



Faith Lutheran Church

Newsletter *Fall 2024*

A Message from Pastor Chris

All too swiftly the end of Summer is upon us, an end to days of heat and humidity, as well as the eager greenness of new growth and new life made abundantly visible all around us. With the fading glow of Summer gone by it might be tempting to celebrate Autumn as a sort of funerary season, looking back to the loss of Summer fun even as we prepare our hearts and minds for the inevitable coming of Winter.



Autumn provides plenty of reasons to celebrate it for its own sake. The rich splendor of turning leaves, featuring outrageous reds, oranges and yellows make a rich tapestry of the countryside before their fall to the earth. The sights and sounds of migratory animals gathering by the thousands before their long flights abroad remind us of the abundance of life around us. Finally, and not least important, the bountiful harvest of late summer and autumn crops, from the humble potatoes and carrots to beautiful squash and pumpkins, serve as a rich reward for the labours of a Summer spent in the garden.

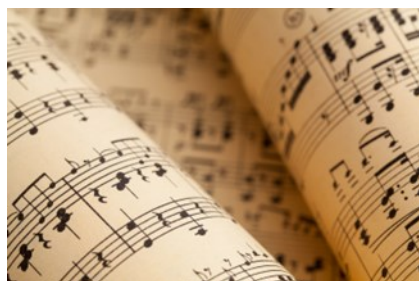
Suddenly school yards are once again filled with students and staff, keen to engage in the routines and cycles which foster learning and social development. Please pray for all those who are engaged in the learning process, students and teachers, as well as families and support staff. Please be careful around School Zones with the sudden return of children, parents and staff!



Autumn is also a time a new beginnings here at Faith Lutheran Church! As our members and friends return from their summer haunts to reengage with their participation in the life of our Faith community, we find many opportunities for participation and gathering.

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A Message from Pastor Chris (continued from page 1)



Jubellation, our handbell choir will begin practicing in the church sanctuary on September 10th, from 5:15-6:15 pm. If you are interested in participating, please contact Sandra Brown Day s.brownday@gmail.com. Our Faith Singers choir will begin gathering for rehearsals at 9:00 am on Sunday mornings beginning on September 15th. No experience is necessary - just come and make a joyful noise!

Members of Faith Lutheran Church are invited to join others from around the Synod as they join in Going the Distance for The Urban. The Lutheran Urban Ministry 2024 Walk/Ride Fundraiser is Saturday September 14 (rain date September 21) The kickoff location is Abundant Life Lutheran Church. Walk/Ride/Lunch 9:30 am – 1:30 pm. BBQ lunch will be provided. Please consider participating in the Faith team lead by Rosemary McDowell or sponsoring a participant. For more information see the poster on the bulletin board or contact Rosemary or the church office.



We will gather on Sunday, September 22 to celebrate Welcome Back Sunday. Following our 10:00 am Worship Service we will enjoy a time of fellowship featuring a lunch of pulled pork, bouncy castle for the kids and more. Please join us!

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Faith Lutheran Church **Newsletter**

This newsletter helps us achieve our vision: *Faith Lutheran, reflecting God's grace, is seeking to reach out and serve people, primarily in southeast Winnipeg; to become a community of belonging and hope, built on caring and nurturing relationships, and spiritual direction and growth.*

Published periodically, *The Faith Lutheran Church Newsletter* provides spiritual reflection, helps build community, fosters caring and nurturing relationships, and promotes opportunities for fellowship and celebration. The newsletter encourages ways to support our community missions, and provides updates on how we are working towards achieving our vision.

We welcome your contributions, which may be edited for length or style. You can reach us at:

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A Message from Pastor Chris (continued from page 2)

There will be a new and exciting approach towards Children's Ministry this year. Registration will take place on September 22nd. For more information, please contact christianeducation@faithlc.ca. Our Confirmation program, shared with Messiah, Sherwood Park, St. Luke Zion and St. Mark's will begin September 29th, with our first class held from 2:00-3:30 pm on September 29th at Messiah Lutheran Church. For more information, please contact the Church Office.

A concert featuring the band Rewind will be held at Faith on September 28th at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$25 and proceeds will be used to support the Spiritual Care Program at River Park Gardens. To purchase tickets please contact the church office.

Mondays at 7:00 pm from October 21st until November 25th, join us to *Discover the Bible*. This group study will offer an overview of the bible, from its origins to major movements and meanings. No prior experience is necessary!

