

City of God: St. Augustine's - Parkland

NEWSLETTER

September 5th, 2023

The Men of St. Augustine's (MoSA) met for their monthly breakfast on Saturday.

In depth discussions were conducted covering subjects ranging from the complexities of modern wedding preparations to the current status of the Premier League.

They meet the first Saturday of each month at a different location. If you're a male in the church - you're welcome to join them! Watch for details nearer the end of the month to see where this fun, hungry crew will dine next.



If you or an immediate family member have a birthday between September 4th - 16th, please do add to our birthday list found near the front door of the church!

Guess who's back!

Rev. Kevin has returned from his holidays bright eyed and bushy tailed! Aside from the agenda listed below, in any given week he is typically in the office Monday thru Wednesday. On Thursday's he does his hospital and pastoral care visits. Friday's are a well deserved day off.

Michelle is scheduled in the office Monday's thru Wednesday's from 9am to noon.

Rev. Kev's Agenda!

Aside from the many regular recurring things that he does, this is what's coming up in his calendar. Friday's will be a regularly scheduled (& needed!) day off with the exception of pastoral emergencies and other important functions

- Wednesday, September 6th - Copper Sky Morning Prayer Service
- Sunday, September 10th - Confirmation Class
- Tuesday, September 12th - EDCC (Edmonton & District Council of Churches) Meeting at St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Church in Edmonton
- Wednesday, September 13th - ACW Meeting
- Thursday, September 14th - Ordination Service at All Saints' Cathedral
- Saturday, September 16th - ACW Regional at St. Augustine's
- Sunday, September 17th - Vestry Meeting
- Wednesday, September 20th - Copper Sky Memorial Service
- Thursday, September 21st - Clergy Day
- Sunday, September 24th - Confirmation Class
- Wednesday, September 27th - Local Pastors Luncheon
- Wednesday, September 27th - Corporation Meeting
- Saturday, September 30th - Elvis Night
- Sunday, October 1st - Confirmation Class

Rev. Kevin can be contacted by calling the church at 780-962-5131 or by email at parklandpriest@gmail.com. In pastoral emergencies he can be reached at 780-993-9985



Hello to All families. Sunday School will begin Sunday, September 10. Children of ages 4 and up are welcome. We will begin the year concentrating on the theme, Seasons in Creation. We look forward to seeing the children September 10.

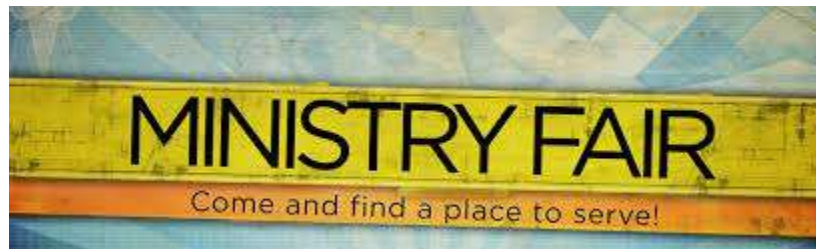
Glenda Lourens will be joining us as a teacher in the Fall term. We also welcome our existing volunteers back for the 2023-2024 term. Anyone wishing to teach Sunday School or help with the Sunday School, please let Kathy or Brenda know. *There will be a sign up sheet available during our ministry fair after our Sunday services through September.*



Please remember in your prayers this week:

- We pray for Metropolitan Greg, Primate Linda, and Bishop Stephen. We also pray for our clergy, Rev. Kevin, Rev. Lesley, and Father Neil.
- We pray for the Diocese of New Westminster, for Holy Trinity, Edson, for the Buyé Diocese Bible School, for the Métis Nation of Alberta, and for the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.
- We pray for those who are ill, injured, or bereaved; and for all who need God's healing presence, especially remembering Bill, Stewart, Eileen, Paula, Lenora, Ellen, Marie, Iain, Stephen & Ashton, and Judy.
- In our own parish this week, we pray for Austin, John & Sandra, Ian & Jean, Brian & Sharon, Val, and their families.
- We pray for our confirmands on their journey to confirmation.

Please note: Submitted names will be kept on the prayer list for a period of two weeks unless intentionally renewed.



Just a quick reminder that for the next few weeks after our Sunday services we'll be having our ministry fair. Over the past few newsletters a brief description of each of our ministries, we hope you've had a chance to prayerfully review each one and are ready to go where your heart is leading you by signing up for any you feel called to do.

For the Son of Man came not to
be served but to serve, and to
give his life a ransom for many.
Mark 10:45

Kids in the community need our help!

