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## The Bethany College Connection

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## The Bethany Players Spring Tour: Living Stones

“As you come to him, the living Stone – rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him – you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house...” (1 Peter 2:4-5).



The Bethany Players (l-r): Micah Elgaard, George Hembery, Tracy-Lynn Willems, Ty Klassen, Brittany Suderman, Dynel Weber, Ellaina Brown, Amy Thiessen, and leader, Susan J. Schmidt Goerz

hospital rebuilt into a farm house, an abandoned public school reclaimed and restored, a youth drop-in centre in a small town supported by all of the surrounding churches, a church in Calgary with multiple additions to their building as they adapted to changing needs in the people they serve, a house built for three generations from the trees cleared from the land with room for the at-risk people that their Lord brought to them.

Parliament Community, Regina Christian, The Cube in Herbert, Highland MB in Calgary, Langley Community, the Sudermans, Steve and Evy's Hazelnut farm, MEI, Greendale, Highroad Academy, Yarrow, a Starbucks in Chilliwack, Bakerview Seniors, Gospel Chapel,



These words of Peter written a long time ago, spoke to us during the two weeks of April 22<sup>nd</sup> to May 6<sup>th</sup>, our annual Bethany Players drama team tour.

We began the trip in a 15 passenger van with a list of churches that would be our destinations, a list of sketches and skits, a list of billets, and a list of students. As we returned, the lists are transformed into people and experiences, glimpses of the Kingdom, and congregations whom our Christ loves. The miles travelled have shaped the team, and have shaped the sketches.

We found ourselves often in buildings that had been built creatively, or repurposed and restored; a



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College Drive with the Penners, Crestview in Medicine Hat. We made so many endearing connections with God's people across the provinces, coming alongside with people for a short while, witnessing how God is already at work among them. It was wonderful to reconnect with alumni from across the spans of Bethany's history, from David Nickel at Bakerview who attended in 1939, to more current alumni and students who supported us all along the way. People have been so hospitable! We are grateful to all who welcomed us into their homes, and into their congregations.

Our final stop in Crestview included a tour into an upper room where we had a preview of a new vision for the sanctuary. There were beautiful sheets of glass – deep blue with lighter swirls, tawny yellows and richly textured greens. On the wall were tacked detailed numbered diagrams, like paint-by-number, except these were stain-glass numbers, patterns that pulled together the story of Scripture into an amazing glass and metal series. Some were still uncut, and some already fit into their metal shapes. An artist had designed and planned, the pastor cut the glass, and other artists in the congregation were piecing together the glass and metal into images that moved from creation through to the day that Christ returns and makes all things new. You could imagine the light streaming through the glass, bringing the pictures to life...“you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house.”

Soon. He is coming soon. Until that day, may we serve Him faithfully with the gifts that he has given.



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