On October 20th we will be celebrating 40 years of our congregation's ministry in its current location. Please join us on October 20 at 10:00 am to worship and give thanks together, to hear stories of how our community in South St. Vital began and evolved, and to sing music celebrating our 40 years. Stay with us after the service for lunch, fellowship, and the opportunity to look through memorabilia.



Welcome Back Sunday September 22

We will have lunch and fellowship following the 10 am worship service with Pulled Pork supplied by Danny's Whole Hog, salads, ice cream and beverages.

There will be a BOUNCY CASTLE, games, and face painting for the children.

We are encouraging everyone to attend and bring a friend or grandchildren. No registration is required. Hope to see you there!

Greetings from our Council Chair

Hello faith family! Although I really wish I wasn't writing this next statement, it appears that the summer months are once again officially over. That means it's time to again prepare for the Fall, and all the things that brings with it.

Maybe for you that just means more pumpkin spiced things. On that, we will just have to agree to disagree. For my family and for many others I'm sure, it means a return to routines. Return to school, return to work, return to waking up early. It may also mean a return to more regular attendance at Faith on Sunday mornings.

For me, Fall often means a fresh start. It feels like a time when we can begin anew at things that may or may not be new. At Faith, we will be celebrating the return to regular by having our annual Welcome Back Sunday gathering on Sunday, September the 22nd. Hopefully, we will see many of you there.

Whatever the case is for your family, I hope that this summer was a great one! I hope that you got to do many things that feed your soul and that you are returning to the Fall feeling renewed and refreshed. All the best in the 2024/2025 season.



Chris Buffie, Council Chair

Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) build Postponed

Due to unforeseen circumstances the *Sleep in Heavenly Peace* build that was scheduled for September 21, has been postponed.



Treasurer's report

Hello Faith family,

I hope this report finds you well. It is hard to believe that Summer is almost over and Fall is upon us. We have had a great summer, spent lots of time at the cabin in Lac du Bonnet and a weekend in Edmonton visiting with family.

Faith's income is tracking close to budget and our expenses are in a favorable position. We have not filled the Property Manager position as planned and this is what is creating this variance.

If you have any questions, contact the church office.

Income		
Budget Jan-July 2024	Actuals Jan-July 2024	Difference
\$169,630	\$171,660	\$2,030

Expenses		
Budget Jan-Apr 2024	Actuals Jan-Apr 2024	Difference
\$238,452	\$222,145	-\$16,307

Ways to give

- Mail in post-dated cheques or contact our Office Administrator, Cathy, to arrange to drop them off at the office.
- Contact Cathy to set up Electronic Funds Transfer or Pre-Authorized Remittance.
- Donate through our website <https://www.faithlc.ca/> by clicking OFFERING
- Donate via Canada Helps <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/18521>



Bill Byers, Treasurer

Faith's 40th Anniversary Celebration

Faith Lutheran will be celebrating 40 years at 1311 Dakota Street this Fall!

Join us on October 20 at 10:00am to worship and give thanks together, to hear stories of how our community in South St. Vital began and evolved, and to sing music celebrating our 40 years.

Stay with us after the service for lunch, fellowship, and the opportunity to look through memorabilia.

Mark the date in your calendars and spread the word! Everyone is welcome!

We are also still collecting photos of the people, the events, the building, and the community of Faith. Send us your favourite photos or videos from events that took place at Faith like dramas, choir performances, youth group, Christmas, confirmation, weddings, baptisms, and more. By submitting your photos, we'll assume your consent to use them in a slideshow to be shown during our lunch gathering. Email your photo/video submissions to Faith40th@faithlc.ca by September 20, 2024.



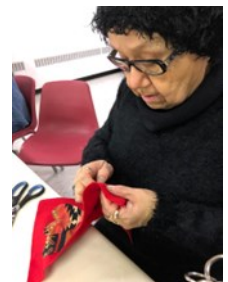
The Urban - An Update

Thank you to everyone who continues to support Lutheran Urban Ministry at the URBAN. We have a number of initiatives that you support through Faith Lutheran Church, its council and committees' s well as membership.

The Mission Committee approved the purchase of backpacks and schools supplies. Some of you are part of the meal preparations that supply bag lunches on a regular basis. Some of you bring winter clothing items like coats, boots, toques and mitts. Please remember, These are the only clothing that is accepted at this time, due to space limitations on site. We also accept feminine products and toiletries in small containers.

