



# Crossroads

CLBI NEWSLETTER



Celebrating  
**CHRIST'S MISSION**  
through the **MULTIPLE GENERATIONS & HOPEFUL FUTURE** of CLBI

**THE  
INTERNS**  
pg. 5

**HOLD FAST TO  
THE DREAM**  
pg. 10

**WHERE ARE  
THEY NOW?**  
pg. 16  
Kathy Faltn ('73-'74)

**CLBI  
UPDATE**  
pg. 22



# CLBI CELEBRATION WEEKEND

— 2022 —

Join alumni & friends in celebrating  
the past, present, & future of CLBI!

**AUG. 5-7  
2022**

Evening worship led  
by members of  
**CROSSECTION**

For more info, check out [clbi.edu/celebration](https://clbi.edu/celebration)

See more on page 14!

# IN THIS ISSUE

---



- 05 THE INTERNS**  
Daniela Salinas, Joshua Mah, & James Rostad
- 10 HOLD FAST TO THE DREAM**  
Cullen Halvorson (Dir. of Comm. & Admissions)
- 16 WHERE ARE THEY NOW?**  
Kathy Faltin ('73-'74)
- 22 CLBI UPDATE**
- 24 UPCOMING EVENTS**

## **April 1**

*Loving God, as young people gather at CLBI this weekend for Youth Surge, open their hearts to the transformational “things that (you) have prepared for those who love (you).” (1 Cor 2:9b)*

## **April 2**

*Abba Father, we pray for Jodi Harrison (Director of Food Services) on her birthday. Help her see that “love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that (she) may be able to discern what is best.” (Phil 1:9b-10a)*

## **April 3**

*Jesus, may the CLBI students reflect your glory this weekend at Youth Surge. May they be obedient to the call to love one another (John 13:34).*

## **April 4**

*Wise God, as students study “Colossians” this week with Kendra Diehl, may they continue to live their lives in You, rooted and built up, strengthened in the faith as they were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. (Col 2:6b-7)*

## **April 5**

*Providing God, in this last month of the CLBI school year, fill the campus with your peace. Help the staff and students to see what you have been up to, and lead them down the path of righteousness.*

## **April 6**

*Almighty God, as Bible Camps ramp up their summer planning, provide the leadership, the resources, and vision needed. May your word accomplish its work through all campers this summer.*

**April 7**

*We pray for those whom you have called to CLBI this fall. Lord Jesus, make a way for them to come to campus in September and remove any roadblocks that may hinder their attendance.*

**April 8**

*Holy Spirit, strengthen our pastors, that they "may be rooted and established in love...(and) may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God." (Eph 3:17b, 19b)*

**April 9**

*Faithful God, you have upheld CLBI over generations. Create a vision among young people for attending the school and desiring to embrace their call as your disciples.*

**April 10**

*Loving God, bless Emma Ward (2nd year student) today on her birthday. Fill her with courage, perseverance, grace, and patience, and may she delight in you.*

**April 11**

*Lamb of God, as students study the "Passion Narratives" this week, open their eyes to your sacrifice. May your word penetrate each heart, for your word is alive and active. (Hebrews 4:12-13)*

**April 12**

*Creator, just as signs of spring unfold around us, breathe renewal and refreshing hope into the lives of those connected with the CLBI community.*

**April 13**

*Father God, we pray that CLBI's alumni will continue to feel connected to the school. May they turn their eyes to Jesus, and may the Holy Spirit remind them of the truths that they learned as students.*

**April 14**

*Lord, we are grateful for CLBI's faithful supporters over the generations. Continue to raise up individuals who have a heart to support the school with their time, prayers, wisdom, and resources.*

**April 15**

*Jesus, as we look to the cross, convict our hearts of our self-centeredness. Forgive our sin. Thank you for your mercy.*

**April 16**

*God our Provider, we are grateful for the donations that CLBI has received through wills and estates, and pray that you would place this call on more people's hearts.*

**April 17**

*Living God, fill our hearts with joy and hope as we celebrate your resurrection. Breathe new life into the hearts, minds and bodies of those at CLBI. (Rev 21:5).*

**April 18**

*Good Shepherd, we pray for Tabitha Francis (wife of Tom, Director of Maintenance) today on her birthday. May she hear your voice behind her saying, "This is the way; walk in it". (Isaiah 30:21)*

**April 19**

*Loving God, provide Ted Hill with discernment as he teaches the class "Long Obedience Towards Home." May students develop the perseverance and courage to press on in their faith.*

**April 20**

*God of the Nations, raise up CLBI students to become missionaries at home and abroad. "...Enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness... heal and perform signs and wonders..." (Acts 4:29b-30a)*



**HOMETOWN**

Kelowna, BC  
(originally from Calgary)

**INTERNSHIP JOB TITLE**

WMPL Intern

**INTERNSHIP LOCATION**

World Mission Prayer League offices  
at CLBI (Camrose, AB).

**WHAT IS THE MAIN FOCUS OF YOUR INTERNSHIP?**

As I've always felt called into missions, naturally the purpose of my internship is to learn more about global missions work. I will also learn more about WMPL and the work that they do to further the kingdom of God.

