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June 2019 News from your Ministry Manager

The Urban is closed for holidays for the month of July

Many children who attend the Urban have told me that they're really looking forward to summer holidays!

Although we've had a relatively cool June, and Manitoban's always long for those warm summer days, it is a bonus to those whose only method of transportation is walking in the inner city and the West End.

The Lutheran Urban Ministry mourns the death of a 25 year old woman and mother of four who was murdered at her home a few weeks ago and two women have been arrested and charged. ShayInne Marie Hunter and her children regularly attended our worship services, along with her mother and siblings. She will really be missed at the Urban. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Ride for Refuge, October 5, 2019 – save the date if you'd like to ride or walk for the Urban – our third year for participation!! We're hoping for more teams this year and it's sure a lot of fun!! <https://rideforrefuge.org>

The links to the Ride for Refuge website are also on our website www.theurban.ca for joining a team, starting a team or donating to a walker/rider for the Urban. The proceeds of this Urban fundraiser are used toward operating expenses such as program expenses, security costs, etc. Security is a necessity for the safety of vulnerable children and adults and our security is at the door during all of our open hours.

Urban Father's Day Picnic, Sunday, June 16th. Once again we are holding our yearly picnic at the Oriole Site on Burnell St. Weather permitting it should be a great afternoon of baseball, a short worship service, bagged lunches, games and races!

Field Trip to a Farm! On June 24th, weather permitting, we've rented a school bus and have a wonderful field trip planned for a farm tour – a gracious invitation from Zinn Farms. All of those who signed up are really excited and the owners of the farm are very kindly providing lunch to us all! Many people who attend the Urban never have a chance to leave the city and have a holiday for a day from the worries of life.

Healing through Art is beginning in September for our Women's Sharing Circles. This program will be bi-monthly until February 2020 and has been made possible through a grant from Project Support Funding of the MNO Synod.

Please visit our newly designed website! The website address is the same (www.theurban.ca). Our new website supports video and will regularly feature short snippets of happenings at the Urban! Check out:

The Lutheran Urban Ministry Short Documentary Film: *Hope is Never Lost (12 minutes)* captures the heart and soul of the Urban. View from our website or through YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FatPtzT9HhY>

Note: the Urban is closed for holidays from July 1-July 31.

Thank you to the meal teams who ensure that no one leaves the Urban hungry, and to all those who donate groceries for our emergency food. Our website calendar shows available dates for meal teams. Please contact me: rhonda@theurban.ca for additional information, or to have your meal team added to the calendar.

Kind regards,
Rhonda Gorham
Ministry Manager, Lutheran Urban Ministry

We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of age, ability, health, ethnicity, gender identity, language, sexual orientation, life circumstances, marital status, race, or anything else which sometimes divides us. We welcome diversity and uniqueness. Our unity is in Christ, whose grace is freely given to all. All are welcome.