

WHAT'S YOUR NEXT STEP?

"What's Next...?" How about a little bit of good and uplifting reading? Did you know that we have a "Give & Take" Library, located in the south side of the entryway? A "Give & Take" library is a place where you can TAKE a book home that interests you, or you can LEAVE a book that you've read, that you think would be encouraging and uplifting for others to read.

Pastor Marc has read and placed the book, *The Epic of Eden*, by Sandra Richter in the library. Here's what he says about the book:

"Does the Old Testament seem like just a jumble of unconnected stories, like that drawer in your house that's filled with random objects? Does all that ceremony and cultural stuff mystify you? Do you wonder why the Old Testament matters for disciples of Jesus? We've got a book in our church library that will help put the pieces together for you!

Consider reading *The Epic of Eden: A Christian Entry into the Old Testament*."

You can also read a post that Pastor Marc wrote about the book on our website at: www.malmochurch.ca/pastor-marcs-discipleship-resources/

*"There is a great deal of difference
between an eager man who wants to read a book
and the tired man who wants a book to read."
- G.K. Chesterton*



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

*We love to fellowship together after the Sunday morning service. Join us downstairs for a cup of coffee & some goodies.
A huge thank you to all who provide the treats every week!*

Oct 14	Lisa & Allison	Nov 18	Lise & Lisa R.
Oct 21	Christy & Karen	Nov 25	Eunice & Veronica
Oct 28	Edie & Carolyn	Dec 2	Elnice & Delora
Nov 4	Sarah & Pattie	Dec 9	Stacey & Marlies
Nov 11	Linda & Charlene	Dec 16	Ruth & Jenell

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TODAY'S WORSHIP

We're so glad that you joined us this morning. Please make yourself at home, as we worship together.

If you are in need of hearing assistance, please see today's Audio team, Keith & Matthias, in the back corner of the sanctuary & they'll be able to provide you with a hearing device.

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

- Pastor Randall
- Pastor Marc
- Dixie Vandersluys

OUR WORSHIP SONGS

- As It Is In Heaven
- Great Are You Lord
- Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OUR SCRIPTURE

- Hebrews 4:12-16 (NIV)
- Psalm 90:12-17 (NIV)

- All Who are Thirsty
- Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus
- Jesus All for Jesus
- Salvations Belongs to God

***'Kids Place' is available downstairs for restless toddlers & their caregivers.*

OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS PRAYER

Monday:

- ❖ Jenell - Executive Board meetings this weekend; pray for peace & confidence
- ❖ Helen M.
- ❖ Bert & Vivian
- ❖ Tinis & Stengel families, grieving

Tuesday:

- ❖ Steve-health & waiting for tests
- ❖ Jillian R - health
- ❖ Larry J. - surgery Nov. 6
- ❖ Monika's sister, Leah - in recovery program
- ❖ Kathy's sister, Becky & husband Neil - broken marriage

Wednesday:

- ❖ Youth Night
- ❖ Kathy - back pain & for specialist appointment
- ❖ Nadene - health
- ❖ Reed B. - looking for work
- ❖ Audrey - health

Thursday:

- ❖ Malmo New Build Committee - pray for wisdom in decisions
- ❖ Farmers & harvest
- ❖ Tamara - new job at Sacred Heart School
- ❖ Callah R. - headaches/ concussion symptoms

Friday:

- ❖ Pastors & Leaders of Malmo
- ❖ Be praying for 'What's Next', for each of us here at Malmo
- ❖ Mom, Shayla - health
- ❖ Dave A
- ❖ Miranda - discouraging days

Saturday:

- ❖ Gateway Covenant Church, Prince Albert, SK
- ❖ Sieg & Maxine
- ❖ Marcella - prayer for her
- ❖ Lisa R - waiting for surgery on knee.

Email prayer requests to: malmoprayer@gmail.com

Life at Malmo

THIS WEEK

Sunday	Sunday School (9:45am) Worship Service (11:00am)
Tuesday	Men's Prayer (6:30am)
Wednesday	Youth Night (6:00 - 8:30pm)
Next Sunday	Sunday School (9:45am) Worship Service & NOW Giving Sunday (11:00am)

NEXT STEP OPPORTUNITIES

SACRED SPACE RETREAT

OCT. 19-21

Lead by Pastor Randall. Register at: www.covenantbay.ca

FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

OCT. 23

Everyone welcome to come at 7:00pm to hear all the exciting things that are happening at Malmo.

ALIVE RETREAT IN CANMORE AB

OCT. 26-28

Register at: www.covchurch.ca. Pamphlets on the Malmo Info table.

"A BREATH OF FRESH AIR" LADIES RETREAT

NOV. 3

A time of relaxing, worship, fellowship & food with reflections from Beth Moore's "A Woman's Heart". Location: Pattie P's home. Cost \$20. Sign up sheet on bulletin board. Sign up by: October 28th (room for 16 ladies)

ECUADOR MISSIONS TRIP

FEB. 15-25/19

Registration deadline: November 1st. Pamphlets on the Malmo Info table

ISRAEL/PALESTINE STUDY TOUR

MAY 9-18/19

Cost: \$2,000 USD/person plus airfare. Space is limited to 42 people. Send a deposit of \$300 before January 15/19 to reserve your spot. Information pamphlets are on the Malmo Info table in the foyer.

FAMILY LIFE CANADA MARRIAGE RETREAT

A weekend retreat with your spouse to invest in your marriage. Interested? Talk to the Pastors, as there are resources available for you to attend.

