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*Psalm 119:37*

*Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in your ways.'*

Every Sunday, with the rare exception, individuals, couples, and families enter our church for the very first time. Roxanne leads a team that helps welcome those people, but I would like all of us reading this to reach out to others around you. I once attended a church that had a campaign called 'Know Your Row.' The idea was simple. Before or after the service, say hello to someone around you that you have not met. Find out who they are, and ask them their name (and maybe write it down!). It is amazing the impact reaching out to others can have!

As we slide into summer, take advantage of the many opportunities to gather together outside of our regular Sunday morning services. Events like: **Sundae's with the Saints** (June 29<sup>th</sup>, July 27<sup>th</sup>), **Backyard Fellowships** in various locations on July 16<sup>th</sup> and August 13<sup>th</sup>, and **Pie and Praise** at the Faith Mission Camp on August 24<sup>th</sup>. These evenings are for the whole church family, and they allow time for extended conversations with people you may know only by name.

We also have some opportunities for just the 55 Plus:

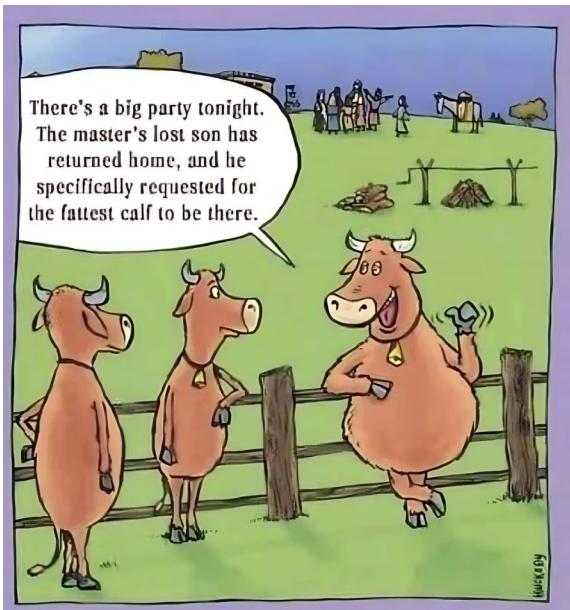
- ◆ The Drumheller group leaves on July 9<sup>th</sup> for a trip, with the highlight being the Passion Play.
- ◆ On Wednesday August 6<sup>th</sup>, we will have another of our Summer Picnics. Everyone needs to bring their own lunch, table games or yard games. Coffee, water, and other cold drinks will be provided.
- ◆ A train car on the Kettle Valley Railway has been booked for September 8<sup>th</sup>. We will be meeting before the train ride for a picnic lunch. Cost is \$34 (65+) OR \$37 (under age 65).
- ◆ This year we have booked the Group Camp Site at Mabel Lake from September 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>. There is lots of room for you and your RV, and it is a beautiful campground right on the lake. Cost is \$10 per person for both nights.

Please reserve your spots for the Train Ride and Camping Trip as soon as possible by signing up and paying Dave, Ruth or Carmen at the Connection Desk.

If you have any questions about these events, please feel free to speak to any of our 55 Plus Committee members.

Finally, our group is looking for a new name. While '55 Plus Connections' is quite amazing, we are having a Name Contest that is open to you. Please email your group name idea or ideas to [9016bunn@gmail.com](mailto:9016bunn@gmail.com). If your name is selected, there are some fabulous prizes!

## CHURCH HUMOR



### WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

Grandma and Grandpa were sitting in the porch rockers watching the beautiful sunset and reminiscing about the good old days. Grandma turned to Grandpa and said, "Honey, do you remember when we first started dating and you used to just casually reach over and take my hand?"

Grandpa looked over at her, smiled and obligingly took her aged hand in his. With a wry little smile, Grandma pressed a little farther. "Honey, do you remember how after we were engaged you'd sometimes lean over and suddenly kiss me on the cheek?" Grandpa leaned slowly toward Grandma and gave her a lingering kiss on her wrinkled cheek. Growing bolder still, Grandma said, "Honey, do you remember how after we were first married you'd kind of nibble on my ear?"

Grandpa slowly got up from his rocker and headed into the house. Alarmed, Grandma said, "Honey, where are you going? Grandpa replied, "To get my teeth!"

## 55+ EVENTS CALENDAR

**June 22–25:** Sunnybrae 55+ Retreat

**July 9–12:** Drumheller Bus Trip

**August 6:** Summer Picnic at Paddlewheel Park

**September 8:** Picnic & Kettle Valley Scenic Rail Ride in Summerland

**September 15–17:** 2-Night Camping Trip to Mabel Lake Provincial Park (group site)

**September 28:** Sunday Soup & Bun Lunch (in the gym after 2nd service)

**October 26:** Sunday Soup & Bun Lunch (in the gym after 2nd service)

**November 5:** Sight & Sound Movie with coffee & pie

**November 23:** Lunch at the Golden Crown – everyone pays their own tab

**November 27:** Sunnybrae 55+ Christmas Banquet

Watch for further information and details in emails and on the website.

Link to 55+ Ministry on church website: [emmanuelvernon.ca/ministries/55-ministry](http://emmanuelvernon.ca/ministries/55-ministry)



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