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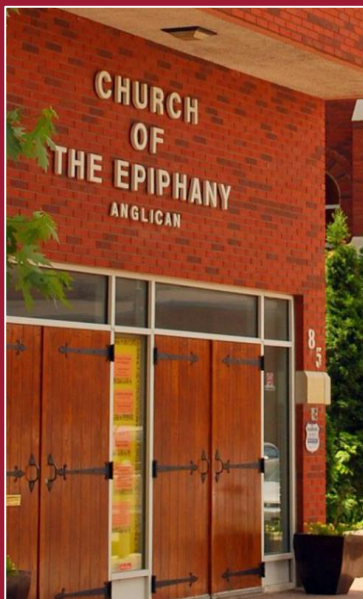


## Outreach Team Members

Karin Zundel – *Chair*  
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Tom Corston  
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Katherine Quesnel  
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If you would like to become involved in *any* way, please contact any of the above!

Meetings are held every 4-6 weeks.



## SUMMARY OF OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

The first volume of the Outreach Ministry Newsletter introduced and updated various outreach initiatives that we undertook on behalf of the Parish. Read on to discover new and ongoing events and projects we've been pursuing since our last issue.

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*Our outreach goals include providing assistance to our local, national, and international neighbours.*

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## SOLAR SUITCASE UPDATE

Earlier this year we shifted our international outreach support to helping provide solar suitcases for medical use in Mozambique. A very successful appeal was held in the spring and we were able to add an additional \$1300+ to the annual parish contribution toward this much needed resource. Along with the team's earlier contribution of \$1200 from book sale funds, our total to date is over \$3500! Each solar suitcase costs over \$4000 now that the government matching program has ended (see side bar page 2) so continued support for this project is much appreciated!

## NATIONAL OUTREACH

We continue to support the Diocese of Moosonee youth programs, in particular, *TheLivingRoom* – a drop-in ministry in the community of Schumacher, just outside of Timmins. Once again we were able to significantly increase the parish contribution this year with proceeds from the book sale.

## LOCAL OUTREACH UPDATE

Due to a delay in the launch of Noah's Community Hub, for this year the outreach team decided instead to support a family to attend Camp Manitou. Thanks to help from the Louis Street Community Association a family was selected and they were able to attend camp for the first time. In conjunction with the Downtown Churches Group we have supported and participated in a number of projects in the Louis Street community (donating to afterschool program, planting gardens) so we felt that this was an ideal local outreach project. Many thanks to Mary Donato for spearheading this initiative and for ensuring that the family got to and from camp this summer!

## DOWNTOWN CHURCHES BARBECUE

In June, our downtown churches group hosted its third annual barbecue. Each year this event draws more and more local people to enjoy free hot dogs, sausages, hamburgers, beverages and popsicles. This year we served around 300 people before we ran out of food. The lineup for food stretched a full city block!



Food was either donated or purchased by the Epiphany, St. Andrew's, Christ the King and All Nations churches. We had many helpers from three churches preparing and serving food or mingling to welcome our guests and make them feel at home. In addition, we had several enthusiastic volunteers from the Sudbury Action Centre for Youth who also provided a propane barbeque.

This is just one example of how the downtown churches are reaching out to folks in the downtown core. Thanks to everyone for their commitment.

## LUNCH & LEARN

The Lunch and Learn series provides the opportunity for neighbouring organizations to come and give a short presentation about topics of interest to our congregation. We are planning two L&Ls for the fall and two more in the winter/spring. Look for announcements in ETW, and plan to come and enjoy soup and sandwiches while learning some interesting and useful information.

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*If you have a topic or person that you would like to recommend for an upcoming Lunch and Learn please let us know!*

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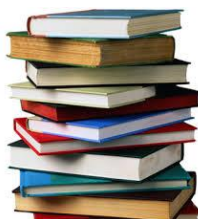
## LINC PROGRAM GRADUATION



The Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (LINC) program held a graduation ceremony in June. Several members from the Outreach team were able to attend and celebrate with our closest neighbours! We look forward to meeting new students and seeing returning ones this fall at our semi-annual get together.

## REMINDER: SAVE YOUR BOOKS!

Our 2018 book sale dates are set for January 26, 27, and 28. We will begin accepting books at the church that week, but please save your donations between now and then. Proceeds are used to augment the parish contributions toward our many outreach projects.



## DID YOU KNOW...?

... The downtown churches have been participating in a prayer cycle, with each congregation adding a local church to their regular prayer offerings. This well received initiative will continue throughout the year.

... The Canadian government 6:1 matching program for solar suitcases has ended, yet the need for these innovative medical devices continues. Our international outreach efforts are even more important now!

... We will be collecting sandwich fixings for the Elgin Street Mission on the fifth Sunday in October. Look for the signup sheet in the Algoma Room!

... We all have a responsibility to be welcoming, helpful, and kind to *any* visitor who joins us in church. Remember that our God is a welcoming God!

now you know!