

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" I Peter 5:8

MINISTRY UPDATES

We trust you have been experiencing the blessings of the Lord this Spring! We have been feeling His hand of mercy upon us as we seek to continue His ministry here. I(Sean) was again able to witness and minister to several needy families who needed help sandbagging due to Spring flooding. There was a young man, Jared, who seemed to be particularly open to God's Word. I have met with him for coffee a few times already, he has not yet come to Church. He is suffering from past trauma caused by a previous Church and Pastor from the area. We are trying to work past his fear of "hypocritical Christians" suffered from his past experiences. Please remember him in you prayers!

Satan has been working overtime here in Kenora. There have been three missing young women and two missing young men so far just in the month of June. As well there have been over 30 cases of suicide since January. Many of these incidences involve Indigenous people, both adults and youths. The Nishnawbe Aski Nation has describes these deaths as a "Perpetual state of Crisis" Many of these suicides are not reported as they happen on the Reservations. Due to our many connections within the community we are often called upon by the families to offer some degree of comfort and hope.

Our outreach ministries have been doing well. Although Sean does not like to rely on technology too much, his online Bible lessons have been going well. He has lost a few people; but, has gained people as well My(Kathy) Ladies ministry is doing good as well. I have been doing better physically and I am able to lead the Bible Study and organize the Pot-lucks and fellowship meals, etc... I have been able to continue to work and am enjoying caring for my clients. I am not supposed to "Preach" but if the client opens the conversation I am able to witness. I have had several opportunities already this Spring.

In spite of her intense Arthritic knee pain, due to the high humidity and cool mornings and evenings, Darlene has remained our most faithful member. For a Lady of her age she has an amazing amount of energy. She is always the first to make meals for the sick and infirm. She wants to be involved in every Church activity. She is a real Blessing to all of us!! With all of the rain we have been having, the weeping tile around her house are either plugged or need upgrading, so as soon as she is ready we are planning a Church workday with all of the men in the Church to help her out.

Brian, Kevin and I have been doing a Men's Bible study every week occasionally one of their friends or visitors will join us. Some of our studies are quite long as we apply God's Word to "our modern world", never in a negative or confrontational way. It is always a fun and informative time for all!

We have been seeing many visitors lately. It seems the tourists have been coming back earlier every year. One weekend we had 20 people in attendance. This is over double our normal attendance. We have been really blessed with visitors this year!! Praise the Lord!! We just pray for continued growth in the Church; both physical and spiritual!

FAMILY UPDATES

Kathy's brother Jeremy has been adjusting slowly to his amputation. He is out of the Hospital and has been moved to a one-storey apartment. He has been receiving HomeCare as he is still unable to do everything for himself. He was able to spend the day with family on his Birthday(July 27). He really enjoyed himself as he does not get out much.

As has been mentioned Kathy's health has been steadily improving, she has a full schedule with work and Lady' ministries.

Devin has moved to Kenora and is working with Erin at Wholesale Club. Devin is in the Meat Department and Erin is in the Produce Department.

Christina has been having trouble with her remaining Kidney; she has been having a lot of pain in the general area. The Doctor's have been unable to diagnose an exact cause yet. Her Doctor has ordered her to take a break from work and get plenty of rest.

Shannon has been doing well. She is a stay-at-home mom. She has the two children; Bella(6) and Brian(2). Bella was in school this past year and seemed to enjoy it.

Erin has been back to work full time. He still has some residual back pain some days and is going to a Chiropractor once every month or two

Prayer requests

- Darlene's health(she is still waiting for her knee surgery)
- Brian and Kevin
- Outreach Ministries
- Healing for Jared(past hurts) and continued growth
- The Kenora and Reservations in the area(Suicide and Missing and murdered Indigenous Peoples)
- Revival
- Jeremy's Health
- Devin has an unspoken request
- Christina's Health
- Erin's continued health and strengthening of his back

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