The *Going the Distance* fundraiser is on Saturday September 14. See poster on the next page.

One of the initiatives that we would like to support is through participation in the sharing circles that occur each week on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. These are opportunities to connect with the Urban community, to hear the stories of faith and resilience, and to bring about a more intimate relationship with new friends at the Urban. A recent conversation within the Sharing Circles was about "KINDNESS" and the impact of kindness; lots of memories shared about kindness received and kindness given. At a recent gathering, women and children came together to use art in healing.



Elaine Sauer will be available to take Faith Lutheran participants to the Women's Circle on Wednesdays from 2:30 to 3:30 pm or the Co-Ed sharing circles on Thursdays at 4 pm to 5:30, depending on interests. Please let her know your interest or contact the church office.



Lutheran Urban Ministry 2024 Walk/Ride Fundraiser

Date: September 14, 2024 (Rain date September 21)

Kick-off Location: Abundant Life Lutheran Church 3486 Raleigh St., East St. Paul, MB R2E 1B9

Registration time: 9:00 a.m. for riders / 9:30 a.m. for walkers

Walk/Ride/BBQ lunch: 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Ride: 25 km or 50 km through Birds Hill Park, led by team captain Kim Scherger of the Abundant Life Team for the Urban.

Walk: 1/4 km – 6 km walk down the Raleigh St. walking path toward Bonner Avenue. Kids on tricycles/ scooters & parent(s) – 1/4 km or more!

BBQ Lunch (provided by the Urban) and fellowship: back at Abundant Life Noon – 1:30 p.m.

Please consider participating in the Faith team lead by Rosemary McDowell or sponsoring a participant.

For more information contact Rosemary or the church office.

Donations (cash, cheque, or through CanadaHelps) are tax deductible.

Bring a lawn chair - and your bike or walking shoes!

SHOUT OUT

An update on our Youth Ministry - Director of Youth Ministry

Hello everyone, I hope you are doing well!

Welcome back to Fall season and all it brings. As the Faith Lutheran Youth group (FLY) we are looking forward to having another wonderful year of youth events. Our events are for youth in grades 7-12 and youth are always welcome to bring along friends. The more the merrier! I am busy planning our next year of things to do. We will have fun, connect with our faith and one another, volunteer and do great activities. I believe that our first youth event will be the evening of Friday September 13th at Faith Lutheran Church, I am firming up the details for the event, but I will share all the details when I have them. It will be another exciting year of collaborating with other youth groups and participating in MNO Synod events such as the annual Fall retreat that takes place in October, more details about that to come.

Additionally, the youth will be helping at Welcome Sunday on September 22nd running activities for families. There will be a bouncy castle as well as some other things, likely chalk, bubbles, and face paint. We are excited to be a part of a lovely day of fellowship and getting to reconnect with our congregation after the summer! If you would like to help as a youth for this event, please reach out to myself the youth director via email.

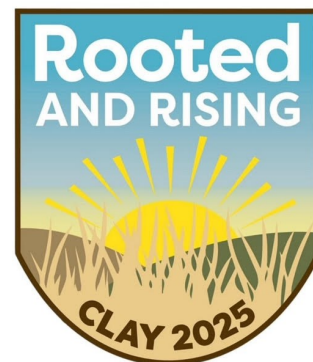
A big event for our group this year is the Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth (CLAY) gathering trip that will be August 2025 in Saskatoon. CLAY is a gathering that happens bi-annually with youth across the country to learn, encounter the holy spirit, and have fun! This trip is a wonderful opportunity to get to connect with your peers and well as your faith.

This trip is usually about a weeklong with an MNO Synod wide bus trip getting to CLAY for 3-4 days or touring around the area and then Clay is about 3 days. Since the location was just announced the details of the bus trip and the dates of CLAY are not figured out yet but I will share all the information when I have it. I went on two trips to CLAY as a youth and this will be my second trip as a leader, and they are great! We always have fun and I feel that I always grow from it. I hope that some of you will join us on the CLAY adventure.

With CLAY in mind, I will plan our year of youth events to be more cost conscious as well as giving ample opportunity to fundraise as a group so that the cost of sending youth to CLAY can be lower for families. Keep an eye out for fundraising opportunities announcements from me. We will have the Christmas Poinsettia sale again in Nov/ Dec, Soup and Bread in March/ April and other things such as gift card sales and more.

