

# MARCH 2016 FELLOWSHIP NEWS







# JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK!

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 20 @ 10:30 AM

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE WITH COMMUNION FRIDAY, MARCH 25 @10:30 AM

EASTER RESURRECTION CELEBRATION SUNDAY, MARCH 27 @ 10:30 AM

#### From the Pastor:

#### He Makes all Things New: The Hope of New Creation

"He who was seated on the throne said, 'I am making everything new!' Then he said, 'Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." Revelation 21:5

One of the amazingly neglected truths that comes out of the resurrection is the one thing that seems to be missing from so much of our Easter celebration, that Jesus makes all things new. The hope of the resurrection is much more than the forgiveness of our sins, and the washing of our stain filled lives. The hope of the resurrection is the promise of new life as these things mentioned earlier are accomplished.

New Testament Scholar and Professor Scot McKnight said it this way:

"We tend to be Good Friday in our gospel: Jesus died for us. We tend to be Good Friday Christians too: my sins are forgiven. What good is Easter? What difference does the resurrection make for life today?"

The Bible speaks much of the newness of life offered through the resurrection of Jesus:

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

"See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind." Isaiah 65:17

"We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." Romans 6:4

"That, however, is not the way of life you learned when you

heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness." Ephesians 4:20-24

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." Revelation 21:4

This is just a quick sampling of passages that talk of the newness of life offered through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. I could have page upon page of references here, but I think we can get the point.

In a talk given at Catalyst West Conference in 2010, author and philosophy professor Dallas Willard states that the Gospel is not how to get into heaven when you die, but rather "how to get into heaven before you die." He states that the New Testament writers often address us as believers as if we have already died. Because the life we live after receiving God's saving grace is new life lived in and through the resurrected and living Christ.

With this thought and the scriptures mentioned in this article, can we dare dream of more than just our sins being forgiven this Easter? Can we dream about the life that we can now live as we possess newness of life through the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ? This is the life that the Lord has created us for and the life that we have available to us. Let's embrace this life!

In the power of His resurrection, *Pastor Dennis* 

Keeping in line with our church's mission, our goal is to create an open and inviting space for young adults (18 - 35) to worship God and share life together.

Bible study: every Tuesday evening from 7-9 pm at the church in the Youth Room. For a list of upcoming topics, search LFC Young Adults on Facebook.

**Upcoming Community Nights:** 

Family Feud: Friday, March 18th, 7-9 pm in the sanctuary. Check the

Facebook group for more information.





# SISTERlife (Women's Ministry) announcements:

#### A.B.A. LADIES RETREAT - Camp Caroline March 18-20, 2016

Stressed? Overwhelmed? Needing Rest? Like to Laugh? Join us for the 2016 Ladies' Retreat! Come find sweet renewal as we soak in the presence of Christ and find the needed rest that only His presence can bring. Guest Speaker: Hilary Price

REGISTER online at www.campcaroline.ca/events. Registration Deadline February 29, 2016.

WAR ROOM Bible Study (5 sessions) will begin on Monday, April 4, 2016 from 12:45-3 PM. PAID REGISTRATIONS OF \$15.00 REQUIRED. Please indicate if you will need childcare, it will be provided upon request. REGISTRATION **DEADLINE IS MARCH 20TH** and is available by responding on our Facebook page, or email sisterlife@leducfellowship. ca OR contact Corinna Weslosky (780-665-3419)

## **ARMOUR OF GOD Bible Study** by Priscilla Shirer

All day, every day, an invisible war rages around you — unseen, unheard, yet felt throughout every aspect of your life. A devoted, devilish enemy seeks to wreak havoc on everything that matters to you: your heart, your mind, your marriage, your children, your relationships, your resilience, your dreams, your destiny. But his battle plan depends on catching you unaware and unarmed. If you're tired of being pushed around and caught with your guard down, this study is for

The Enemy always fails miserably when he meets a woman dressed for the occasion. The Armor of God, more than merely a biblical description of the believer's inventory, is an action plan for putting it on and developing a personalized strategy to secure victory.

This 7-session study begins on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 from 7-9 PM. Location TBA. PAID REGISTRATIONS OF \$20.00 REQUIRED. REGISTRATION **DEADLINE IS MARCH 20TH** and is available by responding on our Facebook page, or email sisterlife@leducfellowship.ca

COMING on APRIL 9th at 7 pm - "Banana Splits Ladies night." Come and join us for a FUN evening of getting to know our sisters here at Leduc Fellowship Church. Personal testimonies will be shared, and lots of banana splits will be enjoyed!



