

Warming up the World - 2018 FSA Lenten Calendar

SUNDAY	FEBRUARY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
11 Welcome to our Lenten Calendar. Please note the donations for each Sunday. We will have a representative from each organization every Sunday to highlight things we didn't know. Upcoming week we will learn about: St. Paul's Social Services	12 St. Paul's Social Services formerly known as Daily Bread has been serving the London Community for over 30 years. What are you thankful for today?	13 12,000 people are served throughout the year at SPSS. Bring a friend to dinner at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Pancake Supper 5:30-7:00	14 The SPSS Friendship Centre provides lunch for 80-100 people two times per week. Who is your favorite person to have lunch with?	15 The SPSS Food Bank provides emergency food items (3 day supply). How often do you go to the grocery store each week?	16 The Emergency Food Bank is used by 40 people per day and impacts 1000 people per month. What is your favorite grocery	17 There are at least 75 volunteers of many faiths who donate 6 hours or more a week to help run SPSS. Where do you like to volunteer?	
Please consider supporting St. Paul's Social Services (emergency food cupboard) this week with a donation of canned meat (ham, tuna, etc) or Peanut butter. Bring it to church on Sunday ☺							
18 Please bring in canned meat or peanut butter today to be collected for St. Paul's Social Services. Upcoming week: Mission Services	19 Mission Services of London has been involved in the London Community for over 60 years. How many homeless people have you seen today?	20 From April 2016-March 2017 Mission Services of London served 204,375 meals. Are there ways that you can reduce	21 161 families came through the doors of the Men's Mission and Rotholme in 2017. What are some of your strengths that you can share with others?	22 MSL helps people struggling with substance abuse, abuse and mental health issues. How do you feel when you are interacting with someone who has mental health	23 3,155 volunteer hours were donated in 2016-2017. How do you feel when you volunteer and give back to the community?	24 "Each of us has a part to play in receiving God's love, loving God with everything we have and loving our neighbour."	
Please consider purchasing underwear and/or socks for men and women to support the work of London Mission Services. Bring your donations to church on Sunday.							
25 Please bring in underwear and socks for men, women and children today for Mission Services of London . Upcoming week: My Sister's Place	26 My Sister's Place opened in 2004, and is open 365 days a year. It is not a shelter but provides day time services for women in need. Do you know someone who may need an extra smile or support?	27 A nutritious lunch is served every day. 22, 447 women walked through the doors of MSP in 2017. Where is your favorite lunch spot? item?	28 MSP provides hot showers, laundry and basic needs for women. What logistics are involved for you if you do not have access to laundry at home?	1 MSP has an Expressions group which writes and performs plays about lived experiences. How do you like to share your life experiences?	2 MSP cooks 8 turkeys for their Big Feast Days (Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter) Who do you share your holidays with?	3 MSP is not an overnight housing facility but provides housing supports and advocacy. How would it impact your feeling of self- worth not to know where you are sleeping each night?	
Please drop by the church and purchase some bus tickets or a Tim Cards (\$5) for My Sisters Place to distribute., providing a warm, safe place to take a break. See you Sunday.							
4 MARCH Today, Please bring in coffee, tea, \$5 Tim Horton cards or bus tickets for My Sister's Place . Upcoming this week: Beth Emmanuel Church	5 Beth Emmanuel has a rich history of helping the lost, broken and discouraged in this generally poor, marginalized area of London. Their goal is to empower individuals towards wholeness and self-awareness through prayer, training and counselling.	6 Every Tuesday, the food cupboard is open to help folks stretch their food budget. Canned and dry goods, bread and fresh vegetables as well as clothing can be picked up. When was the last time your cupboard	7 A "Boundaries Course" mid-week offering support & encouragement to those struggling with appropriate boundaries, stress management and social skills. Who are your life coaches?	8 Meals are served daily to approx. 30 people from the neighbourhood. Meals are delivered to local shut-ins. Daily prayers are heard at 7am each morning. Bible Study "Getting Close to God" is offered on Thursday.	9 Pastor Dan runs an "Overcomers; Recovery support group throughout the week both at the church and at the Elgin-Middlesex Detention Center. Who supports you when you face	10 Saturdays are for the kids! Children's Church and meal is provided to 35+ marginalized children ages 3-16 years. . Supervised play time; stories, lessons and crafting (with food)! Where do you go for fun?	
