

Points of Connection



Northwest Mennonite Conference Newsletter

October 2021

Farewell Pastor Alvin & Ursula Penner

Sunday August 29 Duchess Mennonite Church celebrated Pastor Alvin & Ursula Penner's farewell. Alvin has served the church well over the past 19 years, concluding with an encouragement to continue working hard at maintaining unity. This was demonstrated by foot washing and sharing communion in the service. An enjoyable fellowship meal followed the time of worship and the afternoon was spent celebrating the years of ministry. Through the sharing it was obvious that lives had been touched and faith encouraged. The future for them remains open to the leading of the Lord.



We will continue to be blessed by Pastor Alvin as he will serve as Moderator for NWMC until his term is completed in March 2022. Also the NWMC Board has asked Alvin to be available for mentoring and coaching of new pastors under our "Eye on Health" program. They have much to offer

from their time and experience in ministry.

Duchess Mennonite Church will continue to be served well by Pastor Nathan Ramer, who has been with the church for a number of years and Pastor Terry Jackson who is moving from part-time to fulltime ministry. Together they will co-lead the congregation for the next while.

**Introducing
Tyson & Elysa Moerike
Edson Mennonite Church.**

My names Tyson and I'm the new pastor of the church in Edson. My wife's name is Elysa and my eldest is Abel and the little one is Titus.

We are very excited to become a part of the Edson family, and are hoping to make a positive impact to not only the church, but Edson as a whole. Its been the dream job for me for a long time, and its kinda hard to imagine it as a reality.



Our family loves hiking and pretty much all outdoor activities. My kids love Spiderman and Buzz lightyear. Elysa and I are very much looking forward to more backyard firepits and Bbqs with the people in Edson.

We're always eager to make new friendships and help people where we can. We're big believers that relationships are key in helping people come to a relationship with Christ. And with God as our rock, we're very hopeful my ministry in Edson will result in the building up of his kingdom.

November 14

Pastoral Dedication/Installation for Tyson & Elysa Moerike at Edson Mennonite Church.

Church Relocation

Iglesia La Gracia De Dios, Calgary (Grace of God Church), is now meeting at 2180 Pegasus Way NE Unit 10 Calgary. More information is available on their website. www.lagraciadedioscalgary.com

Changes & Transitions



We welcomed **Mario & Ana Hernandez** as Associate Pastor for Iglesia Evangelica “JesuCristo La Roca Eterna, Lethbridge on June 20. Pastor Walter Melara has mentored Mario for several years in order to help him develop pastoral skills. We praise God for the blessing this will bring to their congregation.

We praise God that **Werner & Erika Herrera** have been able to relocate to Medicine Hat . This will enable them to effectively provide ministry and leadership to the church Iglesia El Shaddai. Werner & Erika spent the last year traveling to Medicine Hat to serve the church. We are thankful for the commitment of the Lethbridge congregation in all the support they have provided and for releasing Werner to be able to be focused on the ministry in and through Iglesia El Shaddai.

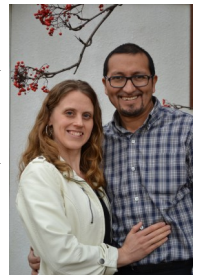


The **Eye on Health** process has been on hold since the end of December when Todd De Hann moved on to work with a large church. As a Family of churches we value the health of both congregation and pastoral leadership and desire to continue providing these resources. We have agreed to contract with Pastor Alvin Penner to mentor new pastors as they adapt to working within our churches. At the same time we are also seeking input from all our pastors so that we can provide the best ministry possible. We appreciate every donation made to help make this available to all our churches.



Saskatoon Church Plant

Over that year Abel & Sonya Zabaleta have been dreaming of doing a church plant in Saskatoon. The NWMC Board has approved them for this ministry and is encouraging that we support them in prayer and with finances. At this point they are seeking to sell their house in North Battleford in order to relocate to Saskatoon.



WANTED

Do you have a copy of the NWMC history book “Faith Life and Witness in the Northwest 1903-2003 “ T.D. Regehr. Would you be willing to donate it to NWMC ? We would love to have copies on hand for those interested in exploring our history. If you would be willing to donate your copy to NWMC please leave it with your pastor or give it to the Conference Pastor.

Thank You

for your faithfulness in praying and giving.
**The Northwest Mennonite Conference
has been blessed Through You!**

Financial Update

NWMC 2021 Budget is \$193, 900.00

(Convention removed from Budget)

\$ 135,700 (70% from congregations)

\$ 9,700.00 (5% from individual donations)

\$ 29,100.00 (15% from events & registration)

\$ 3,900.00 (2% from interest)

\$ 15,500.00 (8% shortfall projected)

Income to End of October

\$ 145,425.00 Budgeted from Jan to Sept.

\$ 133,592.00 Received from Jan to Sept.

\$ 11,833.00 Shortfall to budget

Eye on Health project -

Goal \$200,000

\$ 62,870 (Donations in 2019)

\$10,753 (Donations in 2020)

\$2,295 (Donations in 2021)

\$75,918 (Total Donations)

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