

# May 2008 Newsletter



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May, 2008

May is confirmation month in many churches. To understand what confirmation is and does, we need to go back a few years in the life of our confirmands. There they were, so beautiful, dressed in white, brought to the Lord's church and to his altar with loving hands to be received by our Lord through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. So pretty on the outside, yet underneath, on the inside, stained, dirty, sinful.

There is a sprinkling of water and a few words, "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," and suddenly they were a new person, as beautiful on the inside as they were on the outside. A new child of God, a new believer in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. A soul cleansed in the waters of baptism.

The world scoffs at that. The world sees water, hears just words of wishful thinking and calls it foolishness, but faith sees the Holy Spirit working faith in young hearts. Faith recognizes this moment for what it is, a miracle. It is the miracle of rebirth by water and the Spirit. It is the miracle of a dead soul raised to life. It is an even greater miracle than the day they were born. Confirmation is all about what happened that day. Confirmation confirms what happened then. We gather to loudly and publicly praise God for what he did that day, and for what he has been doing in the hearts and lives of our young people since that day.

On the day of his ascension, our Lord instructed his apostles to return to Jerusalem and await the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit would fill them and fit them for the work to which he had called them. That promised outpouring happened ten days later, on the fiftieth day after Christ's resurrection. Pentecost is one of those celebrations that keeps on going because that same Holy Spirit was poured out on us when we were baptized. That day was your very own personal Pentecost.

Or was it? Was there a rush of wind that day? Were there tongues of fire on your head? How do we know anything happened? Maybe nothing happened. The fact that we confirm four of our young people this year, *confirms* that God has been faithful to his promises to give his Holy Spirit, to plant faith in the heart and to make that faith grow. So what do we confirm? First of all, we confirm God's promises. We confirm his faithfulness. We rejoice that he who began this good work will bring it to completion in the day of our Lord.

Our confirmands don't stand at the Lord's altar because they did all their homework, or because they memorized all those Bible passages, or because they faithfully attended every class. They are there because they have a gracious God. He sent his one and only Son to die on the cross for their sins. Think about it. There's all that homework not done, all the assignments copied from the person sitting next to them.

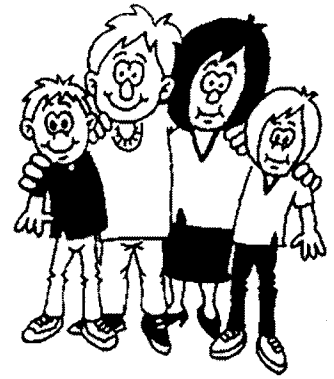
It gets worse. What about those Bible verses they memorized, then forgot? Verses like, "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God," or "There is no one who does good, not even one." We all get really good at pretending to do what we're supposed to do. We think we've fooled our parents and our teachers. We sometimes fool ourselves into thinking we've been good, or at least good enough. We haven't fooled God.

Confirmation happens because of God's love in Christ. He sent Jesus to die for us. Do you remember this Bible verse, "While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us," or this one, "All we, like sheep have gone astray, we have turned every one to his own way"? Do you remember how that one ends? "The Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all." On the day of confirmation we confirm the truth of Scripture and acknowledge that we are sinful. We also confirm God's gracious promises. We praise him as we gather around his Word of promise, that it was his work to begin the life of faith in us at our baptism, that it is his continuing work to gather us around the sacrament of Christ's body and blood. We also confirm that God's Spirit has taught us what to do with that load of sin. He has taught us what to do when the burdens of life get too heavy to carry.

So now our hearts are glad, our mouths are full of praise. We live in hope. We are not abandoned to the grave, for we will rise again. We are filled with joy.

