

Chalmers' Spirit

*Built by FAITH,
strengthened through WORSHIP,
bringing HOPE to life's journey.*

April News!

Easter is almost here. Chalmers is celebrating our 118th Anniversary in April. And we have a fabulous Evening of Opera & Sacred Music planned for April. It's going to be a fantastic month! Next week, join us for Holy Week services—7pm on

Maundy Thursday, 11am (after breakfast) on Good Friday, and then 7am for a Sunrise service and also our regular 10am service on Easter Sunday!

Some people may be thinking that opera is not their thing, but I have heard

it said, "I didn't know I liked opera until I heard Chad sing." so why not give it a shot and come out for a Night of Opera and Sacred Music at 7pm on April 18th.

And we will be celebrating our anniversary on Sunday, April 19th. What a great weekend!

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More ball hockey coming up on Saturday, April 18th. Bring a friend—all ages are welcome.



From the Editor

Chalmers has a real problem. Here it is: Chalmers has so many things going on, so many ministries, so many projects, so many announcements, that we can't possibly announce everything ever week. Our bulletin would be a book and our worship service would last all day. And so what often happens is the ministries that are on-going and that we've been doing for years, just keep plodding along without any hype. But that's terribly unfair to people who are newer to the church AND also to long time members who may not have been able to contribute in a certain way last year, but due to whatever changes, could contribute now. So I decided that I would take a moment this month to highlight some of our low key ministries that everyone can contribute to without having to join a committee or sing with a choir.

Popcan Tabs: There is a container in the narthex, on the hutch beside the mail dockets, where you can put your pop tabs. These tiny bits of "garbage" are saved up and used to buy wheelchairs! It seems unbelievable, but it's true. And when the whole church contributes together, that's a lot of pop tabs!

Popcans: But what about the rest of the can? Well, bring that in too (crushed if possible) and put those in the big Rubbermaid tub by the welcome table. Those are taken in to be recycled and the money we raise from that is used for youth ministry events, like Canada Youth or retreats at Camp Kintail. Again, it takes a lot of them to raise any money, but with the whole congregation pitching in, it's been a great fundraiser over the years!

Canadian Tire Money: There is a red box on a table in the narthex where you can donate your Canadian Tire money. The mission committee uses this each winter to buy sleeping bags for the homeless. Canadian Tire has always been wonderful at giving us a good deal so that our CT money goes as far as possible.

Purple Hats: Our knitting circle donates purple hats to the hospital each November. These hats are given out to all of the newborns that month to teach new parents about Shaken Baby Syndrome. If you like to knit, why not knit up a few hats for this cause? We can even give you the wool! Speak to Christine Hunter for more information.

Stamps: The Canadian Bible Society will take our stamps and convert them into Bibles! Tear off your used stamps from envelopes and place them in the container on the hutch in the narthex (next to the pop tab container).

Milk bags: There is also a container in the narthex under the coat rack for your 4L milk bags. These are given to another group who will weave them into sleeping mats which are then sent to developing countries.

Lots of ways to contribute! And in each case, even just a few stamps, or a couple of pop cans, or one purple hat can make a difference, because if everyone contributes just that little bit, these ministries will continue to flourish for years to come.

Easter Worship



Good News

Jesus died and rose again.
Hallelujah!

Come to Chalmers Church and celebrate
the good news that Jesus lives.

Holy Week & Easter Worship

April 2	Maundy Thursday service	7:00 p.m.
April 3	Good Friday service	11:00 a.m.
April 5	Easter Sunrise service	7:00 a.m.
April 5	Easter Worship Celebration with Holy Communion	10:00 a.m.

**We invite you to join us to worship God and
celebrate the living hope we have in Christ.**

A Night of Opera And Sacred Music

Chalmers' Spring Concert

featuring music from the best of operatic and sacred literature.

With guest artists

Margie Bernal – Soprano

Ryan Fitzgerald – Tenor

Chad Louwerse – Bass Baritone

Marjorie Maltais – Mezzo Soprano

Stéphane Mayer – Piano

Tickets \$12 per person or \$30 per family
Tickets available in the church office or at the door

April 18, 2015 at 7pm
Chalmers Presbyterian Church
342 Pond Mills Road, London
(519) 681-7242
chalmerslondon.com

Partial proceeds support *Presbyterian World Service & Development*,
dedicated to *justice, poverty reduction, and support* in times of disaster.



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Photos from February & March

Top Right: A group of youth delivered “hugs” to several members of the congregation on Valentine’s Day.

Top Left: Teens & Twenties lunch in March.

Bottom both: Volleyball night for Teens & Adults in March at Superior Courts.



Ice Cream Please - author unknown

One day I had lunch with some friends. Jim, a short, balding golfer type about 80 years old, came along with them---all in all, a pleasant bunch.

When the menus were presented, we ordered salads, sandwiches, and soups, except for Jim who said, "Ice Cream, please, two scoops, chocolate."

I wasn't sure my ears heard right, and the others were aghast. "Along with heated apple pie," Jim added, completely unabashed.

We tried to act quite nonchalant, as if people did this all the time. But when our orders were brought out, I didn't enjoy mine.

I couldn't take my eyes off Jim as his pie a-la-mode went down. The other guys couldn't believe it. They ate their lunches silently and grinned.

The next time I went out to eat, I called and invited Jim .

I lunched on white meat tuna. He ordered a parfait. I smiled. He asked if he amused me. I answered, "Yes, you do, but also you confuse me."

How come you order rich desserts, while I feel I must be sensible? He laughed and said "I'm tasting all that is possible."

