

City of God: St. Augustine's - Parkland

# NEWSLETTER

October 4th , 2021

With Harvest Thanksgiving just around the corner we have dedicated our Facebook posts this week to spotlight some of the many things our parish has to be thankful for, a new post every day. If you are on Facebook you can find it as St. Augustine's Parkland quite easily. Today's post focussed on our many parish ministries and the dedicated volunteers who lovingly fill those roles. We have greeters, sides persons, servers, our music teams, the altar guild, the guys at the sounds board, everyone who operates the service slides, our lesson readers, our Sunday School team, those who distribute the chalice, our intercessors, the prayer ministry team, our coffee teams, our counters, our web designer & manager, the ACW, our Auggie's Cafe crew, the Wardens, our Treasurer, the Vestry, our many handymen, our dump pile clean up crews, our plant, yard, and flower care persons, and many more. Without the commitment of these volunteers to share their gifts with us, our church would simply not operate. To ALL of our fabulous volunteers, we are grateful and we thank you.

And a reminder that in lieu of donations to beautify the altar we are instead doing a Thanksgiving Food Drive in support of our local food bank. We are asking for donations of fresh garden produce and non-perishable food items to be brought to the church only on Thanksgiving Sunday, October 10th.



**SPECIAL NOTES:** Michelle is out of the office tomorrow. There will be no Sunday School on October 10th or 17th. There is an updated Messy Church at home available on our website just in time for Thanksgiving! The church office will be closed Monday, October 18th.



**We are unable to safely and effectively plan an ACW Christmas Bake Sale again this year so instead we are holding a Bakeless Bake Sale!**

You are invited to NOT bake a cake, pie, cookies, or brownies. You do NOT have to find the recipe or shop for ingredients. You do NOT have to bake, cut, or wrap. You do NOT have to wash dishes, clean your kitchen or deliver your baked product to the church.

You CAN donate the cost of what you would have baked (or what you would have spent on baking) to the ACW!

Through the month of October we will be welcoming donations for the Bakeless Bake Sale! You can leave a donation in the collection plate with a note that it's for the ACW or even donate online through our website! Simply click "donate" at the top of the webpage and it will take you directly to the Canada Helps form. Again, please make a note that it is for the ACW's Bakeless Bake Sale.



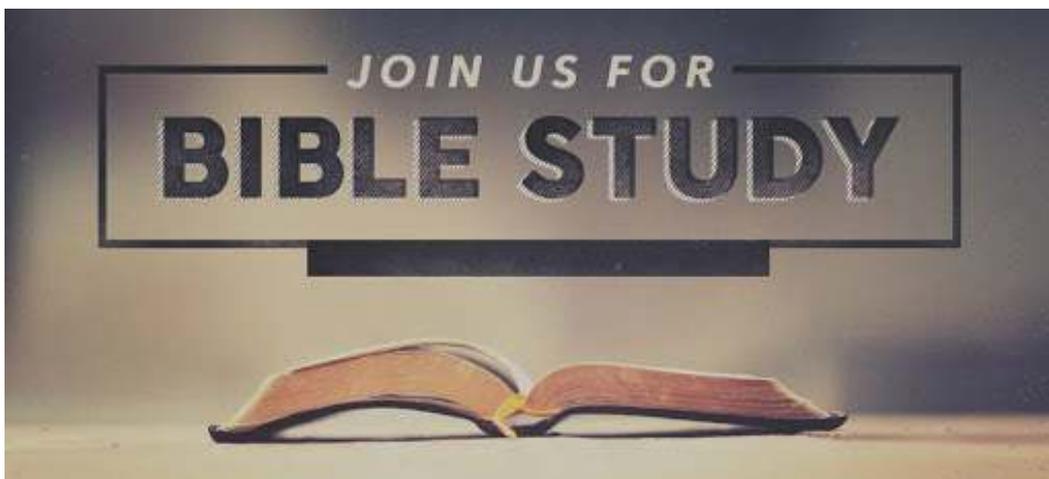
On Saturday, November 13th the ACW will be holding an Outdoor Christmas Market! Watch for more details to come out soon!

## NEIGHBOURLINK PARKLAND

*...compassion in action...*

Our dear friends at Neighbourlink are currently looking for help in a few ways:

- If you are a shopper at our local Sandyview Farms butcher shop & deli, Neighbourlink has gift cards available to purchase. The value of each card is \$150. Please see (or call) Debbie Courtis to support.
- Both the Stony Plain and Spruce Grove bottle depots have accounts set up for Neighbourlink. When you return your bottles to the depot you can request they apply your refund to the Neighbourlink account.
- Partnering with "Keep in Touch" which is like phone a friend for the lonely. Training is provided. Please refer to [www.keepintouchprogram.ca](http://www.keepintouchprogram.ca)
- Collecting \$25 gas cards or cash to by gas cards at a discount through Co-op. See Debbie to support.



A reminder that we do have a wonderful Bible Study group meeting every week. Come join us any Thursday at 10am at the church. Bible readings for next Sunday are: JOEL 2:21-27, 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-7, and MATTHEW 6:25-33

## ***Tabernacle Candle:***

The candle is sponsored this week by Bill & Deb Curtis in celebration of their 12th Wedding Anniversary and by David & Paula Dunbar in celebration of their 49th Wedding Anniversary. Best wishes to you all!



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:

Oct. 10th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Betty Squance to commemorate the first anniversary of Glen's passing on the 11th</li><li>· Bill &amp; Helen Steinburg in celebration of their 55th anniversary that was on the 8th</li><li>· Bonnie Kovlaske in celebration of her birthday</li></ul>
Oct. 17th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Myrna Hamner in memory of "Farly" (Richard's dad) on his birthday</li></ul>
Oct. 24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Bill &amp; Judy Kesanko in memory of son David's birthday</li><li>· Betty Squance in memory of sister Maxine's birthday</li></ul>
Oct. 31st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· special cause for celebration!</li></ul>
Nov. 7th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Bill &amp; Judy Kesanko in loving memory of their son David.</li></ul>
Nov. 14th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· open</li></ul>



Did you know you can easily give online in seconds!? On our website, simply click “Donate” at the top of the page, fill in the blanks on the form, and submit! You are welcome to electronically make a donation to the church, pay for any services (e.g. funeral), donate to the ACW, and more! (please do complete the note section if funds are to be allocated for something in particular e.g. ACW, Wedding, etc) You can use a credit or debit card and are immediately emailed a tax receipt (for donations only, not for service fees)!

### ***Reminders:***

- 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***

**Wednesday, October 6th** - 7pm Vestry Meeting at the church

**Thursday, October 7th** - 10am Bible Study at the church

**Sunday, October 10th** - 10am Thanksgiving Food Drive, NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Sunday, October 10th** - 10am Join us in person or via Youtube at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkzBUIHoFQyrqCg1GmTukw> for Harvest Thanksgiving!

### ***Happy Thanksgiving...***

A grandmother was showing her grandchildren a painting of the Pilgrim Family on a Thanksgiving card they had received and she commented “The pilgrim children enjoyed going to church with their mothers and fathers and praying to God.” One of the grandsons looked at her doubtfully and asked “Then why is their father carrying that rifle?”

