

SK Companion Synod Report 2011



The Companion Synod Committee is excited about the up and coming year!

The Patagonia Passion Project Fundraiser for the completion of the parsonage in Esquel, Argentina has raised over \$11,000.00 so far! The congregation "Hope of the South" has nowhere for a potential pastor to live and so together we plan to finish the parsonage and work forward to having a resident pastor again. Thank you to everyone who has participated and please keep this project in mind for Special Lenten offerings. Our goal is \$22,000.00.

Keep your eyes open to the new **Gifts from the Heart Campaign booklet from CLWR**. There you will find highlighted the "Tile" project for the Patagonia Passion Project. Just because Christmas is past doesn't mean you can't participate! Tiles are \$20.00 each and donations can be made to CLWR, your local congregation or straight to the SK Synod. Make sure you earmark it "Patagonia Passion Project."

The Patagonia Passion Trip is scheduled for April 24 – May 9, 2011. A maximum group of 20 persons will be travelling to Argentina to work alongside the people of the Patagonian District within the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Argentina. The work will be to spend all the money we raised from the Patagonia Passion Project on materials and together install, locate, clean, paint; all that is needed to finish the parsonage in Esquel. The trip registrar is Daryl Mang and he can be reached at 306-949-8265 or darylmang@hotmail.com.

Four youth will be selected for a 50% grant to accompany the work group. CLWR has provided us with this funding. ***The deadline for sponsored youth applications is January 30, 2011.*** Our committee will make the selections by Feb. 17, 2011.

For complete information about the trip please visit the Synod website: www.sasksynod.elcic.ca and check out the Companion Synod tab. Or contact either Monica Johnson monicaandbryan@sasktel.net or gregkiel@sasktel.net

There are now two displays available for the Companion Synod Committee. Please contact us if you would like to use the display for your congregational needs.

The committee members are: Arlene Thickett (Russell, MB), Monica Johnson (Saskatoon), Bob Edwards (Buchanan), John Matity (Regina) and Greg Kiel (Swift Current). Please feel free to contact any of the committee's members for more information. Bishop Cindy Halmarson works with us on this committee and a special thanks to Daryl Mang for working with us on the Patagonia Passion Project.

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