



Saints Alive

All Saints Anglican Church, Medicine Hat, AB
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Up Coming Events and Services

- Sept. 19** Knitting Group
at All Saints 10:30
- Sept. 20** - Hospital Service 4:00 Please consider
coming and helping with this service.
- Sept. 27** - 17th Sunday after Pentecost
BCP Morning Prayer
- Sept. 28** - ACW Meeting
Call Margaret 403 526 3384
- Sept. 30** - Regional ACW Meeting at
St. Barnabas - Rev. David Carter
celebrant and preacher
- Oct. 3** - Church Cleanup and Pot Luck Lunch
Plan to come at 10:00 and do some fall cleaning
- Oct. 4** - Harvest Thanksgiving
Contemporary HC
Stew and bannock meal
- Oct. 11** - No Service
Joining St. Barnabas at 10:15am for
125th Anniversary - Bishop Hoskin
- Oct. 18** - 20th after Pentecost
Contemporary HC
- Oct. 25** - The Feast of the Dedication
Contemporary HC
- Nov. 1** - All Saints Day
Contemporary HC
- Nov. 8** - 23rd after Pentecost
Contemporary HC
- Nov. 15** - 24th after Pentecost
BCP Morning Prayer
- Nov. 22** - The Reign of Christ
Contemporary HC
- Nov. 29** - 1st Sunday of Advent
Contemporary HC

Council of the North: A Ministry of the Whole Church

"Our purpose is to respond to God's Call to mission and ministry in the northern regions of Canada." – from the Council of the North Policy Handbook

The Council of the North is a grouping of financially assisted dioceses, which are supported through grants by General Synod. There are 9 dioceses, the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior and the Archdeaconry of Labrador. They are in sparsely populated areas such as the Arctic, Yukon, Northern and Central Interior British Columbia, Alberta, northern Saskatchewan and Manitoba; northern Ontario, northern Quebec and Newfoundland and Labrador.

In these parts of the country, costs, particularly of travel, are high but financial resources are scarce.

The council comprised of all bishops of the assisted diocese administers the General Synod's grants for northern mission, the council meets twice a year to share information about the unique challenges faced by smaller ministries in the north.

They work together to provide pastoral and sacramental ministry to all who are living in isolated communities in Canada's North.

The chair of the council is **Bishop David Ashdown, Diocese of Keewatin.**

Members of the Council

The Council of the North is made up of all the bishops of the assisted dioceses and regions and the General Synod Treasurer and the General Synod Director of Communications and Information Resources. They administer the General Synod's grants for northern mission. The council meets twice a year to consider the needs of the mission and ministry of the Church in the north. It reports to both the Council of General Synod and to the meeting of General Synod.

The Bishops of the Council of the North believe that their purpose is, under God, to equip one another in their mission to enormous and thinly populated dioceses; to offer mutual encouragement and pastoral care, hope to the oppressed, and challenge to the complacent. In all they do, they strive to be a sign of the Kingdom of Christ, who makes all things new, and to keep faith with partners in the wider Church who uphold them by their prayers and substance.

Financial Report

INCOME

1. Pledges 27,665.40
12. GST Rebate 266.38
15. Campus Care 1,503.00
2. Open 210.15
3. Investment Income 3,920.38
5. Garage Sale 324.00
8. Altar Guild Donations 3,000.00
Donation Receive From A.C.W. 1,000.00
Little Green Box 363.88
Perogy Supper 605.81
Ronda' Travel Fund 2,700.00

TOTAL INCOME 41,559.00

EXPENSES

Uncategorized 0.00
1. Double A 29,243.39
11. GST 696.42
12. Grounds 195.00
15. Maintenance 510.07
2. Apportionment 2,667.36
3. Utilities 2,709.77
6. Altar Guild 121.48
7. Building Fund Expense 8,560.00
7. Office Supplies 314.40
8. Altar Guild Donations
(expense) 200.00
9. Social 32.65
Campus Care Expense 2,040.75
Green Box Expense 50.00
Insurance 1,635.00
Relief Minister 150.00
Ronda's Travel Fund Expense 2,700.00
Subscriptions 20.00
Telephone 1,129.95

TOTAL EXPENSES 52,976.24

OVERALL TOTAL -11,417.24

Bank Balance as of September 15, 2009-
-\$11,909.29

LAY READERS TRAINING COURSE

All Saints is offering the Lay Readers Training Course in Medicine Hat, for the first time. Although it is designed for licensed lay people, any interested people are welcome to take the course.

Developed by several leading seminaries and endorsed by the Diocese of Calgary, the course introduces participants to the world of the bible as taught in universities. Because it is based on an adult learning model, the learning is enriched when a group of several people work through the sometimes challenging, but always rewarding, material together. There are no papers to write or tests to complete, just people interested in coming together to grow in their knowledge and understanding of our rich tradition. Each module runs approximately ten weeks with extra time where needed. The course starts the first week of October and we will meet every two weeks with breaks for Christmas, Easter and Summer. The course does require a commitment of time and effort to read and work through the material but should be of interest to many. Please join us. For more information call Ronda at 527-9827



From the Pastor's Desk

September is always an exciting time in the church. For many it seems like it is the start of the church year, and we often approach it not unlike children anticipating the start of the school year – with both excitement and perhaps a little trepidation. Yet this is something of a misnomer for we are not at the beginning of the church year, but are actually approaching the end. The fact that we seem to gear up at this time of the year is due to taking a slower pace during the warm summer months, for a well deserved time of rest and relaxation. Yet, the mission of the church never ceases and this is no less true this fall as we look to what is ahead for us.