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# LFC Kids Newsletter:

We are excited to see the many new faces in our LFC Kids programs, and look forward to learning about Jesus with you! Here are the opportunities for your children ages birth to Grade 6 along with contact information that you might need.

#### **DURING THE WEEK:**

Moms & Tots: Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30am. In March we will meet on the first three Wednesdays (2nd, 9th & 16th) and will NOT be meeting on last two Wednesdays (23rd & 30th). Contact Adrienne Braithwaite - litldods@shaw.ca

# Jujubes (Grades 5-6): Meets every other Wednesday, 6:45-

Contact Darrell Ohlmann - darrellohlmann@yahoo.ca or text/call 780-970-8245

#### LFC KIDS: SUNDAY MORNINGS from 10:15-12:00

**Nursery** for ages birth to 18 months and **Toddler Room** for ages 18-36 months. Contact Heather Feldbusch - feldbusch@ shaw.ca or text/call: 780-906-3516

#### 3-K class and Grades 1-4 class.

Contact Joanne Gulley - joanne@leducfellowship.ca or text/call: 780-441-1671

#### **COMING THIS SUMMER!**

CAVE QUEST VBS! Coming August 22-26! VBS will be available for kids going into Kindergarten through Grade 5. Our theme is Following Jesus - The Light of the World! If you are interested in helping in any capacity, talk to Joanne. We will again be offering nursery and a program for Preschoolers for the children of VBS workers. Don't miss out!

#### RE-IMAGINE BUILDING PROJECT COLLECTION BANKS!!

In April 2014, LFC Kids had the opportunity to take home small collection banks to fill up with coins to then give towards the Re-Imagine Building Campaign. We are now asking kids to bring back their banks during the month of February and put the money they've collected in the large water cooler containers marked and located at either Check-In Station. We will then pray over the funds with the kids in the March 7 morning church service. Banks are also still available if any children are still interested in taking one home. Thanks to the kids for their hard work and participation with this!

Any questions concerning LFC Kids Ministries can be directed to Joanne Gulley at joanne@leducfellowship.ca or text/call: 780-441-1671.

## Youth



Come hang out with us every Wednesday from

6:30-8:30pm.

For the most current news and info, join our Facebook group LFC Youth, and follow us on twitter @LFCYouth



# Wednesday, March 9 1:00-4:00pm

We meet every month to do some White Cross work cutting and rolling bandages to send to missions.

# LFC Senior's Lunch Thursday, March 17 at noon

Cost: \$6

You will receive a call from the planning committee. If you are newer to the church and haven't been called in the past, please call the office: 780.986.9299.

# March 20~ Hymn Sing

6:00 p.m. at McKernan Baptist, Edmonton. For more info call Gladys at 780.986.8920. S

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Everyone is welcome!



## Re-Imagine Update

Greetings to all from the Building Committee.

It is very exciting to see how far we have come in one month. As we can all see, we now have a wood structure up. Let me give you in simple point form of the things that have been done over the last month or so:

- Framing has been completed on the north side
- Inspection from structural engineer has been done
- Roof curbs for the heating/air conditioning units have been placed
- Roofing has been completed except for the perimeter flashing
- Roof drains have been plumbed in
- Electrical material is on site, and rough in electrical has started
- Windows have been ordered and should be on site early March
- Door frames and steel doors have been ordered for the exterior
- Sprinkler contractor has been chosen
- Stucco contractor has been chosen

The building committee has also commissioned Michelle Dale, and Amy Bender to be on a Design Committee to work under and alongside our committee. They have been doing lots of planning for design and colors.

We want to complete the north addition so the office staff can move over, then, once the frost comes out of the ground, the construction crew will be starting the South and West addition.

From time to time, when there is a need for help, we will send out an email requesting certain services required for the building. I have been very pleased with the responses we have had in the past, and it is appreciated.

Thank you for your prayers and giving. Keep it up. Warren Bender On behalf of the Building Expansion Committee



## LFC Staff:

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## Office hours:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 9:00am - 4:00pm Tuesday: 9:00 am - 12:00pm. Thursdays & Holidays the office is closed.