My friend, Jim Leverette, was buried last week. His memorial service was the celebration of a well-loved family man and a humble, effective leader. After decades in ministry, he had become a pastor to pastors as the Regional Director of the Alberta Baptist Association. Jim liked people, as evidenced by the many who told how he had encouraged them in their lives and ministries. Even more, he had grown to love the God of the universe. Having recently been impacted by the book “With” by Skye Jethani, Jim wanted to do life, not FOR God or ABOUT God, but WITH God. As I sat there (hoping my funeral would be as memorable), I was impressed by the thought: The world has great need for more leaders and pastors like Jim.

Might you become a pastor-leader like my friend? If you are feeling a pull in this direction, let me tell you about our four-year Pastoral and Youth Ministry degree programs. They include a study of the entire Bible, all 66 books in seven courses, resulting in a solid understanding of the biblical metanarrative. Very few colleges provide this depth of coverage of the canon of Scripture.

We would love to have you study with us on campus in a community of fellow learners. But you can take the same degrees from home, continuing in your present job and location. By June, we expect that both programs will be fully on-line, allowing you to study at your own pace anywhere in the world!

If you are ready for advanced (Master’s) studies, stay tuned for our fully on-line MDiv program with an anticipated start date of January 2019. Our degrees are accredited by ABHE and recognized by other colleges, making the graduate eligible for further schooling such as doctoral-level degrees.

Our many mid-life students tell us we are doing a great job of helping them make transitions to new careers. Is God nudging you toward a change? If so, maybe it’s time to take this step that will prepare you to invest in the lives of others.

I believe God is looking for leaders who will care deeply for his people. The job may not pay well and you may not be appreciated all the time, but there will be those who realize the difference you have made in their lives and will come back to say “Thanks!”—maybe even at your funeral.

I could be wrong, but I also believe that Jesus himself, that great Shepherd of the sheep, will be saying “Thank you!” and “Well done!” for lives well lived. I look forward to seeing Jim again and thanking him myself, when both of us are truly WITH the Lord.

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Phil Callaway
Big hairy deal
Prairie has always been a training ground for those called to shepherd the flock of God. Whether viewed positively and respectfully or negatively and with suspicion, the once-typical concept of a pastor as someone (usually in a suit) who led a local congregation, preached on Sundays, married the living and comforted the dying is fast giving way to a multitude of “pastoral-type” ministries. Many with a heart to disciple do not see themselves filling a traditional pulpit while others look forward to it.

This is evident among the students currently enrolled in Prairie’s Pastoral program. Men and women of all ages and backgrounds are preparing to lead and guide, both in the church and outside its walls. We serve a creative and innovative God and we want to join him in what he is up to in our students’ lives. The sky is the limit in terms of ministry options for them.

There are specific end goals for each student, however. These include a vibrant and discerning spiritual life, the ability to preach and teach the Word of God, a passion for biblical and theological orthodoxy, spiritual leadership, and intentional disciple-making.

Prairie is one of few schools offering an undergraduate degree in pastoral ministry. As Bible schools transition into colleges and universities, they tend to leave the theological training for graduate school. Prairie has long been committed to serving the church and still holds this mandate today. Many smaller churches cannot afford a pastor with a seminary education and more opportunities are available to a student with solid undergraduate pastoral training who can enter the ministry immediately.

The internship required in Prairie’s program is tailored to the career path of the student and may take place in a local congregation, prison, street ministry, summer camp, or para church ministry, and be local, national or international in nature.

Students considering a ministry career are often already employed and raising a family. Our Bachelor of Arts in Ministry and Bachelor in Ministry degrees will be fully online by June 30, 2018, allowing individuals to study at home without uprooting their family or leaving a current work environment.

