

Dear Friends:

April 2023

Happy Easter!

“Because I live, you also will live,” said Jesus (John 14:19) when he was speaking to his disciples in the days before He went to the cross.” I go and prepare a place for you...I am the way, the truth and the life ... do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” We can experience joy in living this life and an assurance of the life to come because of the resurrection of Christ. These truths are captured so well in Bill Gaither’s familiar hymn:

*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives, all fear is gone.
Because I know He holds the future,
Life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!*

May this Easter be a time of blessing and renewed faith as you celebrate in your home churches and with your family and friends!

We said farewell to Reg Penner at his funeral and celebration of life held in Steinbach on April 5th. Reg passed from this life to the next after a short battle with pancreatic cancer. Reg was a man of vision, generosity, compassion and faith and we will miss his presence and leadership at All People’s Church. Bev LaPlante, who had been the caretaker of our church, was also laid to rest on April 1st, after living with cancer for several years. Please pray for Ingrid Penner and her family and for Denis LaPlante in the days to come, that the message of Easter will bring them comfort, hope and peace.

While the snow is lying thickly on the Whiteshell lands after this recent spring storm, we hear that temperatures will be rising sharply in the next week or so. The grass will turn green and the lake waters will soon be open. Our spring services at All People’s Church will begin the first Sunday in May - May 7th. We look forward with anticipation to seeing one another and to worshipping together. Children’s Church will run from the beginning of June until the end of September. Our annual Children’s Day is planned for the week of August 14th to the 18th.

Board members have been at work behind the scenes preparing for the season to come. Pastor Bill and Erna have been revamping our website to make it more user friendly, and it should be up and running before services begin. Look for it at www.apcfalconlake.ca. Jennifer is keeping our posts active on Facebook (All People’s Church Falcon Lake) and Instagram ([allpeopleschurch.falcon](https://www.instagram.com/allpeopleschurch.falcon)). Bill, Herb and Johnathon are working on establishing a projector system which will add another dimension to our worship services. I have a feeling that some of you may be tapped on the shoulder to add your expertise to this endeavor! Our treasurer tells us that the auto-deposit system

has been finalized and Art's cell number for donations made to the church through auto-deposit is 204-746-4242.

Renovations are coming well to our pastor's house in Hadashville, and Bill expects to move into it by the end of the month. Bill has had much to carry over the winter in remodeling his new home and in building his daily life without the presence of his wife, Betty. We are glad that he will be living close to the park this summer!

God bless you and keep you. We look forward to seeing you soon,

The All People's Church Board

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