

AS YOU ARE GOING
LOVING THEIR NEIGHBOURS ACROSS THE HALL
STORIES FROM I.M.P.A.C.T.
FROM WORKERS WITH WMPL
MADE FOR HERE & NOW: PART 2
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CROSS ROADS



FOR THE FRIENDS AND ALUMNI OF THE
CANADIAN LUTHERAN BIBLE INSTITUTE

We believe that God has made and still sustains us! But what exactly are we made for?

You likely know that there are *many* voices in the world offering *many* answers to that question.

And CLBI can't answer it for you...

At least not succinctly.

Near the end of December, President Erik Osness taught our students a class called "Identity and Vocation."

In the Lutheran tradition, we have wonderful resources at our disposal when thinking about who we are and what we are to do.

One of our students, in the midst of a glowing review of the class, said, "I thought I was going to know what to do with the rest of my life at the end of class, but now I have more questions than before!"

We loved hearing that.

There are no shortage of questions that we might ask about who we are, or what we're supposed to do. Yet every time we attempt an answer without considering God or what He has done *for us*, we will come to a wrong answer (no matter how well-meaning we are, or how many Bible verses we can point at to support our ideas).

Folks who don't know who God is cannot truly know themselves.

Similarly, folks who don't know what God has done for them cannot truly know what they are to do, either.

Isn't it good news, then, that in God's gracious Word, the Christian person comes to know who God is, and what He has done for us?

Upon knowing God more and more, the Christian sees themselves more and more clearly, freed from the burden of self-discovery, constructing an identity, or imposing themselves on others.

Upon knowing what God has done for us, the Christian comes to know what good works truly are, who needs them, and who doesn't!

Spoiler alert: it's God.

He *doesn't* need your good works.

God *freely gives* the gift of salvation in Christ - no good works required - and He sends us out to our neighbours to dispense that same gift.

So, who are we? What are we made for?

Keep reading...

In this edition of CROSSROADS, you will hear from students locally loving their neighbours, our IMPACT teams, CLBI alumni across the world, and more.

As you read, remember who you are:

You are forgiven. You are redeemed. You are reconciled to God. You are complete in Christ. And none of this depends on you! It is a promise that God has made to you, and is faithful to keep!

- from the Editor

As You Are Going



"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you..." (Matt. 28:18-20)

I really like words; typically I bring up a word or two from the original language of a passage that I'm preaching. Matthew 28 is a personal favourite, in this regard.

In the original language, the **main verb** of the sentence in v.18-20 is *μαθητεύσατε*, which means "make disciples."

"Go" is *πορευθέντες*, and it is a **participle**. Participles are typically translated as ongoing verbs, and here it helps us rightly understand our main verb.

Think "to swim" vs. "swimming" (ongoing).

In this case, think "as you are going." The participle here describes when the main verb is done.

When do we make a disciple? **As we are going**. It's continual! Now that we know *when*, we need to know *how*. Thankfully, there are more participles helping our main verb: "baptizing" & "teaching."

If you bring it all together, it goes:

"Make disciples!"

When? **"As you are going."**

How? **"By baptizing... and teaching..."**

Wherever you are going, then, as a Christian, a gift you have been given by God is to make disciples there, and to *continually* do so (remember: ongoing action).

And it *is* a gift; a good and gracious gift!

Rev. Nick Joyal
Director of Communications

Sometimes people are nervous about evangelism or mission work. Jesus does not wish to place a burden on your shoulders, though. In fact, the burden is on Him!

Instead, Jesus wants to encourage you in the gift you have been given to share Him and His Gospel *where you are at*, wherever that is.



At home, across the globe, or in-between, there are people who have never met a Christian or heard about Jesus Christ.

They need what you have!

You have God's free gift of grace; the forgiveness of sins, redemption through the blood of Christ, the ministry & message of reconciliation, peace that surpasses all understanding, hope for eternity *and* for here & now!

