



St. MARTIN'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Begins Next Week

What Brought You to This Church?

A RECENT SURVEY of newcomers in twenty-two congregations, conducted by church consultant Roy Oswald, asked "What brought you to this church?"

The results revealed:

- 2 % an advertisement
- 6 % contact with one of the clergy
- 6 % an outreach program in the neighbourhood
- 86 % an invitation by a friend / family member

The fact that so many newcomers cited an invitation from a friend or family member as the cause of their coming to church is a sign that whatever we formerly understood about methods of, "door-to-door contact or "missions" there has been a shift to *micro-relational* initiatives by congregational members."

The Alban Report says, "Today we must earn the right to share the good news with someone." Sharing the good news may be as simple as inviting a friend to church with you and offering to pick them up.

There's a Chinese Proverb:

"A man can stand for a long time with his mouth open before a roast duck flies in."

Let's not wait for folks to try to find us. Let's seek and think of those who we can invite – from the friends we've made through the day care to the neighbours across the street. God will provide the opportunity.

Maybe there's someone you can invite to join you this Easter Day – to celebrate the Risen Christ!

Easter Strawberry Tea

beginning with Holy Communion followed by a great party
April 16 2:00 pm

This annual event will be held Wednesday, April 16, 2:00pm at the Church of the Good Shepherd.

Please feel welcome to come and serve or prepare a plate of sweets to share. Watch for more information in the mail!

April 11- 13

Our privilege to welcome

HERB O'DRISCOLL

Friday, April 11 Breakfast & Address

7:30 am at the Calgary Golf and Country Club
50th Avenue one block west of Elbow Drive, SW
Book Your Tickets with Kate at 249-3014.

Saturday, April 12 "Quiet Morning" at the FCJ

9:00 to noon. At the FCJ Centre Cost \$20.
located at 219-19th Ave. SW
Show up – tickets at the door.

Sunday, April 13 - A Celtic Celebration

Guest preacher : Herb O'Driscoll
10:00 am at the Calgary Academy

Pass the Word - Invite your friends.

Family Business

We give thanks for the continuing strong financial stewardship of St Martin's and for all of God's blessings. We will continue to provide regular updates of the monthly revenue and expenses of the parish.

For the month of January, 2008, revenue totaled \$19,843, and expenses totaled \$23,290, leaving a small deficit of \$3,447.

Remember that your donations can be made by pre-authorized debit. By using this method of disciplined giving, your chosen donation is taken automatically out of your bank account each month. This is an easy way to give which also creates a more certain base of monthly income. To sign up or for more information, please contact Kate at the church office.

Can You Serve Food?

Sunday, March 30, St. Martins has the opportunity to help serve dinner at the Calgary Drop-In Centre
4:45 Tour the facility (if you wish)
5:30 Dinner servers gather
7:00 Done – and those who wish – go for dinner!
Contact Christine for more information or to sign up.

Enter.. Holy Week

THE MOST IMPORTANT week of the Christian year is almost upon us. On Palm Sunday we will take a palm-cross into our hands and begin the "walk" that leads to an upper room, a last supper, to the towering crosses on Golgotha and to the stillness of an early morning where a tomb lies open and a Presence is heard who is with us forever.

It is a great privilege to try to convey in liturgy the mystery of this week as the scriptures are read and various actions take place. The worship of Holy Week lead us from moment to moment. Historically all the services are treated as one great act of worship from which there is no dismissal given until on Easter morning when the community shouts, "Thanks be to God. Alleluia!"

What Christians have always understood about this week is that it brings us into the depths and meaning of our faith as no other time in the Christian year. Come and walk the way of our Holy Week.

Blessings, Richard



"NORTH TO THE BAY Youth Trip 2008

June 26 - July 3, 2008

A week-long excursion to Churchill, Manitoba on Hudson Bay for Youth in grades 7-12. With Bishop Gary Woolsey, Jill Thompson (St. Martin's Youth Leader) and The Rev. Christine Conkin.

Please consider making a special donation to help with the costs. Watch for special events being sponsored by the youth to raise funds.

March 16 - 23, 2008

palm sunday

8:30 am Eucharist at the Chapel
10:00 am Palm Procession with children & Festive Eucharist at the Calgary Academy

holy week

MONDAY 7:30 p.m
Eucharist & Reflection at the Chapel

TUESDAY 7:30 p.m
Eucharist & Reflection at the Chapel

WEDNESDAY 7:30 p.m
Eucharist & Reflection at the Chapel

MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:30 p.m
Choral Eucharist & Reflection,
The Calgary Academy

good friday

11:00 am Good Friday Liturgy & Children's Program :The Calgary Academy

easter day

FESTIVAL of the RESURRECTION

8:30 am Easter Eucharist at the Chapel
10:00 am Festive Eucharist, Calgary Academy
Children's Program, Nursery and Youth

"Crossing The River"

Saturday, April 19 9:30 – noon
Parish Event #3

Discerning What Should Be

You are important to this discussion. All of us. All our ideas. All our hopes. Discovering the future for St. Martins.
At the Calgary Academy. Child care provided.

DREAM - DISCOVER - PLAN
A Process of Discernment, Imagination and Action