



Patronal Dinner!
Saturday, November 19, 2011

Happy Fall, everyone!

After a beautiful summer we are once again settling back into our school and work routines. St. Martin's, too, is getting back into full swing. There is a full complement of youth and tweening events ahead. Our patronal feast dinner is coming up on the 19th of November. Work continues with our Implementation Team and moving forward in the process to build a new space to serve the community in the name and with the love of Christ--and much more!

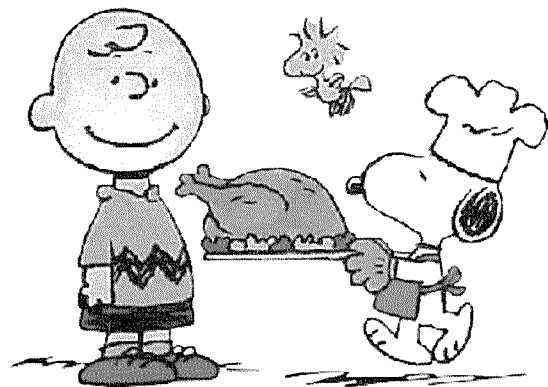
One new offering is the Prayer Place. This meets every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month in the sanctuary at Knox Presbyterian for 30-40 minutes. This is a time to learn about and try a variety of prayer practices that are part of the Christian tradition. The first gathering of the Prayer Place was on September 21st. For this meeting we did centering prayer. We will continue with this form of prayer for the two meetings in October. This is a very quiet, reflective type of prayer that allows a deep stillness and calm to enfold us. In a very busy and word-filled world, it is a counterweight of silence. We will explore other forms of prayer in the weeks to come. Watch the Sunday bulletin for updates!

This time is designed to be led by anyone, not just clergy, and so future times will be led by other members of the congregation. I warmly invite everyone to stop by sometime and enjoy 30 minutes of time with your soul, each other and God. In the midst of a busy week it may be just the spiritual pick-me-up you are looking for!

Happy Thanksgiving!

In Christ,

Natasha+



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From the Wardens..

Fall is now upon us and most people have settled back into regular routines, after, hopefully, a restful summer. It was quiet during July and August, but now, at St. Martin's, we are eager to move forward.

The Implementation Team continued to investigate options regarding the subdivision of the land and potential needs within the community. Read the report from the Implementation Team to see how we are moving forward. There are many opportunities to get involved in this part of our journey if you are interested.

Communication regarding not only the building process, but all aspects of St. Martin's, has been updated through redesign of the webpage and the new communications board at the 10am Sunday service. Watch "On the Move," newsletters and this board to learn of new developments and important upcoming dates.

Additional opportunities abound if you are interested in becoming more involved at St. Martin's. We were able to learn about various ministries within St. Martin's at the Ministries Fair on Sept. 17. Areas needing more help to lighten the load include the Sides Team, Greeters, Chalice Servers, and Altar Guild. The Patronal dinner planning committee could also use assistance in planning the event or on the day of the event (see ad in this newsletter). Lending a hand is a great way to get to know others in the congregation.

Thank you to everyone who helps make St. Martin's the community it is. Thank you also to all of you who helped summer in the church go so smoothly and delightfully. Your offering of time and talent makes a difference. Now that we are in the fall, there is a lot of hard work that is going on behind the scenes, but with improved lines of communication, we will be able to keep informed. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to talk to us at any time.

Laurie McIntosh, Jeff Davidson, Sarah Wilson, Gill Innes

Christmas Pageant 2011 - A Congregational Activity

Mark your calendars! After church on December 11th we will be preparing for our Christmas Pageant. This event will be open to all ages - it's not just for the kids! There will be no lines to learn, no costumes to wear, no sets to move! Instead we can look forward to an afternoon of creativity, fellowship with others, and the Holy Spirit working through us all. Then, during the service on December 18th we will view our creations while listening to the Christmas story. Intrigued? Want to know more? Talk to Danielle Wahl for more information.

Implementation Team Report - October 2011

A major step forward in the building project was realized with Diocesan approval of our Phase 1 Submission. This allows us to proceed with expenditures related to planning and architecture. Many thanks to Brian Cameron for managing this process so effectively.

The next step will be the selection of architects for the project. Selection criteria are being developed and members of the congregation are invited to submit the names of potential candidates. The Architecture and Design Committee will be enlarged to take this forward. If you are interested in being involved, please let us know.

