



Lighthouse Church

OUTREACH NEWS



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One Can Make A Difference


Have you ever felt small? Overwhelmed? Like the weight of the world was on your shoulders? There are so many needs, so many hurting people out there. How can I possibly make a difference?


Consider the parable of the lost sheep [Luke 15:3-7]. Jesus illustrated the love that the Father has for each one of His people - not one is forgotten by Him. The Father's heart is to seek and to save those that are lost [Luke 19:10]. In fact, God sent His one and only Son to die on the cross for the sin of all people - and He would have made the same sacrifice even just for one soul.


These are the truths I ponder when I feel insignificant and helpless to bring about positive change in this world. Everyone can make a difference - if we shift our perspective to focus on the one right in front of us. It might even be the smallest thing that turns someone's day around - a smile, a hug, a word of encouragement.

The mission and heart behind Lighthouse Church's outreaches is to reach the **one**; to invest into souls. Each and every soul is invaluable and eternal. We desire that each individual we encounter would experience the love of the Father and know that they are His greatest treasure and prize.


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Food for the Soul

HEARTY BITES



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MEET THE TEAM



Jackie Giselbrecht

COORDINATOR/PUBLICITY

Jackie is a devoted wife to her beloved and supportive husband Jason, and proud mother of two children and three stepsons. While working as a full-time High-Risk Youth & Family Support worker, Jackie also serves in full-time ministry overseeing the F4S Outreach. Jackie is a gifted evangelist and is passionate to see the lost come to Christ. Serving her community in love is how she gives back after so many showed her support in her time of need. Jackie is on a mission to share the love of Jesus one sandwich at a time, and to see lives like her own, transformed by the power of God!



Janet Sawatzky

**CHURCH LIASON
COORDINATOR**

Janet has been married to her dear husband for 33 years. They have 3 adult children - 2 daughters and a son. She is blessed to have 2 amazing sons in law, and a most precious 2 year old grandson! She has served for many years in ministry with children, youth and families. Her life's passion is to see families know God fully, love Jesus intimately and serve Him wholeheartedly. Food for the soul is a natural part of loving and serving Jesus and her desire is to see the families who come to Food for the Soul encounter the living God and be changed for eternity.

Who are we?

Food for the Soul (F4S) is an outreach of Lighthouse church which exists to provide FREE food to those in need within our community. It runs every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month alongside her sister outreach Garments of Praise. The mission of F4S is to build relationship and heartfelt connection with those in our community; to meet a physical need in order to also have opportunity to meet a spiritual need. Often, we have prayer tables on site with volunteers who are eager to meet our guests and offer prayer and support. Food for the Soul is run entirely on volunteer support and donations. One hundred percent of all proceeds raised for F4S go back into the outreach. Each month we see lives that are touched and even changed because of the care and support that they received at this outreach.



Patricia Addai-Mensah

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OF ROSETHAL**



HEARTY BITES

Taste & see what happened in F4S this semester!

Easter Pancake Breakfast

On April 1, the Saturday between Good Friday and Resurrection Sunday, Food for the Soul served our community a FREE pancake breakfast at the Lighthouse Church. Over 120 people were in attendance.

Along with their pancakes, guests were also fed the Good News of the Gospel in celebration of Easter. In fact, there was a special live production entitled "A Story About Hope" which featured a cast re-inacting the story of Lazarus' resurrection from the dead [John 11:1-44]. The finale of the performance ended in an alter call to any who might wish to give their lives to Jesus Christ. **One young man responded and committed his life to Jesus. Hallelujah!!** What's more, the next day, Resurrection Sunday, this same production was cast once again, and **we saw 7 more individuals respond to the alter call and give their lives to the Lord!! Hallelujah!!** How beautiful it was to see souls enter the Kingdom during our Easter celebrations!

We trust that this event blessed many in our community and planted many seeds which will bear fruit in seasons to come. All glory to God for His faithfulness to bring to completion the work and purposes He has for each soul. Amen



Feeding the Fire Evacuee's

As we all know, the entrance into Spring was very dry. Even as early as May, the Province of Alberta and other parts of Canada were being drastically and seriously affected by wildfires. Many of our family, friends, or neighbours were affected. As people were displaced from their homes due to evacuations, towns and cities (like Stony Plain) became the center in which people fled to for safety. With the influx in sudden population of evacuee's, many needs arose, most chief of which was providing food for everyone. It was during this crisis that Lighthouse Church joined the partnership, along with other churches and charitable organizations in the community to meet this great need. Each group took a turn to prepare and serve a meal. They connected with individuals, listened to their stories, gave hugs, prayed for, and ministered to these displaced. See below a list of all those who partnered together in order to provide during this local crisis.

