

City of God: St. Augustine's - Parkland

NEWSLETTER

August 6th, 2024



AD-LIB VBS is in full swing!

The sounds of laughter and shouts of joy are filling the building....and the neighborhood! We are so blessed to have the greatest little group of kids and volunteers sharing such a fun few days together!



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

COMMUNITY GAMES NIGHTS

Save the date!! **Every 2nd Friday of the month!**
at St. Augustine's Parkland Anglican
(131 Church Road, Spruce Grove)

Starts at **6:30pm** on a drop-in basis
Please use hall door closest to the parking lot.



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
favourite games, snacks, and beverages!

*Admission is FREE. However, please note that
Food Bank donations are encouraged.*

Tabernacle Candle:

The candle was sponsored this week by Louise Bell in loving memory of husband Bob's 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.

August 11th	· Norman & Marilyn Kraglund in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary yesterday!
August 18th	· Winnie Kennair for her mother Frances Eve; and by Judy & Bill Kesanko to celebrate Kylie's 14th birthday
August 25th	· open
Sept. 1st	· open



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!

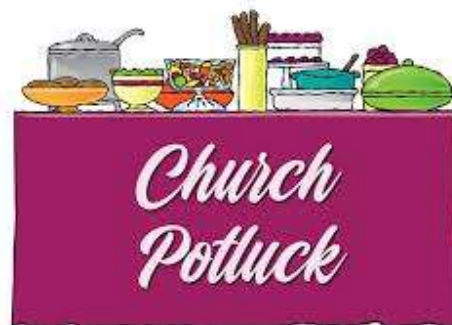
Please note: this is only for our youth aged 9-18 years. Let us know if you're planning to attend.

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

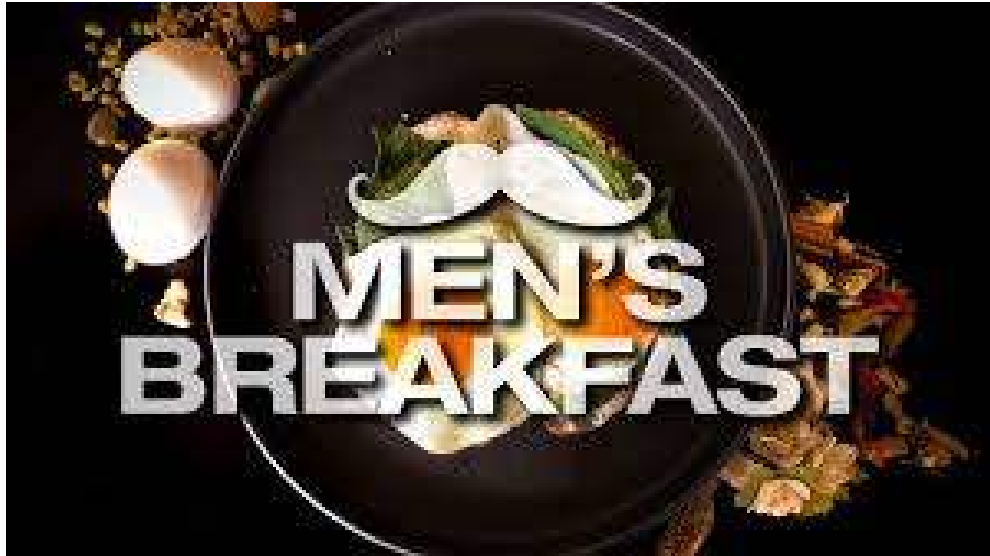
- *August 6th - 8th - VBS in the morning*
- *August 9th - 6:30pm Games Night*
- *August 17th - 3pm Youth Swim Party*

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!



Men - you didn't miss it!

Due to the long weekend the MOSA breakfast was postponed until this coming Saturday!
At 9am on August 10th the men will be meeting at Fresh Grill on Main Street in Stony Plain.

ALL men of the parish are welcome to join!



It's almost back to school time - here's how YOU can help:

- Donate \$25 gift cards to Walmart, Staples, or Superstore
- Donate online through the NeighbourLink website at neighbourlinkparkland.ca
- Bring in glue, tape, pens, pencils, markers, highlighters, pencil cases, lunch bags/boxes, erasers, 1" or 2" binders, lined paper, graph paper, etc.

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! ***



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 Bishop Ordinary to the Canadian Armed Forces, the Rt. Rev. Nigel Shaw. for St. John the Evangelist, Cold Lake, for the Gahengeri Indigenous community in Buyé Diocese, for. Cold Lake First Nation, and for the Anglican Church of Kenya.
- 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 Jazmine, Laura, Violet, Nadine, Bruce & Vivian; 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.



Ministry on Wheels!

Rev. Kev, Aglaia, and Bill enjoyed a bike ride together last week - if you'd like to join them on the next one, just speak with Rev. Kevin!



Hello friends!

As many of you heard on Sunday, I was called out thoroughly for working during my vacation time. I truly do appreciate the message, thank you Elizabeth. I didn't even look at the laptop yesterday but my mind was on the newsletter for sure.

Here's what you may not know: a few years ago I walked in to Rev. Billy's office and told him that I was going to start sending out a weekly newsletter to help make our parishioners feel at least a slight connection to the church during the pandemic. I felt it was important to reach out consistently with news, info, and even a giggle or two since we couldn't all be together at that time. It seems like so long ago and many of us are back regularly - but not all. Many can no longer attend services with us and the only connection to their church family is watching services online and reading the weekly newsletter. For many this is their connection, this is how they feel even remotely attached and included in our parish. This is how they can watch the growth of not only us but our church as a whole and feel like they're part of it. It's important.

We weren't too many newsletters in when we had an internet issue which prevented me from getting the newsletter out until later Monday. There were several emails received during the day asking if I was okay as the newsletter hadn't come out yet. It had already been so accepted as a routine that the change of just a few hours had people missing it and concerned. THIS is why doing the newsletter regularly is so important to me - because it's important to some of you too.

There is one way that I could easily enjoy vacation time knowing that everyone is being cared for - **we NEED a pastoral care team!** The purpose of the Lay Pastoral Care Team is to support the parish by visiting with those who are shut-in, sick, suffering, or injured through a ministry of presence, Word, and prayer. The pastoral care team makes scheduled home visits in pairs, and shares Christ's love through being present, listening, sharing scripture, prayer, and sharing reserved sacrament with shut-ins. Prayer shawls are also distributed by the pastoral care team which have lovingly and prayerfully created by knitters in the parish.

It's really not that hard! Everyone knows how to have a quick visit, maybe a cup of tea, and read a prayer together. Not hard at all but it makes a tremendous difference in the lives of others. **Please** prayerfully consider at least talking to Rev. Kevin about this much needed ministry.

Thank you!

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!



Mr. Miyagi deciding how to eat his Babybel Cheese...

