

June 2011

Rector's Note

Happy Summer everyone! I hope that these next few months bring refreshment as we enjoy the beauty of this place and find time to slow down and breathe.

St. Martin's is moving ahead with its dream to build a new home on our land. An Implementation Team has come together, chaired by John and Susan McWilliams and with many of those who served on the Strategic Team, to move us forward through the complex process of planning and building. In May, a liturgical consultant spent a thought-provoking weekend with us to help us envision the interior of our worship space, think theologically about why we do what we do in that space, and how to integrate this with the larger vision of our parish and the master site plan. All the work that has been done before will be shared with Christine, the liturgical consultant, as well as the architecture firm we contract with to take us to another set of schematics, so that the good work already done is shared and continuity with our past ensured. Christine will return the last weekend of June to share with us what she heard us saying we wanted for our new home. This is the first of many refining conversations we will have with her and the architects.

Everyone at St. Martin's is invited and strongly encouraged to be at this time with Christine on Saturday, June 25th. If you weren't at the May weekend retreat, no worries! We want your voice and ideas.

The Implementation Team will be preparing, among other things, a detailed communication plan to keep our community informed. This will include a display at Calgary Academy each Sunday full of information about where we are and where we are going in addition to newsletters, announcements and other means of sharing our progress.

I am excited and encouraged by the wonderful ideas that are emerging about our future. Have a splendid summer, and I look forward to a full and eventful fall.

Blessings,

NATASHA+

Sunday, July 31, 2011
St. Martin's will be celebrating at
St. Laurence Anglican Church
(5940 Lakeview Dr. SW)
at their 10 am service.

HOME COMING SUNDAY
Sunday September 11, 2011
Come on Home to St. Martin's

SUMMER at St. Martin's

Sunday Mornings

- 8:30 The Chapel: Knox Presbyterian
3704 - 37th Street SW
10:00 The Calgary Academy, 9300 - 17th Ave.

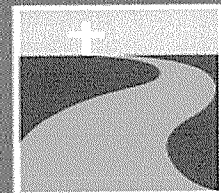
Clergy: Natasha will be in the office throughout the summer during the mornings, Tuesday through Friday.

She will be on summer holidays from July 20th until August 10th.

Office: Kate will be on holiday from August 14 - 22 and in the office periodically for the rest of the summer.

Messages and mail will be checked regularly.

Come
for a visit,
stay
for a journey...



from the Wardens

Summer is rapidly approaching. It is a time, for many, to relax and recharge. For St. Martin's, the first half of 2011 has been a time of great change and action. We bid Bonnie farewell and welcomed Natasha as our new incumbent priest.

Based on the recommendations of the Financial Feasibility Study conducted last year, St. Martin's struck a Strategic Team to look at various outstanding issues regarding building a church. Under the guidance of John and Susan McWilliams, an amazing group of parishioners worked diligently to make informed recommendations on how St. Martin's should proceed. Based on these findings, St. Martin's decided to continue moving forward and has now struck a Project Implementation Team to take us to the next step. Please read the report of the Project Implementation Team (below) to see how we are moving towards the milestone of constructing a church building that will help us fulfill St. Martin's mission and vision.

People in the parish continue to step forward to help make St. Martin's a welcoming community. Thank you to Martha Corcoran for heading up a Welcoming Committee and for the many people who are heading up our Hospitality Committee. These two groups are so important in helping St. Martin's connect with each other and grow as a community. Thank you to all the other continuing ministries that help make St. Martin's what it is today.

Please help out – set up Direct Debit for your offerings (if you have not already).

Summer time is often the downtime to forget about the stresses and strains of everyday life. Unfortunately, our expenses don't enjoy the same luxury and continue to work full time – day and night, every day of the week. Often, they have to work harder as the support disappears for months over the summer period and they are left alone to pay the ministry, worship, church office, congregational and administrative costs.

So please take pity on our hard working expenses and consider, if you haven't already, setting up Direct Debit for your congregational offerings. In that way, the bills will get paid and the expenses will feel much better about themselves. Call the office and talk to Kate who will be more than happy to help you set up the Direct Debit for your regular givings.

St. Martin's Finances

As we all know, this has been a time of transition and this is reflected in our expenses exceeding our income for the year to date, as at the end of April, by \$24,074. Yes, that's \$24,074 in the red! However, we did allow for this happening in the early part of the year and have funds available. This compares to last year where we covered our expenses and were \$1,449 in the black. Now that we are more stable and are able to build on our strengths we expect the finances to settle down and for there not to be any more extraordinary costs. The costs were worth it, though, because we now have Nastasha with us!

To help you might consider increasing your offerings, especially if you are setting up the direct debit. To set up the direct debit or to increase your offerings, please contact Kate at the office.

September holds many more exciting challenges and adventures. May you find time this summer to relax and reconnect with nature so that you will be ready to enter the next stage of our journey in the fall.

Laurie McIntosh, Jeff Davidson, Sarah Wilson, Gill Innes

Project Implementation Team Report June 2011

This is the first report of the newly- created Project Implementation Team. The Team, appointed by the Rector and Wardens and responsible to them, will have the overall responsibility to successfully complete the preparation, design, finance, construction and commissioning of the Project to build the new St. Martin's – "a new kind of church".

