

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S (January 3-9)

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| Sunday | 1:00 pm | St. Peter's Players |
| Tuesday | 11:00 am | Fellowship Eucharist Service |
| | 12:00 pm | Friendly Fellowship Lunch |
| Wednesday | 10:00 am | Mayfair Care Centre service |
| | 10:00 am | Parents and Tots (Ohana) |
| | 3:00 pm | Mediation Group |
| | 6:30 pm | Youth Group |

Happy New Year from the Staff and Clergy of St Peter's Church!

Please note: This week, David will be in Toronto defending his PhD dissertation. Please pray for him during this stressful event. Jane will be at a Diocesan event in Banff, and will return to the office on Thursday. If there are any pastoral emergencies during this time, please notify Avril at the office and she will arrange for someone to help you.

Next Sunday: There will be baptisms at both the 8:00 am and 10 am services. Join us in celebrating the Baptism of Christ, and take part in a renewal of your baptismal vows.

GROUPS AND COURSES

Stephen Ministry. Is God calling you to a one on one care giving opportunity through the Stephen Ministry program that will commence in January 2016? Call Wendy Both at 403-281-5657 to sign up or for information.

St. Peter's Men's Group: We meet at IKEA for breakfast at 9:30 am on the first Saturday (Jan 2) of each month and at 7 pm at St. Peter's on the third Monday (Jan 18) at 7 pm at St. Peter's). Barry at 403-681-4139 or barryoflynn@shaw.ca.

Christian Meditation will resume on Jan 6, 2016.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study—continues January 20 at 7:00 pm. We are continuing our discussion of how to read the Old Testament. Drop-ins welcome!

Eucharist and Lectionary study—Thursday mornings at 10 am, beginning January 21, 2016. All welcome.

CHILDREN AT ST. PETER'S

Sunday Mornings: Children are always welcome in our services. Sunday School will resume on January 10th.

YOUTH AT ST. PETER'S

Sundays at 10 am -- Meet with Jerrod McCormack for Bible Study.

Wednesday, January 6 - Extreme Air Park – Meet at St. Peter's at 6:30 (We will be back by 8:30.) All youth planning to participate need to complete and have your parents sign the waiver found at <http://calgary.extremeairpark.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/15/2015/04/Calgary-EAP3-Website-Waiver-oct-2013-revision.pdf>

OHANA CAFÉ EVENTS

Ohana Café Hours: The Café re-opens January 4 for lunch and events.

For information, or to volunteer in the Café, call Abbi at 403-630-7245.

Wednesdays at 10 am in the Ohana Café: **Parents and their little ones** meet to enjoy one another's company and a good cup of coffee. Volunteers required – please call Lee Werth, 403-618-9946 or ladywerth@yahoo.ca.

Thanks to everyone who has supported Ohana Café in 2015, and to donors towards the 2016 operations, including the Calgary Foundation and the St Peter's Charitable Foundation. Financial support of the Café is always appreciated; mark your cheque or envelope "Ohana Café".

MUSIC UPDATE

Thanks once again to everyone who filled out our music survey, and to those who have been involved in the consultation process. The information we gathered aided us in clarifying our needs and desires as a church community. In your responses, you told us that you desire both continuity of the tradition and an increased diversity of styles and musical offerings. If you desire more information about the results of the survey, there is an information sheet available in the narthex.

The position for a new music director was posted in December, and we are beginning to receive applications. The closing date for applications is the end of January, after which there will be a period of review, interviews, and auditions of suitable candidates. Our hope is that we will have a new director of music by the end of February, although it may take longer to find the best person for the role.

During the interim period, we will draw upon the gifts of members of the congregation and of the wider city to provide weekly music for our services. During this transition, we ask both your patience and for your prayers.

ST PETER'S PLAYERS

St. Peter's Players presents

'Into The Woods'. Book by James Laphine, Music and Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. For 46 years, St. Peter's Players have been proudly sharing with its community, entertainment to all ages. We invite you to come and be a part of our next production, 'Into the Woods', which runs from Feb 11th - 27th 2016. Please check our website for details on our theatre group, ticket pricing and purchasing at www.stpetersplayers.ca or call Catherine at 403-850-4577. Like us on Facebook for info on future shows. We are a non-profit organization with proceeds going to the church community. Our wonderful cast and production team volunteer their time and/or expertise to bring you wonderful shows each year. We hope to see you soon.

Sewers Needed: St. Peters Players are looking for all levels of stitching talent for upcoming production of 'Into the Woods'. We have many items requiring modification and items to be made. If you are able to help, contact Paula at 403-540-0204 or pabishop@me.com.

COMMUNITY NEWS

St. Peter's Annual General Meeting (AGM) January 31, 2016. All reports for the AGM must be received in the office no later than January 4th. Submit reports to Avril at avril@stpeterscalgary.ca.

Good news: The stained glass window is in the final stages of production, and will be installed shortly! Stay tuned for more information.

Ministry and Service Opportunities

Join Our Leadership Team! Over the past months people have spoken during the Sunday service about their experiences as volunteers and leaders in our Parish. Thanks to all who have told us of their rewarding experiences.

Please consider joining our team as a member of **the Parish Council**, or as a **Warden**. You will meet many people, and become far more involved in what St Peters is and does! We have done away with constricting portfolios that may have discouraged people in the past, and have adopted a new flexible structure. All you need is to be passionate about something we do! Don't worry about being committed to a rigid schedule. Everybody has a life outside of the church, and has to miss a meeting from time to time. Honestly, it's easy, and it's fun! So please, consider joining our team, and helping St Peters serve the community in which we live! Contact Jeff Oneski 403-816-9453 or jeffoneski@shaw.ca.

Wanted: Facilities Team members. Our current facilities guy, Glenn Werth, is stepping down after many years of faithful service. Our heartfelt thanks go out to him for the grace and dedication with which he has carried out his often heavy responsibilities.

Because this role has grown over the past few years, we wish to move to a team approach this coming year. Facilities management will be divided into two areas: general maintenance and capital maintenance. Each team will need leaders and other persons with a variety of skills and interests in order to carry out these responsibilities.

1. General maintenance: Oversight and ongoing maintenance and upkeep for grounds, buildings, and equipment, including planned and unplanned repairs and landscaping. This team requires hands-on skills, as well as ability to work with budgets, suppliers and contractors.

2. Capital maintenance: Oversight of the larger capital projects mapped out in the 25-year facilities plan. This will require planning, budgeting, developing a fund-raising strategy, scheduling, and working with quotes, suppliers and contractors in order to implement the required upgrades to the facilities.

If you would like to be help care for and beautify our facilities as a leader or as a member of these teams, please speak to Jeff Oneski or to Jane.

FINANCIAL UPDATES

To adjust your automatic debit amount for January 2016, or to receive envelopes, contact Benita at 403-640-7676 or bhaslett@shaw.ca. *Please Note:* our yearly stewardship campaign will be held in February-March 2016.

THANK YOU

- To everyone who worked so hard to make our Christmas Services joyful, beautiful, and honouring to God. To Chris, the choir and other musicians; the chancel guild and their helpers; the readers, liturgical assistants, and clergy, sides-people, greeters, candlelighters and others too numerous to mention—Thank you for your ministry, and may God bless you!
- To all who have given to the staff and clergy Christmas gift
- To Avril for once again working miracles and having bulletins ready
- To Ron for keeping the church building clean and organised

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