



## Painting CLBI's Next Chapter

Pastor Dean Rostad - CLBI President

Have you ever watched an artist methodically blend colors to create a beautiful masterpiece? At first, while base layers are added to the canvas, there is no hint of what the finished product will look like. Since 1932, God has been painting beautiful works of art through the ministry of CLBI. Let there be no doubt, the Spirit of God is setting up a new canvas and preparing colors for the next scene of CLBI's ministry. Let's be honest, change is unsettling and even scary at times. Just as Joshua gazed across the Jordan River (See Joshua chapter 1) at the unfamiliar land that God had instructed them to go to, God is calling CLBI to prepare to equip and send out disciples who will thrive in the secular culture we live in. Here are some of the colors that God is mixing together as He prepares to paint. I invite you to watch with me in eager anticipation of this new masterpiece.

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**CLBI** belong. believe. become

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# CLBI

A DISCIPLING MOVEMENT

CLBI is a Christ-focused school where you will find an overwhelming sense of **BELONGING**. Living in this tight community where our focus is deep, personal relationships with God and others, you will explore your faith and discover what it means to **BELIEVE** for yourself God's promises. In this context of faith and relationship, you will take strides, by God's Spirit at work, to **BECOME** the person God created you to be.



*As disciples of Christ we aren't called to perfection, but to follow God, and let Him work in us. In fact, perfection doesn't reach people in a deep way, but realness does. God pursues and works in each of our strengths and weaknesses." - Eliana Haugen*

*"The amazing instructors from across the whole globe that we got to work with face to face, the hard conversations that we got to reflect on directly in the classroom with each other, and the way we got to directly apply it to life outside the classroom all mash together to give you a small taste of the kingdom of Heaven on earth." - Lucas Meredith*

**Applications are being accepted for the 2018-19 school year.**  
[clbi.edu](http://clbi.edu)

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**Small but Mighty** - In my visits to churches over this year at CLBI, I have seen rich vibrant ministry in smaller numbers - This is also reflected in CLBI's enrollment. When Jesus made disciples, he never sought out the crowd, he focused on smaller committed groups into which he poured His love, teachings and life. Smaller numbers also means leaner budgets. It took some creative budgeting, but even with 32 students this past year, ***God has provided for CLBI and our budget has been met.*** Praise God for faithful supporters and a committed staff that were able to do more with less!

**A Growing Army of Givers** - At CLBI's 85th anniversary, a long-term sustainable funding campaign was launched. We invited those who love CLBI to become automatic monthly givers. ***God has grown this program from \$14,000 a year (\$1,166/month) to \$30,000 (\$2,500 per month).*** The long term goal is to increase it to \$125,000 per year (\$10,400 per month). As this ongoing monthly support grows, the ups and downs of enrollment numbers have less of an impact on the overall operations of CLBI. Thank you to all who have signed up to automatically give to the school each month. Visit [clbi.edu/giving](http://clbi.edu/giving) to join this vital support team.

**The Team is Changing** - CLBI has been richly blessed over the years with an amazingly talented staff. This past year we have seen a lot of

changes in our staff. The following beautiful, precious staff members have all moved on to new adventures:



**Kelsey Mailer - Director of IMPACT** for 1 year. Kelsey is continuing her studies in occupational therapy in Edmonton this fall.



**Avey Christiansen - Director of Communications** for 3 years. God has led Avey and her husband Mark into the ministry of being foster parents.



**Dalyce Scrivens - Food Services** for 4 years. Dalyce is enjoying the blessings of grandkids as much as possible.



**Colin Hamm - Director of Maintenance** for 7 years. Colin is working in maintenance at Augustana as they family weighs the call into cross-cultural missions.



**Dean Scrivens - Director of Operations** for 10 years. Dean is now overseeing the technological needs of a corporate farming operation.



**Jeremy Osterwalder - Program Director** for 17 years. Jeremy has taken on the role of Executive Pastor at Resurrection Lutheran Brethren Church in Camrose.

*Please join me in praising God for the faithful service of these staff members.*

**Welcome to the team** - Looking ahead God is bringing together a beautiful team to give leadership to CLBI. **Introducing...**



**Hilary Kemp - Outdoor Education Director.** This fall Hilary will be coming on part-time to give leadership to CLBI's fall outdoor program.

*My name is Hillary Kemp and I'm excited to be on board this fall as the Director of Outdoor Education. When I was a student at CLBI, the outdoor ed program helped me realize the love I have for the outdoors, the wonderful way being in creation opens up your eyes to God's majesty, and how great a tool it is for building community.*

*CLBI trips encouraged me to pursue outdoor education at the University of Alberta - Augustana campus. I'm excited for this new journey and to once again be part of the CLBI community! Looking forward to meeting you!*

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*(L to R) Emily, Harriet and Cullen Halvorson*



**Cullen Halvorson - Director of Communications & Admissions**

*Cullen has always been very proud of his Saskatchewan roots. He grew up in several communities around the province, and graduated from high school at LCBI in Outlook in 2005. He graduated from CLBI in 2008 with his Diploma in Christian Leadership, and then went on to receive his Graphic Arts Communication Diploma in 2010.*

*Since then, he has been living in Edmonton, during which time he married his lovely wife Emily, had a beautiful daughter named Harriet, and is expecting another child in mid September, 2018.*

*Cullen is looking forward to putting his passion for graphic design and communications to good use at CLBI. Both Cullen and Emily are excited to be a part of CLBI and the Camrose community.*



