



Newsletter

# The Road Church

*experience God everywhere*

September 14, 2017

### **This Sunday:**

"The Space Between Us"

We are exploring the echo of God's voice in our human relationships. How are our relationships a sign pointing to him? How do we engage and encounter one another? How does Jesus encounter us? How do we practice encountering others in our daily life? Take a minute and think about a story of encounter that sticks out to you from scripture and ask yourself what's striking about it for you right now?

### **Congregational Meeting on September 17th**

Please note that **this Sunday after the service** is our annual congregational meeting. At that time we will present the church budget and affirm the leadership team candidates.

### **Our TRC Kids Need You!**

Our regularly scheduled Sunday School and Nursery programs are up and running this Sunday. We all enjoy knowing that our youngest TRC members are well cared for Sunday mornings, but we need your help to make this continue! *We are in need of volunteers in both the nursery and in the KidZ Sunday School preschool class.* To find out more email Amber [info@newhopechurch.ca](mailto:info@newhopechurch.ca).

### Calling all Volunteers!

“Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy.  
You vote in elections once a year but *when you volunteer,*  
*you vote everyday about the kind of community you want to live in.*”

-Marjorie Moore

We have roles to be filled in set-up, bagels and greeting. If you can help out one Sunday a month email Heather [heather@newhopechurch.ca](mailto:heather@newhopechurch.ca).

### Small Groups at TRC

Are you interested in leading a small group at The Road Church? Do you have a love for scripture, culture, dialogue, questioning and listening? Have you been thinking, "If only I had a small group to talk about this in?" Well, here is your chance! If you are interested in leading a group please let us know and this fall we will give you information and training to help you take that on. Contact Jacqui at [jacquimignault@gmail.com](mailto:jacquimignault@gmail.com) to move forward with this.

### Composite Staff Model

We are in a time of transition at The Road Church and we have a plan! We will continue working as a team with a more diverse and structured composite staff model to best meet the needs of our community. Pick up an updated diagram at the info table this Sunday of how the staff will work together with you to continue to become “an accepting community called to experience and be God's presence everywhere.”

### Youth Event on September 24th

Kick off ALL CRC YOUTH event happening on **Sept 24th** at the Reitsma Ranch (about 20 mins North of Cochrane). There is a Wilco bus rented to pick up kids at Emmanuel church at 2pm, returning at 7pm. Emmanuel Church will provide hotdogs, s'mores, and drinks. Kids are asked to bring a snack to share (chips, fruit, veggies etc...). It will be a fun afternoon with games and prizes, plus it's a chance to meet and hang out with other

peers in the greater CRC church body. For more details and to RSVP if you can come and are wanting to go on the bus contact Sheri [sheri.braaksma@gmail.com](mailto:sheri.braaksma@gmail.com). Parents are also welcome!

### **Girls Night Out Kick Off Event!**

**Monday, September 25th**, at **7 pm**. MILESTONES restaurant at Market Mall. Come for food, fun and fellowship.... AND come for the 4 bellinis & 4 appies for \$40! For more info contact Sheri [sheri.braaksma@gmail.com](mailto:sheri.braaksma@gmail.com)

### **TRC Women's Group**

Women's Group is starting up soon! We are calling our group "The Sanctuary" this year. Its a safe haven for any and all of us in the thick of life where we dialogue, ask questions, engage with scripture and spiritual writings, pray for each other and build a rich community of diverse women.

Our first meeting will be on **Wednesday, September 27th** from **9:30-11:30am**. We meet in the Common Room at The Village across from The Road Church's multi-purpose room (there will be signs!) Snacks, Coffee, Tea and babysitting will be provided! Contact Jacqui [jacquimignault@gmail.com](mailto:jacquimignault@gmail.com) for more information.

### **October 1st The Road Church Launch!**

Mark your calendars because the date is fast approaching! On **October 1** we are having our Launch Sunday to celebrate the new name of our church and a fresh start on our journey together. It will be a special Sunday service with a potluck feast to follow, so come ready to eat! The sign up sheet for what food item you can bring is now available at the info table, so please feel free to add your name to the list at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions contact Rachel [rpiers@hotmail.com](mailto:rpiers@hotmail.com).

### **Babysitting Course**

All TRC youth (ages 11 and up) are invited to participate in the Red Cross Babysitting Course. It will be offered here at the Village in the multipurpose room on **Saturday, October 14th** from 10am-4pm. Cost is \$55 and space is limited, so email Amber [info@newhopechurch.ca](mailto:info@newhopechurch.ca) to reserve your spot.

### **Updated Notice from our Church Bookkeeper**

We can now officially receive donations of cheques made out to The Road Church!

### **New Church Name Info**

We are excited to have a new name – The Road Church. The new name is based on the input from the congregation earlier this year of key words and phrases that reflect our community, as well as the survey on short-listed possible names. The Leadership Team along with Brandon and Nicole reached consensus on The Road Church as our new name as we felt it best reflected who we are as community and our vision (tag line) of Experiencing God Everywhere.

As [the story of the Emmaus Road in Luke](#) demonstrates there are many times in our own journeys that we are met by Jesus without even realizing he is with us – he's always with us on the road even when we don't know it! A new name also reflects that we are now one church community – we no longer need to use the awkward mashed up name. As the Ephesians verse from our first anniversary states - we '[were all called to travel on the same road and in the same direction, so stay together both outwardly and inwardly](#)'.

"The Road Church: Experience God Everywhere" as our new name is a recognition of our journey forward together as a church community.

We are planning to develop a new logo as soon as possible and we are going to start using the new name in our material, including in a new future website (we already have a domain name secured!). If you have any questions or comments about our new name or the future logo, please get in touch with either Brandon Harris, Nicole Wilson or Jeff

Loomis.

<b>Nursery</b>	Annie & Samantha V	<b>Welcome Team</b>	1 - Martin & Christine L
<b>KiDZ Preschool</b>	Alisha E & Michelle G	<b>Set Up Team</b>	1 - Tim B & Paul S, Ed & Sharon K
<b>KiDZ Gr. K- 2</b>	Diana S & Ava/Anastasia M	<b>Info Table</b>	Lillian D
<b>KiDZ Gr. 3-6</b>	Stephanie M	<b>Tech Team</b>	Phil B, Jason D, & Michelle F