Wherever there are people, there are those who need these things.

And wherever you are going, *you have those things with you!*

What good news for your neighbours!!

So, as you are going, make disciples! Share your faith, answer questions, love your neighbours & seek their welfare, "baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to observe" all that Jesus has commanded... "And behold," Jesus is with you, as you are going, "til the end of the age."

Community Students

Loving Their Neighbours Across the Hall!



The Community Student Program (CSP) is a relatively "new" idea, with roots in our history (as per usual).

Decades ago, some folks in the Camrose area called the CLBI campus their home while unable to fully participate in the program. This history was the genesis of the CSP, which currently houses 2 full-time students (there have also been 2 others who were here for a shorter time period).

The idea of the CSP is simple: while you work toward your educational goals, take part in the intentional Christian community, getting a taste of CLBI.

Meet our 2 full-time CSP students:

1. Who are you? Where are you from? What is your home church?

Kim: Hey! My name is Kimberly Polzin and I am from Drumheller, AB. My home church is Fellowship Baptist Church, a very supportive community!



Cas: My name is Cassia Teske. I am also from Drumheller and have been best friends with Kimberly for pretty much as long as I can remember. Grace Lutheran is my home church, and I am continually reminded how blessed I was to be part of that community!

2. What are you studying? What is your plan after your degree?

Kim: I'm studying at University of Alberta (Augustana Campus in Camrose) as a Law, Crime, & Justice Major. I plan to be a Correction Officer after I graduate, and am pretty set on that direction!

Cas: I am in my third year of the 3+2 BscBEd degree at Augustana. My first three years focus on a bachelor of sciences with my specialization in biology and minor in physical education. My final two years consist of an education degree from UofA Edmonton campus.

After completing my degree I plan to be a teacher. Biology 20 & 30 have always had a special place in my heart. I walked out of those classes marveling at God's creation!

3. How did you come to be at CLBI as a Community Student?

Kim: The dorms at Augustana were expensive, so Cas and I were looking for less expensive alternatives and that's when we learned about CLBI. My aunt lives in Camrose and told me about CLBI, and Cas knew about it as well!

Cas: I discovered it through some good friends at a young adults Bible Study in the 2nd semester of my first year. I wanted to be involved, but didn't know how.

Then in the summer, Kim and I were interested in moving off campus, and eventually decided that CLBI was the best option. (This wasn't only because it was cheaper than living on campus at UofA, but it's certainly a BIG perk!)

4. How has the CLBI community been helpful for you? Your education, faith, etc.

Kim: I feel like I actually leave my room more because CLBI is such a close and friendly community. It's helped my mental health, which has helped in my studies too. And since this is a place of faith, I feel more supported as a Christian here.

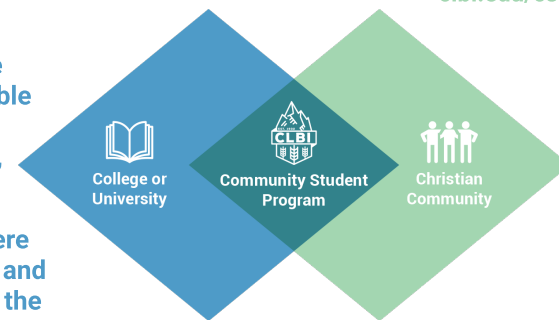
Cas: CLBI has been an amazing way to not let my faith fade into the background (as it has in the past). I've been struggling to balance enjoying and taking advantage of CLBI's amazing Christian community and support with my other commitments. Even if I can't fully immerse myself in every aspect of CLBI, I am grateful that the CSP allows me to participate while also working on my degree.

5. What opportunities have you had to love your neighbours on the University campus, or to share your faith?

Kim: I don't really talk to many people, typically, so I don't really know if I've done that very well.

Cas: I know that God has worked

Learn more about the CSP at clbi.edu/csp



through me to love my neighbours at UofA, even though I don't pick up on it most of the time.

