

City of God: St. Augustine's - Parkland

NEWSLETTER

July 5th, 2021

In case you missed it, yesterday was our first officially open day! We had a few unexpected hiccups but the atmosphere was upbeat, the sermon was captivating, and the first hymn that we sang together was almost magical! We do continue to stream and record our services on YouTube however yesterday's recording does have no sound until around the 32 minute mark but we are confident we have corrected that issue.

Again, a tremendous thank you to our fabulous volunteers who help with our services every week, we cannot thank you enough for sharing your gifts with us so consistently. Yesterday Bev & Jim each did a reading for us, Winnie led the psalm, Aglaia and Bill shared their musical talents under the direction of Ian, Winnie & Lindsay were our sidespeople, the Hospitality Team was on hand, Bob was a server, and in the audio booth we had Charlie, Tom, and Judy. We truly appreciate your efforts! If you are interested in assisting with our services, please do contact Michelle in the office.



As seen in Friday's edition of the Spruce Grove Examiner / Stony Plain Reporter:

Partnering to provide Covid-19 vaccines to vulnerable populations



AHS, Westview Primary Care Network and St. Augustine's - Parkland Anglican Church in Spruce Grove, recently partnered to provide a Covid-19 vaccination clinic to homeless and vulnerable populations.
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The Westview Primary Care Network is taking steps to help the homeless get their Covid-19 shot.

Westview Primary Care Network recently teamed up with Alberta Health Services and St. Augustine's – Parkland Anglican Church in Spruce Grove, to provide a Covid-19 vaccination clinic to homeless and vulnerable populations.

The first of its kind in the region, the clinic provided vaccinations to vulnerable populations in the Tri-Municipal Region during a one day event at the St. Augustine Church on June 22.

“We’re joining with St. Augustine for their Auggie’s Café. They provide a bag lunch (for people in need) and we thought it would be a good place to see some people who may not be able to get to other locations, specifically for the vaccine,” said Marti Pickett, executive director with Westview Primary Care Network. “They’re already at the location receiving the bag lunch and if we could capture them in one spot, great.”

Only one day was scheduled for the clinic this week however, depending on up take numbers, they may have another vaccination clinic similar to this one later on to provide second dose vaccinations. The clinic ran during the bag lunch program beginning at 11 a.m. and ran until there were no remaining patients.

Preparations for the clinic were completed in the same manner as other AHS Covid-19 vaccine clinics in the region and across the province, held over the past several weeks.

“AHS is providing all the vaccines, the storage facilities for the vaccines, the preparation of the vaccine, they’re doing all the technical parts associated with (the clinic) and providing all the materials,” said Pickett. “We’re providing the nursing staff to provide the vaccine and give information to patients that show up to the clinic and St. Augustine is providing the space.”

Westview Primary Care Network is also working with other community partners including the Pay Forward Kindness Society in Spruce Grove and others in the community.

“They do a lot of work with the homeless population within the community as well as Neighbour Link, who also has good connections to that population,” explained Pickett. “They’re doing the outreach for us and connecting with the homeless to make sure they know about it and helping with means of transportation to get there.”

The government has been providing Covid-19 clinics across Alberta for several months now. Pickett said homeless and vulnerable populations need the vaccine as much as anyone else in the province, and pointed out they don’t always have a way to access it at other locations.

“Sometimes negative words spread as quickly as positive so getting that positive reinforcement about vaccinations to that community and then offering easy, accessible opportunities to get the vaccine,” said Pickett. “Some of them don’t have computers to make an appointment for a vaccine with Alberta Health Services or even a phone to make a phone call for an appointment. If we can make it absolutely, as easy as possible for that group of people in our community to get the vaccine, that’s really what we’re trying to accomplish.”

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Mid-way chuckle:

Stranded on a Desert Island. . .

One of my favorite jokes is about a man who was stranded on a desert island for 20 years. A navy boat patrolling the area finally spotted him and proceeded to his rescue. When the captain came ashore, he immediately noticed three huts along the edge of the palm trees.

“What are these three huts used for?” inquired the captain.

The man replied, “Well, that one on the left is where I live. The one on the right is where I go to church.”

The captain was puzzled, so he asked the obvious: “So what about that hut in the middle?”

With a look of frustration on his face, the man replied, “That’s the church I used to attend!”

Tabernacle Candle:

The candle is sponsored this week by Bill & Judy Kesanko in celebration of their 52nd Wedding Anniversary on July 5th and by Barb Ford in loving memory of her brother Roy.



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 11th	·Bill Curtis in memory of Linda Curtis and what would have been Bill & Linda's 50th Wedding Anniversary on July 10th ·Jackie Makarowski in loving memory of her husband Jo
July 18th	·Myrna Hamner in celebration of 85 years on this beautiful planet!
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
August 8th	·Al & Sharen Vidler for each of their families
August 15th	·Bill & Judy Kesanko in celebration of granddaughter Kylie's 11th birthday

What's New?

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!

Reminder:

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!

Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 11th - 10am Join us in person or via Youtube at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkkzBUIHoFQyrqCg1GmTukw>

He must have heard the oven timer as this week is cooler



Lord, whatever you're baking
outside.. it's done