

# Pray...Believe...GO!

Together we CAN make a difference!

April/May 2018



## People Need Jesus

**P**raise the Lord and thank you for all of your prayers and participation. Please keep getting 'the word out' about the WHY. We need thousands of people to participate to make it happen.

- Please join us and invite people to the **Info Meeting, April 24, 7:00 pm**, Viscount Gort Hotel.
- **60 people** attended the **March Meeting**. Great response. Pray for positive responses as **Pastors share WHY vision with Boards and Congregations**.
- **88 ladies** introduced to WHY by attending **Ann Wiens' English Teas**. Four more Teas on **April 21 & 28**.
- **Rally – Monday, June 18, Rev. Collin Hauch, guest speaker** (info on back page). Please get your tickets early. **150 tickets** already committed. The room holds **400**. Will be **praying for families by name** from phone book columns at all of our meetings - each person getting a unique list. Want to get through phone book before distribution.
- Planning **prayer drive for Fall 2018 to pray for all the families in Winnipeg in one afternoon**. We'll need **100 cars**, each with a **driver, navigator and 2 people in back seat**, praying for each side of the street. Total people required – **400**. Would also like to do **another separate youth prayer drive** – mobilizing the youth – great example and experience for them, **our future leaders**.
- **WHY book delivery – September 2019**.

## ***Desperate Cry for Revival – in Winnipeg, in Canada!***

### **PRAYER MEETINGS TURN NEW YORK CITY UPSIDE DOWN**

Anne Graham Lotz once asked her mother - “Why haven’t we had revival in America, with all of Daddy’s crusades and everything?” Her mother answered, “Anne, it’s because we are not ‘desperate’ enough.”

During a revival God manifests His presence in overwhelming reality. ***A spirit of prayer powerfully arises and spreads, while people are swept into the Kingdom.*** People come rapidly to Christ, and prayers unanswered over years are gloriously fulfilled.

One such incredible story began 161 years ago through a businessman - Jeremiah Lanphier, appointed by Fulton Street Dutch Reformed Church as an outreach missionary in downtown New York. Lanphier soon became disappointed in the limited results of his outreach . . . that is until he discovered the missing factor – ***the supernatural power of heartfelt, on-going, united prayer!***

Lanphier distributed handbills announcing a weekly businessman’s ***NOON HOUR PRAYER MEETING*** to gather in a third floor room at the Church, beginning Wednesday, September 23rd, 1857.



***Anyone could attend, for a few minutes or the entire hour.*** That first day Lanphier sat praying alone for a half hour when he heard one man’s footsteps climbing the stairs. Soon 5 more men arrived. The next Wednesday there were 20, the next week 40. ***Participants were so amazed at God’s unusual presence that they began meeting daily.*** Soon over 100 were attending, many experiencing a ***supernatural conviction of their own sin . . . and then personal conversion to Christ.*** Within six months 10,000 business men were gathering for prayer in New York.

Within a month, church leaders started prayer meetings in their own churches, and almost overnight, 100s of prayer meetings were overcrowded as men and women prayed together. As the meetings spread to other cities, theatres and huge city auditoriums were filled with praying people. ***A newly revealed love for Christ and others prevailed, as prayers were asked for ‘unconvinced’ friends and loved ones living all across the country.*** In a day or two astonishing testimonies were shared of how those prayers were answered immediately.

**As** the movement spread widely, entire towns and cities across America joined in united prayer, everyone praying for everyone else. The Louisville daily paper reported **17,000 Baptist conversions in 3 weeks in March and by June the conversions stood at 96,216 and still counting.** A canopy of holy, awesome revival influence (*presence of the Holy Spirit*) **seemed to hover like an invisible cloud over large portions of the United States.** Within two years, a million converts were added to American churches.

Six months before Lanphier's first prayer meeting – few would have gathered for a prayer service. **But, as a heaven sent 'spirit of prayer' occupied and grew across the land, Christians suddenly discovered its real power.** This became known as The Great Awakening of 1857-59 . . . which has had incalculable influence on the United States of America – its Christian heritage.



## ***Oh that prayer and revival will surge across our land.***

**Footnote:** This amazingly powerful movement which surged across large portions of the US, was not stewarded by any man, nor led by key speakers or evangelists. It was 'a prayer movement sent by God' which began when one man caught the vision and the timing of God – for his city.

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### ***Power-filled prayer:***

Almighty God, our hearts cry out for a drenching rain of righteousness to pour out from heaven upon us and upon our city.

God, we need the power of revival to do the things we cannot do and to change the things we cannot change. Show us, Lord, how to give ourselves over to revival prayer – how to cry out for Your mighty spiritual awakening until a 'spirit of prayer' begins to arise and prayer meetings are the size of Sunday church services. O Lord God, would You begin here, in me today as I put my own shovel of prayer into the earth, to begin digging this deep well of revival.

Come and give me Your own heart of compassion for people who are unconvinced about Jesus Christ, for my next door neighbours, for immigrants and for those yet unawakened.

May your Spirit, O Lord, come in fresh power with a mighty revelation of Jesus Christ, as your Word is preached throughout the City and as we prepare for the WHY. By Your miracle working power, please provide enough books for every home in the city. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen

## WHY Video

Please watch a 2½-minute video at [whyencounter.com](http://whyencounter.com). Share this video with others whenever you can. It's great to show at church home groups, Bible studies, church services, etc.

## Tuesday, April 24

**WHY Info Meeting on Tuesday, April 24, 7:00 pm, Viscount Gort Hotel, 1670 Portage Ave.** Come and hear exciting plans for the Greater Winnipeg WHY Encounter. God's got a divine timetable to keep reaching the lost.

Monday, June 18  
7:00 pm  
Viscount Gort Hotel



*An inspirational time of prayer and fellowship.*

**Guest Speaker - Rev. Collin Hauch**  
Come and hear a Pastor whose church gifted a WHY book to every family in Camrose, AB - population 18,000.



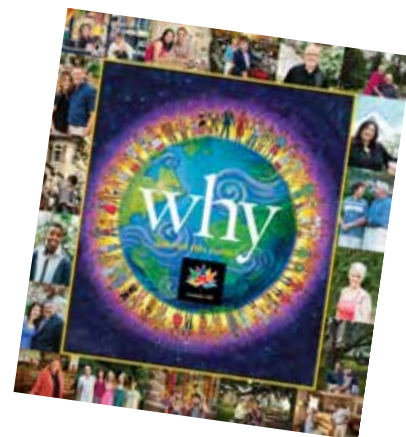
**Rev. Collin Hauch**  
Solid Rock Free Lutheran Church

**Individual tickets - \$10.00**

**Tables of 8**

**Refreshments will be served.**

**We will pray for families by name in Winnipeg.**  
**Telephone for TICKETS.**



**It's going to be awesome!**

**We Need YOU!**



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