The Community Needs Assessment Committee under Laura Wieler has been active in meeting with local groups and is working on some new ideas and the Committee Mandate.

The Land Ownership Committee has been bringing forward various opportunities as they arise.

We expect the Fall to be active and productive!

John and Susan McWilliams, Co-Chairs



OneBody Clothing Swap!

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No books or couches or other weird things...like underwear.

Thanks!

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Spiritual Direction – an age old practice in which individuals seek out a trusted spiritual guide to accompany them on their journey through life.

I have recently completed my certification and am now a qualified Spiritual Director. I look forward to offering this ministry at St. Martin's. My role is really a Spiritual Companion: spending time with individuals one- on-one as they attempt to deepen their relationship with God: to listen, to ask questions and to assist in reflection and spiritual growth. I can provide guidance in spiritual practices such as styles of prayer, discernment ("sifting through" our current life experiences to find God's call in us for where we are to go, or what we are to do next), coping with times of spiritual dryness and helping you contemplate/ become aware of where God is working in your life.

Anyone can seek out a Spiritual Director at anytime in their lives. Usually one meets for 1 hour/month on a one-on-one basis. Building trust and a confidential relationship with someone who can listen to, support or challenge us in our relationship with God can be transforming for us.

Over the past 10 years, my own faith has been deepened through various Spiritual Directors who shared the journey with me. I feel privileged to be able to offer the same opportunity for others within our parish and beyond. This is a completely confidential relationship on a formal basis – one I invite you to consider whether it might be something for you explore. Please feel free to contact me for more information: either to request an initial session with me to see if it is the right thing for you, or help you find a Spiritual Director outside our parish – whichever would make you more comfortable.

Submitted by,

Carol Hayes

Certified Spiritual Director and Member of Spiritual Directors International

Newcomer Wine & Cheese

Our group have met and have planned a Wine and Cheese party to take place on Friday, October 14 at one of our homes. Adults and children are all invited. St. Martin's had not had a welcome party for approximately 4 or 5 years and we want all those who have joined during that time to come and get to know fellow parishioners. We are sending out email invitations but if we missed you please let us know. Also if you would like to come and you have been around for awhile you are most welcome as well. Contact Martha Corcoran at 403-245-1726 or marthaonsimcoe@telus.net.

Calling All Detectives!

Patronal Festival Dinner
Saturday, November 19, 2011

at Knox Presbyterian Church
Open to all ages!
Watch for ticket sales in October.

To help organize call
Laurie McIntosh
(403-242-0047).

St. Martin's Sunday School

The children's program at St. Martin's includes prayer, singing, reading from the Bible, and interactive activities based on a curriculum called Seasons of the Spirit ENCORE- a lectionary-based, ecumenical resource created by an international team of writers and editors whose vision is to provide "resources that empower all ages to be transformed in Christ as they:

- explore meaning and mystery in the Bible;
- celebrate in worship, sacraments, education, and service;
- engage in ministries of love, justice, and witness;
- and live in inclusive communities of faith, shaped and led by the Holy Spirit."

(From Seasons of the Spirit)

There are three school age groups:

The senior group: grades 4 - 6 (ages 9 to 11)

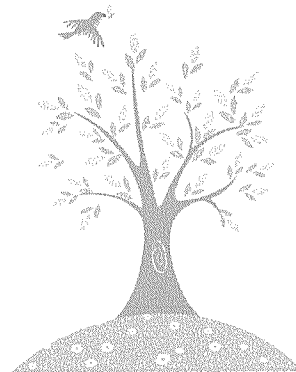
The intermediate group: grades 1- 3 (ages 6 to 8)

The beginner group: preschool - kindergarten (ages 3 to 5)

Who teaches Sunday School? St. Martin's Sunday School is run completely by volunteers. Presently we have one coordinator responsible for organizing the curriculum for each of the three groups. To make the children's ministry possible, parents are asked to volunteer to teach some Sundays throughout the year.

The lessons and all materials are prepared by the coordinator.

If you are interested in teaching or would like more information, please contact Danielle Wahl dewahl@shaw.ca, 403-698-6987.



Worship at St. Martin's

Sunday Mornings

8:30 The Chapel: Knox Presbyterian Church
3704 37th Street SW

10:00 The Calgary Academy, 9300 - 17th Ave.
Sunday School, Youth Group, Nursery

Mid-Week Every Thursday *Beginning September 8th*

10am The Chapel
Mid-morning Eucharist followed by refreshments and a reflection / discussion on scripture and the Christian life.

