

**“Reconciliation is getting to know one another”, Mary Simon, Governor General: National Post, July 26, 2021**

## April 2024 News from your Ministry Manager – Happy Easter!

**The Prayer Bucket at the Urban** is placed out during the coffee time every Sunday before our worship service. Prayers are written, folded, and put into the bucket and then brought to the pulpit at the beginning of the service, and they’re read aloud in the service during the prayers of the church. All year they’re saved in a box in my office. Every year at the *First Lutheran Church* Easter Vigil, the prayers are placed in the sacred fire in the church courtyard.

**I always reassure our Urban community** that their prayers each week are not thrown away. The smoke from the prayers at the Easter Vigil goes up to our Creator who knows all the prayers and their authors. The power of these spoken prayers in our worship service is indescribable. The writers speak from their hearts in their prayers for others, for themselves, for the community, and the world. The prayers of children are often in the prayer bucket too. Please keep our Urban community in your prayers too, and we invite you to join us anytime at Sunday worship.



12 months of prayers  
from the Prayer  
Bucket (3 layers deep)



Sacred Fire at the  
Easter Vigil, First  
Lutheran Church,  
March 29, 2024

**To our MNO Congregation Members and Clergy: A wonderful opportunity to have fellowship with our Urban Community - please drop by anytime to our:**

**Sunday Worship Service:** door opens at 1:00 p.m. with coffee/tea. Worship service 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.

**Men’s Lunch/Sharing Circle every Wednesday - Downstairs at Noon**

Please stop by at 12:00 p.m. Noon (*ring the doorbell*) for lunch and great fellowship and conversation!

**Women’s Sharing Circle every Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.** (until 3:30 p.m.)

Please arrive at 2:00 p.m. (*ring the doorbell*) for coffee/tea/dessert and great fellowship and conversation!

**Women’s Drop-in every Wednesday from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.**

Please drop in (*ring the doorbell*) for coffee/tea/cookies and visiting together! Kids & grandkids welcome to come with you and we have colouring and arts and crafts to keep them busy.

**Co-ed Sharing Circle every Thursday at 4:30 p.m.** (please arrive at 4:30 p.m.)

Please stop by at 4:30 (*ring the doorbell*) for great fellowship and conversation! And coffee/tea/dessert.

- Rhonda Gorham, Ministry Manager, Lutheran Urban Ministry Corp.

We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of age, ability, health, ethnicity, gender identity, gender expressions, language, sexual orientation, life circumstances, marital status, race, or anything else which sometimes divides us. The Urban is committed to racial equity. We welcome diversity and uniqueness. Our unity is in Christ, whose grace is freely given to all. All are welcome. The Lutheran Urban Ministry Corp. is a member of Reconciling Works – Lutherans for Full Participation [www.reconcilingworks.org](http://www.reconcilingworks.org)