As a former pastor, if I were to describe the heart of a spiritual shepherd I would point to the larger picture of an unhurried life and a heart at rest in the abiding presence of Jesus; one that leads out of being with Jesus, rather than doing for Jesus. Regardless of the ministry goals of each individual student, that must be the starting point.
Distinguished Alumni 2017

PRAIRIE'S DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI FOR 2017 WERE HONOURED DURING THE ALUMNI REUNION IN SEPTEMBER

George Durance
LIFELONG CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

Dr. Durance (BC’73) holds degrees in biblical studies, history and education. He taught high school in Canada, then at Black Forest Academy in Germany, also serving as principal and later, director. In 1997 he became president of Ambrose University College in Calgary, AB, helping to relocate and reposition the school as a liberal arts university. His distinguished service earned him the honorary title of President Emeritus. George has received multiple awards for his contributions to the educational community and is currently the president of TeachBeyond, providing transformational education to children and adults around the globe.

Graham Watt
EARLY CAREER EXCELLENCE

Upon graduation from Prairie in 1998, Graham joined the staff of Power to Change (formerly Campus Crusade). He spent fifteen years in pioneering ministries among university students in Ontario and several years in Asia and now serves as National Creative Communications Director, developing innovative ways to spread the message of Jesus. Graham oversees the websites and social media of PTC, develops resources and creates marketing, and runs conferences to help equip students for ministry. He holds a Master’s degree from Heritage Theological Seminary and is studying for a Doctorate in Leadership at Tyndale in Toronto.

Dr. Lorne Rabuka
INTEGRATION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH AND PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

Lorne (BC’65) trained at the University of Saskatchewan and practiced obstetrics and gynecology in Prince Albert, SK, for his entire career. He has been with the Gideons since 1974 and active for many years in his home church as a preacher, teacher and musician. Dr. Rabuka was physician to NCEM for twenty years and served on their Board of Directors as well as being a speaker and physician for their summer camps. He was also a board member for Prairie and Nipawin Bible School. Through the Saskatchewan Medical Association, Dr. Rabuka has advocated on behalf of doctors and their patients to the Canadian Medical Association in Ottawa.
Craft, Robert (BC’77) is president of Reach a Village and recently announced a partnership with CrossTies Asia, using technology that will help mission and church leaders to develop strategic national plans for church growth. Their goal is to equip and empower local Christians to spread the gospel to unreached villages within their own countries. Bob and his wife Ramona reside in Lombard, IL.

Crites, Donna (HS’73, BC’77) married Keith Burk (HS u’62) on July 8, 2017. They are living in Three Hills where Keith is semi-retired, working part-time for a farmer. Donna continues to work at the local medical clinic. Both are involved in Bethel Evangelical Missionary Church and Keith makes yearly mission trips to Haiti.

Moldenhauer, Steve (BC’71) and his wife Lorraine (Zehm, BC’72) transitioned last August from their ministry in Merced, CA, to serve with Village Missions in rural churches across the west. Steve was senior pastor of Valley Baptist Church for 35 years and superintendent of Merced Christian School.

Nhlanzane, Aaron (BC’72) and his wife Elizabeth reside in Steinbach, MB. After Prairie he attended Providence College & Seminary and the University of Manitoba. From 1995 on, he pastored in South Africa and taught at Bible colleges and seminaries. In 2000 they returned to Canada where Aaron became the pastor of Roseau River Baptist Church, retiring in 2016.

Ball, Bill (BC’81) and Judy (Cleveland, BC u’78). After thirty-seven years of pastoral ministry, Bill became the Canadian Director of Slavic Gospel Association. He and Judy represent church planters and ministries in the former Soviet Union, raising prayer support and funds to further initiatives there. They visit several times a year to encourage and report on progress. The Balls live in Cambridge, ON.

Jantz, Paul (BC’85) and Ivani (Dos Santos, HS’83, BC’88) returned to Brazil in December of 2017. Their focus will be on equipping leaders and assisting in a project to bring the gospel to the river dwellers of four least-reached

LIVING OVERSEAS?

Are you living in a restricted area? Does your mail from Prairie take months to arrive?

Alumni living outside of North America now have the option of receiving a simple email notification when new issues of SERVANT and the Prairie Harvester are posted to the Prairie website (www.prairie.edu).

As overseas mailing is becoming extremely costly for Prairie, you can help lower expenses for the school by allowing us to send your magazines electronically. Contact us at alumni@prairie.edu if you would prefer this method.
lower Amazonian communities. Their goal is to see churches planted there.

