## **Baptism**

Welcoming a child into your life is a wonderful and important time. At St. Lambert United Church, we offer the opportunity to celebrate God's love through worship and fellowship. Baptism symbolizes the shining promise of new life within the church family.

If you are interested in baptism, you are invited to attend a Sunday morning service (10:30 a.m.) and speak with the minister after church. She will arrange a meeting with you to discuss the baptism. You may also contact the church office (450 671-6003).

## **Important Information**

- Baptism is open to all ages. In the case of infants and young children, the parent(s) make the promises for them. For youth and adults, they make the promises themselves.
- You do not have to be from the United Church to have your child baptized. Baptism normally takes place during Sunday morning worship.
- While services are in English, some French can be incorporated into the Baptism.
- Worship is approximately one hour, and you are expected to stay for the entire time.
- On the morning of the baptism, we ask that the family and the godparents please arrive by 10 a.m.
- There may be more than one child baptized on the same day.
- During the baptism, parents, godparents (if present) and the congregation will make promises at the front of the church.
- While children are very welcome in church, we also recognize that an hour-long service can be long for them. If a child is restless you may want to take him/her to the nursery where there is also changing facilities. Older children are welcome to attend Sunday School, which takes place during the second half of worship.
- > The child cannot be wearing a hat or bonnet when the baptism takes place.
- In church it is not required to wear suits or dresses, but we ask that all be respectful and not wear ball caps, jeans with holes, etc. We also request all cell phones and electronic devices be turned off during worship.
- In keeping with the atmosphere of worship, we ask that there be no photography during worship. The minister is happy to be available for photos after worship.
- Although there is no fee for the baptism, donations are welcomed.

You and your guests are invited to Coffee Time after church.

The congregation will be delighted to share in your special day!