



# Morning Messenger

**Southminster-Steinhauer United Church**

*An Affirming Congregation within the United Church of Canada*

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**Pentecost 11**

**August 24th, 2003**

## Welcome One And All!

**And if you are new to our Community of Faith, a special welcome! Please sign our welcome book located on on the foyer table.**

TODAY: Service led by our new Resource Team  
Nancy Steeves and Marg Archibald

- ★ Family Worship, Baby-care, 10:00 am
- Baptism: Brooke Ashley Katherine Vidicek  
Daughter of April and Karl Vidicek  
Sponsors: Melanie Wilson and Mark Carder

## THROUGH THE WEEK:

### Wednesday:

- ★ Congregation Care Committee, 1:30 pm

## SUNDAY, August 31

- ★ Family Worship, Baby-care, 10:00 am

## SUNDAY, September 7

- ★ Family Worship, Baby-care, 10:00 am  
Men's Breakfast - Speaker: Nancy Steeves



### Adopt A Plot!

Here is a great opportunity for family togetherness. We need help weeding the shrub beds at the front of our property. Thistles and quack grass need to be cut off two or three times a week until the end of the season because they have tremendous root reserves that keep sending up shoots. The beds have been numbered on stakes and there is a sign up sheet in the foyer. Please help!!



### Another Wonderful Summer Opportunity!

Excavation and planting have taken place over the past week in our Memorial Garden. Did you see it coming in this morning? Please have a look on your way out and our sincere thanks to all the volunteers. To maintain this beautiful garden we need some new volunteers to keep it watered. If you can help please see sign-up sheet in foyer. Aug. 24-30 and Aug 31-Sept.6 still available.



### Heartbeats

- ★ Congratulations to Stephen Lamoureux and Karen Gray on the birth of their son Corbin, born August 7, 2003



### Sundae, Sunday, September 7, 2003

Plan to attend this fun event. It is an opportunity to see old friends and make new friends. It is also the first day for Circle Group Registration.



### THANK YOU

Thank you to the people who made the lunch for Habitat for Humanity on August 14th. Volunteers were very appreciative of the tasty meal provided by the folks from Southminster-Steinhauer.



### Grass Cutting Crew Still Needed!

Volunteers needed for fun in the sun and lawn maintenance. What better way to get to know members of the congregation! Sign up sheet in the foyer.



### Set-up Teams

Aug. 31 - Wendy & Jim Spiers  
Sept. 7 - Barb & Larry Hurrell



### SEASONS OF THE SPIRIT WORKSHOP "CHANGING SEASONS"

Exploring The Curriculum From Pentecost 2 Through Advent, Christmas & Epiphany  
Saturday, Sept. 13, 2003 - 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Sherwood Park United Church - Details On Office Bulletin Board



### Silvertones Choir

Senior choir designed to have fun, and sing without a major commitment.  
When: 1st and 3rd Sunday following worship. First practice Oct. 19.  
Contact: Bonnie Berg 435-8646 (Leave a message, I am away until Oct. 5th.)

### 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.



#### Outreach - Families' Needs

- Woman's Clothing Size 14 - 16 suitable for office wear
  - Boys' clothes; 6x-18
  - Pants for Children All Ages
  - Clothes 1 year old Baby Boy
- Call Carol Allen - 434-1294



#### Congregational Care Committee

We are seeking volunteers who would be willing to be on call to help with set-up and catering for funerals and memorial services.

Contact: Margaret Powell 435-7006 or Marg Robertson 434-6054



#### Request For Sponsors "Paddling for Compassion"

Saturday, Sept. 13, 2003  
*Cornerstone Counselling Centre*

An inter-denominational counselling agency in Edmonton with a Mission of serving all who need it, regardless of ability to pay. Proceeds from the Paddling for Compassion Event will be directed to the Compassion Fund, which subsidizes counselling fees for clients who require financial assistance. Pat is participating and would appreciate your sponsorship. Income tax receipts will be issued for donations exceeding \$15. Pledge sheet is available on Pat's desk anytime between 8:30 am - 1:00 pm or call 435-2028.



#### Cornerstone Counselling Centre

##### Marriage Preparation Program

This weekend workshop, offered by Cornerstone Counselling Centre, is designed for couples engaged or newly married who wish to establish healthy relation skills for vital and lasting marriages. The course is on Friday, Sept 19 (7 - 9 pm and Saturday, Sept. 20 (9:30 am - 3:00 pm). This course will also be offered in 2004. Call 482-6215, or check [www.cornerstonecounselling.com](http://www.cornerstonecounselling.com) for



#### A Taste of Africa - "Beads of Hope" Benefit Dinner & Concert

Mill Woods United Church  
Saturday, Sept. 20 - 7:00 pm - Details on bulletin board at church office.

#### Linda McQuaig On "Value versus Values"

September 6, 2003 (Free Admission)

3:00 to 5:00 pm  
Muttart Hall @Grant MacEwan  
College's Alberta College

This years address by Linda McQuaig, noted journalist, author of All You Can Eat: Greed, Lust and the New Capitalism and provocative speaker on politics and economics, promises to deliver very timely food for thought. To Register: 497-5616.



#### Fall Fair Saturday Oct. 4, 2003

Each table group will feature specific items and you are invited to "adopt" a table. Watch for sign-up opportunities throughout the summer in the foyer. We are building a quality reputation because of our good quality recyclables. Ideas to think about: attic treasures, jewelry, plants, garden produce, baking, toys and games, current books (no texts or magazines), sewing and handcrafts, musical numbers, to name a few! **Note: Current food safety information asks that home preserved jams, jellies, relishes and pickles be processed in a boiling bath, general times as follows: jams and jellies 10 mins, pickles/relish 15 minutes, antipasto 30 minutes. Please keep this in mind if you are preparing these products for the Fall Fair Fundraiser.**

All ideas are welcome, please contact Pat in the office.

#### BOOKS FOR EVERYONE



Revelations is a member-owned and operated cooperative established in May 2002 as a creative solution to the closure of the United Church Books Rooms. Since then they have put together a great collection of books and gifts for every occasion. But that's not all! They specialize in special orders and can usually find any book you're interested in. Prices are reasonable and service is great. First Anniversary SALE! Friday, Sept. 5 and Saturday, Sept. 6. Details and newsletter on Bulletin Board near office. Call 485-8744

Confidence!

#### You Can Make A Difference Take The Christopher Leadership Course

In this ten-week, peace-based course you'll learn skills to help you interact with family members, co-workers, and volunteer associates in a positive manner. You'll be able to speak effectively with confidence as you develop leadership and presentation skills. The Christopher Leadership Course will be offered throughout the week in locations around Edmonton starting September 22, 2003. Register for this fun-filled course and gain the tools you need to be an effective communicator.

For more information or to register, contact 468-6498.

Southminster-Steinhauer will host this ten week course commencing September 25, 2003.