Beth Emmanuel is grateful for any/all help to their programs. Please consider a donation of pantry items, a grocery card, tasty edible items for kids' food crafts.							
11 Today we are supporting Beth Emmanuel Church . Please bring your donations of coffee, toilet paper, toiletries, Cheerios, Rice Krispies, popcorn, choc. chips, smarties, icing, icing sugar, cinnamon sticks, fruit. Next week: Camp Kee-Mo-Kee	12 Kee-Mo-Kee provides 1:1 support to campers and young adults with a variety of different needs, allowing them to teach campers and staff compassion, patience and love. Inclusion at its finest! Everyone Belongs at Camp Kee-Mo-Kee	13 Camp Kee-Mo-Kee is situated in an environmentally significant area – home to a number of rare species at risk. Campers learn to love and protect each other AND the earth while at camp.	14 Kee-Mo-Kee echoes the United Church of Canada in their steps toward recognizing real, authentic, community building opportunities like Heritage Camp; a peaceful step towards reconciliation.	15 Camp Kee-Mo-Kee was able to subsidize 96 campers in 2017. Helping kids to grow up strong and confident is a big job. Your donation helps send kids to Kee-Mo-Kee giving them positive life	16 Camp Kee-Mo-Kee employed 39 young adults in 2017, providing youth with dynamic opportunities for personal growth, development and leadership skills. Accepting resumes now for summer!	17 Single Parent Family Camp at Kee-Mo-Kee offers families an affordable vacation of fun and adventure, quality time together with fresh air, laughs, crafts and campfire.	
COOKIES FOR CAMP! Order your cookies throughout lent from FSA YOUTH. Pick-up will be Sunday March 18... Proceeds will support our local United Church Camp Kee-Mo-Kee!							
18 This Sunday we support the United Church Ministry of Camp Kee-Mo-Kee Have you ordered your cookies? Pick-up is today. We have lots! Upcoming week: Merrymount Children's Centre .	19 Merrymount was founded in 1874 as the Protestant Home for Orphans, aged and friendless. They provide 1,600 taxi rides to and from school and a packed lunch per year. What mode of transportation do you use?	20 Merrymount supports caregivers experiencing physical illness, mental health, addictions, housing issues, family violence, high risk pregnancy, family breakdown and parent child breakdown. Who supports you in crisis?	21 Merrymount helps 8,000 families annually with children aged birth to 13. How can you help children you know?	22 2,500 children stayed overnight in 18 beds in 2017. The average night stay is 3 nights. Do you like sleeping someplace new?	23 Last year Merrymount used 45 gallons of paint, 10,000 pieces of construction paper, 8 gallons of glue and 100 boxes of crayons. What do you do to help you relax?	24 Every child is given the personalized support and care that they need. There's no place like home .. but when children can't be at home there is no place like Merrymount.	
Please consider bringing in markers, gel pens, glue sticks, Mr. Sketch markers, play dough or chalk to support positive play at Merrymount. Bring it to church on Sunday ☺							
25 BIG CIRCLE BREAKFAST 9 AM @ FSA Please bring in markers, gel pens, glue sticks, Mr. Sketch markers, play dough or chalk for Merrymount Children's Centre .	26 Mission Services provides emergency shelter, food, clothing and treatment to both individuals and families. What are you grateful for today?	27 My Sister's Place welcomes 100 women through its doors daily. How can you help someone today?	28 Love binds people together and allows us to feel secure, hopeful, and full of joy. We all benefit from love – giving love <i>and</i> receiving love	29 But sometimes when life gets stressful, we feel rushed. With anxiety and frustration taking so much emotional energy, we can forget to let love guide our actions.	30 What if everything we did, we did with love? What if every thought we had, we thought with love? What if every moment we lived, we lived with love? What a world it would be!	31 Ever wonder how you can make a difference in the world? Reach out to someone today.	

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EASTER SUNDAY

Happy Easter! Thank you for "Sharing the Love" and "Warming the World" this Lenten Season – Keep up the good work! Don't stop now! Pass it on!