# Youth Update for May

## 30 Hour Famine Record Number of Participants!



April was a very busy month for the youth. The first weekend, 25 youth participated in the World Vision 30 Hour Famine-- a record number of participants. We started with a mall scavenger hunt, then went swimming and had the opportunity to see some Olympic level gymnasts finishing their training. Next, we went mini golfing. Finally, we headed back to Verlinden's for some singing and devotions. We had a thoughtful devotion where 300 tea light candles were lit and then slowly extinguished to represent the death of a child due to hunger throughout the world. It was very moving. Next morning, we spent some hungry hours playing board games or street hockey. Late in the morning, Nicole Borland came to speak to us about the mission work she is doing right here in Ontario. She works with Campus for Christ and is involved in creating outreach opportunities to young adults at university. For all our youth who will be heading out to college or university in just a few years, it was good to find out more about this mission group. Finally, at 1:30, we finished with a pasta feast.

A lot of fun for a very good cause. With the fundraising of each participant and the generosity of our congregation, approximately \$2500 was raised!

## Singing with Sycamore

At the end of the month, we had a music marathon as we prepared a concert in only 24 hours -- 4:00 Saturday till 4:00 Sunday! 12 youth came to sing and play saxophones, jambe drums, flute, trumpet, violin and guitars. After listening to the CDs of the music for several weeks, we were familiar with the songs, but had never played together before. Sycamore, the travelling music team of the Crew ministry, came to help us put it all together. Most of us slept in the church, enjoyed a hearty waffle and sausage breakfast prepared by David Chant (thank you!), continued to play and sing most of the afternoon. By 4:00 we were ready with an amazingly polished and fun performance!

Thanks to all of our congregation who came to see the show and support our efforts.

### Upcoming events:

Sunday May 11 (Mother's Day) - Perform during second service with songs from our concert. If you are able and interested in participating, please call, email or speak to Ruth so we can arrange a quick run through of the songs. (Watch your mom start to cry as she watches you play!)

Sunday May 25 Lunch and Afternoon. Details to be announced.

# FRIENDSHIP TREK

## VBS UPDATE

**Theme:** Jesus, our Forever Friend

**When:** July 7 – 11  
9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

**Who:** Ages 4 to Grade 8

**Cost:** \$15.00



**Register Now:** Phone Delaine 905 822-1432

Buddy Porcupine and his forest friends will introduce children to Jesus, our forever friend during this exciting week of VBS.

### **2008 Mission Statement**

In VBS we share the Good News so believers can grow in faith, unbelievers can come to faith and knowledge and together we learn and celebrate *what a friend we have in Jesus.*

### **VBS Requests**

**Pray** that God will bless our VBS with willing workers and children eager to hear about Jesus.

**Volunteer** We still are in need of a teacher and many craft helpers and assistants.

**Decorations** If you have any artificial trees or Christmas trees (without lights) we would like to borrow them for our display. Please contact Donna Prusha.

**Donations** If you would like to support us with a financial donation, you can add it to your offering and write **VBS** on the envelope. Financial donations can also be given to Delaine Magwood or Sharyn Thibault.

*"Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. You are my friends." John 15 13-14*

Sharyn Thibault, VBS Director

**From the Principal's Desk  
Greetings from Lois Munz  
Christ Our King Nursery School/Kindergarten  
Wednesday, April 30, 2008**

The warm Spring weather has been a tonic for all. We praise our omnipotent God for the changing of the seasons and the new growth and optimism that arrive with this change. The children enjoy playing with the outdoor toys and equipment and the teachers have been relieved that there is no longer the daily struggle with snow pants, snowsuits and winter boots.

A heartfelt thank you goes to Howard Bender, for making adjustments to the playground shed door so it could be opened more easily.

A thank you letter was sent to Steve Duffy for his generosity in donating the two new banners/signs that advertise Christ Our King Christian School, which are displayed on the front lawn. Colomark Ltd. (905)564-1091 is the name of Steve's company.



Two new students are among our midst. One is a Junior Kindergarten boy, who has joined the afternoon class, and the other is a little girl who has begun in the Nursery School. Another little girl is scheduled to start in the Nursery School on May 1<sup>st</sup>.



