

City of God: St. Augustine's - Parkland

NEWSLETTER

November 20th, 2023



***Plan to join us for a potluck lunch on December 3rd
after our Lessons and Carols service!***



On Saturday December 16th , we invite our children and families to an afternoon event where we will build Advent Scenes with gingerbread and other Advent activities. Advent activities will be from 2 to 4:30 PM, followed by a pizza supper. Due to the precise amount of gingerbread and other materials needed for building the Advent Scenes, we will need to have families RSVP ahead of time for this event. Please register by December 11th either with Michelle or add your names to the Sign Up sheet we will put on the Bulletin Board. Come and Enjoy a unique family time together.



Ready for a Kick Ass Fundraiser to Support Your Community

Proceeds from each \$10 bag will go to support the Kinsmen Christmas Hampers

Flavors Available:

- Salted Caramel
- Buttered Rum
- Canadian Maple
- Mint Chocolate
- Eggnog
- Caramel in the Nude
- Cherry Almond
- Black Licorice
- Gingerbread

*Michelle will be taking orders with payment until November 22nd - **THIS WEDNESDAY!***



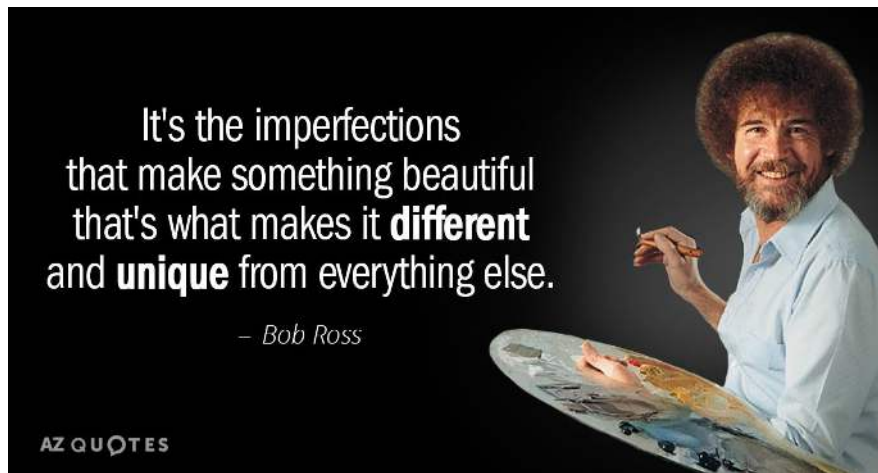
We have been supplying cold weather essential packs for unsheltered individuals to Westview Emergency Department and Stony Plain Public Library, with the needs for these items increasing. We are also working with other unsheltered service providers to streamline services. We need the following:

- Adult sweat pants (all sizes)
- Hand and foot warmers
- Laundry pods (unscented)
- Waterproof gloves/mitts (adult sizes)
- Warm blankets/sleeping bags
- Regular size shampoo and conditioner



Our very own artist Marion Coates has once again graciously agreed to teach us how to paint our very own masterpieces! That's right, we're having another paint party on Sunday, December 10th at 1pm in the church hall! For a \$25 fee you will get to take home your own winter scene!

A paint party (or a "social painting event") is an opportunity for you to have a social outing with your friends while creating a painting from start to finish. It's a super laid back atmosphere where Marion will basically teach you step by step how to create a painting and you get to take the painting home with you when you are done. People of any age or skill level can join. It's a great way for people to unleash their creativity in a safe and supportive way while enjoying the experience alongside friends and loved ones.



If you or an immediate family member have a birthday between November 20th - December 2nd, please do add to our birthday list found near the front door of the church!

**Free
Admission**

2nd Annual Community Nativity Festival

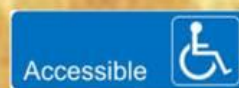
**Fri. Dec. 1st: 4:00 P.M. — 7:00 P.M. &
Sat. Dec. 2nd: 10:30 A.M. — 4:30 P.M.**

**at Vegreville United Church
5126 – 48th Avenue, Vegreville, Alberta**

**Food and cash donations to the
Vegreville Food Bank will be gratefully accepted.**



- A family fun event
- Discover the reason for the season
- See an astonishing display of more than 200 crèches and nativities from around the world!
- Seasonal refreshments for a cash donation to the Food Bank
- Community Carol singing on Friday at 6:00 PM and Saturday at 3:00 PM
- Co-sponsored by:
St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church
and Vegreville United Church

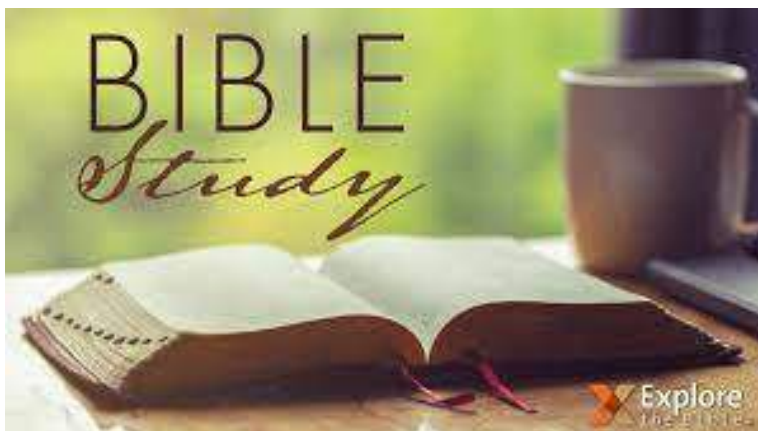


Rev. Kev's Agenda!

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, November 22nd: 9am Auggie's board meeting
- Sunday, November 26th: Confirmation Sunday
- Monday, November 27th thru Saturday, December 3rd: Off for Education Week

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



Bible Study!