Spruce Grove Community Church, Spruce Grove Alliance Church, Christian Fellowship, LDS Church, Stony Plain Alliance Church, Parkland Baptist Church, Stony Plain Lighthouse Church, Beach Corner, Fireplace Church, Spruce Grove Rotary Club, & Bhartiya Cultural Society

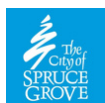


Farmer's Days

On the weekend of June 2 - 4th, you would have found F4S at Stony Plain's annual Farmer's Days event. Together with Lighthouse Church's Kingdom Kids's (who ran the Kid's Korral booth), volunteers came out to minister to those in Stony Plain. They gave out free water, chips, and freezies while connecting with individuals and letting them know how we are serving our community. **Nearly 6,300 people were in attendance** - which is record breaking!!

We want to extend a huge thank you to the volunteers who invested their entire weekend to give back to the community and come alongside our F4S team. We could not have done it without your support!





Roll & Roar Fundraiser

June 17 marked Food for the Soul's largest event of the year and the second anniversary of our annual Roll & Roar Fundraiser! This event was birthed in 2022 with the heart to rally motorcycle enthusiasts to join in a ride-for-hunger initiative. This year, our goal was to broaden our reach to accommodate other demographics within the Tri-Region.



Thus, the 2023 Roll & Roar Event was two-fold! Alongside our motorcyclist friends who rode in support of F4S, we hosted a Carnival that including dunk tanks, bouncy castles, carnival games, fitness challenges, cotton candy/popcorn, face painting, live

entertainment, BBQ AND a Show-n-Shine which all helped to raise funds for the outreach. It was wonderfully overwhelming to witness the support that was rallied and to see strangers coming together to serve for the same purpose.

Altogether, our attendance [including volunteers] was an estimated 200! And we raised an astounding \$6,500 after all expenses were paid!! HALLELUJAH!!

There are several units of measurement we could use to quantify the success of the event: the attendance, the volunteer support, the funds raised, the meter of fun that was consumed. Though we are grateful for each of these contributing elements, we were especially moved by the unity that was wrought in our community through this event. **As an outreach, it is souls who we are seeking to invest into and the Roll & Roar Event was more than a fundraiser; it was an opportunity to sow seeds of love and encouragement and to instill fun and unity back into the community.**

"It was the best time I've had in along time. The fundraiser event helped instill fun into my life again and seeing all the people show up was fantastic."

-Quote from Attendee

THANK YOU

We could not have achieved the success that we did, if not for our supporters which are represented on the left and right.

Thank you to the Town of Stony Plain, City of Spruce Grove, Parkland County and our MLA Searle Turton for their support towards our outreaches!

We would also like to give a VERY special shout-out to those who participated in the dunk tank auction!!

Mayor William Choy [Stony Plain], Mayor Jeff Acker [Spruce Grove], Councilor Justin Anderson, Councilor Melanie J. Loyns [Stony Plain], Pastor David Fisher [Christian Fellowship Church], Pastor Chris Bannas [Spruce Grove Community Church], Pastor Heinz Janzen [New Life Community Church] and Pastor Jennifer Mitchell [Lighthouse Pentecostal Church]

NEXT R&R EVENT
JULY 6, 2024



Fitness Fun



Riding for hunger



Mayor Choy in the dunk tank

Roll & Roar Fundraiser



Women at the Well



Kinsmen at the BBQ



Motorcyclists gather to pray before the ride



Christian Fellowship Church performing live worship



Registration Volunteers



Roll & Roar Fundraiser



Parking Attendants



Pastor Chris in the dunk tank



HEARTY BITES

Frequently Asked Questions

How can I support F4S?

- Volunteer
- Financial Support
- Donate Non-Perishable Food Items
- Pray for us

Where can I drop off non-perishable donations?

- At the Lighthouse Church office
- **NOTE:** Office hours are 9:00am-4:00pm Tuesday - Thursday

What can I expect to do if I volunteer?

