

PCF 2019-2020 – A year at a Glance

Since our last AGM the following noteworthy happenings have taken place.

Shortly after our last AGM where Rob announced his retirement date(April 2022), Leny undertook the task of meeting with everyone in the congregation to build a picture of who we are, what is most important to us and to identify those characteristics we felt are important in our new minister. To Leny, a huge thank-you. You provided an environment where all felt safe to express their opinion and desires. To the Congregation, a thank-you to you as well. The information you shared will be invaluable to the Search Committee as we begin the task of finding someone to replace Rob.

Some members of the congregation helped with the float in the Santa Claus Parade either by assisting with construction of the float or by being a presence in the parade.

We set up and ran a Pop Up Ten Thousand Villages store in the church office space. As well as providing an opportunity for townspeople to shop without leaving the community, we provided Ten Thousand Villages with \$5000.00 in sales which goes to support MCC. Thank- you to Kelly Murray for spearheading this undertaking, and to all those who assisted in some way.

We had a most informative “Dinner and Conversation” when we were joined by Tom McMahon and Kelly Klick. Tom shared with us his work with Justice Murray Sinclair and The Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Some Congregational members served on the Pinawa Hamper Committee and helped prepare 56 hampers for distribution to those in need.

Sadly, March 15th was our last in person worship service, but fortunately Rob has provided us with a virtual opportunity to hear and reflect on God’s word.

The general Committee met and agreed to purchase a Zoom Pro membership and a new iPad in order for Rob to more effectively carry out the business of the church and provide us with a meaningful virtual message each week. Thank -you Rob for undertaking such a steep learning curve in order to meet our needs.

Joye Platford has provided us with worship leadership whenever Rob has been called away for other commitments or has taken a much deserved break. Thank-you Joye for this and for providing a presence in the office for those in need while Rob was on holiday.

Rob and the Convenors have spent considerable time and energy examining, revising and modernizing our by-laws and appendices. We hope you will take the time to read over the proposed revisions, and join in our discussion Zoom meeting.

The weekly What's Up continues to keep us all informed about what is happening within our church, our community and the work of our parent Churches. A thank-you to Chuck Vandergraaf for his assistance with the what's up and community advertising.

As of Oct 11 we are once again able to provide in person worship. The Pinawa Lutheran Church has agreed to allow us to rent time and space in their building. I invite you to join us as you feel comfortable. Covid 19 safety precautions are in place including mandatory mask wearing, social distancing, sanitizing both before and after the service.

Rob will continue to provide a virtual message each week for as long as needed.

As we move through these unprecedented times, Thank-you to all for your continued support of the Pinawa Christian Fellowship. Support comes in many ways, whether financial, serving on committees, caring for the congregation or just dropping by the office to providing Rob with an encouraging word. Please know that these acts are truly appreciated.

Deb Smith

Senior Convenor