2000s:

Brown. Tony (BC’08) and Sarah, with their children Violet (5) and Rose (2) are serving with Mennonite Brethren Mission in Panama among the Wounaan indigenous group. They are in their first term, apprenticing toward a role in capacity building among the churches, with a focus on discipleship and youth ministry. tonyandsarahb@outlook.com

Schatz. Stephanie (BC’06) has been serving with Pioneers in Fukuoka, Japan, since 2008. A church plant begun eight years ago has grown to 45 people in an area where congregations usually average about 30. The young families and college students who gather together for worship recently purchased their own building which allows many more opportunities for community outreach and it has been a great joy for Stephanie to watch God work in answer to prayer.

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Join us as well on March 12 at 10am to hear Brother Yun, “The Heavenly Man.”
As the meeting ended, an elderly lady asked to speak with me. I was sure she would confirm my thinking and all of this would just go away, but she graciously proceeded to pop my balloon. “Alvin,” she said, “you fit every one of the gifts and character traits that we want in our next lead pastor.”

I thought, *don’t do this. You are shooting down all of my excuses!* I was surely the least-qualified of any candidate and it didn’t make sense. But then, the rest of my journey over the last few years hadn’t made much sense either.

My pastor father taught me that the ministry was both important and hard work. He and my mom modeled an authentic relationship with Jesus that had a huge impact on me, but I never once considered a career in the pastorate. I did have a deep desire to see my teenage peers follow Jesus, though, and Mom often told me that I would make a great youth pastor. She was mistaken, of course, so I enrolled in the Fine Arts program at Prairie College, choosing music and recording as my focus.

In my sophomore year I met a bubbly young freshman whose smile rocked my world and I knew I had found “the one.” The future seemed pretty straightforward, but as graduation came and went, I couldn’t shake the thought that maybe Mom was right.

About a week before the wedding, our pastor came to me and asked about my future plans. By now I was considering a second degree in ministry and thought I could help out at the church first to see if working with teens was really my calling. Unfortunately, the youth pastor had recently resigned and there wasn’t even a program running. “Why don’t you work here?” the pastor asked.

That took me by surprise. Mandy and I had agreed that we would wait a year before taking on anything too significant. We had no sooner returned from our honeymoon, however, when the church offered to hire me half-time for six months while they searched for a “real” youth pastor. It would provide me with an internship and allow me to attend school part-time. The offer was tempting, so because it was temporary, Mandy and I agreed.
Alumni Spotlight

The contract was nearly up by the time I realized that no plans appeared to be underway to replace me. When I mentioned this, the church board asked if I would come on full-time as the new youth pastor and suddenly I was in ministry before I had even begun my training. The next seven years were an amazing time of growth and I wanted to do this forever!

Then God began to ruffle the waters. The church needed a new pastor and eyes kept turning my way. I wanted to be defined by faith and not fear, but could God really be asking me to do this? I felt a lot like Moses, wanting the Lord to choose someone else, someone more qualified. But he kept gently prodding and wouldn’t let go.

My heart began to change and when I decided to listen and seek his will, I realized I could either accept God’s plan or let fear hold me back. Finally I said yes to the call and in June of 2015, I became the lead pastor of Mt. Olive Evangelical Free Church in Three Hills, AB.

Our people have been patient and gracious as God continues to stretch me in my ministry role. Along with the pressures of leadership, it’s tough to walk with people suffering pain that doesn’t go away. You wish you could do more to solve problems or bring healing to relationships. On the other hand, there is no joy like seeing people come to Christ the strength to remain. And often those days are the ones when God uses his Word in powerful ways, showing me it’s all about him and not me.

My desire is to be a faithful, passionate follower of Jesus, a fantastic husband and father, and a great pastor—in that order. Thankyou, my church accepts and understands that goal. I have felt so unprepared for each step along this journey, but maybe this has been God’s way of showing me how adequate he is and that when he calls, he will provide. I think Moses would agree!  