Corinna Brown has been giving the option of an afternoon Nursery School class when she speaks with prospective families, and there has been some interest. She feels that six students would make a viable option. The decision to pursue this came from a part of the recently tabulated questionnaire that showed it to be a possibility.

Some calendar dates are now firm:

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| • Thursday, May 8 <sup>th</sup>    | during class time      | Mother's Day Tea                           |
| • Saturday, May 24 <sup>th</sup> , | 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. | Open House                                 |
| • Monday, June 9 <sup>th</sup> ,   | 9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  | Open House                                 |
| • Thursday, June 12 <sup>th</sup>  | during class time      | Field Trip to Bronte Creek Provincial Park |
| • Tuesday, June 24 <sup>th</sup>   | 5:30 p.m.              | End of Year Celebration                    |

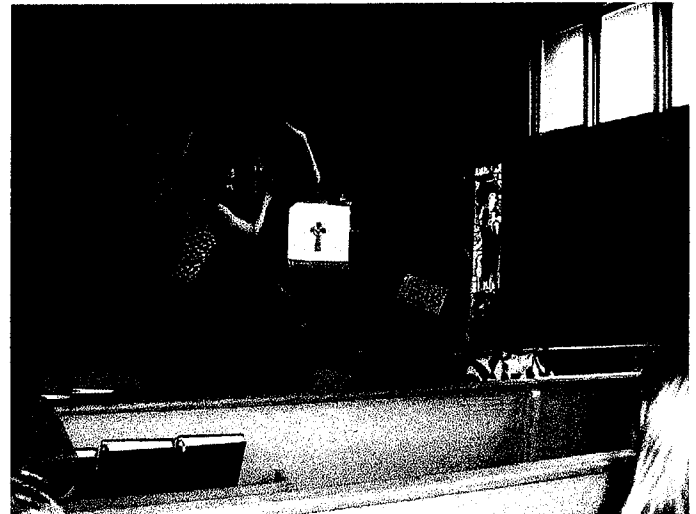
A mass mailing for the school ad/Crew Concert was sent on Tuesday, April 15, 2008.

Our ad was published in the April 20, 2008 "Excellence in Education" section of the Mississauga News. The April Open House date and the Crew Concerts information were listed in the Booster Community Calendar.

A thank you letter was sent to LWML-C for the \$1500 grant that allowed for this advertising.

The congregation was introduced to the present Nursery School/Kindergarten Staff at the Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. worship service. I am pleased to report that all of the Staff attended. Some congregational members toured the newly set-up Primary grades classroom. One family indicated that a daughter may be coming to Nursery School here in September. Thank you, John Scharrer for putting together the slide-show presentation that was shown after the service.

The main topic for discussion at the Nursery School/Kindergarten Board Meeting held on Tuesday, April 22, 2008 focused on planning for the "End of Year Celebration" in June.



There was a great deal of audience participation as the children and adults alike sang, did actions and laughed at the cast's antics during the "Sycamore Kids Concert" that was held at Christ Our King on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. Snacks and a social time followed the performance.

*"For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us,  
so that through endurance and encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope." Romans: 15:4*



AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL LCC PASTORS  
AND CONGREGATION MEMBERS

April, 2008

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A sure and certain hope! That's what we celebrate in this season of Easter. It's a gift given to us through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It's good news that we in Lutheran Church-Canada have the privilege to share in Canada and around the world.

As we share this Good News, working alongside is Canadian Lutheran World Relief. Together we help meet temporal needs through social ministry. Through our partnership (including projects in Nicaragua and Southeast Asia) we provide seeds of hope and a future to women and men, boys and girls through education, sanitation, agriculture, fresh water wells, public health nursing, as well as improving overall quality of life.

