



STAYING CONNECTED

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR OUR MCIVOR CHURCH FAMILY

MARCH 3, 2024

WORSHIP – JESUS PAID IT ALL

*And I hear the Savior say
Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray
Find in Me thine all in all*

*'Cause Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow*

*It's washed away
All my sin and all my shame*

*Lord now indeed I find
Thy pow'r and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone*

*'Cause Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow*

*And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save
My lips shall still repeat*

*'Cause Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow*

*Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow
He washed it white as snow
He washed it white as snow*

*Oh praise the One Who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead
Jesus*

PRAYER – THE COMMON BOOK OF PRAYER

Most merciful God,
We confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways.

To the glory of your Name. Amen.



PRAYER FOCUS: FORGIVENESS –AN UNNATURAL ACT

“...Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me?...” Matthew 18:21

“...‘I forgave you that tremendous debt because you pleaded with me. Shouldn’t you have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?’” Matthew 18:32-33

FAMILY NEWS

Elizabeth would very much appreciate your prayers as she goes in for cancer surgery on Wednesday, March 6.

“...The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.” James 5:16

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Luise and Cornelius are asking for prayer. Cornelius has been placed in a care home and they request prayer as both of them adjust to this new living situation.

“The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; His mercies begin afresh each morning.” Lamentations 3:22-23

UPDATE FROM THE PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

On March 9-10 we will welcome Jon and Lynnette Klassen and their two boys (ages 2 and 4) to Mclvor for candidating for the position of Teaching Pastor. There are some meetings that will take place on Saturday with different groups and on Sunday, Jon will be sharing his testimony and preaching, followed by a congregational lunch.

We are looking for some volunteers to help with hosting a leadership brunch on Saturday morning, March 9, for about 10 people. If you are willing to help with preparing some food, or serving/organizing it (buffet style), please let the office know. The Food Committee will be providing soup and buns for lunch on Sunday, March 10. Please bring a dessert to share for the lunch.

This is an unusual situation, as Jon candidated at another church in February. Since both churches interviewed him, we invited him to candidate here as well so that Jon and Lynette would have as much information as possible to make a well informed decision for their family.

Let's pray for Jon and Lynette as they walk through this process. If they choose Mclvor, the process would continue with a congregational vote in a couple of weeks.



Young Adult Worship Night – Pray for God to move as they seek him in worship!



55+ Walk & Talk Police Presentation “Frauds & Scams”

SERMON – MATT JANZEN

In 2006, a violent shooting at an Amish schoolhouse took the lives of five young girls. Against all expectations, however, the community forgave the killer and his family. This forgiveness confounded many and forces us to examine our own attitude toward Jesus' command to forgive those who wrong us “not seven times but seventy times seven”.

In the parable of the Unmerciful Servant, a servant is forgiven an unpayable debt by the king but then turns around and refuses to forgive another servant who owes him a much smaller amount. Because of the servant's hard-heartedness, the king throws him in debtor's prison. Jesus' point is that we have been forgiven by God and therefore have an obligation to show the same mercy to others.

If we've been hurt, forgiveness does not absolve the wrongdoer of responsibility, nor does it permit them to continue their harmful behaviour. However, forgiveness frees us from the destructive effects of bitterness and hatred that occur naturally when we are wronged. As Anne Lamott says, “Not forgiving someone is like drinking rat poison and waiting for the rat to die.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tuesday, 3-8pm – Quilters
- Wednesday, 7pm – Youth Group and Kids Club
- Thursday, 9am, 5pm – Harvest Manitoba Food Bank
- Friday, 7pm – Young Adult Worship Night
- March 17, 9:30am – 55+ Walk and Talk
- March 25-28 – Mclvor Spring Break Kids Day Camp
- March 26, 6:30-8pm – Movers and Shakers Group

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