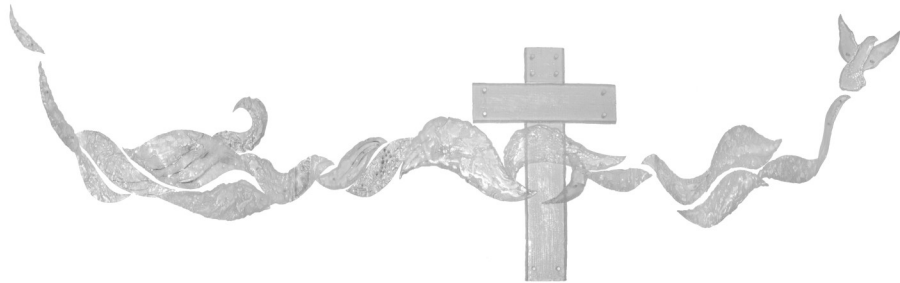


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RESOLVING TO RESOLVE DIFFERENTLY

Although January 1st is really just a day like any other it stands out in our calendar because it marks a boundary between one year and the next. As we separate one year from the next by celebrating the New Year we often feel compelled to take stock of our life, reflecting upon what we see as our shortcomings and our successes. And so we may vow to build on our successes or remedy our shortcomings by eliminating unhealthy behaviours and/or by adopting new ones.

Common New Year's resolutions include goals related to health and fitness, financial well-being, careers, relationships, and spiritual disciplines. A quick search on the internet presents a multitude of articles describing the dos and don'ts of crafting good New Year's resolutions such as "How to achieve your New Year's resolution" or "The New Year's Resolution Guide." These articles are an indicator of the fact that many of us set out with goals that we soon realize we can't live up to.

I must confess that I'm not big on New Year's resolutions. Perhaps it's because I've experienced how difficult they can be to follow through with. Even when I've been careful to craft a goal that seems manageable, I inevitably reach a point when I fall short on the follow through (some years much sooner than others). And when that happens it's hard not to feel guilty or self-critical. There's often a sense that once we fall short of our goal we have failed completely. There's a lot of pressure with a New Year's goal – the opportunity to set them only comes once a year. So when you fall short of your goal, can you really just pick up and start again? In your heart you know that the goal is still worthwhile but there's a part of you that knows that even if you pick up and start again it's not the "pure" success you had hoped for.

In spite of my disaffection for New Year's resolutions, I firmly believe that it is indeed beneficial for us to set goals for ourselves. This life is not just some waiting room for a higher purpose. Jesus' own ministry lifts up the ideal of health and wholeness of the "whole person;" of body, mind, heart, spirit. And so, as we think about setting goals for ourselves, whether for New Year's or at any time in our lives, there are a couple of things that I would like to lift up for your reflection.

The first is the reality that we can't change our nature. We're not perfect, we're human. Even when we know what we should do, we won't always be able to follow through. As we set goals, it's important to remember to be gentle with ourselves; to develop a non-judgmental posture. Most of us are our own worst critics and learning to accept our shortcomings is a necessary part of personal growth (and easier said than done!).

The second is the reality that our strength comes not from ourselves but from God. So often we forget to "let go and let God." We get frustrated and down on ourselves, forgetting about the one who gives us life and walks with us in life. In those moments when we're really struggling to live as we know we ought, it's important to remember that we can surrender all of ourselves – our hopes, dreams, struggles, challenges – to God and that God hears our prayers and will answer us (although perhaps in unexpected ways).

As I was writing this article I came across a beautiful quote from Martin Luther. Luther describes the Christian life in this way: *"This life therefore is not righteousness, but growth in righteousness, not health but healing, not being but becoming, not rest but exercise. We are not yet what we shall be, but we are growing toward it, the process is not yet finished, but it is going on, this is not the end, but it is the road. All does not yet gleam in glory, but all is being purified."*

Although we can't know where life will take us we do know that life is not static. Rather it is a process that involves taking steps forwards, and sometimes taking a few back or to the side. And we will never fully arrive at "success" no matter how we define the word. Rather, each day is a new opportunity to live into that ideal that God sets before us. Each day is a chance to start afresh, to live out our faith anew, whether that day is January 1st or any of the other 364 days in the year.

Blessings to you in all your New Year endeavors! May you know the peace and love of Christ in all that you set out to do.