**This letter is your invitation to join our partner agency building hope around the world by supporting the first annual "Seeds of Hope" appeal.**

Through this special initiative, CLWR and LCC can grow their efforts, impact more lives, and provide both organizations with much-needed resources for community development and humanitarian assistance. As a special incentive during this spring initiative, 15 percent of *all donor gifts received* by CLWR will be available for LCC social ministry programming and support for community development initiatives in Cambodia, Nicaragua and elsewhere.

All gifts are eligible for an income tax receipt.

We could wait for another natural disaster to summon our generosity, but the need to sow "Seeds of Hope" is ongoing. LCC and CLWR see the difference these gifts make today in the lives of people who now have ready access to water, a sustainable food supply, a meaningful vocation and, for children in Nicaragua, a valuable education. Your support allows CLWR to access funding through the Canadian government's Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) that is vital to enhancing and sustaining CLWR's life-giving work.

To give members of LCC congregations the opportunity to participate, CLWR will provide all congregation members with "Seeds of Hope" information and donation envelopes later in April. Donors can also contribute online at [www.clwr.org](http://www.clwr.org).

**Every LCC congregation member is encouraged to generously support this initiative.**

Together, we are making a positive difference towards a world where people live with hope for today and eternity.

Yours in Christ,

Handwritten signature of Rev. Dr. Ralph E. Mayan in black ink.

Rev. Dr. Ralph E. Mayan,  
LCC President

Handwritten signature of Robert Granke in black ink.

Robert Granke  
Executive Director, CLWR

# Woman to Woman



LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

*People Of Christ With A Message Of Hope*

**Lutheran Hour Ministries' award-winning program  
Woman to Woman is hitting the airwaves with new episodes!**

**Woman to Woman®**, the award-winning radio program created and hosted by Phyllis Wallace, will begin airing new episodes in the spring of 2008. The program offers hope and help for the great challenges facing women today. By introducing her listeners to guests who have expertise and the experience to back it up, Phyllis makes each show relevant.

According to Phyllis, "Women today have more choices and resources than perhaps ever before in history. But we're stressed and feel pushed to the max. We accurately perceive our culture expecting us to 'do' and 'be' everything, and we're saying, 'Wait a minute! Where's the change agent for me in all of this?'"

Phyllis' objective for the show is simple. "My goal is to inform, inspire, transform, and set fire to the hearts of women, to apply God's very practical, loving genius to the demands of everyday life. He adds the 'extra' to 'ordinary', and this show is about how that works in a very practical day-to-day sense."

Bringing years of experience in counseling to her broadcasts, Phyllis is an accomplished author and public speaker. She conducts retreats and seminars for groups, community events, LWML meetings, and the LCMS District Pastors' Wives conventions.

Phyllis holds a B.A. in sociology and a minor in psychology from the University of Illinois—Champaign. She also has an M.A. in guidance counseling with an emphasis on youth corrections and family therapy from Southern Illinois University—Edwardsville.



You can listen to this program online and find helpful articles as well by visiting the **Woman to Woman** web site found at:

[www.womantowomanradio.com](http://www.womantowomanradio.com)

or click the link from our church web site found at:

[www.christourking.ca](http://www.christourking.ca)

# LWML NEWS

The warm spring weather is finally here!

We invite all ladies to celebrate the arrival of spring on Monday, May 5, as we head off to the Mandarin Restaurant on Dundas Street just west of Winston Churchill. This "Spring Fling" will take the place of our annual Ladies Banquet and will give us the opportunity to socialize. We will meet at the church at 6:00 p.m., to arrive at the restaurant for our 6:15 p.m. reservation. Please contact Hazel Steill at 905-279-6805 so that we can include you when making our reservation. Should you require transportation for the evening just let us know.

Over the past few months we have been working on counting out and bundling Campbell Soup labels, which can then be redeemed for capital items for our school here at COK. At our April 21 meeting we were able to complete most of our bundling and counting, and learned that we have collected over 20,000 labels, which when redeemed should give us upwards of \$150 for our school. Thanks to all who helped us!

