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A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR OUR MCIVOR CHURCH FAMILY

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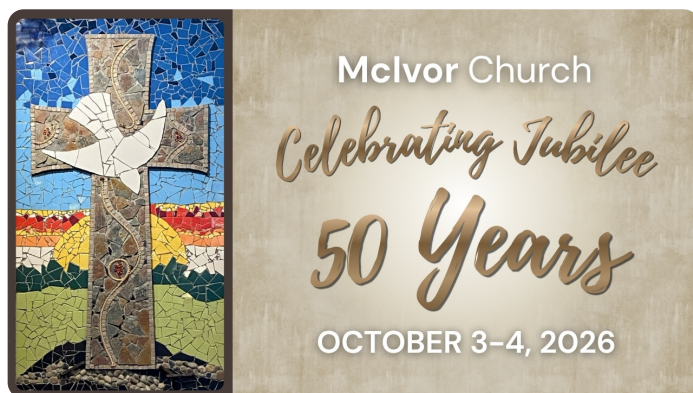
CELEBRATING MCIVOR'S JUBILEE – PASTOR TAMIRA

I'm not sure if you knew this, but planning the Jubilee Celebration for Mclvor Church has been ongoing for a number of months. I have been tasked with the heading of the committee, but I am blessed to be working with Anne Friesen, Marlene Regier, Rodney Badgley and Ingrid Koss. I am sure everyone will agree that this committee is more than capable of planning an excellent event.

We are celebrating 50 years at Mclvor on the weekend of October 3 and 4, 2026. We are planning a self-guided walking tour of the building on the Saturday afternoon, a Banquet on the Saturday evening, a worship service on the Sunday morning, and a casual reception after the service on the Sunday morning.

Some of the hopes for this event include:

- A spirit of homecoming for those who have grown up and been disciplined here at 200 Mclvor.
- Sharing of stories and "remember when" conversations.
- Re-living and sharing eras and iterations of worship and ministries at Mclvor.
- Opportunities to celebrate the ministries and service of various people who are serving in the community or in the world, recognizing that they had begun their spiritual formation right here.
- Deepening our commitment to the Lord, dedicating all that we are currently doing at Mclvor to furthering the Kingdom of God.



- Laughter, celebration, worship, gratitude, happiness, gathering, sharing with family, inviting our children who have dispersed, our neighbours who have moved elsewhere, and our volunteers who have retired.

What we want from you:

- Invite your family and friends who have once been a part of Mclvor.
- We will sell tickets to the Banquet beginning in August, be ready to purchase tickets together with your guests and invited ones.
- Betty Plett and Roger Friesen are currently looking for artifacts, pictures and memorabilia to display, talk to them and find out if you have something that might help.
- Start talking with your friends and family about your life at Mclvor, compile some ideas of stories that should be told, could be shared.
- Think of worship styles, costumes, arts and crafts made in programs here, friendships made through ministries, souvenirs of missions trips.

While it is true that I love to plan an event, Marlene and Anne are very capable and Ingrid is talented, we will need all of you to help make this Jubilee weekend a success.

STORIES FROM SCRIPTURE FOR A MOMENT LIKE THIS

ESTHER 4:1-17; LUKE 9:23-24

ESTHER 4:1-17

When Mordecai learned about all that had been done, he tore his clothes, put on burlap and ashes, and went out into the city, crying with a loud and bitter wail. He went as far as the gate of the palace, for no one was allowed to enter the palace gate while wearing clothes of mourning. And as news of the king's decree reached all the provinces, there was great mourning among the Jews. They fasted, wept, and wailed, and many people lay in burlap and ashes.

When Queen Esther's maids and eunuchs came and told her about Mordecai, she was deeply distressed. She sent clothing to him to replace the burlap, but he refused it. Then Esther sent for Hathach, one of the king's eunuchs who had been appointed as her attendant. She ordered him to go to Mordecai and find out what was troubling him and why he was in mourning. So Hathach went out to Mordecai in the square in front of the palace gate.

Mordecai told him the whole story, including the exact amount of money Haman had promised to pay into the royal treasury for the destruction of the Jews. Mordecai gave Hathach a copy of the decree issued in Susa that called for the death of all Jews. He asked Hathach to show it to Esther and explain the situation to her. He also asked Hathach to direct her to go to the king to beg for mercy and plead for her people. So Hathach returned to Esther with Mordecai's message.

Then Esther told Hathach to go back and relay this message to Mordecai: "All the king's officials and even the people in the provinces know that anyone who appears before the king in his inner court without being invited is doomed to die unless the king holds out his gold scepter. And the king has not called for me to come to him for thirty days." So Hathach gave Esther's message to Mordecai.

Mordecai sent this reply to Esther: "Don't think for a moment that because you're in the palace you will escape when all other Jews are killed. If you keep quiet at a time like this, deliverance and relief for the Jews will arise from some other place, but you and your relatives will die. **Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?**"

Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: "Go and gather together all the Jews of Susa and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will do the same. And then, though it is against the law, I will go in to see the king. If I must die, I must die." So Mordecai went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

"If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it."

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Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it."

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