Pastor Alvin and his family: “I want to be a faithful follower of Jesus, a fantastic husband and father, and a great pastor—in that order.”
With the goal of bringing transformation and true heart change in Canada’s prisons, Prairie has introduced the *Prison Bible Encounter Program*, a college-level course of study that is changing lives inside the walls of a Canadian federal correctional institute. In September of 2016 the first classes began at Bowden Institution west of Three Hills. The students are now about half-way through their total of ten courses and are working hard to complete Prairie’s entire first-year Bible program.

According to Gord Allert, program director, the teachers and volunteers are being profoundly impacted by the work ethic and profound gratitude of the students. Faculty member EmmaKarin Emsgård has found her classroom behind prison walls “the most interesting place I’ve ever been. I’ve seen the tender heart for God in these offenders. They know they are sinners and are just drinking up grace.” Student inmates are passionate about their study of the Word of God. “They come early and leave late,” says Professor Emsgård, “and they apply what they are learning to their lives. Their prayers are so genuine and they are learning to trust one another.”

Through the recommendation of staff at Bowden, Prairie recently received an invitation to bring the *Encounter* program to another nearby facility as well. It is hoped that classes can begin at the Drumheller Institution later in the new year.

Inmates in Canadian correctional facilities have jobs, but their average pay is often less than $25.00 per week. Since the cost of delivery for each course is $1,500 per student, tuition is completely out of reach and the program must be funded through scholarships.

As Prairie is invited into more prisons, the cost of funding these students continues to rise. You can help make the *Prison Bible Encounter Program* a reality by praying with us for continued open doors and by providing scholarships that will allow the lives of inmates to be changed for the glory of God.

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To learn more about this exciting opportunity, contact Gord Allert at gord.allert@prairie.edu or 403-443-5511, ext 3395.
God’s Word is changing lives behind prison walls

Doors continue to open on an exciting opportunity for Prairie. Our one-year, Bible-focused Encounter program is now being offered in Alberta prisons and God is changing lives in the process. As adjunct and current faculty present one course at a time, they are seeing new attitudes replace the old and despair turn to hope:

“In prison it is easy to become marginalized, but I have found love, acceptance and family with Prairie. The learning is a blessing, but being part of a greater family is more valuable than freedom.”

“I sensed the call of God on my life at 16, but took a wrong turn that landed me in and out of prison for the past twenty years. It’s been a life-long dream to go to Bible college and I praise God for Prairie and all the staff who are making my dream come true.”

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Gord Allert

PRISON BIBLE ENCOUNTER PROGRAM LEADER

Gord’s personal story is one of grace and restoration. His life was a model of success with a long-term career, executive corporate position, and a history of church leadership until he was called to account for a situation created by wrong thinking and bad choices.

As Gord has shared his testimony across western Canada, its impact on many lives has fueled his desire to have a redemptive involvement in the lives of inmates. He is available to share his story and introduce the Prison Bible Encounter Program to your church or organization.

For booking inquiries or further information, email gord.allert@prairie.edu or call 403-443-5511, ext 3395.
Giger, Frances (former staff) passed away September 16, 2017, in Olympia, WA, at the age of 97. She and her husband Edd had five children and moved with the US Air Force to California, Utah, Michigan, Texas, and Okinawa. After retirement, they served on Prairie staff for many years. Frances had moved to be near her children in the US following Edd’s death.

Goss, Richard (BC u’56) served in the US Navy and Air Force and attended Washington State University and Multnomah School of the Bible. He came to Prairie with his wife Kathleen before going with SIM to Ethiopia where he taught Bible school and did public health work. Dick later worked in nursing and retirement homes in Washington and was active until his death on July 17, 2017, following a stroke.

Graham, Mildred (Befus, BC’52, former staff) and her husband Henry were on Prairie staff from 1962 to 1983 and Mildred taught at Prairie Grade School. She died on May 5, 2017, after a fall. Mildred lived in Three Hills, AB, and is survived by her daughter Sandra of Edmonton.

Granger, Mary (former staff) of Goshen, IN, passed away on June 24, 2017, at the age of 86. She and her husband Vern (BC’55) were on staff at Prairie and later became regional representatives for the school. Mary was a devoted pastor’s wife and is survived by her seven children and their families.