**DESCRIBE YOUR MINDSET GOING INTO THE INTERNSHIP AS COMPARED TO NOW.**

I would say it was equal parts excitement and determination mixed together. I was excited to work with people who have a passion for missions and God's people, and I was determined to learn from them, especially in regards to missions and

how God is at work around the world. My mindset is still roughly the same as when I started, and I would love to join WMPL in the work God is doing through them.

**WHAT DOES YOUR INTERNSHIP CONSIST OF?**

My role with WMPL is to run social media and coordinate various outreach opportunities for youth and young adults, especially those in Gen Z (ages 10-25).

**DESCRIBE AN EXPERIENCE THAT HAS BEEN IMPACTFUL FOR YOU.**

I have been incredibly impacted through how welcoming and loving the WMPL family has been towards me. I am one of the youngest on staff, and as a result I was feeling quite nervous and overwhelmed to be working with people who had so much more experience than I did. Their love and kindness has stood out to me and I will never forget it.

**WHAT SHOULD PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT THE PLACES YOU ARE WORKING WITH?**

The World Mission Prayer League is an amazing family of people who love God and His people. They are ready and committed to share the love of Christ and further His kingdom throughout the world.

**HOW CAN PEOPLE SUPPORT YOU AND/OR THE PLACE(S) THAT YOU ARE WORKING WITH?**

If you would like to support me, I encourage you to pray for me and the WMPL team. Donations are also a great way to support WMPL, and to donate, go to [wmpl.org/give](http://wmpl.org/give).

**HOMETOWN**

Camrose, AB

**INTERNSHIP JOB TITLE**

Outreach Director

**INTERNSHIP LOCATION**

Cross and Resurrection Church  
(EMU Campus, Ypsilanti, MI, USA)

**WHAT IS THE MAIN FOCUS OF YOUR INTERNSHIP?**

Experience and understanding. As I discern God's calling for me to be a pastor, this internship is helping me learn about the ministry first-hand and is also providing me with affirmation about my calling.

**DESCRIBE YOUR MINDSET GOING INTO THE INTERNSHIP AS COMPARED TO NOW.**

I was excited and also somewhat afraid going in. I was eager and open to what God wanted to show me, but I was also afraid to be far away from home for such a long period of time.

**WHAT DOES YOUR INTERNSHIP CONSIST OF?**

My internship consists mainly of coordinating the weekly Friday night

pancake and waffle ministry, as well as leading the church youth group. On Fridays we serve free pancakes and waffles for students and it is my job to organize and lead it. The same goes for the youth group, which has only been around for a few months. As we are connected to Eastern Michigan University (EMU), the primary focus is campus ministry.

**DESCRIBE AN EXPERIENCE THAT HAS BEEN IMPACTFUL FOR YOU.**

Early in my internship, Pastor Schindel, my father, and I attended a pastor's convention, and I was able to meet, listen to, and chat with so many different pastors. This was where my resolve towards pastoral ministry was not only strengthened, but was also confirmed.

**WHAT SHOULD PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT THE PLACES YOU ARE WORKING WITH?**

Cross and Resurrection is a very rare and unique environment because it is actually considered to be a campus chapel. As campus ministries are often neglected, through my time here, I have realized and seen just how important they really are.

**HOW CAN PEOPLE SUPPORT YOU AND/OR THE PLACE(S) THAT YOU ARE WORKING WITH?**

The biggest way to support me and Cross and Resurrection is through prayer, as campus ministry is very difficult (especially during COVID). Pray that God uses this ministry as a light for EMU students and for those who may be lost and confused in today's world.

**HOMETOWN**

Camrose, Alberta

**INTERNSHIP LOCATION**

CLBI (Camrose, AB) & Bethel Lutheran (Sherwood Park, AB)

**INTERNSHIP JOB TITLE**

CLBI Ambassador & Intern of Youth/Worship Ministry

**WHAT IS YOUR JOB TITLE?**

CLBI Ambassador Coordinator, and Intern of Youth/Worship Ministry at Bethel Lutheran Church in Sherwood Park, AB.

**WHAT IS THE MAIN FOCUS OF YOUR INTERNSHIP?**

To grow and develop my confidence and competency as a spiritual leader with youth (in the context of worship leading) and to experience working in a ministry environment.

**DESCRIBE YOUR MINDSET GOING INTO THE INTERNSHIP AS COMPARED TO NOW.**

I thought it was going to be a little less exciting than it actually is. I also anticipated feeling like I would be on

the outside of the CLBI community, but the students fully embraced me, even though my stay on campus is intermittent.

**WHAT DOES YOUR INTERNSHIP CONSIST OF?**

I get to lead worship and pour into the youth and young adults at Bethel and CLBI. I also job shadow, help plan CLBI events, and go on amazing trips to promote CLBI .

**DESCRIBE AN EXPERIENCE THAT HAS BEEN IMPACTFUL FOR YOU.**

I got to travel to LCBI High School (Outlook, SK) twice over a few months, and was able to follow up with some friends in that community. The second trip provided even more opportunities for me to speak into their lives, and I genuinely felt like I was a part of their community.

