

Sask. UCCW Newsletter February 2023

1 Corinthians 13: 4 – 8

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for the prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end.

February is Black History month

February has been proclaimed as African-Canadian/Black History Month in honour and recognition of the legacy of Black Canadians across Saskatchewan and the rest of Canada.

This is an opportunity to learn more about the many accomplishments and contributions made by persons of African-Canadian heritage in our province.

"African-Canadian/Black History Month is a time to reflect on the history and legacy that persons of African heritage have had in making Saskatchewan the great province it is today," Parks, Culture and Sport Minister Laura Ross said. "We thank the Saskatchewan African Canadian Heritage Museum for the work they do to share the stories of our past while providing education for future generations."

This year is also the 19th Anniversary of the Saskatchewan African Canadian Heritage Museum (SACHM).

"We appreciate the Government of Saskatchewan for recognizing and proclaiming African-Canadian/Black History Month in Saskatchewan," SACHM Executive Director Carol LaFayette-Boyd said. "It is important to acknowledge the contributions African-Canadians have made to our province and to understand the vital role played in our history. As we near the end of the United Nations declaration of International Decade for People of African Descent 2015-2024,

SACHM is optimistic that the theme of recognition, justice and development is occurring and continues in Saskatchewan."

For a list of upcoming events, visit the SACHM's Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/SACHMSaskatchewan>.

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Living Skies Confirmation Retreat (gr 7-12)

March 3-5, 2023 at St. Paul's United Church, Saskatoon

<https://livingskiesrc.ca/event/confirmation-2023/>

Confirmation weekend is coming up! If there are youth in your church community who are interested in being confirmed, please let them know about this event!

To Register: <https://form.jotform.com/230246052339248>

It will be a great weekend to share, learn, laugh, and grow in our faith together.

Confirmation of Faith officially is a relationship with your home congregation or community of faith. The Youth Confirmation Weekend can be one part of that journey with a group of other youth who share similar questions, doubts, jokes, and life experiences. It's gonna be awesome!

This event is open to anyone in the region in grades 7-12 who is interested in exploring confirmation. We will spend the weekend learning and talking faith stuff and at the end of the event you will have the option of being confirmed with your home congregation. If you or your church have questions about how this works, please be in touch!

- Friday night to Sunday at noon so bring stuff for sleeping on a comfy church floor!
- \$50 per participant (but just let Lindsay or Josie know if money is a little tight – we want you there!)

Questions? Contact Josie at lsyayac.josie@gmail.com or Lindsay at livingskiesyaya@united-church.ca or 306-291-5943.

Saskatchewan UCW Bursary Fund

The Bursary Fund has been in existence for over 50 years, starting as a Centennial Project in 1967. Any student who is a member of a Living Skies /Saskatchewan United Church, entering a United Church recognized program of pastoral ministry may apply. The first deadline for this year is February 28. Anyone wishing to donate to the UCW Bursary Fund can do so by making cheques **payable to: Living Skies Regional Council** and sending them to: **60 Athabasca St. E. Moose Jaw, Sask. S6H 0L2**. They should be clearly marked on the **Memo line: UCW Bursary Fund**.

Virtual UCW Chapter – If anyone is interested in taking part in a virtual monthly UCW meeting, please let any member of the Sask. UCCW know.

Stats Reports

Thank you to all those who have sent in their Stats Reports and \$2 per member donation. It is our only way to maintain contact with the women in Living Skies Region United Churches so even if you no longer have a UCW or Women's Group please send the form so we can keep you informed about Regional News as well as National and Global.

World Day of Prayer

I hope you are able to attend and/or take part in a World Day of Prayer service in March. This year's service was written by the WDP Committee of Taiwan. "I Have Heard About Your Faith" is the theme. For more information and details on this year's World Day of Prayer go to: <https://wicc.org/world-day-of-prayer>

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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