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Having said that, the temptation exists to turn a blind eye to reality or come up with theoretical answers that rarely satisfy. We are dealing with more than legal questions or judgments. Jesus recognized this and his responses had the Pharisees consider other perspectives. These are echoed by Pope Francis in *Amoris Laetitia*. The Pope acknowledges the ideal and God's dream. He knows the reality of happy couples who experience the grace of fidelity. He has also encountered those who have known failure or who are living courageous lives under difficult circumstances. The Pope is aware that many children are born outside of marriage and may grow up with one parent or in a larger or blended family context.

It should not be surprising then, that with audacity and awareness of confronting an official position, the Pope's words are open, welcoming and compassionate to those who struggle to live up to the ideal. This struggle may not have been of their doing, as *life* often intrudes. Why would we condemn our brothers and sisters to a life of exclusion? Christ invites us to consider God's original plan for a couple. There are many situation facing couples and our Church, like Christ, aspires to be welcoming and fraternal.

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Sunday Oct 7, 2018 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It would be futile to deny the reality that more than two-thirds of marriages fail. We can attempt to understand this fact, become critical of societal values, or simply remember vows that were made. Several questions arise. Is Christian marriage an ideal reserved for the elite? Is fidelity only a dream? How should we deal with failures?

At the beginning of our world, God's project was very simple. In order that the first human being was not alone, Genesis records: "*It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner*" (Gen 2:18). That was the ideal.

However, reality caught up with the ideal. Even in Jesus' era, Israel's legislation dealt with divorces and repudiations but it was not unanimous. In Jewish circles, the legitimacy of divorce was questioned, though there were two schools of thought.

While Christ was asked his opinion on this debate, his perspective focused on the extraordinary destiny of the human person: to love and to be loved by the other. This beautiful dream of fidelity and love resembled God's. While these thoughts may be perceived as old-fashioned, the ideal still remains. Love was God's creative force from the beginning of our world and the dream of those who followed Him.

The Week at a Glance

Sat Oct 6	7:30pm Mass in Zenon Park (with Fr Ralph) For † Henri Lalonde
Sun Oct 7	9:00 am Mass in Arborfield (with Fr Ralph) For the people 11:00am Mass in Carrot River (with Fr Ralph) For † Bernice Barnett
Mon Oct 8	<i>Fr Travis' day off</i>
Tues Oct 9	no mass
Wed Oct 10	no mass
Thurs Oct 11	no mass
Fri Oct 12	10:00am Mass in Arborfield Care Home
Sat Oct 13	2:00pm Cat Chat Concert in Zenon Park 7:30pm Mass in Zenon Park For Nice Dry Weather
Sun Oct 14	9:00 am Mass in Arborfield For † Cecilia Friske 11:00am Mass in Carrot River For the people

Mass time for Sep/Oct

Sat 7:30pm – Zenon Park

Sun 9:00am – Arborfield

Sun 11:00am – Carrot River

Don't forget the **Family Gospel Jamboree** is happening Friday October 12 in Prince Albert. Plan to attend!

Arborfield Anglican church and St. Lucy's will be holding their annual **Fall Supper Sunday, October 14** from 5-7pm at the community hall. Mark your calendars!.

Last week's collection total: **\$465.00**

Special collection Needs of the Church in Canada **\$355.00**

Thank You

Cleaning Schedule

Oct 8 - 14, 2018	Flo & Mary Ann Perrault
Oct 15 - 21, 2018	Dale, Rita & Stacy Mutimer

Announcements and Activities

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>Oct 7</u>	<u>Oct 14</u>
Commentator	Liz	Marie
Reader	Jean	Jeanne
Cup	Guy, Neil	Sue, James
Hospitality	Louis, Jean	Bronners
Offerings	Liz, Guy	Neil, Lorraine
Sacristan	Pam	Jeanne

Hi, I'm Chrysta Teale, along with Fr. Travis Myrheim, we would like to invite the young families of your church community to a **Cat Chat Concert on Sat. Oct. 13th/2018 at 2 p.m. at Zenon Park Community Hall.** Park Road Zenon Park, Sask.

The Cat Chat concert brings children and families into a refreshing experience of faith and challenges all to make Jesus the center of their lives. The 1 hour and 20 minute concert is filled with powerful music, dynamic teachings, crowd participation, and loads of fun. Don't miss this truly inspiring and entertaining concert. Advance tickets \$7/person \$25/family Tickets at the door \$10 /person \$35/family Contact Chrysta Teale at 306-873-0405 email; teale.chrysta@hotmail.com or Fr. Travis at 306-980-2627 email: fathermyrheim@gmail.com

The Billy Graham Rapid Response Team will be instructing **Sharing Hope in Crisis at Community Bible Church on October 27, 2018 in Tisdale.** We all know a friend, neighbor, or coworker who is struggling with a life crisis. The Sharing Hope in Crisis seminar (SHIC) will help you know what to say and what not to say to people who are grieving and enable you to compassionately and appropriately share the love and hope of Jesus Christ.

This one-day seminar is suitable for everyone in the local church and is also ideal for counselors, church leaders and those who encounter suffering people on a regular basis. The number to call for registration for Sharing Hope in Crisis is: 1-800-293-3717