


Southminster News

Open Hearts
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April 2024

Regular Office Hours
Monday to Friday
9 am to 4 pm



Sunday Worship Services
10:30 a.m.
In person or live streamed on Facebook

Minister's Message:

Hallelujah, Christ is Risen.

Easter has arrived, and with it a renewal of our communion memorial acclamation "Christ has died, Christ is risen, and Christ will come again." Our celebration of Resurrection Sunday at Southminster was absolutely tremendous, and I want to thank everyone who contributed to making Easter the joyful and triumphant festival it should be.

Thank you to Janice Ross, Pat Williams, Taina Arnell, Don Huxley, and Jason Stone for decorating the sanctuary. Thank you to Kade, Chris, and the choir for the music you provided for us throughout all of the services during Holy Week, as well as Bridge Brass: Karly, Ken, Don, Andrew, and René. It is such a privilege to have a brass quintet play for us, making Easter service that much more spectacular.

Along with Easter come the first hints of spring. We have experienced a mild winter, and though that may have given us some personal comfort, we have heard that the lack of snow has set us up for a dry and difficult summer. Therefore, our prayers are with those seeking solutions to mitigate the threats caused by climate change, as well as prayers for our farmers who have already been at work birthing calves, and who will soon be seeding crops. May God be merciful to us, and bless us, against the odds, into having an abundant harvest.

With the disruption in global food supply due to the war in Ukraine, we pray that everyone around the world will have just access to food.

Grace, resurrection, and salvation are at the heart of Easter. May we remember that we are all God's beloved children. God will not forget us or abandon us. Always remember that you are important, not because of what you can provide for someone else, but because you are made in God's image and the Holy Spirit is within you.



Rev. Taylor

Tad Talk on Saturday, April 20th at 10:30 AM in the Lounge

Subject of Discussion: "Funeral and other rituals."

We will have free discussion about Funerals and other kinds of rituals relating to the passing of members of family and friends.

Some people are doing some thinking: *Amy Dodic* is ready to talk about Memorial Coop and Green Burial. I asked *Jack Sherman* to think about traditional Funeral Service. Other people like *Wanda Henderson* are ready to speak about Coop/Memorial Society. We can also discuss the role of Funeral Homes.

Increasingly more people opt for a Secular Memorial gathering in hotels and party rooms. In Japan they have a "Farewell Party" to celebrate the life of deceased.

This meeting is a free for all discussion.

-Rev. Tad Mitsui



United Church Women - UCW Annual Meeting Sunday, April 7

All women of the congregation are welcome to come and meet in the Lounge after the worship service on Sunday, April 7.

We will approve a budget for 2024 and decide where to donate the money raised in 2023. We are also looking for fun ideas for things to do together as a group – movies, lunches, art shows, etc?

If you have other items for the agenda, please call Wanda at 403-327-9311.

The UCW's mission is to love God; foster Christian commitment, faithfulness, and spirituality; and promote respect and love for all God's creation.

Special Film Screening in Lethbridge on April 14th

Please note a special film screening of "In My Own Time" in Lethbridge on Sunday, April 14th, at 12:30 at the Movie Mill.

"In My Own Time" is a documentary film which follows the emotional stories of Canadians who chose to end their suffering through Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD). Navigating this decision leads to life-affirming realizations with family and friends. Internationally recognized medical and legal experts are also featured in the film.

[Watch the official trailer here.](#)

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED - As this is a seated venue, advance registration is required. Admission is free but donations are welcomed and appreciated - suggested donation \$5.

[Register here.](#)

We will also be hosting a panel of three experts who will share their experiences and answer questions as:

- A MAiD Assessor and Provider in Alberta
- A researcher from the University of Lethbridge who has studied the distinct rural considerations of MAiD.
- A volunteer with Bridge C-14 with lived experience who provides support for individuals and families connected to MAiD.