**Tamara MacInnis - Director of IMPACT**

*Through a partnership with World Mission Prayer League (WMPL) Tamara will be mobilizing young adults into missions here at CLBI and across Canada with WMPL.*

*Being born and raised in Camrose, Alberta has instilled a love for the prairies that fills my heart and spills out of my eyes every time I come home after traveling.*

*Growing up in Camrose I was privileged to have my mother instill in me a deep love for God and community. I consider my faith to have been grown by many different people throughout my life with influences flowing from Messiah Lutheran Church, Hastings Lake Bible Camp, Resurrection Lutheran Brethren, CLBI, and countless mentors and friends.*

*I attended CLBI from 2012-2014 and then headed into a full time job supporting adults with disabilities prepare for employment through vocational training.*

*In 2016 God allowed me to go to Mexico for a year to learn Spanish at a Christian language school. Living and working alongside long-term missionaries reawakened my dream of ministering cross-culturally.*

*I have a passion for community, discipleship, and living small so I can love big. You will often find me drinking coffee, researching tiny houses, or swing dancing.*

**Mark Hagen's** role has shifted to be CLBI's Director of Operations, Worship, & WWOOCI program,

The process to fill our Program Director position is ongoing. Please pray that God will prepare the person He has in mind for this position.

With each brush stroke God reveals more of His new picture of CLBI. Please join me in fervent prayer that God will raise up more monthly donors, unite this new CLBI team, and also raise up the students that God will use to paint the next portrait of His bride - the church.

*Pastor Dean*



Pastor Dean Rostad - CLBI President

## **July 1**

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"Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words" (Romans 8:26).

## **July 2**

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God of Wisdom, provide the CLBI summer team with discernment and grace as they interact with the young people of Elbow Bible Camp and as they encounter unexpected challenges.

## **July 3**

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Living Water, on this her birthday, provide Hillary Kemp (Food Services) with spiritual wisdom and understanding and with the knowledge of your will. Fill her spirit with strength and encouragement until it overflows.

## **July 4**

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Wonderful Counselor, as potential students wrestle with their choices for the fall, speak to their hearts. Call, draw, and assemble the student body that you desire.

## **July 5**

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Thank you God, for faithfully meeting the financial needs of CLBI. Continue to place this ministry on the hearts of new donors, for your honor and glory.



## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

### Andrew ('06-'10) and Dieta (Schlein '08-'10) Carlson

**Tell a story/share a memory of CLBI that you'll never forget:**

Dieta: My fondest memories seem to be from epic outdoor trips, or from the ordinary moments of daily dorm life. I remember winter hike my second year, the weather was warm and there was a full moon. We would go for walks every night without flashlights, marveling at the beauty of the moon-lit foothills. But there was a blizzard the day we hiked out, and we had to spend the night in a church in Claresholm, watching *Into the Wild* and sleeping on pews. The unplanned adventures were often the most fun. I

also have so many fond memories of goofy dress up days, walking to d-group every single week regardless of the weather, and trying to find ways to entertain ourselves on the weekends.

Andrew: During my first year, our ministry tour theme was "Confessions" and our motto was *Esse Quam Videri*, which means "to be, rather than to appear". This played out in many different ways, but one thing I remember was that when we were on tour, a bunch of us decided to play a game in which we would go around the circle as each confess something we weren't proud of. In addition to it

being a healing and liberating activity, it was also really fun. This was also the tour for which I was asked to play mandolin for most of the songs. I didn't know how to play the mandolin. I had brought a mandolin to school in hopes it would make me look cool (even though most people don't know what a mandolin is). When Lance Odegard handed me sheet music for 6-7 songs and told me that I was the mandolinist, I locked myself in my dorm room for 3 days and taught myself how to play mandolin well enough to perform all the songs for the tour. So by the end of tour, I was a mandolinist, as opposed to appearing to be one. I play mandolin to this day and have performed for hundreds of people.

**In what ways are you currently serving in God's mission?**

We have been living and working at Hastings Lake Bible Camp year-round since 2011. Andrew is the Camp Manager and Dieta has served in various roles, currently working in the office. When camp life is slower in the off season we play in Doug Rawling's band, touring Alberta & Saskatchewan and spreading the gospel through music. Andrew also serves as an Elder at Resurrection Lutheran Brethren Church in Camrose.

**In what ways did the time you spent at Bible School help prepare you for where God has you now?**

Dieta: When I was at CLBI I kept a list of "things I have learned while attending CLBI" in my journal. Here are a few that have been useful: "To be comfortable praying out loud. That good works are a fruit, not a goal. How to build awesome fires. How to set boundaries and say no. How to plan and lead a Bible study. How to properly fold fitted bed sheets. How to carve leather. How to play accordion. How to hear God. How to be with God."

Also, Andrew and I met while I was attending CLBI. The classes, role models, and mentorship provided by CLBI helped us establish a firm foundation for our relationship. This has been essential in surviving full-time ministry together.

Andrew: As depressing as it sounds, CLBI taught me that ministry work isn't all mountain top experiences that fill you with happiness all the time. Working in ministry is more difficult on my life than anything I've ever done. I think it's because when you're on the front lines, the evil one focuses his energy on you even more, because you're a bigger threat to him. It's a hard thing to take opposition as motivation and encouragement that you're actually making a difference.