**WHAT SHOULD PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT THE PLACES YOU ARE WORKING WITH?**

- 1) Bethel Lutheran Church - its size may seem intimidating, but their priority is community. The leaders are amazing and sacrifice their time to get to know their community. The Bethel family rocks.
- 2) CLBI -you will never see a group of staff members laugh with each other as much as in the CLBI office. It is ridiculous and amazing!

**HOW CAN PEOPLE SUPPORT YOU AND/OR THE PLACE(S) THAT YOU ARE WORKING WITH?**

Tell all the young people in your life to go to CLBI. Do it. Then after that, tell them a second time.





 YouTube Channel

CHECK OUT THE CLBI YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Subscribe to our channel to stay up to date with what's happening at CLBI

**SUBSCRIBE**

**April 21**

*God of Glory, may the CLBI campus and its community of believers be a blessing to its neighbors and to the broader City of Camrose. May You bring grace and wisdom to these interactions.*

**April 22**

*Lord Jesus, you are gentle and humble in heart. May staff and students find rest for their souls this upcoming weekend, for your yoke is easy and your burden is light. (Mat 11:29-30)*

**April 23**

*Jesus, living water, pour your refreshing spirit on CLBI alumni who are serving in ministry positions. Provide wisdom, vision, and resources as they serve.*

**April 24**

*Compassionate God, open our hearts to the material needs of those in our communities who lack adequate food and shelter.*

**April 25**

*Emmanuel, God with us, guide each student to abide in you, as you also abide in them (John 15:5.) Today during the Dwelling Retreat, may CLBI have ears to hear your voice.*

**April 26**

*All-knowing God, provide direction for the extended family of CLBI. "In your unfailing love, you will lead the people you have redeemed. In your strength you will guide them to your holy dwelling." Ex 15:13*

**April 27**

*God of Peace, be with the children of CLBI staff today. Draw each one to you as you teach, guide, and protect them this day.*

**April 28**

*Heavenly Father, bring unity and love to the church communities around Camrose. May the believers be one in heart and mind..." (Acts 4:32)*



**HOLD  
FAST  
TO THE  
DREAM**

By Cullen Halvorson  
Director of Communications & Admissions

# THE SUMMER WAS FAR OUT WITH GOOD VIBES & SLAMMIN' DISCO.

The sound that defined the era came screaming out of stereos and record players in the form of Elton John, Joni Mitchell, BTO, Queen, Paul McCartney, and The Carpenters; all filling the airwaves while Hollywood delivered on the silver screen with films like Jaws and One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest. The world also continued to look on as The Cold War showed no sign of slowing, and The Vietnam War was finally brought to an end.

## WELCOME TO SEPTEMBER, 1975.

In 1975, CLBI was expanding and student enrollment followed suit. As CLBI welcomed 135 students to campus that September (the average was around 45 students), unbeknownst to them at the time, it was in that year that CLBI would have the highest student numbers to date (as of 2022). What an amazing time to be a part of what God was doing through CLBI.

Welcome back to 2022.

**NEARLY 50 YEARS LATER** a lot has changed. The world is connected online, movies are streamed in the palm of our hands, and music from the 1990s is considered (sigh) "classic rock." Much has changed for CLBI as well.

For starters, this year we were blessed with 25 students, and the dream of discipleship continues through each one of them. Our campus has also continued to evolve, our program (including out-trips, cross-cultural experiences, and world class instructors) has provided students with incredible experiences, and our growing network of alumni and supporters has been committed to contributing towards what God is doing through this ministry. Can I get an amen!?

The landscape today is *drastically* different from that of 1975, but the dream of having dedicated, scripture-focused, and fellowship-oriented discipleship continues on in big ways! What better way to bear witness to what Christ is doing in peoples' lives than to hear it from them first-hand.

---

## NATHAN CARLSON

Gwynne, AB

Currently a 1st Year Student at CLBI

*"God works in mysterious ways. This year has been very influential in my walk with Christ. I can see Him at work all around me through the staff and students here. It is as if God has been refining me these past few months. Sending me through fire in order to bring me to a greater understanding of Him and also to show me that He is the one who refines. I cannot even attempt to refine myself on my own. God is the one who refines, and my hope is that He will bring the work that He has started in me to completion. God is on a mission here in Camrose and I hope that I can join Him on that mission as the year goes on."*



# JESUS CALLS US TO LOVE CHILDREN & HAVE CHILD-LIKE FAITH

## SABRINA DICKENS

Alumni  
Saskatoon, SK  
Enrolled in Early Childhood  
Education Diploma Program  
(Saskatchewan Polytechnic)

*“I often stop and look up to enjoy the sunsets. Saskatoon has a beautiful landscape for the sky. That is one way I see God on a daily basis in my city; through his creation. I work with children who are so simple and yet so profound, and Jesus calls us to love children and have child-like faith. To me that means asking him questions about my day or telling him about random things that happen at work. God delights in us when we come to him with everything and treat him like he is our best friend. I can definitely see God in my vocation.”*

---

## TED HILL

Alumni, current staff  
Wetaskiwin, AB  
Program Director at CLBI

*“As I have been reading through Hosea and finishing the Book of Acts over the past month, the sharpening awareness of Christ’s mission in action is a continual working of the Holy Spirit. The book of Acts, at first glance, seems foreign. The prophet Hosea, at first glance, seems*