Interestingly, I have been blessed with more frequent conversations about Christianity with my peers just by telling them that I live at CLBI. It's shocking that some people who have lived in Camrose all their lives don't know about this amazing school!

6. How would you encourage a fellow Christian who is seeking to love their neighbour and/or wanting to share their faith in the world?

Kim: If someone asked me how to go about those things, I would probably tell them to talk to their pastor and Christian community (if they have one), and encourage them to speak up knowing that God is always on their side!

Cas: I would tell them I struggle with that question, too. I would say there is no cookie-cutter way to evangelize; God can work despite my struggles!

I would point to Exodus 4:11-13, which has greatly helped me have confidence to share my faith with others. God can work through the smallest good deed and make something bloom!



In partnership with WMPL, students in the second year program of CLBI have traveled around the globe for the past 25 years to learn, pray, and serve those who are working to make disciples of all nations. This is our I.M.P.A.C.T. program (Intentional Ministry, Prayer, And Cultural Training)

Below are some updates & photos shared by each team while they were still overseas in January. By the time you are reading this, they have returned home and are preparing to share more about their trips!

Come to Shrove Tuesday at CLBI to see and hear their presentations, and for tasty pancakes! (see more details on last page or at clbi.edu).

TEAM CAMBODIA:



"27.5 hours after leaving Edmonton, team Cambodia has just gotten off their third and final flight!

Travel is full of surprises and stressors, like Till forgetting some important documents (which were brought to the airport just in the nick of time), Alex breaking his glasses, and the baggage claim having technical difficulties. But just because things like these go wrong sometimes does not mean that God isn't with us.

January 6 was Epiphany - the day in the



church calendar on which we celebrate the Light of Christ to the world - first revealed through the star that led the Magi to worship Him.

Because of how traveling across the International Date Line works, our Epiphany was only a few hours long, and those few hours were shrouded in the darkness of night.

Nevertheless [we] took the time to read a Catholic devotion for Epiphany that we found in the Vancouver airport's prayer room. It was a good reminder that even in the darkness - even when Epiphany is dark - God's Light will overcome everything.

So, please pray for us that [Christ's] Light might shine into our lives, and into the lives of those around us as we continue into the Epiphany season!"

TEAM TAIWAN:



"This past stretch has been such a full and meaningful time for us here. Over the last few days we've had the opportunity to go on

prayer walks at different temples, spending intentional time praying over the city and the people. We've also gotten to work with a Grade 3 class, as well as an English class, which has been such a joy. The kids are amazing and have so much energy and curiosity!

We experienced our first church service here, and it was incredibly encouraging to worship alongside the local body and see how God is moving in this community. We were also able to sit in on a seniors' cooking class, which was such a sweet glimpse into daily life here, and another reminder of how kind and welcoming everyone has been to us.

On top of all this, we joined in on the church's college night and an English conversation and games night, which were both so much fun and such a great way to build relationships. The food has been absolutely amazing, and the people here have been insanely kind and generous; we've felt so welcomed everywhere we go!



As always, thank you so much for your continued prayers and support. Please keep praying for energy, unity, and sensitivity to what God is doing; and for the people and churches here, that they would continue to know and reflect God's love.

We're so grateful to be here and excited for what's still to come.

Love you guys!"

TEAM INDIA:



"An image I have been thinking about since our arrival is that of water.

When we first arrived in India our feet were washed. Throughout our time here, when we have been at worship gatherings, or at church, we have been welcomed with hand washing and flowers. With such washing by custom, I have been thinking of baptism.

[In baptism] the Trinity has washed our sin away, and led us into this land. We are not worthy, but by His grace Christ still leads us.

Seeing India has opened our eyes to how much of the world lives. Driving is chaotic. Stray dogs roam every street. Many live in poverty. No matter the circumstances one thing remains true: all need the Gospel.

