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Financial Update

NWMC 2023 Budget is \$222,417.00

- \$139,139 (62% from congregation support)
- \$ 22,441 (10% from individual donations)
- \$ 38,151 (17% from events and registration)
- \$ 2,245 (1% from interest)
- \$ 22,441 (10% shortfall projected)

Income

- \$ 185,347 Budgeted from Jan. to Oct.
- \$ 171,155 Received from Jan. to Oct.
- \$ 14,192 Shortfall to budget

Coming Up

March 22-24, 2024

NWMC Convention & Youth Rally at Camp Caroline
“AI and God’s Design”

May 24-26, 2024

Ladies Retreat
At Camp Little Red Cost \$125 PP

October 18-20, 2024

Pastor & Spouse Retreat in Banff

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Points of Connection

Northwest Mennonite Conference Newsletter
October 2023



West Zion Mennonite Church, Carstairs said “Thank You” to Pastor **Lloyd & Eileen Peters.** The church had an appreciation service and potluck for them on Oct. 29th. Their ministry has been much appreciated. Thank You for serving West Zion through this past year.



Introducing **Colin & Colleen Green** as the new pastor for **West Zion Mennonite Church** starting Nov. 1st. There will be a service of **Pastoral Dedication on Sunday morning Nov. 26.**

This is offered to introduce myself to you. I am a man who loves his wife, his children, their spouses, and their children. I am a minister who longs to know God and His grace, serve his Son, communicate his truth, care for his people, build his church, and win the world for his glory alone.

My journey began in the United Church of Canada, a liberal mainline denomination which holds to salvation by works. God used the life and testimony of my younger sister, Beverly, to influence me with the gospel. Beverly had trusted Christ due to the leadership of her friend, Colleen, who is now my wife! Colleen was the Christian girl trying to shine Jesus in her high school. I was the lost captain of the football team, trying to find love in all the wrong places. Beverly and Colleen prepared me for the evangelistic efforts of some Campus Crusaders for Christ at the University of Saskatchewan. On September 17, 1978, I placed my trust in Christ for my salvation by grace alone through faith alone, and I’ve never looked back. Serving Jesus is what my life is for.

When I was a brand new believer, I joined a gospel rock band, Life Unlimited, and served in our church’s youth ministry. It became apparent to church leaders that I was gifted but needed formal training. Once I entered Bible college, my call to ministry became crystal clear to me and those close to me. Thirteen years of Bible college and seminary only served to solidify my calling. I have loved God and led people to Him for almost forty-five years. I heard the good news of Jesus, believed it, trusted Him, and trained to serve Him. I love every person I can for him to lead any person I can to him.

Hines Creek Lighthouse Christian Fellowship



Welcome **Joe & Cathy Mrak** as the new pastor for **Hines Creek Lighthouse Christian Fellowship**. The church had a Pastoral Dedication Service and Potluck on Sunday October 29th.



The Word of Life “**Iglesia Menonita Palabra de Vida**” in Calgary lead by Pastor **Elias & Rita Miranda** has applied for full membership in the Northwest Mennonite Conference. The NWMC Board has recommended that their application be approved at our Convention March 22-24, 2024



Pastor & Spouse Retreat in Banff Oct. 13-15 2023



Dr. Paul Magnus shared on the theme of “Resilience in Ministry”. There was a wealth of information to take in and apply. Jane Magnus spoke at the ladies sessions.



Sonya & Abel Zabaleta served as song leaders for all our sessions.



We spent time in prayer for all the churches as well as each other.



Thank You to generous donors, who bless and support the vision of healthy pastors serving healthy churches resulting in a healthy conference.



We enjoyed the variety of food provided by Joanne for breakfasts and snacks and by the El Toro Restaurant for the brunches and the Old Spaghetti Factory for Saturday dinner.