Intern Pastor Laura



CAMEROON MISSION REPORT

Melissa Colquhoun



The October 30th Thanksgiving dinner brought back a lot of memories of me. As you may know, I went to Cameroon in February 2010. When the Thanksgiving committee of Grace Lutheran was talking about what to “support” with some of the funds raised from the dinner, they thought of Cameroon and I was asked to help think of areas that the funds could go to in Cameroon.

On my Mission Trip to Cameroon, I went with 7 other members from MNO and two trip leaders. We were divided into three groups that we worked with: the Evangelism Training (Pastor Tom Lurvey, Pastor Sabine Milevski and Caroline Wintonwi), Femme Pour Christe (Lisa Janke and Pastor Carol Janke) and Kids Helping Kids (myself, Rebecca Schultz and Lindsay Byron). We spent almost three weeks working with these different groups.

We went to be Companions with our brothers and sisters in Cameroon. We all had different ideas of what Mission was and what being a companion meant. I believe that Caroline Wintonwi summed up our trip best: “It was to walk in solidarity with our sisters and brothers. Cameroon is our companion synod, and what do companions do? They laugh together, cry together, and share life together. When spending time with friends, you learn from each other. And that is just what occurred in Africa.”

The three groups we worked in were:

1. The Evangelism Training: The team found Cameroonian Christians exuding vitality and joy. Churches are full to the brim. And evangelism is at the heart of what they do as a church. Pastor Etienne Fongbami works directly with Evangelism in Cameroon. He said of evangelism in Cameroon: “Remember when Jesus said we should give a cup of water in Jesus’ name? We literally do that. We say, ‘I’m giving you this *in the name of Jesus!*’” The evangelism group spent four days at a training event for evangelists.

“How do you teach people to be evangelists?” the group asked. Here is what they heard:

1) Check your motivation for evangelism. In Acts 1:8 Jesus said to his disciples, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses....” We do evangelism not to fill empty pews, but because it is Jesus’ great commission to his disciples.

2) Know and understand your faith. Study the Bible individually and in groups. You can’t share what you don’t have.

3) Always be ready to share your faith story. Here in Canada we’re afraid and uncomfortable sharing our faith, in part because we seldom are called upon to articulate our faith, even in church. Give people opportunity to practice putting their faith into words.

4) Pray. Pray, pray, pray, pray, pray. The Cameroonian Christians know the source of their strength.

2. Femmes Pour Christe: This translates to Women for Christ. It is similar to Canada’s former ELW. It is a place where women come together to share their faith freely. They can have a safe place to learn and to share their troubles.

Lisa Janke explained it this way: The gates of a church, which reminded us of many of the A-frame churches dotted over our Canadian landscape, except this one was open to the air, the noise of the market, and the children playing in the open space between the church and the school. We were ushered to the front, to sit on chairs facing the gathered women. There were quite a few – of all ages and stages of life with their children and grandchildren sitting quietly with them, or running free indoors and out. The welcome they gave us was warm, as they sang songs and smiled at these very pale visitors among them. Our favorite song had the words, “You have given us Canadian sisters, what can we give you Lord?” We danced with them as they sang in melodious harmony. It was wonderful. As they began to speak and tell of their work, we noticed immediately that their theology was very conservative. They saw God as always judging, seeing all our sins. There were a few words of grace, but they seem to be lost by the judgment that is overwhelming.

We invited them to tell us about themselves and their lives and discovered that although many of the women have 5-10 children, quite a few others are childless and suffering because of it. The pain of this was made clear by the skit they performed for us at the end of our session together. It was about what happens to women who are childless. Husbands put them out of the home and take a new wife. The message of the skit, while moralistic in nature, was their reality – if not for Jesus there would be no hope. We also discovered that many women work until they cannot and then pray there is family to care for them. One woman was caring for all her grandchildren as her three sons and their wives had died from HIV/AIDS.

The women asked desperately for handouts and help. They believe that we are rich and have unlimited resources, which in comparison to what they have is likely true. When no money was forthcoming and after being told we are on a journey of accompaniment with them, their shocked disbelief was palpable. In fact the next day some women shunned us when they were told this. Literally turned their back when we came close to speak to them.

Companionship is not simple. There were difficult times because there is such a difference between us. We are among the richest people in the world in terms of material resources. They live with so little.

