

The Fisherman's Catch

ST PETER'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

April 2015



JANE'S JOTTINGS

This Easter season, we are celebrating the many good things that God has done for us as a community.

At the end of March, our transitional deacons, David and Carolyn, were both ordained as priests at a deeply moving service downtown at the Cathedral Church of the

Redeemer, followed by a reception here at St Peter's on Palm Sunday. The timing of their ordination to the priesthood allowed both David and Carolyn to begin their sacramental and priestly duties during Holy Week and Easter. Both did a fabulous job of leading us into God's presence through Word and Sacrament during this Holy Week.

David and Carolyn have brought creativity, passion and deep spirituality to our community over the last months. David will continue with us as our assistant priest, while Carolyn will be returning to St Laurence, her home church, this summer. She will also continue in her role as Chaplain at Bethany Care Centers.



The Rev. David Ney, The Rev. Carolyn Herold, The Rt. Rev. Gregory Kerr-Wilson, and The Rev. Oz Lorentzen (St Francis, Airdrie).

During Lent, the Rev. Deacon Julienne let a well-received study on our role in global food security, which challenged us to both make lifestyle changes, and to support the work of PWRDF (The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, <http://pwrdf.org/>).

Also during Lent, one of our youth, Jensen MacLean, created a project in support of Ohana Café. Jensen challenged us to give up a coffee or latte each week during Lent, and to donate our savings to Ohana. The results exceeded expectations, and Jensen was able to raise \$3000, a sum which will be matched by the Calgary Foundation. Well done, everyone!

As well, the work of Aaron Havens and the Ohana Café were recently highlighted in the Sower and online in the Anglican Church's newsletter <http://www.anglican.ca/news/community-cafe-breaks-down-barriers-for-calgary-youth/3004156/>. Aaron has provided us an update on the Café for this issue of the Fisherman's Catch. Ohana Café is becoming a central part of our outreach here at St Peter's, for it provides us with a direct link to the neighbourhood. It is a concrete example of living out our desire to "share the love of God in all we do".

Jane+

Parish Council Update

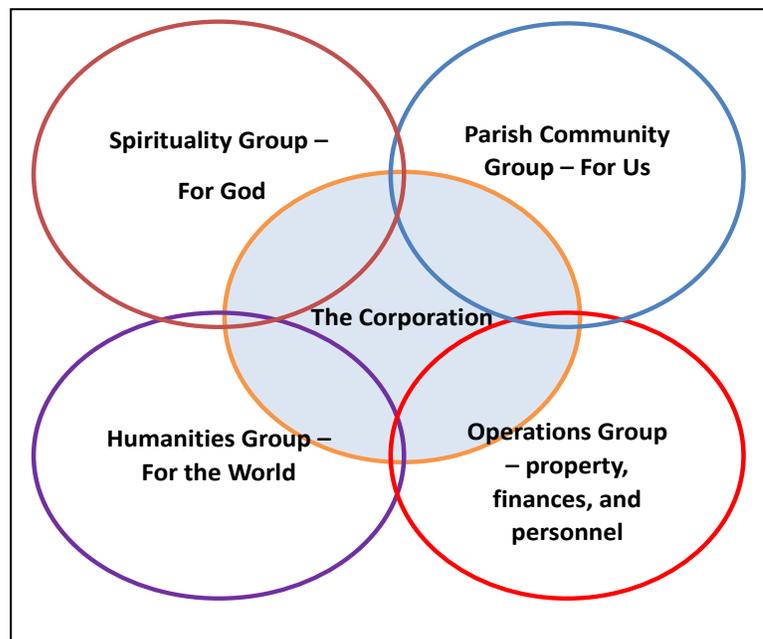
In early March, the Parish Council met at Heritage Park for our annual day retreat. There was great energy for the day. We spent time in worship and reflection, reviewed the work of the past year, considered our role as leaders, pondered God's mission for St Peter's, and discussed how to best support and empower the mission and ministry of St Peters. The Council is a support and management team that provides guidance and oversight to other areas of the body and to the corporation/executive. The Council's goal is to support the ministry of the community in God's service.

It is still early days, but we are much closer to a working structure for the council. An outline of the first stage of our work—refining primary ministry areas, and determining where team members will focus—follows below. This process clarified that the one missing member of council is someone called to work with the Operations Team. If this is an area that interests you, let us know!

The next stages will require input from the wider congregation:

- as we determine where our primary ministry focus needs to be at this time
- as we determine how various ministries of the church connect to the leadership structure
- and as we evaluate what needs to be done in each area to most effectively serve our mission

Right: The Parish Council Team Structure



Parish Community Team: “For Us”

Team Members

Pam Milne (warden)

Michelle (PC)

Neville (PC)

David (clergy)

Ex Officio Team Members

- Julienne (clergy)

Associated ministries or committees

- to be determined.





