



BRIDGES OF LOVE

LOVE IS ACTION – October, 2021

“GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD” 1 Chronicles 16:34



**Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good; his love
endures forever.**

–1 Chronicles 16:34

WHEN THUNDER ROARS ~ GO INDOORS

All thunderstorms include lightning strikes, which accounted for roughly 9-10 deaths in Canada (2018) with 100 – 150 injuries. Many thunderstorms include heavy rains that cause flash flooding, the number one cause of death, associated with thunderstorms.

Severe thunderstorms can spawn tornadoes which can produce other hazards. Hurricane-force winds as high as 150 miles per hour; strong enough to flip cars, vans, and trucks and can seriously disrupt air travel. Hail as large as softballs can destroy property and pose threats to pets and livestock.

A weather ‘*watch*’ is issued when the atmosphere is favorable for the development of severe thunderstorms. Citizens should be alert for approaching storms.

A weather ‘*warning*’ is issued when severe weather has been reported by spotters or indicated by radar. Warnings indicate imminent danger to life and property for those in the path of the storm.

Thunderstorm Preparedness:

- Understand the risks
- When thunderstorms are predicted, plan to be near sturdy shelter
- Pay attention to warnings
- When thunder roars, go indoors
- Check for hazards in your yard
- Bring outdoor furniture inside
- Remove dead or overhanging limbs
- Consider purchasing surge protectors

If you are outdoors:

- ✓ Get away from water sources
- ✓ Seek sturdy shelter in a substantial building
- ✓ If necessary, take shelter in a car with a metal top and sides
- ✓ If you are driving, avoid flooded roadways and stop driving if heavy hail

BRIDGES OF LOVE'S Stone Soup Fund Raising Event

“Stone Soup” is a European folklore where hungry strangers convince the people of a town, to each share a small amount of their food, in order to make a meal (soup) that everyone can enjoy. This delightful children's book exists as a moral regarding the value of sharing.



Date: TBA when COVID restrictions are lifted

Where: #6, 609 Centre St. SW
High River, Alberta T1V 2C2

**Come enjoy a bowl of soup and
hear more about our initiatives.**

A blind boy sat on the steps of a building with a hat by his feet. He held up a sign which read, “I am blind, please help.”

There were only a few coins in the hat – spare change from folks as they hurried past.

A man was walking by. He took a few coins from his pocket and dropped them into the hat. He then took the sign, turned it around, and wrote some words. Then he put the sign back in the boy's hand so that everyone who walked by would see the new words.

Soon the hat began to fill up. A lot more people were giving money to the blind boy.

That afternoon, the man who had changed the sign returned to see how things were. The boy recognized his footsteps and asked, “Were you the one who changed my sign this morning? What did you write?”

The man said, “I only wrote the truth. I said what you said but in a different way.”

I wrote, “*Today is a beautiful day, but I cannot see it.*”

Both signs spoke the truth. But the first sign simply said the boy was blind, while the second sign conveyed to everyone walking by how grateful they should be to see...

We should make a habit of expressing gratitude. Being grateful is an action so when we see something good in our life, or in the life of others, point it out and thank God for it. Developing these habits can help us become more appreciative as we look past our circumstances and embrace God's love.