Bread Crumbs May 24, 2023



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Hello Bread of Life Community,

As I write this note I am taking a break from finalizing worship plans for my time with you at BOL. It is surreal to be returning to BOL to serve as your pastor while Pastor Stewart is on sabbatical because it seems like just a short time ago that I first sensed a call to ministry while sitting in the sanctuary listening to Pastor Carla preach one Sunday morning. What unfolded was an unexpected journey that saw me walk through all kinds of uncomfortable, unfamiliar and incredibly life-giving experiences. And I know without a doubt that God was at work through all of the people who accompanied, encouraged and supported me along the way, many of whom are right here at BOL.

My first Sunday with you is on June 4th when we will celebrate being a Reconciling In Christ congregation. As followers of Jesus, we know that we must go out from the walls of the sanctuary and be the hands and feet of Christ in the world as we live out our faith in action, bearing witness of God's love for all people to all people. And, I'd like to invite you to join me for an opportunity to do just that.

June is Pride Month, and the annual Pride Parade is being held on June 10th.
I'll be walking with the other ELCIC congregations and I'd love for you to join us.
Or maybe you'd like to gather as a community at a spot along the parade route to cheer us on (Would someone be willing to organize that??)

As a Reconciling In Christ congregation, this is a wonderful and powerful opportunity for you to bear witness of God's love for all people. And believe me when I say that your presence matters because there will be people along the route whose message is that God hates queer people. We cannot bury our heads in the sand and ignore what is happening in places such as Florida because the reality is that there are groups here in Canada, even in our own city who would very much like to see 2SLGBTQIA+ people cease to exist. At a recent conference I attended, one speaker said, "If we choose to stay silent, we have actually picked a side, whether we intended to or not." As a RIC congregation, yours in a message that needs to be shared to counter the hate being done in Jesus' name.

If you've never been to the Pride parade before and you're feeling unsure or nervous, that's alright. I was very nervous the first time I attended. Being a follower of Jesus often means following Jesus into uncomfortable places to be with those who are marginalized or

oppressed. The wonderful thing we know as people of faith is that we don't walk alone - we are part of the body of Christ and Jesus goes with us. So please mark June 10th on your calendar and watch for more information over the coming week.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Diane (She/Her)

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Please note: The Living Spirit Centre Office will be closed on Thursday, May 25 (tomorrow). Becca (Office Admin) will be away for the United Church of Canada Living Skies Regional Gathering in Prince Albert.

Join us for Worship this Sunday at 9:30 am:

Join Bread of Life for Sunday Worship In-Person

We also welcome everyone to join us online via Facebook Live at 9:30. Services are recorded and will be available on our website afterwards.

Facebook Page – Join us online! Webpage – Recorded services are posted

Are you curious about how you can support Bread of Life?

The methods you can use to give to Bread of Life include:

- Your offering during worship on Sunday mornings
- Cheques, or post-dated cheques (mailed or dropped off)
- Pre-Authorized Remittance (Click here for more information)
- By credit card or PayPal
- etransfer to <u>breadoflife@sasktel.net</u> (Please include your name and email in the notes for tax receipt purposes)

As we move into summer with more activities and vacation, please keep Bread of Life in mind for your giving. While you may not be with us, we still turn on the lights and open the doors for those in need. So please continue to keep us in mind. There are multiple methods available such is PAR - preauthorized remittance, QR Code, and email etransfer.

In celebration of our Reconciling in Christ anniversary and the start of PRIDE week, please join us after church on June 4 for coffee and cookies.

Spring Church Yard Work Bee!

A spring church yard work bee is organized for the Living Spirit Centre (LSC), 3018 Doan Drive on Saturday morning May 27, 2023 at 9:30 AM to noon. Please mark your calendar. Please bring your metal rake, push-broom, wheel barrow, shovel and elbow grease to the church. We will ask you to help raise and level concrete blocks at the two main entrances, bank the old building foundation with crusher dust and paint lines on the parking lot. We are hoping some younger volunteers (less than 50 years!) are able to help, especially with the concrete blocks! In case the weather does not cooperate, our secondary day is the following Saturday June 3, 2023. For more information, please contact Ray McVicar at: raymcvicar@gmail.com or 306 789-1958 or the LSC Office at 306 789-0265.

We are looking for a few people who might like to get trained to help us out on Sunday mornings with getting the Worship out on Facebook/Internet.

- 1) Facebook Host this is a relatively easy job of putting greetings/announcements/assisting note into the comments section of the Facebook feed during the worship time. Brent Langenberger has been super faithful in looking after this for us EVERY WEEK during pandemic but I think it is time we step up to help him and enable him to take the occasional Sunday off. Please connect with Brent or the pastor if you would be willing.
- 2) Camera/Streaming host this is a slightly more "techy" kind of work but the Bread of Life services are relatively straightforward. This would involve being trained on how to use the camera and streaming equipment for Sunday's and/or other services that take place at Bread of Life. Let Pastor Stewart know if you would like to help out with this.

Indigenous Christian Fellowship Could Use Our Help!

Bread of Life will be assisting with community breakfasts served at ICF. When we help out with Indigenous Christian Fellowship's community breakfast, we aim to have four or five volunteers. ICF is at 3131 Dewdney Avenue. There are currently providing breakfasts in brown bags; if weather allows, people sit at the picnic benches outside; if weather is inclement, people will pick up the breakfasts and return home. We are one of several churches who help with these breakfasts. We aim to start at 8:30 a.m. and finish by 11:30 a.m. or noon. If you are able to help out, please contact David Bartolf at 306-566-2971 or dbartolf@saskpower.com

Caring for Each Other in Times of Sorrow

course) care for one another.

Did you know that, most times when Bread of Life hosts a funeral, we are also asked to help serve a lunch for the family and guests to share after the service? This is often a very healing time where people get to share their memories of the person who has died, get to reconnect with each other and (of

If you would be willing to help out with these lunches - most especially if you would like to take on the role of coordinating them - please talk to Pastor Stewart or call the office and share your name. This is a very important ministry of our church and I thank you in advance for your willingness to share yourself in this way.



St. Paul's - Edenwold



May 28 ~ Pr. Boyd Molder
June 4 ~ Pr. David Kaiser
June 11 ~ Pr. Diane Nokonechny

We have resumed coffee fellowship time after church each Sunday! Please join us. Offering/donations will be accepted by eTransfer to stpaulsedenwold@gmail.com

Pastor Diane Nokonechny is our new Vice Pastor and her contact information. Please contact her with your pastoral needs: revdnoko@gmail.com or 306 531-3997.

Save the Date: June 18th, 2023

You are invited to: St. Paul's Lutheran Church 110th Anniversary & †
Outdoor worship service at 11:30 AM – please bring your lawn chair
Lunch provided after service

If planning to attend RSVP: <u>tsnameth@hotmail.com</u>

The Living Spirit Centre

Whist for Seniors

... At Living Spirit Centre is on Tuesday mornings at 10:00. If you are unfamiliar with the game, we will teach you. For more information phone/text Rod at 306-535-2877 or email rodashley@sasktel.net

Community



Indigenous Christian Fellowship



Come join our walk to bless our community

to walk together in prayer

for faith, hope and love

and to fundraise

for our Ceremonial Gardens and

Christian Indigenous leadership training.

You are invited to walk where you like by yourself or with family and friends on

Pentecost Sunday, May 28th

For more information or registration forms, contact:

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