CAMEROON MISSION REPORT

(continued)

3. Kids Helping Kids: William and Fanta are friends, co-workers and social workers in the hospital in Cameroon. William works in palliative care and Fanta in pediatrics. They saw all the deaths of parents and all the orphans left behind. After talking to the hospital a foster program was started.

With the help of Pastor Jack and Val Fredrick, along with William and Fanta, this orphan program is now 100% supported by MNO Synod. Requirements for the orphan program would be orphaned, abandoned or "street kids". The program offers get togethers monthly, with "topics of the day". They hand-out food to the foster families every two months. They also put together hygiene and school "kits" and hand them out monthly. When we were there on the Friday, we helped package food bags. To supplement the diet of one child is \$65.00/year; this is for 3 cups of rice, 1L of oil, one bag of peanuts, one bar of soap, and one bag of powered milk (or enough food for three days, given out every two months).

We met the children on Sunday for their monthly meeting. There are 60 children in the program; 82 children showed up to meet us. It was at the hospital and it was beautiful. The children all shook our hands and introduced themselves to us. The children preformed for us. They put on a play, sang and put on a dance contest. We came to the conclusion that white women can't dance!!

After watching and listening to the children, we went to the container to hand out bags. There are 60 children in the program, who have to get bags; we had enough food to package 70 bags. It was heart breaking knowing that there were 12 children that went without a bag; but everyone got a toothbrush that we had brought.

Future planning would be to support children in attending school. It would cost \$65.00/year to send one child to elementary school. We are hoping to have a fundraising campaign that as started with the new "Kids Helping Kids" DVD and Sunday school program.

There are many ways that we can help. Yes, helping financially is beneficial but helping by praying is also effective. Lets take a part of Cameroon and bring it here. Pray, Pray, Pray; like all our groups learned. We came from far away and the people that we met gave thanks for us. Lets return the favor and give thanks for them. I will be forever changed by this experience and I hope that I will never forget what I was a part of. Thanks for helping me remember.

Melissa Colquhoun



DINNER AND STUDY

starting on Wednesday January 12, 2011 and continuing on Wednesdays until March 2, 2011.

We will gather for dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the studies begin at 7:30 p.m. The sign up sheets have been posted on the table in the entry way. The four studies being offered are listed below.

Rooted in God. Personal Prayer as the soil of Christian Life.

In the busyness of life, setting aside time to pray can be a challenge but prayer is the essential soil in which our relationship with God is rooted and grows. In this study we will explore and practice several forms of contemplative prayer. Not only will you acquire practices to enrich your prayer life but each Wednesday will be an opportunity to take time out to pray, and share the joys and challenges of maintaining a discipline of personal prayer. Led by Intern Pastor Laura

A look at the Major Tenants of the Lutheran Church.

How to tell the difference between Law and Gospel, Baptism, Communion, How to Read the Bible, The Three Most Rebellious Things Jesus Did, Five things you should know about the reformation, Sharing ones faith. Led by Dennis Teetaert

Video Series from Modern Day Liberal Theologians.

This study is comprised of two series. One series will look at the origins of Christianity drawing on new and sometimes controversial historical evidence and interviews with leading New Testament scholars. This video transports the viewer back two thousand years to the time and place where Jesus once lived and preached. The second series is of Joseph Campbell (American mythologist, writer and lecturer) on "The Power of Myth" Looking at commonalities in religions across the world. This study is led by Bob Matthes

Dinner and a Movie.

In this course we will look at clips from recent movies and have class discussions. We will use the movies as a launching pad to have discussions about faith, spirituality, the human spirit, God's activity, etc. It is not necessary to have watched the movie ahead of time but it doesn't hurt if you have seen it. As well each week we will deal with a new movie and a new topic so if you are away or miss a week you can jump right back in. Led by Pastor Bruce.



SOME QUESTIONS TO MULL OVER AS WE ENTER THE NEW YEAR

As the clock counts down on 2010 and winds up on 2011 it is a time when many will look back and forward and resolve to make some changes in their life. A new year offers the opportunity to reflect, to resolve and to set realistic goals that help us make changes in our lives. Very often these resolutions involve things like diet, exercise or sleep etc. I am not saying we should shun this practice but rather I encourage you to embrace it and as you reflect this New Years Eve or early in the new year I would like you to roll the following questions around in your mind.

