



The Tie That Binds

The Newsletter of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

Friendship Trek

Vacation Bible School was held this year during the week of August 10th. We had 24 kids join us each day for fun, crafts, songs and of course to learn about Jesus, our forever friend. The children heard how Jesus reached out to Matthew, an outcast tax collector, and how He befriended him. We also heard stories about how Jesus healed the sick and dead, as well as gave sight to a blind man. We opened each day with songs, a short modern-day story and a prayer. The kids were then divided into age-appropriate classes and learned of how Jesus reaches out to those in need. We also played games, made crafts and had a short snack break. At the end of the morning we gathered en masse and learned about another child from another part of the world. We sang a couple more songs and ended the morning with a prayer. In all, we had a great week learning about being a friend and some new friendships were made.



Sandy Katrynyuk



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More Than a Word of Comfort

As Canada mourns the loss of soldiers killed in Afghanistan, military chaplains are called upon to provide comfort and counselling to grieving family members. In June, Lutheran Church–Canada chaplain, Captain Jason Kouri was assigned to provide pastoral care to the family of Cpl. Martin Dubé including assisting at the ceremonies held at CFB Trenton when the body was brought home.

In Trenton, Pastor Kouri had a time of prayer before the ramp ceremony. Colonels, generals, the minister of defence and the Governor General were present. Pastor Kouri took the initiative to share the Gospel with the bereaved and the VIPs. His Trinitarian invocation, prayers and Christ-centred preaching applied to the situation were appreciated, and Governor General Michaëlle Jean specifically expressed her appreciation for his initiative. She addressed Padre Kouri (one does not normally address her Excellency directly), requesting that his superiors be asked to repeat this devotional time when possible at Trenton whenever one of Canada's fallen soldiers is brought home. The Governor General apparently expressed the desire that other chaplains offer the same kind of care.

Due to his faithful service and testimony, Padre Kouri may be partly responsible for a new ministry to the families of Canada's fallen soldiers.

Two new reserve chaplains, Rev. Sye VanMaanen and Rev. Tom Korcok have recently completed training with the Canadian Forces.

- **From LCC InfoDigest**

Four Corners, Commodities in New Location

The Four Corners alternative trade program and the Commodities program of Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) are now operating at 549 King Edward Street in the Polo Park area of Winnipeg. Telephone numbers and email addresses are unchanged. You can reach them by calling 1.204.694.5602 or toll free at 1.800.661.2597. The direct fax number has changed and is 1.204.697.0326.

Those shipping commodities such as We Care Kits, quilts and other supplies to CLWR may continue to use the agency's regular shipping partners: Kindersley Transport, Ridsdale Transport, Gardewine North, and Home Hardware. Shipping labels with the King Edward address are available online at www.clwr.org/How-You-Can-Help/make-a-kit.cfm.

Those returning consignment sale orders to Four Corners should direct them to 549 King Edward Street, Winnipeg, MB. R3H 0N9. Online purchases of Four Corners products continue to be received at www.clwr.org.

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CLWR on the Move

The international headquarters of Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) will move to Portage Place Mall in downtown Winnipeg. July 1, 2009. The new address is 302-393 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, MB, R3B 3H6.

CLWR is leasing surplus space from the ELCIC. Renovations to the space are complete and the agency is set for the move.

For the time being, the Four Corners alternative trade program and the commodities operation will remain on Kingsbury Avenue. This property has been sold and must be vacated by the end of July. A new location for Four Corners and commodities is being finalized.

CLWR's phone numbers remain unchanged: 1-800-661-2597 or the local Winnipeg number 204-694-5602).

Lutheran Women's Missionary League News

With summer coming to a close, we once again get back into the routine making plans for our church programs for the upcoming year. Our LWML-C of BSLC is no exception. On Tuesday, September 8th at 7:00, all women of our congregation are invited to attend our LWML-C meeting. We have meetings on the first Tuesday of every month from September to June. Those ladies who are not members, are most welcome to join us, both to learn what LWML is all about and for an evening of fellowship. We have an exciting program planned for this year, full of interesting speakers and mission projects.

Lutheran Women's Missionary League—Canada is **an organization of women...**

- **studying** the Gospel of Jesus Christ,
- **supporting** and **encouraging** all women of the Church, pastors, and workers in the mission field,
- **sharing** the Gospel in culturally relevant and age-appropriate ways,
- **building up** all members of the Church so they
 - **daily live** their faith and **confidently share** the Good News of Jesus in word and deed with all people in their communities and the world.
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Our motto which describes who we are and what we do is "Called to Serve," based on Deuteronomy 10:12, *"And now, O Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul."*

To correspond with the beginning of the school year, we are once again working on the CLWR School Kits-We Care mission project. These kits are made up of things that brighten a student's life, where school supplies are scarce.

Kit items include: 3 notebooks (approx 8" x 10" – 20.3 x 25.4 cm) – not coiled, 32 pages.

1 ruler (12"/metric), 1 pencil sharpener, 1 eraser,

6 unsharpened pencils with erasers and 1 pack of 12 or 16 pencil crayons.