So, we ask that you pray for the people of India and for us. There are many people in India in need of Light, so join us in praying for them."



Update From Workers with World Mission Prayer League



Hello! We are “Darius” and “Jaycee” (pseudonyms); CLBI alumni (2012). We re-met and married around eight years after CLBI, and now

we serve with World Mission Prayer League in South Asia. We completed our first term of two years in June of last year.

We have just returned to South Asia from a wonderful and busy time in Canada: the birth of our new son! He’s a happy and smiley guy, and our twins love him (we do too!). We now have three children and they are so much fun.

Here in South Asia, we are working in a university teaching English (Darius) and running a medical room for students (Jaycee); work that we love doing! Half of our students are Christian, so we’re able to meet with them on Sundays, study the Word with them, and engage in deeper discipleship together.

STORIES FROM OUR TIME (SO FAR)

One day after church Jaycee’s small group of girls got talking about being unclean during “that time of the month”. The students asked Jaycee, “Do you mean to tell us we can read our Bible during that time?”

The prevailing Islamic culture had seeped into their Christianity, making them feel that they could not approach God while they were unclean. Jaycee was able to share the story of the woman with the issue of blood (Mark 5/Luke 8), and tell how Jesus doesn’t become unclean through our uncleanness – *he makes us clean instead!*

During the aforementioned wonderful and busy time in Canada, a university there was closing their English language program. They told Darius that he could come and take any books he wanted. He walked away with over \$20,000 worth of English language textbooks, which we never would have been able to afford.

God provided for the shipment of the books, too, and now Darius is looking forward to setting up our new English Center at the university here!

OUR FOCUS

Our main prayer focus here is working with a people group called the “Ralli” (pseudonym).

Twelve years ago, Darius had a dream where he wrote “You’re going to work with the ‘Ralli’ [people] in (the place where we are now).” He had never heard of this people group before, but when he Googled them the next day, he found out they were real!

When we moved here, we were feeling a little discouraged, wondering how we could meet “Ralli” people in our city when their homeland is a twenty-four hour train ride away. Then one day, at a prayer meeting, one of our colleagues approached us. He said, “I was in a handicraft shop, and I felt the Holy Spirit tell me to ask the shop-keeper if he knew any ‘Ralli’ people.

The shopkeeper was shocked and said that *he* was ‘Ralli.’”

So, Darius went to that shop, and over our time here we’ve probably met around a dozen “Ralli” men.



God continues to put them into our path.

THE COMING YEARS

In the coming couple of years, as we are here, we are praying that God would deepen our relationships with these people. We are praying that some of these would be interested in studying with Darius, and also that Jaycee would be able to meet some “Ralli” women, as we haven’t met any yet.

We are also praying that some “Ralli” will come and study at the university, as well. The university is on board with our vision, and has been trying to recruit some students from that area.

Please pray with us!

We anticipate a shift in our work this coming term, We will be taking on more responsibilities at the university and, at the same time, adjusting to having a third child.

Please pray,

- that God would open doors among the “Ralli,” and give them a hunger for His Word.
- for the work in the university to be effective and fruitful for the Kingdom of God.
- for our kids, and for us as a family, that we’d draw close to Jesus and to each other!

This week, choose a missionary or missionary family as a focus for your prayers. Pray for their personal life, ministry, and relationships...

DAY 1: RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Pray that your missionary would feed on God’s Word, have a healthy prayer life, be filled with the Holy Spirit, mature and grow in grace, and have victory over Satan and the flesh.

DAY 2: PHYSICAL & EMOTIONAL LIFE

Pray that your missionary would adapt to the climate, be healthy in the midst of disease, find safety in danger, and have victory over loneliness, depression, and discouragement.

DAY 3: FAMILY

Pray for your missionary’s relationships with ones closest to him or her whether married, with children, or single.

DAY 4: ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE

Pray that your missionary would continue to improve in study and practice of the language(s), and in cultural adaptation and understanding.

