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UPCOMING SERVICES

We gather together at 240 Powers St. Sunday evenings at 6:30. All are welcome!

April 5 – We raise our palms in praise!

April 12— Combined service at Covenant 6:00

April 19— Combined service at Transcona 6:00
HCM Hand Chimes participating.

April 26—Journey: Beginning or end?

**"The LORD is my rock,
my fortress and my deliverer;**

**my God is my rock, in
whom I take refuge,
my shield and the
horn of my salvation.
He is my
stronghold, my refuge
and my savior"**

2 Samuel 22:2,3

Hope Centre Ministries exists to celebrate the gifts and uniqueness of individuals who live with disabilities and support them in their walk with God and their faith community.



Easter Rocks!

The rock has been rolled away. . . the grave is empty! Our risen Lord fills us with Easter hope and reminds us of the beautiful ending planned for his people. ***"The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD'S doing; it is marvelous in our eyes."*** *Psalm 118:22.* I have had a long time fascination with biblical "rocks". They are mentioned often in scripture and provide a

visual reminder for many great truths. Rocks also seem so strong and indestructible. It's no wonder they sealed Christ's tomb with a rock—and it is the moving of that rock which gives truth to the words: "There's nothing my God can not do!" I have chosen to include below a poem that I wrote a few years ago. It was written for children. I am including it as a reminder for us to come as children

to the empty tomb of Christ. Let us gaze with a renewed sense of awe and exclaim wholeheartedly: **"Alleluia! He has risen! He has risen indeed! Alleluia!"**



Resurrection Rock

by Shellie Power

Sometimes I feel so little
And not the least bit strong.
And when I try to help myself
So many things go wrong.

The stories told of Jesus
Say he's mighty as can be
He healed so many people
And calmed an angry sea.

Some people tried to stop him
They had him crucified.
They took his body to a cave
And locked him up inside.

They sealed the tomb up
extra tight
With a giant rock.
What happened next
surprised them all
And gave them quite a shock.

Nothing is stronger than
my God
He's big as big can be.
He moved away that
great big stone
To set his people free!

This little resurrection rock
Helps me to feel strong.
It tells me of my mighty God
With Him I won't go wrong!





With the help of some very cheerful volunteers, the members of HCM were able to assemble 120 Easter baskets to give away to the children in the neighbourhood of 240 Powers.



**Coin Collection Totals!
February/March 2009:
\$414.00
~~\$3039.82 needed to make
our goal~~**

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Basket Blessings

The reason for our Easter basket project can be summed up in a song from a Christian Band known as Audio Adrenaline. The chorus of their song, "Hands and Feet" was our theme: *"I wanna be your hands, I wanna be your feet. . . I'll go where you send me . . . and I'll try to touch the world like you touched my life and I'll find my way to be YOUR hands!"*

We all touch the world around us in different ways and for the members of HCM this giving project was an exciting, hands-on opportunity to feel the joy that comes from reaching

out to others. Every one of us has been created to serve~~ the challenge is to "find our way" to touch the world. Almost everyone at HCM was involved in the basket project:

~The Sunday worship group held collections and paid for the contents of the baskets.

~The Seniors made gift tags.

~The Friendship group assembled the contents and also spent additional time filling plastic eggs.

~A fellowship group at Deer

Lodge helped assemble Jelly Bean Prayer baggies.

And now we are all praying for the children who will receive the baskets.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this possible! We have felt incredibly blessed by the support we received for this project and are already looking forward to next year!



LifeLight Ministries

LifeLight Ministries played a large role in the success of our Easter basket project. They generously provided a bible for each basket we assembled so that our baskets could go out containing the true meaning of Easter. I would just like to highlight the work of this ministry.

Jesus came into this world with all its heartache and sin. He came to us. He came to help. And as God has so generously shared with us, we can share His Word with others. LifeLight Ministries wants to help change lives by making easy-to-read Scriptures

available to churches, youth workers, inner-city workers, camps, chaplains and Christians everywhere who are committed to sharing the Word with those around them. Scriptures are distributed here in Manitoba as well as throughout the rest of Canada and abroad upon request. They especially have a vital ministry in Northern Manitoba reserves, some of which are in very remote areas. They partner with individuals, churches and ministries. Throughout the month of April, HCM will be looking for ways to support this ministry financially and we would like to encourage

our supporters to consider a financial gift in support of this ministry.

You can make a donation to HCM and designate it for LifeLight Ministries—we will be combining our gifts and offerings and sending it to them in the beginning of May.

You may also go to their website www.TheLifeLight.com and give online through CanadaHelps.org or contact them directly:

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Community FUNdraiser Event in Support of HCM

A **VARIETY NIGHT** will be held on **Saturday, May 2, 2009** at **7:00 p.m.** at **Transcona Christian Reformed Church**. There will be a variety of performances and musical acts followed by dessert and refreshments in the fellowship hall. Prices are **\$10.00 per person** or **\$25.00 per family**. **Babysitting will be available**. Keep an eye on your bulletins as announcements regarding this event will be appearing. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for an evening of fun, food and fellowship in support of our Ministry.