Grasser, Larry (BC’87) died on July 28, 2017, as a result of an early morning automobile accident. He had worked in banking for twenty-three years, and then with Walmart Pharmacy. He leaves his wife Wendy (Helgeson BC’86) of Port Angeles, WA.

Harrison, Adrienne (Sproule BC’39) passed away in Orillia, ON, on February 26, 2016. She sailed in 1941 for Nigeria, where she and her husband Ernie were married. Adrienne was a busy mother to five children and a capable and welcoming hostess in the mission guesthouse. She was one of only two SIM Canada retirees to pass the age of 100.

Harrison, Betty (Nixon, HS’57, BC’59) trained as a nurse at the Royal Jubilee Hospital School of Nursing in Victoria, BC. In 1962 she married Norm (HS’58, BC’64) and they went to Ethiopia under SIM. Later, they pastored on Vancouver Island with Fellowship Baptist churches before retiring to Three Hills, AB. Betty went home to be with the Lord on July 17, 2017.

Harrison, David (HS’57, BC’61) of Shelton, WA, died of a heart attack on August 8, 2017. He began a teaching career after graduating from Seattle Pacific, earned two Master’s degrees and a doctorate, and was ordained in 1980. As missionaries with World Venture, Dave and his wife Ruth served in Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, South Korea, and China.

Jantz, Leslie (BC’50) went to Brazil in 1950 under UFM (now Crossworld). His first work was in river evangelism on the lower Amazon and he invested his life in church planting and teaching young adults who would become the future leaders of the church. In 1991 he retired to Langley, BC, where he and his wife Anita (McPerson, BC’48) celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary shortly before his passing on October 26, 2017.

McDonald, Gordon (former staff) and his wife Emmy came in 1980 to Prairie where Gord served in the butcher shop, staff store and Food Services. They went to Uganda for three years as support staff in the AIM guest house, then returned to Three Hills where Gord managed Prairie’s

**Modricker, Mary (BC'62)**
was the daughter of missionary parents to Africa. After graduation, she served with CSSM for five years and then went back to Africa, working under AIM and SIM in Ethiopia, Kenya and Sudan. Her last years of service were at the AIM Retirement Center in Florida until her passing on June 16, 2017.

**Powles, Miriam (HS'75, BC'76)** went home to be with the Lord at the Christine Morrison Hospice in Mission, BC, on October 11, 2017. She had made a tremendous impact through more than thirty years of teaching in Abbotsford. Throughout her eight-year battle with cancer, she demonstrated great resilience, courage and grace and drew on her faith in a loving Heavenly Father.

**Quarles, Donald (BC'44)** passed away on October 4, 2017, in Pomeroy, WA. He and his wife Frieda (Schneider, BC'40) were married in Nigeria and over thirty-three years of ministry, Don served in many capacities, including station manager, pastor, school superintendent, evangelist and maintenance man. He was predeceased by Frieda in 2000.

**Reed, Les (HS'44)** went Home on June 11, 2017. He devoted his life to the advocacy of forest stewardship as a teacher, consultant, speaker, and public official in the forest communities of Canada and abroad and received several international honors. In 1984 Les joined the Forestry Faculty of UBC and was named Professor Emeritus upon his retirement. His wife Patricia resides in Surrey, BC.

**Sanders, Alma (Hixt, BC'43)** received medical training in Toronto and served with SIM in Nigeria, two terms in a clinic and one in a leprosarium. Her husband Grant died in 1994 and Alma passed away on May 5, 2017, in Lacombe, AB, at the age of 98. She leaves three sons and a daughter.

**Schmidt, Ed (BC u'55)** earned a degree in Electrical Engineering as well as an MDiv and did graduate work in Educational Psychology. He was a missionary to India, teacher, camp director, nursing home staff and business owner, and served on many boards with a desire to make the world a better place. Ed died on May 16, 2017, in Waldheim, SK, and is survived by his wife Wally (Regier BC'57).

