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E-PULSE NEWSLETTER OF ST. MARK OCEAN PARK OCTOBER 30, 2022

Prayer Corner October 30, 2022

"Your decrees are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live." Psalm 119:144

In many ways these are troubling times. We see and hear of wars and violence and injustice. We grieve as so many people live with disregard for you. We wonder — How long, Lord? Where are you in this, God? Our faith reminds us that we can trust in you. You are our hope and our refuge. You are sovereign and your good plans for creation will prevail.

In these times of trial we ask for an increase of faith and love, wisdom and understanding by the power of your Holy Spirit working in us as individuals and as a community. May we:

- Repent of ways displeasing to you
- > Be salt and light to those our lives connect with
- > Be the compassionate hands and feet of Christ to those in need
- > Welcome others into the family of believers you sustain at St. Marks

<u>PURDY''S CHOCOLATES</u> are once again available for purchase to support the Ladies Guild this Christmas season. You will find catalogues in the Narthex. Please submit your paper order by Sunday November 27 to any Guild member or to Isabel or Linda.

You can also order your chocolates online (before November 30) by using the following link. It takes you to our account at Purdy's and your order will roll up to our account (41550) Your chocolates will be available for pickup on Sunday December 11.

https://fundraising.purdys.com/932138-99763

Please contact <u>isabelchernoff@telus.net</u> 604-531-6828 or <u>lindaodee@hotmail.com</u> if you have any questions

<u>The ACW is collecting for the Mission to Seafarers</u>, which supports Seafarers around the world. The Mission has the Flying Angle clubs in 200+ ports around the world, these are safe places for all Seafarers. For more information go to www.flyingangel.ca/about.

You will find we have set up a table in the Narthex to collect items for the Mission to make into gifts for all the Seafarers in the Port of Vancouver at Christmas. Please remember that COVID has prevented the Seafarers from going outside the port.

The items needed are socks, with some wool content, mitts, gloves, work gloves, toques, and cowls, (scarves are not allowed on board ships due to the danger they could cause, such as strangulation), also needed are toiletries for both male and female, toothpaste is one item with a big need, toothbrush, shaving cream, nail files and so on. Also, magazines such as National Geographic, Our Canada, Beautiful British Columbia, Readers Digest and sports. Also puzzles, cards and stuffies. The stuffed animals are kept as items that can be obtained by Seafarers heading home, they often have no time to shop but would like something to take home to their families. Thank You for helping us support this cause. For any information, please contact Kathryn by e-mail hkmasmith@shaw.ca or phone (604-560-1455/778-549-0858).

<u>READINGS FOR SUNDAY ON NOVEMBER 6</u> – Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18, Psalm 149, Ephesians 1:11-23, Luke 6:20-31

We are happy to announce that our annual SENIOR'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON will be back this year. It is scheduled for Wednesday, December 14, 2022 in conjunction with the regular SAVVY SENIOR'S gathering. A 3-course hot lunch will be followed by entertainment by Kerry O'Donovan. Invitations will be available soon. If you have not previously attended this event, and would like to, please advise the office or one of the event leadership team. This event is intended for our Super Seniors – approximately 80+ but we welcome anyone who would like to be a guest and we also welcome younger seniors to be part of the event team. Please contact one of us with any questions.

- Isabel Chernoff, Sue Indridson, Linda O'Donovan, Lynne Brownridge



SOUPER SUNDAY IS BACK!!

Your Community Outreach Ministry is back in the kitchen making homemade soup! We will take orders in the Narthex for our popular & savoury Hamburger Soup on these Sundays: Oct 30 & Nov 6.

\$10.00 per Litre and \$5.00 for Half Litre.

Take your pre-ordered soup home on Sunday, Nov. 13

All the funds raised will go to the Lunch Basket for Hungry Children program.

#1 Update! - ST. MARK'S YOUTH GROUP - To help make the Refundable drive for our Youth Group more accessible to you. An account has been opened at the White Rock Return it Depot! You can now bring your refundables to the depot instead of dropping them off here. Refundables will no longer be collected in the Church Hall. Thank you for your ongoing support.

<u>ST. MARK'S YOUTH GROUP</u> welcomes youth ages 10 to 16 Friday evenings here 7-9pm. Come for fellowship, activities and connection. St Mark's Youth Group now has an Instagram page! You can find us under "St Mark's Youth Group". We will post updates on events and activities here as well as the Church calendar and FaceBook. Please connect with Sarah via yministryrsvp@gmail.com if you want to join us.

St Mark's Youth Ministry is welcoming all who are interested in the Safe Adult program. Please reach out to Sarah, via yministryrsvp@gmail.com for more information.