I try to eat the food I need, and do the things I should, but life's so short, my friend, I hate missing out on something good. This year I realized how old I was. (He grinned) I haven't been this old before, so, before I die, I've got to try those things that for years I had ignored.

- I haven't smelled all the flowers yet.
- There are too many trout streams I haven't fished.
- There's more fudge sundaes to wolf down and kites to be flown overhead.
- There are too many golf courses I haven't played.
- I've not laughed at all the jokes.
- I've missed a lot of sporting events and potato chips and cokes.
- I want to wade again in water and feel ocean spray on my face.
- I want to sit in a country church once more and thank God for His grace.
- I want peanut butter every day spread on my morning toast.
- I want un-timed long distance calls to the folks I love the most.
- I haven't cried at all the movies yet, or walked in the morning rain.
- I need to feel wind on my face. I want to be in love again.

So, if I choose to have dessert, instead of having dinner, then should I die before night fall, I'd say I died a winner, because I missed out on nothing. I filled my heart's desire. I had that final chocolate mousse before my life expired.."

With that, I called the waitress over. "I've changed my mind, I said, "I want what he is having, only add some more whipped cream!"

Youth News

Don't Miss:

- Volleyball—Friday, March 27th @ 7pm at Westminster High School—\$2 per player
- Good Friday Gathering—Friday, April 3rd, 4-7pm
- Ball Hockey—Saturday, April 18th 10:30am
- Young Adult Conference—June 15-20
- Presbytery Mission Trip—July 5-10

Good Friday Gathering


Join us on Good Friday for dinner, an Easter Egg hunt and some other fun activities. Last year at our Good Friday Gathering, we decided to participate in the Easter Sunday sunrise service, followed by breakfast at my house. We will again discuss if we would like to do that this year.

There is no charge, but we do need to know who's coming so that we know how much food and chocolate to buy! Please let me know by April 1st.

Chalmers' Youth Ministry Team Presents:

GOOD FRIDAY GATHERING

FRIDAY APRIL 3, 2015
FOR TEENS & TWENTIES
4-7PM



Supper included
Easter Egg Hunt
Games & Activities

RSVP by Wednesday, April 1st
lizzt@rogers.com or
www.chalmerslondon.com

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Upcoming

VOLLEYBALL

for teens & adults

Friday, March 27th, 7-9pm

Westminster High School

\$2 per player



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Chalmers' Ball Hockey

SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH

10:30 AM - NOON



Lunch provided.
No charge.
Children, Teens & Adults.
All are welcome.

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April 2015 - Chalmers Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29  10a Worship - Palm / Passion Sunday 10:15a Sunday School 11:15a Coffee Time 11:15a Library Open 11:30a Children's Choir 11:30a Soup'er Sunday Lunch 7p Stephen Ministry	30 1p Gospel Study 7p Gospel Study 7p Stephen Ministry	31 1p Care & Share 1p Seniors' Fitness	1 2p Knitting Circle 7:30p Reachout Rehearsal	2 6:25p Praise Team Rehearsal 7p Maundy Thursday Worship 7:30p Senior Choir Rehearsal	3 9a Good Friday Breakfast 11a Worship Good Friday No Seniors' Fitness No Seniors' Euchre	4
5 7a Sunrise Worship  10a Worship - Easter Sunday All Ages 11:15a Coffee Time 11:15a Library Open	6 1p Gospel Study 7p Gospel Study	7 9:30a Pastoral Care 1p Care & Share 1p Seniors' Fitness 7p CE & Faith Development 7:30p Policy & Planning	8 2p Knitting Circle 6p Stewardship Team 6:30p Mission Cte 7:30p Reachout Rehearsal	9 6:25p Praise Team Rehearsal 7:30p Senior Choir Rehearsal	10 9a Seniors' Fitness 1p Seniors' Euchre	11
12  10a Worship 10:15a Sunday School 11:15a Coffee Time 11:15a Library Open 11:30a Children's Choir 7p Stephen Ministry Training	13 1p Gospel Study 7p Gospel Study 7:30p Worship Cte	14 1p Care & Share 1p Seniors' Fitness 2p Session Executive 7p Presbytery at Chalmers 7:30p Social Committee	15 2p Knitting Circle 7:30p Reachout Rehearsal	16 6:25p Praise Team Rehearsal 7:30p Senior Choir Rehearsal	17 9a Seniors' Fitness 1p Seniors' Euchre	18 10:30a Ball Hockey 7p Opera & Sacred Music Concert
19  10a Worship 10:15a Sunday School 11:15a Coffee Time 11:15a Library Open 11:30a Children's Choir 7p Stephen Ministry Training	20 1p Gospel Study 6:30p Outreach & Comm. 7p Gospel Study 7p Stephen Ministry	21 1p Care & Share 1p Seniors' Fitness 7p Session	22 2p Knitting Circle 7:30p Reachout Rehearsal	23 6:25p Praise Team Rehearsal 7:30p Property Management 7:30p Senior Choir Rehearsal	24 9a Seniors' Fitness 1p Seniors' Euchre	25
26  10a Worship 10:15a Sunday School 11:15a Coffee Time 11:15a Library Open 11:30a Children's Choir 7p Stephen Ministry Training	27 1p Gospel Study 7p Gospel Study 7:30p Worship Planning Team	28 10a Y4C Sandwich preparation 1p Care & Share 1p Seniors' Fitness	29 2p Knitting Circle 7:30p Reachout Rehearsal	30 6:25p Praise Team Rehearsal 7:30p Senior Choir Rehearsal	1 9a Seniors' Fitness 1p Seniors' Euchre	2

Last Laugh!

