



# STAYING CONNECTED

A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR OUR MCIVOR CHURCH FAMILY

MARCH 17, 2024

## WORSHIP – CHANNELS ONLY

*How I praise You, precious Savior  
That Your love laid hold of me  
You have saved me, cleansed and filled me  
That I might Your channel be*

*Channels only, blessed Master  
But with all Your wondrous pow'r  
Flowing through us  
You can use us  
Ev'ry day and ev'ry hour*

*Emptied, so that You could fill me  
A clean vessel in Your hand  
With no pow'r but what You offer  
Graciously, with each command*

*Channels only, blessed Master  
But with all Your wondrous pow'r  
Flowing through us  
You can use us  
Ev'ry day and ev'ry hour*

*Witnessing Your pow'r to save me  
Setting free from self and sin  
You have brought me to possess me  
In Your fullness, Lord, come in*

*Channels only, blessed Master  
But with all Your wondrous pow'r  
Flowing through us  
You can use us  
Ev'ry day and ev'ry hour*

*Jesus, fill me with Your Spirit  
May I full surrender know  
That the streams of living water  
From the inner self may flow*

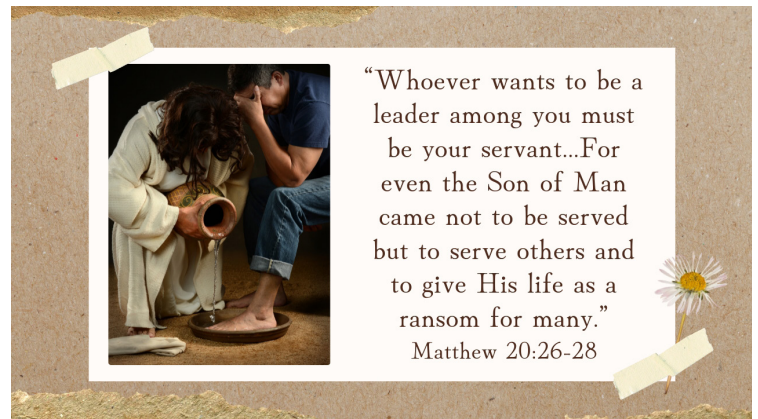
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## PRAYER – JESSICA LAZARUK

Our call to worship comes from Psalm 100:1-2 “Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.”

As we worship in song, scripture and sermon, may we worship with gladness and feel the overflowing joy God provides.

Lord bless us today as we worship. Fill us with joy, gladness, peace and comfort. Humble our minds and hearts. Meet us today with whatever burdens we are carrying. Help us to release those burdens to You and place them at the cross. In Your heavenly name, Amen.



“Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant...For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give His life as a ransom for many.”  
Matthew 20:26-28

## PRAYER FOCUS – CALLED TO SERVE

“But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give His life as a ransom for many.”  
Matthew 20:26-28

We will be welcoming around 30 kids and youth for our Spring Break Day Camp March 25-28. Pray that, during this week leading up to Easter, they would encounter Jesus who gave up His life because He loved them!

Jesus showed us what serving others looks like. Leaders serve, followers serve, the rich serve and the poor serve. No matter who you are, part of our calling as Christians is to serve. Then we will truly understand what it means to put oneself behind others, as Christ did for us.

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Provision is all we need. 1 Peter 4:10-11 says, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord."

I pray each of us would serve the people around us out of love for Christ's community, at work, at school, at home and at the grocery store.

May you all be filled with grace and love to show the world the wonder of servanthood that comes from our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

## UPDATE FROM THE HR COMMITTEE

At congregational meetings and church services in November and December, 2023, the HR Committee and the Church Council announced that we were reorganizing the pastors' job descriptions to better suit the strengths and skill sets of Kim, our current Interim Lead Pastor and Jon Klassen, our pastoral candidate.

We have rewritten and renamed these job descriptions as the following:

- Lead Pastor FTE: 0.7 to 1.0, which is Kim's job description and
- Teaching Pastor FTE: 1.0, which is the pastoral candidate's job description.

Copies of these job descriptions are available in the Employment Opportunities section of our website:

<https://mcivorchurch.com/employment-opportunities/>

## EASTER IS AROUND THE CORNER!

### Good Friday Service Keeping Vigil at the Cross – March 29, 10am

Join us for this imaginative retelling of the hours following Jesus' crucifixion, written by Ingrid Koss. Those who loved and followed Him believe He was sent by God to save them. Now they gather at the cross to honour the man who impacted them so profoundly, and to hope – in spite of the devastating evidence – that there is still new life to come. Be inspired by their stories of transformation and their hope for the future!

### Easter Sunday Service – March 31, 10am

We will celebrate the risen Jesus! Through the resurrection of Jesus, God conquered death and we live with the hope of eternity with Jesus. Our service will include a children's feature and the flowering of the cross. This is a great opportunity to invite family and

friends!

We will have some flowers on hand, we invite you to bring flowers for the flowering of the cross. Following the service, paska will be served in the gym. Please bring a paska to share that is iced, sliced and ready to serve.



1. As each goose flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for others behind it. There is 70% more flying range in V-formation than in flying alone.
2. Whenever a goose flies out of formation, it feels drag and tries to get back into position.
3. When a lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into formation and another goose flies at the head.
4. The geese flying in the rear of the formation honk to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.
5. When a goose gets sick or wounded or falls, two geese fall out and stay with it until it revives or dies. Then they catch up or join another flock.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, 9:30am – 55+ Walk and Talk

Tuesday, 3-8pm – Quilters

Wednesday, 9:30am-12:30pm – Quilt Tying

Wednesday, 7pm – Youth Group and Kids Club

Thursday, 9am, 5pm – Harvest Manitoba Food Bank

March 25-28 – McIvor Spring Break Kids Day Camp

March 26, 6:30-8pm – Movers and Shakers Group

March 29, 10am – Good Friday Service "Keeping Vigil at the Cross"

March 31, 10am – Easter Sunday Service

## 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.

**\*\* Office hours are Tuesday to Friday 9am–4:30pm. \*\***