***When I arrived at CLBI, I had no desire to go into vocational ministry. By the time I graduated, I couldn't imagine doing anything else.***



*L to R: Pastor John-Mark Bredeson, Linaya Looy and Pastor Dean Rostad*

# Board Update

## John-Mark Bredeson - CLBI Board Chair

For over 85 years God has faithfully used CLBI to send out His light and truth as the school fulfills its mission to make and strengthen disciples of Christ.

Your CLBI Board actively works to give shape and overall direction to the life of the school. Our primary relationship is to the President, Dean Rostad. We are very excited and confident in the Lord's leading through the vision and direction set by Pastor Dean.

The board meets in person three times a year to set policy, give oversight, and financial leadership. Some projects we have recently been working on are: a revised staff policy manual, a budget for the new fiscal

year, and an alumni survey to help the school better connect previous students to the life and ministry of CLBI.

We recognize that the church as a whole faces challenges like it hasn't seen for years, but we believe these challenges also present tremendous opportunity for the proclamation of the Gospel. I believe the best is yet to come for CLBI as God uses the school to impact a new generation of men and women to serve the church and the world!

Please join us in continuing to support the vital work of CLBI to make and strengthen disciples of Christ!

## **July 6**

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Father God, bless Katherine Schwaiger (Director of Residence Life) today on her birthday. Crown her with steadfast love and mercy, and satisfy her with your goodness.

## **July 7**

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Jesus, Light of the World, comfort those in the CLBI community who feel like they walk in darkness. Restore hope, light their path, and fill them with your grace.

## **July 8**

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"If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14).

## **July 9**

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Everlasting Father, bless Madalina Luedtke (2018 Engage student) today on her birthday. May the peace of Christ rule in her heart, and may the word of Christ dwell in her richly.

## **July 10**

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God, as the CLBI summer team proclaims your word at Nelson Lake Bible Camp, draw each camper to yourself. May each heart be fertile ground where your word takes root and flourishes.

## **July 11**

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Lord God, help the leadership of CLBI "discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect" (Romans 12:2).

## **July 12**

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Almighty God, where parents are indifferent or reluctant to send their children to CLBI, spur a change of heart, and allow CLBI to find favor in the sight of each generation.

## **July 13**

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Light of the World, allow CLBI to shine your light in the city of Camrose. Teach us to be a loving neighbour.

## **July 14**

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Jesus, Good Shepherd, lovingly care for the needs of Eliana Haugen

(2018 Engage student) today on her birthday. Lead her, protect her, and provide for her on her journey.

## **July 15**

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Holy Spirit, minister to the hearts of the young people at Simmie Bible Camp. Prepare them to receive your word with gladness and understanding as the CLBI summer team ministers there this week.

## **July 16**

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Redeemer and Friend, draw Haley Engen (2018 IMPACT student) into your presence today, her birthday. You have engraved her on the palm of your hand. Help her to walk in your freedom, joy, and security.

## **July 17**

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Mighty God, on this his birthday, strengthen Joel Bergum (2018 Engage student) in his relationships and in his vocation. Help him to act justly, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you.



## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

### Ken ('06-'10) and Shelly Olson

**Tell a story/share a memory of CLBI that you'll never forget.**

CLBI was an incredible time in my life. I met great friends and made some great memories. One memory that sticks out to me is the first week of my first year canoeing and hiking in the Rocky Mountains near Nordegg, AB. The discipleship group that I was apart of had no second years in it. We also had an extra member in our group so our rations were rather small. We did our best to figure out how to survive in the wilderness with small food rations and no second year leadership. On our hike into camp the first night we took advantage of our surroundings and

managed to hunt a spruce grouse. After butchering the grouse at our campsite we cooked our grouse breasts on sticks over an open fire to subsidize our small food rations that first night. Somewhere in the process of cooking of the grouse breast and boiling our pasta a large jar of cooking oil got spilled on the front door of one of our tents. Prior to the trip we were duly warned of the dangers of camping in bear country. Keeping a clean campsite was one of the first rules noted. With grouse guts and feather scattered around our camp and a half litre of oil now soaked into the fabric of our tent we were quite certain that we were number one on

the bear's hit list. By God's grace and the chainsaw-like snores of a few of my fellow group members we managed to scare all wildlife within a half mile radius away. All in all we survived the hiking portion of the trip and learned to truly appreciate the conveniences of the cafeteria cooked meals we would enjoy throughout the school year. The wildness of this trip laid a foundation of trust and fellowship that I still share with the young men that were on this trip with me.

**In what ways are you currently serving in God's mission?**

After my first year of bible school I worked at Wilderness Ranch near Claresholm, Alberta, another wild place that brought about wonderful memories in the wilderness. I worked at Wilderness Ranch for five summers and ended up meeting my wife there (Shelly Rawling). Shelly worked as the Wilderness Ranch registrar from 2013 - 2016. In 2017 I took on a leadership role at Wilderness Ranch and became the new director of the camp. I love being outside and letting young people experience the wildness of God's creation. I find that when I am

out in God's creation I can hear God's voice so clearly, the small and petty things of my life tend to flake away as the true needs are exposed, the most important being our need and deep desire to be with our creator.

