

Friends of Faith Lift Newsletter June 2011

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Alumni and Friends BBQ and Fun Wine Tasting Fund Raiser

Wednesday July 20th you and your family are invited to the an Alumni and Friends of Faith Lift, BBQ at 9631 79 St Edmonton 5.30 p.m. We will have a grass fed beef burgers and salad with vegetarian options to start off the evening. A brief update on Faith Lift and then a fun wine tasting of affordable wines, The fun comes in matching label descriptions to disguised bottles of wines and making up our own descriptions of each of the wines we taste. There will be prizes for the best wine descriptions. All this while Friends and Alumni meet one another.

This is a Fund Raiser so we ask that you consider making a free will donation to Faith Lift that night or now!

Please RSVP no later than Sunday, July 17th.

Faith Lift Website

After several years of hemming and hawing about format and content Faith Lift has a new website. It will be under construction all summer and feedback and suggestions would be most welcome. You can visit it at www.ualberta.ca/~uccm

Many thanks to graduating Engineering Student Kenton Hamailuk for the design and tech support.



Student Worship Leaders Promote Faith Lift

Four students and I were sitting in a cafe discussing leadership and amazing stories about support from faith community and lack thereof began to be told. Stories of community in conference youth forums, in TUXIS youth parliament and in congregations were told. Stories about being accepted as they were (even if they were hellions!) Stories of the pain of being invisible in a home congregation until other leadership opportunities were extended. All had a similar theme. Community encouraged, (discouraged) and supported them to become leaders. This was a message to share!

Six times in the past 10 months 4 of these students have taken their message, energy and courage into congregations by leading worship. They gave a fresh face to Faith Lift and inspired the congregations they led. Growing into leadership is just one of the continuing goals for this campus ministry fall 2011.

Grace Quote

"A crucial eccentricity of Christianity is the assertion that people are saved by grace. There is nothing you have to do. The grace of God means something like : Here is your life. You might never have been, but you are because the party wouldn't have been complete without you. Here is the world. Beautiful and terrible things will happen. Don't be afraid. I am with you.... It's for you I created the universe. I love you.

There's one catch. ... The gift of grace is yours only if you reach out and take it."
Fredrick Buechner

Thankyou Dinner

Twenty four people who hosted Dinner Out on Campus this year enjoyed a delicious lamb dinner June 2nd. Through the year roughly 45 people from local congregations supported this campus ministry by providing a homecooked meal on campus for students. Their time and effort was much appreciated by United Church student and friends through the fall and winter semesters. An oft repeated refrain was, "I looked forward to this all week!" Thankyou to all of our hosts this year from the bottom of our stomachs.

Friends of Faith Lift : an expanding circle

Having another month of the year to give to Faith Lift has enabled Chaplain Denise to get on the road herself. At camp Whitney Denise share the vision for Faith Lift campus ministry through story with St Paul Presbytery and long time supporter. Some individuals decided to support the vision through financial support and others by passing on the information to students in their networks. It's all part of revealing God's presence in the world.

To Donate to Faith Lift please send a cheque marked "Faith Lift - St Paul's" to 169 B HUB International, Edmonton AB T6G 2E1

We hope to have a more direct and easy way to donate by Spring 2012.