Sunday, May 11 is the date of our next mite collection and dedication. Please be generous in your gifts, so that together we can fund the mission grants that enable us to bring the Good News of Jesus to many parts of the world.

A poster has been placed on display board, outlining the Christian Growth Retreat which takes place on Friday, October 14 & 25, 2008, at Oakwood Conference Centre in Grand Bend. This new location offers a number of amenities which we have not had in the past. The theme for this retreat is "I Can't, but with God I Can." What a great way to meet sisters in Christ from across Ontario! Please let Hazel Steiss know of your interest and she will try to answer any questions.

Our mission project focus for May is that of providing shipping funds for Ontario District Medical Mission Parcels. We pray:

*Lord Jesus, You are the God of mercy and have promised to hear the prayers of the faithful. If it is Your will, grant health where there is illness, and healing where there are wounds. Enable us to bring hope where there is despair by providing the funds necessary to ship medical supplies where they are needed. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.*

Terri asked her Sunday School class to draw pictures of their favorite Bible stories. She was puzzled by Kyle's picture, which showed four people on an airplane, so she asked him which story it was meant to represent.

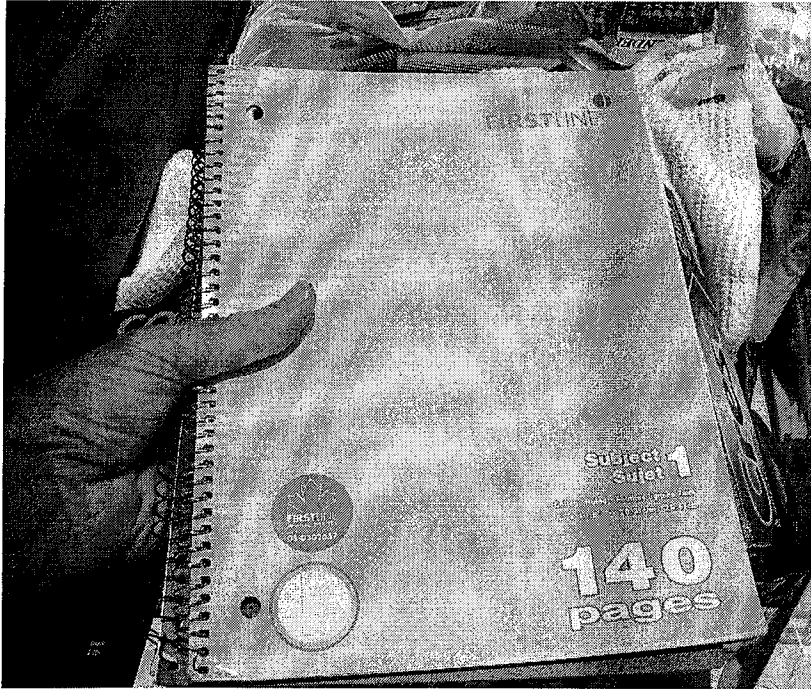
"The Flight to Egypt," was his reply. Pointing at each figure, Ms. Terri said, "That must be Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus. But who's the fourth person?"

"Oh, that's Pontius - the pilot!"

Dear Members and Friends at Christ Our King,

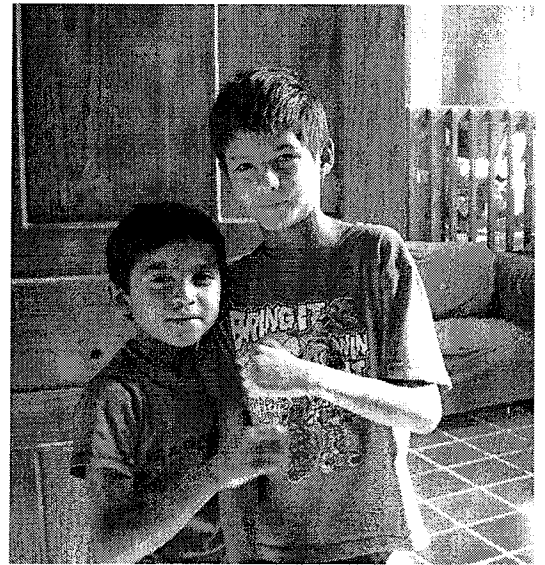
Thanks everyone for your donations of educational and home supplies! Supplies have been distributed to the kids at Casa Hogar, the local orphanage, where some of the children from our school live. The orphanage also supports 150 other kids in the community by paying for uniforms and books each year. A well deserving and needy group of Honduran Christians say thank you!

Sincerely, Mark Jurgens



You can see more pictures and find out what Mark has been up to in Honduras at

[www.onthedirtroad.blogspot.com/](http://www.onthedirtroad.blogspot.com/)



## Preliminary Draft Report of the Nominating Committee

*Please note: If your name is on here and shouldn't be, or isn't on here and should be, please let Rudy Singh or the Pastor know.*

*Our May 25th Voters' Meeting will include the election of officers for the next two years. Names can still be added for the next two weeks. After that the nomination list will be closed and a final list will be presented to the congregation.*

*The number of board or committee members indicated is the minimum as outlined in our constitution.*

Chairman Rudy Singh

Vice Chairman Rudy Beharrysingh

2nd Vice Chairman

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## **NEWS FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL**

*“The children’s Friend is Jesus,  
He calls them to His side;  
He gave His life a ransom,  
Heaven’s gate is open wide.  
The children’s Friend is Jesus,  
His life He gave their souls to save,  
The children’s Friend is He.”*

Sunday School is quickly drawing to a close and before we know it, our children will be on their long-awaited summer vacation. It has been quite an eventful year for our youth – a Christmas pageant, the CLWR Christmas mission project, the Easter concert over at the Lodge, and participation in many church events throughout the year. It always gives me great pleasure and joy to watch our young ones grow in their faith through weekly Sunday School instruction, and for that alone, we give praise and thanks to our loving and gracious God who is indeed, the greatest Teacher of all. Here at Christ Our King, we are so blessed to have many individuals who give so much of their time, talent and energy to teach our precious children week after week, month after month, and year after year. These fine people were honoured along with our 4 confirmands at a special dinner on Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, and at that time, we were able to show our love and appreciation for all that they do here in the Children’s Ministry. Please take a moment one of these days to also thank the following people who have been instrumental in helping to bring our children to faith and understanding of the Holy Word. Come in one Sunday and visit a classroom in action – you would be amazed to see what these teachers can do! I am so grateful and blessed to have such a dedicated and committed team who know how important it is to instruct children in the one and only true Christian faith.

**NURSERY 3 & 4 – Susan Vernon (a.k.a. “Miracle Maker”)  
Danielle Coffin and Samantha Schmidt (teacher’s assistants)**

**GRADES 1 & 2 – Dorothy Walsh**

**GRADES 3 & 4 – Rudy Beharrysingh**

**GRADES 5 & 6 – Ruth Verlinden and David Chant**

**GRADES 7 & 8 – Vicki Vopni and Rob Jackman**

**LIBRARY BOOK EXCHANGE COORDINATOR – Wendy Chant**

**MEMORY WORK COORDINATOR – Madolyn Scharrer**

In His Service,

Donna Prusha

## CHRIST OUR KING LUTHERAN CHURCH

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES "REPORT FOR MAY 2008

The Church pews are now in the process of being refinished at a rate of two pews each week. We are pleased to note that we have received a positive response to the colour that was chosen. We are still short of funds to complete this project and ask that any contributions can be made to the Sanctuary Fund.

Recently we purchased one hundred blue stacking chairs to replace all of the wooden chairs.

We had an audit done at the Parsonage as we applied for a Government grant hopefully to cover some of the cost of replacing the windows. Arrangements will be made shortly to have the windows installed.