Please do not hesitate to contact me via email at youth@faithlc.ca if you would like to join our youth group or have any questions! We would love to expand our group to anyone that is interested!

Thank you.



Women of Faith



Please join us for Bible Study on
September 7th, 2024 at 10:00 am

'Your Bible! The Study Begins'
*How has the Bible been preserved and Handed
On?*

Please join us for Bible Study on
October 5th, 2024 at 10:00 am

'Your Bible! The Study Begins'
How Shall We Study the Bible?

Our November Bible Study will be November
2nd.

If you are looking to study the Bible and hoping
to meet some enchanting women for fellowship
and friendship, we may be the small group you
are seeking. We usually meet the first Saturday
of the month unless it is during a holiday
weekend.



Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast Group will have their next
breakfast meeting on Saturday, September 14th
in the Blue room between 8:30 to 10:00. All men
in the church are invited. Text or call Trevor
Hayden or the church office for further details .



Jubellation

Have you ever thought you would like to be part
of a musical ensemble and don't want to sing?
Handbell choir might be the place for you.
Rehearsals begin on September 10th, at 5:15-
6:15 in the sanctuary. No experience is
necessary! Our group is all about learning,
having fun and sharing our talents. Come out
and watch a rehearsal or just try it out.

Call or email Sandra or the church office for
more information.



Faith Singers invites you

Inviting folks of all ages who like to sing or would
see if they like to sing! Come try out Faith
Singers and see if it fits for you, no strings
attached. Sit in on a practice or sing in a
practice. You do not need to read music or have
had voice lessons. You need to want to have fun,
make a joyful noise unto the Lord and make it to
practice Sunday mornings at 9 am most/ or
some of the time. If you take a winter holiday no
problem. First practice will be Sept 15 at 9 am at
Faith Lutheran. Church. Bring a friend if you like.
Looking forward to seeing you!

For more information contact Randall at or the
church office.



Confirmation Schedule 2024 to 2025

All classes scheduled for Sundays @ 2-3:30PM unless otherwise noted.

Faith participates in a City Wide confirmation program with pastoral and lay leadership from multiple ELCIC Lutheran Churches in metro Winnipeg, and the MNO Synod. The program is designed to begin in Grade 7 and end in Grade 9. Our goal is to help you learn more about the Christian faith, the Lutheran tradition specifically, the life of the church, and provide a place to ask questions, build community and have fun to prepare for the rite of the Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation Sunday). Each year will focus either on the Bible (one year for focus on Hebrew scriptures, another for the New Testament Epistles and Gospels), and a Catechism year where we review Luther's Small Catechism, the history of the Lutheran Church and the way in which we understand ourselves as church today.

We will gather on Sunday afternoons from 2-3:30PM for two 8 week blocks. The first block will begin Sunday September 29 @ Messiah Lutheran Church and run until November 24. Our second block will begin on Sunday January 12 through to March 2nd. Our classes will rotate between congregations (see schedule). Each week, class will be recorded and available to view for those unable to attend in person. In addition to our Sunday classes, there will be additional opportunities to connect faith and life through field trips (TBA) and the MNO Synod's WinterQuest Saturday, February 8th (location and full agenda TBD) which is considered part of the confirmation program. Confirmation materials will be presented to confirmation students at the start of the year.

Confirmation students are expected to attend classes and take on active participation in the worship life and ministry of our congregation which may include serving as a worship assistant (acolyte, lector, greeter/usher, assisting minister, communion server, livestream tech, etc.), or within one of our many groups or committees.

Confirmation Fall 2024 Schedule

All classes scheduled for Sundays @ 2-3:30PM unless otherwise noted

DATE	HOST
September 29	Messiah - 400 Rouge Road
October 6	Messiah - 400 Rouge Road
October 13	NO CLASS (Thanksgiving)
October 20	Messiah - 400 Rouge Road
October 27	Messiah - 400 Rouge Road
November 3	Faith - 1311 Dakota St.
November 10	Faith - 1311 Dakota St.
November 17	Faith - 1311 Dakota St.
November 24	Faith - 1311 Dakota St.

A New and Exciting Approach Towards Children's Ministry

We are excited to share a new approach to Sunday School for this year that recognizes the realities of families in our congregation and allows us to explore interactive, accessible and intergenerational approaches. All while maintaining a firm commitment to providing children and adults with opportunities and resources to form a solid faith foundation as individuals and families.