*cryptic and confusing. Both of these are calling us into and shaping the character of Christ’s mission in us.*

*Last night I spent 2½ hours on Zoom with 6 men talking about the complexity of grief and the intensity of the emotion of anger. It is the 8th session of a 16-week Family Violence Treatment Program with Indigenous men as part of their probation conditions. I have been doing this since 2009, which is the year Jesus very actively shifted my self-driven desire towards the community of Maskwacis, where I wanted to be known as the pastor of two small churches that saved these people from chaos.*

*As I read God’s desire for Hosea to understand the mess, pain and chaos of sin, Christ’s mission in action in my life is about trusting in His purposeful grace working in those 2½ hour sessions every week. This is where God’s salvation swells with healing hope as I place my hope in Jesus planting seeds on His field of mission.”*

---

## JEREMY OSTERWALDER

Alumni, former staff  
Camrose, AB  
Pastor at Resurrection Lutheran in Camrose, AB & currently completing seminary studies at LB Seminary (Fergus Falls, MN)

*“Having been immersed in the ministry of CLBI for 17 years, the focus of discipleship efforts through very particular activities became ingrained. The rhythm included worship, prayer, Bible study, one-on-one relationship and various experiential elements. All were designed to draw one another to Christ and into a space where the Holy Spirit*

*could shape each of us to be more like Christ. Working in parish ministry for the past 3½ years, I have been challenged to consider a new perspective on how God's work, through the means of grace, can be experienced by those who are not surrounded by an intentional Christian community. What remains central to Christ's mission being accomplished in our church family and in my personal life is the Word of God. It is God's Word which is both the catalyst and the sustainer which brings to completion Christ's call and mission."*

---



## **KINDNESS PUTS HOPE IN THE WORLD, & HOPE GIVES ME GRATITUDE**

**ANDREW J. CRAIG**

Alumni

Pincher Creek, AB

Currently on long-term disability  
(was previously a Lutheran Pastor  
for 15 years)

*"Personally, I believe in trying to reflect Christ as much as possible. I do this by being intentionally kind to people I see in businesses or just out and about. I do not just say hi, I focus on listening and being encouraging. I do not do it to specifically talk to people about Jesus, but it has led to that on several occasions. Kindness puts hope in the world, and hope gives me gratitude, which I need in my life. Being disabled is not easy, but God gives me strength by being kind to others."*

---

These are just a few of the incredible individuals who have continued to learn and grow as disciples throughout their ordinary, and not so ordinary, life experiences. It is through the sharing of ourselves with one another that we inevitably grow as followers of Christ and gain strength to hold fast to this dream.

What started as a dream of a small group of Lutheran men and women has now become something so much greater. In the words of the late Ron Mayan (former CLBI President) in "Send Out Your Light":

*"(CLBI) can and will be a special, life-enhancing place for many others still to come - IF we continue to dare to hold fast to the dream, IF we continue to dare to pray and plan in the same spirit as our forebears. Will you hold fast to the dream and make it your priority?"*

---

**TO PROVIDE EVEN MORE MOMENTUM** to what God is doing through this community, we invite all supporters and friends to join us for CLBI Celebration Weekend from August 5-7, 2022. Come celebrate CLBI's 90th anniversary while we also celebrate the past, present, & future of this amazing Bible School!

To register, or to find out more, read on to the next page or go to **[clbi.edu/celebration](http://clbi.edu/celebration)**



# SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT



## CHARLES JACKSON

Pastor Charles Jackson attended CLBI in '82-'83, and '84-'86. Charles and his wife Anita served in Kenya with WMPL from 2001-2008 where he served as a pastor and Anita taught English and adult literacy classes. They then went on to undertake a new assignment in Mongolia, and in 2017, Charles became the Executive Director of WMPL Canada and Anita began serving in the Home Office on the Prayer Mobilization Team.



## HAROLD RUST

Pastor Harold Rust (aka "PH") is an alumnus ('76-'78) and ambassador of CLBI. He served as CLBI President from 2001-2016 and played a significant role in shaping what CLBI looks like today. Harold and his wife Joyce also sent each of their kids to CLBI, and they all continue to support the school whenever possible. Currently, Harold is the pastor at The River Church in Red Deer, AB, and will be one of the speakers during CLBI Celebration Weekend.



## DEAN ROSTAD

Pastor Dean Rostad is an alumnus of CLBI ('90-'92) and is currently in his fifth year as President at the school. From 2006-2017, Dean was the lead pastor at Resurrection Church in Camrose, AB, and in 2017 took the call to CLBI. Dean is passionate about equipping and encouraging the next generation of Christ-following disciples, as well as celebrating the incredible testimonies of those from previous generations.

