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Thanksgiving Newsletter

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Thanksgiving Message from Rev. Diana Wilde

Many years ago I heard a radio announcer ask for one word to describe religion. His answer was **Gratitude**. Having gratitude is a powerful tool in living a life of contentment, trust, and assurance in spite of circumstances, knowing that ultimately, God is in control. Thanksgiving is the enemy of discontent and dissatisfaction.

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Philippians 4:6

Thanksgiving Day is a time to reflect and be intentionally thankful for all that God has given us. Let us not only be thankful one day a year, but celebrate the goodness and greatness of our God with thanks everyday! To give thanks lifts one's spirit, alleviates worry, brings joy to our heart, and draws us closer to our Lord and His immeasurable love. A thankful spirit is a joyful spirit grounded in the assurance that the Lord is always with us.

O Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods, in whose hand are the depths of the earth; The peaks of the mountains are His also. The sea is His, for it was He who made it; and His hands formed the dry land. Come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.

Psalms 95:1-6

praise and thanks. But there are so many reasons to give thanks, so let's praise him continually, in good times and bad for He is always with us through the gift of His Holy Spirit.

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9

Our salvation in Jesus Christ is one of the biggest reasons to be thankful, and to praise God. Once we accept Him, we are a part of the unshakable kingdom.

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe.

Hebrews 12:2

I give thanks for the opportunity to serve as your interim incumbent at St. David's. My prayer is that we will continuously be people of thanks for the great gift of salvation that we have been given through Christ. Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Psalms 103:2-5

A very Happy Thanksgiving to you and your loved ones,

Rev. D. Wilde



Thanksgiving Services

Sunday, October 8th

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist,
Church School & Nursery

Thanksgiving Food Drive

It's time again for our Annual Food Drive, sponsored by the Altar Guild, in support of The Hope Centre. All parishioners and groups using our hall are being asked to participate.

Pasta sauce, canned meat (tuna, salmon, ham, etc.), canned vegetables, crackers, fruit cups, side dishes and Mr. Noodles are especially needed at this time, however all non-perishable items are appreciated. Please bring your donations on or before Sunday, October 8th or weekdays from 9:00-noon and place in the large Food Drive box at the back door. For pick-up please call the office.

We at St. David's have much to be thankful for. We are most grateful for your past generosity and hope you will be able to contribute again to assist those in need in our local community.



As Christians we are saved by the grace of Jesus Christ, and that alone should be reason enough to give

Thanksgiving Greetings from the Wardens

As we look forward to the fall and prepare for Thanksgiving, we have much we are thankful for here at St. David's. We are grateful for all the members of the parish who donate their time and talents to serve God in our ministry here.

We thank all those volunteers who labored to ensure that gardens remained alive and growing through the summer months. Without you, our grounds would not reflect the love that this church shows to our community. Visitors to Welland and our congregation certainly appreciate the lovely gardens we maintain.

We are thankful for the ministry of our clergy, The Rev. Diana Wilde, who will lead us and minister to us as we search for a new Rector.

Please continue to introduce yourselves to Rev. Diana and welcome her to the church. Thank you to our Deacon, Richard Middleton, who continues to minister in so many ways at St. David's and has taken on increased responsibilities in this transitional time.

Thank you for your continued financial support, and we pray you will continue to support St. David's both financially and physically.

The wardens wish you all a very happy and enjoyable Thanksgiving.

In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Jesus Christ concerning you.
(1 Th 15:18)

Stephen Hanns, Carole Little, Carolyn Alakas, Pierre Dalaire

Update from the Parochial Committee

Your Parochial Committee met on Monday, September 25th for our first working session with Canon Terry DeForest. At this meeting we were introduced to two people from the Diocese who will assist us during this time of transition and help us in our period of discernment, Robert Morrow who will help us with our parish profile and Archdeacon Max Woolaver, who will guide us through the interview stage.

Over the next few months we will be developing a parish profile and a situational analysis of our parish. We cannot do it without your help. We will be seeking your input.. We need your support in this process.

Please book Sunday, November 26th for our first parish

event. We will have one joint service that day at 9:30 a.m. and then gather for a time of fellowship. We will be working on the parish history and vision using a visual timeline, and we hope you will all enjoy participating.

The committee will meet again on Thursday, October 5th. It is our plan to provide you with regular updates, verbally at services and in our newsletters.

We ask for your prayers and support as your committee works with you in this period of transition.

Stephen Hanns, Carole Little, Carolyn Alakas, Pierre Dalaire, Greg Laughton, Cec Mitchell, Judy Metler, Rob Lewis

FINANCIAL NEWS

Please find enclosed your statement of givings for January to September.