We will be collecting donations through **this Sunday**, September 10th in the Narthex

BACK TO SCHOOL

TEAM UP WITH
NEIGHBOURLINK PARKLAND &
HELP US EQUIP OUR KIDS TO HIT
THE GROUND RUNNING

Accepting until
September 15, 2023

*DROP OFF AT PARTICIPATING
MEMBER CHURCHES*

*DONATIONS OF GIFT CARDS
(WALMART OR STAPLES) OR
MONETARY DONATIONS
MOST APPRECIATED.
TAX RECEIPTS PROVIDED.*

MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

**RUNNING SHOES
BACKPACKS (OLDER KIDS)
ELECTRONICS
(CHROMEBOOKS & SCIENTIFIC
CALCULATORS)**

**SCAN TO
DONATE**



CONTACT US:

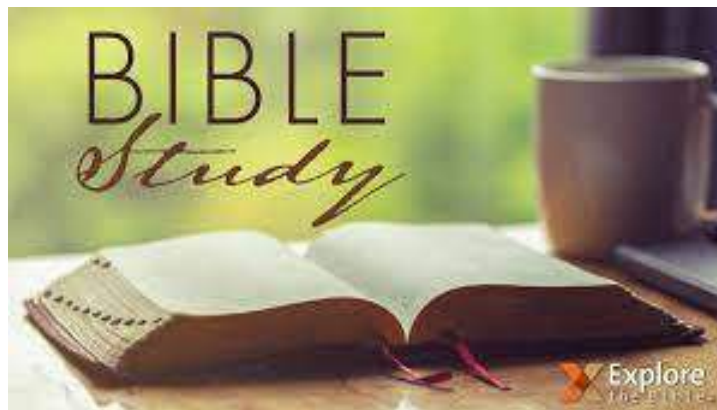
www.neighbourlinkparkland.ca

780-960-9669



Award winning Elvis impersonator, Robin Kelly is coming back!

That's right! Robin is returning Saturday, September 30th to perform for us! Watch for additional info coming out SOON!



Bible Study Returns!

On Monday, September 11th at 10:00 a.m. our weekly bible study will start in the church hall again! Each Monday the focus will be on the readings scheduled for the following Sunday.

Upcoming readings that will be focussed on are:

- September 11th - Exodus 14: 19-31, Psalm 114 or Canticle 1, Romans 14: 1-12, Matthew 18: 21-35
- September 18th - Exodus 16: 2-15, Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45, Philippians 1: 23-30, Matthew 20: 1-16
- September 25th - Exodus 17: 1-7, Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16, Philippians 2: 1-13, Matthew 21: 23-32



Save the date: Saturday, October 14th

We've had a few people asking about a fall car boot sale. With the unpredictable weather we've opted to switch it up and host an indoor rummage sale open to all! Simply sign up, bring your wares to the church that morning, grab a table in the hall and sell your treasures! Additional info to come.

Season of Creation

As part of our Environmental Stewardship, we are encouraged to share the Season of Creation resources. Yesterday's theme was All Relations.

The scripture reading is Genesis 1: 1-2, 31a; 2:7

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. then the LORD God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being.

The Rev. Dr. Scott Sharman shares his thoughts on the reading here:

<https://youtu.be/QCuxznHPRNQ?feature=shared>

- Challenge Ideas:
 - Celebration: How do you feel connected already to the rooted and unrooted beings of our world?
 - Take 5 min of silence as a parish meditating on the land the church building is situated on, what the land was 20 years ago, 100 years ago, 1 million years ago. This is important imagination to help discern how to behave on the land now.
 - Take 5 min as a parish - hand out small pieces of paper and encourage people to choose one non-human part of our world/cosmos and write three ways that they are connected like a family.

- Prayer:
 - Help us, Lord, to know the sanctity and interconnectedness of life. Help us to be like the moose who sheds its antlers, so that we shed the old ideas, habits and opinions that no longer fit. Help us to let go, to be open to new learning, growth, and the teaching of the spirit. Help us to see the Earth as the community to which we belong, so that we may accept the responsibilities you have given us. Amen.

Additional resources can be found here:

<https://edmonton.anglican.ca/what-we-do/environmental-stewardship/pages/season-of-creation-2023-resources>

God created humans in His image, and gave us the responsibility to care for creation as He would. What an overwhelming task! The Truth is that changing light bulbs, while a good start, simply is not enough to restore balance to the creation. We must work in concert – group by group, congregation by congregation, community by community, and nation by nation to restore the creation. After all, the Bible calls us to communal action in the matter of stewardship. We must work together on a large scale. (Rebekah Simon-Peter, *Green Church*, 2010).

Tabernacle Candle:

The candle was sponsored this week by Winnie Kennair in memory of her brother Christopher, and by Louise Fairfield remembering her mother's heavenly birthday.



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.

Sept 10th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Kathy Budd in loving memory of her mom, Marion· Greg Hanna in loving memory of his mom, Nelda· Betty Squance remembering Glen's birthday
Sept 17th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Greg Hanna in loving memory of his dad, Casey· Fran Peacock in loving memory of Jack on his birthday
Sept 24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· The Rushton family in celebration of Seabiscuit and War Admiral having their long awaited race to decide the best horse -- Seabiscuit beats War Admiral.... and Elizabeth Rushton was also born that year.
Oct. 1st	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· open
Oct. 8th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">· Elizabeth Rushton remembering John on his birthday

Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 10th - 10am Sunday service with Rev. Kevin

Sunday, September 10th - Sunday school starts at 10 am

Sunday, September 10th - Confirmation class at 11:30 am

Monday, September 11th - Bible Study at 10 am

Sunday, September 17th - Vestry meeting at 11:30 am

Sunday, September 17th - 10am Sunday service with Rev. Kevin

Sunday, September 17th - Sunday school starts at 10 am

Monday, September 18th - Bible Study at 10 am

Sunday, September 24th - 10am Sunday service with Rev. Kevin

Sunday, September 24th - Sunday school starts at 10 am

Sunday, September 24th - Confirmation class

Monday, September 25th - Bible Study at 10 am

Sunday, September 30th - Elvis show!