Contemplative Prayer 4th Sunday of the Month

at St. Laurence in Lakeview :
5940 Lakeview Drive, SW

7:30pm A contemplative service with readings, a brief reflection, candle-light, silence for prayer.

The Prayer Place: a mid-week spiritual pick-me-up

By the middle of the week are you feeling a bit tired? Spiritually dry? Are you looking for a dedicated time to pray? In need of some time to tend to your soul? Then come join us for 30 minutes of prayer and refreshment!

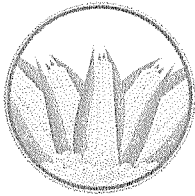
When: 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month,
7:00 - 7:30 p.m., (Oct. 5, 19, Nov. 2, 16)

Where: First three meetings will be at Knox Presbyterian Church.

We will explore various types of prayer. We will stay with each style of prayer for three weeks before moving on to another style.

ONEBODY NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS (MARK YOUR CALENDARS!):



CORN MAZE!

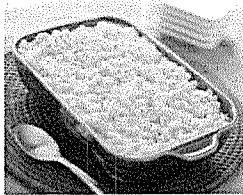
SATURDAY, *October* 15TH, 2011

MEET AT THE CALGARY CORN MAZE FROM 1PM-4PM FOR SOME A-MAZE-ING ADVENTURES! \$10

SCARY MOVIE NIGHT!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29TH, 2011

ST. LAURENCE - 7PM - 10PM - FREE



POTLUCK (EVERYONE!)

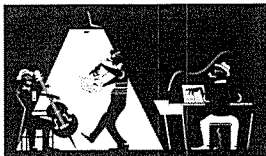
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH, 2011, 6-8PM.

LOCATION TO BE DECIDED! NO NUTS ALLOWED (FOOD OR PEOPLE!)

SENIOR HIGH ONLY EVENT:

BARE AT PUMPHOUSE THEATRE (8PM)

DEBRIEF AT FELLOW YOUTHLING'S HOUSE TO FOLLOW. THIS PLAY IS VERY GRAPHIC AND DEALS WITH MATURE CONTENT. LOOKING FOR CHAPERONES.



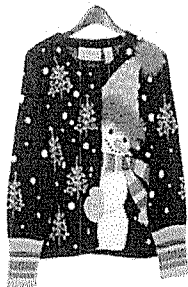
BARBARA BROWN TAYLOR/SOUL FOOD

CHRIST CHURCH, FRIDAY, DEC. 2ND AT 7PM.

COME OUT FOR A UNIQUE SERVICE LIKE NO OTHER!

CLOTHING SWAP - DECEMBER 3RD, 2011!

ALL THREE CHURCHES WILL BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CLOTHING DRIVE/SWAP. YOUTHLINGS WHO WANT TO HELP WITH THE SWAP SHOULD BE DROPPED OFF FOR 10AM AT ST. LAURENCE. THE SWAP WILL BE OPEN TO PUBLIC FROM 12-2PM. ALL EXTRA CLOTHING WILL BE DONATED.



UGLY SWEATER CHRISTMAS GALA!

WATCH FOR DETAILS ON GOOGLE CALENDAR AND FACEBOOK. THERE WILL BE A DANCE WITH DJ DENSITY! AWESOMENESS.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: THE YOUTH WILL BE HEADING OUT TO SORRENTO FOR AN AWESOME WEEKEND OF CAMP FUN. MAY LONG WEEKEND: MAY 18TH-21ST, 2011.

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Contact Jill Thompson at onebodyyouth@gmail.com or 403.999.9396 for more information!

THINGS UP AND COMING . . .

October

Fri.-Sat.	1,2	Diocesan Synod
Sat.	1	Blessing of the Animals Service
Tues.	4	Vestry
Sun.	9	Harvest Festival
Sun.	23	Congregational Meeting - Potluck after 10am Service
Sun.	30	All Saints' Celebration

November

Tues.	1	Vestry
Sun.	13	Patronal Festival
Sat.	19	Patronal Festival Dinner
Sun.	27	First Sunday of Advent - Advent Wreath

December

Sun.	4	St. Nicholas Service
Tues.	6	Vestry
Sun.	18	Pageant Sunday

