

Millwoods Community Church

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April Newsletter

Dear Millwoods Community Church,

"The Lord is risen! The Lord is risen indeed! Sing this aloud, proclaim it to the ends of the earth: the Lord has set his people free." These are the opening words of our prayer for Easter. Every year I try to let these be the first words we share in our Easter celebration. They are the foundation of our faith. God experienced death but the grave could not hold the Creator and the gates, chains, and power of death broke asunder when Jesus rose on Easter.

Death has been defeated. It holds no sway over our lives. That is the truth we proclaim each Easter and I encourage you to live your days in this truth. Be free from the chains of death and use your life to continue breaking the chains of death and diminished life that still affect God's children. Do this for yourself and for others. Use this to evaluate your big or challenging decisions, asking, "Does this help pull God's children away from death and diminished life and towards abundant life? Or does it contribute to diminished life for God's children?"

Easter is not a historical event we celebrate, but an on-going and continuing reality that we get to contribute to. Easter is the thing larger than ourselves that helps give our lives meaning.

Living into Easter is not always easy. Sometimes it is incredibly challenging. That's why we do it together as a community. If you need help, reach out. I'm always happy to listen. None of us is sufficient alone, but together we are more whole.

May the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good so that we may do God's will, working among us all that is pleasing in God's sight. Amen"

Peace to you, Pastor Aaron

F.Y.I Corner

Congregational Conversation Followup

Join us after service on April 28, September 8, November 17 to review and follow up on how our congregational conversation ideas are working out. Lunch will be provided.

Women's Bible Study

This is a 4 week Bible Study called: "I'm Waiting God - Finding Blessings in God's Delays" by Barb Roose.

In this four-week Bible study, Barb Roose invites us to explore the stories of women in the Bible who had to wait on God— women such as Hannah, Ruth, Martha, and the unnamed woman who suffered for over a decade with a painful medical condition. If you've felt anxious, angry, discouraged or depressed because God isn't giving you what you want, their stories will breathe fresh hope and practical next steps in your life. As a reforming control lover, Barb mixes in her personal stories of learning how to wait for God during long seasons of unanswered prayers, family difficulties, and challenging times in ministry. Together we will discover that there is goodness and blessing to be found in times of waiting, including a closer relationship with God than we've ever dared to dream."

It will be held on Tuesday's starting on April 9th, 2024 Time: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM. Where: Millwoods Community Church Fireside Room 2304 38 Street NW, Edmonton When: every other Tuesday as follows: April 9, 23 and May 7, 21.

Please advise Britt Wudel at <u>gbwudel@gmail.com</u> Cell: 780-218-6385 if you would like her to order a book for you, or if you are interested in joining.

Wings Mother's Day Tea *We are excited to celebrate together in person!* **Date:** Saturday May 11th, 12:30pm to 3pm (Doors open at 11:30am) **Location:** Heritage Park (Venue) in Stony Plain, AB! 5100 41 Ave, Stony Plain, AB

Tickets: \$65 each (\$30 Tax Deductible Receipt Issued) or

 Table of 8: \$520.00
 This year's event will include:

- Tea and light refreshments from Upper Crust Cafe, and special sweets from The Melting Pot
- Special Guest Speaker
- Exclusive In-Person Only Raffle Packages
- 50/50 Raffle and Door Prizes
- Photo Booth & more!

Vegetarian and Gluten Free options available upon request - contact Debbie at 780-426-4985

All proceeds support WINGS' programs, which provide hope and healing to women and children who have escaped domestic violence. *Thank you for your support!*

(When you register you can indicate that you'd like to sit at the Millwoods Community Church table)



MWCC Annual Golf Tournament

Yes you heard correctly the MWCC annual golf tournament is already booked for June 1st, 2024. More details will follow.

If you have any questions feel free to speak to Kevin, Ron, or Bryan. Add this date to your summer calendar and be sure to join us for this fun event. (Melanie needs to move Pastor Aaron out of first place bragging rights:))

Van-Es Dinner Fundraiser

Join Megan in this fundraiser to send kids to camp for free! On June 1, doors open at 5pm, dinner at 6pm! There will be a silent auction, live entertainment with all proceeds going towards our camper experience fund.

