

St Peter's Anglican Church November 23rd, 2014 SETTING SAIL

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S (November 23-November 29)

Sunday	1:00 pm	St. Peter's Players Rehearsal
Monday		ACW at Samaritan's Purse (see below)
	8:00 pm	Arabian Horse Club Meeting
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Girl Guides
	7:30 pm	Prayer Group
Wednesday	10:00 am	Beverly Care Centre
	11:30 am	Hunger for Healing
	3:00 pm	Christian Meditation
	6:30 pm	Youth at St. Peter's – Movie Night
	7:00 pm	Theology with Jane (last week)
	7:00 pm	St. Peter's Player's Rehearsal
Thursday	10:00 am	Holy Communion Service and Bible Study
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	9:30 am	Yoga
	7:00 pm	St. Peter's Player's Rehearsal
Saturday	8 am – 4 pm	Prayer Vigil

Next Sunday, November 30th, is our Advent 1, Intergenerational Service at 10 am. Please join us, both young and old, as we begin our Advent Posada journey at St. Peter's.

Please note that in an emergency The Rev. Rosemary Bishop's phone number from Nov 2 – 23 will be 403-818-6362.

Stewardship forms for 2015 - We encourage you to return completed form as soon as possible. Pamphlets outlining this year's theme *Giving: An Expression of Gratitude, An Expression of Faith*, are available in your mailbox or at the welcome table. If you wish further information, there is also a worksheet available at the table.

2015 Church Calendars will be on sale for \$5 following the 10 am service.

Advent and Christmas Services:

Advent Prayer Vigil	Nov 29	8 am – 4 pm
Lessons and Carols	Dec 14	7 pm
Children's Pageant Presentation	Dec. 21	10 am
Christmas Eve	Dec 24	4:30 pm; 7:30 pm; 10:30 pm
Christmas Day	Dec 25	10 am
Sunday	Dec 28	8 am; 10 am

GROUPS AND COURSES

St. Peter's Men's Group: We meet on the 1st Saturday for an IKEA breakfast at 9:30 am (Dec. 6), and the 3rd Monday at St. Peter's at 7 pm (Dec. 15). Please join us for great conversation and fellowship. Contact Barry O'Flynn at barryoflynn@shaw.ca or 403 681 4139.

Theology and a Pint: Next meeting on Dec. 1 at 7 pm at Limericks. Come join us for a lively discussion about God, life and Church. For more information, please contact Quinn at 403-869-5764.

PASTORAL CARE

Christmas Cookies – we are looking for donations of Christmas baking for Pastoral Care Christmas treats for our shut-ins. Call Joan at 403-238-7588.

CHILDREN AT ST. PETER'S

Sunday Mornings: Children are always welcome in our services.

Nursery and Spirit Zone (Sunday School) is usually held during the 10 am service. Dec's theme is the journey of Mary and Joseph.

Tween Sunday School begins January 2015!!!

The Sunday School will host a Pot Luck lunch today after service.

All Welcome

Parents and their little ones meet to enjoy one another's company and a good cup of coffee on Tues at 10 am @ Ohana Café. Host helpers are needed one or more times per month. Please see Aaron Havens with whatever time you have available.

YOUTH AT ST. PETER'S

Sunday Bible Study, Nov 23, 10 am

Youth Nov 26 – Movie Night at St. Peter's – 6:30 pm

The Youth have started their fundraising for their Mexico trip. Contact Aaron about donating opportunities.

Ohana Café Hours:

11 am – 4:30 pm Mon-Thurs

Call Aaron at 403-252-0393 x 16

MINISTRY AND OUTREACH

Safeway Shoppers: Safeway is awarding 'stamps' for purchases that can be exchanged for a 'free' *Henckels* knife (Sept/14 to Feb/15). Please consider donating your extra stamps to St. Peter's. Knives obtained will be used in St. Peter's fundraisers, such as the "Red Can Table" at the Fall Fair. Stamps can be left in Box #122 or given to Deena Janzen. Thanks for your help!