The first is we have launched the Anglican Appeal to raise funds for the Council of the North. These are the churches in the largest and most remote parts of Canada, with the lowest number of people and the least amount of resources. Geographically, the Council of the North takes up 85% of our land mass but only has 15% of Canada's population. The cost of living in these areas is unbelievably high. The cost to do ministry, even higher – both in terms of personal sacrifice and finances. I recall how in his missionary travels, Paul never ceased to take up the collection to send to the Church in Jerusalem – not because they were dependent victims of circumstance, but because they were truly living and journeying together as brothers and sisters in Christ, sharing in God's vast resources. For Paul, it was an honor and a privilege to support that work entrusted to the Christians in the Holy Land. My hope is that we will be able to feel the same way – that supporting the work of the church; the hands and feet of the people who proclaim God's blessing to the peoples of the North, will both move and inspire us all to give generously.

Funds collected through the appeal will go to help finance training for clergy and lay leaders (who must travel vast distances to do their ministry), to finance Sunday School and youth ministry, to do outreach to street youth and homeless people, and provide worship resources and other costs associated with the work of the church in bringing the Gospel of Christ to bear on the lives of the people. Throughout the September and part of October we are showing solidarity with the Council

(Churches) of the North by using bannock for our communion bread. Bannock is the traditional bread of the aboriginal people and it can be prepared a number of ways including baked and fried.

On October 4th we will celebrate our ministry with an Agape meal (love feast) much like that celebrated in the early church before our worship became ritualized. We will share a meal of stew and bannock with each other, just as our Christian families in the north do at this time of year, after a season of hunting and gathering. We will then write notes and record a video greeting to sent to messages of hope and blessing. Please start thinking about what YOU would like to say to the churches of the north.

Finally, on Thanksgiving (the following week) when it is so easy to give thanks for our own many blessings, we will be asked to return our special freewill offering. We will bless it with our regular offering before sending it off with our video and messages.

There is real joy to be had in knowing one is making a difference in the life of the church – indeed in the real lives of real people, beyond the gathering of our own community. Please continue to pray with us for the churches in the north and the wonderful ministry they do and please be generous as you consider how much you can share.

October will also draw our attention to more local matters as we start to think about reflecting on our work and developing a vision and mission statement for the church as we prepare to move forward. On a grander scale, we will also be having a diocesan synod, which takes place on October 16th and 17th. This promises to be an exciting and important synod for the Diocese of Calgary. Please keep your delegates Bill Wahl and Nora Way, and the whole church in your prayers at this time, and watch for updates as they come in, both in our diocesan newspaper "The Sower" and online.

Solution

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Cipher: QKPECYNFXLJSGMADWIHRBZUOTV

Cryptogram (from June newsletter)

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BR PAMYXECMPC XM GQM.

Wordsearch

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altar	Christian	pastor
Anglican	Church	Pentecost
apostles	commitment	pews
baptism	donations	prayers
beliefs	Eucharist	saints
bible	ministry	stained glass
bread	morning	teachings
candles	offering	wine

Coming up
Movie Night
Sunday in October
Angels & Demons

Our Offering Pays The Bills

Do you sometimes miss church and miss putting your collection on the collection plate?

Did you know that you can arrange to have your contribution to the church automatically taken out of your bank account each month or even each week. If you are interested in this handy way to make your contributions, please speak to Brian Whitson or Joanne Morrison for details.

DID YOU KNOW ...

YOUR HEALTH ...

Did you know that even the most invasive cancer cannot be picked up on a mammogram until it has been present in the body for two years? This means that every person with a diagnosis of breast cancer has had breast cancer for at least two years! Please do not neglect to get your annual mammogram and other health screening no matter how good you feel.

Direction from our Bishop, Derek Hoskin

Due to the pandemic and the risk of the spread of the H1N1 virus, intinction (dipping the bread into the chalice) at communion is no longer permitted in the Diocese of Calgary. For those not wishing to drink from the Common Cup, it is a perfectly acceptable tradition to receive communion in one kind (bread only). Also we have been asked to refrain from hugging due to associated risks. Hand sanitizer is available in the pews and works on the bacteria, but it is important to remember that only careful handwashing will remove the virus from our hands.

An Introduction To Our New Foster Child

Her name is Fainsey Akoth Otieno

Date of Birth: 10/12/2002

Language: Luo

Religion: Christian

Community: Maguje

Mother: Jackline, born 1982, a housewife

Brother: Tyrus, born in 1998

Brother: Jankan, born in 2000

Sister: Nikasies, born in 2007

Fainsey's family lives in a house made of mud and sticks with a corrugated metal roof. Fainsey attends primary school and it takes approximately 45 minutes to reach school. According to the family Fainsey has been healthy and has not suffered from any serious illness.

Access to Water: In the rainy season, the family obtains water from a rain catchment, approximately 2 km away, while in the dry season they obtain water from an open community well approximately 4km away

Latrine: The family uses an open field or public area.

Health Facility: The nearest health facility is about two hours away.

We cannot send gifts to Fainsey, but we can write to her, send drawings and photos to build a personal relationship.

Do think about writing a letter to her or sending her a picture. I'm sure it would mean a lot to her to hear from individuals.

Please give letters, pictures etc. to Judy Howe and she will send them on to Fainsey.

Next Newsletter

Deadline for submissions Nov. 15th

Newsletter available Nov. 22

Pass submissions into any Communications Committee Member.