



## St. Mark – Ocean Park Anglican Church

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## “PARISH PULSE” NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK’S CHURCH **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2015**

**Needed: Children’s Group Leaders for Sunday Mornings** - Kids in our Parish from the ages of 3-9 are in need of your help. We need you to commit once a month for half-an-hour to lead a group of kids with our wonderful easy-to-use curriculum, “Roots”. You would Pray with this group, open the Word up to them, help them Explore & Respond to it and then Send them out to live for Christ. If you can help please contact Rev. Denise at 604-535-8841 or email at [revd@stmarkbc.org](mailto:revd@stmarkbc.org)

**Ladies Evening Guild Meeting**-Tuesday, September 15th at 7 pm in the Family Room. We cordially invite all current members, past and associate members and any ladies who are looking for a group to join at St. Marks to join us. Our guest speaker that night will be Rev. Denise Doerksen. We will have a short business meeting followed by refreshments and fellowship. We hope you can join us. RSVP's to [lindaodee@hotmail.com](mailto:lindaodee@hotmail.com) or to Linda O'Donovan at 604-536-7983 would be appreciated so we know how many chairs to set up.

**The Healing Service**-Healing Service with the Eucharist, 10am this Wednesday, September 16 – 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.”

**Election Day – Monday, October 19**-Please be aware that Parish Council and Elections Canada have arranged for the Parish Hall to be used as a voting place. The Hall will be in “full election mode” from 6am to 9pm that day.

**Set of Knives**-We have another set of knives to raffle off. The raffle takes place today, after the 10am Service. Tickets are \$5 each. All monies raised go to the Church.

**Salmon BBQ**-The annual Men's Club Salmon BBQ will be held Saturday September 19 commencing at 5.30pm. The price is still \$12.50 if you buy your tickets early from Les. Kids under 12 are free. There are some awesome door prizes and entertainment, so come prepared to enjoy yourself.

**Flowers for the Altar**- are given today by Janet Scott to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her parents and parents-in-law: Doug and Connie, Loren, Sheila and Frank. And by Noreen Tyler to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her husband Ron, and also her parents Les and Anne Tyler.

**Lunch Basket for Hungry Children**-is given today by Lynne and Lawrence Hurd to the Glory of God and with thanksgiving for the blessings of our families.

**Prayer Chain Contact**- is Maggie Ferguson. She can be reached at [maggieferguson@telus.net](mailto:maggieferguson@telus.net) or at 604-538-6160.

**St. Mark's Youth**-Join us for the Seek & Find Youth Retreat happening at Camp Kawkawa in Hope, from Fri. Sept. 25/Sat. Sept. 26! A weekend of worship, prayer and fun activities like canoeing, kayaking, archery and riflery. Contact [youth@stmarkbc.org](mailto:youth@stmarkbc.org) for more details and to register. Youth nights will resume this month; stay tuned for updates! Join our Facebook page or sign up for our newsletter at [www.stmarkbc.org/youth](http://www.stmarkbc.org/youth).

**Next Sunday's Bible Readings**-Proverbs 31:10-31, Psalm 1, James 3:13 to 4:3, 7-8a, Mark 9:30-37

**Seniors News**- the next Seniors “Get Together” is Wed. Sept. 23. Contacts are:  
[sinder@shaw.ca](mailto:sinder@shaw.ca) 604-531-4931 (Sue) and [acormode@shaw.ca](mailto:acormode@shaw.ca) 604-531-9585 (Janet)

PARISH OF ST. MARK – OCEAN PARK OPERATING FUND ACCOUNT				
FINANCIAL STATUS at AUGUST 31, 2015				
	Current Month	Year to Date	Budget	Variance
TOTAL INCOME	30,950.65	263,020.42	292,204.00	(29,183.58)
TOTAL EXPENSES	36,573.30	288,189.16	292,204.00	4,014.84
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$(5,622.65)	\$(25,168.74)	-	\$(25,168.74)
For further explanation and details on our financial disposition, please read the Treasurer's Report in the Parish Council Minutes posted on the far left bulletin board in the Parish Hall.				
<b>While we may enjoy vacation time, unfortunately our expenses do not! Please remember our budget commitments. God Blesses us when we Bless Him.</b>				



**Strategic Planning Committee**-Your Parish Council has prayerfully considered the membership of the new Strategic Planning Group which will be consulting and having "Holy Conversations" with you over the next 18 months. During both of today's services, this new group will be introduced and commissioned for the work that lies ahead. Please come and support us as we journey into the future which is full of promise and excitement.

