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Celebrate Scout-Guide Week February 18-25

February 18-25 will be a time of celebration for Scouts and Guides across Canada as both organizations will join together, "in the spirit of camaraderie and friendship to mark the joint birthday of their founder and his wife; Lord Robert and Lady Olave Baden-Powell."

Across Canada, celebrations will include camps, expeditions and mall displays, as well as recognition events. In keeping with long-standing tradition, many members will be seen proudly sporting their uniforms to school and work.

As early as 1934, Lutheran churches in Canada recognized the value of these groups. In 1963, Canadian representatives came together in Kitchener, Ontario to develop materials, resources and processes by which the values and beliefs of the Lutheran churches could strengthen Scouting/Guiding. One expression of Scouting/Guiding's partnership with churches is the Religion In Life badge. Information about this badge, including the Lutheran process of receiving it, can be found at http://www.scouts.ca/inside.asp?cmPageID=276 or http://www.girlguides.ca/default.asp?id=149

Take time to recognize the fundamental role that Scouts and Guides play in the physical, mental and spiritual growth of our youth by recognizing Scout-Guide Week in your congregation.

A bulletin insert on Scout-Guide Week is available at the following link: http://www.elcic.ca/docs/ScoutsGuides2007.pdf

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