Tickets are 70\$ + a small service fee if purchased on eventbrite, however alternatively people can contact me directly for tickets at Megankpbedford@gmail.com or 780-996-5799

https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/van-es-summer-camper-experience-fundraising-dinner-tickets-8160835 76947?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listin g&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl

Thank you!! Megan Bedford

Save the date

MWCC annual golf tournament is already booked for June 1, 2024. So mark your calendars to be there! More details to follow closer to the date.

Community Care & Connection

Visitations

Need a visit or call from your Pastor or know someone who does? Just let him know 780-862-9453.

Millwoods Prayer List

Barb S, Armand, Bernie, Meta, Susan, Bill and Gladys, Velma & Lawrence, Carol & Irene, Cindy & Harold, all those who are suffering with colds/flus this season, BECD, the people of Ukraine, the people of Middle East, MWCC Joint Board.



The church candle fund is an ongoing offering. So far this fund has helped us order WeCan food for those in need, purchase non perishables for the church food cupboard, pay for a car ride for less fortunate people to make it to shelter late at night. We could not be the church we are without you! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts Aaron, Katie, and Melanie!!

WeCan Food Basket



We are looking for more volunteers to help out with the distribution of food that we receive for our WeCan food baskets. This is a great opportunity to support the Edmonton community around us. We are fortunate to have our pickup depot grow substantially. If you would like to help please speak to: Ken, Sandy, Ron, Sonja, or Pastor Aaron.

To place an order please

- go to <u>WECAN Food Basket Society</u> to order online. Or,
- For in-person cash orders, please come to the church on the third Thursday of the month from noon-2:00 (the same as our pick up time).



MWCC YouTube Channel

Here's the <u>link</u> to our YouTube channel or scan the new QR code with your phone. Please subscribe again! Any questions feel free to talk to Pastor Aaron.

Food Pantry Needs

Our food pantry has helped several families since the middle of December and we're currently low on or out of: shelf stable fruits and vegetables, cereal, oatmeal, and powdered potatoes, powdered milk, peanut butter, jam, drink crystals, pasta sauce. Our neighbours would greatly appreciate it if you could bring any of these items in for the pantry.

Worship

Thanks to all those who have helped out Charlene and Sherry with volunteering for our Sunday services. You are awesome!

Musicians for Sunday Worship

Are you interested in joining us by using your talents and skills in music for our Sunday morning services? If you are interested in doing this please contact Katie with a few Sundays you are free to participate in.

Donate

If you would like to give an offering or donation to our church you may do so by: mailing in vour offerings, sending an E-Transfer to office@mcchurch.ca, or go to www.mcchurch.ca and click on the donate button on the top of the homepage, and choose which method of donation you wish to use.

District Newsletter

The Canadian District Dispatch has been restarted! The volunteer who is creating the newsletter is using a new program to keep the newsletter readable and accessible, and to make distribution easier and faster. The best way to receive the District Dispatch each month is to subscribe using your personal email address. Your email address will only be used for district communications and will not be shared, and you can unsubscribe at any time by clicking the "unsubscribe" link toward the bottom of any District Dispatch.

To subscribe, please click this link: <u>http://eepurl.com/iAb9cM</u>. If you are unable to click the link, copy and paste or type it into your browser. The only information we collect is your name and email address. Thank you for supporting this effort to get district information to a wider audience more efficiently!

"Millwoods Community Church gathers on Treaty 6 Territory, the traditional lands of First Nations and Metis People, and on the former Papaschase Reservation." Learn more here.

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APRIL 2024							
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
			10-12 We Can in person order		We can orders due		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
10:30 Worship		1-3 Women's bible study at MWCC fireside rm.					
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
10:30 Communion Worship				12-2pm WeCan Pickup			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
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28	29	30	MAY 1	2	3	4	
10:30 Worship		SPRING CLEAN UP SIGN UP SHEET Coming May 2024!					
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