

City of God: St. Augustine's - Parkland

NEWSLETTER

July 15, 2024



Rev. Kevin snuck away on his vacation time without even putting his name on the birthday list! Well, **TODAY** we send you HUGE birthday wishes and hope you're enjoying your special day!

Birthday Prayer for Rev. Kevin!

God our Father, the birth of your Son Jesus Christ brought great joy to Mary and Joseph. We give thanks to you for Rev. Kevin whose birthday we celebrate today. May he ever grow in your faith, hope, and love. We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

Happy birthday to you!
Happy birthday to you!
God bless you and keep you
Happy birthday to you!



Come join us for our

AD-LIB VBS

(August Days - Leaders In the Bible)

Date: August 6th, 7th, & 8th

Time: 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Cost: \$20 each

Where: St. Augustine's Parkland

131 Church Road, Spruce Grove

How: Contact the office to register

780-962-5131 or by email at:
staugustinesparkland@gmail.com

What: crafts, games, snacks, activities,
music, lunch, FUN!

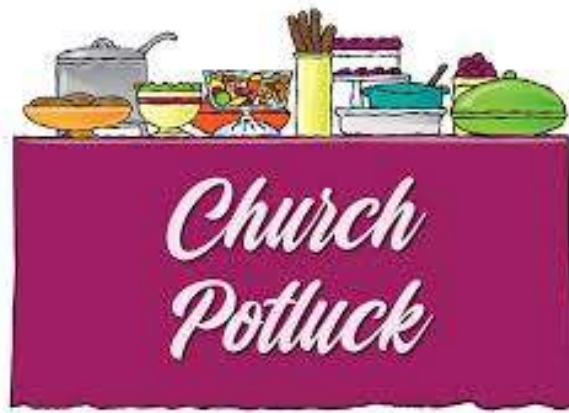
Who: ALL kids are Welcome!

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

- *Saturday, July 13th - Friday, July 19th - Vacation days!*
- *August 6th - 8th - VBS in the morning*
- *August 9th - 6:30pm Games Night*
- *August 17th - 3pm Youth Swim Party*

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



August 11th - Mark your calendars!

After the service on August 11th, we're having a 'Just Because' potluck lunch!



Save the date!

On Friday, August 9th we will be holding our first monthly games night!

We plan on doing it the 2nd Friday of each month starting at 6:30pm on a drop-in basis. ALL are welcome to come join in the fun as it is wide open to the community so bring all of your friends! Participants are encouraged to bring their favorite games, snacks and beverages while being mindful that no one will be signing up to wash any dishes!

Please note: we will be collecting donations for the food bank!

Tabernacle Candle:

The candle was sponsored this week by Anne Cox in celebration of their 41st Wedding Anniversary!



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.

July 21st	· Judy & Bill Kesanko in celebration of grandson Christopher's 13th Birthday · Myrna Hanmer who is celebrating turning 88 yesterday!
July 28th	· open
August 4th	· open
August 11th	·

Food Bank Birthday Bags For Kids



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We are collecting paper plates (small), napkins, cups, hats, cake mix, frosting, streamers & candles.

Every child should have decorations for their birthday!

*** all items are available at the dollar store, they've even had cake mixes that only require water to mix **
** Gluten free cake mixes are helpful as well! ***



We've seen Rev. Kevin sitting on a box and 'drumming' on the front of it for a couple of services now. Did you know that box is an actual instrument? It's a cajon!

In layman terms the cajon is a simple box drum, made of wood and played by hitting the front or rear faces with your hand. Legend has it that 18th Century African slaves in Peru created the first Cajon. These slaves brought with them their rich drum and percussion tradition. Unfortunately, the Spanish colonial government was afraid that musical gatherings could be hotbeds for unrest. In a move to curtail such social events, slave owners and police imposed a ban on traditional African drum music. The people's spirit however, would not be so easily dampened and a deeply ingrained rhythm in their culture prevailed. Repurposed packing boxes left behind from the day's work became the percussion instrument of choice. These boxes were easy to disguise as a seat or stool should the local constabulary happen to pass by.

Today, buskers on the street, as well as bands in venues of all sizes, use the Cajon. The instrument has an earthy tone that provides a solid accompaniment for guitarists and singers. They are easy to transport and reliable, especially in acoustic sets where no power is available making them one of the most popular instruments used today.

If you'd like to get a closer look and learn what's inside that box, feel free to chat with Rev. Kevin!



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 Western Newfoundland, for St. Mary Abbots, Barrhead; for St. Peter, Lac La Nonne, for the Buyé Diocese Youth Coordinator, for the Métis Nation of Alberta, and for the Church of Ireland.
- We pray for those who are ill, injured, or bereaved; and for all who need God's healing presence, especially remembering Bill, Iain, Barbara, Ann, Joan, George, and Scottie.
- In our own parish this week, we pray for Stephen & Karen, Ruth & Matthew, Pat & Lee, Al & Sylvia, Lenora; and their families.
- "O God our Creator, from ancient times you have always sent your peoples in every age to head out in faith along unfamiliar paths. Each time you have shown us that it is in these journeys into the unexpected where you meet us afresh and anew. Draw near to us, your pilgrim church, once again, as we draw near to one another in synod. Walk closely with us as we prepare to travel the next stretch of a shifting and uncertain road; speak to us of your Good News for the strivings and longings of this time and place; and cause our hearts to burn within as we remember our call to become the story we tell. Through Christ, in the Spirit, for the life of the world. Amen."

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



If you or an immediate family member have a birthday between July 14th - 26th, please do add to our birthday list found near the front door of the church!



August 17th - Pool fun!

We're going to make a splash at the outdoor pool in Stony Plain!

We plan to swim from 3-5 and then have supper.

After supper our event will be done but the admission we paid at 3 will allow you to swim until 8pm!

Please note: this is only for our youth aged 9-18 years. Let us know if you're planning to attend.



Want to help but hauling groceries to the church is a challenge?

You can always make a monetary donation!

- Your donation can be added to their weekly or monthly giving envelope. On the extra line on the giving envelope, write "Parkland Food Bank" and the dollar amount.
- You can also use a white envelope with your envelope # , name, and indicate it's for the Parkland Food Bank. If you don't have an envelope number and would like a tax receipt, your address is required as well.
- Can't wait until Sunday to donate, head to St Augustine's Parkland Anglican Church website. Click on the donate button and you will be directed to our Canada Helps account. When you click on "Fund" select "9 Parkland Food Bank" . After you click on the "Complete Donation Now" button at the bottom of the page, your tax receipt will be sent to your email

To sweeten the pot an anonymous donor will match the first \$250.00 of donations!

Upcoming events:

August 6, 7, 8 - AD-LIB VBS

August 9 - 6:30pm games night

August 11 - 'Just Because' potluck after church

August 17 - 3-5pm Youth Pool party!



And one for the musicians!