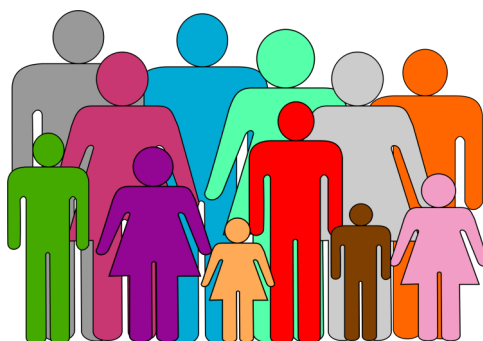
Welcome Back Sunday on Sept. 22 will be an opportunity to gather as a whole faith community for worship and fellowship. While enjoying the food and activities, families and caregivers can register to receive information about this year's children's ministry resources. **Videos, discussion questions, and colouring sheets will all be shared through an email newsletter**, allowing families to learn together and follow along with the lectionary at home.

Families are always welcome and encouraged to attend worship together. Beginning in October, a **children's message** will introduce scripture and teachings through a video and brief discussion as part of the service. The nursery will be open for children age 0-6, **with age-appropriate books and toys** that will deepen learning and facilitate community-building. **An activity table in the back of the sanctuary** will provide items to pick up for colouring and quiet activities that children (and adults!) can use during worship. Busy bags will continue to be available.

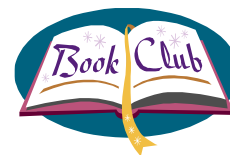
Quarterly Intergenerational activities called "Coffee and Chaos" will invite people of any age to learn, play and create together for 30 minutes after the service. The first one will be December 15 with a focus on the season of Advent. Save the date and more information will be shared in the coming months!

This congregation is proud of being a "Faith Family," and this approach to learning and faith formation invites us to all continue growing together in our faith and our relationship with one another. If you want to learn more about or support these opportunities in any way, please contact the Christian Education Committee at christianeducation@faithlc.ca.

Learning & Growing
Together



Faith Book Club Chapter 1



Faith Book Club Chapter 1 meets in the Blue Room at the church on the 4th Tuesday of the month September to June (except for December) at 7:00 p.m.

If you enjoy reading and lively discussions we are the group for you. Our discussions enhance the novel through interesting observations and shared life experiences from the members. Please consider joining us, we would love to have you.

Contact Bernice or the church office with any questions.

Faith Book Club Chapter 1 Schedule for 2024-2025

September 24, 2024	<i>The Lincoln Highway</i> by Amor Towles
October 22, 2024	<i>Women Talking</i> by Miriam Toews
November 26, 2024	<i>The Paris Apartment</i> by Kelly Bowen
TBD	Decorate River Park Gardens for Christmas and Luncheon
January 28, 2025	<i>Drive Your Plough Over the Bones of the Dead</i> by Olga Tokarczuk
February 25, 2025	<i>Lessons in Chemistry</i> by Bonnie Garmus
March 25, 2025	<i>The Phoenix Crown</i> by Kate Quinn and Janie Chan
April 22, 2025	<i>The Humans</i> by Matt Haig
May 27, 2025	<i>The Women</i> by Kristin Hannah

June Potluck and book selections – date to be determined

In June Faith Book Club Chapter One enjoyed an evening of appetizers, salads, and desserts while we chose our books to discuss over the next year. As always, the evening was full of laughter, smiles, and sharing.



Faith Book Club Chapter 1 (continued from page 12)

The selection for September 24, 2024 - *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles

In June, 1954, eighteen-year-old Emmett Watson is driven home to Nebraska by the warden of the work farm where he has just served a year for involuntary manslaughter. His mother long gone, his father recently deceased, and the family farm foreclosed upon by the bank, Emmett's intention is to pick up his eight-year-old brother and head west where they can start their lives anew. But when the warden drives away, Emmett discovers that two friends from the work farm have hidden themselves in the trunk of the warden's car. Together, they have hatched an altogether different plan for Emmett's future.

Spanning just ten days and told from multiple points of view, Towles's third novel will satisfy fans of his multi-layered literary styling while providing them an array of new and richly imagined settings, characters, and themes.

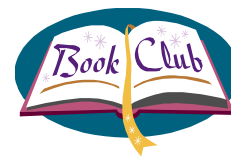
The selection for October 22 2024 - *Women Talking* by Miriam Toews

One evening, eight Mennonite women climb into a hay loft to conduct a secret meeting. For the past two years, each of these women, and more than a hundred other girls in their colony, has been repeatedly violated in the night by demons coming to punish them for their sins. Now that the women have learned they were in fact drugged and attacked by a group of men from their own community, they are determined to protect themselves and their daughters from future harm.