**In what ways did the time you spent at Bible school help prepare you for where God has you now?**

There are so many lessons that were learned at CLBI that it is hard to know what was and is most applicable. However, one thing that was continually taught was the absolute necessity of spending quality time in God's word and listening to His voice. This is something that I try to instill in my staff each summer at Wilderness Ranch. Having God as the foundation of your life changes your outlook and allows you to more fully engage the tasks that God sets before you. Taking a few minutes each day to pray and feast on God's word gives me the strength to endure the trials that come. CLBI didn't prepare me to be the director of Wilderness Ranch, however, it did teach me how to prepare to be a camp director by going to God the father who can prepare all people for all things.

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**July 18**

Today on his birthday, lead Caden Leonhardt (2018 IMPACT student) into your kingdom, God. Defend, protect, and equip him. Be a refuge of strength and courage.

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**July 19**

Heavenly Father, as Dean Rostad (CLBI President) celebrates his birthday today, may he drink deeply from your living water. Carry his burdens and provide rest for his soul.

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**July 20**

Sovereign Lord, grant that your servants at CLBI boldly speak your word as vessels of the Holy Spirit.



L to R: Mack Wahl, Kenzie Jack, Maren Engen, Gameliel Buki

## CLBI Summer VBS Team

Please pray for the CLBI team as they minister throughout Saskatchewan and Alberta this summer.

### Please pray:

- That God would use the team to point those they interact with to Christ.
- For travel mercies as they are on the road a lot.
- For good team dynamics.
- For enthusiasm and energy throughout the summer.
- That the team would be good ambassadors for CLBI as they interact with potential students.

### Schedule:

June 24-30	Team training at CLBI
July 1-7	Elbow Bible Camp, Elbow SK (Family Camp)
July 8-13	Nelson Lake Bible Camp, Preeceville, SK (Family Camp)
July 15-20	Simmie Bible Camp, Simmie, SK (Family Camp)
July 22-27	Camp Koinonia, Lake Isle, AB (Youth Camp)
July 30-August 3	Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Lethbridge, AB
August 6-11	Living Hope Bible Camp, Alix, AB (Family Camp)
August 13-17	St Peter Lutheran, Stettler, AB (VBS)
August 20-23	Resurrection Lutheran, Camrose, AB (VBS)

**July 21**

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As CLBI makes fall plans for staff and instructors, Lord, raise up and equip your people to serve as teachers, leaders, and administrators.

**July 22**

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God of Grace, bless Mark (Director of Admissions) & Jessica Hagen today on their anniversary. Build the fruits of patience, joy, gentleness, and self-control within their family.

**July 23**

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Holy One, lead John Baier (2018 IMPACT student) in paths of righteousness. As he celebrates his birthday today, help him to love you with all his heart, soul, and mind and to seek your kingdom first.

**July 24**

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As the CLBI team continues its summer ministry at Camp Koinonia, Lord, meet the team's physical needs for health and safety. Renew the strength of the faint and the weary.

**July 25**

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Living Water, pour out your spirit on Julia Rostad (daughter of CLBI President) on this day, her birthday. Give her eyes to see the riches of your grace and ears to hear your call.

**July 26**

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Lamb of God, examine my heart and reveal my sin. Have mercy on me.

**July 27**

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Lord Almighty, help the CLBI leadership use the school's resources - its facilities and its finances - with wisdom and discernment, honoring you in your mission.

**July 28**

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Holy Spirit, continue to fill the students who attended CLBI this past year. Help them walk in you, firmly rooted and established in their faith.

**July 29**

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Jesus, Bread of Life, feed and nourish the spirit of Kelsey Mailer (2017-18 IMPACT Director) today on her birthday. May she hunger and thirst for

your righteousness.

**July 30**

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Today as Colby McFeely (husband of Kate McFeely, Office Administrator) celebrates his birthday, may he go out with joy and be led forth in peace.

**July 31**

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Lord, as the CLBI team serves this week in Lethbridge at VBS, help the team to have "unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind" (I Peter 3:8).

**August 1**

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Lord of Life, please bless Ashley Stad (2018 IMPACT student) with the fullness of Your life as she celebrates her birthday today. May She grow in her knowledge of You.

**August 2**

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Almighty Father, please raise up individuals who will recruit for CLBI. Give the leaders at CLBI peace to trust that You will draw those necessary to make Yourself known.



# An Invitation to Serve

Without volunteers CLBI could not function. From discipleship group leaders to outdoor trips, volunteers are found in every aspect of CLBI's program. This past year God used the challenge of a reduced budget to spur on creative thinking regarding how we utilize volunteers.

Typically, CLBI budgets to break even with 50 or more students. This current year we have managed to reduce our break even amount to 35 students. There are two key initiatives that make this possible: CLBI's W/WOOCI program (see page 24) and greater utilization of volunteers. Can you make some plans to volunteer at CLBI this year?

Here are the three categories of volunteer service that CLBI needs:

1. Local Volunteers
2. Special Project Volunteers
3. Vacation Volunteers

## 1. Local Volunteers

We are currently building a list of local (within one hour of Camrose) volunteers who would receive a monthly email with upcoming volunteer opportunities. Emails would list upcoming tasks needing attention, ie: gardening projects, room clean up, carpet cleaning, etc. To be included on this list send an email to [info@clbi.edu](mailto:info@clbi.edu) with the subject "Local Volunteers".

## 2. Special Project Volunteers

There are many larger projects coming up in the next few years as we continue to upgrade the CLBI facility. If God has blessed you with a trade (carpentry, plumbing, painting...) that you want to share with CLBI please email [operations@clbi.edu](mailto:operations@clbi.edu).

