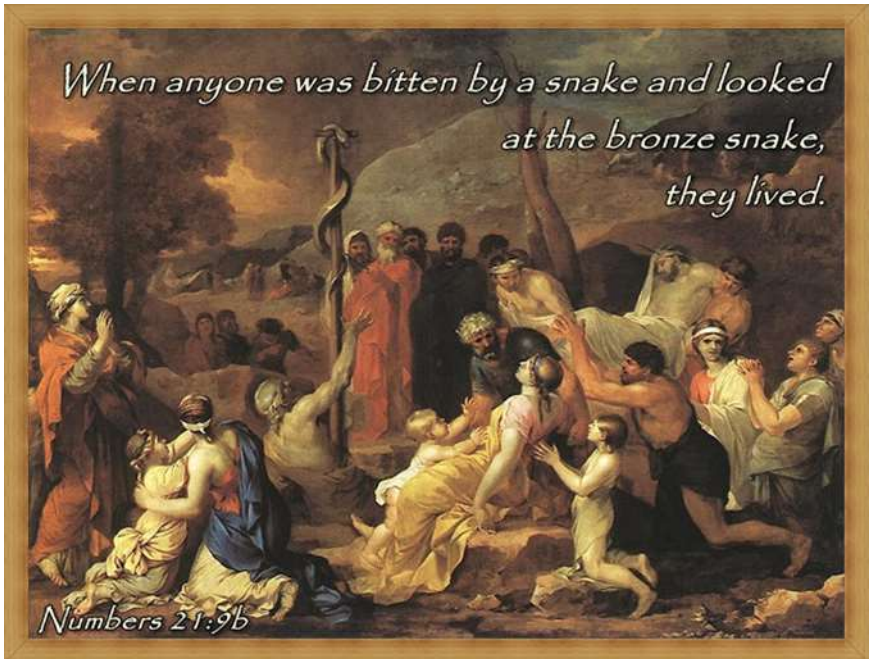


4th Sunday in Lent

March 14, 2021



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

901 Cornwall Crescent

Dawson Creek, BC

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AS WE GATHER

Look out! There were snakes biting the Israelites, sent by God as punishment for complaining about the manna, that miraculous food He gave on the way to the Promised Land. But look up! See the bronze serpent Moses put on a pole. Everyone who looked up at the serpent will live. The serpent was a type of Christ, a parallel symbol in the Bible. We, too, have snakes—our discontent with God’s daily blessings and lack of faith in His promises. But as we look up in faith to Jesus, the Christ on the cross, we shall be saved. That faith is a gift of God in His grace. Jesus is the center of the gracious Good News. We are God’s workmanship, and now He holds the door open as we walk through, looking up to Jesus.

Announcements

Coming Up:

Wed. Mar 17 7:00pm Spiritual Support Group

Wed. Mar 17 Recorded Midweek Lent Service
Available Online

Sun. Mar 21 11:00am Live Streamed Service with Drive up
Communion available

I plan to post all the recorded midweek services by noon each Wednesday in Lent so that you may watch them at your convenience.

Starting today: All our Sunday morning worship services will be broadcast to our parking lot over low power FM Radio. If you wish to listen to the service in your car, tune your FM Radio to 87.7 FM at 11:00 am.

The links to all services will be posted on our web site:

www.stpaulsdawsoncreek.com

Drive Up Communion Distribution to be offered next Sunday:

Starting next Sunday March 21, we will begin to offer communion distribution to members inside their vehicles on the first and third Sundays of the month (until we are able to begin gathering in the building). In order to prepare for the reception of Holy Communion it is expected that all who come to receive will either watch the regular live streamed service at home, before driving to the church, or you may participate in the live service by listening to it on the radio. We will be broadcasting all our church services to the parking lot over FM radio beginning today.

During the live Sunday morning service, Pastor will consecrate the elements on the altar, and conclude the service. After the service has “ended” Pastor and one elder will distribute communion to people in their cars, from the parking lot for about 30 minutes after the live broadcast / internet service has ended. If you will need more than 30 minutes to get to the church please make arrangements with Pastor ahead of time and he will be happy to wait for you.

As always, we practice closed communion, meaning that we only commune those who share altar and pulpit fellowship with LCC. If you are not a member of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church please speak with Pastor Chris before the service if you wish to receive the sacrament.

AGM Update and Information:

According to the updated rules due to Covid 19, we have until November 2021 to host our Annual General Meeting. As soon as we are able to gather in person, we will schedule our AGM. While an internet (virtual) meeting is allowed, we prefer to wait until we are able to be together in person.

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Organist / Pianist today (Pre-recorded)

Dorothy Bartlett

The following is an Update from our Treasurer:

Dear members,

First of all, since we will not be having an AGM in the near future, here is a snapshot of what happened in 2020. Home and loose offerings totaled \$ 93,654 for an average of \$1801 per week. Total receipts including all designated funds, interest and Government subsidies totaled \$ 103,645.25 Total expenses came to \$ 119,135.33, which left us with a shortfall of \$ 15,489. Our budget was forecasting a shortfall of about \$34,000, so thru higher offerings and cutting back on some expenditures, we ended 2020 in a better financial position than we were expecting. Praise God!

For 2021, after 9 Sundays, our finances are a little less encouraging. Thru the first 9 weeks, home offerings totaled \$10,775 for an average of \$1,195 per week. This is well below what we need to meet budget, and we have a \$7500 shortfall as of the end of February.

I want to encourage you to remember your gifts to God and the work of his church. Many of you continue to give regularly, either weekly or monthly. Thank you for doing so. Some of you may have been, or still are affected financially by the pandemic, and are struggling to make ends meet – we understand that. All we ask is that you continue to support the work of God’s church here in Dawson Creek as best and as regularly as you can. We are all praying that the lockdown will lift soon and we can get back to “normal” Church, and see all of our brothers and sisters in person once again.

In service to Christ and you,
John Bartlett – Treasurer