**Diocesan Open House**-Over the summer, the offices of the Diocese of New Westminster have moved from downtown to their newly renovated home at St. John's, Shaughnessy. The Bishop and the Synod Office staff are inviting all of us to their Open House today, Sun. Sept. 13 at 2 pm. Location: 1490 Nanton at Granville in Vancouver. Drive time about 45 minutes. More information at the Diocesan website: <http://www.vancouver.anglican.ca>.

**Want To Know What Is Going On?**-As we work our way into the busy fall season, remember that the St. Mark's website is accessible 24 hours a day every day. <http://www.stmarkbc.org>. Check it out and be in the know.

**First Fruits Garden Project**-Thank you to those who have signed up to assist at the garden table on Sept. 6, 13 and 20th. The last Sunday for the Garden Project will be Sept. 27th. Many, many thanks to all who contribute so generously to this fundraising adventure. August's donation has been sent to the UN High Commission for Refugees = \$465.00

**Creation Care, Our Baptismal Covenant:**-"Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the earth?"  
"I will with God's help." Since having been unanimously affirmed by Parish Council as St. Mark's Environmental Steward at its June 23, 2015 Meeting, I have been working with the Wardens in two main areas:

- 1) to improve our Forest Awareness & Management.  
This included immediately reducing the very high fireload that had accumulated by stockpiling branches & other forest debris; and
- 2) to Reduce / Eliminate St. Mark's Landfill Waste .  
New waste bins for recyclables that the City DOES NOT recycle are marked in the wooden cupboard outside the kitchen door. This wooden storage cupboard has two clearly marked bins:

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Glass, Hard Plastic (No. 4 #1, 2, 4, 5)	Electronics
Wood	Styrofoam (packing only)
	Metals

I look forward to meeting with each parish group during the Fall to brainstorm and to hear your "green concerns"  
There is need for a work party to clear debris covering the base of trunks. Burying tree trunks allows disease that will kill trees.

**Calling "Able-bodied"**  
**Please mark your calendars**

**Save St. Mark's Forest**  
**Saturday September 26**  
**9am – 12:00 noon**

**St. Mark's Creation Care**  
**Anne Schreck 604 – 536 – 0072**  
[anne\\_schreck@shaw.ca](mailto:anne_schreck@shaw.ca)

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Monday, September 14**

9am – Exercise - Hall

#### **Tuesday, September 15**

1pm – Prayer Shawl Meeting – Family Room

7pm – Youth – Youth Room

7pm – Ladies Evening Guild – Family Room

7:15pm – ESL Bible Study – Education Centre

#### **Wednesday, September 16**

9am – Exercise - Hall

10am – Healing Service – Sanctuary

11am – Altar Guild Meeting – Family Room

7:30pm – Choir Practice - Sanctuary

#### **Thursday, September 17**

Preparations for the Salmon BBQ – Kitchen

7:30pm - Strategic Planning Committee Meeting - FR

#### **Friday, September 18**

9am – Exercise – Hall

Set up for the Salmon BBQ – Hall

#### **Saturday, September 19**

5:30pm – Salmon BBQ – Hall

**Olive Pociwuschek - The Order Of The Diocese Of New Westminster**-We are pleased to announce that our Bishop, The Right Reverend Melissa Skelton, has confirmed that the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster (ODNW) will be awarded to Olive Pociwuschek at a special service **at Massey Theatre in New Westminster on Sun. Nov. 1, 2015.** Olive has served as the Coordinator for Coffee Hour (23 years), Area Links Ministry (7 years), and the Visiting Ministry (20 years). Olive served on Parish Council, has been an active ACW member, and provides support to the Eucharistic Home Servers Ministry. She has organized the Christmas Senior's Lunch since it began as a Christmas Tea in 1994. Recently, Olive organized a campaign to restock the church kitchen with a complete set of knives. Olive has been a faithful, driving force at St. Mark Ocean Park, bringing love and compassion to many. She truly exemplifies a loyal, kind and loving servant of God. Congratulations Olive!