- November 16-18 at Jasper, AB
- April 5-7 at Waskesiu Lake, SK
- April 12-14 at Lake Louise, AB

www.familylifecanada.com for all the details.

NEWS

PASTOR APPRECIATION

Here's some more ideas, as you consider how to appreciate our two amazing pastors:

- ☑ Gift them with tickets to a concert or play
- ☑ A card written to encourage and bless them
- ☑ A jar of treats or homemade goodies
- ☑ We still have 'thank you cards' available, for your kids to colour and write their thanks, to appreciate the pastors as well! (They're available with the kids activity sheets in the foyer.)

PARENTS - WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We're having quite an issue keeping our church clean after Sunday morning coffee time. Plates with food, half full juice glasses and litter are being left behind in the classrooms and the office area by the children. (We are having trouble with rodents in the church, and this isn't helping.)

Parents, could you please talk with your children about the importance of cleaning up their dishes, after they've had their snack?

Thanks so much.



COMMUNITY NEWS

N.O.W. CHRISTMAS BACK PACK CAMPAIGN

Neighbors Outreach Wetaskiwin is inviting churches, businesses, schools & individuals to help make Christmas 'merrier' for their clients. Backpacks filled with toiletries, winter gear, gift cards & more are needed. Please see the Community Bulletin Board for all the details. Filled back packs can be dropped off at N.O.W., anytime before December 20th.

GIDEONS ANNUAL FALL BANQUET

November 5, 2018 at the Wetaskiwin Mission Church. Tickets \$20. See the poster on Community Bulletin Board for all the details.

SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITIES



“Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.”

~ Hebrews 10:24-25

Due to the weather and the late harvest, our small groups have been delayed in starting. Thanks for your patience as we've been organizing and gathering details for this year's small groups.

Here's a number of different small groups for you to participate in. Stay tuned for more groups and information to come.

“Just Open the Door” Small Group

- *Just Open the Door*, by Jen Schmidt, is a 7-week study on a biblical look at hospitality. This study will help us think about hospitality differently and equip us to walk a road of welcome in our daily lives. Meeting Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00am. Talk to Pattie if you are interested in participating.

“Crescendo” Small Group

- A 6-week small-group study for 'Boomers' and older adults. This study will be about developing the holistic & ongoing growth of adults in the later phases of life including spiritual, physical, intellectual, community, emotional & service aspects of life & discipleship. Be prepared to share & participate in the Word, in discussion & in prayer. The group will meet, alternating between a town location at Dennis & Ruth's, and a country location at Andy & Jenell's. Begins Thursday, November 1st at 7:00pm. Talk to Ruth or Jenell if you are interested in participating.

“Discipleship Book Club” Small Group

- *The Good and Beautiful God: Falling in Love with the God Jesus Knows*, by James Bryan Smith. An important step in our journey towards Christlikeness is thinking right thoughts about God. This book helps us on this journey through teaching, stories, and spiritual practices. This is a 9-chapter study with flexible meeting times. Talk to Pastor Marc if you are interested in participating.

Small Group at Lorne & Eunice Nelson's

- This group meets weekly for bible study, sharing and prayer. Pastor Randall will be doing some teaching there, after November. Talk to Lorne or Eunice if you are interested in participating.

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CONFERENCE NEWS

Gateway Covenant Church, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan

We are thankful for the ECCC's commitment to living out 1 Tim. 2:1 in our conference. Pastor Seth & Stacia Michael took a sabbatical over the summer months. It was nice to be able to step away from life in ministry for a bit and to focus on recharging one's own spiritual batteries. While Seth & Stacia were away, Gateway continued to partner with two other congregations in town & held joint summer worship services. It is always good to fellowship with other believers outside of Gateway to remind us of how diverse the people of God really is. Summer was also a time for our associate pastor Linea to have a breather from her ministry at The Gate as she and other volunteers from the church minister to our HIV/Hep-C and homeless population.

Gateway is currently working their way through a series on the Holy Spirit. It has been good to remember and reaffirm the work the Spirit of God does in the life of God's people. Continue to pray for Gateway as we do our best to listen to what God's Spirit is saying to us as a church, and also that we would be bold enough to follow the Spirit when it prompts us to move.

We see God at work in our midst as the first Sunday the pastors were back from their Sabbatical we had 21 new visitors. That is something to definitely praise God about. Many of these visitors were refugees from the DRC, so please pray for us as we navigate the communication barriers. On another praise worthy note, a fellow who is working on sponsoring his wife and kids to come to Canada has seen great progress through the immigration system. Things seem to be lining up so that they are moving closer & closer to being able to come over. Please continue to pray over that situation as we trust God to overcome all the red tape that may appear in matters of immigration.

God has been graciously & generously providing for the ministry at The Gate this year in surprising ways. A local business owner sought out a relationship with The Gate & donated boxes of frozen meatballs, sauce, & noodles. A church in a neighboring town provided donations of peanut butter & jam. Pastor Linea has not had to buy bread for a ministry that serves toast to dozens every morning in over a year!

Gateway's Kids' Club program is active & strong this year. Plenty of kids and God has provided enough volunteers! It has been good to have some interactions with the parents as they pick up their kids. It has been nice to hear from one parent in particular who has some children with special needs. She says this 1 hour and half away from her kids has been a blessing for her and her husband, because not too many places she feels comfortable just dropping her kids off. That is the kind of ministry we are excited to see happening in our community, where people are feeling like the church in their neighborhood is relevant & meaningful.

Always pray we seek to live out our mission to be people who welcome all as we encourage one another to know & follow Jesus Christ and serve our community. Stacia Michael, Pastor

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