

Monthly Information

Camrose United Church

2004 August

Church Council

We began our August meeting by gathering at the Andreassen cabin for a scrumptious dinner hosted by Cathy and Jim. Many thanks for their gracious hospitality. Our Biblical Reflection was based on the Gospel of Luke 13:10 – 17 (the gospel lesson for this week from The Revised Common Lectionary). We used the reading to discuss where we as a Council might feel bent over and what we might need to stand tall. As a result of our discussion the Council will look toward a Council retreat in September to do some visioning and long range planning.

The master copy of our Policy Handbook has now been assembled and is available in the Church office. The Council and some of the Committees are working on documenting general procedures and their own (committee or Council) procedures. We would ask that all of the committees (except MS&P) give Bonnie a copy of their minutes so far this year (if they have not already) for inclusion in the handbook.

The next Council meeting will be on September 8th at the church. The Property Committee will be in attendance to talk about some long range planning.

There will be a subsequent Meeting on September 22, 2004 to review our financial position with both the Finance and Stewardship Committees in attendance.

There will be an Annual Planning Gathering with the Council and Committees / Teams on September 30, 2004, 7:00 – 9:00 pm. This will be an opportunity for the Council, Committees/Teams to look at their annual calendars and connect with other Committees/Teams they may need to work with.

Worship

From now on the bread served at our communion services will be gluten-free bread. This, of course, arises from the fact that some people today are allergic to gluten, and we endeavour to keep our communion, as with our whole worship practice, as inclusive as possible. This will include our main quarterly communion services as well as the communion held monthly after worship.

ConneXions

The ConneXions Committee will be hosting the “Welcome Back Barbeque” on September 12 right after worship.

Christian Development

SUNDAY SCHOOL will be having a Fall Roundup/Rally on September 12, 2004 with regular classes beginning September 18th. Our first rotation will be on the story of **Jonah**. Come and check out the big fish.

Communications

Please note that items for the Fall Newsletter need to be submitted by September 10, 2004. Please drop them off at the office marked attention Cathie Dobbie. The Newsletter will be available on September 26, 2004.

Pipe Organ

It is expected the organ will be returning around mid-September.