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March 4 to March 28, 2019

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Please send in your cheque for **\$25.00**
payable to First United Church.

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please contact the church office at 306-773-9353.

Communion Services

The Meadows - Thursday, March 14th at 2pm
Cypress House - Wednesday, March 20th at 2 pm
Please come and help with the singing!

We are planning **Membership Classes** for this spring.

This discussion group is open to anyone who:

- is already a member,
- is considering being a member or
- is just interested in exploring their faith with other seekers.

If you are interested please contact Annette or the church office.

Sunday, March 10, 2019

A warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us today!
If this is your first time with us,
please be sure to sign one of our guest books.
You are very welcome to join us for coffee and conversation
after worship in the large foyer outside the sanctuary.

Upcoming Meetings & Activities:

- Monday, March 11 – Mindfulness Meditation – 7:00 p.m. in the Burnham room.
- Tuesday, March 12 – Membership & Pastoral Care, 10:30 a.m. in the Cypress Lounge.
- Tuesday, March 12 – Faith Formation, 4:00 p.m. in the Chinook room.
- Wednesday, March 13 – Prayer Group, 8:45 a.m. in the Chapel.
- Wednesday, March 13 – Lectionary Bible Study, 9:30 a.m. in the Chinook room.
- Wednesday, March 13 – Garage and 3rd Avenue Boutique rummage sales, 2:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 13 – Creation Station, 2:00 p.m. in the Creative Arts Space
- Wednesday, March 13 – Lenten Book Study, 5:00 p.m. in the Grace Library.
- Wednesday, March 13 – Building & Property, 6:45 p.m. in the Chinook room.
- Wednesday, March 13 – World Peace Meditation, 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.
- Wednesday, March 13 – Choir practice, 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.
- Thursday, March 14 – Come-and-Go Coffee Time, 10:30 a.m. in the Cypress Lounge.
- Friday, March 15 – Matinee *A Star Is Born*, 2:00 p.m. in the Burnham room.
- Friday, March 15 – Evening Show *A Star Is Born*, 7:00 p.m. in the Burnham room.

Who Is Our Neighbour? A Canadian Conversation

Volunteer Meeting – Wed. March 13th 7pm at St. Olaf's

On April 5 – 6, 2019 the Swift Current Ministerial Association is hosting an educational conference to help foster understanding between the Church and Indigenous Peoples (*see insert*).

We are looking for volunteers who will serve as assistants to speakers and workshop leaders, hosts, ushers, registration desk people, and PowerPoint operators. If you are interested in volunteering, we invite you to attend the volunteer meeting on March 13th and/or talk to Annette.

Lenten Piggy Banks – Mission & Service

The Outreach committee will be distributing Lenten Piggy banks today and next Sunday. Please fill these piggy banks with coins during Lent for Mission & Service and return them to the church office by April 30th.

PD day VBS 2019

Children ages 4-12 are invited to attend our PD day Vacation Bible School happening on Thursday, March 21, from 1:00-4:00 PM. You may please contact Jackie Ravino to register your child/children or if you have questions and inquiries at (306) 750-2138 (call or text) or send an e-mail at jackieorola-ravino@hotmail.com. A pre-registration form/sheet is also available at the church office. This invitation is open for all children who are willing to participate. If you are able, please have your kids registered by March 18, 2019.

“Quilts in the Pews ... and much more” quilt show, Thursday, June 13. Details to follow.

World Peace Meditations

Wednesdays at 7:00pm at First United Church

March 13, April 17, May 15

After the intro we will sit in silent meditation from 7:30-7:50 p.m. This is happening all over the world! As people meditate in each successive time zone the energy builds like a wave which gets stronger and stronger as it circles the planet. This practice is open to all who have a deep desire for world peace. No meditation experience necessary. Focused prayer is also welcome.

Ministerial Lenten Services

at St. Olaf Lutheran Church

12:00 p.m. Worship then 12:30 p.m. Lunch

Date	Presider	Preacher	Lunch
March 14	Dave Smith	Lois Bukar	First United
March 21	Zoria Shumay	TBD	Ursuline Assoc.(CTR)
March 28	Linda Hall	Nick Kimpinski	Community Baptist
April 4	Don & Elizabeth Grad	Bob Cappelle	Knights of Columbus (CTR)
April 11	Ryan Bak	Joell Haugan	St. Andrew's Pres.

Our next

Loose Change Supper

will be held on

Tuesday, March 26

at 5:30 p.m. in the gym.

Our menu is: Beef stew, vegetarian stew, buns/biscuits, coleslaw salad, bread pudding with hot caramel sauce and an Ice Cream Sundae bar for dessert.

If you would like to join us for supper, please sign up at the church office by March 24th.