

What Oak Park Means to Me

I think the first way I would describe Oak Park is “family”. When we moved to Calgary five years ago, we left our children behind to continue with the lives they had established. We had no friends in Calgary, and my new co-workers, although friendly enough, were all quite a bit younger. So being greeted by Richard on our first Sunday morning and then being welcomed by so many caring and friendly people was very much like being welcomed into a new family. It didn’t take long before we started to make friends and get involved in activities outside of Sunday morning service. Just like our own families, Oak Park Church is a caring family of believers who gives us permission to be ourselves and lets us know we are loved.

Secondly, I would describe Oak Park as “a place to grow.” The great thing about the family at Oak Park is that we are all on the same journey together. We have a common family goal: to grow in our Christian faith. There are so many ways that Oak Park meets this need, including Sunday morning

worship, insightful bible teaching, and Life Group discussions. Add to this that there are many people in our church family that are willing to encourage me by sharing their wisdom and experience. All this provides an excellent atmosphere to grow.

The last way I would describe Oak Park is “a place to serve” and I think this is the one that I get most excited about. I would not feel like a part of the family or that I am growing in my faith without an opportunity to serve God in some practical way. The Oak Park Church mission statement is to “Love God, Love Others and Serve the World” and there are so many opportunities to be a part of that vision. Our church is reaching out into our community through the food bank, seniors ministry, youth ministry, and the Bridge of Hope, just to name a few. Of course, there are also opportunities to serve each other as well, whether on Sunday mornings or throughout the week. As a member of the church family, I have taken the opportunity to join (cont'd on page 3)



Summer Camps and Events - Registration Open

June 30 - July 5	Senior High Camp - Sara will be there!
July 14 - 19	Junior High Camp - Sara will be there!
July 21 - 26	Junior Camp (Gr. 4-6) - Shelley will be there!
July 28 - 31	Rookie Camp (Gr. 1-3) - Dawn and Lane will be there!
August 2 - 5	Family Camp
August 23 - 25	Deeper Life Camp (Grades 12 & Up)
September 11	Senior's Day
September 27 - 29	Men's Retreat - Martin will be there!

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(cont'd from page 1) some of those ministry teams. My personal preference is to stay out of the spotlight, so its nice to know that there are lots of ways of serving others while still remaining inconspicuous.



So, when you ask, "What does Oak Park mean to you?" I'd say, "It means a lot, and we are very happy to be a part of it."

By Wayne and Pat Martin

Senior's Luncheon May 27th

Wow, what a delightful, inspiring and delicious wrap-up for the Senior's luncheon held on May 27th! It was well attended with many going back for seconds of the delicious ham dinner and topped off with strawberry shortcake with whip cream for dessert! Yummy! The Biegel family gave heartwarming performances through story telling/testimonials, poems, skits, dances, and sharing their exceptional musical abilities on the piano, violin, beautiful voices, original choreographed dances and songs. We were blessed with their presence! Hats off to Doris and her team as they spoiled us with great food, wonderful service, friendly banter and smiles that shine. I look forward to what they have planned for the kick-off next fall. Your sister in Christ, Moyra Hilderman.





Oak Park - Tsuut'ina Bridge of Hope



Upcoming luncheon dates:

June 17

We would be thrilled to have you participate in this ministry! You can help by donating a pot of hearty soup, assisting with set-up and/or clean-up, and having lunch at a table to visit with some of our guests.



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March 6
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June 26
September 25
October 30
December 4

Oak Park Senior High Mission Trip

Excitement is mounting as our departure to Haiti draws near! We have been blessed by your support and generosity in our journey. The team are currently putting their time and energy into preparing the Vacation Bible School that we will run while we are in Haiti. We are looking forward to what God has in store for us and the people who we will minister to. Please continue to support us in prayer as we continue preparations and especially while we are in Haiti. The dates of our trip are August 6-15. The members of our team are: Everett Krippel, Felicity Akins, Cayle Smith, Timothy Graffunder, Emersen Krippel, Julian Kerr, George Graffunder, Sheila Krippel, Michael Kerr, and Sara Egely.



Senior's Day at Pine Lake Christian Camp

Wednesday May 29th brought with it ideal weather for Senior's Day at Pine Lake Christian Camp. Nine of us travelled up from Oak Park in the sunshine to meet with an additional thirty-five or so from churches in Calgary, Red Deer, and Edmonton. The camp is always a beautiful place to visit and it is especially so at this time of year as the perfect combination of rain and sun bring the fauna to life. The program included a roast beef lunch, hymn singing, an inspiring message, as well as ample time to explore everything the camp has to offer. After lunch, some chose to stay in the hall to visit with friends, while others set off to walk the trails and enjoy the tranquility of the lake. Many people work hard to maintain Pine Lake Christian Camp, but a special 'Thank You' for this event goes out to the camp director Lyn Wood and the facilities managers Cal & Wanda Jackson.

UPDATE ON SOME OF OAK PARK CHURCH'S SPONSORED MISSIONS

Oak Park Missions Workshop Led by Rick Scruggs of Lifeline Ministries

Jesus said, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to all creation." Mark 16:15. On Saturday, May 25th a group of us met to discuss how we at Oak Park Church share the 'Good News' with those who have not heard it. Together we reviewed the 13 'missions' that are currently on our support list and what the focus was for each. We determined if it was an investment in our church's 'next generation', our 'local neighbourhood', or our 'global partnerships'. We also spent time brainstorming about the purpose of missions and how we as God's people carry out that purpose. We hope to continue these discussions and would really like to encourage others to consider joining us. If you are interested please contact Pastor Lane, Pastor Martin, or Mary Davis.

Graceland Missions Update

Jay and Colette are very thankful for a number of people who have recently come to Poland to share in their ministry. The Rehns were a great help with lesson plans, meal plans, and church plans. They also had three pastors from the U.S. visit and some students from the Maritimes. As well as English classes



everyone enjoyed lots of fun times eating together, relaxing over coffee, playing wacky games, dramas, crafts, etc. They encourage others to come and spend time with them sharing the love of Jesus with their students. They also ask for prayer for Colette as she has a very painful foot due to bone deterioration--surgery is not an option because she would be non-weight-bearing for three months and right now she is just really getting back on her feet and doesn't have the functional reserve needed to be able to walk again. In other words, being off her feet for three months might mean she would never walk again.



Oak Park Women's Ministry
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9:30am - 12:30pm

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Hunting for the Heart of God



Mens' Retreat
September 27-29

Jeremiah 29:13
Peter Eason - Speaker

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- prayer chain
- eNews


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Women's Ministry

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Oak Park Women's Ministry




Your Giving Matters!

As summer approaches churches tend to get a bit nervous about finances. While we're off camping, travelling, and enjoying staycations we can often neglect our giving to Oak Park. Please remember that the church's expenses don't disappear over the summer and find a way to continue giving even if you're out of town. Maybe now's the time to sign up for the EFT (electronic fund transfer) giving that is automatically withdrawn from your account or perhaps utilizing our Paypal online option works for you this summer? Either way, we thank you for your continued financial support of our church family and the ministries we are resourcing.

WANTED

Our **Worship Team** needs volunteers to run either computer/screens or sound/lights on Sunday mornings. We'd like to grow our team so that each person serves once per month. Training provided. Please contact Shelley at shelley@oakpark.ca
Thank you!



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