

Morning Messenger

Southminster-Steinhauer United Church
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Lent 3

March 23, 2003

Welcome!

If you are new to our Community of Faith,

A Special Welcome!

TODAY:

- ★ Early Bird Lenten Faith-Lift, 8:30 am
- ★ Worship, Circle Groups, Baby-care, 10:00 am
- SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
- ★ Congregational Meeting, following Worship
- ★ Lenten Stone Soup Sunday Study, 11:30 am
- ★ Bible Study : "A Believable Jesus", 7:00 pm

THROUGH THE WEEK:

Monday:

- ★ Christopher Leadership Course, 7:00 pm
- ★ Healing Pathways, 7:00 pm

Tuesday:

- ★ Tuesday Connection, 9:15 am
- ★ Affirm Committee, 7:15 pm

Wednesday:

- ★ Lenten Bag Lunch Study, 12:00 noon
- ★ Wednesday Worship: Taize, 7:00 pm

Thursday:

- ★ Parents' Morning Out, 9:15 am
- ★ Adult Choir, 7:15 pm

Friday:


- ★ Children's Choir, 6:00 pm
- ★ Drama Group, 7:00 pm

Next SUNDAY, March 30, Lent 4

- ★ Early Bird Lenten Faith-Lift 8:30 am
- ★ Worship, Baby-care ALL AGES TOGETHER, 10:00 am
- ★ Lenten 'Stone Soup Study', 11:30 am
- ★ Bible Study: "A Believable Jesus", 7:00 pm

SUNDAY, April 6, Lent 5

- ★ Men's Breakfast Fellowship, 7:30 am
- ★ Worship, Circle Groups, Baby-care, 10:00 am
- ★ Lenten 'Stone Soup Study', 11:30 am



Gifts Into Action

Southminster-Steinhauer United Church

This is an invitation for the leadership of your congregation to participate in Gifts Into Action, a Friday evening and Saturday Event that is energizing, renewing and fun.

Friday, March 28 7:00 - 9:00 pm - **Prisms**

Saturday, March 29 9:00 am - 12 Noon- **Leadership**

Saturday, March 29 1:00 - 4:00 pm - **Board Development**

Prisms is a resource Joyce Madsen and Claire Woodbuy have just developed here at the Congregational Life Centre to let people identify their gifts, recognize areas where they have passion, and explore opportunities for ministry - both as individuals and as a congregation.

Leadership offers the latest insights around that all important role for leaders - creating, modeling and sharing a vision for your congregation.

Board Development is an opportunity for your Board, Council or Vestry members to examine their role and plan ways to be more effective in supporting the congregation's mission.

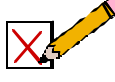
Registration is \$375 per congregation. For this you can have up to 25 people at any session. It does not have to be the same people.

If interested contact our Board Chair - Grant Frame.434-8573

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

To the end of February 2003 givings to General Operations total \$40,713 compared to \$35,756 last year.

- ☺ to request offering envelopes, to inquire about PAR (pre-authorized remittance) or to verify contribution status, please contact Ann Didluck, Envelope Steward, 435-2288.
- ☺ There are boxes of offering envelopes for 2003 in the foyer.
- ☺ Thank you for your faithful stewardship.



"The Joint Search & Selection Committee"

Congregational Meeting


Sunday, March 23, immediately following Worship

To vote on the selected candidate to fill the 1.0 FTE Ministry Personnel position and the "Terms" of the Call.

Silvertones' Schedule




March 23	Short Practice in Lounge Following Worship & Congregational Meeting
March 30	Meet at 9:30 am Sing In Service
April 13	Regular Practice Time Following Worship - Lunch Provided
April 20	Meet 9:30 am In Lounge Sing In Service



Set-up Team

March 30/April 6 - Don & Shirley Junk



Lenten "Stone Soup" Sundays

March 16, March 23, March 30 and April 6

11:30 am to 1:00 pm

"To Seek Justice And Resist Evil"


Video presentations and discussions

See article in Reminder "Lenten Project"

SIGN UP SHEET IN FOYER FOR SOUP AND BREAD:

More info: Lois Evans phone 434-4330

Heartbeats



- ☒ Best Wishes to Sandy Graham, Emily Wakeman and Wes Dick after their recent hospitalization.
- ☒ Our sympathy is expressed to Georgina Brandingen as she grieves the death of son Norman and to Carl McNamara on the death of his grandmother.