- Did last years activities reflect my values?
- What are my gifts and strengths and did I use them?
- What was my contribution to my family....my church.....society?

Happy New Year from Pastor Bruce

PRAYER PARTNERS POTLUCK LUNCHEON JANUARY 16, 2011 12 Noon



Well once again it is that time...time to reveal ourselves to the one we have been praying for, for the past year. For my family it's been a difficult year one filled with lots of prayer with Ryan's cancer and the passing of friends and family. I want to THANK everyone for your prayers. I remember a guy spoke at church for a temple talk and he said he prayed in the shower and when he was driving to work. He said he was alone then, in the shower I would hope, and that's when he could pray the best. I have found in the last two years you can pray anywhere and about anything at anytime....prayer should be natural and from the heart. My Mom and I started this group to be close to our church family.... this coming year will be our tenth year...WOW....Mom would be so happy that we celebrate ten years as a group. It was her goal/dream to have 100 prayer partners.....let's see what January 16th brings us. Please attend to see who prayed for you, to meet who you prayed for and to pick new prayer partners for the year 2011.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex after New Year.. If you are unable to attend, please contact Carla. God Bless
Carla Veldkamp



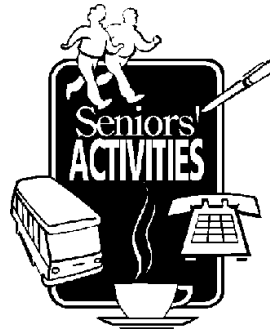
FOR

CHRISTIAN UNITY

Please join us for an ecumenical prayer service celebrating "Sharing as an Expression of Christian Unity," prepared by the Kildonan Ecumenical Prayer Group.

January 26th, 7:30 pm
Bronx Park Community Centre
720 Henderson Hwy

This service is part of a week-long series of services that will be happening in Winnipeg from Jan. 23-30, 2011 at various locations in the city. Please watch the bulletin board in the narthex for more details



KIMBERLY GRACE SENIORS

- Jan 5 - No meeting
- Jan 12 - 12:15 Bible Study
1:00 Welcome back/ Bingo
- Jan 19 - 12:15 Bible Study
1:00 Cards, sewing
- Jan 26 - 11:30 Pizza Hut
- Feb 2 - 12:15 Bible Study
1:00 Whist, sewing
- Feb 9 - 12:15 Bible Study
1:00 Cards, sewing
- Feb 16 - 12:15 Bible Study
1:00 Valentine theme
Jan/Feb birthdays
- Feb 23 - 12:15 Bible Study
1:00 Cards, sewing

Eleanor Krenz

YOU CAN HELP!

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

We are looking for **Food Bank Drivers** - people who have a larger vehicle and the time and willingness to pick up food from Winnipeg Harvest every two weeks and bring it to Grace. This food is used to help stock the hampers that the 20 families receive from the Grace Food Pantry. We currently have a small group of regular faithful volunteer drivers. However it would be good to have a larger pool of drivers to help cover off for vacations, illnesses (both human and vehicle) etc. If you are interested please speak to Ralph Feniuk or Pastor Bruce.

For the **Prince Edward School Breakfast Program** we are looking for a volunteer to coordinate the sign up sheets and to purchase and deliver the food to the school. We have a large pool of breakfast volunteers and so this program almost runs itself. What we are looking for is someone to coordinate our volunteers and help it run smoothly. If you are interested please speak to Pastor Bruce

WHAT KIND OF ROLE MODEL ARE WE FOR OUR CHILDREN?

When our guard is down, what kind of messages are we sending to our kids, grandkids, and generally to those around us? Consider the following situations.

-Another driver tailgates you then passes you to cut you off only to have you pull beside their vehicle at the next red light. What do you mouth or gesture?

-You are going to a movie and your child is one year older than the cut off for the discount. Do you lie about their age?

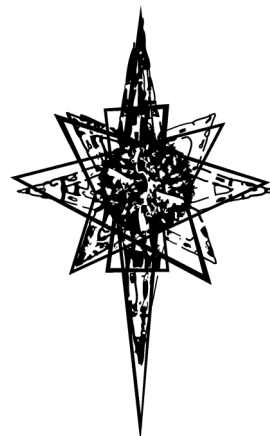
-You are taking your children out of school several days before a scheduled school break to leave early for a family vacation. Do you tell the truth or do you lie to the teacher and say you had a death in the family?