- Tanya Stilson

Coming up on Sunday, April 14 Following worship:

**A historic "Behind the Scenes"
Southminster Tour with Joan
Smith.**

**Joan has attended Southminster
since 1963 and is an absolute
wealth of knowledge what comes
to all things Southminster.**



Archives Corner
by Trish Purkis

Camp Sunday

Do You Remember being an Explorer ?

Do You Remember being a member of C.G.I.T?

Do You Remember being a leader in one or the other?

Do You Remember attending camp as one of the above?



How many of you remember going to **Canyon Church Camp** in your youth? I did. I was an explorer in the early 1960s and spent a week at CCC. Older now, I can't remember what we did for that week. I surmise there were activities such as crafts, Bible Study, hikes, free time for writing letters & post cards home, campfires, singalongs, and fellowship. Most of the kids came together as strangers and when the week was over, parted as friends.

Canyon Church Camp, located in a valley on the way to Red Rock Canyon in Waterton Lakes National Park, was run by the CCC Association with representatives from southern Alberta presbyteries. The camp was leased from the Park Service and the lease renewed every 10 years. In the 1940s and 1950s there were 5-9 camps from May to September with an approximate number of campers between 280 to nearly 500. The camp registrants ranged from senior boys and girls, intermediate boys and girls, junior girls, and boys. Other campers were from organizations like the C.G.I.T., YMCA and other church groups.

As the decades flew by, family camps were added to the lineup. The camps were successful due to the fine directors and leadership, the cooks, the camp nurse, and the many volunteers who met each year before the camp season opened to repair, paint or replace the needed buildings and machinery.

Do you remember the lodge where meals were enjoyed, and names carved into the walls? Or the cabins where you bunked with 6-8 other kids? How about the tuck shop where you purchased postcards, stamps, or treats? Do you remember gathering around the flagpole in the morning or sitting around the outdoor campfire, for sing songs with a leader softly strumming a guitar.

Do you remember the last song of the evening before turning in? *“Day is done gone the sun
From the lake from the hills
from the sky
All is well safely rest
God is nigh”*

*By Trish Purkis,
Church Archivist*

Pictured left:

EXPLORER Canyon Church Camp
July 14 -21, 1961

Waterton, Alta

(Trish first on the left in the back row)



Six O'clock in the Chapel

not available for Sunday morning worship, or prefer something a little less formal? This monthly Saturday evening gathering is for you!

Please join Hilary Squires in worship on **Saturday, April 13 at 6:00 pm** in the small and welcoming Buchanan Chapel.

Not your regular time, not your regular service!



Friday Fit for Life at Southminster 9:30 - 10:15 am.

Group Fitness Class for all fitness levels, ages and genders. Our awesome instructor Victoria keeps us challenged according to the individual fitness level and ability. Bring a friend!

Classes run for 45 minutes in a circuit style. Exercises are designed to be easily modified if needed, while listening to fun music. All equipment provided, just come wearing indoor shoes and comfortable clothes.

by Donation suggested \$5 per person, pay what you can



Our Saturday morning at Ten Thirty activities by Faith Formation Committee are ongoing in April and May! **All offered at 10:30 a.m.**

- April 6: Let's do a simple craft! We'll make something for the bazaar!
- April 13: In the WRITE Mind
- April 20: Tad talk
- April 27: Walkies with AMY
- May 4: Craft with AMY
- May 11: In the Write Mind
- May 18: Tad talk
- May 25 Movie with Gabe? TBD

More information available in our weekly Friday emails.



Fun at Pysanky Egg painting with Amy!



Our Annual Congregational Meeting on March 3, 2024 welcomed a new **Chair of Council, Corinne Steele.**

Continuing as the Secretary of the Board is **Muriel Mellow.** Stepping down from her 3-year chair position is **Gabrielle Dumont.**

Thank you Gabrielle, Muriel and Corinne for your continued leadership!

Men's Breakfast on Saturday, May 4 at 9 AM

Help with set up, cooking, or clean up always welcome!
Cost \$10 per person.