<u>SAVVY SENIORS Get Together</u> with chat, bridge and Rummicube in the Parish Hall this <u>Wednesday November 2</u>, from 1pm-3:30pm. Contact: Sue Indridson <u>sinder@shaw.ca</u> 604-531-4931

<u>FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR</u> - are given by Victoria and John Finley in gratitude for the support of all the faithful volunteers who allow our service and social time afterwards to proceed.

<u>THE LUNCH BASKET FOR HUNGRY CHILDREN</u> - is provided this week by Shelley Bosetti-Piche to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the birth of granddaughter Billie Mai.

<u>READING MINISTRY</u> – As we look forward to Advent and a new year, the 10am Service welcomes new readers to join our Ministry. If you are interested in reading please email Lauren MacPherson at <u>maclauren99@gmail.com</u>

<u>OFFERING UPDATE – eTRANSFER</u>

We gratefully offer our third instalment about ways to give to St. Mark Ocean Park. The generosity of all members of our church family is always appreciated, and financial gifts are acknowledged along with a tax receipt shortly after the end of each year.

To offer a variety of electronic donation options, in addition to our Electronic Donation Station (EDS), our church is also able to receive offerings directly via eTransfer using online banking. eTransfers are a safe and efficient way to send money that is deposited automatically into the church's bank account. They can be done from the comfort of your home, or via your mobile device. If you aren't familiar with how to send an eTransfer, detailed instructions may be found on the 'Donations' page of the Parish of St. Mark website. The email address to use for this type of auto-deposit is: stmark.op.treasurer@gmail.com

If you have questions, please contact Brenda Horner (Donation Secretary) bhenze@shaw.ca; speak to the Treasurer (Cecilia Wong); or contact the church office for assistance.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

OFFERING UPDATE - EDS

In addition to the information provided in last week's Pulse, we have just learned that donations using Apple Pay and Google Pay on your mobile device may also be processed at our Electronic Donation Station (EDS) located in the Narthex. Simply use the 'tap' feature on the Point of Sale (POS) terminal as you would with a debit or credit card. Easy!



Turn Trash into \$ Cash \$

 10^{th} and final metal recycling event! Check the table at the west wall of the Hall for Re-Use-ables and keep it out of the landfill.

Saturday, November 19 from 9am to 11am, dropped off behind the church.

11am to 12noon load and transportation to the depot.

- 3 pickup trucks or trailers required.
- Anne Schreck 604-536-0072

THE LUNCH BASKET FOR HUNGRY CHILDREN provides funding for lunches to nine single mothers and 17 children. Please help support these families by choosing a 2022 date (see chart below) to support these families and have a dedication in the weekly Pulse. The suggested donation of \$70 can be made by e-transfer, the Donation Station, or by dropping off a cheque in the mailbox at the church office. email or phone Darlene W. or Barb G. with your <u>dedication</u>.

| November 6 | Elli Mitchell & Nick Timms |
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| November 13 | Joy and Doug French |
| November 20 | Joy Prior |
| November 27 | Elizabeth Darbyshire |
| December 4 | Irene Snow |

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE MADE DONATIONS FOR OUR FLOWER

If you would like to have flowers on the Altar, please see the chart below. The Altar Guild is willing to purchase the flowers and have them arranged. Please contact Kathryn Smith: 604-560-1455 or e-mail hkmasmith@shaw.ca

| November 6 | |
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| November 13 | Ken and Pat Miles |
| November 20 | Shirley Parel |
| November 27 | Lawrence and Lynne Hurd |
| December 4 | Charles and Isabel Powell |

WANT TO BE INCLUDED IN SUNDAY INTERCESSIONS? If so please contact the Office at 604.535.8841 OR call or email Michael Klaver: 778.386.1973 klaverfamily@shaw.ca

<u>PRAYER CHAIN</u> – The Coordinator for the prayer chain is Lynne Hurd at <u>lynneh1@telus.net</u> or you may phone at 604.542.2772.

St Mark's Family, Youth and Children's Time

Subscribe to our youtube channel https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLHs8LO-SfLI0_i0FX3hJNg or follow the link from our webpage. http://stmarkbc.org/

<u>WE CONTINUE</u> TO LIVE STREAM our Sunday Worship. To access the online Service go to our Church's website: <u>www.stmarkbc.org</u> On the homepage that opens, click on the service's video, or where it says: "St Mark Online Worship Services". If you would like to watch or listen to some of our older services you may go into the YouTube archives through our Parish website <u>www.stmarkbc.org</u> and click on "St Mark Online Worship Services". Alternatively you can use these links: <u>tinyurl.com/St-Mark-Online-Video-Channel</u> OR https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLHs8LO-SfLI0_iOFX3hJNg

<u>How To Reach Reverend Stephen Laskey</u> - Please use the following email address to contact Reverend Laskey: <u>PinCStephenLaskey@outlook.com</u> Also, you can call him at the Church Office (604.535.8841). If your call goes to voicemail, leave a message and your telephone number for Reverend Laskey. He will check voicemail messages and will return your call.