with them? Well until recently they might have ended up in a landfill, where they take up to 15 years to disintegrate. But children around Canada are putting these Milk Bags to good use. These Milk Bags can be cut into strips and then weaved into mats for children living in Haiti. Haiti is still recovering from the

devastating earthquake a few years ago. Many people are still homeless or sleeping on the ground. The mats provide a sanitary place for people to sleep.

The process is really a simple one. The outer Milk Bag is cut into four strips, which is then looped together to make chain. The chain is then set up on a frame and weaved together. Making one child size mat

can take up to 600 bags.

The Sunday School Children have started this outreach program. Milk Bags can be dropped off in the basement in the box marked 'Milk Bags'. The children will then take the Milk Bags and weave them into something useful.

**Start saving your Milk Bags and help this good cause!**

## Garage Sale

Erika Lamm

Our yearly GARAGE SALE is approaching fast

**Sat. May 25th from 8 – 12**

Again we are looking for extra pairs of hands!! for pricing our goods during the week before, or on Saturday.

Items that are always in demand are

- baked goods
- perennial plant cuttings
- household items

- children's toys & clothing
- Still-in-style adult clothing
- books & CDS etc.
- all in good condition.

As in previous years, we try to make this our MAIN FUND RAISING EVENT, to help with other activities later in the year. Thus....check your house, ask your friends and check your garden for cuttings.....Hostas are

great for dividing & transplanting. See you on May 25<sup>th</sup>!!



## Aurora Prayer Breakfast

Erika Lamm

We are well on the way to prepare for our 5<sup>th</sup> Aurora Prayer Breakfast, Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> 7 a.m. Our theme is “a miracle story of hope & forgiveness”.

The car with the 4 Barricks, was hit by a drunk driver in 2006. Jen, then 15, was not expected to live through the night – BUT GOD miraculously intervened. During the 5 weeks in a coma – instead of screaming in confu-

sion - she was praying out loud & singing praise songs. God is using this family from California to inspire & give hope to hurting people all over their story of God's faithfulness and healing in the USA & internationally, as they share in the midst of tragedy.

We have participants from 6 churches,- But could need quite a few

more! This year, we will host it at the new Catholic school on Wellington East – St. Maximillian Kolbe High School. - We still need more sponsors to bring this family to Aurora. For more information go to our website “AURORA PRAYER BREAKFAST”

<https://prayforthem.ca/aurora>

# Stewardship Corner

Sam Jones/Mike Gondosch

In case you were wondering our Stewardship program at Christ Lutheran is alive and well. Unfortunately because of work related and health issues your Stewardship Committee has not been able to be as active as it would have liked to have been over the past several months. But as mentioned in the past our Stewardship program was never meant to be a short term project but a program that would continue day in and day out here at Christ Lutheran as we continue to witness for Christ and move forward with his great commission to tell others about his sacrifice for their sins.

As we move forward in 2013 and move into 2014 your Stewardship Committee will continue its planned individual and family visitations in order to talk about the 3 T's of our Stewardship program namely

*"time, talent and treasures"* in order to determine how each of us, regardless of where we are in our own personal faith,

*"Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do"*

*(James 2:18)*

can contribute to our spiritual growth here as a Congregation.

While Stewardship is about helping, giving and doing acts of service in his name it is also about being a Child of God.

And as his children he has asked us to devote what time we can, to offer what talents we have and to give of what treasures we have to help Christ Lutheran move forward in his name.

Over the months to come your Stewardship Committee looks forward to talking to each member of Christ Lutheran about their individual "time, talents, treasures".



## The Great Flood 2013

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finally the ground water level around the foundation dropped and the water flow into the basement stopped.

Members responded to my call for fans and dehumidifiers which we set up to dry out the basement. At one time, we had eleven dehumidifiers running full time, removing many gallons of water as the basement gradually dried up. The failed sump pump has now been replaced, and a back up unit has been in-

stalled. The basement is dry now, and the task of putting things away and restoring order is underway.

So, what have we learned? Unfortunately, the sump pit in the furnace room was covered with so many articles from past events, that it could not be seen by first responders, insurance adjuster or the restoration company, and incorrect conclusions were drawn by all. For this and other reasons, we must

change our habits and keep the furnace room and utility room clear of such odds and ends. A plan of checking sumps annually is also a must. On the plus side, it could have been a lot worse, and positive action by all of us can help to prevent another "Great Flood"

*"If you feel moved, please consider a separate donation toward paying for the cost of the clean up from the flood and mark your envelope "Flood Fund."*



## World Day of Prayer

Christa Grammenz

The World Day of Prayer was held on March 1st 2013 at Aurora United Church. I enjoyed participating with different churches from the area.

The host country for this year was France with the theme "I was a stranger and you welcomed me"

I am looking forward to hosting this wonderful event here at Christ Lutheran Church in 2014 the first Friday of

March. The theme will be "Streams in the Desert", prepared by the women of Egypt. The World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year, and who, in many countries, have a continuing relationship in prayer and service. Through World Day of Prayer, women around the world: affirm their faith in Jesus Christ,

share their hopes and fears, their joys and sorrows, their opportunities and needs. Through World Day of Prayer, women are encouraged: to become aware of the whole world and no longer live in isolation; to be enriched by the faith experience of Christians of other countries and cultures; to take up the burdens of other people and pray with and for them; to become aware of their talents and use them in the service of society.

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## MISSION and VISION

We, at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Aurora, transformed by God's redemptive work, desire to grow in mission. With God's guidance we will reach out to those who do not recognize Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Worship

As a response to God's love, grace and mercy we encourage others to live a daily devotional life. We desire to establish at least 3 working ministries and increase the number of worshippers to 100 people per Sunday by end of the year 2015.

Fellowship - koinonia

Motivated by Jesus we endeavour to establish an environment of love, care, understanding, and encouragement. We desire to establish at least 3 working ministries focused on equipping the saints for the work of ministry and we will recruit 20 committed individuals ready to lead in serving Jesus Christ and people around us ... by end of the year 2015.

Outreach

Commanded by the Great Commission of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by identifying and using our spiritual gifts we long to take the Gospel into the communities of Aurora, Newmarket and surrounding areas. We desire to establish at least 3 working ministries focused on outreach activities and bring at least 10 de- and un-churched families and 20 individuals to Jesus Christ by end of the year 2015.

**SUMMER FUN!****Soccer & VBS Camp and Tipi Adventures**

**2013 Soccer camp and VBS** is held again during the **first two weeks of July!** Enrol soon – space is limited. Last year's camp was a huge success with over 80 kids enrolled during those two weeks. Camp fees covered almost all expenses including cute T-shirts for the kids and volunteers. Inexpensive quality camps are hard to find. Parents and children were thrilled with what they experienced with us. This year's VBS theme is "ATHENS" - sharing the truth of God's immeasurable love. Fees per child/per week/full day is only \$70 with Early Bird discount! Registration and payment are conveniently available online along with more information, just follow link on our home page.

**Faith in Action – be a Disciple!** Are you moved to lend a hand? An hour, a day, a week? Call Marcia (905) 853-8268 or fill out online form.

Following the week of **July 22 to 25** is our **Tipi Camping** trip for all ages. The theme is 'Conquer the Mountain'. Again, registration and payment can be done online.

How about sponsoring a child for any of our camps? Any amount will help. A day of tipi camping is just \$30 and includes travel, accommodations, all meals and crafts!

Information, flyers, registration forms can be all downloaded at

**[www.blessaurora.com](http://www.blessaurora.com)**

Payments/sponsorships through PayPal or mark your envelopes.

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