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CLBI CLASS OF
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upcoming events

around the CLBI community



**OCT
21**

OPEN CLASS: THE BOOK OF REVELATION

OCT 21-25, 2024 (with Jesse Schellenberg)
Register at clbi.edu/open-classes

**OCT
26**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OCT 26, 2024 (1:00pm-3:00pm)
Please RSVP by emailing info@clbi.edu

**NOV
04**

OPEN CLASS: THE BOOK OF ACTS

NOV 4-8, 2024 (with Harold Rust)
Register at clbi.edu/open-classes

**NOV
24**

MEATBALLS FOR MISSIONS LUNCH FUNDRAISER

NOV 24, 2024 (12:00pm - 1:30pm @ CLBI)
In support of the CLBI IMPACT Program

**NOV
25**

OPEN CLASS: THE BOOK OF ECCLESIASTES

NOV 25-29, 2024 (with Josh Handford)
Register at clbi.edu/open-classes

**DEC
02**

OPEN CLASS: THE BOOK OF GENESIS

DEC 2-6, 2024 (with Dave Wollan)
Register at clbi.edu/open-classes

**DEC
07**

CLBI OPEN HOUSE 2024

DEC 7, 2024 (10:00am-4:00pm)
Come find out why you should attend CLBI!
Register at clbi.edu/events/openhouse24
LUNCH PROVIDED • PARENTS & STUDENTS WELCOME

**DEC
16**

OPEN CLASS: THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

DEC 16-20, 2024 (with Mark Mattes)
Register at clbi.edu/open-classes

For more, check out clbi.edu/events

1ST YEAR STUDENTS



**Simon
Carlson**
Gawne,
AB



**William
Frederickson**
Sherwood Park,
AB



**Christina
Matte**
Bawlf,
AB



**Jacqueline
Matte**
Bawlf,
AB



**Draken
Mol**
Camrose,
AB



**Till
Niehoff**
Camrose,
AB



**Julia
Rostad**
Camrose,
AB



**Elijah
Ryan**
Killam,
AB



**Tobias
Sherbanuk**
Killam,
AB



**Zachary
Stolee**
Donalda,
AB



**Lynden
Sylvestre**
Maidstone,
SK



**Alexander
Thielmann**
Pincher Creek,
AB

2ND YEAR STUDENTS



**Leigha
Hansen**
Bow Island,
AB



**Blake
Jack**
Stettler,
AB



**Jessa
Long**
Snowden,
SK



**Avey
Osterwalder**
Camrose,
AB



**Tyler
Pelsey**
Ryley,
AB



**Ethan
Sherbanuk**
Killam,
AB

COMMUNITY STUDENTS



**Hayden
Asp**
Wetaskiwin,
AB



**Naomi
Van Roessel**
Bow Island,
AB



**Kristian
Berg**
Port Coquitlam,
BC



**Evan
Sherbanuk**
Killam,
AB

3RD YEAR STUDENTS

4TH YEAR STUDENTS



Madison Anderson
Brooks, AB



Nathan Carlson
Gwynne, AB



Seth Hansen
Bow Island, AB



Ivar Osness
Sherwood Park, AB



Caleb Sherbanuk
Killam, AB

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President



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Volunteer/ D-Group Leader



Abby Sylvestre
Food Services



The history of revival reveals specific periods where the Holy Spirit drew significant amounts of people to God. In a time where many are discouraged by church attendance and societal

trends, I believe the Spirit is doing something new. The question is, "How do we recognize it?"

Over the past couple years, it is evident that the Spirit has been at work here at CLBI. For starters, more and more students have been sharing their desire to study the Bible more deeply and grow in Biblical literacy. Next, we have now entered into the second consecutive school year where our Opening Day enrollment has male students outnumbering females (16:10 in '23/'24 and 13:7 for '24/'25), which historically has trended in the opposite direction. Equally noticeable is that a number of our students are new believers and have a desire to explore their Christian faith.

Could this lead to a more extensive revival in our land? I hope so. Regardless, we must be faithful to how the Spirit is working in the people God calls us to serve.

Curiously enough, this is nothing new. Embedded in CLBI's founding documents is the call to "encourage intensive Bible study." As a response, we are creatively answering that call. This year we have expanded our offerings and are introducing no less than eleven week-long classes that delve into a specific book of the Bible. And eight of these are "Open Classes" for the public to register for and attend (either online or in person). For more info, go to clbi.edu/open-classes.

To help accommodate for the growing interest of people desiring to come for open classes, we have prepared and set aside an entire floor in the Vinge Retreat Centre. The rooms provide a sizeable living space for the week, all while being just steps away from two newly renovated washrooms down the hall.

Last year, we were delighted to welcome and host a number of diverse and engaging students for our open classes, many of whom returned for multiple weeks and formed friendships with others in our community. A couple of those in attendance were a mom with her two adult children, as well as a grandmother of one of our students, who said she, "left with a whole new set of adopted grandkids!" If that wasn't encouraging enough, this past summer I spoke with a dad who hopes to bring his two teenagers to immerse themselves in God's Word. Can I get a Hallelujah?!

