

OUTREACH MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

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Our purpose is to initiate and support mission and outreach activities on behalf of the Parish.

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Meetings are held every 4-6 weeks, September through June. Come join us!



UPDATES AND NEWS FROM THE OUTREACH TEAM

Although we do not have any meetings throughout the summer months, our outreach activities continued with the Downtown Churches group's annual street barbecue in June and sending a family, as well as two young boys, to Camp Manitou in July/August.

Our regular monthly meetings have resumed as we continue to support outreach projects on behalf of the parish. Read on to discover details about our many projects and initiatives.

If you are interested in joining us as we plan and implement ways to fulfill our calling to reach out to our local, national, and international neighbours, please come and join us.

... He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise.

(Luke 3:11 KJV)

LOCAL OUTREACH INITIATIVES

This past summer, we sent a young mother and 5 children to enjoy a week at Camp Manitou. They had a wonderful time and the mother plans to put aside money so that they can go again next year! With money from our book sale we were also able to send two young boys to camp. They, too, reported having a great time. None of this would have been possible without our help and they were all most appreciative. It was such a joy to hear about the fun they had. Thank you, once again, to all who were able to help out by donating sleeping bags.

In June, we participated with the Downtown Churches to host a barbecue for all who wished to come. Music, hamburgers, fruit, cookies, pop, and frozen treats plus sunny weather made for a fun-filled event in front of Christ the King Church.

LINC PROGRAM – ANNUAL FALL GET TOGETHER

In October, the Outreach Team hosted a coffee break with the students and staff of the LINC Program which is run on the lower level of Epiphany throughout the week. It is always a great occasion to get to know newcomers to our city and to help them practice their growing language skills!

DIocese OF MOOSONEE YOUTH PROGRAM UPDATE



We are pleased to report that The LivingRoom project in Schumacher is thriving! Recent renovations have created a bright and airy space for youth (and adults) to gather. Find out more on November 4th – our annual appeal Sunday for our national project. Please consider a donation toward youth programs in the Diocese of Moosonee!

INTERNATIONAL PWRDF PROJECT – H₂OH!

The provision of solar suitcases is a very expensive undertaking and is no longer eligible for matching funds from government. The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund recommends we support the H₂Oh! Project instead. Each \$2000 (matched 12 to 1 by the government) pays for a bore hole well to be established in a village in need of a continuous supply of fresh, clean water. It also allows young girls and women to attend school instead of spending many hours every day carrying water. We recently forwarded over \$2700 to the PWRDF with money from our parish contribution, generous donations at our spring appeal, and money raised from the sale of fair trade coffee. Thank you for your generous and continued support!

PROVIDING FOOD AND WARMTH ON FRIDAY NIGHTS

With the cold weather, the Out of the Cold Dinners will be starting soon. Each dinner relies on many volunteers to plan the menu and grocery list, shop for supplies, prep food, cook the main dish and create dessert. Coffee and tea is prepared, tables and chairs set up and dishes set out. Servers fill plates with steaming food and then others take them to each of our many guests. Plates are scraped and added to the assembly line of dishes being washed, dried, and put away, ready for the next dinner in a few short weeks! I think most volunteers would agree that the many “Thanks!” that we hear as our well-fed guests are leaving make it all worthwhile. If you feel that you could help in any of the above areas, please consider responding to the call for volunteers as each meal approaches. Dates for Epiphany dinners are November 16th, January 4th, February 15th, and April 12th.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR ANNUAL BOOK SALE!



Our annual book sale is scheduled for **January 25, 26, and 27, 2019**. The sale will run Friday from 3 to 6pm, and Saturday and Sunday from 9 am to 2 pm. Due to space limitations we cannot accept books until the week of the sale, so find a little space in your basement, closet, or garage and start setting aside books to donate!

DID YOU KNOW...?



Special occasion cards

are available for making a donation to PWRDF in celebration of a particular event in the life of someone you would like to honour (but who may already have everything they need or want).

These lovely cards are available on the Outreach Bulletin Board in the Algoma Room.

'In Memoriam' cards are also available.

Please help yourself (and make sure you take 2 envelopes – one for the card and one addressed to PWRDF).

These are great items to keep on hand – pick up a few of each!