The Team intends to proceed in an open, transparent way, attentive to the needs of our church community and the broader community we hope to serve. A list of committee chairs and contacts will be sent out with this Parish Newsletter– please feel free to contact them for information and to volunteer your services.

The Team is now engaged in Project definition, identifying required resources and drafting a budget. A critical path to plot our course and measure our progress is under development. As well as being a management tool this will provide a means of communication with the Parish.

Early critical issues identified relate to dealing with the issues around land ownership (a committee has been struck and given a mandate to proceed with negotiations to subdivide the land) and matters relating to architecture and design. An initial part of the latter process is the parish weekend meetings with the liturgical consultant now underway.

The Architecture and Design Committee has met with members of the Diocesan Church Architectural Committee to begin the five phase approval process. The first phase is "Approval for Planning and Fundraising". Based on our current status we are well underway with this phase and expect to be able to submit our proposal at the Diocesan Executive Committee on September 20th.

John and Susan McWilliams, Co-Chairs

Upcoming Youth Events

North to the Bay!

The Junior High youthlings from the OneBody program are off to Churchill, MB from **June 29th - July 8th**. Please keep us in your prayers at this time as we journey North to the Bay!

Youthling Summer Hikes

Looking for something unique to do if you're stuck in the city? There will be two hikes this summer: **Wednesday, July 13, 2011 and Thursday, August 25, 2011**.

Watch for more details to follow! All are welcome.

Fall dates to put on the calendar:

Manna! - Diocesan Youth Gathering - **Saturday, September 24th, 2011**.

OneBody Family Retreat - Canmore, AB - **Sept. 30 - Oct. 2, 2011**.

Have a safe and happy summer. Chad and I will be practicing Dutch Blitz all summer...not that we need it ;)

Jill Thompson

STAMPEDE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, July 10, 2011 we celebrate our 3rd annual joint service at Knox Presbyterian at 10 am followed by great pancakes and fellowship! Donations to cover the cost of the breakfast would be greatly appreciated! This is a great opportunity to connect with each other and to get to know our neighbours. Knox Presbyterian is located at 3704 37th Street SW. Parking is limited at Knox, so please park on neighbouring streets and leave closer spots for those with limited mobility. Thank you.

"Hold On To Your Kids": A Community Book Study & Potluck Dinner and Event with Dr. Gabor Maté

In an increasingly peer-oriented and age-segregated culture, how do parents keep their kids close? How do we foster relationships where our children turn to us for guidance to grow into maturity? These questions are not just for parents, but for all adults who know and care for our children.

Join us for a two-week book study and conversation!

Dates: Fridays, November 4th and November 11th, 2011

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Where: St. Laurence Anglican Church, 5940 Lakeview Dr. SW, Calgary, 403.249.6184

What: Potluck Dinner followed by a facilitated group book discussion. Childcare provided.

Cost: Free

Please come having read the first half of the book before the Nov. 4th gathering.

Special Evening Event with Dr. Gabor Maté

Date: Thursday, November 17th, 2011

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Where: St. Laurence Anglican Church

What: Dialogue with Dr. Maté about ideas and strategies for holding on to our children

Cost: \$10 per ticket in advance/ \$15 per ticket at the door.

Important Dates

July

July 31 Service at 10am at St. Laurence
Anglican Church

November

Nov. 12 Patronal Feast Weekend
& 13

September

Sept. 11 Homecoming Sunday & Sundaes
on Sunday

Nov. 27

First Sunday of Advent
Advent Party after 10am worship
Wreaths, cards, hot drinks &
snacks

Sept. 30 OneBody Family retreat
- Oct. 2 Canmore Youth Hostel

December

October

Oct. 1 Blessing of the Animals Service
11am Cathedral Church of the
Redeemer 604-1st Street SE

Dec. 4

St. Nicholas Feast
Service at the Church
of the Good Shepherd 3pm

Date TBD Newcomer Wine & Cheese

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

What direction are you heading off in this summer? To the coast, mountains, lakes, campgrounds, another city? What are you seeking? Solitude, nature, visiting family/friends, living more simply? And how are you getting there? By car, plane, train, cycling, or hiking? Who are you going with? Family members, friends....or are you meeting them somewhere along the way?

Likely, your summer journeys will include one or more companions: people whose shared presence enriches your experiences. While you are enjoying your summer plans, consider the similarity with our spiritual journeys: taking paths unexpected, finding God in many places, resting and restoring our spirit in familiar or new ways.

Inviting a Spiritual Director to accompany/companion with you on your faith journey can be similarly enriching. Just as our summer experiences are enhanced by our companions along the way, so too can our spiritual lives be enriched by a spiritual companion - helping us with directions or accompanying us as we explore familiar/ new places. As a recently certified Spiritual Director, I am aware of the enriching possibilities in sharing the sacred journey with another, as they seek God more deeply. As you take time away this summer, consider this: What direction is God calling you in?

Submitted by Carol Hayes