

Select Local Churches Celebrated in New Exhibit

[December 16, Sherwood Park] - - Strathcona County Museum & Archives is proud to announce their latest special exhibit: *Praise*, showcasing the past and present of area churches.

Churches were an important aspect of pioneer life. Soon after settlers arrived in Strathcona County, they began to worship with like-minded individuals. These gatherings were first held in private homes, then in community buildings, such as schools. As more people arrived, houses of worship were built. These buildings soon became a focal point for gatherings in the community for suppers, socials, and groups like Scout and Girl Guides.

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to all of the churches and their members who graciously gathered information and items displayed in the exhibit: Ardrossan United Church, Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, Salisbury United Church, St. John's Lutheran Church, St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Sherwood Park Seventh-Day Adventist Church, and Sherwood Park United Church.

Dedicated Museum volunteers created this exhibit, for which their hours of research and organization cannot go unnoticed. *Praise* is on display until January 15, 2015. The Museum is open Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The annual holiday closure will be from December 20, 2014 to January 4, 2015.

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