

Have you ever wanted to throw something at the minister? Today is your chance! Please **take part in the first ever SPUC Sock Toss**. Hold on pairs of new socks and wait for the word to start tossing! All gathered socks will be delivered to ***The Lighthouse Supported Living***.

Pick up your copy of the **2018 Annual Report** from the Information Desk or check it out at [spuonline.com/information/annual-reports](http://spuonline.com/information/annual-reports). Please check **2018 Review Video** out at <http://spuonline.com/welcome/year-review>

**The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual 10X10 Art Project** proudly presented by ICM. The 10x10 features a wealth of talented artists of all ages, ability levels and backgrounds who live in, work in and support Saskatoon's core neighbourhoods. **The final sale and celebration silent auction May 4 @7-9pm at Station 20 West** (1120 20<sup>th</sup> St. W.) Please check them out on the wall in **the Worship Center**. Thanks for your participation!

**Wednesday April 3 from 6:30 to 9:30 pm** - Book launch 'Becoming Love' & movie 'The Way' at St. Paul's United Church (454 Egbert Ave). The Saskatoon Chapter of the Canadian Company of Pilgrims is pleased to launch the book 'Becoming Love' by Robert Stewart, describing the author's journey to meet his soul and have a grand adventure on El Camino de Santiago, inspired by the movie 'The Way', with Martin Sheen. (Presentation/Q&A, and showing of the movie 'The Way'; with a donation of \$20 for **Peace Education**, a copy of the book will be gifted). More info <https://www.stewartatpeace.com>

**Welcome Bob Schmidt to be the Treasurer of SPUC!**

***Our new library is currently under construction but will be ready for us soon! Big thanks to Roger Pilon, Jim Ferrie and Elizabeth Lamoureux for their time, their design and passion!***

**Management Team meeting – March 27 @ Front Lounge**

**The Transition Council for Region 4 is excited to announce our new name. Starting today, we will be known as Living Skies Regional Council.**

The journey of Lent has begun. Consider joining a Spiritual Growth Group for the next 6 weeks as we travel together through a time of reflection. SGGs begin the week of **March 11**. The resource is ***Everyday Skeptics***. For more information, contact Cheryl Wilken 306 371-1422.

**March a Mile Walkathon** raises awareness of homelessness in our city while raising funds for **The Lighthouse Supported Living**. Join Team Willing Walkers on **March 30** to show your support and have some fun or participate by sponsoring the team. More information contact Cheryl Wilken 306 371-1422 or check out [The Lighthouse](#) online.

This is your invitation to **ICM's Annual Meeting on April 4** at McClure United Church. We will be starting with a pizza and salad supper at 6pm (gluten free and vegetarian options available).

Do you remember **Jackie Shanks**? She lives in Luther Towers and is doing very well, though has mobility issues. Do you have 2 hours a week to help with her laundry? Please let Rev. Deb know if you can help.

**Thanks to Grant Mowbray for donating a kitchen tap to SPUC kitchen!**

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**Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 – 3:00pm**

**We inhabit the land of TREATY 6. May we live in respect.**

## **Lent 3 – Come Dressed**

**March 24, 2019 @ 10:30 A.M.**

The Wedding Banquet. This story is found in the Gospel of Luke in a kinder, gentler version. The narrative in Matthew is nothing short of ugly; it is filled with judgement, but also violence, anger and retribution. This scripture makes me uncomfortable. (Like, I should have picked a different scripture!) There is not way to pretty this up. As I reflected on these verses, I was also immersed in the pain the world this week. How have we strayed so far from "Love one Another?" In the time line of Lent, this text today comes after Palm Sunday, about 3 days before the crucifixion, and the tension between Jesus and the Jewish Leaders is reaching a climax. There is no way to smooth or soften the edges of this story. Nor can we cherry pick scripture and offer cheap grace. The Kingdom is not a walk in the park, bt a justice seeking, demanding transformative word of judgement, that expects EVERYTHING from us. This indeed it the unsettling word.

**Scripture of today:** Matt 22:1-14

**Core Value of today:** To Serve With Enthusiasm

**Seed of Learning:** Texts that disturb, provoke and challenge us?

**Prayer:**

Holy One, open each one of us, so that we may have teachable spirits. Guide our understanding with your holy wisdom, encourage our hearts and minds to work hard for knowledge and to grow in faith. On this Lenten path, we pray these things in love and hope. Amen

**Visionary Board Meeting – March 28 @7pm at Front Lounge.**