## 3. Vacation Volunteers

Consider bringing your RV to CLBI to spend a week serving on our campus? Or even better, call up some friends and bring three RV's - the more the merrier. Currently, volunteers are going from room to room creating a master list of projects to be completed. From cleaning to painting to grounds projects, all skill levels are needed. Come on out and lend a hand for a few days or stay for longer - we will put on the coffee!! Send an email to [operations@clbi.edu](mailto:operations@clbi.edu) to inquire.

*Please pray that God will raise up the volunteers CLBI needs to keep our campus looking great.*



*"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10*

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# CLBI Project Updates



The following are scheduled capital projects CLBI is undertaking. Start dates are dependent on factors such as contractor availability, funding, and planning process. View CLBI's new site plan at [clbi.edu/president](http://clbi.edu/president).

**Boiler Replacement** - Status: Ready to go. Estimated cost: \$68,700 minus efficiency grant of \$10,900. Start date: July 2018

**Annelise Rust Campfire Shelter** - Status: Ready to go. Estimated cost \$65,000. Start date: July 2018. In addition to the shelter, the CLBI courtyard will be overhauled this summer (sidewalks, covered entrances to dorms). The courtyard overhaul will cost \$35,000.

**Top Floor Vinge Bathroom** - Status: Delayed due to contractor availability. Plan is in place. Estimated cost \$45,000. Start date: When funds are in place.

**New Shop** -Status: Working on design, hope to begin spring 2019 as funds allow.

*To support a certain project include a note with your donation.*

*If you are interested in helping out with a project email [operations@clbi.edu](mailto:operations@clbi.edu)*

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*"In day to day life, it's easy to get comfortable and complacent; things seem to be under my control. Being thrown into the wilderness made me reconsider what really is under my control (which is almost nothing) and how wild God is (which is infinitely more than I could imagine)."*

- Brinn Vegso

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## Upcoming Dates

**Opening Day** - September 1

Registration 1:00-4:00

Opening Service 7:00

**CLBI Annual General Meeting**

- October 19 @ 7pm

**Welcome Back Weekend**

- October 19-21

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## Mid-West USA - CLBI Reunion



Over the years CLBI has enjoyed a rich relationships with students from the USA. It is time for a little USA reunion!

**+August 24-26, 2018**

+Joy Ranch - 16633 - 448 Ave, Florence, SD

+Great meals, reconnecting, campfires, worship, & Bible studies

+kids are certainly welcome

+One meal plan and various options for lodging (Motel, bunkhouse, camping)

+Register online [www.clbi.edu/reunion](http://www.clbi.edu/reunion)

+Questions? Contact +Joyce Rust ([harust@telus.net](mailto:harust@telus.net), 780-608-8235) OR

+Miriam (Vikse) Iverson ([garment\\_of\\_praise@hotmail.com](mailto:garment_of_praise@hotmail.com), 605-695-2615)

See y'all in August!



*"If you come to CLBI, be sure to look for the different parts of God's character in class. For me, his patience took on new meaning in "Praying the Psalms", and his humility in "The book of Isaiah". Enjoy getting to know your creator more and more intimately each day as he reveals new aspects of himself." - Joel Bergum*

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### **August 3**

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"May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus" (Romans 5:15). Son of God, by Your Spirit grant us the ability to stand firm on our faith in love.

### **August 4**

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"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up" (Galatians 6:9). Father bless the work of CLBI - may it reap righteousness.

### **August 5**

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"Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all" (2 Thessalonians 3:16). May we find joy in Your Word

today.

### **August 6**

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Jesus we thank you for the opportunity we have to make your name known all throughout western Canada. Be with the summer team today as they work to share your gift of salvation at Living Hope Bible Camp.

### **August 7**

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Precious Lord be with Lucas Andersson (2018 Engage student) today as he enjoys another day of living in full knowledge of his purpose - to be loved by You and to share that love with his neighbour.

### **August 8**

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Gracious God, sustain us. We are often burdened in life by our own weakness. Help us to flee to you. May we make the time to pray

for strength, for peace, and for joy in whatever life throws at us.

### **August 9**

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Almighty Father, empower Chris & Lindsay Vandermeer (D-group leaders) to have a marriage that proclaims your power and your peace as they celebrate their anniversary today. We also remember Anya Hopkins' (2018 IMPACT student) birthday today. Be present with her Father, today and everyday.

### **August 10**

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God be with parents of potential students. If there are any who are unsure about the value of bible school, give them peace. May there be nothing that prevents students from making their way to discovering who You are at CLBI.



*"Being in a community that is intentional about community has been so valuable. In our individualistic society, it is rare to have the opportunity to experience something like this. The best way to describe it is the body of Christ alive in action." - Gillian Forstbauer*

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### **August 11**

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May today be a day filled with Your praises, and may we sing them today where ever we are. You are so good, always and forever.

### **August 12**

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"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (1Thess. 5:16-18). Saviour help us to never stop praying. May it be the first and the last thing we do each day.

### **August 13**

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Giver of Life, continue to protect and guide Lindsay Vandermeer (D - group leader) as she celebrates her birthday today. May she permeate with the wisdom of Your Word as she looks forward to

mentoring students this year.

### **August 14**

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Sovereign Father, be with the summer team as they minister in Stettler doing a VBS. May the kids come to know the love You have for them in the death and resurrection of Christ.