DAY 5: MINISTRY

Pray that your missionary would be sensitive to the Lord’s leading in teaching/preaching and witnessing. Pray for their work whether theological, translation, medical, Business-As-Mission, administrative, ESL, etc. Pray for them as they communicate with their network of supporters back home. Pray for boldness, prepared hearts, and fruitfulness.

DAY 6: RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS

Pray for trusting, Christ-honoring relationships between your missionary and: other missionaries, national pastors, staff, church leaders, house-helpers, etc.

DAY 7: COUNTRY OF MINISTRY

Pray for good governance through national and local leaders. Pray for visas and open doors. Pray that the gospel will spread throughout all cities and villages.



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Part 2



If you know me, or if you're reading this, or even if you've seen our social media lately, you won't be surprised to hear that I like creativity. I *love* to make things.

There's something fun and fulfilling about *making*. Before attending seminary, I spent some time framing houses, for example.

Monday morning, as a framer, there would be nothing but a concrete foundation. By Friday evening (if we had a good week), there would be a house. Maybe even a house with no deficiencies! We could look at the very same place where once there was nothing, and see something that we made!

Made for someone to live and build a life in. A place to serve the needs of a person, a family, and a neighbourhood.

This was fun and fulfilling because human beings have been made in the image of God; a God who is, Himself, creative by nature.

At CLBI we acknowledge and adhere to the three ecumenical Creeds; the Apostles, Nicene, and Athanasian Creeds, which teach us about the nature of God. I'm sure you know the Creeds well!

In the Nicene Creed we confess that Jesus Christ was "begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father..." Much attention is rightly paid to words like "begotten" & "substance."

I want to highlight another part of the statement, though.

"Not made."

It is an essential confession of the Christian faith; Jesus was not made. He is not a creation. The Athanasian Creed goes even

further by stating that all three Persons of the Trinity are uncreated.

The depths of these statements cannot be fully grasped by any of us, as with all the Creeds, and the Scriptures as a whole!

However, the plain and simple matter, taught by all of the above through the Church's history, is that Jesus was not made. He is not a creature but rather the One by whom all creatures were created (John 1:3; Col 1:16-20).

The Apostle's Creed, of course, begins with, "I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth."

What does this mean?

I'm sure you know this, well, too!

"...that God has created me and all that exists; that he has given me and still sustains my body and soul..." (Small Catechism)

We were created.
We are, by definition, creatures.
In other words...

"Made."

We might use some poetic vocabulary from the Psalms and add in synonyms like knitted together, shaped, or formed. Of course, these synonyms also describe ongoing activity. The Apostle Paul said that we "have put on the new self, which is being renewed (*ongoing*) in knowledge after the image of its creator" (Col 3:10).

All of this is to say: we have been made, and we are also *continually* made, or you might say, formed, as Christians.

What are we formed by?

Obviously, God. But how does He do it?
What is His method?
What are His tools?



Well, do you remember all of that talk about *participles* on page 3? Our ongoing formation, or "discipleship," is included there in Matthew 28 as well, particularly in the word, *teaching*.

That "teaching" happens at CLBI in the context of *intentional Christian community*. You'll see that phrase here in Crossroads, and hear it around campus as well.

CLBI is an "intentional Christian community," which means it is marked by and set aside for specific things.

The Word of God.

Worship.

Fellowship.

Forgiveness.

Formation.

Through all of these things, God *teaches* us, and He does that with His Word. In Worship He gathers us together around His Word. He calls us into fellowship with each other and with Himself by His Word. He gives us mercy, grace, and forgiveness of sins by His Word.

God's method is Word. God's tool is Word. God disciples & forms us by *His Word*.



One of my seminary professors, of whom there is a bobble-head figurine decorating the desk in my office (beside a little Luther!), says it this way:

"God's Word does what it says, and it says what it does."

God's Word is also how God works, and that includes how He works in us. It is what we are made for.