Every Monday at 10:00 a.m. our weekly bible study will continue in the church hall. Each Monday the focus will be on the readings scheduled for the following Sunday. Upcoming readings that will be focussed on are:

- November 20th - Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24; Ephesians 1: 15-23; Matthew 25: 31-46
- November 27th - Isaiah 64: 1-9; 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9; Mark 13: 24-37 **No Bible Study**



There is an immediate need for feminine hygiene products! Through the month of November we will be collecting various tampons and pads, incontinence underwear, nursing pads, etc. Let's fill the huge box in the narthex as many times as we can!



No Room In the Inn

A Safe Place

For nearly 25 years, No Room In the Inn has led a successful cross-denominational holiday campaign to raise money for housing and housing improvements for those in need.

We are grateful that for 2023, A Safe Place has been selected as the recipient organization, to provide shelter, healing and resources to those escaping intimate violence.



Since 1982, A Safe Place has been empowering women to attain lives of peace, connection and freedom. In 1984, we opened the doors of our 25-bed emergency shelter to the community. Since that time, skilled professionals, passionate volunteers, dedicated donors, and proud allies have served tens of thousands of women and children from Strathcona county, the greater Edmonton area, and beyond. We continue to provide comprehensive services, including: advocacy, education, court support, counselling, supported referrals, Community Outreach, New Beginnings, and so much more.

A ROOF OVER OUR HEADS

The roof of A Safe Place's current facility, which is used to both serve clients escaping intimate violence and run the organization, is in need of immediate repairs – the cost of which is quite significant.

We are so thankful that this partnership with No Room in the Inn quite literally serves to put a roof over our heads. This initiative will go a long way in ensuring that our clients are safe and comfortable as they enter this next phase of their lives.

HOW TO DONATE

Make a cheque payable to your church, writing "No Room In the Inn" in the memo line. Drop the cheque in your church collection, or mail it into the church. All proceeds collected will be forwarded to A Safe Place.

or

Send a cheque, payable to A Safe Place, with "No Room In the Inn" written in the memo line, to:
Box 3282, Sherwood Park, AB T8H 2T2

To Contact No Room In the Inn

For more information about NRIn, contact:
Rev. Larry Wright
Chair, No Room In the Inn Committee
780.667.3225
or email
nrii.edm@gmail.com

To Contact A Safe Space

For more information, phone the office at:
780.464.7232
Please note, those experiencing crises or in need of shelter support, should phone:
780.464.7233

If you are in immediate danger, phone 911



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 and Rev. Lesley.
- We pray for the Diocese of Toronto, for St. Thomas, Sherwood Park, for the Giteranyi Parish in the Buyé Diocese, for Saddle Lake Cree Nation, and for the Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma).
- 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, Iain, Sylvia, Jeremy, and Barbara.
- In our own parish this week, we pray for Lynn, Lou, Walter & Claudette, Jazmine, Laura, 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.

A poster for a St. David's Carol Sing-Along event. The background is dark with three lit white candles. The text is in a stylized, glowing red and green font. The event details are in red text. A logo of a cross with a dove is in the bottom right corner.

**St. David's
Carol Sing-Along**

- 7:00 p.m. -

Wednesday, December 6

8345 79 Avenue NW



Tabernacle Candle:

The candle was sponsored this week by Bill & Judy Kesanko celebrating Chris, Jenn, & Bryce's birthdays, by Winnie Kennair remembering Ted on their anniversary, and Bill Peters remembering Lee



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.

Nov. 26th	· Tanya Chambers in celebration of nephew Jack, great nephew Ethan, and great niece Taylor's confirmation
Dec. 3rd	· open
Dec. 10th	· Tanya Chambers in memory of nephew Mitch, father in law Henry, and grandmother Susan · Louise Fairfield wishing everyone a Merry Christmas!
Dec. 17th	· Helen Steinburg in memory of her mother Beatrice
Dec. 24th	· Winnie Kennair remembering her mother, Frances Eve



***Please note: There will not be a men's breakfast in December!
The regular first Saturday of the month breakfasts will resume in the new year!***



After the service on December 10th we will have an Altar Server Training session. If you are interested in joining this ministry or if you're just curious about why Bob and Al do what they do on a weekly basis, please feel free to sit in!



The next ACW Meeting on Wednesday, December 13th at 1pm in the church hall will be their annual Christmas Luncheon! The cost is \$25 per person. As it is a catered event, please sign up by Sunday, December 10th by adding your name to the sheet on the bulletin board and giving Helen Steinburg your payment in an envelope clearly marked with your name. All women of the parish are invited to attend!

Stockings of Care



**NeighbourLink Parkland
invites you and yours to bless others in
the community who will be facing the
holidays alone this season.**



For many in our community, Christmas is a time of isolation and loneliness. We want to partner with YOU to help bring joy and remind our young single adult and senior neighbours that they are not forgotten.



**"Stuff a Stocking" and show our neighbours we care!
Great for small groups and families alike!**

For more information on how to get involved contact us @ 780-960-9669
REGISTER BEFORE DECEMBER 12!



Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 26th - 10 am Sunday service with Confirmation and Baptism

Sunday, November 26th - No Sunday School

Monday, November 27th - No Bible Study

Saturday, December 2nd - No Men's Breakfast

Sunday, December 3rd - Lessons and Carols followed by potluck lunch

Sunday, December 10th - 1 pm Painting with Marion

Sunday, December 10th - Server Training after the service

Wednesday, December 13th - 1pm ACW Christmas Luncheon

Saturday, December 16th - Messy Advent family event!

**"I" before "E" except
after "Old MacDonald
had a farm".**



The Tibetan Sand Fox carries the same resting expression as a wife who has just heard her husband's latest joke.

