

Message from the Rector

This fall promises to be a very exciting time at St. Augustine's. Beginning at 7 pm on Tuesday, September 22, we are holding a Parish Conference with The Rev. Canon Kevin Martin, recently retired Dean of St. Matthew's Cathedral in the Diocese of Texas. He is an inspiring speaker and a foremost expert in the field of congregational development. I am confident that his visit and counsel will be of major assistance in facilitating both spiritual and numerical growth in our parish family.

Other reasons for excitement in our congregation can be gleaned while reading through this issue of The Hippo Herald about the varied programs, courses and activities starting this fall.

I am also excited about the recent forming of a Task Force to explore options for our parish in responding to the refugee crisis in North Africa and Europe.

The most visible cause for excitement is the beautiful and yet very practical renovation to our church building. People in Lethbridge have really noticed that there are things going on at St. Augustine's and everywhere I go folks are asking me about our building project.

Our building renovation is designed to make our church more accessible and therefore more welcoming to as many people as possible. I am confident that in the coming months you and I will see many visitors coming to check the place out. Keep an eye out for them and welcome them! Please introduce them to other members of our church and take them for coffee. Help them to experience the hospitality which is one of the spiritual gifts of St. Augustine's.

I encourage you to invite anyone you know who has attended St. Augustine's in the past but has not been here for a while, especially anyone you know who uses a wheelchair or walker. A number of those folks have stopped coming because of

their disability. You may well find that you have returned some of our Lord's lambs to the flock! Perhaps you could offer them a ride: "Car Hospitality!"

We are all blessed to belong to this wonderful parish. This autumn there are numerous opportunities to get involved. God is acting in our midst in many exciting and life-giving ways.

Peace and grace in Christ Jesus.

James

The Rev. Canon James Robinson
Rector

Our Sunday School is Praying for Another Teacher

Teach a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it. Prov. 22:6

What better way to do this than join our Sunday School team as a teacher? We have two openings for this coming year, and we need you! Share your love of Christ with the youth of our Parish. No experience is necessary, curriculum is provided. It takes a small amount of planning time during the week, and about an hour every other Sunday morning. We have some wiggle room in terms of assignment, so any age you feel comfortable with could be possible. If you have a partner that you might be most comfortable teaching with, ask them too! Contact Wendy Doherty at wendy@staug.org for more information or to apply for this volunteer position.



Thank you to Hannah and Amakobe for manning the church nursery over the summer months. Your consistent and loving care has been a wonderful service to the children and parents alike. Bless you both!

Treasure answer: Narthex

St. Augustine's Youth Groups are back in action!

Middle School is for middle school aged youth in grades 6-8 and meets Thursdays from 6:30 – 8:30 pm.

High School Group is for those in grade 9-12 and meets Wednesdays from 6:30 – 9:00 pm.

We gather together to **CRASH** – **C**ome **R**ejoice **A**nd **S**erve **H**im. Meetings are usually at the Church, but on occasion we will go on field trips elsewhere. Please check the church website for our schedule.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

The countdown has begun in preparation for the training of new Stephen ministers. Perhaps you feel called to get involved in this vital ministry but have doubts, questions or just need more information. Please talk to Rev. James Robinson or Nadia Lehbauer (403-381 1259) or Pam Mundell(403-3284884). The training will begin mid-October but the planning and ordering of supplies is soon so don't delay. Please prayerfully consider this caring ministry and call us today!

CARING MINISTRIES

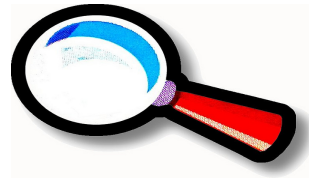
There are many caring ministries at St. Augustine's church and we welcome anyone who might feel called to bring Christ's love to others in the hospital, nursing homes and other care facilities. We are often looking for someone to deliver flowers on a Sunday after the 10am service to parishioners who are sick or in hospital. If this is something you might like to do please call me (Pam Mundell 4033284884)

Evening Group A.C.W. welcomes all Anglican women to join our group. We meet the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Bambrick Rm. We enjoy fellowship with our main service activities - preparing funeral reception lunches

and hosting a coffee party held in November. Our first meeting for the fall is on Tuesday, Sept. 15th at 7 p.m.

Books Wanted - Novels, children's books, etc. that you've read and want to clear out - save them for the coffee party's white elephant sale hosted by the Evening Group in November.

SEARCHING FOR TREASURE



Signs and Symbols in St. Augustine's Church

Treasure #4

Long years ago when the Church was young
All kinds of people came to learn of God's Son.
Not yet allowed to join the Feast of Thanksgiving
They left the service at the Prayer of Consecration

Catechumens, enquiring learners not yet baptised,
Came to worship but apart—not quite inside.
Penitents through sin, their commitment not proven,
Were forbidden the Table of the Lord's Communion,
Until such time as true repentance was shown
With sorrow for sin and action to atone.

I was the place where they all must abide
Until wise elders should prayerfully decide
That their hearts and minds were in accord
To confess Christ Jesus as Saviour and Lord.

Catechumens baptised, penitents forgiven,

They were then welcomed into full communion.