We, CLBI, are made for teaching God's Word; facilitating God's formation of His people.

In keeping with this, CLBI carefully curates time and schedules; month-to-month, week-to-week, day-to-day, and even hour by hour sometimes.

How is our time best spent? How many ways can students and staff be permeated by God's Word? How can we shape our routines around the historic rhythms of the Church? How can the faith of students be strengthened, deepened, and reinforced by what we do here?

Can you wake up in the morning *Christianly*?

Can lunch with your roommate be a time when your faith is shaped by a brother or sister in Christ?

Can the "breadth, length, height, [and] depth" of God's love be explored sharing a cup of coffee with the instructor between class times?

Yes, yes, yes, and more!

God does exactly these things each day through His Word in our wonderful school; *your* wonderful school.

This is what we are made for.

CLBI is a "Bible College Made For Here & Now," like the slogan says. It is made for the formation of God's people, here & now (wherever that happens to be), and from here they are sent out making disciples of all nations, 'as they are going,' wherever their vocations might take them!

**Next time, we'll look at the final portion of the slogan, "here & now." Stay tuned!*

Letter from the President

Rev. Erik Osness
President



Some of you might have received my “CLBI Pillars Letter” from December (if you’ve donated in the last year). For those that didn’t, I returned to reflections at the 80th anniversary of CLBI, where alumni

“communicated their perception that CLBI is needed more today than ever in its history.”

Almost 15 years later, some things have changed. Many haven’t. One of the constants is a tight operating budget, with a corresponding drive to cut costs and increase efficiency. At times, I feel like I’m pressing too much into that, but December donations might curb that for a bit. A driving force behind the desire to spend less is for CLBI, as an intentional Christian community, to continue to the 100th Anniversary and beyond!

What you might be waiting to hear more about is my hair!

I started growing my hair when my job seemed in flux, and I wasn’t sure when work would settle. I was determined to not cut it until things resolved where I was, or until I settled somewhere new. In reality, I probably value being “settled” too much. True peace is found only in the LORD. I need regular reminders of that.

Still, after two and a half years of taking various temporary roles, becoming the permanent President of CLBI is definitely a significant change, with a long-term commitment.

So, for a year-end fundraising initiative, I agreed to cut my hair based on what we received for the General Fund between the end of November and the end of December. My hair was 20+ inches long!

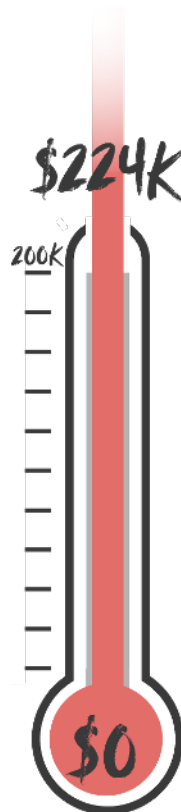
I didn’t know enough to anticipate what numbers we’d bring in, or how many would hear about it.

I guess I know, now! The final tally was right around \$224,000, exceeding the goal!

Crazy.

The staff, especially Nick, Demara, and Wanda, worked hard to make it all happen. December is usually the month CLBI receives the most, but what we received this year was much more than normal. Thank you!

Seriously. I was a bit worried about our finances in November. Now, we’re back on track. Does it seem like we still need to bring in a lot between now and the end of our fiscal year (at the end of June)? To me, kind of. But I’m not used to the rhythms of CLBI quite yet. The contributions to this point amaze me.



You may also be wondering, now that I am no longer the “Interim” President, what’s next?

More changes? No changes?

Likely, something in-between.

I’m not very quick to make decisions, most of the time, but something in particular has been creeping to the top of my mind...

As mentioned on page 2, I had the privilege of teaching our First-Year Students about “Identity and Vocation” from a Lutheran perspective. What struck me, in particular, was how new the concept was to students.