- Help with delivery & pick-up of donations
- Volunteer at special events
- Assist on Saturday's that the outreach is open
- Food preparation [making sandwiches, putting together bagged lunches]

Where does the food come from?

- Personal donations [Non-perishables only]
- Partnerships with local business' [i.e. Safeway] & other charitable organizations [i.e. Food Bank]
- Financial donations help to purchase fresh produce & other non-perishable items

How do I financially support F4S?

- E-Transfer: financial@lhpc.ca
- Cash/Cheque
- Online: lhpc.ca
- REMEMBER TO PUT F4S IN THE MEMO

Who do I contact to volunteer?

- Email Jackie: food4soul@lhpc.ca
- Email Church Office: lighthouse@lhpc.ca
- Phone Office: 780-963-3110

Thank you for your support!!



Garments of Praise THE ARTICLE

Let's cover what happened in GOP this semester!

MEET THE TEAM



Linda Foy

COORDINATOR

Linda has been a member of Lighthouse Church for over 20 years. She has the gift of an intercessor and a servant

heart. She has always had a deep desire to be used in whatever capacity the Lord desires her to invest her time in. As an avid thrift market and yard sale shopper herself, Linda is passionate to serve in GOP in this season. She has been part of the ministry since its birth, both as a volunteer and through prayer. To be involved in such a needed service to the community is her a privilege and joy. Meeting the needs of others, making connections with people and the idea of simply sharing what we have with others, for no profit, is part of what the Kingdom is about!



Danielle Norgard

ASSISTANT COORDINATOR

Danielle has been married to her loving husband Joel since 2018.

Together, they have one daughter;

she is also a proud mother to her stepson. While juggling her responsibilities as a wife and mother, Danielle also works full time as an Accounting Technician. Danielle, has the gift of compassion and a mother's heart which is why she is a wonderful asset to our outreach. She has a passion to see the lost experience the love of Christ through acts of love and kindness. Seeing lives touched and impacted through the outreach fills her cup to overflowing and spurs her on to keep pouring out.

Who are we?

Garments of Praise (GOP) is an outreach of Lighthouse church which exists to provide FREE clothing to those in need within our community. It runs every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month alongside her sister outreach Food for the Soul. The mission of GOP is to build relationship and heartfelt connection with those in our community; to meet a physical need in order to also have opportunity to meet a spiritual need.

Garments of Praise is run entirely on volunteer support and donations. One hundred percent of all proceeds raised for GOP go back into the outreach.

Each month we see lives that are touched and even changed because of the care and support that they received at this outreach.

"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another."

- Charles Dickens



Sharon Radford

VOLUNTEER



Kathy Svensbek

VOLUNTEER



Rosemarie Bailleul

VOLUNTEER



THE ARTICLE

Let's cover what happened in GOP this semester!

We had a lady come to the store one day who was on a mission. She was determined to find a house coat. Apparently, she had been looking for quite some time for just the right one. Well, wasn't she surprised when she spotted the perfect house coat in our GOP store!

One day, we had a guest arrive who bore a very unique and powerful story. She was a refugee from Ukraine. With nothing but what could be carried in hand, she fled with her family to Canada from the war and destruction of her homeland. She came to GOP to replace her and her families wardrobes. Our volunteers were more than happy to assist her in finding the articles and sizes she needed for each of her family members.

The coffee is always on - ready and hot for all!

Another guest who came on a mission, was looking for a dress for her little girl. She was so overjoyed when she fell in love with a dress that was just her daughter's size!

At GOP, we don't just offer free clothing, we offer fellowship.

Some of our guests are regulars. We have one special friend who frequents our outreach regularly. She is a single mom who comes on her bicycle. Each time she visits, she is not disappointed as she finds new items that she can bring home to surprise her children with.

Can't find what you're looking for? Just ask one of our volunteers. They may be able to find just what you need in the processed inventory!



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Frequently Asked Questions

Where do I drop off my donations?

- Metal drop-off bins in front of outreach house at Lighthouse Church
- **NOTE:** if the donation does not fit into the deposit space of the bin, please re-adjust so that it can fit. Please do not leave donations outside.
- ****All donations are collected and sorted by volunteers who come as they are able. Donations left outside, risk exposure to weather elements which may compromise the donations integrity.**

What kinds of donations do you accept?

