

AUGUST 2020

LINDEN PLACE NEWS

a great place to live



August

By Celia Thaxter

Buttercup nodded and said good-bye,
Clover and daisy went off together,
But the fragrant water lilies lie
Yet moored in the golden August weather.

The swallows chatter about their flight,
The cricket chirps like a rare good fellow,
The asters twinkle in clusters bright,
While the corn grows ripe and the apple
mellow.

OFFICE CLOSED AUGUST 1-16

Janie will be on vacation and back in the office on Monday, August 17.



August Birthdays

August 4 - Tina Banman

August 13 - Margaret Dueck

August 16 - Tina Klippenstein

August 21 - Phyllis Wiebe

August 24 - Anne Krahn

Happy Birthday to all who are celebrating a birthday!



Monday, August 24 at 1 pm in the MPR

Join us as we celebrate the August Birthdays.

Cost is \$2, coffee and ice cream treats will be served, but those who have an August birthday come for free!

(This will be a monthly event from now on!)



• FROM THE DESK OF •
the Chaplain

"If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth."

(Colossians 3:1-2 ESV)

Summer. Many things come to mind when we hear this word. Every summer has its own story. Someone might think of a specific camping trip years ago with the whole family, with all the fun at the lake, cooking over the fire, and sleeping in that little camper that folds out on both sides. Someone else might remember the fishing trips in the peaceful early morning hours, with the lake glistening as the sun comes up. Only a loon is to hear and the splashing of the water against the rocks on the shore. Summer is a time to take a break, to relax and leisurely recharge as we soak up the warming rays of the sun.

As we turn our faces to the sun and enjoy God's creation around us, we don't want to turn away from the creator. Christ is the centre of summer. He is pre-eminent in all things (Colossians 1:18).

Christ invites us to take breaks from our busy life and retreat to him and find real summer refreshment: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30).

What kind of summer mindset should we have? Churches and ministries take summer breaks and usually resume in September. Should we also take a break from reading God's word? It is exciting to see how many thirst and hunger for God's word and meet regularly, even throughout summer, for Bible studies. It is great delight to meet with fellow believers to search His word and apply it to our lives here and now.

Summer is, in fact, a reflection and a foretaste of heaven, a rehearsal of paradise. We associate certain images with summer—fruitfulness, daylight, rest, play, wonder, festival, joy, reunion, vacation. The Bible also uses the language of homecoming and joyful reunion to describe heaven. God's word speaks of a full and final release from life's misery and loss. It's an endless summer.

So, as you enjoy summer with family, friends, or alone, remember to set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. My prayer is that our eyes will see the Light that is beyond the light of the sun. May the Lord Jesus be our focus as we seek Him in his word and in creation around us.

Ron Babel, Chaplain



Coffee Time - COVID Style

Join us at 9:30 am **every Thursday** in the MPR - simply bring your favourite beverage with you and enjoy a time of good visiting with your neighbours!



Hymn Sing

Thursday, August 20 ~ 1 - 3 pm

Open up your door and join a hymn sing from your doorway!
(If it's nice outside we'll take it outside with our lawn chairs!)

Puzzles for Prizes!

I've handed out puzzles, etc., for you to do while I'm gone on vacation. I'll make **three draws** on the Monday when I return, so keep puzzling!
(Please remember to put your finished puzzle packs in your tray and not in my office slot - it's too small for that! Thanks!)





August 2020 Calendar

Aug. 3: Civic Holiday (Office Closed)

Aug. 4: Bingo 12:30 pm; Bible Study 6:30 pm

Aug. 6: Coffee Time 9:30 am

Aug. 11: Bingo 12:30 pm; Bible Study 6:30 pm

Aug. 13: Coffee Time 9:30 am

Aug. 18: Bingo 12:30 pm; Bible Study 6:30 pm

Aug. 20: Coffee Time 9:30 am; Hymn Sing 1 pm

Aug. 24: Birthday Party 1 pm

Aug. 25: Bingo 12:30 pm; Bible Study 6:30 pm

Aug. 27: Coffee Time 9:30 am



Flowers at Linden!

Altruistic August 2020 Action Calendar




ACTION CALENDAR: ALTRUISTIC AUGUST 2020




SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Choose to be kind to others (and yourself) all this month	2 Send a positive message to someone you can't be with	3 Treat everyone you interact with as though they are a friend	4 Ask someone how they feel and really listen to their reply	5 Spend time wishing for other people to be free from suffering	6 Smile and be friendly, even when 'physical distancing'	7 Thank someone you're grateful to and tell them why
8 Give unused items, clothes, food or money to help a local charity	9 Water some flowers or plants in a public park or outdoor space	10 Contact a friend to let them know you're thinking of them	11 Be thankful for your food and the people who made it possible	12 Share an encouraging news story to inspire others	13 If someone annoys you, be kind. Imagine how they are feeling	14 Try to bring a smile to as many people as possible today
15 Cook your favourite food for someone who will appreciate it	16 No plans day! Be kind to yourself so you can be kinder to others	17 Make a thoughtful gift as a surprise for someone	18 Give your time to help a project or charity you care about	19 Check in with someone who may be lonely or feeling anxious	20 Look for the good side in everyone you meet today	21 Tell someone about a book or article you found helpful
22 Today do something to make life easier for someone else	23 Turn your phone off and give people your full attention	24 Take time to forgive someone who hurt you in the past	25 Give your time and energy to help someone in difficulty	26 Find a way to 'pay it forward' or support a good cause	27 Notice when someone is down and try to brighten their day	28 Start friendly conversations with people you don't know
29 Plan a future project or gathering for your local community	30 Today do something to be kind to nature and our planet	31 Share Action for Happiness with other people today				



**In a world where you can be anything, be kind.
Every act of kindness makes a difference.**





ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Learn more about this month's theme at www.actionforhappiness.org/altruistic-august

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Keep Calm - Stay Wise - Be Kind