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In 2008 we shared with you our first 40 Days of Lent Devotional "Journey to the Cross" that was prepared by individuals who attend Westwood Community Church. The daily devotionals helped us to prepare our hearts and minds for Good Friday and our remembrance of Christ's sacrifice.

We are looking forward to publishing the 2009 edition of our WCC 40 Days of Lent Devotional and invite you to participate by writing a half page devotional (approximately 400 words) that would be included along with 39 other devotionals written by people who call Westwood their church home. Our emphasis this year is "Christ's Sacrifice Inspires Extravagant Living" and follows along from our time engaged in Spiritual Development through the *DGD – Description of a Growing Disciple Check-Up*, Sunday morning Adult Teaching Ministry – *Knowing & Living Your Faith* and the annual Prayer Vigil – *Under the Fig Tree*.

The following are a few titles/thoughts/reminders that may stir your thinking as you prayerfully consider preparing a submission for our Lent devotional:

From the DGD Check-up:

A Growing Disciple is someone who is...

1. Captivated and Committed
2. Thriving and Thirsting
3. Bonded and Building
4. Inviting and Influencing
5. Discerning and Disarming

From Sunday Morning Teaching Ministry:

How we walk...

1. Walk in Love
2. Walk in Light
3. Walk in Newness of Life
4. Walk in Victory
5. Walk of Faith
6. Walk in Obedience



From the Prayer Vigil:

Vertical Prayer – God & Me...

1. Praise & Worship of God, the Father
2. Personal Confession
4. Reflections on Christ's Sacrifice
5. Producing Good Fruit

This is not an exhaustive list. Be sure to consider your personal spiritual journey as you contemplate your devotional. Please include a scripture passage with your devotional.

If you are willing to prepare a devotional, or have questions, please contact Kathy at kathy@westwood.mb.ca or phone 888-1771.

Completed devotionals need to be submitted no later than **February 15, 2009** so the booklets can be ready for distribution prior to the commencement of Lent – February 25th.

Electronic submissions via email are preferred but hard copies will be gratefully accepted as well.

For further reference on the 40 Days of Lent check out <http://www.cresourcei.org/cylent.html> or request a hard copy from Kathy. The following is an excerpt from this website.....

Lent is a time of preparation to celebrate God's marvellous redemption at Easter, and the resurrected life that we live, and hope for, as Christians.

Originating in the fourth century of the church, the season of **Lent** spans 40 weekdays beginning on Ash Wednesday and climaxing during Holy Week with Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday), Good Friday, and concluding Saturday before Easter. Originally, Lent was the time of preparation for those who were to be baptized, a time of concentrated study and prayer before their baptism at the Easter Vigil, the celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord early on Easter Sunday. But since these new members were to be received into a living community of Faith, the entire community was called to preparation. Also, this was the time when those who had been separated from the Church would prepare to rejoin the community.

Lent is a way to place ourselves before God humbled, bringing in our hands no price whereby we can ourselves purchase our salvation. It is a way to confess our total inadequacy before God, to strip ourselves bare of all pretence to righteousness, to come before God in dust and ashes. It is a way to empty ourselves of our false pride, of our rationalizations that prevent us from seeing ourselves as needy creatures, of our "perfectionist" tendencies that blind us to the beam in our own eyes.

Through prayer that gives up self, we seek to open ourselves up before God, and to hear anew the call "Come unto me!" We seek to recognize and respond afresh to God's presence in our lives and in our world. We seek to place our needs, our fears, our failures, our hopes, our very lives in God's hands, again. And we seek by abandoning ourselves in Jesus' death to recognize again who God is, to allow His transforming grace to work in us once more, and to come to worship Him on Easter Sunday with a fresh victory and hope that goes beyond the new clothes, the Spring flowers, the happy music.