**Silva, Shirley (Rush, BC’62)** graduated from Bethany Hospital School of Nursing and spent her life in Brazil as a missionary, using her nursing and teaching skills. She married her husband Helvin and raised their two sons in Brazil. Shirley went to be with the Lord on August 14, 2017, and was buried in her adopted country.

**Uptigrove, Ormond (HS’48, BC’52)** completed medical school in 1958 and spent twelve years in India where he helped found the Emmanuel Hospital Association. Back in Canada, he established a medical clinic in Three Hills and he and his wife Freda travelled to Haiti, Cameroon, and Brazil on medical missions and other projects. Dr. Uptigrove passed away in Calgary, AB, on June 7, 2017.

**Wilkins, Neville (BC’61, staff)** married Merle in South Africa and their interest in missionary printing brought them to Prairie. Back home they worked with a mission press and served a pastorate and in 1971 they joined Prairie staff. Neville was Dean of Men and PE Director and worked in the Prairie Garage and at various jobs in the Three Hills community. In 1982 he began a prison ministry that touched many lives. Neville passed away on May 29, 2017.

**THANK YOU**

**TO SO MANY WHO HAVE INCLUDED PRAIRIE IN THEIR ESTATES.**
“My call to the pastorate was simple. As I fell in love with God in his Word, I saw the need and knew my purpose was to teach and love his people. Being a pastor is more than a career; it’s a lifestyle that goes right to the heart of who you are. I’m learning quickly there is no separating a committed, abundant walk with the Lord with what comes out of the pulpit. I think that’s where Prairie really shines. It doesn’t separate academic knowledge from real life. Even the deepest theological ponderings touch everyday living here. So, as much as my head is satisfied here at Prairie with excellent academics, my heart is growing in Christ in ways that will impact not only my delivery of solid sermons, but also in the nurturing of a life-giving love that will touch others in deeper ways than I will ever be able to learn in a classroom. I can’t wait to share the love and truth of Jesus with his Church.”

“Initially I wasn’t interested in the pastoral program as I wanted to study Humanities here at Prairie. I read over the descriptions of both programs several times and as I prayed and asked my family and close friends where they saw me doing the best, they all said “pastoral.” After praying some more, I decided to go in that direction even though I felt fearful that I wouldn’t be able to do it. Stepping out in obedience to what God was calling me to do has been one of the best decisions I’ve ever made. I am learning about myself as a woman in the program, and the importance of discipleship, which is the foundation of how we need to minister. God is showing me how faithfully he can work through me even when I feel weak and inadequate. My desire is to be in ministry, though I don’t know in what capacity yet. I want to have an attitude of openness to God’s leading and be willing to serve wherever he wants me.”
“After my conversion in 2011, I felt God was leading me to Bible college. Prairie seemed like a good choice and from the moment I walked through the doors, I knew this was where God wanted me to be. I was 50 years old and had no idea why I was here, but I had followed God this far and prayed that he would direct me. Several months after I had entered the pastoral program, the idea of prison ministry came to mind. The very next week it was announced that Prairie was starting the Bible Encounter course at Bowden Institution and help was needed to get the program off the ground. I couldn’t wait to sign up! It’s been a fantastic experience and I am dedicating my life to bringing the gospel to inmates—the forgotten people of society. I’d like to help Prairie expand this ministry or work as a prison chaplain, but as always, I’ll let the Holy Spirit determine the direction of my life.”

TED LANTZ
The Class of 1967 gathered on campus this past September to celebrate their Golden Anniversary.

ALUMNI REUNION

The Alumni Reunion in September brought an incredible turnout of guests and great connections with old and new friends. The Re-graduation of the Class of 1967 was an evening filled with humor and sincere moments testifying to God’s faithfulness, along with a message from Dr. George Durance, Distinguished Alumnus of Lifelong Christian Ministry.

Next year we will celebrate the classes of 1968 and 1978. Other alumni who wish to visit and reconnect are welcome to come as well. There will be many opportunities to explore the campus, meet students and professors and share memories with friends, so mark your calendar for September 21–23, 2018, and come and enjoy Prairie’s Alumni Weekend!