-Your child is very aggressive while playing hockey taking a few cheap shots that go missed by the ref. Do you let it slide or do you talk about it on the way home?



Our **Annual General Meeting** will be held on Sunday February 13, 2011. On the annual meeting day we will worship with one service at **10:00 a.m.**, followed by lunch, with the meeting beginning at 11:45 a.m. Please be sure to mark February 13th on your calendar and plan to attend. AGM's are important meetings where we hear about the work and ministry of our church, which is a looking back at where we have been. However AGM's are also a time to look forward to future opportunities and challenges and to have conversations in regard to the ministry of Grace Lutheran and what and where God is calling us to minister in 2011.

The **Nominating Committee** is encouraging people to offer their talents and gift of time to the life and ministry of Grace Lutheran church by serving on church council or by working on one of our standing committees. The council positions we are looking to fill are as follows, Second Vice President, Learning, Property, Stewardship, Witness, and Worship chairs. If you are interested please speak to Kim Devloo, our Nominating Committee chair or one of the other nomination committee members, (Brian Scott, Cathy Anderson, Les Langner, Bob Matthes, Lawrence Schledewitz) or any council or staff member. Of course we are always looking for people to populate the committees as members at large. In addition to the committees listed above we also have Social Ministry and Youth committees. If you have a passion for any of these areas, or for help and direction in volunteering please speak to one of the people listed above.



EPIPHANY



Grade 5 Commandment component classes
6 - 7:30 p.m. Jan 4 to Feb. 1 inclusive. Please call Karen at church 661-2562 to register.

Grades 7, 8 and 9 Mission components- Please make sure and read the letter that was sent to you at the end of December. This has the schedule of events. Remember that you need to do 5 activities each school year! Please sign up in the narthex.

Grades 7, 8 & 9 will not have Sunday school on January 23. We will be going to Luther Home to lead the service there. Please meet at Luther Home at 9:15 a.m. The service will be at 9:30 until 10:15 a.m. We will be able to make it back to Grace to attend the 10:36 service.

Grade 7, 8 and 9 dinner and a movie bible study will take place on Wednesdays from Jan 12 to March 2. The study will be geared towards youth but all are welcome. This would be a great chance for parents and youth to come out together. Dinner is at 6:30 and the study is at 7:30 p.m. Please sign up in the narthex.

Grade 1 Bible presentation and Baptism component will be at the Children's service of Water on January 9 at 10:36 service. Please plan on attending.

Karen Colquhoun

GRADE 4- 6

Ruckers!
Saturday, January 29, 2-3:30 pm
Regent at Lagimodiere \$10

Popcorn and a Movie
Sherwood Park Lutheran Church
Saturday, February 26, 2-4 pm

Call Amy Northcliffe @ 222-9470 to RSVP or if you want more information.

Amy Northcliffe



There will be no Sunday school on January 2nd and Feb. 20th. Please come out the other Sundays. Your teachers work hard at preparing interesting and fun lessons for you. We want you there!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

For the first time, the Sunday School celebrated the coming of Christ during our regular worship time. What a treat to see Christmas through the eyes of our children! Many thanks to all who made this possible, especially our dedicated Sunday School teachers and music leaders.
Cathy Anderson



FAMILY OUTING HAYRIDE WINTER

Once again we have been blessed with a beautiful autumn, but we all know winter is going to show up sooner or later. Don't worry, though, the Learning Committee is has the perfect cure for cabin fever. The Winter Outing has something for all. We'll start with a sleigh ride, then a bonfire to toast your toes (and some marshmallows), campfire food and hot chocolate, and good fellowship throughout the afternoon to warm your soul.

So mark **Sunday, February 27** on your calendar, and plan to join us at Bird's Hill Park Ranch a 4 p.m. for an afternoon of winter fun.

Tickets will be sold in advance. The ticket price is \$5 for an individual, \$15 for a family for the sleigh ride and the bonfire, or \$2 for just the bonfire, which includes fireside food. We would like to make this event as 'green' as possible, so please bring your own mugs for the hot chocolate. Watch the narthex for posters and ticket sales starting in late January.