# CELEBRATION WEEKEND SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5 <sup>TH</sup>		SATURDAY, AUGUST 6 <sup>TH</sup>		SUNDAY, AUGUST 7 <sup>TH</sup>	
3:00pm	Registration	8:00am	Breakfast	8:00am	Breakfast
5:00pm	Supper	10:00am	Chapel	10:00am	Chapel
6:00pm	Welcome & Coffee House	12:00pm	Lunch	12:00pm	Lunch
8:30pm	Campfire	1:30pm	Activities		
		5:00pm	Gala Event (\$60/plate) with the band Crossection		



For more info, check out  
[clbi.edu/celebration](http://clbi.edu/celebration)

**April 29**

*Sovereign Lord, as families, students, staff, and friends celebrate at CLBI's graduation banquet, bless the program and the fellowship that will take place.*

**April 30**

*Thank you God for Graduation Day! "Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for him." Psalm 98:1*

**May 1**

*Father God, we are in awe of you and how you are calling students from all over the world to come to encounter you at CLBI in the little city of Camrose, Alberta.*

**May 2**

*Good Father, thank you for how you have knitted Tamara MacInnis (Director of*

*IMPACT) together in her mother's womb. Thank you for the gift she is to CLBI.*

**May 3**

*Dear Jesus, as students have returned home, give them a fire to continue embracing their call as disciples. Give them a hedge of protection and the armor of God in all they do.*

**May 4**

*Lord, give wisdom to the staff as they reflect on the past year and give them vision and passion for the year ahead.*

**May 5**

*Father God, far too often in our busy schedules we neglect precious time with you. Teach us, Lord, how to set aside time to encounter you in special sacred ways.*



*Pictured above (L-R): Emily (daughter), Claire (granddaughter), Cullen (son-in-law), Tim (son), Harriet (granddaughter), Cindy (daughter-in-law), Matthew (son), Kathy, Gemma (granddaughter), and Karl (husband).*

# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

## KATHY FALTIN ('73-'74)

My name is Kathy Faltin (Kvemshagen) and I attended CLBI for the 1973-1974 school year.

**MY FIRST IMPRESSION OF CLBI** was being surprised at how many American students were attending that year (especially at a Canadian Bible College). It was also something of a fashion education for me to see what they were wearing: blue denim bib overalls over top of Stanfield long johns (complete with a trap door)

and “Earth shoes” on their feet. That kind of haute couture was not something I, nor the other Canadian kids, had been exposed to in our 18 years of life. It made such an impression on us that within a few months we were hunting for Stanfield’s underwear and bib overalls at the Army and Navy store in Edmonton.

More than that, as the year went on I was struck by the depth of the faith our American friends had and how



much they wanted to grow in their spiritual lives. For me, I had always grown up in the church but found that CLBI helped me put some real foundations under my faith on a personal level. So much so that when our 3 children graduated from high school I wanted that for all of them (as did my husband Karl, who attended CLBI a couple of years after I did). So when our kids expressed interest in attending CLBI, we did all we could to encourage and support them in that. In the end, all three did attend and it was a tremendous blessing for them as well. All of them were strengthened in their faith, developed deep life-long friendships, and in the case of our daughter, even met her future husband.

**IN THE YEARS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CLBI** I completed my Bachelor's of Education degree at the University of Alberta. I started teaching with a 3,4,5 triple grade class and loved it. During my teaching years I met my husband, Karl Faltin, who served as a Lutheran pastor. We had 3 wonderful kids: Emily, Tim and Matt (and now are blessed with 3 wonderful grand daughters).

After moving to Stettler in 1994, I moved on from my years of teaching junior high math, which believe it or not, I found to be a lot of fun and very fulfilling. My students were my second family of kids.

“  
**I FOUND THAT  
CLBI HELPED  
ME PUT SOME  
REAL  
FOUNDATIONS  
UNDER MY  
FAITH ON A  
PERSONAL  
LEVEL**  
”


**SINCE 2018** I have been retired, as is Karl, and we still live here in Stettler, Alberta. After retiring, I briefly took on a substitute teacher role at the same school I previously worked at, up until my grandchildren came along (grandma duty calls). Karl and I find that chasing after them is more than a full-time job, but even more incredibly fun and fulfilling.

These days, I serve on a few boards, love reading mystery novels, watching Masterpiece Theatre on PBS, enjoy taking part in Bible studies, playing board games with family and friends, and spend time with my children and grandchildren. As I look back at my time at CLBI, I can see now that I was learning how much richer every aspect of our lives is when Christ is at the center of all we do, and I have certainly experienced that in my life.


*(continued on next page)*

**SOMETIMES WE HEAR OTHER PARENTS WONDER** about the value of CLBI and that it does not provide direct training for future jobs. Our response is always that it may not provide training specifically for those entering the workforce, but what it does provide is training for life, and life at its fullest.

As a parent and teacher, when I see the number of young people that



## WHAT (CLBI) DOES PROVIDE IS TRAINING FOR LIFE, AND LIFE AT ITS FULLEST.



come out of high school and struggle to find who they are and where they are going, I cannot help but think how desperately that kind of training is needed.

It is obvious to see how blessed we were to have such a meaningful and foundational experience at a place like CLBI. Not in terms of just our own experience, but for our children's generation as well.