It is a joy to see the Holy Spirit at work here at CLBI, especially with those who come through our doors desiring to learn more about their faith. So I invite you. Come and feast on God's Word. Come be a part of an authentic and vibrant community. Come see what God is up to in the lives of people around you.

What are you waiting for? All is ready.

Come.

Open Class Schedule

For the 2024/2025 school year

OCT 21-25	The Book of Revelation with Jesse Schellenberg (Mission, BC)
NOV 4-8	The Book of Acts with Harold Rust (The River Church, Red Deer, AB)
NOV 25-29	The Book of Ecclesiastes with Josh Handford (Rose City Baptist, Camrose, AB)
DEC 2-6	The Book of Genesis with Dave Wollan (Faith Lutheran, Hutchinson, MN, USA)
DEC 16-20	The Book of Hebrews with Mark Mattes (Grand View Univ, Des Moines, IA, USA)
FEB 24-28	The Gospel of Mark with Daniel Berge (LB Seminary, Fergus Falls, MN, USA)
MAR 3-7	The Book of Romans with Roger Viksnes (Rooted Gap Year, PA, USA)
MAR 10-14	The Gospel of Luke with Erick Sorensen (1517.org, USA)

REGISTRATION COSTS

OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 3
\$150	\$200	\$400
Online or in-person classes Course content (audit)	Online or in-person classes Course content (audit) Daily lunch (5 total)	Online or in-person classes Course content (audit) Room & Board for week 3 meals daily (Mon-Thu) Breakfast & Lunch (Fri)

REGISTER NOW

(SPACE IS LIMITED!)



See more at
clbi.edu/open-classes

Please note: all guests are required to register at least two (2) weeks prior to the start date of each open class. After which, registration for that respective class will be closed.

Staff Bio

NAME:

Lisa Belau

HOMETOWN:

Outlook, SK

YEAR(S) AT CLBI:

2009-2011

WHAT LED YOU TO WORK AT CLBI?

I have been a missionary in Cameroon, Africa for almost 10 years and while preparing to return to Canada for home assignment, I was praying and asking God about an intentional community I could be a part of this year. I was talking to my brother, Steven, and he shared that other CLBI staff were encouraging him/us to consider applying to be residence life directors. We took it as more of a joke, but then we were like, “wait, could this actually be a possibility?” It is a dream job, getting to work with my brother and coming alongside these incredible young people. I have also been inspired watching and learning from the staff who are passionate and dedicated to what God is doing at this school, and in the local and global church.

MEANINGFUL EXPERIENCE YOU’VE HAD AT CLBI

Urban Hike was something that really impacted me both years I was a student here. My first year I went to Edmonton, second year was Red Deer. It really opened my eyes to others realities, meeting and spending time with the homeless and working with organizations that were doing life with them daily. Learning about all the different circumstances that causes homelessness was very surprising and humbling. Even though it was quite heavy and dark at times, I am very grateful to have had those opportunities. They torn down walls in my mind, and have helped me to this day to be willing to acknowledge and/or interact with people I wouldn’t have before.

WHAT ARE YOU EXCITED ABOUT FOR THIS YEAR?

Oh! All the things! One specifically, I am excited to go to Red Deer with the 2nd years for their first Cross-Cultural Prep class. I have heard a lot about the River Church and am looking forward to seeing and being a part of their ministries.





As I write this, our students are out on the annual CLBI fall hike and canoe trip exploring the Alberta wilderness. Thankfully, thus far the weather has been in their favor while they

experience both the ups and downs of the North Saskatchewan River and the peaks and valleys of the Rocky Mountains. What a perfect way to usher in the start of a new year here at CLBI, and what an accurate representation of how God faithfully provides for us through all circumstances.

Last year, CLBI budgeted for 30 students, but God provided us with 20, and it appeared that we would end the school year with a *significant* deficit. In other words, we were preparing to take on a lot of water. However, it is with great joy that I tell you that God has not only met CLBI's fiscal needs for the last year (July 2023-June 2024), but provided beyond our needs to the point of us having a year-end surplus! For this we say "Thank You, God!"

Over the years at CLBI, our "general fund" has been where we track our accumulated financial deficits and surpluses. About a year ago, in the summer of 2023, the general fund was indicating some dire news: we were in the negative by approximately \$101,000. Yikes! Not good.

Fast forward a year later, and today we are looking at a surplus that has brought the general fund balance to a positive \$1035. Once again, many generous and sacrificial

gifts have allowed this Bible School to continue on in its mission and confidently plan for the future. Thank you to all who responded to God's prompting to give!

So now we look at the trail ahead. Once again, God has started our school year with 20 on-campus students and two off-campus interns. Though this year's enrollment income will yet again be lean, I am excited to share with you the creative adjustments we have made that we hope will address and increase CLBI's income.