Affirm Committee

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights has planned a series of public hearings at various centres across Canada. The focus - same sex marriage. The Affirm Committee has scheduled a meeting to gather input from those who are interested in assisting the Committee, to prepare a brief for submission to the April 2 hearing.

Tues. March 25, 2003—7:15 pm Small Hall

All Welcome

AN AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

Southminster-Steinhauer is an *Affirming Congregation*, a designation that signals our commitment to be a Christian community that is inclusive of all people, including lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people, their families and friends.

For more information, please call Charles Bidwell, 436-8774 or Mieke Wharton, 435-1219.

On the second Sunday of the month, a special opportunity for fellowship is offered, referred to as the "LGBTF and Friends Luncheon." All are welcome.

SOUL FOOD

...A Menu For Lent

1. Sunday Stone—Soup
- 'To Seek Justice and Resist Evil'
- video/discussion series with soup and buns,
on 4 Sundays after worship
March 16, 23, 30, April 6
2. Wednesday Bag-Lunch
- ' Hope Unfolding: Key Themes of Lent'
- a video/discussion series during the noon-hour,
12 - 1 pm on March 12, 19, 26, April 2
3. Early Bird Faith-Lift
- ' A Sensual Faith, .. Experiencing God Through
Our Senses'
- 8:30 am to 9:15 am on Sundays
March 9, 16, 23, 30;
4. Sunday Night Bible Study
- 'A Believable Jesus' ... a probe into the wisdom of
Jesus through the insights from 'Jesus
Seminar' writings.
- 4 Sunday nights, 7:00 to 9:00 pm
March 9, 16, 23, 30



WOMEN'S SPRING FLING

Sat. April 12

8:45 am 5:00 pm

Place: Southminster-Steinhauer

A day long retreat for those of us who find it difficult to get away for an entire weekend. Based on the Bodacious Women (empowerment of women) program from the fall Strawberry Creek retreat. Please sign up on the sheet on the foyer table and fill out registration form. Cost \$15 required with registration.

Contact: Sandi Lockhart 434-4797

Susan Frame 434-8573



Kairos News

Leadership Training Workshop

"Taking Faithful Action For Justice In Your Community"

Sunday, March 30 SSUC 6 - 9 pm (includes light supper)

More Info: Rosanne Thede 461-2237

Speaking On War & Peace - A

Conversation Sponsored by Citizens for Public Justice and Kairos for Albertans Interested in Peace-Building.

Please See Bulletin Boards For Further Information



READING TO AN AUDIENCE

Come explore the keys to lifting words off the printed page. Be more effectively understood through learning techniques to dramatically enhance your delivery.

Presented at Metro Community College April 16 and 17- 7:00-9:00 pm / \$65.00 Register before April 3 at 428-1111

Seasons of Life: An Easter Event

Of Special Interest to Women
Men Also Welcome

This will be an opportunity to look at our losses and consider our hope during an evening of reflection, sacred circle dancing, and music. Refreshments will be provided. Music by Barb Myers
Knox-Metropolitan United Church Gym
8307—109 Street
Monday, April 14, 2003 - 7-9 pm



MISSING!

Have you seen a large clear pyrex bowl from St. Patrick's event?

Please contact Marg Barabash 434- 9227



Menage a Trio

Stephane Lemelin—Piano
Tanya Prochaska—Cello
Martin Riseley—Violin

March 26 Convocation Hall
University of Alberta 8:00 pm

Contact: Mieke Wharton 435-1219

This Lent ...

★ Help Grow a Better World

By supporting the development of Community gardens in the Entre Rios region of Argentina.

★ These gardens are for supplying school lunch programs, now that former government programs have not been able to continue.

Local churches are involved, but need outside assistance.

★ The project will not only maintain the important school program with a local supply of food, but will provide training to both children and parents as they face the struggles of restoring their local economy.

★ Estimated cost to establish one garden is \$2,300 to \$2,775 CDN; equipment, seeds, training and supervision

★ Our own D'Elia family here in Edmonton knows the region and will help us understand the need and circumstances of present day Argentina.

★ SPECIAL ENVELOPES marked 'Help Grow A Better World...Argentinian Project 2003' will be made available. Our special gifts will be dedicated on Palm Sunday, April 13.

★ Note...the envelopes that were included in the recent 'Reminder' are for the United Church of Canada WORLD DEVELOPMENT/RELIEF FUND. Lent/Easter gifts to this part of our 'Mission and Service Fund' will be gratefully received.

★ Thank you for helping to **GROW A BETTER WORLD.**