### **OFFICE HOURS**

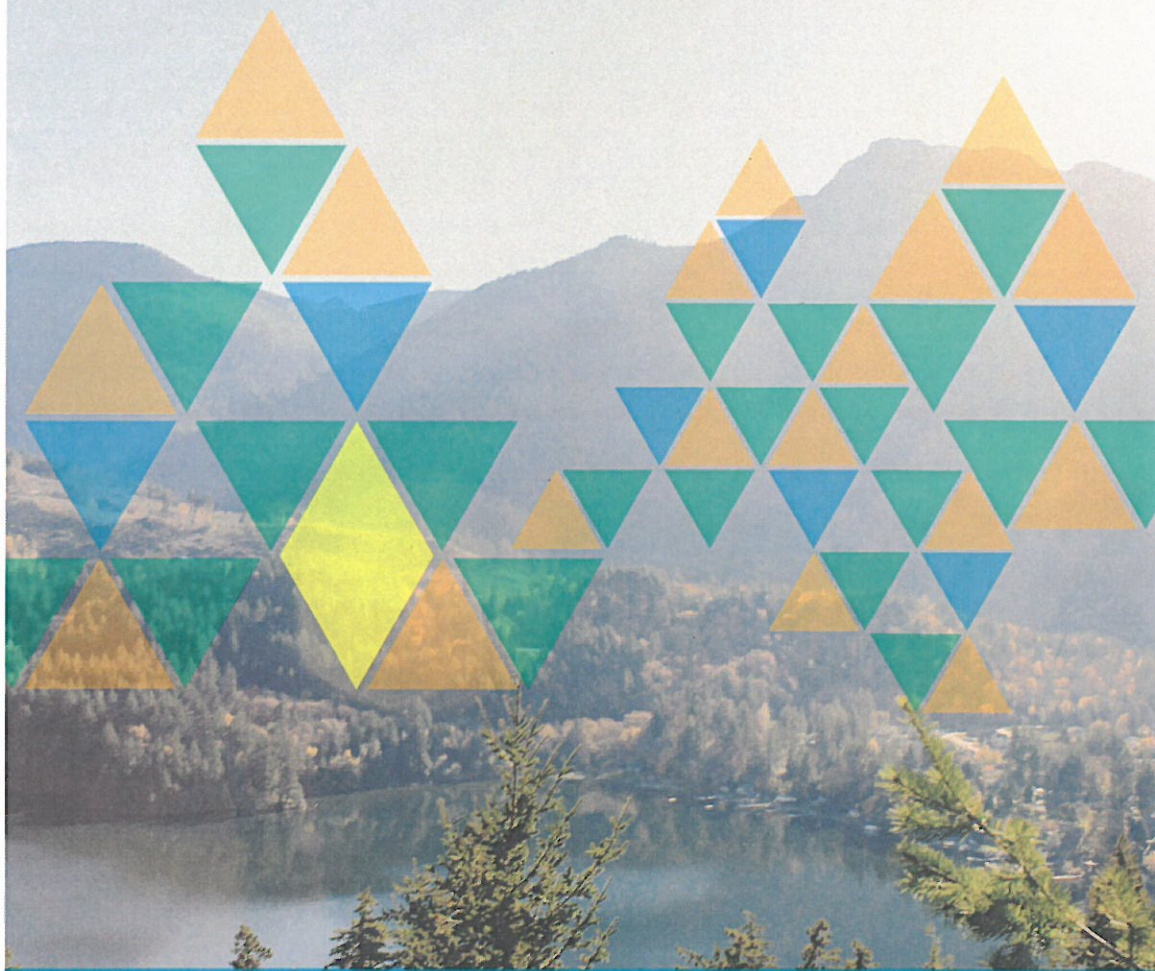
**9am to 12 noon** on Monday

**9am to 3pm** Mon. through Thurs.

**9am to 12 noon** on Friday



# SEEK & FIND YOUTH RETREAT

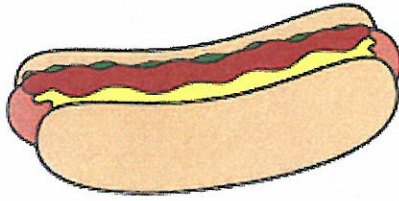


**... COMMUNING WITH GOD, SELF & OTHERS**

September 25 to 26 at Kawkawa Lake in Hope

st. mark's  
+ youth

visit [stmarksbc.com/youth](http://stmarksbc.com/youth) to learn more



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### **Hot Dog Social**

Today is the kick off for  
Sunday School and Registration.

When: after the 10am Service TODAY!

For Who: All St. Mark's Church Family

Where: Parish Hall, right after the  
10am Service

Hosts: Children's Ministry

Cost: Free.

Bring your appetites and come and  
enjoy the fellowship.