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS - On Nov 23rd, we start collecting for Christmas hampers for those needing help in our parish and beyond. We ask that donations be in by Dec 14th, which will give us time to buy needed items. We are not asking for perishables, as we will buy them before delivery to ensure

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maximum freshness and provide savings through bulk buying. Monetary donations to buy perishables and other needed items are welcome and charitable receipts will be provided. On Dec 21st we need about 7 to 8 drivers to deliver the hampers – signup sheets will be posted on Nov 23rd, Nov 30th, and Dec 7th. Anyone able to help put out sheets for the 8 am service, please contact Angela Bane at 403-281-2652.

Finance Dashboard through October 2014

	<u>Envelope Revenue</u>	<u>Total Revenue</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Surplus/ (Deficit)</u>
Actual	278,604	349,546	383,351	(33,805)
Budget	<u>280,902</u>	<u>365,869</u>	<u>393,352</u>	<u>(27,483)</u>
Variance	<u>(2,298)</u>	<u>(\$16,323)</u>	<u>10,001</u>	<u>(6,322)</u>

Total Contributors 221

St. Peter's remains on track to finish the year close to the budgeted deficit of \$2,000 if historical giving patterns hold for the last two months of the year, and to enter 2015 benefiting from some favourable trends.

We made some progress with the special funding of our New Initiatives during October but are still lagging our target in this area. This special funding supports our Ohana Café community and youth outreach program, which is having a very positive impact on connecting St. Peter's to the local community and younger generations. One congregation member is helping by donating proceeds from some items sold on Kijiji. The green border envelopes at the back of the church can be used for special gifts to this program.

The Finance Committee encourages all congregation members to complete the confidential "giving intention" form for 2015 which was recently distributed. After summarization by the envelope secretary, this is an important source of information for developing the budget. The Committee has advised the executive that we should target a 4% increase in envelope giving to have a modest operating surplus available next year to replenish our building maintenance funds.

If you have questions or suggestions on St. Peter's finances, please speak to any member of the Finance Committee.

Grant Hanna Malcolm McKay Richard Bird David McKeown

UPCOMING EVENTS

Junior Achievement Students from Henry Wisewood High School will be at St. Peter's today, Nov 23 following the 10 am service selling candles as an entrepreneurial project.

ACW will be visiting Samaritan's Purse, Monday Nov 24th. Please call Mary Anne, 403-271-2285, if you would like to attend and to arrange car-pooling. All Welcome.

ACW Christmas Pot Luck, Dec 8 at 6:30. All Welcome. Musical entertainment by Glenn Werth. Please RSVP to Maryann at 403-271-2285.

Food Bank Box: We collect non-perishable food items on a continuing basis. The box is in the Narthex.

Diapers (4,5,6), disposable mattress covers, and nursing pads are being collected for the Food Bank. Collection box in Narthex. Thanks.

The Anglican Parish of St. Mark & St. Philip (1802-33 Ave. SW) invite you to join us for our upcoming "Snowflake Tea & Bazaar", Saturday, Dec 6, 2014, 1 - 3:30 PM. Sewing, Baking, Knitting, Crafts, Grannie's Treasures, Jams and Jellies Tea: \$5.00 per person

First Friday Club's event for December is our Christmas Carol Night at the Armstrong's, 455 Lake Topaz Cres. SE, in Bonavista on Dec 7 starting at 7 pm. We tour the neighbourhood to sing to the locals, or you can stay inside and sing there too. If interested call Mary Anne at 403-271-2285 and she will tell you a goodie to bring.

Couples Retreat: For couples in good relationships who want to learn from the "masters", take a weekend to be with your partner in a retreat setting with guided conversations prepared by the world's foremost couple expert, Dr. John Gottman. Learn the 7 Principles and practice positive conversations based on his 30 years of research watching the masters. January 9-11, 2015 at the Sanctum Retreat Center near Caroline. Information and registration at www.wellencounters.ca or call Brian Way @ 403-279-9522. Registration limited to 15 couples – early love bird registration deadline December 5th.

Contact us: St. Peter's Anglican Church, 903-75th Ave. S.W. Calgary, AB. 403-252-0393

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