- GARMENTS/CLOTHING
 - Men's Clothing
 - Women's Clothing
 - Children's Clothing
 - Infant's Clothing
 - New or next-to-new underwear, socks, etc.
 - All Footwear
 - Outdoor Wear [Jackets, hats, gloves]
- **NOTE:** We do not accept household items, furniture, bedding, toys, etc.

How can I support GOP?

- Volunteer
- Donate Gently Used Clothing
- Financial Support
- Pray for us

What can I expect to do if I volunteer?

- Process Donations - including sorting, washing, folding, hanging clothing
- Helping in the store on Saturday's that the Outreach is open

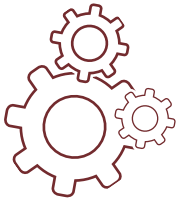
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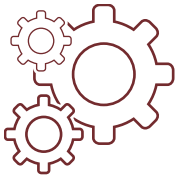
Who do I contact to volunteer?

- Email Linda: garmentsofpraise@lhpc.ca
- Email Church Office: lighthouse@lhpc.ca
- Phone Office: 780-963-3110

Thank you for your support!!



SPECIAL FEATURE



THE OUTREACH HOUSE

The Outreach House is Under Renovation

For those who may not know, our outreach house is in the process of renovation after flood damage that took place in January 2022. Since then, we have been working to not only repair the damages but also reconstruct the entire house to efficiently function for both our outreaches.

To date, the basement space [which is where our GOP store operates] has undergone a revamp that included removing a wall, installing ship-lap walls for clothes to be hung, new lighting, and an overall fresh and updated look.

The main level which used to be an extended meeting space, is currently being renovated into a kitchen & pantry for F4S to operate from.

Although we were able to renovate much of the space on the insurance claim [as a result of the flood damage], these funds are nearly deplete. We are SO excited to see this project come to completion and to experience the greater impact that will be had in the community as a result of a more functional space!



Have you been moved by what is happening in our outreaches?

Are you passionate about outreach and meeting the needs of others?

Do you wish to be a part of this Kingdom work?

If so, would you consider financially sowing into this project to see it through to completion?

Remember to designate your giving - Put 'Outreach House Renovation' in the memo



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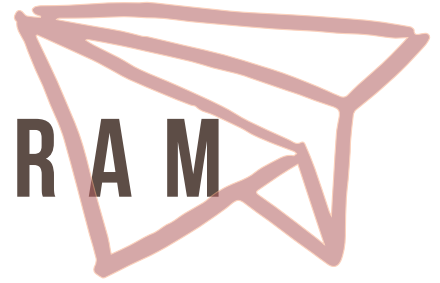


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THE PILOT PROGRAM

A Pop-Up Outreach



Who are we?

The Pilot Program was a pop-up outreach of Lighthouse Church whose mission was to assist students [Grades 1-6] with homework help. This outreach was launched in September 2022 and ran till June 2023 on Thursday evenings from 4:00-6:00pm at the Lighthouse Church.

Interested students from the Spruce Grove/Stony Plain community, could apply to receive an opportunity to receive help with homework. The program was operated by qualified tutors who graciously gifted their time to assist these students. They worked one-on-one with each student, assisting them with their homework and assignments while also providing students and their families with connection to church, encouragement, prayer and relational support.

The Goal:

To actively demonstrate and share the love of Jesus Christ and the Gospel to the Tri-Region by providing a Spirit-filled space with qualified volunteers to support with homework, and skill development, particularly in areas of literacy and numeracy for students in Grades 1-6.

Measurements of Success

- # of Salvations
- # of Participants
- # of families who come to church/Sunday school as a result of their connection with the outreach
- # of people who accept prayer
- # of connections made to other church ministries

Target Audience

The local community



FEEDBACK FROM FAMILIES

- Parents appreciated the academic support and attention given to their children.
- Children's love for learning was stimulated!
- One parent reported that having homework assistance was helpful to the whole family.
- Positive connections to the church were made.
- One family became connected to the GOP outreach as a result of participating in the Pilot Program.

The Pilot Program was a HUGE success! This outreach met a true need within our community, blessing not only students but their families as well! Though many reached out to get a practical need met, they soon had an unexpected need met - a spiritual need! By coming alongside these families, our volunteers were able to bring support and encouragement and demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ!