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Pass It On...

What's Happening at Little Britain United Church

March 2022

Minister's Message

The journey of Lent - Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which falls 40 days prior to Easter. Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which falls 40 days prior to Easter. Sundays are not included in the count of these days, as each Sunday is a "little Easter", meant to celebrate resurrection.

The name Lent comes through Middle English and Old English (lengten), referring to the season of spring and the lengthening of days. It is also related to the French (lente), which means to "move slowly." The colour of Lent is purple reflecting divinity, wisdom, dignity, mystery. Purple is a penitential colour, evoking sadness and deep reflection.

As we enter into this time of Lent, we are asked to think deeply about those things that distract us from God and one another and to discern how we share our resources for God's mission. Lent is the beginning of a wonderful journey into who we are and how we express our faith. The journey of Lent has all of the possibilities of drawing us closer to God.

Blessings to all as we journey,

Beth McLean, Minister



World Day of Prayer 2022 Virtual Service

The World Day of Prayer is traditionally held on the first Friday in March. The 2022 service was written by the England, Wales and Northern Ireland World Day of Prayer Committee and adapted for use in Canada by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada.

Selkirk United Church has supplied the link for the World Day of Prayer service. It can be viewed anytime through this link: <https://youtu.be/JDtjQU--vdE>.

LBUC Council News

Message from Council Chair

I hope everyone is doing well. I am certainly enjoying the warmer weather today!

At this time, two term positions on church council and two Trustees positions have become vacant and we're hoping to find people who feel called to help with the operation of Little Britain United Church. The positions on council are Chair and Secretary and both are for two years. The two Trustee terms are for 5 years.

There are job descriptions for all positions. Email me at jessie.tanya@hotmail.com and I can send copies to you. Also, if you have any questions about any of the positions, please don't hesitate to ask me.

Thank you,

Tanya Wiegand, Council Chair

Affirming News

Little Britain United Church became an Affirming congregation within the United Church of Canada on June 6, 2021. We are continuing our learning journey for **PIE Day 2022** from **11:00 am to noon** on **Sunday, March 13** after the Sunday service. Have you ever wondered what all the letters stand for in *2SLGBTQIA*? This month we will explore the letter *I*.

It will be another learning moment for our congregation as we view 3 videos and discuss them. No one knows about the issues faced by many people unless we talk about them. We are hopeful that next year we can also share some real tasty pies at our PIE Day event in 2023.

If you are unable to join us online, we invite you to view the videos at home on your own. Links to the videos are provided here.

[You're invited to join Moderator Bott in a slice of PIE Day 2022 - YouTube](#) 3:36 minutes

[What It's Like To Be Intersex - YouTube](#) 3:26 minutes

[What I've learned from having balls. | Emily Quinn | TEDxProvidence - YouTube](#) 14:58 minutes

Red River Churches Refugee Team (RRCRT) Update

We will be collecting donations for a spring garage sale in support of RRCRT. There will be a large moving box at the hall to collect items when Beth is at the hall, or on Sundays when services resume.

Fundraising News

Plans are underway for an online auction in support of the RRCRT and LBUC. Stay tuned for more information on this fundraising initiative in the coming weeks.

At this time, we are looking for someone with experience setting up and running an online auction. If you can assist, please contact Margaret Speer by email: mspeer@mymts.net.