Canyon Church Camp Fundraising is ongoing:

Friday, April 5 Zumbathon at Southminster **5:30 pm to 7 pm** (\$15/20 per person), many fun instructors including our own Gabrielle Dumont.

Friday, April 26 at 6 pm. A fundraiser **Dinner** at McKillop United Church – Save the date, more information to follow in the weekly Friday emails.



Camp Sunday,

April 21, 2024

Rebuilding of the camp will begin this summer – we cannot wait to invite kids and adults back to camp!



One of our wonderful golden ladies, Wanda Henderson, celebrated her 82nd birthday on March 7.

Congratulations to Wanda and her entire family!

If you have a major birthday coming up in the family, please let us know so we can share the happy news!



Southminster hosted another delicious Lenten Soup Lunch on the Leap Day, February 29, 2024. About one hundred guests enjoyed our hospitality.

Thank you to all who prepared soups, buns, desserts; those who set up, served and cleaned up; and to everyone who came to support this Ecumenical gathering between Lethbridge's Christian churches.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p><i>Easter Monday</i></p> <p><i>Office Closed</i></p> <p>7-9pm Bryce (S)</p>	<p>2</p> <p>5:30-7pm It's About Music (Ch)</p> <p>6-6:45pm Zumba (SMH)</p> <p>7-9pm Vox Musica (S)</p> <p>7:15 Museaus (Ch)</p> <p>8-9pm Kickboxing (UH)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>5:30-7pm It's About Music (SMH)</p> <p>7-9:30pm Choir Practice (S)</p> <p>7:15 Museaus (Ch)</p> <p>8-9pm Kickboxing (UH)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:30-12 pm Coffee and Conv. (L)</p> <p>11 am-1 pm Blankets for Canada</p> <p>3pm MaryLee (S)</p> <p>6:30pm Ethel (Ch)</p> <p>8-9pm Kickboxing (UH)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:30 am Fit for Life (SMH)</p> <p>3:30pm MaryLee (S)</p> <p>5-9pm Zumbathon Fundraiser</p> <p>7:15 Museaus (Ch)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9am-12pm Sportball (UH)</p> <p>12:30-2:30pm Sportball BD (UH)</p> <p>1pm Funeral (S, SMH, L)</p> <p>2:30—5 pm Museaus (Ch)</p> <p>3-5pm Sportball BD (UH)</p>	
<p>7</p> <p>9:45-11:45am Lutherans (Ch)</p> <p>10:30 am Worship led by Rev. Ruth Preston Schilk</p> <p>UCW meeting (L)</p> <p>6:30-8:30 pm Community Band (SMH)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9-11 am Sportball (UH)</p> <p>4:45-6:45pm Sportball (UH)</p> <p>6:30-10pm Symphony (SMH)</p> <p>7-9pm Bryce (S)</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10-11 am Sportball (UH)</p> <p>1:15—3:30 pm Museaus (S)</p> <p>4pm Book Club (L)</p> <p>4:45-6:45pm Sportball (UH)</p> <p>5:30-7pm It's About Music (Ch)</p> <p>6-6:45pm Zumba (SMH)</p> <p>7-9pm Vox Musica (S)</p> <p>8-9pm Kickboxing (UH)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10-11 am Sportball (UH)</p> <p>1:15—3:30 pm Museaus (S)</p> <p>4:45-6:45pm Sportball (SMH)</p> <p>5:30-7pm It's About Music (S)</p> <p>7-9:30pm Choir Practice (S)</p> <p>8-9pm Kickboxing (UH)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:30-12 pm Coffee and Conv. (L)</p> <p>11 am-1 pm Blankets for Canada</p> <p>4:30pm-6:30pm Sportball (UH)</p> <p>7-8:30pm String Orch. (SMH)</p> <p>8-9pm Kickboxing (UH)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:30 am Fit for Life (SMH)</p> <p>10-11am Sportball (UH)</p> <p>1-2pm Sportball (SMH)</p> <p>1-2pm Music Together (UH)</p> <p>5:30-9pm Living Word (SMH)</p>	
