

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

SUMMER 2026

Get Involved.



JOIN OUR TEAM

At YFC we are always looking for passionate followers of Christ to join our staff and volunteer team who have a heart for ministry. Whether you are interested in front-line ministry with youth, or behind the scenes ministry on the administrative or maintenance side, we have a number of opportunities worth looking into in Winnipeg, at Camp Cedarwood or one of our satellite locations around the city. Please check them out on our website.

yfc.ca/winnipeg/get-involved



UPCOMING EVENTS

September 26
Golf Marathon NEW EVENT
Raise a minimum of \$500 per golfer for your favourite YFC missionary's support and enjoy 27 holes at Assiniboine Golf Course. This day includes lunch, dinner, and prizes for the top fundraisers. Sponsorship opportunities are also available.

October 27
Fall Banquet NEW VENUE
Caboto Centre, 1055 Wilkes Avenue; Enjoy a delicious dinner while hearing inspiring stories of hope.



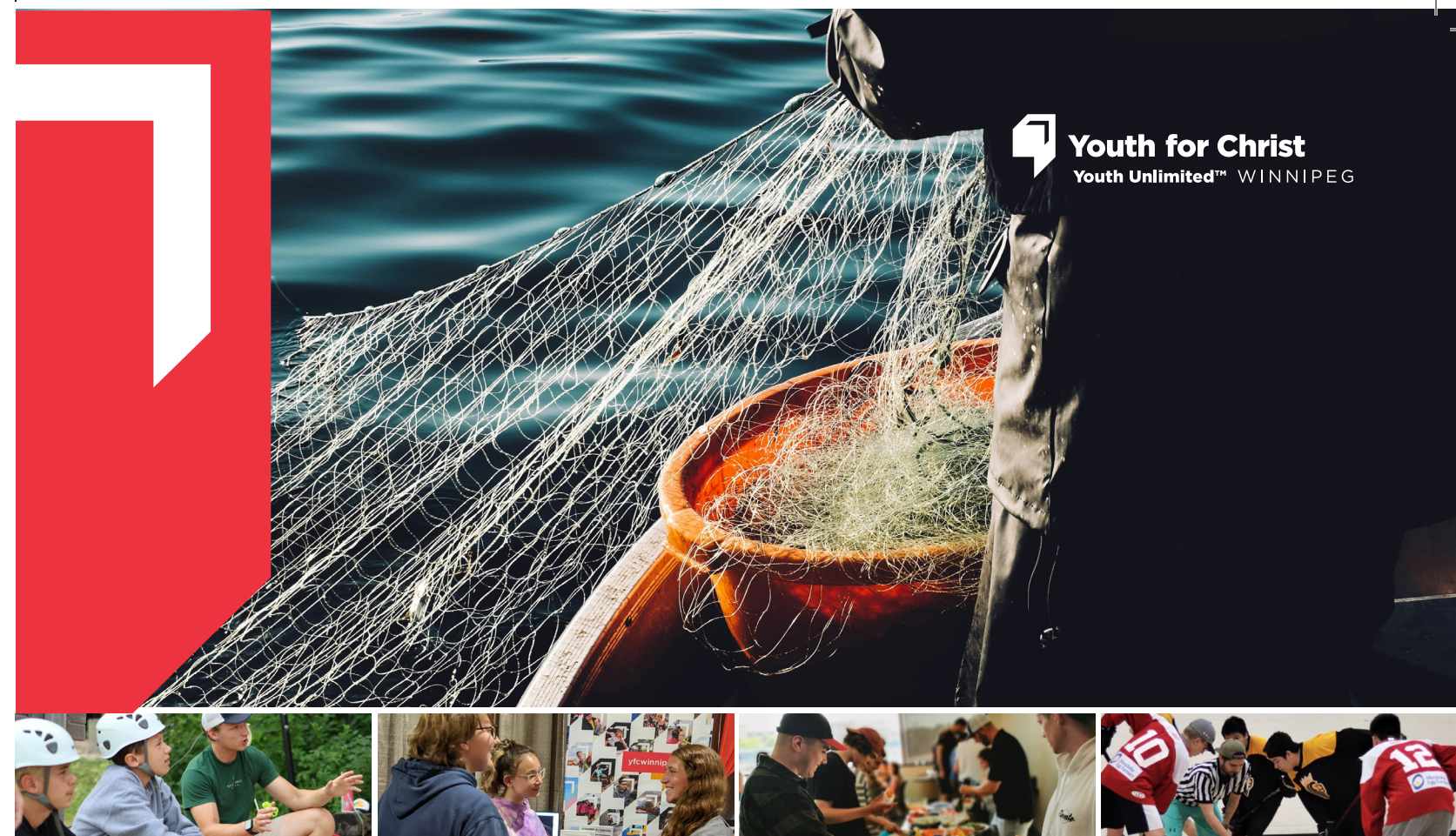
PRAY

Pray for our staff and volunteers as they transition to summer programming. Pray that the Holy Spirit will lead youth to our summer camps and activities and that their hearts would be open to receive the message of Jesus.