It’s not their fault. Many voices in society encourage us to find our purpose and fulfillment as individuals in what we do. Even in the church, people are filled with anxiety about how to discover or follow their own unique calling from God.

Luther’s understanding of vocation is quite different than that.

First, our identity comes from God. We’re beloved, but not for the things we do (or don’t do). Our jobs, families, and communities ought not be elevated beyond what they are, with some elusive higher purpose.

And yet, what are they? What then shall we do?

Well, centered on our secure identity in Christ, we’re to love and serve our neighbours through our various vocations.

That’s it!

We don’t need to look far and wide to find our calling(s) in life; we don’t need to always look for deeper meaning. Observe the needs around you, and know Christ already loves you, regardless of what you do. In Baptism, you are already His own!

For Luther, holy callings are found in ordinary places, doing ordinary things for the sake of those around you.

There is no higher calling than that!

To the students, this seemed more significant than I thought it would be. That said, I was ecstatic that something was done to ease some of their anxieties about the future.

What does this reflection mean for CLBI’s future?

Well, I think Luther’s understanding of vocation is probably not talked about or understood enough, even among Lutherans. And so much of our messaging today is about taking what we can for ourselves in this life, not about what we can do to serve our neighbours.

What if that is a big part of what CLBI has to offer? Not “a career-path,” but a true “vocational” school (in the Lutheran sense), focused on seeing where and how we can serve those around us, or how it’s already taking place.

Maybe, in today’s culture, a different kind of place is needed “more today than ever before.” Or, maybe, that’s just history repeating itself.

While the rest of the staff and I continue to study, pray, reflect, and engage with others on potential next steps, please join us by sharing your thoughts as well.

Finally, your incredible, continued financial support has us feeling very encouraged. Thanks again!

Grace, mercy, and peace.

Received as of Dec. 31 (fundraiser included) Still Needed

\$394K

(\$246K)

\$640K

Prayers

FEBRUARY

2-6: Galatians with Roger Viksnes and Rooted program students (Open Class)
7: Elijah Jack's birthday (son of staff Amy Jack - currently on Maternity leave)
9-13: Biblical Financial Principles with Jeremy Osterwalder - 1st Years
9-13: Law and Gospel with Erik Osness - 2nd Years
13: Lisa Belau's birthday (Residence Life and IMPACT Director)
14: Dena Rokos' birthday (Food Services)
16: Tobias Sherbanuk's birthday (2nd year student)
17: Shrove Tuesday
17: Evan Berg's birthday (1st year student)
18-20: Dwelling Retreat II
21: Tyler Adam's birthday (Director of Operations)
23-27: Matthew with Dan Berge (Open Class)
25: Ted Hill's birthday (Program Director), and Dean & Kim Rostad's Anniversary
28: Anthony von Hollen's birthday (1st year student)

MARCH

2-6: Patience of God with Gretchen Ronnevik (Open Class)
7: Garrick Rokos' birthday (son of staff Dena Rokos)
13-15: Youth Surge
13: Danielle Adam's birthday (wife of staff Tyler Adam)
16-20: Acts with Logan Klassen
21: Open House, 10 am - 4 pm
23-27: Ephesians with Leon Miles (Open Class)
23: Ezekiel Jack's birthday (son of staff Amy Jack)

25: Alexander Thielmann's birthday (2nd year student)

APRIL

7-10: Life in the World with Ted Hill
13-17: Long Obedience Towards Home with CLBI Staff
15: William Frederickson's birthday (2nd year student)
15: Danyel Rokos' birthday (daughter of staff Dena Rokos)
20-24: Dwelling Retreat III
22: Steven Belau's birthday (Residence Life)
25: CLBI Grad!