As of the end of September, we are approximately \$13,700 behind in offerings. Please help us meet our budget. Thank you.

Anglican-Lutheran

EUCHARIST & LUNCHEON

Thursday, Oct. 26th
11:00 a.m.

at

St. Matthew's
Lutheran Church

Lunch \$10

Chicken pot pie, salad,
dessert, coffee & tea

Sign up or call the office
by Sun. Oct. 22nd

All welcome

"Imagine John", A Tribute to John Lennon

Wed. Oct. 18
7 p.m.

Featuring Carm Castiglione,
the talented look-alike and
sound-alike John Lennon.
Listen to the many hits of the
Beatles and Lennon's solo hits.



Tickets: \$15

Available from the
church office
at 905-734-4627

Come one & all!



**One Joint Service on
Sun. Nov. 26
9:30 a.m.**

Followed by a time of fellowship
and to work on our parish profile.
We need your help!

Thanksgiving Decorations

The Altar Guild will be decorating the church for our Thanksgiving services on Sat. Oct. 7th at 9:30 a.m. If you have a garden and would like to bring in squash, carrots, apples, etc., we would be very grateful. All the produce will be delivered to the Hope Centre on Tues. Oct. 10th.

Thank you,
The Altar Guild



ACW is back in full swing for Fall

Summer is coming to an end, but Carm Castiglione who does a tribute to the music by John Lennon and the Beatles. The tickets are \$15 and available from the office, Jackie Marr or Judy Metler. See if you can bring a group!

At our meeting in September, it was decided not to have a Ladies' Day next February. The concept has run its course here at St. David's. The funds generated were used for a scholarship for a graduate from the Niagara Women's Enterprise Centre and for outreach in Canada's north and for women in Third World countries. We will be looking at other ways to generate funds to continue these projects.

One of our fundraisers is the concert on Wed. Oct. 18th, featuring

At our Oct. 3rd meeting, we will have as our guest, Suhaila Wakil Balagh. She is the recipient of our scholarship in June of this year. Suhaila is now a student at Niagara College and will speak about her life in Afghanistan and here now in Canada. All are invited to attend this and all other ACW meetings.

We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Lotta Moore Room.

Judy Metler,
ACW President



St. David's Parish Bazaar

Sat. Nov. 4th, 9:00-1:00

Start your Christmas Shopping!

Plans are underway for the Annual Parish Bazaar. See the chart below for all the different areas, contacts, items needed and when to bring them in. Your donations are very much appreciated! A successful bazaar will enable the ACW to continue its many outreach programs. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the narthex for donations of baked goods, deli foods and food for the coffee shop. Our phone committee will be calling, if you haven't signed up, to explain ways in which you can help. Suggestion: please ask your manicurist, hairdresser, gym, coffee shop, or favorite restaurant for a gift certificate.

Jackie & Pauline

Area	Contact	Items Needed	When & Where to Bring
Baked Goods & Deli	Judy Szalinski 905-714-9269	Baked goods, homemade jams, jellies, pickles or cooked foods in take-out containers	Fri. Nov. 3 rd downstairs in Patterson Room 1-4 p.m. or before 8:30 a.m. on Nov. 4 th
Kitchen & Coffee Shop	Nancy Stonos 905-931-5998	Chili, soups, sandwiches, etc.	Fri. Nov. 3 rd downstairs in Patterson Room 1-4 p.m. or before 9:00 a.m. on Nov. 4 th
Penny Sale	Jackie Marr 905-732-0434	New or like-new items, big or small that can be combined into one gift bag or basket; also gift certificates	by Sun. Oct. 29 th in the "Penny Sale" box in the office
Lotta Stuff	Carol Bull 905-732-4588	Reusable household items, unwanted treasures, crafts, games, toys. (No electrical items)	by noon on Fri. Nov. 3 rd in the upstairs kitchen or Lotta Moore Room
Books, Magazines, CDs, DVDs, Puzzles, Vinyl Records	Carol & Kathy Thomas 905-714-7539	Items in good condition and bags for the shoppers (No textbooks or encyclopedias)	by Fri. Nov. 3 rd in the wagon in the narthex
Raffles	Mary Lou 289-820-7118 Pauline 905-735-2938	Monetary donations toward the purchase of raffle items (see below)	by Sun. Oct. 15 th in the "Raffle" box in the office
Plants	Marge Morrow 905-734-4624	Healthy house plants, baskets and vases	by Fri. Nov. 3 rd in the narthex
Gently Used Clothing Boutique	Linda Gray 905-892-5581	Gently used, clean clothing (visible sizing preferable), plastic hangers, loan of portable clothing racks	by Sun. Oct. 29 th under the pew in the narthex
Pick the Lucky Envelope	Pauline Robertson 905-735-2938	New items, any donation--large or small	by Sun. Oct. 22 nd in the office

Raffles & Penny Sale

Three theme baskets will be raffled off at the bazaar. The themes are: a basket filled with a variety of gift certificates; a "Lottery Tree" consisting of a variety of

scratch lottery tickets; and a "Celebration Basket" consisting of wine, edible goodies, etc. Monetary donations toward purchasing items for these baskets or our Penny Sale would be gratefully appreciated. Please place

monetary donations marked "Bazaar Donations" with your name and envelope number on the collection plate or with Joan in the office. Envelopes can be found at the Greeters' desk. Thank you.