Sherry Bjornsson



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MARCH/APRIL



Articles, calendar events and information for the March/April newsletter should be submitted by **February 16** to Louise Hatch or into the Newsletter mailbox.

**60th
ANNIVERSARY**



ANNIVERSARY TO US!

HAPPY

In January 2011, Grace will reach a milestone – our 60th Anniversary!
 Please come to worship God and celebrate on **January 23**.



- Christmas 2 Jan 2, 2011**
 Jeremiah 31:7-14/Psalm 147:12-20
 Ephesians 1:3-14/John 1:(1-9) 10-18;
- Baptism of Our Lord Jan 9, 2011**
 Isaiah 42:1-9/Psalm: Ascribe to the Lord
 Acts 10:34-43/Matthew 3:13-17
- Epiphany 2 Jan 16, 2011**
 Isaiah 49:1-7/ Psalm 40:1-11
 1 Corinthians 1:1-9/John 1:29-42;
- Epiphany 3 Jan 23, 2011**
 Isaiah 9:1-4/ Psalm 27:1, 4-9
 1 Corinthians 1:10-18/ Matthew 4:12-23;
- Epiphany 4 Jan 30, 2011**
 Micah 6:1-8/ Psalm 15
 1 Corinthians 1:18-31/ Matthew 5:1-12;
- Epiphany 5 Feb 6, 2011**
 Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]/ Psalm 112:1-9[10]
 1 Corinthians 2:1-12[13-16]/ Matthew 5:13-20;
- Epiphany 6 Feb 13, 2011**
 Deuteronomy 30:15-20/ Psalm 119:1-8
 1 Corinthians 3:1-9/Matthew 5:21-37
- Epiphany 7 Feb 20, 2011**
 Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18/ Psalm 119:33-40
 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23/Matthew 5:38-48;
- Epiphany 8 Feb 27, 2011**
 Isaiah 49:8-16a/ Psalm 131
 1 Corinthians 4:1-5/ Matthew 6:24-34

A special thank you to the cookbook committee!



This project was a pleasure to work on, because of these dedicated individuals: Shirley Lekei, Kim DeVloo, Penny Oneschuk, Susan Wagner, Elaine Schwenneker, Lorna Schledewitz, Rosemary Steiner, Anita Fingler, Sonja Neufeld, Maureen Schindel, Gloria Brown, Penny Popke, Louise Harris, Helen Ulyot, Ruth Anderson, Eleanor Krenz and Katharina Oswald.
 Sales will continue in the narthex throughout the Advent season.
 Cathy Anderson



HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT KAIROS?

KAIROS: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives is a web of people and partnerships dedicated to a faithful and decisive response to God's call for respect for the earth and justice for its people. KAIROS effects social change through advocacy, education and research programs in: Ecological Justice, Economic Justice, Energy and Extraction, Human Rights, Just and Sustainable Livelihoods, and Indigenous Peoples. These programs are informed by, and networked with, approximately 21 partner organizations in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East; about eighty local grassroots groups across Canada; as well as with countless other organizations, churches and individuals. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) is one of these partners.

COMING EVENTS

Tuesday, January 18, 2010, 7:30-9:30 pm – Peoples' Assembly on Climate Justice Discussion held at Kildonan United Church (187 Kilbride)

You are invited to attend this event hosted by the KAIROS North End Justice and Peace Committee! Encouraged by KAIROS, and by the Council of Canadians, we plan to discuss about what climate justice means to each of us, in our communities and globally too. The aim is to raise our voices, along with those who are meeting (right now) in Cancun at the UN climate negotiations. And from the Council of Canadians: "A People's Assembly is a space to discuss demands, commitments and visions for how things could be different. It is aimed at transforming awareness into action by invigorating ongoing and new climate justice actions in our communities."

Please share this news with others, and consider joining us if this topic moves you.

Sunday, February 27, 2010 – Beat the Drum, Changing the Climate on Indigenous Rights held Grace Lutheran Church, 10:36 am service

In 2007, Canadian churches celebrated as the UN adopted the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which enshrines the rights of Indigenous peoples to decide how their lands and resources will be used. In November 2010, Canada endorsed the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples but there is still work to be done. KAIROS will continue to work with Aboriginal organizations and the Government of Canada towards the full implementation of the UN Declaration. It is time to change the climate on Indigenous Rights. Please join us as we drum in solidarity with Indigenous Peoples for the UN Declaration and climate justice.