### **August 15**

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Father thank you for families. There is so much going on in the world around us, and we thank you that we can have families to care for us and nurture us in the way we should go.

### **August 16**

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God grant giving hearts to those who have been touched by CLBI in some way. CLBI exists

because of your steadfastness. As we consider the needs of CLBI, let us wonder at all you have done and continue to do through CLBI.

### **August 17**

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Christ, you have taught us so much. Please continue to be with and teach Aimee Ngalula (2018 IMPACT student) as she celebrates her birthday today.

### **August 18**

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Jesus, You have a way with words that lovingly draws so many to you. As we pray today, may your Spirit come and give us words like yours to draw in anyone who has yet to commit to coming to CLBI. May these words melt their hearts until they burn to know you.

## **August 19**

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"My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry" (James 1:19). May we take time today to listen to Your words.

## **August 20**

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Father, Resurrection Lutheran Brethren Church has gone through many changes recently. May the summer team bring them rest from all the changes as they bring their kids to Christ through VBS.

## **August 21**

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"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law" (Galatians 5:22-23). God help CLBI to produce students who desire the fruit of the Spirit.

## **August 22**

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God above all be with the new staff at CLBI. May you rest on their

hearts and minds to help them love each other and truly bond well as a new team.

## **August 23**

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Father of lights help us to hate the darkness and love the light. May we let the light expose our sin and drawn us to you in repentance. We are not perfect and we need You Jesus!

## **August 24**

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God eternal, help us to structure our lives around You. We are so obsessed with fleeting things. There is only one who lasts, whose word is forever and unchanging.

## **August 25**

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Lord, every day is a dying to ourselves and being raised to new life in Christ. Help us to walk in this newness of life, to love our neighbor and our enemy all in Your strength.

## **August 26**

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God we remember Florian & Katherine Schwaiger's (Residence Life Directors) anniversary today. "The

heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, for the ears of the wise seek it out" (Prov. 18:15).

## **August 27**

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Lamb of God, we often take for granted what has been given to us. As we remember Landon & Amy Jack's (Food Services) anniversary, let us also give thanks for the food we have and for roofs over our heads. These things are not owed to us, but gifts from You.

## **August 28**

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Father, as the second years' orientation starts, we pray that you would raise up leaders. Many first years will come needing guidance from their peers. We pray they find that and more in the second years.

## **August 29**

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Merciful Saviour, be with Lydia Osterwalder (daughter of Jeremy, Program director) on her birthday today. Keep her safe and free from harm. May she continue to grow into her faith each and everyday.



# **URBANA - Discern your place in God's Global Mission**

**Tamara MacInnis - CLBI Impact Director**

URBANA is a five-day conference designed to help you see how God is calling you to join with Him in reaching the world, whether that be on campus, across the provinces, or over an ocean. URBANA consists of 16,000 people worshipping together, manuscript bible studies, messages and seminars with topics that will engage and challenge you, as well as personal stories from the global church.

I attended URBANA in 2015 with the WMPL (World Mission Prayer League) Canada and USA group. While at URBANA15 I joined in group worship sessions filled with praise songs in a variety of languages, old hymns written by missionaries as they called out to God for more workers,

testimonies from the persecuted church, and times of somber prayer as we prayed with hope with our fellow Christians struggling globally. During debriefs with my WMPL roommates we discussed seminars that met us where we were in missions whether that be how to serve while single or how to trust God with the lives of our spouses and children. Please pray and take the time to discern if God is calling you to join WMPL to travel to this year's URBANA on December 27-31st.

To learn more visit [urbana.org](http://urbana.org) or contact CLBI at 780-672-4454 or [impact@clbi.edu](mailto:impact@clbi.edu).

## **August 30**

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Holy Spirit guard our hearts and minds in Christ. Let us not consider for CLBI what the world thinks is best, but may all our decisions be based on what You know is best, best for the school, the students, and the world.

## **August 31**

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Emmanuel, as the month comes to a close, we reflect on Your faithfulness. We are still here, CLBI is still here, Your Word is still being proclaimed - so many graces You continue to grant to us. Praise Jesus!

## **September 1**

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Father as we begin the 86th year at CLBI, we ask for the outpouring of your Spirit to fall on this place. We pray for your peace to envelope each student and parent as our new student body moves onto our campus.

## **September 2**

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"O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and

watch" (Psalm 5:3).

## **September 3**

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In these first days as the students are becoming acquainted with their new roommates, we ask for you Jesus to watch over each of these new relationships and help each student to be accepting of who you have placed in their lives.

## **September 4**

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You are our Father and we are your children. We know that we are safe in your care. So we pray that each student will quickly feel a part of the CLBI family and not have anxiety or difficult longings for their homes.

## **September 5**

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As the students are meeting their D - groups and Huddle groups, we pray Gracious Lord for your special binding together of these small groups. We pray they will look past their differences and see how you have brought them together for Your purpose.

## **September 6**

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Creator God, today the students head out on the fall hike and canoe trips and so we especially ask for your protective hand to be on each one. May each aspect of these next days be covered with Your safety and guidance.

## **September 7**

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Our world is in such turmoil right now and many churches are declining and losing their way. So Father we look to you for renewal in our Lutheran churches. Help us to turn our eyes back to you the Founder and Perfecter of our faith.

## **September 8**

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Gracious God, we are so thankful for the staff at CLBI. We ask for a hedge of protection around each one as they begin this new year. Father may you pour your Spirit and blessing into each one and give them the tools and energy to perform the many tasks they are responsible for.



