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***“Reconciliation is getting to know one another”***, Mary Simon, Governor General: National Post, July 26, 2021

## August 2024 News from your Ministry Manager

You never really know the true impact you have on those around you.

You never know how much someone needed the smile you gave them.

You never know how much your kindness turned someone's life around.

You never know how someone needed the squeeze on the shoulder or deep talk.

So don't wait to be kind. Don't wait for someone to be kind first. Don't wait for better circumstances or for someone to change. Just be kind, because you never know how much someone needs it.

**We had some discussions recently** in our Men's, Women's, and Co-ed Sharing Circles about the impact of kindness. Lots of memories shared about kindness received and kindness given.

**Our annual Urban Father's Day Picnic in the Park** on June 16<sup>th</sup> was great fun! The Oriole's Site at the Valour Community Club on Burnell St. is always a great spot for our picnic lunch, baseball, and races. We reserve the green space and arrange for community club staff to have the washrooms open, and the City of Wpg Parks & Recreation provides the baseball equipment for our event. The kids were very enthusiastic to race for prizes!

**2024 Zinn Farm Tour** for our Urban community is scheduled in August. Our third time to be hosted by the Zinn family at their farm near Starbuck. The Urban has rented a school bus to pick us up in the church parking lot and we're and looking forward to a wonderful day! Watch for the photos on our website! Monika explains the daily workings of a farm as we see the chickens, Berkshire hogs, little piglets, bunny rabbits, and the farm cow up close!!

**I'm so grateful** for our volunteers who help in the day-to-day assistance in so many ways. They all help me so much and make every day at the Urban a joy to be there. I'm never sorry to see my July vacation over! We are forever filled with gratitude to the meal teams, to those who donate items for our pantry, and to those who donate toward our operating expenses.

**To our MNO Congregation Members and Clergy: A wonderful opportunity to have fellowship with our Urban Community - please drop by anytime to our:**

**Sunday Worship Service:** door opens at 1:00 p.m. with coffee/tea. Worship service 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

**Men's Lunch/Sharing Circle every Wednesday - Downstairs at Noon**

Please stop by at 12:00 p.m. Noon (*ring the doorbell*) for lunch and great fellowship and conversation!

**Women's Sharing Circle every Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.** (until 3:30 p.m.)

Please arrive at 2:00 p.m. (*ring the doorbell*) for coffee/tea/dessert and great fellowship and conversation!

**Women's Drop-in every Wednesday from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.**

Please drop in (*ring the doorbell*) for coffee/tea/cookies and visiting together! Kids & grandkids welcome to come with you and we have colouring and arts and crafts to keep them busy.

**Co-ed Sharing Circle every Thursday at 4:30 p.m.** (please arrive at 4:30 p.m.)

Please stop by at 4:30 (*ring the doorbell*) for great fellowship and conversation! And coffee/tea/dessert.

- Rhonda Gorham, Ministry Manager, Lutheran Urban Ministry Corp.

We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of age, ability, health, ethnicity, gender identity, gender expressions, language, sexual orientation, life circumstances, marital status, race, or anything else which sometimes divides us. The Urban is committed to racial equity. We welcome diversity and uniqueness. Our unity is in Christ, whose grace is freely given to all. All are welcome. The Lutheran Urban Ministry Corp. is a member of Reconciling Works

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