

As you know, this Sunday, August 13 is "Choose Your Own Adventure Sunday" so there will **not be a worship service in the FMC building**.

There will not be a bulletin or a Zoom link for this Sunday. This week's announcements are contained here in the body of this email:

### **First Mennonite Church (FMC) Announcements:**

**We are requesting photos and videos of any First Mennonite Church events** in recent years from anyone. These photos will be used by Mennonite Church Alberta (MCA) in their "A Window Into..." series that highlights each congregation across MCA (see below). If you have photos/videos from First Mennonite Church events, etc., please get in touch with Pastor Caleb or email those photos to him as soon as possible: [pastor@calgaryfirstmennonite.ca](mailto:pastor@calgaryfirstmennonite.ca) Thank you!

**Pastor Caleb will be at Camp Valaqua from August 13 - 18.** Pastoral care concerns during this time should be directed to one of the Deacons: Bernie Feddema, Richard Gorecki, Nathan Burgess, Kelly Janz, Susanne Feddema, or Marlene Pytyck.

**FMC August 20 Worship Service:** There **will be** a Worship Service in the First Mennonite Building on August 20, starting at our usual time of 11:00 am., with Pastor Caleb speaking.

**August 27 FMC Church Picnic at Camp Valaqua:** On Sunday, August 27, join us at Camp Valaqua for our First Mennonite Church Annual Picnic beginning at 11:00 am. Lunch will be potluck style, followed by outdoor games for all ages. Directions to Camp Valaqua can be found at the bottom of their website home page: <https://www.campvalaqua.ca/>

**FMC Fellowship Groups:** Everyone interested in being a part of fellowship groups here at First Mennonite Church is reminded to mark their calendar for the evening of Monday, September 18, when we will have the first meeting. More details to come about time and locations.

### **Prayer Concerns:**

- Pray for all those facing health concerns of all kind.
- Pray for those who are being impacted by wildfires: in Alberta and British Columbia, on the island of Maui, and in multiple areas of Greece.

### **Praise Notes:**

- From Camp Valaqua: "We in the kitchen are so so grateful to have amazing help all summer from volunteers. I feel quite confident in saying that we couldn't do it without our volunteers!! Thank you so much for everything from sending cookies to mopping to cleaning the grill and everything in between. So many kids are saying that the food is their favourite part of camp and no one would

last a day, much less a whole week, without food out here, so thank you for making camp possible." ~ Louisa Adria (head cook).

**From Mennonite Church Alberta (MCA):**

**Open a window into your MCA family!**

**In the month of August, Calgary first Mennonite Church invites us to pray for them:**

Our prayer at Calgary First Mennonite Church is to be daily transformed by our God; to face our failures of yesterday, to be forgiven, and to be called into the new day God has given us. It is always our hope in prayer to see and love God, ourselves, our neighbours, and all of creation as God does. And as a community, we continue to wrestle with understanding how we are called to both encounter and embody Jesus with the particular questions, problems and limits we face in this time and place. Yet, we know the opportunity to be able to do this together is a gift from God for which we always give thanks.

We ask our MCA family to pray for us in our journey as fellow disciples. But we also have particular burdens, fears and concerns that face individuals in our community. Pray for those of us who are undergoing health concerns of various kinds, whether they be mental, relational, physical or spiritual. Please pray for many of us who are at various points in the process of grief and loss. And pray for the families we have been sponsoring over the years, and as we discern our participation in refugee sponsorship going forward.