

Connecting Women of the Canada Conference

Women Mentoring Women

The mission of WM is to advance God's kingdom through ministries that equip women to grow, serve and reach out with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Your Stories...

Erickson Covenant (Erickson, BC)

Here at Erickson Covenant Church, Women Ministries are up to their necks in flour, potatoes, apples and cabbages as we head into final preparations for our Fall Tea and Bake Sale on Nov. 21. Looking beyond we anticipate a "Make and Take" Pinecone event to include women and daughters in a fun time of using what grows naturally around here: pinecones. There'll be food for our body and soul as one of our women shares. The other major event is the Christmas Dinner which occurs the day of our children's program on Dec. 13. It is the extra special event that brings together families around tables laden with Creston's finest foods as we celebrate Christ's birth together.

Gateway Covenant Church (Prince Albert, SK)

Quite a few years ago the women of Gateway Covenant Church initiated the "Family Advent Service," and it has continued to be a special event each year. On the evening of the first Sunday in Advent we have a program with many family members participating in it. These items may be in the form of a musical number, a poem, a reading, a story, etc. -- all relating to the Christmas theme. These submissions may be by an individual, a family unit or a church group. We like to look on these as not just a mere "performance" but as a meaningful rendition, helping us to begin the Season with the true meaning of Christmas in our hearts and mind! *Let the ... meditation of [our] hearts be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, [our] Rock and [our] REDEEMER (Psalm 19:14)!*

Off-Lake Covenant Church (Emo, Ontario)

Our pastor's son Justin will be going on a mission trip to help build homes in Guatemala in Nov. Thus some of our ladies have, over the past few months been busy making quilts, afghans, and sweaters to send with him, while others have purchased school supplies. These will be distributed to poor people in Guatemala. We will also be preparing a care package for a first year college student from our church family. We traditionally spend one Sunday afternoon in Dec., caroling to the elderly, widows and widowers in our community. We prepare a "goodie bag" of homemade bread, jam, cheese and dainties for each home we visit. The ladies will be meeting one Sat. morning in Emo for a breakfast brunch and morning of fun. We will also have our annual Christmas Banquet to prepare for. In Nov. we will be packing our shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Norquay Covenant Church (Norquay, SK)

We are busy preparing for Smorgasbord (fall supper) this weekend. Our ladies have recently taken on a new project, Broken Arrow Ranch. It is a ranch that takes in kids at risk and helps provide them with a stable home life and strong Christian

beliefs. We are meeting to make quilts, toiletry bags, collecting clothing, toys and toiletry supplies for the children.

Our ladies always host a community ladies Christmas party, usually the first Thursday in December. We begin with a potluck supper, which is always an amazing array of wonderful dishes. Then we have a speaker, sometimes from home but often from somewhere else. We often have a couple of musical numbers and sing some carols. Then we have dessert and coffee and visit. The last few years we have hosted it in the sanctuary which has created a very special atmosphere.

The news from Canada's WM team...

Our team as decided at the AGM on April 25, 2009:

Coordinators: Pattie Peterson & Judy Nelson

Secretary: Lila Freysteinson

Equipping Ministry: Jeramie-Lee Nelson

CM&J: Korleen Stapleton

Liaison to Denominational WM: Gretchen Johnson

Missionary Encouragement Fund (MEF)

Bethany Fullerton serving at Bethlehem Bible College and Janelle Peterson serving with Dr. Manno at Ebenezer Clinic are the two latest recipients of our M.E.F. Each young woman will receive \$1000 toward their ministries. We look forward to updates on their ministries!

Canada WM has a website! Check us out on

www.canadacovenantchurch.org/womenministries. Monthly e-letters will be available on the website within the week of receiving it in your inbox.

We're looking forward to Triennial! Triennial XIII is scheduled for July 19-26, 2010 and we're busy raising monies for Raise the Flag. We'd like to encourage all women in Canada to consider attending this incredible conference that the Covenant WM board plans, prepares and executes. More details can be found at <http://www.triennialxiii.org/>

An update from Florence Gustafson, our SIM:

Keith is in Congo right now and will be there until Nov. 21. Please pray that God would use him to be an encouragement to the Covenant church leadership there. And the big news is that 2 couples, who formerly worked in Congo, are planning to go back in 2010...Pete & Cindy Ekstrand and Tim & Helen Smith. They will be living in the area where the Covenant church headquarters is in Gemena. One of the things Keith is doing while he's there is getting arrangements in order for the building of 2 small houses for these 2 couples. As always I ask for prayer for unity and wisdom in the church, and for peace both in the church and in the country. I continue to love my job as a hospice nurse and am so grateful for the opportunity to be God's hands and feet in this way at this time. I'm also loving being 30 minutes from my parents who are both 87. I see them almost every week. What a blessing!

For next month...

Well, the weather around Wetaskiwin, Alberta has turned out to be pleasantly mild as of late. However, we are anticipating another chilly Albertan winter spent keeping warm. And for December's eletter, we would like to know what keeps your heart warm? Does your church or community have any especially heartwarming Christmas stories to share? What about a special Christmas *you* have experienced? We look forward to warming our hearts with your stories!