While the men of the colony are off in the city, attempting to raise enough money to bail out the rapists and bring them home, these women—all illiterate, without any knowledge of the world outside their community and unable even to speak the language of the country they live in—have very little time to make a choice: Should they stay in the only world they've ever known or should they dare to escape?

Based on real events and told through the "minutes" of the women's all-female symposium, Toews's masterful novel uses wry, politically engaged humor to relate this tale of women claiming their own power to decide.

Faith Book Club Chapter 2



Faith Book Club Chapter 2 meets offsite usually on the fourth Thursday of the month. Please join us for a lively book discussion and fellowship. Contact Nancy, Debbie or the church office for location. In June we picked books for the new season.

September 26, 2024	<i>The Valley of Amazement</i> by Amy Tan
October 24, 2024	<i>Five Little Indians</i> by Michelle Good
November 21, 2024	<i>The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store</i> by James McBride
December 12, 2024	<i>The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride</i> by Joe Siple
January 23, 2025	<i>The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto</i> by Mitch Albom
February 27, 2025	<i>Here One Moment</i> by Liane Moriarty
March 27, 2025	<i>The Chancellor</i> by Katie Marton
April 24, 2025	<i>State of Terror</i> by Hillary Rodham Clinton and Louise Penny
May 22, 2025	<i>Yellowface</i> by R.F. Kuang
June 26, 2025	<i>The Women</i> by Kristin Hannah

The selection for September is

***The Valley of Amazement* by Amy Tan**

A sweeping, evocative epic of two women's intertwined fates and their search for identity, that moves from the lavish parlors of Shanghai courtesans to the fog-shrouded mountains of a remote Chinese village. Spanning more than forty years and two continents, *The Valley of Amazement* resurrects pivotal episodes in history: from the collapse of China's last imperial dynasty, to the rise of the Republic, the explosive growth of lucrative foreign trade and anti-foreign sentiment, to the inner workings of courtesan houses and the lives of the foreign "Shanghailanders" living in the International Settlement, both erased by World War II.

The selection for October is

***Five Little Indians* by Michelle Good**

Taken from their families when they are very small and sent to a remote, church-run residential school, Kenny, Lucy, Clara, Howie and Maisie are barely out of childhood when they are finally released after years of detention. Alone and without any skills, support or families, the teens find their way to the seedy and foreign world of Downtown East side Vancouver,

where they cling together, striving to find a place of safety and belonging in a world that doesn't want them. The paths of the five friends cross and crisscross over the decades as they struggle to overcome, or at least forget, the trauma they endured during their years at the Mission. Fuelled by rage and furious with God, Clara finds her way into the dangerous, highly charged world of the American Indian Movement. Maisie internalizes her pain and continually places herself in dangerous situations. Famous for his daring escapes from the school, Kenny can't stop running and moves restlessly from job to job—through fishing grounds, orchards and logging camps—trying to outrun his memories and his addiction. Lucy finds peace in motherhood and nurtures a secret compulsive disorder as she waits for Kenny to return to the life they once hoped to share together. After almost beating one of his tormentors to death, Howie serves time in prison, then tries once again to re-enter society and begin life anew. With compassion and insight, *Five Little Indians* chronicles the desperate quest of these residential school survivors to come to terms with their past and, ultimately, find a way forward.

Community Missions

September Appeal:

Rene Deleurme Centre Toiletry Drive

The René Deleurme Centre (RDC) is a community learning centre that supports children and their families in the Louis Riel School Division. These families are primarily newcomers to our country and those that are experiencing financial challenges. Faith Lutheran Church members have been supporting this important ministry for the past two years by providing food to help fill their community cupboard and clothing depot.

As an additional support the Community Mission Committee is hoping you can help fill a bin with much needed toiletries for men, women and children in September. The bin will be labelled and can be found in the narthex. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.



October Appeal:

Street Links

A huge thank you for your continued donations of toiletries, t-shirts and more for those experiencing homelessness in our community. The Community Missions team delivered several car loads of donations to the Street Links location at 604 St. Mary's Road through the summer.

The team at Street Links asked that we share their sincere gratitude for this continued support. Watch for updates in the weekly bulletin and emails on specific items needed for Fall.