Pray for the young parents graduating from the program, that they would continue to pursue Jesus as they lead their family. Pray for wisdom, discernment and vision for our young parents staff as they plan for our fall programming.

Pray for our ongoing fundraising efforts with our Selkirk, St. Pierre and Camp Cedarwood capital campaigns. Pray that the Lord would provide individuals to donate toward these important capital projects. To find out more about these special giving projects and how to contribute, please visit our website.

Please pray that the Lord would provide the workers we need to continue to care for our youth while sharing the good news of Jesus.



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Seen, Known and Loved



BY CLIFF HEIDE
Executive Director

In the town of Capernaum, along the northern shores of Galilee, Jesus began something extraordinary in the most ordinary of places. In Matthew 4:18-22, we see Him walking by the Sea of Galilee, calling Simon Peter and Andrew as they cast their nets into the water. A little farther along, He calls James and John, mending nets with their father. These were not scholars, leaders, or influencers by the world's standards, they were fishermen. Local workers. Everyday people from the same region, the same community.

Later, in Matthew 9:9, while Jesus was still in Capernaum, He calls Matthew, a local

and likely despised tax collector, to join with the others and follow Him.

It's striking how 5 of Jesus' first disciples came from Capernaum, a small fishing village of around 1,500 people. In looking for disciples to follow Him, live with Him, partner with Him, Jesus did not seek out the most popular or the most powerful. He did not choose to bring in experts from the outside. Rather, Jesus intentionally invited and called ordinary people, right from within their local context.

God still works the same way today. He invites and calls people like you, and like me, from right where we are, and invites us to partner with Him.

In your school, your workplace, your church, your community; God invites you to be part of His story. The impact of those first disciples from Capernaum rippled far beyond their village, and far beyond their region of Galilee. Their obedience has echoed into eternity, shaping lives across many nations and many generations. What began with a few "yesses" in their own small town, became a global movement of hope.

Today, we are still invited into that very same mission.

In Winnipeg, Camp Cedarwood, Arborg, Stonewall, Carman, St. Pierre, Niverville and Selkirk, God is calling us to join in with His heart for our local communities and their youth. Whether through volunteering your time, stepping into a staff role, praying for these ministries or giving financially, each response matters. Every "yes" helps create space for local young people to encounter the hope of Christ. None of us need to be extraordinary; we simply need to be willing. Just like those first disciples, your yes, and your influence may begin locally, but God can use it to reach far beyond what we can see. A conversation, a relationship, or a moment of service, can all become part of a story that stretches into eternity.

Join us in this mission. Be a part of what God is doing here and watch the impact spread. Because when ordinary people say yes to Jesus, extraordinary things happen.

BECAUSE OF YOU. Thousands of youth around the province have the opportunity to encounter the hope of Jesus.

Thank You to all who called in, prayed and donated to the **Youth for Christ Power of Hope Radiothon** that was held on CHVN 95.1 FM. Together we raised **\$95,810** for youth in our community. We are so grateful for your support!

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- And all of our matching donors.

Donate Today.

Whether you are giving to one of our programs, a staff member, or our general ministry please know that your gift is life-changing, and together we can help young people attain their full God-given potential, in every area of life. Below is a list of areas that you can designate your donation to (Please note all community designations stay in their community).

GENERAL MINISTRY

Winnipeg
Arborg
Carman
Stonewall
Niverville
Selkirk
St. Pierre
Camp Cedarwood

SPECIFIC PROGRAM

Young Parents
Ball Hockey
Film & Media
Work Force
King St. Drop-In
Soccer
The Edge Skatepark
The Rock

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The Rig Fitness Center
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To explore our team and make a gift to one of our missionary staff members visit: yfcwinnipeg.ca/our-team

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YFC ST. PIERRE CELEBRATES 30 YEARS

Lunch is served and lives are changed

Thirty years ago, in 1996, Youth for Christ began youth programming in St. Pierre-Jolys, Manitoba. Since that time, many meaningful relationships have been built and countless youth have heard and experienced the love of Jesus through our ministry. Young people that are lost and broken have experienced belonging and healing. Marginalized youth have found a life giving community.

In the early years of ministry, a YFC staff member made a deal with some of the youth in the community: If you let me talk to you about Jesus, I'll make you guys lunch! This was an easy bargain. The few young boys grew into a large bunch, then some young girls asked if they could join as well. This happened on a weekly basis. The small group continued to grow and soon after,



YFC acquired the old movie theatre in town and it was renovated into a youth drop-in centre. The youth kept coming, week after week to hear the gospel and enjoy a free hot lunch. We began setting up rows of chairs in the room upstairs because the main floor was full. Twenty five students. Thirty students. No room left to sit, students are now standing at the back of the room to hear this good news! Fast forward to the present day: On April 23, 2026, 80 students attended the free lunch program and got to hear about Jesus!!