Humanities Group: “For the World”

Team Members

Mary (warden)
Caron (PC)
Joyce (PC)
Aaron (Staff)

Associated ministries or committees

- to be determined



Spirituality: “For God”

Team Members:

Jeff (warden)
Rosemary (clergy/PC)
Joan (Pastoral Care/PC)
Jane (clergy)

Ex Officio Team Members**Associated ministries or committees**

- to be determined



Operations

Team Members

Glenn (warden/PC)
Mike (PC)
Jane (clergy)

NOTE: we need one more PC member here

Ex Officio Team Members

- Grant—treasurer

Associated ministries or committees

- Finance committee
- Facilities task force
- Capital Projects
- Others to be determined

From the Goode's

We often think of all the wonderful people in the St Peters community and do miss you and the worship. It has been a big move leaving behind 45 years in Alberta, many friends and our family but it is right that we are here to look after Mom. She is doing so much better with support. We are enjoying the slower pace in a village, walking to the Post Office for mail and the proximity to the lake and the TransCanada trail for walking.

You probably heard about the record breaking cold and snowy winter we have had here so we certainly didn't gain a better winter. We still have several feet of snow covering everything. We have been able to do some interesting bird watching and took a trip to Wolfe Island (across from Kingston) and saw snow buntings and a snowy owl. Blue Jays and Cardinals have visited our back yard along with many other birds.

The Anglican Church in Tweed, where we were married, is unfortunately closed so we attend a small country church that is almost full when the usual number of 24 is there on a Sunday. This too has been a big change. The music is blue grass guitar but they are great people. Actually we call ourselves Angliaterians now as we also attend Mom's larger Presbyterian church in Tweed. The service times are different so make this possible.

Graham is licensed for this Diocese now and taking an occasional service. Barbara was asked to do some part time chaplaincy work at the local Long Term Facility and is loving being with that population.

We have a trip back to Calgary planned for May and intend to come and worship at St Peters on the Sundays so look forward to seeing you. We keep you in our prayers.

~ Barbara and Graham

Spirit Zone

Another new Christian calendar year means another exciting year for Biblical stories, activities, and teachings in Spirit Zone. Our Advent activities in December helped us to focus on patiently awaiting and preparing for the arrival of Jesus Christ. Through the Posada, the entire congregation was able to engage in fellowship with one another as Mary, Joseph, and the donkey travelled from family to family within the parish. Then it was Christmas and Epiphany in the blink of an eye! During Epiphany the children have sought a closer



connection with Jesus by understanding His many titles and descriptions. We are in the process of making our own *A B C's of Jesus* book, filled with scriptural references, our prayers, and our crafts. In January we also created a new "tween" study group so that our maturing youth have an opportunity to reflect and discuss our Biblical themes in greater depth with each other. During Lent we turned to the labyrinth in the lower hall to help us focus on prayer with God. As part of our "service" emphasis, we made Service stoles to wear when we are serving during intergenerational services, and we asked for Food Bank donations which we have used to fill the labyrinth pathways. Soon we will celebrate the Easter season, and will continue to build our *A B C's with Jesus* book for the remainder of the church school year. It is a privilege to see the awesome growth of our young Christian learners. Come and join us to see these amazing young people at work as they learn and play.

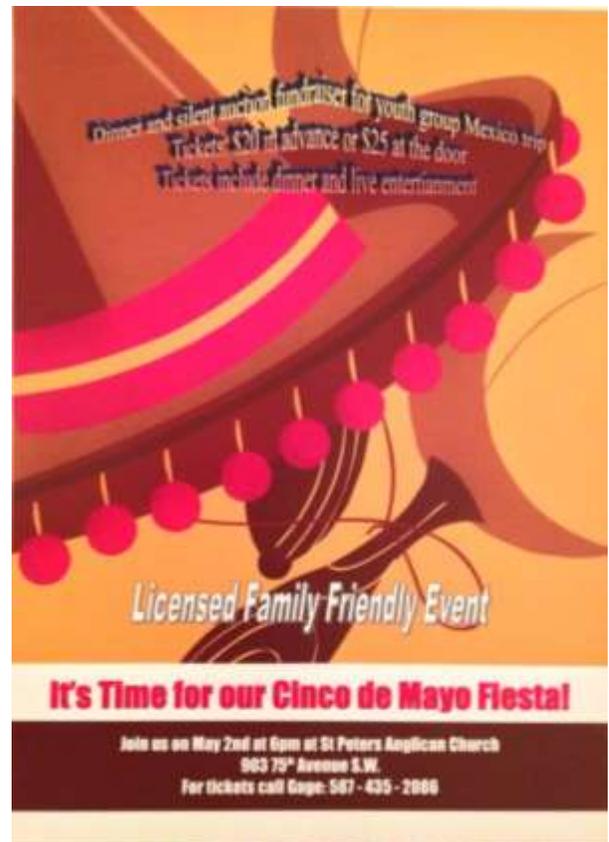
~ Corinne MacLean

Youth and Ohana

The youth continue with their weekly Wednesday night events as well as Sunday morning Bible study and other involvement with St. Peter's morning worship services.