### **May 6**

*Father God, you are on the move. Give the staff and students eyes for what you are doing and give us your heart for what you want your mission on earth to look like.*

### **May 7**

*Heavenly Father, we thank you for Emily Halvorson (wife of Cullen, Director of Admissions & Communications). We praise you that you sing and rejoice over her today your eternal happy birthday song from Zephaniah 3:17.*

### **May 8**

*Dear Jesus, you know all the renovations and repairs that are needed on the CLBI campus. Provide the funds and laborers to have those jobs done well.*

### **May 9**

*Father God, thank you for the wisdom and gifts you have blessed Ivar Osness (2nd year student) with. On his birthday today, show him his true identity in you.*

### **May 10**

*Father God, thank you that in your mercy*

*and grace you made food taste good and you created people who know how to make good tasting food. Bless the kitchen staff at CLBI and help them feel encouraged and loved today.*

### **May 11**

*Dear Jesus, call all ages to attend CLBI (not just 18-20 year-olds). Your kingdom and mission call is not limited by age, so call all those who you desire to be at CLBI.*

### **May 12**

*Greatest Lord, thank you for past CLBI staff. Their dedicated service has and forever will continue to impact the CLBI community and beyond.*

### **May 13**

*Father God, thank you that in your goodness you continue to work in the lives of CLBI alumni all over the world as they share the gospel of Jesus Christ.*

### **May 14**

*Father God, thank you for the gifts that the short-term staff members at CLBI bring to the CLBI community. Allow the students*

and staff to be encouraged, loved, blessed, and empowered by them.

**May 15**

Dear Jesus, as the students study your life, help them discern how you want them to use their gifts and passions in their lives. Relieve any pressure and stress, and lead them into radical trust in your plan.

**May 16**

Father God, give wisdom and careful consideration as instructors are chosen for the upcoming school year. May they further the students love and passion for you and your word.

**May 17**

Holy Spirit, we praise the creative ways you use coffee shops and restaurants for genuine fellowship and love that is transforming hearts back to you.

**May 18**

Father God, thank you that you are writing Emily & Cullen's (Director of Admissions & Communications) love story. Bless them on their anniversary and preserve their marriage so they can celebrate many more to come.

**May 19**

Dear Jesus, thank you for Landon Jack's special gifts he brings to CLBI as Residence Life Director. Job 12:12, "Wisdom belongs to the aged, and understanding come to the old."

**May 20**

Father God, thank you for the mentors that are guiding people to choose Bible school. Give them creative ideas to help intentionally pursue time to learn, grow, and trust in you in a Christian community.

**May 21**

God, raise up volunteers to help out with

the CLBI program and facilities. Holy Spirit, bless the hands of generous workers (2 Corinthians 9:6-8).

**May 22**

Father God, thank you for the friendships formed at CLBI. Friendship is precious and sacred as said in Ecclesiastes 4:9-10: "Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls, one can help the other up."

**May 23**

Lord, today we pray that Christ can be the center of each of the lives of the staff and students in the CLBI community.

**May 24**

Father God, hold the staff in intimate and unique ways today. Give them refreshment and rest during the summer season.

**May 25**

Heavenly Father, thank you for the skill, patience, and endurance you give to healthcare workers and their families. Show your glory and healing power through their work.

**May 26**

Dear Jesus, thank you for the gift of technology. Help us use it to further your kingdom. Allow the Gospel to go to where it has not yet been and reach future students with the opportunities that technology brings.

**May 27**

Holy Trinity you are the perfect example of a sacred community. Continue to call more communities to join in praying for CLBI.

**May 28**

Father God, be near to those who are being led to join the CLBI staff next year. Give them wisdom, vision, and excitement for new possibilities ahead



# HAVE A MINIVAN YOU'D LIKE TO DONATE TO CLBI?

**OUR MINISTRY HERE AT CLBI DEPENDS GREATLY ON OUR VEHICLES TO TAKE US WHERE WE NEED TO GO.**

The CLBI program depends on having reliable vehicles and some of them are reaching the end of their life. **That's where you come in!**

We are looking for minivans that have been lightly used and have relatively low mileage on them.

If you, or someone you know, would like to donate a minivan with those specifications, or would just like some more information, please contact us at [info@clbi.edu](mailto:info@clbi.edu) or call the main office at 780-672-4454.

## **May 29**

*Abundant father, we trust that you will provide financial solutions for those registering for CLBI. Give to your children in unexpected and surprising ways to glorify you and your kingdom.*

## **May 30**

*Merciful God, help the CLBI community to be unified in equipping and encouraging disciples for Christ until Christ returns again.*

## **May 31**

*God, thank you or Mackenzie Wahl (Program Assistant) on his birthday. Thank you for calling him throughout his life, and allow Psalm 71 to ring throughout his life, "I have learned from before my birth... My praise is continually of you."*

## **June 1**

*Lord, be with all Grade 12 students as they experience their final month of school. May it be a time of celebration in*

anticipation for the road ahead wherever you lead them.

**June 2**

Good and gracious God, strengthen the CLBI staff and their families through your abiding love. Use them for your glory and let their family life be a witness and testimony to others.

**June 3**

Holy Spirit, inspire generosity in us. May we hold loosely to what we have been given, ready to surrender it. Help us to see the joy in giving to ministries such as CLBI that are building up and equipping the church.

**June 4**

Father, bless Oliver Winchell (1st year student) on his birthday today. May he see your faithfulness in his life, your great love for him through creation, and may he be drawn into deeper communion with you.

**June 5**

Lord Jesus, bless Tom (Director of Maintenance) & Tabitha Francis on their anniversary. May their marriage continue to be a loud gospel message to those around them—a true testament to your character.