Over the years, the YFC staff team in St. Pierre has been involved in young people's lives, not only caring for them spiritually, but also meeting practical needs. Here are a few practical needs the staff have been privileged to be a part of: helping obtain driver's licenses,

helping to find a safe home, mentorship, prison visits, hospital visits, yard clean up, helping to find jobs, officiating weddings, attending funerals, teaching skills, and helping to graduate.

Graduation is a "rite of passage" in our culture and a special time for any young person who makes it to this point. Since the beginning, YFC in St. Pierre has had the honour of gifting a bible to each graduate obtaining their grade 12 diploma. The bibles are personalized with each graduate's name on the cover. This has been an incredible privilege of ours to plant the word of the Lord in the hands of each one of these students as they move on from being a youth in school to adult life. We don't know how and when the bibles will be used on their journey but it's one last gospel seed we can plant before we say goodbye.

Help us celebrate 30 years of ministry in St. Pierre by giving a special gift to our Building Futures renovation project. We need \$140,000 more to reach our fundraising goals. For more details on the project and our vision for the future, please check out our website. Our new space will set us up for the next 30 years of changing lives through ministry in our community!

BECAUSE OF YOU St Pierre youth graduate with a new personalized bible and an opportunity to know that their future is bright when they follow Jesus.



Celebrating Faith Through Soccer

Community and Connection at the Mini World Cup

The YFC Soccer program recently competed for year two in the Mini World Cup tournament in the U-15 Division. Excitement was buzzing during the weeks and days leading up to the tournament throughout the soccer program. This year we not only reached the finals, but emerged the winners in our division. Being crowned winners of the 2026 Worlds Finest Mini World Cup in the actual year of the FIFA World cup in North America, is a memory we will all cherish forever

It reminds us that the ultimate victory lies in having Jesus Christ in our hearts, guiding us both on and off the field.

The tournament opened the door to not only develop our players' skills but also foster deeper connections between coaches and youth. The atmosphere was electric as teams showcased their talent, teamwork, and determination on the pitch. What made it

even more special was the sense of community and shared experience. Players from diverse backgrounds came together, united by their love for the game.

This year, we were not just playing for the trophy, but more so embracing a greater purpose. Our mission emphasizes winning in life by embodying the values of character and faith. It reminds us that the ultimate victory lies in having Jesus Christ in our hearts, guiding us both on and off the field. This shared belief ties our community closer and underpins our commitment to sportsmanship.

We owe a heartfelt thank you to our sponsors, Raf Richichi, Joe Richichi and Luca Imbrogno with Seel Auto, whose support made it all possible. Their contributions enabled us to provide this unique experience for our young players, helping to nurture not just athletes, but well-rounded individuals.

The Mini World Cup is more than a tournament; it's a celebration of soccer, community, and faith, and we can't wait to make more memories together. Looking forward to another world cup star on the YFC jersey next year.

THE KITCHEN IS THE HEART OF THE HOME AND OF YFC

At Youth for Christ, we try hard to care for the mind, body and soul of every young person who comes through our door. The food ministry is such a vital part of YFC. When youth come to our programs, they're not only looking for a safe space and for relationships but many times they are hungry and this is where the food ministry makes an impact. Many kids come from homes with food security issues. At YFC, we are providing them with a hearty meal and healthy snacks. So far this year, we have served over 1200 meals and almost 1700 snacks. Here are some testimonies from our ministry program staff.

"Our youth are always telling us that food is one of their favourite things about coming to the program. They love knowing that they don't need to worry about food when they're with us. It makes it a safe place for them. They also appreciate the chance to sit down and connect meaningfully around the table with others. This helps knit the group together into a community." - Thrive Program

"The food ministry has been a godsend! For our young dad's group and their mentors, it is the highlight of their meeting times. They love to have a meal prepared for them and are grateful they can sit around the table, enjoying that meal. It is also a ministry tool as it gives them a reason to sit around the table to visit and talk about real life. No one is on their phone. They are engaged in building community." - Young Parents Program.

"The biggest impact I've seen in the food ministry is in the quality of the meals and snacks we are now able to provide in our programming. Jeanette does an amazing job of providing healthy whole food options like chicken, rice, vegetables, fresh baking, etc. Many of our youth come from low income households where eating healthy is not always easy. The only way marginalized youth can learn about healthy food is to experience it. What better way to take care of our youth than by helping them take care of the bodies that God has given them. - Job Studio Program

BECAUSE OF YOU young people are nourished with hearty meals, healthy activities, and the love of Christ.

