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A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR OUR MCIVOR CHURCH FAMILY

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SUMMER REFLECTIONS – PASTOR SHERRYL

It is very good to be 'back in the saddle' as one of my friends put it and be able to serve the community of faith at McIvor for a few more months.

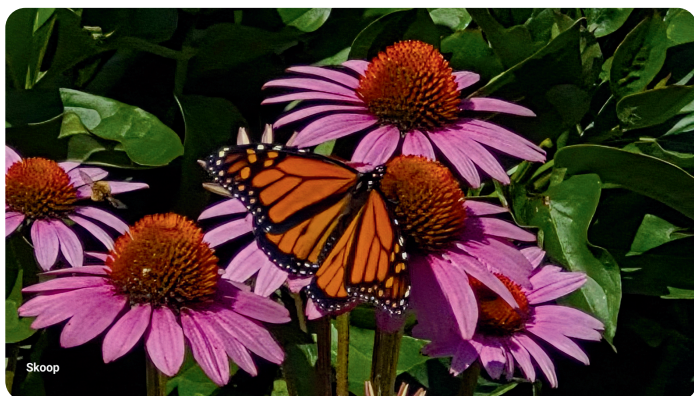
I thought I would give you a bit of a window into what my summer looked like, as well as some of the words of Scripture that were very meaningful as the summer progressed.

July

July was spent preparing for KOOPFEST (my family's first full on reunion in 12 years to celebrate my oldest sibling's 90th birthday and my 65th birthday). Preparing involved getting to know the Costco business centre, discount and thrift stores really well, while purchasing items that were needed for our August long weekend celebration/reunion. It was such fun to prepare for the 151 family members coming from across North America to attend KOOPFEST.

The month also allowed me to spend time in my garden, see friends, take a few days at the cottage and enjoy events in my neighbourhood.

Some moments of challenge came with personal health concerns, as well as health concerns of those I know and love.



*A few pictures from our KOOPFEST
...fun times outside and inside!*



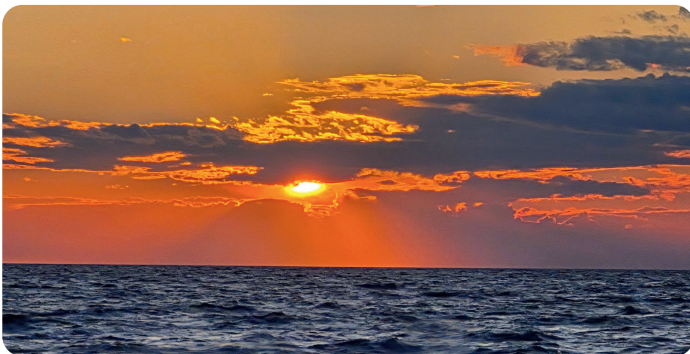
A couple of pictures from my garden, which was SPECTACULAR this year!

After such a FABULOUS weekend, I spent the rest of the month in my garden, with friends and family, at the cottage, events in my neighbourhood, getting lots of medical tests done and enjoying some time to read and paint.

"Sing to the one who rides across the ancient heavens, His mighty voice thundering from the sky...The God of Israel gives power and strength to his people. Praise be to God!" – Psalm 68:33, 35



It is such a privilege to be able to go to the cottage and experience God's creation!



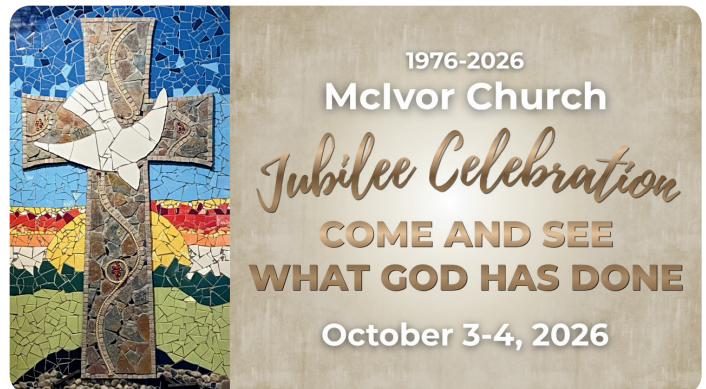
"...Therefore, we who have fled to Him for refuge can have great confidence as we hold to the hope that lies before us. This hope is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls." – Hebrews 6:18-19

Some sustaining and encouraging Scripture passages for the summer were: Philippians 4:6-7, Hebrews 6:17-20, Psalm 68:32-35, 2 Chronicles 20:14-19 and Psalm 104.

"Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus." – Philippians 4:6-7

"...Do not be afraid! Don't be discouraged by this mighty army, for the battle is not yours, but God's...you will not even need to fight.

Take your positions; then stand still and watch the Lord's victory. He is with you...Do not be afraid or discouraged...for the Lord is with you!" – 2 Chronicles 20:15-17



"O Lord, what a variety of things you have made! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your creatures...May the glory of the Lord continue forever! The Lord takes pleasure in all He has made!...I will sing to the Lord as long as I live. I will praise my God to my last breath! May all my thoughts be pleasing to Him, for I rejoice in the Lord." – Psalm 104:24, 31, 33-34

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