Thanksgiving greetings from the Sunday School!

Our year started off with a fantastic Family Fun Night on September 22. What a great turnout for our Carnival themed evening complete with hot dogs, candy floss, games and crafts. Many, many thanks to all the helpers for working together for a fun night for everyone. More Family Fun nights are planned so stay tuned for details and dates.

Thank you to all the parish for the fantastic donations of school supplies and craft supplies for our children. It was a

wonderful selection and will help us have fun each week.

Our curriculum has begun with the stories of Hannah and Samuel and will naturally evolve to many stories about David.

We are also offering older elementary children (10+) a chance to explore their spirituality and deepen their faith with biweekly classes. Please see Carolyn for more info if you have questions.

Sat. Dec. 2 will be our Advent party to begin "the Most Wonderful Time of the Year"

Enjoy your thanksgiving and all the blessings around us,

Carolyn Alakas

TGIFF

Thank God It's Family Friday!

We are excited to announce our second date and theme for our new family outreach program designed for fellowship for families with younger members. Everyone is welcome to attend this event once a month filled with games, activities, food, fun, and enjoy the noise and laughter that is guaranteed to happen! (You do not need to have kids to attend).

Please Join us for Thanksgiving Dinner and 'Trunk or Treating' on **October 20** from 5:30-7:30 pm. Guests

are invited to bring an item for our potluck dinner and a bag of treats to hand out as the children go Trick or Treating around the Trunks of our cars! (If you would just like to participate with your trunk we will be taking the kids out at around 7:00)

Please contact Alison (289-820-6772) if you are able to join us for all or part of the evening.

Don't forget to save the Date for our "Teddy Bear Picnic" on November 17th!

See you on TGIFF!



Painting Party with Judy

On **Wed. Oct. 25th**, 7-10 p.m. will be a Christmas theme. Refreshments (coffee, tea & cookies) will be served. (You are welcome to bring some goodies including wine.) Cost is \$30. Contact Judy Szalinski at 905-714-9269 for more info and to book your spot. (Proceeds to St. David's general funds.)



Book Club

4th Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Oct. 25th

Moon Over Manifest
by Clare Vanderpool

Nov. 22nd

Too Much Happiness
by Alice Munro

All welcome

Bundle-Up Sunday

Sun. Nov. 12th



We will be collecting hats, mitts & scarves for all ages, to send to the Hope Centre & Women's Place.

Bible Study

Thursdays at 10 a.m.

New members welcome!

Dates to Remember

Wed. Oct. 11

Gardening, 5 p.m.

Wed. Oct. 18

"Imagine John" Concert

Tues. Oct. 24

Hope Centre Lunch

Fri. Oct. 27

Dinner Outing at Betty's, 6 p.m.

Sat. Nov. 4

Parish Bazaar, 9-1

Sun. Nov. 5

Old Time/Gospel Service, 10 a.m.

Sun. Nov. 12

Remembrance Sunday

Sun. Nov. 26

Joint Service, 9:30 a.m.

Sat. Dec. 2

Advent Party, 10-3

Sun. Dec. 10

Pajamas & Book Sunday

Pastoral Care

We are always happy to welcome new volunteers to this worthwhile ministry. If you wish to know more about this, please speak to me or call me at 905-734-3324.

Judy Metler

Gardening

Many, many thanks to everyone who contributed plants, gave of their time to clean up, plant, weed and water our gardens this past growing season.

On **Sat. Oct. 28th** at 9:30 a.m. please consider lending a hand to help with our fall garden & yard clean-up. Your help is desperately needed by our small garden group to help with the work involved.



With your help the clean-up will be accomplished quickly.

Questions: Pauline 905-735-2938

Gently-Used Clothing Sale

Sat. Nov. 18

Donations of gently-used, clean clothing (visible sizing preferred) can be brought to the church and put under the pew in the narthex.

Help is needed with set-up and selling at the sale, and also the loan of portable clothing racks and donation of plastic hangers.

Please call Pauline at 905-735-2938 to volunteer.

