



# STAYING CONNECTED

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR OUR MCIVOR CHURCH FAMILY

JANUARY 21, 2024

## WORSHIP -

### 'TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS

*'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus  
Just to take Him at His word  
Just to rest upon His promise  
Just to know thus saith the Lord*

*Jesus, Jesus how I trust Him  
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er  
Jesus, Jesus precious Jesus  
O for grace to trust Him more*

*O how sweet to trust in Jesus  
Just to trust His cleansing blood  
Just in simple faith to plunge me  
'Neath the healing cleansing flood*

*Yes 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus  
Just from sin and self to cease  
Just from Jesus simply taking  
Life and rest and joy and peace*

*I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee  
Precious Jesus Savior Friend  
And I know that Thou art with me  
Wilt be with me to the end*

*Jesus, Jesus how I trust Him  
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er  
Jesus, Jesus precious Jesus  
O for grace to trust Him more*

## PRAYER FOCUS -

### YESTERDAY, TODAY AND FOREVER

"...For God has said, 'I will never fail you. I will never abandon you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper, so I will have no fear. What can mere people do to me?'" Hebrews 13:5-6

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. So do not be attracted by strange, new ideas. Your strength comes from God's grace..." Hebrews 13:8-9

"For this world is not our permanent home; we are looking forward to a home yet to come." Hebrews 13:14

"Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life and I will live in the house of the Lord forever." Psalm 23:6

## SERMON - HENRY BERGMANN

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever."  
Hebrews 13:8

We read about how God (Jesus) was faithful to His people years ago (yesterday). He led them through difficult and trying times. And so it was with our grandparents, parents and us! His faithfulness carried them and us through tumultuous times!

This same Jesus' promise for yesterday is the same for us today and tomorrow. He'll be with us! But He's also prepared a place for us for eternity. And we'll someday be with Him if we trust and follow Him!

And in between, in these days He leads us the same way: with the promise that His grace will carry us and sustain us!

The road is often not easy. But as the song says,

*"My God and I will go for aye together  
We'll walk and talk just as good friends do  
This earth will pass, and with it common trifles  
But God and I will go unendingly!"*

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You that You are the same today as You were yesterday and will be tomorrow! Thank You for the promises in Your Word. Thank You for Your faithfulness: that You carried us yesterday, that we'll be with You in eternity and that You walk beside us everyday! In Jesus Name, Amen.



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## FAMILY NEWS

### Thank You from Agnes Olfert and family

“Dear Mclvor Church Family, thank you for prayerfully walking alongside us during Harry’s illness and God calling him to his heavenly home. The supportive help in ushering, set up and clean up, and food service was much appreciated. Your acts of kindness have shown us we are not alone in our sorrow, and for that, we are grateful.”

### Our Condolences and Prayers to the families of:

**Olga Regehr** - Olga, who was a charter member of



Mclvor, passed away peacefully at the age of 95 at the Bethania Personal Care Home on Saturday, January 13. She is the aunt of Ron and Irene Dyck, and mother to Dorothy (David) Schwab and Norilynn (Edwin) Epp. The funeral will be on Monday, January 22 at 2pm at Friend’s Funeral Service.

Olga had a passion for missions and helping the disenfranchised, particularly children and young people. Over the years she gave considerable time and resources for these causes.

She enjoyed many weekends at the Rice Lake cabin and loved travelling and camping. Getting together with family was extremely important to her. She faithfully prayed for each of them on a daily basis.

Olga was a strong, intelligent, resilient and compassionate person who loved her family and had a strong faith in God. Quietly and peacefully, she was gathered up in the arms of her loving Creator. We loved her and will miss her always. Read more:

<https://memorials.friendsfs.ca/olga-regehr/5360936/>

**Mary Fehr** - Mary, beloved wife of the late John J. Fehr and longtime member of Mclvor, passed away peacefully on January 14, 2024, at the age of 98. The funeral will be held on Saturday, January 27 at 11am at Mclvor Church, with a reception to follow.

Left to cherish her memory are her children: Rosemarie (Peter), Lorraine, John, Diane (Milford), and Dale (also, before 2019, her beloved daughter Sandra); her seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; her sister Susie Harms; and sister-in-law Elma Friesen of Winkler.

Mary had a gentle, outgoing personality. Mary enjoyed fundraising and was a board member who helped found Special People in Kildonan East - SPIKE. They raised funds and established a home in East Kildonan where challenged children could stay. Every Christmas, she organized hundreds of shoe boxes for Samaritan’s Purse - Operation Christmas Child - with the help of her family and residents in her building. Collecting shoe boxes was a pleasure for Mary, and her enthusiasm was contagious. Another project was to provide blankets during the winter to people living in downtown Winnipeg. Read more: <https://memorials.friendsfs.ca/mary-fehr/5362693/>

**Gertrude Thielmann** - Gertrude passed away at the hospital January 17. The funeral will be held on Tuesday, January 23 at 11am at Friends Funeral Service.

### Congratulations to Larry and Esther Toews

“Please join us in praising God for the safe arrival of a beautiful baby girl born to Devyn and Aleah Toews. Everly Hildegard was born January 14, weighing in at 6lbs 12oz and measuring 20 1/4 inches. Mom and baby are healthy and doing great.” - Larry and Esther

## RIGHTNOW MEDIA

As a part of Mclvor, you have free access to [RightNow Media](https://www.rightnowmedia.org/) and its library of more than 20,000 video Bible studies. You can watch on your own, with your grandkids, or as a small group. Download the app by searching “rightnow media” on the Apple App Store or Google Play. <https://app.rightnowmedia.org/en/join/MAMBC>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, 7pm - Youth Group and Kids Club  
Thursday, 9am and 5pm - Harvest Manitoba Food Bank  
January 27, 11am - Funeral and Reception for Mary Fehr  
February 9, 7pm - Young Adult Worship Night  
February 18, 11:30am - Family Fun Day Outreach  
February 20, 9:30am - Walk and Talk  
February 25 - Spring Finance Meeting and Lunch

## WAYS TO GIVE

We accept donations by cash or cheque, as well as e-transfers to [mcivor@mcivorchurch.com](mailto:mcivor@mcivorchurch.com) or via credit card on [www.mcivorchurch.com](http://www.mcivorchurch.com). To arrange a gift via Direct Deposit, please contact the office at 204.339.1691.

**\*\* Church office hours are Tuesday to Friday  
9am to 4:30pm. \*\***