<p>14</p> <p>9:45-11:45am Lutherans (Ch)</p> <p>10:30 am Worship</p> <p>6:30-8:30 pm Community Band (S)</p> <p>8pm-12am Fly High Tour (SMH)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9-11 am Sportball (UH)</p> <p>4:45-6:45pm Sportball (UH)</p> <p>6:30-10pm Symphony (SMH)</p> <p>7-9pm Bryce (S)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9-10 am Sportball (UH)</p> <p>1:15—3:30 pm Museaus (S)</p> <p>4pm Book Club (L)</p> <p>4:45-6:45pm Sportball (UH)</p> <p>5:30-7pm It's About Music (Ch)</p> <p>6-6:45pm Zumba (SMH)</p> <p>7-9pm Jazz Society (SMH)</p> <p>7-9pm Vox Musica (S)</p> <p>8-9pm Kickboxing (UH)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10-11 am Sportball (UH)</p> <p>12:30-2pm Morn. Conv. (UH)</p> <p>1:15—3:30 pm Museaus (S)</p> <p>4-6pm Music Together (UH)</p> <p>4:45-6:45pm Sportball (SMH)</p> <p>5:30-7pm It's About Music (S)</p> <p>7-9:30pm Choir Practice (S)</p> <p>8-9pm Kickboxing (UH)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:30-12 pm Coffee and Conv. (L)</p> <p>11 am-1 pm Blankets for Canada</p> <p>4:30pm-6:30pm Sportball (UH)</p> <p>5pm Symphony (BR)</p> <p>7-8:30pm String Orch. (S)</p> <p>7:30—8:30pm Rollerskate (SMH)</p> <p>8-9pm Kickboxing (UH)</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10-11am Sportball (UH)</p> <p>9:30 am Fit for Life (SMH)</p> <p>1-2pm Sportball (SMH)</p> <p>1-2pm Music Together (UH)</p> <p>4-6pm Lettbridge</p> <p>Rollerskating (SMH)</p> <p>4-9pm Festival (S, SMH)</p>	
<p>21</p> <p>9:45-11:45am Lutherans (Ch)</p> <p>10:30 am Worship Camp Sunday</p> <p>6:30-8:30 pm Community Band (SMH)</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9-11 am Sportball (UH)</p> <p>4:45-6:45pm Sportball (UH)</p> <p>6:30-10pm Symphony (SMH)</p> <p>7-9pm Bryce (S)</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9-10 am Sportball (UH)</p> <p>4pm Book Club (L)</p> <p>4:45-6:45pm Sportball (UH)</p> <p>5:30-7pm It's About Music (Ch)</p> <p>6-6:45pm Zumba (SMH)</p> <p>7-9pm Jazz Society (SMH)</p> <p>7-9pm Vox Musica (S)</p> <p>8-9pm Kickboxing (UH)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10-11 am Sportball (UH)</p> <p>4-6pm Music Together (UH)</p> <p>4:45-6:45pm Sportball (SMH)</p> <p>6:15-7pm It's About Music (UH)</p> <p>6-8:30pm Chinook School Concert (S)</p> <p>7-9:30pm Choir Practice (Ch)</p> <p>8-9pm Kickboxing (UH)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10-11am Mommy Conv. (WR)</p> <p>10:30-12 pm Coffee and Conv. (L)</p> <p>11 am-1 pm Blankets for Canada</p> <p>4:30pm-6:30pm Sportball (UH)</p> <p>7-8:30pm String Orch. (S)</p> <p>7:30—8:30pm Rollerskate (SMH)</p> <p>8-9pm Kickboxing (UH)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10-11am Sportball (UH)</p> <p>9:30 am Fit for Life (SMH)</p> <p>1-2pm Sportball (SMH)</p> <p>1-2pm Music Together (UH)</p>	
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