Cooking for the King

Cooking for the King is a small group of committed people from our Church, as well as friends of the Church, who love food and want to reach out to anyone in need of a good meal. They meet monthly to fill our Church freezer with food that is available to anyone in need of this support. Sometimes this need is due to illness, sometimes it's a crisis in their family, sometimes it may be the happy advent of a new baby or many other such life events that may bring stress. Whatever the need, these tasty home cooked meals are available to all. To accomplish this, our group meets one Saturday of each month to prepare a variety of soups and casseroles to be placed in the freezer for future need.

We look forward to meet and cook for this new year 2024-2025. We are always looking for more members! Anyone with a passion for cooking and serving is welcome to join.

If you would like to know more about Cooking for the King, contact Elaine or the church office.

These tasty home cooked meals are available for distribution to help someone in need, by contacting the Pastor or our office administrator (204.253.1491) or any member of Cooking for the King team.



Faith Gardens Inc.

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<<*REWiND*<<

September 28 is approaching. FGI has booked <<REWiND<< for a fund raising concert in support of Faith Lutheran's Ministry of Spiritual Care at River Park Gardens. It would be wonderful to have a packed house. You can help by purchasing a \$25 ticket and encouraging your friends to attend with you. There will be room to dance and light refreshments following the concert.

Sept. 28 @ 7:00 pm
Faith Lutheran Church
1311 Dakota Street
204 253 1491

For tickets and information you may contact:

Alf Horn
Garry Pekrul
Dan Ruppel
Larry Ulrich
Susan Care
Kim Becker

Or the church office 204 253 1491 x 20

SEE YOU THERE !



"Reconciliation is getting to know one another"

Mary Simon, Governor General



August 2024 News from your Ministry Manager

You never really know the true impact you have on those around you.

You never know how much someone needed the smile you gave them.

You never know how much your kindness turned someone's life around.

You never know how someone needed the squeeze on the shoulder or deep talk.

So don't wait to be kind. Don't wait for someone to be kind first. Don't wait for better circumstances or for someone to change. Just be kind, because you never know how much someone needs it.

We had some discussions recently in our Men's, Women's, and Co-ed Sharing Circles about the impact of kindness. Lots of memories shared about kindness received and kindness given.

Our annual Urban Father's Day Picnic in the Park on June 16th was great fun! The Oriole's Site at the Valour Community Club on Burnell St. is always a great spot for our picnic lunch, baseball, and races. We reserve the green space and arrange for community club staff to have the washrooms open, and the City of Wpg Parks & Recreation provides the baseball equipment for our event. The kids were very enthusiastic to race for prizes!

2024 Zinn Farm Tour for our Urban community is scheduled in August. Our third time to be hosted by the Zinn family at their farm near Starbuck. The Urban has rented a school bus to pick us up in the church parking lot and we're looking forward to a wonderful day! Watch for the photos on our website! Monika explains the daily workings of a farm as we see the chickens, Berkshire hogs, little piglets, bunny rabbits, and the farm cow up close!!

I'm so grateful for our volunteers who help in the day-to-day assistance in so many ways. They all help me so much and make every day at the Urban a joy to be there. I'm never sorry to see my July vacation over! We are forever filled with gratitude to the meal teams, to those who donate items for our pantry, and to those who donate toward our operating expenses.

To our MNO Congregation Members and Clergy: A wonderful opportunity to have fellowship with our Urban Community - please drop by anytime to our:

Sunday Worship Service: door opens at 1:00 p.m. with coffee/tea. Worship service 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

Men's Lunch/Sharing Circle every Wednesday - Downstairs at Noon

Please stop by at 12:00 p.m. Noon (*ring the doorbell*) for lunch and great fellowship and conversation!

Women's Sharing Circle every Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. (until 3:30 p.m.)

Please arrive at 2:00 p.m. (*ring the doorbell*) for coffee/tea/dessert and great fellowship and conversation!

Women's Drop-in every Wednesday from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Please drop in (*ring the doorbell*) for coffee/tea/cookies and visiting together! Kids & grandkids welcome to come with you and we have colouring and arts and crafts to keep them busy.

Co-ed Sharing Circle every Thursday at 4:30 p.m. (please arrive at 4:30 p.m.)

Please stop by at 4:30 (*ring the doorbell*) for great fellowship and conversation! And coffee/tea/dessert.

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