**June 6**

God, thank you for the siblings of CLBI students. May they see the transforming inner work of the Holy Spirit and be drawn to come to a place like CLBI.

**June 7**

Lord, may we live out the words of Jesus in Luke 10:27, loving you with the whole of our being and loving our neighbors too. God, may you be glorified and exalted in all aspects of CLBI.

**June 8**

Father, we thank you for pastors, elders, and all others in church leadership who

have answered the call to service in the church. May they be rooted in who you are, and may you stir us into active service as we seek to fulfill the unfinished task.

**June 9**

God, we thank you for the facilities and campus of CLBI. It is a testament to the work you have done through CLBI and has been home to so many wonderful memories. Use it all for your glory, Lord.

**June 10**

Jesus, thank you for building us for community and collaboration. We praise you for all the businesses and organizations that CLBI works with. Continue to strengthen those connections.

**June 11**

God of the Nations, the body of Christ is diverse and truly magnificent. May CLBI embody this wonderful living mosaic, stretching into and engaging with the cultures around us locally and abroad.

**June 12**

God who sees, you are not blind to challenges facing those in poverty. You see them. Give us eyes to see, and let us not turn a blind eye. Help us to see our own poverty as well as the riches of the Kingdom in lifting others out of poverty.

**June 13**

God who guides our steps, we pray for discernment for those being led towards seminary. As they wrestle with this call, may they feel supported and trust you in all their needs.

**June 14**

Jesus, King of kings and Lord of lords, all rulers and authorities are underneath your feet. May the politicians and leaders all over the world seek to do your will and earnestly seek you.

# CLBI UPDATE



**AFTER WWII**, as Winston Churchill was working to form the United Nations, he famously said, “Never let a good crisis go to waste.” The global pandemic has not officially ended, but it appears that dawn is finally breaking through after a 2-year-long night. We grieve with those who lost loved ones and recognize the significant strain COVID brought upon society.

As I have visited churches recently, I've heard from many who are wondering what the post-COVID church will look like. Will those who disappeared from church life over the last two years return? On top of all of this, the war in Ukraine has created new global upheaval. Jesus, only you can lead us out of this mess.

Through this time, Jesus has brought CLBI on a journey of refining its approach to discipleship. Thank you for your faithful support to CLBI (prayers, gifts, and students). Through the pandemic our students have thrived and are displaying confidence and eagerness in embracing the Kingdom opportunities that lie before them. It

is my prayer that the students' values, tools, and beliefs will be multiplied by the Holy Spirit to assist the church in not simply returning to pre-COVID routines, but to enrich lasting discipleship initiatives.

**JUST AS CHURCHILL PUSHED NATIONS** to be united and creative post WWII, I believe the Spirit of God is prompting the church of Jesus Christ to build a stronger church that is ready and able to bring the life-changing gospel to every corner of our fractured land.

If your congregation is receiving a CLBI student back into your midst, prayerfully invite them to partner with you as your church grows in its discipleship. I look forward to hearing the stories of how Jesus is renewing your congregation post-COVID.

If you have a story for me, or a request for how CLBI can assist your congregation, please feel free to reach out to me at [drostad@clbi.edu](mailto:drostad@clbi.edu).

Dean Rostad  
*CLBI President*

## **June 15**

*Holy Spirit, help the leadership of CLBI to explore new and exciting avenues to get the word out about its ministry. Stir up partners who are excited about what you are doing at CLBI.*

## **June 16**

*Father God, we lift up all the people that know and love CLBI. May they act as mobilizers for your glory, encouraging and bringing others into this great ministry.*

JUNE 30, 2022

2021/2022  
CONTRIBUTION GOAL

**\$547,000<sup>00</sup>**

Just over

**70%**

of needed donations raised

Current Total: **\$383,124<sup>52</sup>**

(as of February 28, 2022)

JULY 1, 2021

Join the growing number of people who have signed up for

## Automatic Monthly Giving (AMG)



AMG accounts for **OVER \$3,800** of our monthly donations!

# UPCOMING EVENTS

To stay up to date with what is happening in the CLBI community, check out the CLBI Facebook & Instagram, or find out what's coming up on the CLBI calendar at [www.clbi.edu/academic-calendar](http://www.clbi.edu/academic-calendar).



## CLBI YOUTH SURGE 2022

APRIL 1-3, 2022

**April 1-3, 2022 - Youth Surge Weekend (CLBI Campus)**

- For youth & young adults (age 14+).
- For more info, follow us on Instagram & Facebook or call us at 780-672-4454
- To register, go to [clbi.edu/surge](http://clbi.edu/surge) (stay tuned to find out when to register)



## CLBI GRADUATION

APRIL 30 / 10:00AM

**Saturday, April 30, 2022 at 10:00am**

- Ceremony at 10:00am (Messiah Lutheran Church - 4810 50 St, Camrose, AB)
  - Free will offering will be taken.
- Lunch to follow at CLBI (Please RSVP to [info@clbi.edu](mailto:info@clbi.edu) or call 780-672-4454)
  - Please notify us if you require gluten free or dairy free options.