How can you get involved?

You can check out the KAIROS Canada website at <http://www.kairoscanada.org>

You can join KAIROS as an individual or a community at <http://www.kairoscanada.org/nc/en/get-involved/companions-communities/print.html>

If you have any question about KAIROS or upcoming events, please speak with Intern Pastor Laura or contact Karen Strome at 661-0922 or via email at kstrome@gmail.com

Karen Strome



Dinner going well. called '**Fall**

Theatre practises are The play this year is **from Grace**'. We have a large cast of 32 talented actors and actresses. This number is up from 23 last year. The play will run **March 16 - 19** inclusive. Tickets will remain at \$25 with \$15 a tax receipt. Tickets go on sale in the narthex on Sunday Feb. 20 and will be sold Feb. 27, March 6 and 13 between services and after the second service.

Karen Colquhoun



SOCIAL MINISTRY

I was listening to CJOB the other day and heard that there are about 2,000 homeless people in Winnipeg. There but by the Grace of God go I... Grace's Social Ministry work strives to make life a little easier with giving hearts and busy hands. Thanks to everyone who offered a bit of themselves to make Christmas at Trinity Food Pantry, the Grace Food Bank, Lutheran Urban Mission, the Grace Christmas Hamper folks, the Grace Choir, the Cookie Caring Committee, and the list goes on. There will be more about outcomes from the Grace Hamper project in February since we hadn't finished the Hampers when this newsletter was due.

The Social Ministry's next project (on top of the ongoing stuff) is the **North End Sponsorship Team's (NEST)** potluck. This helps to raise funds so that this partnership can reach out to refugees and provide important support during their adjustment to living in Canada. It will be held at Grace on January 30. Tickets will be sold in the Narthex for two or three Sundays before the event. The food is great, the chance to get to know people from other countries is pretty exciting, and the entertainment is pretty good, too.

We are still looking for a team to come together to put together, serve and clean up one meal per month at the **Lutheran Urban Mission**. If you are interested, give Monica Bortoluzzi a call.

Don't forget to keep up the great donations to the following boxes that are in the Narthex: food for **Trinity Food Pantry, Grace Food Bank, Lutheran Urban Mission**; clothes for **Trinity Food Pantry, North End Women's Center**; household items for **Bridging the Gap**; stamps for the **Canadian Bible Society**; little toiletries for **Lutheran Urban Mission**; and I bet I have missed something...

Not only do we continue to need food and other things, we also need helping hands to get the things into the hands of the less fortunate. Do not hesitate to check in with one of the social ministry folks or with me if you would like to try something out. The committee members talked about how amazing it is that when they are done with helping for the day (or evening), they feel so good deep down as they go home. Join us this year to spread that "lovin' feelin".

Yours in Christ
Deb Kostyk
Chair, Social Ministry Committee



Events

*Meet in the youth room at 7 pm unless otherwise specified.

January 2011

7th – Movie Night

9th – 5:30 Rides from Grace

– 6:30 Prairie Fire Service at Messiah Lutheran

14th – 7-9 pm Kildonan Place Mall Gift Exchange drop off & pick up at the movie doors

21st – Games night

28th – 6-8 pm Drop off and pick up Boston Pizza on Regent

February 2011

4th – Movie Night

6th – 6 pm rides from Grace

– 6:30 Prairie Fire Service at Sherwood Park Lutheran

11th – Wheelies, \$6 + Snacks, Drop off and pick up at Wheelies 7-10 pm

18th – No Youth

19th-21st – Youth Retreat to Fort Francis

25th – 7-9 pm skating at the Forks, drop off and pick up: meeting on the main floor by the elevator.



February 19-21 the youth are going on a retreat to Fort Francis. At these retreats the youth participate in worship and activities while getting to know other youth from Manitoba and Ontario. We will be sleeping (not much) eating (too much) and living in the Lutheran Church in Fort Frances. These retreats are what help youth to form lasting friendships and keep on coming back to youth.

Parent and youth information on the Retreat.

Forms are now available on the youth bulletin board.

Please get them and payment in by February 4th to Sarah or the Minister of Youth Mailbox. Cost for the weekend is \$125. Buses will be loading February 19th at 8 am at the Zellers on Fermor and returning February 21st at approximately 3 pm.

Sarah Gelhorn