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April Celebrants

- 1 - Miguel Ochoco
- 6 - Norm & Stella McLeod Anniv
- 18 - Diane Thomas
- 19 - Denise Rottacker
- 20 - Ade & Theresa Ojo Anniv
- 21 - Carol Burtack
- 21 - Muriel Dufresne
- 23 - Karen Genoway
- 26 - Ruby Antypovich

Announcements

SAVE THE DATE – The Women's Ministry team wants to invite you to their next event on April 30 and May 1 with Dr. Elizabeth Talbot. Join in fellowship with women from across the Conference as we dive into "The Heart of God". More information to follow.

UPSTREAM - Youth ages 13-17 are invited. This weekly study continues on January 27 at 7 pm(CST) and continues every Wednesday on Zoom (ID 960 0867 1718)

FUTURE TALK - Pastor Seth & Brad Dixon will host an interactive study on Bible prophecy, exploring scripture for answers to questions that are relevant to us today. **Sunday evenings at 7 pm (CST)**. Hosted by Henderson Hwy Church [Facebook](#) & [YouTube](#)

CAMP MEETING SURVEY - Please find a link to a survey on the Camp Meeting "Storm Proofing Your Faith" 2020 below. We want to hear from as many members of the Conference as we can! This will help us so much as we plan. Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/N2ZGWFR>



Out of the Comfort Zone Blessing

As much as we would have preferred to be back at church, in person with our dear church family, Doug, Mom, and I decided to take part together in this unique service - sitting at home and listening on the phone. Finally, the Friday evening of our service arrived! Sabbath and heart preparations having been made, and basins, towels, bread and grape juice assembled, we made the phone call to Zoom and then, we were..."in the meeting!" We enjoyed the singing and appreciated the thoughts and prayers shared during the service, as well as the time of testimonies afterward.

While I was writing this article I asked Doug if he had anything he would like to say about our little "at home" communion. The following are his words: *"Communion on Zoom is obviously a change- doing things differently! Change is harder for some than for others. Some accept change with little, or no stress at all. For myself, it seems that any change has some degree of stress but especially as one gets older! BUT, the reality is that it's never as bad as this "one" imagines it to be."*

And so, on the whole, communion on Zoom was a positive experience. And it is good to get out of one's comfort zone! (at least once in a while)

For myself, the time I shared with Mom was the highlight of our at home service. After I finished washing Mom's feet. I brought my basin to her. She bent over while still sitting in her chair (kneeling is painful for Mom). I put my foot in the basin and Mom began to wash it very gently! Over and over and over she scooped the water onto my foot. Then she proceeded to tenderly bathe my ankle and shin as well! With the same unhurried, gentle, manner, she washed my other foot.

Mom had washed my feet just as thoroughly as if I had walked a dusty trail with sandalled feet like the disciples of long ago! When she completed her humble service she straightened up and....



Holding it Together

The church water pipe burst and there's flooding in the basement". These are the words I remembered hearing from a phone call I received from our church treasurer at Winnipegosis. My mind rushed and expected the worst thing that could possibly happen.

After the phone call, I stopped and prayed, "Lord, this is your church. Please continue to protect and preserve your church." When I arrived at the church, I was expecting wet carpets and soaked drywalls. I walked around the sanctuary and everything was okay, even the baptistry which I thought would have some problems. After a quick inspection on the upper level I walked down to the basement and found an inch and a half of water everywhere.

I praised God that the damage on the floors and baseboard was minimal. However, when the elders started fixing and replacing the pipes, they figured that there were more problems than we anticipated.

When they were fixing the pipes behind the walls, they found that one of the pipes were patched using a strip of rubber and a pipe clamp. No one knows how long it has been there but we're guessing God's angels have been holding it together all this time.

Sometimes the painful experiences we go through are revelations reminding us that God has been holding our lives together.

- Pastor Adams Babida, *District Pastor*

Oh....Dear!!! My poor, almost 92 year old mother-in-law, was breathing very shallow, rapid, laboured breaths, (she suffers from COPD and congestive heart failure). She had shown no signs of struggling to breathe during the foot washing until the moment she sat up.

I felt badly for her discomfort! Truly, her act was a selfless labour of love! I was so moved. We prayed together and shared a big hug! This was the most meaningful foot washing service I have ever experienced! And just think; it would never have happened if we had chosen not to participate in this very special celebration of Jesus sacrifice for us!

I praise God for the wonderful time Mom and I shared! I also Praise Him for how our Mother-in-law, daughter-in-law relationship has blossomed over these last few years! Great is the Lord!

Now....after that lengthy story, I shall leave you with the following short but sweet thoughts from our dear Mom regarding our online communion.

She told me: "Christ is the centre of the home and participating in the communion service at home was "homey!"

Then she added: "It was Beautiful!" Amen!

- Leanne Williamson, Dauphin Church

Christ: The Resurrection and Life

To the believer, Christ is the resurrection and the life. In our Saviour the life that was lost through sin is restored; for He has life in Himself to quicken whom He will. He is invested with the right to give immortality. The life that He laid down in humanity, He takes up again, and gives to humanity. "I am come," He said, "that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life." "Whoso eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day." John 10:10; 4:14; John 6:54.

To the believer, death is but a small matter. Christ speaks of it as if it were of little moment. "If a man keep My saying, he shall never see death," "he shall never taste of death." To the Christian, death is but a sleep, a moment of silence and darkness. The life is hid with Christ in God, and "when Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory." John 8:51, 52; Colossians 3:4.

The voice that cried from the cross, "It is finished," was heard among the dead. It pierced the walls of sepulchers, and summoned the sleepers to arise. Thus will it be when the voice of Christ shall be heard from heaven. That voice will penetrate the graves and unbar the tombs, and the dead in Christ shall arise. At the Saviour's resurrection a few graves were opened, but at His second coming all the precious dead shall hear His voice, and shall come forth to glorious, immortal life. The same power that raised Christ from the dead will raise His church, and glorify it with Him, above all principalities, above all powers, above every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in the world to come. - Desire of Ages p. 786-787