### April 28, 2024

## Salmon Arm Church of Christ — Reaching the World for Jesus, One Person at a Time



# John 4: 24 For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

# **Prayer Requests and of Thanksgiving**

Benny O, Warren Scholtz, Sunday Akpan, Dane Bengard and Prison Ministry, Evelyn Bell, Laura, Sherrie's friend, Kathy Henderson. Marg Pinyon's family.

There is so many issues in our country and around the world that are emotionally disturbing. We need to be praying for guidance from God and for His will to be done. As Christians we are the ones who can speak peace and hope into the lives of those we come in contact with on a day to day basis; Speak the LOVE OF Jesus in our conversations.

> There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. 1 JOHN 4:18

# Welcome - To all visitors

Our worship service (10:00 to 11:30). includes communion service. The collection plate is not passed. It is at the back on the projection table.

**Evelyn Bell** of Vernon is receiving radiation to help shrink the cancer growth on her neck. This will hopefully give her some relief. She is not experiencing great pain for which she is very thankful. **Many of our brothers and sisters in Vernon** are in need of prayers, Check with their bulletin to see the long list.

**Dane Bengaard** and the prison Ministry continues to be an effective work for the Lord

**Kathy Henderson,** a fellow worker at the Churches thrift store, is in need of prayers .Her preliminary surgery done on April 11th. She is still needing to have her hip replaced.

**Home again** After a month of traveling around the prairies to visit my children, grands and great grands, I am home again. I am thankful for this opportunity to be with them but love being home again. I feel truly blessed as I was able to worship with Regina, Dauphin and Weyburn congregations.

**JC and Lorraine Murray** send their love .Both are showing signs of decline. They are very cheerful and are contented with their home together in the senior's centre.

The **church of Christ in Dauphin** continue to serve the Lord in their community by serving those who are needy. In several ways they serve. Food bank, clothing, no charge and facilities to live in that are reasonably priced. Also one of the schools in town is served a hot lunch Tuesdays and Thursday. Others in the community have stepped up to help with the volunteering.

There is a **news letter** that I will post on the bulletin board for you to get more details.

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.

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## **Community in Christ**

"I knew that the only way to succeed was to forget about home and my wife, son, and daughter." said Jordan, " i found i can't do that. They're woven into the fabric of my heart and soul."

Alone in a remote area, Jordan was participating in a reality show where contestants were asked to survive outdoors with minimal supplies for as long as possible. What forced him to forfeit competing was not the grizzly bears, freezing temperatures, injury, or hunger, but an overwhelming loneliness and desire to be with his family. We might have all the survival skills necessary for the wilderness, but separating ourselves from community is a sure way to fail. The wise author of Ecclesiastes said," two are better than one, because... we can help the other up..." Christ -honoring community, even with all its messiness, is essential to our thriving. We don't stand a chance against the trials of this world if we try to tackle them on our own. Someone who toils alone, toils in vain. Without community, we're more susceptible to danger. Unlike a single thread," a cord of three strands is not quickly broken." The gift of living and loving in a Christ -focused community is one that not only provides encouragement, but also gives us strength to thrive despite challenging situations. We need each other!

#### Ecclesiastes 4:7 - 12

Two are better than one,

because they have a good return for their labor:

<sup>10</sup> If either of them falls down,

one can help the other up.

But pity anyone who falls

and has no one to help them up.

<sup>11</sup> Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone?

<sup>12</sup> Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves.

A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

Sister cities Posted worship services Circle Church of Christ, Corvallis 9:30 study & 10:30 Worship: <u>2020circle.com/live-archived-</u> worship-video

## Vernon Church of Christ

youtube.com/channel/UCmI4DBB0K2i2-MqJiftY6wQ NOTE Murray Ververda is doing a New series .. Connect with God also sent blessings to our church family. Davenport Church of Christ, Red Deer 10 am Live. <u>facebook.com/davenportchurchofchrist</u> Check out our Facebook group S.A. Church of Christ.

gather together\*

"A CORD OF THREE STRANDS IS NOT EASILY BROKEN."

-Egderiastes 4:12