

Monthly Information

**Camrose United Church
2004 Jun**

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This Monthly Information sheet is now to be distributed directly to the committees in order to ensure that it is functioning as an effective medium of communication among committee members. As in the past, copies will also be available for anyone else who would like to keep up with the work of the Committees, Council, etc.

We encourage all of the Committees to use the *Monthly Information* to communicate their work to the other Cttes and to other members of the congregation who wish to keep up with the inner workings of the church.

Committee Boxes

Thank-you to those of you who are now checking your committee boxes regularly. We would ask that you *empty* your box regularly, including the copies of the *Monthly Information* (which you might distribute to your committee members at your meetings and place any extras with the others on the table in the entry way).

Church Council

A follow-up meeting was held with the Finance Ctte at our June meeting. Some good progress was made in the development of the committee's mandate as well as discussion of our current financial situation. We are grateful to Beth Kushnerik, Tom Kuntz, Margo Thirsk and Harry Gaede for taking on this very challenging task of developing more effective procedures for cash flow control, financial reporting, debt management and budget monitoring.

In order to fill the vacant position on the Church Council, we decided to call a Special Congregational meeting for 2004 Sep 26 for the purpose of electing a person to fill that position. The Council is working on nominations for this election, however nominations may be made by any member of the congregation.

The Council is planning to meet during the summer, on Jul 7 and Aug 18. The next mandate review will be with the Christian Development Committee.

Stewardship

In regard to Local Givings, this year's budget calls for an increase of **21.2%** over 2003. Quite a challenge! But we are coming close. Local Givings for 2004 Jan-May were **19.7%** higher than 2003 Jan-May. Quite an achievement in less than a year!

Finance

Watch the weekly Announcements for regular updates on our current financial situation.

Membership

We have reviewed all of our procedures, including those relating to newcomers. Our "Church Family Records" have been configured to store the information we need to keep people better sorted out and to support the ongoing review and updating we need.

Worship Schedule

Jun 20. Baptism.

Jun 27.

Jul 4.

Jul 11

Jul 18. Baptism.

Visitation

The Visitation Committee had a lunch meeting on June 8. We continued our review of a list of less active members supplied by the Stewardship Committee, and made suggestions for phoning or visiting some of these.

We named Bob Smith and Dave Edwards to work with Mary Ann Pastuck to do initial planning for a telephone outreach ministry.

Visiting at the hospital and continuing care facilities will continue during the summer months. Our next meeting will be on Sep 14 at 12 noon.

Flowers

Do you have flowers to share? If you can place a bouquet (or bouquets) to grace our sanctuary for one or more Sunday services during the summer months, it will be very much appreciated.

Ministers' Holidays

Mary Ann will be on holiday during July and Jim during August.

Pipe Organ

Work is progressing rapidly on the renovations to the chancel and the organ chamber.