SUNDAY MORNINGS at WESTWOOD

- 8:45 am** **Choir Practice**
Leader/Contact: Eric Marshall
- 9:45 am** **Adult Teaching Ministry**
Leader/Contact: Ethel Schroeder
- The Bunch & Merge**
Leader/Contact: Terry Doerksen
- 11:00 am** **WORSHIP SERVICE**
- Children's Ministry**
Leader/Contact: Bob Fewings
- Mini Merge**
Leader/Contact: Terry Doerksen

Refer to the Floor Plan at the Welcome Centre for locations.

Annual Finance Meeting

Sunday, February 1

WCC Gym

Following the morning worship service

Lunch will be provided

The Annual Financial Report is available at the Welcome Centre
Please pick up your copy

Spiritual Development... One Emphasis --- Many Engaging Opportunities

January to April 2009 at WCC

Sunday Mornings:
ATM – Knowing & Living Your Faith

Small Group or Personal Resource:
DGD...Check-Up
Description of a Growing Disciple

Your copy of DGD is available from your Small Groups Leader or at the Welcome Centre – be sure to pick one up and start this amazing journey.

January 31 – February 1:
Prayer Vigil...Under the Fig Tree

Vertical Prayer – God & Me

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Request for Lent Devotional Submissions - Be sure to pick up all the information from your church mailbox. Extra copies are available at the Welcome Centre. Submissions are due by February 15th.

Events at a Glance

- Jan 31-Feb 1 Prayer Vigil
- Feb 1 Annual Finance Meeting
- Feb 6-8 Mission Fest (brochures available at the bulletin board)
- Feb 7 Building Relationship Seminar
- Feb 13 Pilgrims
- Feb 14 Valentine's Dinner
- Feb 20-22 Youth Retreat
- Feb 25 40 Days of Lent begins

Discover Westwood [DW]

Friday, January 23 at 6:00 pm

Something To Chew On

For more info about meeting times and locations please contact Pastor Sean at the church office or email sean@westwood.mb.ca.

Baptism & Membership

If you are interested in baptism and membership, please contact Pastor Roger at 888-1771 or email roger@westwood.mb.ca. A message can also be left with Kathy.

Small Group Meetings

We have a number of small groups that are open to new attendees as well as plans for a brand new intergenerational small group to begin soon. If you are interested in being connected to small group or our interested in trying something new please contact Pastor Sean at the church office (888-1771) or via email - sean@westwood.mb.ca.

Food for Thought	Monday, Jan 19 @ 7:30 pm	Ed & Karen's
Vegas	Wednesday, Jan 21 @ 7:30 pm	Deron & Naomi's
Seekers	Thursday, Jan 22 @ 7:00 pm	WCC Boardroom
Shaloam	Friday, Jan 23 @ 7:30 pm	Don & Marlene's
Ahava	Friday, Jan 23 @ 8:00 pm	Nick & Susan's
Outer Limits	Friday, Jan 23 @ 8:00 pm	Tyler & Jenna's

Contact Kathy at 888-1771 by Thursday to have your info included in the Bulletin

Building Relationships Seminar

Saturday, February 7, 2009 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Westwood Community Church \$5.00 per person
More info: Ethel Schroeder Al-Ethel-Schroeder@shaw.ca

Toys Needed...

The preschool treehouse rooms are looking for donations of Duplo (made by Lego) or any wooden train track and trains. If you are cleaning out and your children no longer play with these items and you would like to donate them please contact Candace Hildebrand at 888-3721 or Bob Fewings.



Literacy Links – Bookworms Book Club

A program to be enjoyed by parents and young children (ages 3 to 5) with a focus on literacy. Come & learn new songs, rhymes and stories. Make crafts, read books and visit with other families during this program.



Saturdays: Jan 17 – Mar 7
10:00 am – 11:00 am
Westwood Community Church

Attendance last week 348

Trustee on Duty this Week: Chris Neufeld

Please call the Trustee if you require access to the church for an event.

Welcome Centre

DGD Check-Up
Financial Reports

Can You Help?

Doug Cressman will be moving back to Winnipeg on Feb 1, and is in need of accommodations. If you have a basement suite available or can provide a room and board arrangement for him, please call John Froese at 837-7550.

With Christian Love:



Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. Hebrews 10:24