## CLBI CELEBRATION WEEKEND 2022

AUGUST 5-7, 2022

**August 5-7, 2022**

- Come celebrate CLBI's 90th anniversary and join alumni & friends in celebrating the past, present, & future of this amazing Bible school!
- For more info, or to register go to [clbi.edu/celebration](http://clbi.edu/celebration)

*(All CLBI events are subject to change as per provincial COVID 19 regulations on public gatherings.)*



**June 17**

*Abba, provide over the summer months for CLBI. Stir in others to partner with you in your work there, and lead people to generously give and be encouraged by what you're doing on the CLBI campus.*

**June 18**

*Gracious God, may we worship you wholeheartedly; reflecting on the power and truth of Jesus. Lead worship teams around the world and help them see the moving of the Holy Spirit.*

**June 19**

*Heavenly Father, as planning and preparing for the CLBI Celebration Weekend happens, may it glorify your work in and through CLBI. We pray that the load would be carried by many and that many more would join in this amazing celebration.*

**June 20**

*Send one, send all, Lord Jesus. We pray for a surplus of students in this next season at CLBI. Stir up the deep connections and support through alumni and their friends.*

**June 21**

*Lord Jesus, we praise you for Annika Hoff (1st year student) and the joy she brings. Thank you for her birthday today and for leading her to be your faithful servant.*

**June 22**

*Lord, give CLBI alumni eyes to see and be active in new and creative ways within communities they are planted in. Call them to be full of passion and truth.*

**June 23**

*True and deep rest and healing comes from you, Jesus. Father lavish CLBI with a spirit of refreshment this day.*

**June 24**

*Faithful God, provide for every need that farmers have this summer. Use them to show others what it looks like to be a part of the planting and tending, and may their harvest, just as yours is, be plenty.*

**June 25**

*Lord, we pray for continued health over the CLBI staff this summer. Not only physically, but a spiritual and emotional health as they continue to serve you.*

**June 26**

*We praise you for CLBI as a ministry, and we pray that the ministries carried out through CLBI would take root and spread into more communities, intertwining, encouraging, and partnering with the body around them.*

**June 27**

*God, we lift up the alumni of CLBI. Help them to be led by you, and to fully embrace your calling in their lives. Help them to continue to walk in your ways.*

**June 28**

*Lord Jesus, thank you for the Bible camps and staff all over the world. May you encourage them and give them great excitement for the ways you will move in the summer ahead.*

**June 29**

*We lift up all the graduates today. Father may You make it clear as to how You are calling them and where. May they put You first, knowing that You are far greater than anything this earth can give.*

**June 30**

*Father, as we pray for Anthony McFeely (son of Kate McFeely, D Group Leader) today, may you continue to grow him into a man after your heart. Bless his years to come and may he continually follow you.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Matt Faltin ('12-'14) and Cindy Alexander got married January 15, 2022.

Deandra and Zane Ausmus ('15-'17) married February 12, 2022.

Noelle Marie-Anne was born to Tom ('06-'07, current staff) & Tabitha Francis on January 2, 2022.

Aurora Tinei Leona was born to Jon ('91-'93) & Rhiannon Stolee on December 30, 2021.

## HONORARIUMS:

(December 1, 2021-February 28, 2022)

Deaconess Marie Frick Keeley  
Total Honorariums: \$150

## MEMORIALS:

(December 1, 2021-February 28, 2022)

Annelise Rust, Ken Wold, Glen Vollmer, Arnold & Ruth Hagen, Roy Pudrycki, Margaret Dempsey, Alice Christensen, Clint Adams, Allan & Esther Danielson, Ed Rostad, Evelyn Marzolf, Ellen Sporre, Zelma Johansson, Darlene Otteson Robertson, Viva Hansen, James Peake, Laverne Hoveland, Jack Olstad, Chris Blades, Jeanette Schoettler, Trygve Skretting, Frank Vesely, Camilla Rostad, Muriel Rostad, Joe Rostad, Joyce Rostad, Harold Rostad, Eleanor Paulgaard, Gordon Knudtson, Mildred Skretting, Letha Knudtson, Sylvia Wold, Audrey Peterson, Roy & Clarice Melsness, Herman & Evelyn Hafso  
Total Memorials: \$10727.25

## PRAYER WRITERS:

Lynn Lovrod, Shalayne Eckart, & WMPL Office in Minneapolis, MN, USA

# Crossroads

April - June 2022

Volume 30 No. 2

Published for the friends and alumni of the Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute in Camrose, AB

Editorial Group:  
Rev. Dean Rostad  
Jaime Ocampos  
Cullen Halvorson

Send your comments and changes of address to:

CLBI Crossroads  
4837 - 52a Street  
Camrose. AB  
T4V 1W5  
1-888-672-4454  
communications@clbi.edu  
www.clbi.edu

To receive the crossroads via email, please visit [www.clbi.edu/enews](http://www.clbi.edu/enews)

\* All scripture passages, unless otherwise noted taken from: The Holy Bible, English Standard Version Copyright © 2001 by Crossway Bibles, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. All rights reserved





**made for**  
here &  
now



join today at [clbi.edu/apply](https://clbi.edu/apply)

made for  
here &  
NOW



[clbi.edu](http://clbi.edu)