## THE WWOOCI (*Wookiee*) Program

**Mark Hagen - Director of Operations, Worship & WWOOCI's**

First off, no we are not hiring Chewbacca at CLBI. But we are bringing on WWOOCI's this upcoming fall! WWOOCI is an acronym for "**Willing Workers On Our Campus Initiatives,**" and we are excited about embarking on this new venture.

As a staff, we've identified opportunities around our campus that we are not able to fully take on because of our smaller staff size. In order to continue to deliver an excellent discipleship program, we've decided to add recent alumni (who are continuing on in their education at such places as Augustana, Rocky Mountain College, etc) in strategic areas that we've identified to help our

program continue to run well. Our WWOOCI's will be living on campus and helping in various areas such as weekend kitchen help and assisting the program staff in exchange for their room and board costs. They will put in roughly 10 hours per week (40 hours per month) to cover their living costs.

This new initiative is a "win-win" in that it provides a way for our recent alumni to continue their education while earning their room and board while being involved in vocational ministry. And it's a win for CLBI because it allows us to keep our staff size small while continuing to deliver an excellent discipleship experience for our first and second year students.

This year we are excited to have Chad Mailer (2015-2017) and Jamie Hansen (2014-2016) helping in the kitchen, Derrick Boulianne (2015-2017) as a program assistant, Luke Rostad (2015-2017) helping out as a computer tech, Mackenzie Jack (2012-2014) helping as a youth ministry assistant,

and Hannah DeWaal (2014-2016) helping oversee our Service Practicum program component.

Please be praying for them as well as CLBI as we move forward with this new venture!

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*"Through my service practicum placement I have learned I truly love working with youth and can see myself pursuing a future in youth ministry. God has shown me the importance of youth in the church body, not that they are the future of the church, but instead they are the church right now....my picture of community has shifted in the way that I don't see the youth as a separate department of the church but instead the youth and other age groups are all one congregation, one body." - Mackenzie Wahl*



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### **September 9**

"As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 2:4-5).

### **September 10**

God of Creation, your world is so beautiful, and we are thankful the students can spend

some time enjoying it this week. As they get tired and weather can be a factor, Lord we pray for there to be good attitudes and joyful spirits as they are out conquering fears and fatigue.

### **September 11**

Almighty God, we thank you for being a lavish God who has blessed us with beauty in nature and in your people. We pray as these beauties collide on the hiking and canoe trips this week that the students would see your hand at

work and how you have blessed them through the new relationships they are forming.

### **September 12**

Father we give thanks today for all of the staff and volunteers that are along on the outdoor trip, for alumni who see the value of these trips and are willing to give of their time to come back and help, and for staff that have spent many hours preparing so this can be a meaningful experience for the students.

# Financial Update

Thank you for your faithful support throughout this past year. In September there was a potential \$200,000 shortfall due to lower enrollment. We are pleased to announce that God has provided! Please continue to pray for us through these lean summer months as we continue to rely on Jehovah Jireh for His provision.

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## **September 13**

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Lord of heaven, we pray today especially for students that are feeling insecure and lonely - those who are maybe questioning what they are doing at CLBI. We ask Father that you would surprise them today with someone who reaches out specifically to them and gives them a reason for joy and that they would feel affirmed in their decision and certain that you have a plan for their time at CLBI.

## **September 14**

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Jesus our Saviour, we are so thankful for your

provision and care for CLBI over the years and how you have nurtured and grown it and brought it through the difficult years. We know you have a plan for our school, and we look to you to continue to give vision and insight to bring those plans to fruition.

## **September 15**

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Gracious God, as this year's students are just beginning to get to know each other, we pray for a holy unity to be among them. Father bind them together in a way that only your love and compassion can do. Help them to look

beyond their own needs and to the needs of those you have placed in their lives.

## **September 16**

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"Finally brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is pure, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me - practice these things and the God of peace will be with you" (Philippians 4: 8-9).

*"Classes at CLBI opened my eyes to who Christ really is. Through a greater understanding of my faith I was able to break out of my shell and grow in my Christ filled identity."*

*- Mariah Holland*



## September 17

Good Shepherd, we are so thankful for your little lambs and for the children you have placed in our lives.

Today we ask that you especially bless little Anika Hagen (daughter of staff member Mark Hagen) on her birthday. May she feel your loving arms around her, and as she sees the wonder of your world.

## September 18

Today is Jessica Hagen's birthday (D - Gropu leader). We thank you Jesus that Jes is a gem beyond measure. God of beauty you have given her such a love of people and so many wonderfully creative gifts! We pray she would continue to find you in the creation around her.

## September 19

Loving Lord, this week as Kerry Belt teaches Biblical Leadership Principles to the Catalyst class, we ask that you would speak personally to each student as they begin to see how they can use the gifts you have given them to become spiritual leaders.

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# OPEN CLASSES



Deepen your understanding of the Bible & ministry by taking one of the following courses at CLBI this year.