A new two year agreement was signed with Peel Exterior Maintenance as our existing agreement expired on March 31, 2008. The new agreement goes to March 31, 2010. We also received a quote from Pronto General Contractors who do Erin Mills Lodge parking lot. Their quote was for the summer and winter maintenance was \$795 /month. The new rate with Pee; Exterior is as follows:

Spring / Summer Maint: From April 1<sup>st</sup> to Oct. 31 @ \$324.50 /month (7 months). This is 10% above our last rate of \$295 /month. 2) Winter Season: From Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> @\$448.50 /month (5 months), This new rate represents an increase of 15% over the previous rate of \$390.00 /month.

ProFire Safety Services did an inspection on March 26<sup>th</sup> and there are deficiencies such as Heat Detectors, Bells, Batteries and Fire Extinguishers that need to be replaced at a total cost of \$762 plus GST. This work will be done the week of May 4<sup>th</sup>.

Slablifters were here this past Thursday to re-level the parking lot sidewalk along the wheelchair ramp.

The yellow lines are to be painted this spring.

Other repairs and maintenance made were as follows: The Parsonage kitchen taps were replaced. Repairs were made to the upstairs and downstairs ladies washroom. The sink and taps in the ladies upstairs washroom were replace. We want to thank Don MacNeil for his time and help.

**Spring Clean Up Day:** May 31<sup>st</sup> has been set for the Spring Clean Up Day. Join us at 9:00 a.m. (or any time thereafter). Work schedule will be drawn up which will include the Play Ground Area.

**PEACE**

**George Kral, chairman,  
Chris Cornford, Rob Brennan, Gary Bundscho, Tom Tilley  
Board of Trustees**

## Keep On Going

Life at times is a succession of problems. We may weaken under stress and pain – be devastated by trauma or tragedy.

It's OK for us to cry. That's why God gave us crying equipment. Tears are a normal response. They give some relief. Tears are signal to others that we are hurting – a quiet plea for sympathy, understanding or help.

But at some point we must stop crying and talking about our problems. Just feeling sorry for ourselves solves nothing. After awhile it turns others off. We must begin to think coolly and objectively. We have to help ourselves. We may have to seek help. Perhaps we need advice, a helping hand, a lift, or just a hug or an encouraging word.

We may not understand why life has taken the turn it has. We wish our problems were not so many or so difficult. God has allowed life to be the way it is. He can use problems to develop our character. Sometimes important accomplishments grow out of tragedy.

God has not promised skies always blue. There will be clouds, rain, thunder, even tornadoes. But we are not alone. Through every experience, through every change God is with us. He will give us strength.

When finally we are graduated from this vale of tears, we will have no problems. In heaven there is only perfect joy and peace. Meanwhile God has some purpose for our lives. He really needs us and is depending on us. Though we falter and fall, we have to get up and keep on going.

## Power of One

What can I do about it?  
I'm only one among so many!

Once in a while one vote decides  
who wins and who loses an election.

One atheist can so twist democratic justice  
that a nation's schools are closed to prayer.

One alcoholic brings trouble to a family for generations  
and tragedy to those met by accident on the highway.

One spark plug whips up enthusiasm in volunteers  
to clean up their city and make it beautiful.

One wise, praying parent through well-trained children  
blesses many, many other people for years to come.

One person can tell another about Jesus' love  
and be God's instrument to save that soul for eternity.

Every day each of us is influencing others by  
what we do or don't do, what we say or don't say.

When God chose him, Moses asked, "Who am I?"  
The Lord promised to be with him and enable him.

Moses had to alter his plans and make sacrifices.  
He devoted his abilities and assets to God's service.

The Lord calls us. Often we answer, "Who? Me?"  
As we obey, He will be with us and enable us.

Each of us can say, "I'm only one. But I am one."  
How extraordinary one ordinary person can be!

## What to Pray

### Adoration

This sets the stage for prayer.  
As we praise God for His greatness and goodness,  
we remind ourselves that the Ruler of creation  
is our loving heavenly Father.  
He is with us, willing to listen and answer.

