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Vol. 63 April 26, 2020	No. 17	and their caregivers	
	h. neep of God's pasture ame. dwell thee st need	 those grieving the loss of loved ones our Leadership Team Swift Current: Alpine Church of God Mennonite Church Sask: First Mennonite Church in Saskatoon, pastor Rod Suderman reduction of fears and panic surrounding the spread of the coronavirus, and perseverance in keeping safe and physically separated those grieving the death of loved ones in the tragedy in Nova Scotia We are creating weekly audio recordings, they can be found on our website. A CD will also be made and put in the church library to be borrowed. Your Offerings may be dropped off at any time in the church mailbox (large brown box beside kitchen door) or in the offering plate beside the bulletins. For e-transfers the address is zion.pay@sasktel.net. Also food donations may be dropped off in the box in the foyer. Anna Wiens thanks us for our prayers. She feels relaxed and has no fear at this time. Congratulations to Esther for graduating from Western College of Veterinary Medicine, Saskatoon. We rejoice with her and thank God. She has accepted a job position at the Vet clinic in Bonnyville, Alberta which is north east of Edmonton for mid-May. We pray for God's further guidance and presence in this new chapter in her life. Matt, Elaine, Hannah, Naomi and Ruth	

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Serve in Love

Recently, I was beginning my supper break as a culinary server at an assisted living center. "Sit here," several residents called to me. "Thank you," I said, clearing a spot. I work at making sure their small, specific needs are met, like extra ice in their water, caramel syrup on their ice cream, or a strawberry malt to go. "Does anyone need anything before I sit down?" I asked.

In my efforts to be helpful, I secretly wondered if I was being annoyingly cheerful or too "Iowa nice." In the course of our conversation about the weather and the events of the day, they answered my concerns. One resident said, offhandedly: "Even more that the quality of the food, it makes a difference *how* we are served, if we are treated with respect. *How* matters! Kindness makes the food taste better." The others agreed.

As I endeavor to sustain consistent, heartfelt cheerfulness in my workaday tasks and my community projects, I know why I try to serve from the heart. I seek to give cups of cold water (or lukewarm, upon request) with gratitude because of Christ's sacrifice, as affirmed in 1 Peter 1:20-23:

"He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God. Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God" (NIV).

Janis Pyle Nevada, Iowa

On the Right Track?

Intro: Two recent fiery train derailments near Guernsey, SK, due to

a broken rail. "Infrastructure needs to be maintained adequately" We ride along merrily until an event or experience derails us. This is an opportunity to adjust our infrastructure.

A. Experience:

- Past -Luke 24:13,14 talking it out, v.19-20 sharing it, v.22-24, v.33--34 – others' experience, v. 21 – bitter disappointment/disillusionment
- Present 24:15 –Jesus came near (c/f 10:9), v.29 hospitality (c/f Heb. 13:2), v.31 then they recognized him (c/f Gen. 18:1-15), Luke 10:22, v.33 changed direction, v. 35 sharing the event
- B. Education:
- Present Luke 24:25-26 They could not interpret the present events
- Past Luke 24:27, 44 Jesus used the past Scripture to enlighten their present experiences, v.32 their hearts burned, (c/f Acts 2:36-41), emotional, personal reaction, response to Scripture interpreting our experiences.
- Future 24:45-47 The events and our response to them has impact for the future.

Conclusion: Jesus draws near us in our life journey, as a companion on the way. All that we have been taught, is brought to memory (Psa 105:6-7, 13) so that we can understand the journey we are on. This is done in the context of the community of believers.