ALUMNI WEEKEND
SEPTEMBER 21-23, 2018
Major addition to Prairie’s nursing program

Thanks to the generosity of a friend of the College, Prairie will soon be in possession of a medium fidelity mannequin (human body simulator) for use in the practical nursing (LPN) program. Among its many other capabilities, the mannequin will have pulses, blood pressure, breath sounds, and the ability to talk either via pre-recorded responses or through the voice of an on-site instructor.

According to Kim Hogarth, Prairie’s Regional Program Coordinator for Bow Valley College, “The accessibility of a medium fidelity simulator within Prairie’s LPN program is going to be instrumental in teaching and preparing basic and advanced skills, along with developing critical thinking in our students. Research has found that the use of simulators in nursing programs allows learners to develop, enhance and apply knowledge and skills in a safe, but realistic, learning environment.”

She feels that the use of simulation will “contribute to increased patient safety, optimize patient outcomes around care, and provide our students with the opportunity and knowledge to increase confidence and ability as they move into clinical settings. That is definitely a win for everyone.”

As the college moves ahead with selecting an appropriate model, plans are being developed for the construction of the lab required for the simulator.

“We are very excited about this,” says Kim. “We feel it will be a game-changer for our LPN program.”

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Prairie celebrates 95th birthday

Saturday, September 23, was an exciting day of celebration as staff, students, alumni and community friends gathered on campus to mark 95 years of God’s faithfulness to Prairie. Mark and Elaine Maxwell made the first cut to the birthday cake and welcomed special guests Doug and Audrey Kirk.

Doug was just a few weeks old in 1922 when his father Fergus Kirk and others dreamed of a Bible school in Three Hills and invited L.E. Maxwell to be one of its first teachers. No one could have imagined then how God would reach around the world from this small, remote community on the Alberta prairies.
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Have you ever complained? Here are a few grievances aired in eateries.

“I’m sending the fish back. It was staring at me.”

“The plate color clashes with my food. It’s too ugly to Instagram.”

“This cup is right-handed. I’m left-handed.”

“I’m sending the chicken back. I ordered it medium rare.”

Last week we took our friends Gord and Liz Alert to a fine restaurant to celebrate Liz’s graduation from Prairie’s nursing program (p.17). Her husband Gord oversees Prairie’s prison study program (p.10). I ordered Lime Chicken. The waitress brought it and waited as we finished praying, thanking God for our many blessings. We thanked her. And then I took a bite.

Now, as far as I can recall, the menu had not listed “Lime chicken stuffed with an 18-inch hair.” Trust me: it is most difficult to remove a hair of this span with dignity and grace. My friends were horrified. This could have been a very hairy situation were it not for the fact that my wife Ramona started laughing. “It was the look on your face,” she said. “I couldn’t help it.”

The waitress came to check on us. “Don’t tell anyone just yet,” I said, “but there’s a hair in my chicken.” She gasped. “It’s not one of mine, is it?”

“No,” I said, pointing to where it was peeking out from beneath a napkin. She gasped again. I said, “It’s not one of mine, is it?” She laughed, and then gasped again. The poor girl couldn’t stop apologizing. I told her we were okay. We visit third world countries where you don’t want to know what’s in the chicken. She was so relieved. Would we like dessert, she asked. Gord loves puns. He said we’d mullet over.

Of course there’s a time to point out what’s wrong, but I think we Christians should treat those who serve us well, remembering that we follow one who came not to be served but to serve. When tempted to complain, I think of the California family whose home was burnt to the ground in a horrible fire. Sticking up from the ashes was a hand-made sign: “Finally. No termites.”

Over an ice cream dessert at another restaurant, we couldn’t stop laughing about the things we can give thanks for when encountering a hair in one’s chicken.

“At least the hair had been cooked,” said Ramona.

“You had a trained nurse nearby in case you choked,” offered Liz.

“I got a free meal,” I said, being the cheapskate that I am.

“I’m thankful that the restaurant had hair conditioning,” commented Gord.

“Enough with the puns,” I groaned. “Rest a-sheared,” replied Gord, “I have more hair puns, but I’ll shave them for later.”

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