

# City of God: St. Augustine's - Parkland

## NEWSLETTER

January 20, 2025



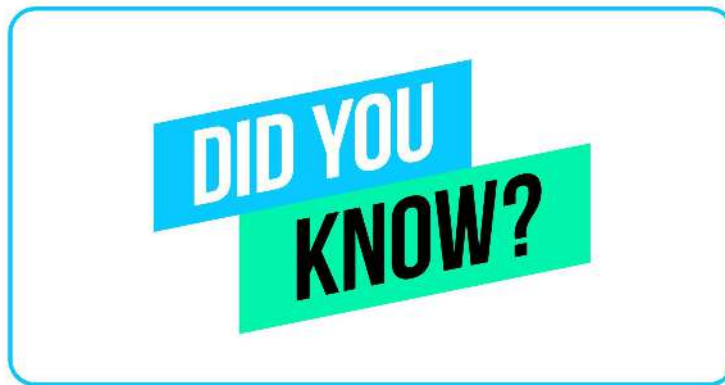
*January 26th is bound to be a nice day as we're having a soup lunch after the service!*



***Please remember in your prayers this week:***

- We pray for Acting Primate Anne, Metropolitan Greg, and Bishop Stephen. We also pray for our clergy, Rev. Kevin and Rev. Lesley.
- We pray for the Diocese of Quebec, for St. George's in Fort Saskatchewan, for the Canika Parish in the Buyé Diocese, for the Samson Cree Nation, and for the Church in the Province of the West Indies.
- We pray for those who are ill, injured, or bereaved; and for all who need God's healing presence, especially remembering Iain, Ann, Terry, and Jill.
- In our own parish this week, we pray for John & Ellen, Joan, Carol, Austin, Sandra & John; and their families.

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



### **Ever wondered why we sing what we sing? The Music Supports the Liturgy!**

The core reality of Anglican worship is that music supports and fits into the liturgy and not the other way around. That is, the liturgy is primary, it is the order that guides our worship, and music is secondary in that it must fit the tone and themes given by the Prayer Book order. Thus the music of the church may joyfully remain in the service of worship and not become an end in itself. With this in mind, musicians offer their gifts to God and his people in producing beautiful music.

### **Why do the colors up front change?**

Vestments and altar coverings are usually made of rich fabrics. Their colour changes with the seasons and holy days of the Church Year. The most frequently used colours are white, red, violet, and green.

### **The Church Year**

The Anglican Church observes the traditional Christian calendar. The season of Advent, during which we prepare for Christmas, begins on the Sunday closest to November 30. Christmas itself lasts twelve days, after which we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany (January 6).

Lent, the forty days of preparation for Easter, begins on Ash Wednesday. Easter season lasts fifty days, concluding on the feast of Pentecost.

During these times the Bible readings are chosen for their appropriateness to the season. During the rest of the year — the season after Epiphany and the long season after Pentecost (except for a few special Sundays) — the New Testament is read sequentially from Sunday to Sunday. The Old Testament lesson corresponds in theme with one of the New Testament readings.

### **How to stay informed**

Not only do we have a weekly newsletter, the diocese does too. If you don't already receive Synod Scene by email, we can help get you on the distribution list!

## ***Tabernacle Candle:***

The candle was sponsored this week by Fran Peacock in memory of her sister, Toni Mae Inkster; and by David Dunbar in loving memory of Paula



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.

Jan. 26th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Louise Fairfield in memory of her brother, John</li><li>· Betty Squance in memory of her mom's birthday</li></ul>
Feb. 2nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Fran Peacock in memory of her husband, Jack Peacock</li></ul>
Feb. 9th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· open</li></ul>
Feb. 16th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Bill &amp; Judy Kesanko celebrating Susan's birthday</li><li>· Winnie Kennair in memory of her father, John Eve</li></ul>

# A Message from St. Augustine's-Parkland Anglican Church Vestry

We would like to say a big “thank you” to Sharon Bray, Lindsey Northey and Jennifer Warren. They have completed a 2-year term on Vestry and are ready to let someone else take over. Their participation and contributions have been greatly appreciated! Please talk to Sharon or Lindsey or Jennifer about their participation on Vestry in the past few years.

Next week’s newsletter will feature a few other people who have completed a term on Vestry as well as information on those who will be continuing. Look for it then!

We will be seeking other Parishioners to sit on Vestry for the coming 2-year term. This involves attending a monthly meeting, held after the Sunday service (except during the summer months), reading and discussing reports given by various Church groups and working prayerfully and collaboratively to make decisions for the care of the building, the people who attend and our community. Please consider allowing your name to stand for Vestry at our next Annual General Meeting.

## Treasurer’s What Nots

The Burning Question of the Day!!!

Where have the savings from not having a mortgage gone? Good Question!!!

On December 1, 2023, the mortgage was paid off. So now the question, where have the savings of \$16,851 per year or \$1,404 per month gone.

After a bit of research, I have found a couple of culprits.

**Culprit #1 – Insurance Premiums** Between 2014 and 2020, the insurance premiums averaged \$5,000 per year. In 2023 insurance premiums were \$10,016 and in 2024 were \$12,147. An increase of \$2,100. In the past 4 years the premiums have increased \$6,782. You will be happy to know the 2025 increase is only \$50.

**Culprit #2 – Salaries and Honorariums** - This cost includes the Rector and Office Administrator salaries and benefits and Music Director and Rector’s vacation coverage honorariums. In 2023 the cost was \$105,184 and in 2024 was \$123,700. An increase of \$18,516. It needs to be noted that in 2023, the first 3 months was a part time rector, and the balance of the year was a full-time rector, so the amount would have been approximately \$10,000 higher if there had been a full-time rector in place for the full year.

Hopefully, this answers the question.

I welcome your questions, please contact me either by email [treasurersapac1@gmail.com](mailto:treasurersapac1@gmail.com) or at church.

Fran Peacock, Treasurer



# FAITH AND FUN NIGHT

Join faith groups from across Oil Country for an exciting night at Rogers Place with the Edmonton Oil Kings!

**JOIN US POST-GAME FOR AN EXCLUSIVE EVENING OF GAMES AND ACTIVITIES WITH OTHER FAITH-BASED GROUPS**

## *Attention Youth Group!*

We're planning to attend this year's Faith and Fun Night with the Edmonton Oil Kings!

On Friday, March 7th we'll cheer as they take on the Kelowna Rockets and after the game we'll stick around for an evening of games and activities with other faith-based groups!

Tickets for our youth group (10-18 yr old) will be \$11. All other tickets will be \$22 - yes, families are welcome to join us! (ticket prices do not include anything from the concession!)

Please let us know by February 14th if you will be joining us!



# VS



**FRIDAY, MARCH 7**

**vs. KELOWNA at 7:00 PM**



## 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, February 1<sup>st</sup> – Men's Breakfast
- Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> – Cursillo Meeting with Bishop Steve & Lay Director
- Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> – Copper Sky
- Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> – Corporation Meeting
- Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> – Clergy Ministry Review with Bishop Steve
- Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> – Vestry Meeting
- Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> – Clergy Day at All Saints' Cathedral
- Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> – Fenwyck Heights

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

## Upcoming events:

*January 26th - Soup lunch after church!*

*February 9th - Vestry Meeting to discuss AGM*