### Confession

God sees our hearts. He knows we've failed  
to love Him, ourselves and others.  
We need to confess specific sins,  
not just vaguely "all our sins and iniquities."  
If we repent, God is faithful and forgives.  
He is merciful, not because we are deserving,  
but because He is love. That love was costly!  
Jesus died a horrible death to pay for our sins.

### Thanksgiving

We express gratitude for the Lord's amazing grace—  
for our spiritual and temporal gifts.  
Counting our blessings trains us to praise  
and thank God before we ask Him for more and more.

### Supplication

Honestly and simply we can tell all our  
needs, wants, problems, dreams and hopes.  
Nothing is too big or too small for God's attention.  
He will do what we have asked Him to do—  
according to His wise and loving will.  
He is our beautiful Savior who wants us  
to stay in personal touch with Him.



**Our Father who art in heaven**

The word Father tells us that God loves us and wants us to pray without fear and with confidence, just like children talk to their earthly father.

**Hallowed be Thy name**

God's Name is holy, but here we ask God would help us keep it holy in our lives, not just in our thinking, but in our speaking and our actions.

**Thy Kingdom come**

We are asking that God's kingdom come to us and that the Holy Spirit help us believe God's Word and lead godly lives, showing others the forgiveness Jesus has won for the whole world.

**Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

We pray that God's will shall be done on earth, so that the evil schemes of the devil may not prevail and our faith will remain strong.

**Give us this day our daily bread**

God provides everything we need for daily living (house, clothes, food, friends etc.) However, here He wants us to realize this and to be thankful for these blessings. He wants us to live one day at a time and not worry about the future.

**And forgive us our trespasses (sins) as we forgive those who trespass against us**

We do not deserve the things for which we pray. Here we ask God to forgive our many sins and not hold them against us. And, because of His grace and mercy to us, we can forgive and do good to those who have wronged us.

**And lead us not into temptation**

We ask God to keep us strong in faith so we are not misled into false beliefs, despair and other alluring (?) temptations of the world.

**But deliver us from evil**

May God help us endure the troubles and hardships that come our way and keep us firm in the faith until we die.

**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

God has commanded us to pray, and promised to hear us. Yes, it shall be so!

**A Prayer**

Hello God...

I called tonight

To talk a little while.

I need a friend who'll listen

To my anxiety and trial.

You see, I can't quite make it

Through a day just on my own...

I need your love to guide me,

So I'll never feel alone.

I want to ask you please, to keep  
My family safe and sound.

Come and fill their lives with  
confidence

For whatever fate they're bound.

Give me faith, dear God, to face

Each hour throughout the day,

And not to worry over things

I can't change in any way.

I thank you, God, for being home

And listening to my call,

For giving me such good advice

When I stumble and when I fall.

Your number, God, is the only one

That answers every time.

I never get a busy signal,

Never had to pay a dime.

So thank you, God, for listening

To my troubles and my sorrow.

Good night, God, I love You, too,

And I'll call again tomorrow!

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Each time you pray the Lord's Prayer, stop after each section, read what it means and *reflect* on it.

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**LWML-CANADA Handbook**

Extensive changes were made to the bylaws in 2003 but they didn't come into effect until 2006. Last Fall new contents for the LWML-Canada Handbook were prepared and published, including the updated bylaws and other changes.

Each society should have a copy of the Handbook. It is important to

keep this information up-to-date.

If you do not have an updated copy, you may order it from the LWML-Canada Resource Centre. To cover the cost of copying there is a \$5.00 charge. For those who cannot locate their Handbook, the binder, dividers and contents may be ordered for \$10.00.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS - Society presidents: Don't forget to fill out and return (by e-mail or postal service) the feedback form included in the basic mailing for LWML-Canada Sunday 2007. We have made changes to how we deliver the materials and we need to know how it works for your society as well as how we can make improvements to what is provided.

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