

THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST MARK & ST PHILIP

SPRING NEWSLETTER

My reflection on the Book of Acts of the Apostles Chapter 17: 1- 9. We are in a world of confusion, brokenness and weeping. These are the pictures that we see, hear and read day by day. Jealousy, doubts and negativity that hurts the church needs to vanish and let the risen Christ reign.

Paul and Silas were traveling throughout the region there, sharing the Good News of Jesus. However there were still many people who refused to listen or to try to understand. Sounds like not much has changed since then. We still have the same problem today. Most people have heard the name Jesus, and know things like "He walked on water" or "He changed water into wine" but they don't really know who Jesus is. All they know is what gossip is spread around. We all know that gossip is not a reliable form of communication, right? So how does anyone learn about Jesus? It seems many churches have lost focus on truly nurturing a relationship that would help us understand who Jesus is. The whole purpose of church has been to bring us close in our relationship with God. Together, in community we can learn from one another who God is and why Jesus came. But it requires that we listen and share. Being open minded so that we can understand is the key. So let's share in the Good News and do our best to understand. Share the love that God has given freely to us all. May The risen Christ inspire and touch us to listen, learn and understand as we move on in our Easter season journey. God bless His church.

Faithfully sharing, Padi Joey P. Vallejo+, Rector - SMSP



PARISH POTLUCK

We're having another Parish Potluck, this time to welcome a visiting Bishop from the Philippines, Rev. Rex B. Reyes. Our Archbishop, Gregory Kerr-Wilson, is in Brooks that morning for a Confirmation service, but has indicated he will try to join us if he can. There will be a talk during the potluck.

The date is Sunday, May 20th, after the 12:30 PM service. We don't have kitchen access until after 1:30 PM, so please bring cold dishes only (salads, desserts, buns, etc.) and please pack them in ice or freezer packs so that they stay cold right until we are ready to eat.

Hot rotisserie chickens, and cold cuts, will be brought in to enjoy with our salads, buns, etc.

A sign up sheet is available in the church, so that we have a good sense of how many parishioners will attend. Please sign up - and see you on May 20th!

VOLUNTEER UPDATE

Our call for volunteer help has yielded some responses. We now have 4 teams of collection counters, and training for new volunteers has been provided by Harold & Katherine. We thank them for taking the time to verbally instruct new volunteers in the process they need to follow each Sunday, as well as putting together a very helpful paper handout.

The Altar Guild has also seen an increase in their ranks, which allows two teams to each handle one of the Sunday services. Marilyn C. has been working on a manual for Altar Guild volunteers, outlining procedures before and after each service, as well as information on how to order necessary supplies.

Some other volunteer roles that are available include:

PASTORAL CARE:

Role: supporting Padi Joey on pastoral care visits with him, both in homes and in care facilities.

SUNDAY SCHOOL :

Role: working with children and youth in a structured Sunday School program with a curriculum related to the Readings/Gospel for that day.

MUSIC MINISTRY:

Role: providing music to complement the lessons of the day, in a variety of musical styles.

LAY MINISTRY:

Role: reading various readings and parts of the Liturgy, using a small microphone at times. Other duties may be added with experience.

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY:

Role: To plan and carry out social activities on a regular basis, for the Parish.

SIDEPERSONS/GREETER MINISTRY

Role: Creating a warm and welcoming environment to all individuals attending our services. We also are looking at fundraising options, which would require volunteer help as well.

Volunteering not only allows you to share your talents, but may help you to discover and strengthen talents you didn't even know you had. Please consider how your unique gifts could be used for the betterment and strengthening of our faith community.

LUNCHTIME CONCERT SERIES

St. Andrew Anglican Church, 1611 St. Andrew's Place, Calgary

Tuesdays in May and June, starting at 12:00 noon

You are invited to St. Andrew's for a series of lunchtime concerts in May and June, beginning at 12:00. Each concert will last approximately 45 minutes, and you are welcome to bring your lunch to eat during the performance. Admission is free; donations accepted. For more details, click [here](#). The artists are:

May 15 - Matt Heller and Michael Hope - **Four Centuries of Musical Hits**

May 22 - Yvonne Rose and Claire Butler - **Vintage Jazz and Nostalgia**

May 29 - Nansee Hughes - **Opera and Song**

June 5 - Alysha Bulmer - **Flute Classics**

June 12 - Courtney Murias - **Opera and Song**

June 19 - Nancy Thomson and Verne Luchinski - **Vocals and Guitar**

Parish Priest: Rev.(Padi) Joey Vallejo

Parish Officers

Incumbent's Warden: Leslie Miles

People's Warden: Marilyn Croot

Treasurer: Vacant

Envelope Secretary: Andrew Daye

Organist: Mary Ross

Sunday School Coordinator: Donabel Vallejo

ACW: Joyce Setters

Prayer Partnership: vacant

Altar Guild President: Marilyn Croot

Parish Council: Sharen Stevenson, Carolyn McLennan, Donabel Vallejo, Mary Smith

Lay Delegate to Synod: Donabel Vallejo

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GOING INTO HOSPITAL??

If you are, it is helpful for the parish and clergy to know so that you can be remembered in prayer and visited. If you can't send a message yourself – let a family member, friend, or a member of the nursing staff know that your faith family is important to you and get them to phone and leave a message at the church: (403) 244-0198.

Don't forget- Automatic Debit is now available for your offerings. Please let Andrew Daye know if you wish to set up this automatic service.

The deadline for submissions for the August issue of the newsletter is July 15, 2018. There is a submission box outside the church office, or you can e-mail your submissions to murmor01@telusplanet.net - (subject line: "SMSP Newsletter"). Thank you!