

**Steinbach United**

 March 12, 2017 Lent: Invitation to Change



**One Small Step At A Time**

The gospel at the heart of our gathering for worship and service is deeply rooted in the prophetic tradition. Jesus comes into a troubled world to save it from the distortions and abuses that rise up from the depths of spiritual darkness. To accomplish this salvation Jesus gathers men and women to participate with God in the revelation of light which casts out darkness.

Following the teaching of Jesus these persons turn aside from the common assumptions of their time to engage a fresh way of thinking and acting in the world. Just as it was with the prophets, those who follow in the way of Jesus may discover that there is a significant personal cost.

Lent offers us opportunity to reconsider the priorities of our daily living. We are invited to turn aside from habit and routine to give our undivided attention to the conflict between light and dark in the history of our world. Those who take the opportunity and the challenge of Lent seriously will discover that the struggle of light and dark begins in our own hearts.

May God bless you on your Lenten journey!

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**Sunday Morning Service**  March 12, 2017

Announcements and Sharing of Celebrations

Songs “Spirit Open My Heart” MV 79

 “Deep In Our Hearts” MV 154

Sharing and Learning “Where Are You?”

Reading “Psalm 19” [responsive] VU 740

Song “Come Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love” VU 574

Scripture Genesis 12: 1-4; John 3: 1-17

Reflections “Body and Soul”

Song “Take My Life and Let it Be” VU 506

Mission Minute “Helping Refugees”

Offering Song “What Can I Do?” MV 191

Pastoral Prayer

Song “When Pain of the World” VU 598

Blessing and Passing the Peace

**NEWS AND NOTES**

**Happenings for the Week:**

Monday - Prayer Breakfast 9-10AM

 -Book Study – 7:15PM

Tuesday – Pastoral Care Team Meeting – 2PM

 Worship Team Meeting - 7:15PM

**Looking Ahead**

**March 22 - Board Meeting 7:15PM at (SEHH Building)**

 **Note: (Time Change to 7:15PM)**

**March 23 – M&P Team Meeting – 5:30-7:30(CE Hall)**

**March 25 – Youth Night 6-10PM (CE Hall)**

**Pick Up and Walk** - May 6th 9:00 a.m. Come help us clean up Steinbach. More info to follow. Any questions Evelyn 204-326-3979.

**Providence College** Lecture Series held at SAC at 7PM -

This Tuesday’s topic is “The Relationships Between First Nations and Business in Manitoba”, by Bruce Duggan, M.B.A.,Director of Buller Centre for Business;

**Eden Foundation’s Dessert Night,** Thursday March 16th at 7PM, Steinbach Mennonite Church’s Fellowship Hall will feature *‘Stories of* *Transformation’*. Playback Theatre an improvisational acting troupe will re-enact stories they hear from presenters. They will be joined by special guest Dancing Gabe whom you may have seen at a sporting event in Winnipeg.

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