



# STAYING CONNECTED

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR OUR MCIVOR CHURCH FAMILY

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APRIL 16, 2023

*You are a valued member of our church family and a gift to us!*

## SERMON - SHERRYL KOOP

### Coming Together - Ephesians 2:1-10

In this section of Paul's letter to the Ephesians he speaks of what Jesus' followers were before following Jesus and then the gifts that come with following him - grace and mercy! However as followers of Jesus, does this ring true for us in how we love one another? Does this ring true in how we see ourselves before Christ? Some questions we will ponder together!

## PRAYER

O Lord, our Good Shepherd, You are the source of all true and lasting joy. We praise You for Your power which is beyond compare. We worship You for Your wisdom which is beyond understanding. You can meet all our needs. You restore the brokenhearted and heal the wounded. You have revealed yourself to Your people and are building Your church, against which the gates of hell can not prevail. How great You are, Lord! Fill our hearts with love as we respond by singing praises to You. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

## OUR FATHER - KIM STOESZ

Can you pray the "Our Father" with us? This was the request from an elderly couple I was visiting in the hospital many years ago. I was a student chaplain and this couple spent their days in the ICU, her as a long time patient and him as her faithful companion. He was living out the "in sickness and in health" part of his vows. They were Catholic and this prayer was so important to them. We prayed that prayer together every time I visited them and it took on new meaning for me.

Last weekend we used the Lord's Prayer in both our Good Friday and Easter services. This is a very comprehensive prayer and it guides us through

many important facets of our faith. You may have memorized it in school many years ago, but we don't often use it in corporate worship. I encourage us to continue to use this prayer in our walk with Jesus.

"Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

For your is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever, amen."



## WORSHIP IN SONG

*The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.*

*Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace that hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.*

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound - that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.*

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## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Church Family

“On behalf of our family, thank you very sincerely for the beautiful flower arrangement, cards, emails, meals and especially your prayers on the passing of Henry. It is a genuine gift to belong to a supportive church family. May God bless you for your many expressions of love and care.” - Elizabeth Toews

### Women’s Bible Study

The Women’s Bible Study continues Thursday at 7pm in the Fellowship Room. We are working through a six-session study that seeks to discover who Jesus is through the unique perspective of women in the Bible who knew Him. There are information pages available with further details at the Connect Centre, or speak to Monica Friesen.

### Family Fun Day

We are hosting a free Family Fun Day as a follow up to our spring break Day Camp on Sunday April 30, from noon to 4pm. Everyone is welcome, so invite your family and friends! There will be a chili lunch, bouncer, coffee house with live music, crafts and more!

### Bridal Shower for Mikayla

There will be a church bridal shower for our Youth Pastor, Mikayla on Sunday, May 7 at 2pm at the church. All ladies are invited. We will collect money for a group gift(s). We invite you to sign up in the foyer if you’d like to attend.

### “Faspa in a Box”

The Donwood Foundation Board invites you to purchase a ‘Faspa in a Box’ available on April 23rd to either pick up or have delivered to your home. The box is full of the regular fixings of a faspa meal and can be enjoyed while watching a 30 minute program featuring staff, residents and volunteers of Donwood Personal Care Home. Please call Donwood directly at 204.668.4410 or go online at [www.donwoodmanor.org](http://www.donwoodmanor.org) to order your box.



Flowering of the cross Easter Sunday

“BUT GOD IS SO RICH IN MERCY AND HE LOVED US SO MUCH, THAT EVEN THOUGH WE WERE DEAD BECAUSE OF OUR SINS, HE GAVE US LIFE WHEN HE RAISED CHRIST FROM THE DEAD...FOR HE RAISED US FROM THE DEAD ALONG WITH CHRIST AND SEATED US WITH HIM IN THE HEAVENLY REALMS BECAUSE WE ARE UNITED WITH CHRIST JESUS. SO GOD CAN POINT TO US IN ALL FUTURE AGES AS EXAMPLES OF THE INCREDIBLE WEALTH OF HIS GRACE AND KINDNESS TOWARD US, AS SHOWN IN ALL HE HAS DONE FOR US WHO ARE UNITED WITH CHRIST JESUS.” EPHESIANS 2:4-7

## WAYS TO GIVE

Drop-Off Cash or Cheque during office hours Tuesday-Friday, 9:00am to 4:30pm.

E-Transfer - Can be set up through your bank and emailed to [mcivor@mcivorchurch.com](mailto:mcivor@mcivorchurch.com).

Direct Deposit - Contact church office to request the forms to set up automatic monthly donations

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT MCIVOR

April 18 - Quilters 3:30 pm

April 18 - Walk & Talk 9:30 am

April 19 - Youth Night 7:00 pm

April 20 - Food Bank 9:00am and 5:00 pm

April 20 - Women’s Bible Study 7:00 pm

April 30 - Family Fun Day 12:00 pm

May 7 - Bridal Shower for Mikayla 2:00 pm