

City of God: St. Augustine's - Parkland

NEWSLETTER

July 19th, 2021

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Psalm 111:1

We start today again giving thanks to our wonderful volunteers who help with our services. Yesterday we had Rev. Lesley and Andrea each do a reading for us; and Ian was our trusty 'psalm man' (seriously, if you aren't reading that to the tune of the 1967 song Soul Man by Sam & Dave - you're missing out!) Bill & Andrea shared their musical talents, Winnie & Lindsay were our sidespeople, the Hospitality Team was on hand, Bob was a server and led the intercessions, and in the audio booth we had Judy and Tom with Charlie on hand to help. We truly appreciate all of your efforts! If you are interested in assisting with our services, please do contact Michelle in the office.



Father Neil is starting **Bible Study** on Thursday, July 22nd at 10:00 am at the church! To begin with, the study will focus on the readings for the following Sunday. "Anybody is welcome to come whether you think you know the scriptures or whether you think you've never read the scriptures - you'll be fine! If you're interested and just want to be with other people and discuss God's word among yourselves and that, I would really invite you to come to this." At this time masks are still necessary. Thank you!

A Letter from Acting Diocesan Administrator the Ven. Lee Bezanson

July 13, 2021

To All Parishes in the Diocese of Edmonton

Dear Friends,

As you all know, on June 30, 2021, an absolutely cataclysmic fire destroyed the village of Lytton, B.C. This devastating fire not only obliterated buildings and homes, but also caused a loss of life and a scarring of the souls and lives of all who survived but ultimately lost everything. The scenes of devastation and utter chaos bring to mind vividly what our own province had to endure during the Fort McMurray fires of 2016- 2017.

Our brothers and sisters in Christ who comprise the Territory of the People Anglican Church, as well as the unchurched who are equally suffering, need our help in terms of ongoing prayer as well as financial support.

At the direction of Bishop-elect Stephen London, Anglicans from around our diocese are encouraged to get involved. Please include prayers for all that comprise the Territory of the People in both your personal prayers as well as in Sunday liturgies. A prayer entitled "Pray with the Community of Lytton" is included for your use.

Financial contributions can be made through either of the following organisations: the PWRDF has set up a link at <https://pwrdf.org/anglicans-invited-to-support-territory-of-the-people-in-aftermath-of-fire/> or through St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral, Kamloops, at <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/53639>.

Now is the time for all of us to come together to help in whatever manner we can. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and response.

In Christ's Name,
The Venerable Lee Bezanson
Acting Diocesan Administrator

Pray with the community of Lytton

O God, you are our refuge and our strength, our help in times of trouble:

Have mercy on the lands and communities devastated by fires,

And especially the people of the village of Lytton and Lytton First Nations.

Have mercy on those who have lost loved ones, homes, and livelihoods.

Protect those who have had to evacuate.

Bless and keep safe all firefighters.

And strengthen those who seek to rebuild hope, that all may face the future without fear.

We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen**

Auggie's Cafe Update

Auggie's is still going strong providing lunches every Tuesday from 11-1 right inside the hall door. Lunches have been offered in take-out form. Some weeks it's a bagged lunch with a sandwich, treat, an apple and a juice box. Other times it's a take out bowl of chili or soup. A couple weeks ago Father Neil even showed off his grill master skills by bbqing hamburgers and visiting with many. At this time we have a committee working on creating policies and procedures for Auggie's Cafe. Once they have completed this important task, a new board can be selected to oversee Auggie's and form the next direction it goes in. We extend our thanks to Winne, Lindsay, and Jackie who are currently doing everything to make the lunches happen every week.



Phishing Scams:

This is just a reminder to be aware of/make sure we are all aware of phishing emails. These emails will likely sound uncharacteristic of the sender and are usually asking for a 'favour'. In many cases, these are emails asking for a number of giftcards. No one from the diocese will ever ask you to purchase giftcards, and if you receive one of these emails and you are not sure if it is the person, please call.

You'll notice that these emails show up as though they are from someone you know, but the actual email will be something completely random. Please ensure you double check this if you are not sure. These emails are not a hack to our system and therefore we have no way of preventing them. There are many resources online if you want to learn more about phishing emails.

Tabernacle Candle:

The candle is sponsored this week by Myrna Hamner in celebration of 85 years on this beautiful planet! Happy birthday Myrna!! And by Jean Brown in loving memory of Clyde.



If you would like to sponsor the candle for \$10 in memory of a loved one (perhaps on a birthday, anniversary or other important date), please do let us know! We are not limited to one sponsor per week.

Upcoming dates:

July 25th	·Barb Ford in loving memory of husband Bob ·Bill & Judy Kesanko in celebration of grandson Christopher's 10th birthday ·Betty Squance in celebration of what would have been her & Glen's 50th Wedding Anniversary on July 31st
August 1st	·Al & Sharen Vidler in celebration of their Wedding Anniversary ·Bud & Ann Watson in celebration of their 65th Wedding Anniversary!
August 8th	·Al & Sharen Vidler for each of their families
August 15th	·Bill & Judy Kesanko in celebration of granddaughter Kylie's 11th birthday
August 22nd	·Winnie Kennair in memory of her mother. ·Bev & Jim Orioux in celebration of their 60th Wedding Anniversary on August 24th!
August 29th	· Al & Sharen Vidler to commemorate Sharen's birthday on the 25th

2022 Church Calendars

The new calendars are in and are available at the service on Sunday or you can contact Michelle in the office to make alternate arrangements. Calendars are \$5 each and are full of pictures of beautiful churches across the nation.



Reminders:

- We have a few hippos left here that would love to return to their homes. There are also quite a few boxes of envelopes in the mail slots that can be picked up!
- If you have any parish news or events you would like to share, please do contact Michelle in the office to have it included in our weekly newsletter!
- If you have any prayer requests for our weekly intercessions, let Michelle know that as well.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, July 22nd - 10am Bible Study at the church

Sunday, July 25th - 10am Join us in person or via Youtube at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UckkzBUIHoFQyrqCg1GmTukw>