Our fundraising for Mexico went really well with the St. Peter's Players Dinner theatre and concession stand. In total we raised over \$2700 to go towards the trip. Thank you so much to everyone that supported us within and without the St. Peter's community. We will be hosting another fundraiser Saturday May 2nd that will feature a wonderful Mexican theme dinner, silent auction, face painting and live entertainment. Tickets should be ready by this coming Sunday. We look forward to a wonderful evening. We will also be facilitating other fundraisers such as Coco Brooks personal pizza sales and bottle drives. If you would like to get involved please don't hesitate to contact me.

The Young Sojourners weekend at beautiful Sorrento B.C.'s retreat centre is happening over the May long weekend. This event is a youth oriented event that really encourages young people to explore and grow in their walk with God in the setting of His beautiful creation. In the past the weekends have been great events where the Lord has really moved amongst the younger generations of our parish. If you have a youth who would like to be a part of



Join us on May 2 for a Dinner in support of our Youth Mission to Mexico!

this awesome weekend experience or if you would like to assist in chaperoning this event, please contact us.

We ask that you continue to pray for our young people here within St. Peter's. There are many struggles and 'growing pains' that they experience on a daily basis. Thank you for all of your support to date. May God continue to pour out His abundant blessings upon us.

Ohana continues to thrive on a daily basis. Each day we have 25-35 young people grace our doors. We have started to see some regulars that are older in age as well it is great to have different generations sharing with one another.

Moms and tots has been switched to Wednesday mornings and this has reflected a change in the amount of clients that we have in our midst. It has been a wonderful honor and blessing to get to meet more people within our surrounding community who come together to build relationships with one another. Thank you to the group of volunteers that come faithfully on Wednesday mornings to help facilitate this

Our Wednesday afternoon cooking classes are a steady draw for young people. Some regulars have shared how they are putting their new found skills to use in their own homes and this is a great testament to the impact that we are having on young people.

Lately we have been exploring how we can start to implement more activities for people in the community through Ohana café. Some ideas are contemporary hip-hop dance classes, drum circles and job-readiness workshops for young people preparing for both summer and long-term employment. If you or anyone you know has some skills they'd like to possibly lend to assist those in our community to grow please contact me and/or let me know. Over the next week or two we will also be asking those within the café what they would like to see happen within our walls that can be carried outside of our walls.

Finally, thank you St. Peter's for all of your faith, dedication and continued support in Ohana café. Each day we are blessed by God to have an opportunity to share in people's lives. Please continue to pray for this ministry as we seek to see where it is God wants us to grow next. What a wonderful ministry to be a part of, thank you.

~ Aaron Havens

Upcoming Events at St Peter's Anglican Church

"Friendly Fellowship Luncheon"

Date: April 16

Place: Cormack Hall, St. Peter's Anglican Church

Church Service at 11 am in the Chapel

Lunch at 12 pm

RSVP is required to Pat Houghton at 403-253-5653

Spring Rummage Sale – May 21/22/23

Take in	Monday, May 11 to Wednesday, May 20, 10 am – 4 pm
Set up	Monday, May 18, 9:30 am – 4 pm to Thursday, May 21 9:30 till 12 pm
Sale	Thursday, May 21, 1 pm – 6 pm
	Friday, May 22, 9:30 am – 6pm
	Saturday, May 23, 9:30 am – 3 pm
Take down	Monday, May 25, 10 am until complete

Volunteers to help with this sale are needed to keep this worthwhile fundraiser alive. Please give Vera a call, 403-255-2406, if you can help.

Our books raise more than \$1000 at each sale and we are so pleased that Joyce Willis and Bernice Bonner have offered to store them, making Paul Collier's task of moving them easier. Many thanks to each of them.

~ Vera Apletree

St. Peter's Anglican Church

903 - 75 Avenue SW Calgary, Alberta T2V 0S7

Phone: (403) 252-0393 Fax: (403) 255-0752

Email: avril@stpeterscalgary.ca Web: www.stpeterscalgary.ca