- **Living Discipleship according to the Synoptic Gospels**

- S. Blomquist - Oct. 22-26, 2018

- **Gospel of John** - J. Avery - Nov. 19-23, 2018

- **Biblical Leadership Principles for Proclaiming the Gospel**

- H. Rust - Dec. 10-14, 2018

- **Theology of the Reformation** - S. Mannen

- Monday evenings 7:00 - 9:15pm Oct. 29, Nov. 12, 19, 26, Dec. 3, 10

CLBI Classes listed **above**:: \$220 for credit / \$110 for audit - noon meal included

The classes listed **below** are through Rocky Mountain college and hosted at

CLBI. For more info and to register. email [enrolment@rockymountaincollege.ca](mailto:enrolment@rockymountaincollege.ca)

## **Rocky Mountain College courses hosted at CLBI**

- **Biblical Hermeneutics** - M. Swalm - Oct. 29 - Nov. 2, 2018

- **History of Christianity I** - P. Knudtson - Dec. 3-7, 2018

- **Salvation & Sanctification** - M. Swalm - Jan. 28 - Feb. 1, 2018

- **Principles of Philosophy** - B. Teigen - Mar. 18-22, 2018



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[www.advisorswithpurpose.ca](http://www.advisorswithpurpose.ca)

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### **September 20**

As the Discover class begins the year in the classroom with Ben Unseth teaching Introduction to Scripture, we ask Holy Spirit that like Christ did for the men on the road to Emmaus, that even now you would open the scriptures up to these first year students, that it would be a hallowed experience as their eyes are opened to what you have for them as the scriptures are explained to them.

### **September 21**

Almighty God, today we lift up the new WWOOCI program that has just begun this year at CLBI. We give thanks for the recent alumni that have come back to live on campus and will continue to be mentored by the staff as they in turn mentor our students and help out in many ways with our students. We pray this new program will run smoothly and that there will be a unity amongst these young WWOOCI's.

### **September 22**

Father God, on this Saturday after many days of being busy, we ask that your Spirit of unity of grace would continue to fall on our students. Give them a sense of belonging in this place and bonding with those around them.

### **September 23**

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil" (Ephesians 6:10-11).

## **September 24**

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Father we lift up Jane Nederlof to you today on her birthday (2018 Catalyst student). We are so thankful Lord for the call you have on Jane's life and how you have brought her to CLBI to perform your perfect work in her life. May she feel your presence and guidance as she seeks your face.

## **September 25**

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Gracious Lord, as our students are just beginning their ministry practicums, we ask for good first meetings at their placements. We ask that as they go out into our community, they would be welcomed and valued and that they will be able to shine the light of Jesus to Camrose. .

## **September 26**

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As D-groups are just beginning and students are placed with yet another group of people, we look to you Father for a meshing of personalities and that

they would feel you binding them together in love. Give them joy as they become a family.

## **September 27**

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Abba Father, we pray today for sweet rest and ability to sleep for the students. Living in community is such a blessing, but it can also be tiring and draining and a new experience for so many. We ask that you would help students manage their time and get the rest they need to be able to tackle their days with the energy needed.

## **September 28**

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Savior, as D - group leaders meet individually with our students in 'one on ones', we pray you will ordain these sacred times of sharing and guiding. Give your words to the leaders as they develop relationships and earn the trust of the students.

## **September 29**

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Christ Jesus you have blessed CLBI with a wonderful, caring Board of Directors who give of their time to oversee the workings and vision of the school. We pray you will continue to work in and through them as they work on the policy and look to the future of your school.

## **September 30**

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"Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer" (Romans 12:10-12).

# ANNOUNCEMENTS & SPECIAL GIFTS

## Announcements:

Meganne (Jeglum, 2011-13) and Jonathan Allers had baby Zira Dawn on December 21, 2017

Beth (Jeglum, 2007-09) and Derek Jones had baby Natlie Dawn on March 20, 2018

Lindsay Toma (2005-09) married Donall Williams on May 17, 2018

Heather (Aicken, 2003-05) and Joel Popescu had baby Heidi Corrina on May 22, 2018

Katherine and Florian (2007-09) Swaiger had baby Axel Edward on May 26, 2018

Anna Eriksson (2012-2014) married Kevin Kobes on June 9, 2018

## Memorial gifts:

Annelise Rust, Edna Dahlin, Dan Wuthrich, Gertie Hamm, Lillus Leiren, Ruth Hagen, Esther Danielson, Dennis Olsen, Carolyn Jacobson, Doreen Anderson, Alvin & Margaret Harms, Karrie Anne Casper, Rev. Larry Soveran, Stephen Wildfang, Inga Hansen, Otto Gross, Gertrude Maglis, Clara Hedlin, Peder Hansen, Otto & Thelma Sorenson, Peter Skretting, Virginia Olson,

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## Annelise Rust Campfire Shelter Project

We are pleased to announce that construction of the Annelise Rust Campfire Shelter has begun. Annelise, the daughter of Harold and Joyce Rust, sister of Erik, Jenya, and Naomi passed away in August of 2016.

This shelter, with its central location on campus, will serve as a hub drawing students together and helping CLBI reach out to the Camrose community. Every September the Rust family will host a "Rustapalooza" campfire to welcome students and set the tone for the role of this shelter in the CLBI experience.

**Join us on September 23, 6:30 pm at CLBI for this first Rustapalooza event.**

*"As a family, we continue to marvel at the gifts given to CLBI in memory of Annelise. If this type of campfire shelter had been there during her years as a student it would have been her favourite place; with a coffee, her guitar, surrounded by friends. We are honoured that CLBI would build such a gathering place in her legacy." -Pastor Harold Rust*

\$29,000 has been given in memory of Annelise. The total cost of this project is \$65,000. Future gifts given in memory of Annelise will go towards this project.