We ask that these kit requirements be followed, so each child receives the same school supplies and to ensure the cost of shipping is covered. Suggested donation for each kit is \$5, which pays for a We Care bag/backpack (to be used as a school bag) and shipping of the kits overseas.

We are again collecting drink can tabs for a specialized wheelchair for Emma. Emma is 7 years old, a Grade 2 student at Shevchenko School in Vita, Manitoba and has cerebral palsy. She is a delightful, young girl, who loves school, loves the water, enjoys camping, and likes dogs, cats and horses.

We will be celebrating LWML-Canada Sunday on October 4th, based on the “Shine Like Stars in Our Community and the World” theme.

For the October 6th meeting, we have invited Karen Van Leudsen as our guest speaker from Osborne House. Osborne House provides shelter to women and their children from all backgrounds, who are victims of domestic violence. Their programs include advocacy, shelter, crisis intervention, in-house support groups, a province wide 24-hour crisis line, follow-up/outreach program, individual counselling and education. Through a variety of means they work to equip women with the information they need to make healthy decisions and remain free from abuse.

Our society is hosting the Zone’s Fall Renewal on October 17th, from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Cost is \$8, which includes lunch. This year’s theme is “Raise a Child In The Lord”, with guest speaker, Jennifer McCrea, principal from our school speaking on “Teaching Children in a Christian Setting.”

We are scheduled to volunteer for the food program at Siloam Mission, to help serve lunch on November 7th, 11:30 – 2:30. Those that have joined us in the past have found this to be a positive, personally rewarding experience. Those interested in helping, please sign up.

Lorraine Weir,
President, Beautiful Savior
LWML-C



**A minister passing through his church
in the middle of the day,
Decided to pause by the altar
and see who had come to pray.**

**Just then the back door opened,
a man came down the aisle,
The minister frowned as he saw
the man hadn't shaved in a while.
His shirt was kinda shabby
and his coat was worn and frayed,
the man knelt, he bowed his head,
Then rose and walked away.**

**In the days that followed,
each noon time came this chap,
each time he knelt just for a moment,
A lunch pail in his lap.
Well, the minister's suspicions grew,
with robbery a main fear,
He decided to stop the man and ask him,
'What are you doing here?'**

**The old man said, he worked down the road.
Lunch was half an hour.
Lunch time was his prayer time,
For finding strength and power.**

**'I stay only moments, see,
because the factory is so far away;
as I kneel here talking to the Lord,
This is kinda what I say:**

**'I JUST CAME AGAIN TO TELL YOU, LORD,
HOW HAPPY I'VE BEEN, SINCE WE FOUND EACH OTHERS FRIENDSHIP AND YOU
TOOK AWAY MY SIN. DON'T KNOW MUCH OF HOW TO PRAY, BUT I THINK
ABOUT YOU EVERYDAY.
SO, JESUS, THIS IS JIM CHECKING IN TODAY.'**

The minister feeling foolish,
told Jim, that was fine.
He told the man he was welcome
To come and pray just anytime

Time to go, Jim smiled, said 'Thanks.'
He hurried to the door.
The minister knelt at the altar,
he'd never done it before.

His cold heart melted, warmed with love,
and met with Jesus there.
As the tears flowed, in his heart,
he repeated old Jim's prayer:

'I JUST CAME AGAIN to TELL YOU, LORD,
HOW HAPPY I'VE BEEN, SINCE WE FOUND EACH OTHERS FRIENDSHIP AND YOU
TOOK AWAY MY SIN. I DON'T KNOW MUCH OF HOW TO PRAY, BUT I THINK
ABOUT YOU EVERYDAY.
SO, JESUS, THIS IS ME CHECKING IN TODAY.'

Past noon one day, the minister noticed
that old Jim hadn't come.
As more days passed without Jim,
he began to worry some.

At the factory, he asked about him,
learning he was ill.
The hospital staff was worried,
But he'd given them a thrill.

The week that Jim was with them,
Brought changes in the ward..
His smiles, a joy contagious.
Changed people, were his reward.

The head nurse couldn't understand
why Jim was so glad,
when no flowers, calls or cards came,
Not a visitor he had.

The minister stayed by his bed,
He voiced the nurse's concern:
No friends came to show they cared.
He had nowhere to turn.

Looking surprised, old Jim spoke
up and with a winsome smile;
'the nurse is wrong, she couldn't know,
that he's in here all the while

Everyday at noon He's here,
a dear friend of mine, you see,
He sits right down, takes my hand,
Leans over and says to me:

'I JUST CAME AGAIN TO TELL YOU, JIM,
HOW HAPPY I HAVE BEEN, SINCE WE FOUND THIS FRIENDSHIP, AND I TOOK
AWAY YOUR SIN.
ALWAYS LOVE TO HEAR YOU PRAY,
I THINK ABOUT YOU EACH DAY, AND SO JIM, THIS IS JESUS CHECKING IN
TODAY.'

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*It looks as though
summer has
finally arrived . . .*

*Did you recognize
this sunbathing beauty?
. . . She's Lisa Bayko!*