My roof is lower and I'm darker within
As a reminder of this fallen world's sin.
Only Baptism into Christ, the one true Light
Can lighten the darkness and give clear sight.
As you die in Baptism you are robed in white
And rise from death to new life in Christ.

My name, from the Greek, translates as *small case*
But God has a purpose for my special place.
I'm designed to serve in myriad ways,
Especially on Sundays but also other days.
I'm larger than a small case but smaller than a hall,
I'm bigger than a closet but smaller than a mall.
Some call me a *foyer* but to be perfectly correct
You ought to know that I am called the

-Muriel McCuaig
(Answer is hidden elsewhere in the newsletter)

We would love to see YOU at our next craft night!

Our next Craft night will take place October 2nd
from 6 pm – Midnight. Pop in for a short while or
take advantage of an entire evening to finish up
that project you have been working on. Bring
your own craft to work on and we will supply the
space and company.



Are we there yet?

With the passing of time and the steady work of the construction crew, the St. Augustine's renovations are moving closer and closer to completion. We no longer need to imagine what it will be like, we can see much of it already. Many of us can hardly wait to see and enjoy the beauty of the new glassed-in entrance that will protect the children from the cold as they go to their Sunday School classes, the newly landscaped courtyard, the extra light filtering through the St. Mary-the-Virgin stained glass windows into the more spacious narthex, the availability of the new prayer room—a quiet and private space for our weekly offering of the ministry of personal prayer following worship services. Many are also eagerly awaiting the convenience of ramp access into the building, which will help to reduce the challenge of seven different levels in the church, and elevator access to the coffee hour in the crypt, without which fellowship at St. Augustine's is now unthinkable.

When ground is excavated after sixty years, unforeseen discoveries, perhaps more embarrassing than serious, can always be expected. *Build on the rock! Know where to find living water!*—the Church is known for such sound scriptural exhortations. Imagine the consternation, then, when during the renovations the bell tower was found not to be built on any foundation of any sort, and when contractors ruptured an unsuspected water line that was not marked on any city utilities map. Such discoveries can make us as a church flock feel quite sheepish. Despite a little unwanted “living water” in the crypt, however, little harm was done, as project architect Beth Songer assures us, and the new structure was able to be re-engineered.

We can rejoice that thanks to the hard work of the fundraising committee the parish has fully embraced the vision of an accessible church and continues to give generously until our goal of complete financing is reached. And now that we are within sight of this goal, James reminds us that:

The primary reason for our renovation is to make St. Augustine's accessible to all. Such a goal is consistent with our call to embody something of the hospitality and welcome of our Lord Jesus Christ who invites everyone into a living relationship with him and his people.

Let us be mindful of this ultimate goal: to be as inclusive and as hospitable towards our community as our Lord is generous and loving towards all.

Tim Pope, Co-editor, **Hippo Herald**

Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry



“The Lord is close to all who call on Him, yes, to all who call on Him sincerely. He fulfills the desires of those who fear Him; He hears their cries for help and rescues them”. Psalm 145: 18-18 (NIV)

For those needing someone to pray with them, we have in our church a prayer ministry active after our Sunday 10:00 service. At the present time we will meet with those requiring personal prayer near the front of St. Monica’s chapel (on the left hand side of the church). As part of our restoration we will have a private “Prayer Room” near the entry of the church. If you feel the need for private, confidential prayer, someone will be available to pray with you.

Respectfully submitted by Barb Kaupp



The Cursillo Movement

We are all called to serve Christ and to spread the message of salvation. One very effective method to learn how best to serve Christ is through Cursillo.

Cursillo is a worldwide movement of the Church with a strong active representation in the Diocese of Calgary. It is led by laity, both men and women, with active support from the clergy both at the parish and diocesan level.

Archbishop Greg Kerr-Wilson is an active member of the Cursillo movement and strongly encourages the movement as an effective tool in Christ's ministry. In our diocese, two set of weekends (one for men and one for women) are held annually at Entheos Retreat Centre. If any one word could be used to describe a Cursillo weekend, that word would be "love", true Christian agape love.

If Cursillo interests you, I encourage you to contact James, myself Barb Kaupp (403 327 7494), Karen Larsen (403 381 09560 or any of those who have attended a weekend. We can be seen serving coffee every first Sunday of the month after the 10:00 service or go to the "Son Café" banner.

To all Cursillistas- think back to your Cursillo weekend, the experience you had and how it impacted your spiritual life. Now is the time to look around to those in our parish who you feel may be ready to experience a similar experience. Would you be ready to take the step to sponsor them? Do you hear God's call?

The next Cursillo weekends are :

Men's	October 29 to November 1
Women's	November 5-8

The next Lethbridge Ultreya will be October 17, 2015 after the Saturday service. A light supper of soup and buns will be served.

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Report from Provincial Synod

In your daily life and work, do you strive to...

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
2. To teach, baptize and nurture new believers
3. To respond to human need by loving service
4. To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

If so, you have been “Marked by Mission”

“Marked by Mission” was the theme for the 48th Session of the Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert’s Land which I attended as a lay delegate for the Diocese of Calgary. The Synod took place in Manitou Springs, Watrous, Saskatchewan from June 18-21, 2015.

