

"PARISH PULSE"

NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK'S CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPT. 7, 2014

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<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS TODAY</u>- Welcome back to a new term of Sunday School. Today the focus is on Matthew 18:15-20...Listening to Jesus and to each other. Please join us in the Hall after the 10am Service for our Hot Dog Social.

<u>Maintenance Coordinator</u>-Due to recent local interest in the position, we have postponed for now the decision to expand the field of competition. Everyone is warmly invited to enjoy cake in the Hall after the 10am Service to Celebrate Les Edmonds' Custodial Ministry.

<u>Morning Bible Study</u>-starts on Tuesday, September 16, for 10 weeks, 9:30am to 11:30am in the Family Room. The study subject is: Meeting The Holy Spirit. The contact person is Betty Bear: 778-294-0966.

Evening Guild Notice-The members of St. Mark's Evening Guild extend an invitation to all ladies of the Parish to join us for our September meeting on Tuesday, September 23rd, at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Our guest speaker will be parishioner Genelle Leifso. Genelle is an operating room nurse who has travelled many times overseas on medical mission work. She will be sharing some of her experiences with us. We will have a short business meeting prior to Genelle's talk and we invite you to stay for refreshments afterwards. Please RSVP if you plan to attend to: lindaodee@hotmail.com

<u>Ministry Fair</u>-Come one, Come all to the Ministry Fair in the Hall! September 14 after the 8am & 10am Services. This is an opportunity to browse through 20+ Ministry booths & explore new opportunities to get involved at St. Mark's!

Next Sunday's Bible Readings-Number 21:4b-9, Psalm 98:1-5, 1 Corinthians 1:18-24, John 3:13-17

<u>St. Mark's Children's Choir Starts Today</u>-Come join us in the Sanctuary for about 15 minutes after the 10am Service. All children from Kindergarten to Grade 6 are welcome.

<u>St. Mark's Adult Choir</u>-rehearsals resume on Wed. Sept. 10 in the Sanctuary from 7:30pm, until 8:30pm. New members are ALWAYS welcome!

Israeli Folk Dance Classes-beginning on Monday morning, Sept. 8, you can learn to dance the fun, easy, circle dances of Israel in the Parish Hall. Dance to Hebrew songs taken from the Bible. Learn the simple steps to Israeli dancing holding hands together. Women, men and youth are welcome. Cost = \$30 for the 10-week series OR drop in for \$4. Dance class is from 10:15am to 11:15am in the Hall. For more information call the instructor (Shalom Aleichem) at 604-536-0195 or write to her at shalomaleichem@shaw.ca

Prayer Chain Contact-is Lynne Hurd. She can be reached at 604-542-2722 or lynneh1@telus.net

<u>Flowers for the Altar</u>-Today the flowers are given by Robin and Michael Klaver to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Robin's Dad, Richard Sanchez.

St. Mark's Youth-Youth gather on Sundays at 10am in the Youth Room for their learning series: "Crazy Love". What should our response be to the immense love God has for us? How can we break free from the status quo? Also, join us on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at 7pm as we kick off our weekly evening Bible studies with a pizza party! For more information or to sign up for our newsletter visit www.stmarkbc.org/youth/

<u>The Healing Service</u> – Healing Service with the Eucharist, 10am on Wednesday, September 17 – Come and experience the healing touch of our Lord Jesus. Everyone is welcome. **James 5:16** "...pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous (person) is powerful and effective."

Episcopal Visit Sunday, November 16-We are very excited to present our Parish to our new Bishop, The Right Reverend Melissa Skelton, for the first time! If you have any questions or comments please contact a member of the Planning Group: Jack B., Anne S., Linda Z., Betty-Ann B., or Rev. Denise.

The Lunch Basket for Hungry Children-is provided this week by Lawrence and Lynne Hurd to the Glory of God and in gratitude for the life of Wilson Wood.

<u>First Fruits Garden Project</u>- Due to the Ministry Fair on Sun. Sept. 14 there will be no First Fruits Garden Table on that date. On other Sundays (throughout September and October) following the 8am and the 10am Services there will be an offering of the "<u>First Fruits of our produce...</u>" <u>Prov. 3:9</u>, at a table in the Parish Hall. Please donate to this fun and interactive offering of vegetables, fruits, seedlings, flowers, bulbs, etc. by some of our very generous gardeners. 2014 donations will be used for ongoing work in the Memorial Garden.

Brian the Pie Guy-Order your pies from our resident Pie Guy – Brian! \$12 for each full pie, or \$6.50 for each half-pie. Choose from Apple, Blueberry, Strawberry, Raspberry, Peach, Rhubarb, or any "combo" of berries. Or, order a signature Goat Cheese & Blueberry pie for \$15 each, or \$8 for a half-pie. Need a brunch or dinner suggestion? Savoury Tourtiere pies are \$18 each or \$9 for a half-pie. Brian can be reached at 604-538-0269 or at thepieguy@shaw.ca

<u>Seniors News</u> – Wednesday Get Togethers are alternate Wednesdays with the next one on **September 17.** Get together for games in the Family room or chatting in the Library from 1pm to 3:30[m, with refreshments at 2:30pm. Upcoming Events include:

- Fri. Oct. 24 Adult Night At Telus Science World with a murder mystery included, 7-10pm, details regarding the cost of the event and the transportation are available from Sue at 604-531-4931 or email Sue at sinder@shaw.ca
- VSO concerts at the Bell Centre tickets should be here soon; first concert is Mon. Oct. 6 at 8pm. The bus will leave the Church at 6:50pm. Dates for the other concerts are: Nov. 17, Jan. 26, 2015, Apr. 27, 2015, May 24 (a Sunday), 2015. The Christmas concert is Thurs. Dec. 18 at 4pm.
- In the planning stage is a 2-night trip to Victoria in March, 2015, on Denny's bus. Further details will be forthcoming. Sue will have more information at the Ministry Fair on Sun. Sept. 14.

If you are interested in any, or all, of the events, please contact Sue, or call Janet at 604-531-9582.

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday through Thursday

9am to 3pm

Friday 10am to 1pm

Upcoming Events

Monday, Sept. 8

9am - Exercise - H

10:15am - Israeli Folk Dance - H

Tuesday, Sept. 9

9:30am - Bible Study - FR

2pm - ACW - FR

6pm - Men's Club - H

Wednesday, Sept. 10

9am - Exercise - H

10am – Service - Sanctuary

Friday, Sept. 12

9am - Exercise - H

Sunday, September 14

Morning – Ministry Fair in the Parish

Hall

Wednesday, September 17

10am - Healing Service - S

! SAVE THE DATE!

St. Mark's Concert Sunday, October 26

Please note Concert start time has changed to

2:00 pm

Featuring Cellist BENJAMIN LOUWERSHEIMER & Concert Pianist KRYSTYNA TUCKA

Hope You Will Come!