PRAYER NEEDED:

- For Amy Jack as she goes on Maternity Leave February 7! Please pray for a successful delivery of baby #4 in February, and that baby is born healthy and happy.
- For the remaining instructors of the 2025-2026 school year. Pray that God gives them all that they need, encourages them, and blesses their time at CLBI.
- For strength and perseverance for all the students, that they would be able to finish the year well!
- For Shrove Tuesday; that there would be a good turnout; that God would be with the students as they present their experience of the IMPACT trips.
- That God would bring lots of youth to Youth Surge and Open House; that they would feel God's guidance and see the benefits of spending time in CLBI's intentional Christian community studying God's Holy Word, and being disciplined by staff and instructors.

Announcements



NEW POSITION:

My name is Dan Shepherd, and I'm overjoyed to be joining CLBI as the Director of Recruitment & Alumni Relations.

I recently served as Program Director at Hastings Lake Bible Camp in Sherwood Park, and I'm excited to now advocate for CLBI while reconnecting with our long history of meaningful alumni. I look forward to promoting the school, and helping new families and students find their place within the CLBI community!

Many of you may know that I'm no stranger

to the school. I previously served as a short-term staff member from 2020-2022, and was a student at CLBI from 2009-2011.

I hold a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Education from the University of Alberta, and completed my CLBI degree in Applied Christian Studies.

CLBI has had a profound impact on my faith and my life, and I'm deeply grateful for the opportunity to give back by serving as a bridge for prospective students, and for the many alumni who have gone forth to share the light of the Gospel.

Thank you for keeping CLBI in your prayers as we continue to help young adults build a strong foundation of faith!

Our new Director of Recruitment & Alumni Relations will spend much time traveling, which means a reliable, economical vehicle would be great!
If you or someone you know has a small, fuel efficient car that could be donated to CLBI, please contact operations@clbi.edu or call 780-672-4454

BIRTHS & WEDDINGS:

(October 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025)
Oct 25: Jason Adam (2012-2014) married Leanne Navis.
Nov 1: Eric Brager (2016) married Sara Paulgaard.
Nov 13: Eric Nordstrom (2007-2009) and Sarah (Black) had a baby girl named Iona Marie.
Nov 15: Brandt Ausmus (2017-2018) married Julia Konrad.
Nov 21: Shona (Bannister, 2010-2012) and Ben Walsh had a baby boy named Shelby Mark.
Dec 29: Kaylee (Lehman, 2018-2020) and Rick Bartsch had a baby boy named Derrick Oliver.

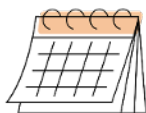
MEMORIALS:

(October 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025)
Evelyn Marzolf, Sylvia Engen-Espe, Ken Grambo, Verneal (Grue) Kallevig, Ella Thompson, Joanna McRae, Otto Gross, Ruth Hoffman (Amdam), Max Hoff, Ron Bjorgan, Frank Stackerack
Total Memorials: \$7,660

HONORARIUMS:

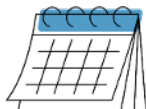
(October 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025)
Oliver Bogstie, Klifford & Annelise Westby
Total Memorials: \$1,100

mark your calendars!



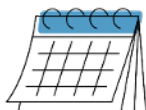
shrove tuesday: feb 17

5:00 PM PANCAKES & 6:30 PM IMPACT STORIES



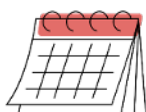
open class: feb 23-27

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW: DANIEL BERGE



open class: mar 2-6

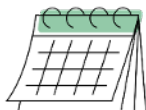
THE PATIENCE OF GOD: GRETCHEN RONNEVIK



youth surge: mar 13-15

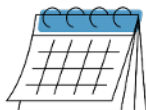
"AS YOU ARE GOING" - \$20 PER PERSON*

We can charge \$20 again this year due to your generosity!
Those who continue to give toward Youth Surge can help
us keep it affordable for years to come!



clbi open house: mar 21

10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM (LUNCH PROVIDED)



open class: mar 23-27

THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS: LEON MILES



clbi graduation: april 25

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH, CAMROSE 10:00 AM

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