There were many highlights of the gathering and I would like to share a few of those with you.

- The election of the 16th Metropolitan for the Province of Rupert’s Land took place after the opening service on Thursday the 18th. After 2 ballots Bishop Gregory Kerr-Wilson from the Diocese of Calgary was elected.
- National Indigenous Anglican Bishop Mark MacDonald gave an incredible presentation on the Marks of Mission and how the digits of our hand represent the 5 marks of mission.
- There were two Bible Studies using the following scripture readings
Luke 10. 1-9, 17-20 “The Mission of the Seventy”
1 Samuel 3, 1-20 “Samuel’s Calling and Prophetic Activity”
The call for action in Luke and the reminder to listen to what God is calling us to do in Samuel were extremely humbling and spiritually refreshing.
- There was a Gospel Jamboree on Friday evening that was emotionally moving. Every Diocese shared their musical talents (most with no previous rehearsal) to proclaim the gospel through song. Instruments were borrowed and in some cases words were sung from googled words

displayed on electronic media. I felt totally empowered and enabled by the overwhelming presence of the Holy Spirit.

- Dinner and Dance on Saturday evening at the historic 102 year old Danceland was refreshing and fun.
- Sunday morning was the closing worship and the installation of the newly elected Gregory Kerr-Wilson as the 16th Metropolitan of Rupert's Land. The service started outdoors but the torrential rain mixed with thunder and lightning forced us indoors. The loudest clap of thunder coincided with the, now Archbishop Greg, acceptance of the Metropolitan Cross from the other Bishops.

I bring back from this Synod a promise made, from all in attendance, to share this experience in mission based worship with our parish and diocesan families and anyone else in the world who will listen.

Karen Larsen, Provincial Synod Delegate

St. Augustine's monthly visits to Nursing Homes and Long Term Care Facilities

Extendicare	3 rd Thursday 3:15 pm
St. Michael's Health	2 nd Wednesday 10:00
Columbia House	3 rd Wednesday 10:30
Edith Cavell	1 st Wednesday 10:00
St. Therese	4 th Tuesday 10:30
Martha House	1 st Wednesday 2:00 pm
Legacy	3 rd Tuesday 10:30
West Highlands	4 th Wednesday 10:30
The View	2 nd Tuesday 10:30
Sunrise Village	2 nd Wednesday 1:30 pm
Black Rock	2 nd Friday 10:30

A message from the Prayer Quads

We are an intercessory prayer ministry in the church. Some of you may be more familiar with the term “prayer chain”. We call it a prayer quad because each team consists of four members.

Often we find it difficult to pray for ourselves or a loved one during a stressful situation. That is why God has given to some the “Ministry of Intercession”. They stand in the gap for others and take their burden to God in prayer. When we receive a prayer request, that request is prayed for daily until no longer needed and always in strict confidence. We, as a prayer group, have been strengthened in our faith and trust in God because we have witnessed many miracles and also His amazing grace even in those times when we didn’t get exactly what we prayed for.

There is no concern too big or too small to lift to God in prayer. The request doesn’t just have to be an issue. It could be for safe travel for a holiday you have planned, a successful job interview. It also isn’t restricted to only members of our church. All prayer requests are kept in strict confidence. The prayer is lifted up to God, not shared.

If you or anyone you know are in need of prayer, or if this is a ministry you feel God drawing you to, please contact one of the following:

Bev Dorchak	403 328 7176 (leader)
Elsie Morris	403 328 3950 (co-leader)
Church office	403 327 3970

PROPOSED OGAN SCHOOL BENEFIT CONCERT

C/O ST AUGUSTINE'S AND SOUTHMINSTER CHURCHES, DOWNTOWN LETHBRIDGE, ALBERTA

EARLY NOTICE OF A NIGHT OF FUN, ENTERTAINMENT AND CHARITY

Ogan School Benefit Concert is scheduled to take place on Friday the 22nd January 2016 at Southminster Church Lethbridge, at 7:30 pm. This star-studded gospel and chorale music event features the choirs and friends of St. Augustine's Church and Southminster Church, Lethbridge. Admission will be free. Free-will donations will be accepted at the event and beyond through *Bridges of Hope*. You are cordially invited to pass on the message and mark your calendar at this time, for the upcoming wintery heart-warming night of fun, entertainment and charity.

The fund-raising concert is being organised to alleviate the problems of hopelessness from poor education in derelict facilities at Ogan School, by raising awareness and boosting sagging cash-flow for the project.

Ogan Elementary School is in a rural farming community in Ifo Local Government Area of Ogun State, southwest Nigeria. 6 Collapsed 60 years old clay-built classrooms left the 200 pupils cramped in 2 classrooms. 4 classrooms and 6 flushed toilets are being built to give the kids a better facility that is conducive to learning. Earlier this year Classroom 1 was commissioned, Class 2 roofed, and a 270ft deep water borehole was dedicated to the benefit of the schoolchildren and the village at large.

For further information, you may contact: Fola Soboyejo - Ogan School Project Director
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