Firstly, we have a total of eight open classes for the public to register for (*see page 6*). Secondly, our Vinge dormitories will now be available for rental groups and retreats during the school year, which also includes full food service in our cafeteria. Thirdly, CLBI is inviting churches to sponsor a week of class at CLBI. At \$1,500 your congregation can sponsor a week of CLBI classes. We pray that God will work through these new and creative opportunities to continue CLBI's ministry for decades to come.

I invite you to pray with me:
"Thank you God, for providing for CLBI and for rooting our 4000 alumni in the Word. As this new school year begins, we thank you and ask that you will continue to provide for all the needs of this school. Raise up and bless all the kingdom workers needed to help CLBI to become what is needed for this generation. Amen!"

SCAN TO DONATE TO CLBI TODAY

or visit clbi.edu/give



Donations Year In Review ('23/'24)

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024 (last year)

Thank you to our incredible supporters for helping us surpass our '23/'24 donations goal by **more than \$76,000!** Hallelujah!

Total Donations for '23/'24: **\$649,396**

Contribution Goal for '23/'24 (reached): **\$573,000** **+\$76,396**

Donations Update ('24/'25)

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025 (current year)

(as of August 31, 2024)

CONTRIBUTION GOAL:

\$600,000

Current Total Raised:

\$58,966

Approx. 9.8% raised (^{\$}541,034 remaining)



Prayers

OCTOBER 2024

- October 1: Class-Introduction to Spiritual Formation (Instructor: Kendra Diehl)
- October 7: Class-Introduction to the New Testament (Instructor: Greg Rokos)
- October 8: Class-Practical Leadership (Instructor: Dean Rostad)
- October 10: Ted (staff) and Deb Hill's Anniversary
- October 11: Sonja Rostad's Birthday (staff) and Leon Francis' Birthday (son of staff)
- October 15: Blake Jack's Birthday (second year student)
- October 16: Class-Psalms as our Prayer Life Part II (Instructor: Heidi & Jeremy Osterwalder)
- October 21: Class-Revelation (Instructor: Jesse Schellenberg)
- October 28: Urban Hike in Edmonton and Calgary

NOVEMBER 2024

- November 4: Class-Acts (Instructor: Harold Rust)
- November 7: Elijah Ryan's Birthday (first year student)
- November 9: Caleb Sherbanuk's Birthday (staff)
- November 10: Hayden Asp's Birthday (community student)
- November 11: Jacqueline Matte's Birthday (first year student)
- November 18: Class-Discipleship and the Nations (Instructor: Emily Adamow)
- November 19: Naomi Van Roessel's Birthday (community student)
- November 20: Cross-Cultural Prep I in Red Deer for second years

- November 25: Class-Ecclesiastes (Instructor: Josh Handford)
- November 30: Draken Mol's Birthday (first year student)

DECEMBER 2024

- December 2: Class-Genesis (Instructor: Dave Wollan)
- December 5: Amy Jack's Birthday (staff)
- December 9: Class-Identity and Vocation (Instructor: Dean Rostad)
- December 10: Class-Cross-Cultural Prep II (Instructor: WMPL)
- December 15: Simon Carlson's Birthday (first year student)
- December 16: Class-Hebrews (Instructor: Mark Mattes)
- December 24: Wanda Manson's Birthday (staff)
- December 31: Seth Hansen's Birthday (staff)

CLBI COMMUNITY

- The health, safety, and well-being of our staff and students
- God's provision of finances for CLBI
- Growth and commitment of faithful CLBI supporters
- CLBI's connections to continue to grow with youth groups and churches
- For instructors, that their classes will be impactful

STUDENT ENROLMENT

- High school students following God's call in their lives
- Provision for students wanting to attend CLBI

Announcements

BIRTHS:

Julia Nickel (2017-2018) had son Maverick Andrew on March 18, 2024.

Ethan (2012-2013) and Kayla (Loeppky, 2012-2013) Hamm had daughter Navy Kita on July 17, 2024.

Rueben and Nicole (Leslie, 2015-2017) Boettger had son Brooks Wilder born on August 9, 2024.

Jonathan (2003-2004) and Kaylyn (Isaak, 2007-2009) Scrivens had daughter Lydia Joy Leslie on August 16, 2024.

Kim (Bonter, 2017-2018) and Logan Chapman had son Daniel Robert on September 3, 2024.

MARRIAGES:

Bailey McKeeman (2019-2021) and Jacob Bryngelson got married on June 15, 2024.

Siri Kaack (2020-2021) married Tyrel Storch in August 2024.

Jessica Bitzer (2020-2022) and Ivar Osness (2020-present) got married on August 10, 2024.

HONORARIUMS:

(June 1, 2024-August 31, 2024)

Reverend Gordon Henderickson

Total Honorariums: \$100

MEMORIALS:

(June 1, 2024-August 31, 2024)

Edwin Wesner, Evelyn Marzolf, Edmund & Ruby Hirsch, Laverne Hoveland, John Sytsma, Evelyn Lovrod, Ella Schmidt, Garfield Vikse, Jens Kaack, Brenda Boulianne, Lilas Johnson, Lillian Erickson, Ellen Raaflaub, Adolf Radke, Virginia Olson

Total Memorials: \$55695

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