

## "Walk It Out" from Laurentian Wesleyan Church

Inspiration and Information to Help You "Walk Out" Your Faith Everyday.

#### Sunday February 18th, 2024

Thanks for joining us! We pray you are filled with the grace and peace of Jesus. We encourage you to fill out a welcome card, located in the pews, and give it to me, Pastor Jason. You can also head over to <u>www.laurentianchurch.com</u> and click on "HELLO" to let us know more about yourself.

> Today - Sunday Service - 10am In-Person & Online Nursery available (unstaffed) Refreshments to follow

#### "Start Small, Start Now!"

Lately we've been talking about the importance of reading the Bible for yourself. So, how are you doing?

Recently I read this statement; "Start small, start now. This is much better than 'start big, start later.' One advantage is that you don't have to start perfect. You can merely start."

When it comes to getting into a habit of reading the Bible, focusing on the "ideal method" or the "perfect plan" can trip us up. I sometimes have this ideal image of sitting down at 7am with a fresh cup of tea and an open Bible and having the perfect uninterrupted time with the Lord. If that describes you, keep on. Awesome. But life has a way of interrupting our "perfect picture" of what we want to do. The problem is, when we can't meet these exceptions or we miss, it can keep us from doing ANYTHING. But if our encouragement for how to pray is "just do it!", then perhaps our encouragement for reading the scriptures is "start small, start now!"

Ecclesiastes 7:8 says; "The end of a matter is better than its beginning, and patience is better than pride." This is a great verse for reflection, but today it says to me; "don't forget why you're doing this and have grace for yourself along the way." We read the Word of God to get to know the author better. That takes time, but it won't happen unless we take the time.

If you don't have the perfect plan, that's ok, just "start small, start now!"

\*If you have a smartphone, Chrissy McCutcheon recommends the "Glorify" app.

#### **Prayer Corner**

•Chub Nadrofsky passed away on Thursday night. Please pray for his wife Shirley and the family as they grieve.

•Sharon Graff. Sharon is home! Continued prayers for health and strength.

•Pastor Jason. A good report from the angiogram. PTL!

•Danielle Lewis. Recovery from surgery.

•Lydia Eichwald's niece, Carrie-Ann Shourstra. Prayers for healing.

•Jules Roche (Drew Whittington's manager). Mom was killed in a car accident. Pray as they grieve.

•Peace & Justice: Peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6). Persecuted church. War in Ukraine.

•Healing & Comfort: Lorna Powell, Loes Verlinden (Tony's sister-in-law), Tony Verlinden, Sharon Graff, Nancy (Ernie Reise's wife), Sharon Webster, Lorna Powell, Kevin Trombley (Chrissy's Uncle), Pauline (Nancy Mercier's sister), Cecile Muise (Madeleine Daly's mom), Annabelle (Fern Turcott's sister), Thomas & Johnathan (Barb Daw's sons).•Wisdom & Freedom: Accessibility Project. Celebrate Recovery Ministry, Braydon, Andrew.

•Salvation. Lift up some names that come to mind. This website gives a clear presentation of the Gospel: peacewithgod.net

If you have requests to add or remove, or an update to share, please let Pastor Jason know.

Join and share requests on our "Laurentian Prays" Facebook group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/laurentianprays

## Want to go deeper? Why not take a FREE course?

Kingswood University in Sussex, New Brunswick launches <u>www.kingswoodlearn.com</u>. Kingswood Learn is a free platform that provides access to high-quality, engaging, and practical micro courses.

Here's just a few of the MANY course titles...from trusted sources in the Wesleyan tradition:

A Brief Guide to the New Testament
How to Read the Bible
Healthy Spiritual Practices
Self-Care for Life's Challenges

Theology of the Body

•And many more

## **Children's Ministry Update**

We are working at (re) launching Children's Church in the near future.

**Would you like to volunteer?** Please talk to Pastor Jason to begin the screening process.

#### **Accessibility Project**

To see the whole project, visit: <u>www.laurentianwesleyan.com</u>

Check out the "craft" table downstairs! All for a donation to the Accessibility Project.

Check out the binder in the foyer if you have questions about our fund-raising efforts.

#### **Accessibility Fund-Raising**

Questions/pick ups – ask Tony 705-358-1263 •Collecting large metal items & pop cans

Upcoming Events, At a Glance

Bible Study - Thursdays at 7pm

**Celebrate Recovery** - First Baptist Church Every Wed 7pm – Teaching \* 8pm - Share Groups \* Everyone welcome.

## Next Seniors' Lunch - Tue, Feb 20 at Noon

Include something "red" in your dish Activity: "Who get's the gift?" Hymn Sing. **NO "Moving is Christ"** - Exercise Class We're hopeful to start again this Spring after Danielle heals from her surgery. Stay tuned.

## Breakfast Fund-Raiser - Saturday, March 2, 2024

Drop In. 8:30am to 11am In support of the Accessibility Project Talk to Tony & Verna Verlinden if you'd like to help.

# Good Friday Gathering - Friday, March 29, 2024 at 10:30am

Hosted at Bethel Gospel Chapel.

## Financial Update – Feb 4

General: \$1,452 Missions: \$20 <u>Access. Project: \$116.65</u> Total: \$1,588.65

Please note that \$51.65 included in the Access. Project amount above came from the Metal Recycling Fundraiser.

Do you give with cheques? Please make sure you make your cheque payable to "Laurentian Wesleyan Church". Thanks!

(Budget Required Per Week: \$2,170.71) For more information about giving, visit <u>www.laurentianchurch.com/give</u>

### **Upcoming Church Family Celebrations!**

#### <u>March 2024</u>

March 8 Jasen Belanger March 16 Ted & Ann Myers Anniversary March 24 Danielle Lewis March 24 Jim Reid March 27 Khloe Knight

### For fun...

What do you call two birds in love?