

Services Wed. 10:30 am  
Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 am

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## A Word from Canon Kevin

The Church, said William Temple, is the only society in the world that exists for the benefit of its non-members. There could be no truer statement.

The church, when it reaches its proper stride, is looking outward. The church at work is focused on seeking to find those who need the love and healing of Jesus. Many have dismissed the church as incapable of making a difference in this world. Nothing could be further from the truth. N.T. Wright wrote a great defense of the Church in the Spectator earlier this summer. In it he writes:

*"[The Church] exists not to rescue people from the world but to rescue them for the world: to see lives transformed by the gospel so that people can discover a new depth and resonance of what it means to be human, precisely by looking beyond themselves to God, to the beauties and glories of his creation, and to their neighbours, particularly those in need...[the church does this] ...through soaking itself in the Bible and immersing itself in the needs of the world. When God wants to change the world, he doesn't send in the tanks ... He sends in the meek; and by the time the world realizes what's going on, the meek have set up clinics and schools, taught people to read and to sing, and given them a hope, meaning and purpose which secular modernism has failed to provide."*

This has happened all over the globe and it has happened down the street. For many of us it has happened in our own lives. Many of us who worship here do so because at some point our lives have been transformed, changed, made new, because of the witness of another community, another disciple, another seeker.

So what are we called to do? We are called to do ask Jesus commanded:

*On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among*

*them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." - John 20:19-23*

So we are called to be the evangelists. Now don't be alarmed, no sweaty preacher on TV being suggested here. No – What I am suggesting is that we all have a call to go and “make disciples of all nations and peoples” as the Great Commission reminds us. John's Version of it above speaks specifically to using the Holy Spirit that we have received from God. We are sent to go and forgive, to heal to transform.

On September 25<sup>th</sup> we will be celebration **BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY**. It is our opportunity to invite those who we know to join us at St. Mark's for church. As we have done in the past on “Bring a Friend Sunday.” We will endeavor to invite those who have perhaps lapsed from attending church, or those who have never known a church community in their lives. We all have a task here; invite someone to join us that week. If you are reading this and you have been away from church for a while, please plan to join us – this is an invitation to you as well. We want people to know that God is doing great things in the lives of the people of God. We want people who are not with us to come and join in the sense of community, love and outreach that we embody.

Let us be the harbinger of hope that God has called us to be and invite others to come and meet the One who knows us entirely, who knows us inside and out.

See you September 25 at 8 am and/or 10:30 am.



## Catch the spirit news



### Pastoral Care

Our team has been organized and trained to provide company and support to our church family. There are nine members on the team and two are scheduled each week to visit anyone that would like our company. We visit people who are shut-ins, people living in nursing homes, and connect with them from St. Marks by the Lake. Our next step is orientation in the hospital setting. We then will be able to visit you if you are in the hospital.

Sometimes we just talk to people on the phone, but most often, we pay a visit to your home. We are strengthening our bond with you offering our community's friendship and love. Most importantly, we want to let people know we are thinking about them and we care about them.

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If you know of anyone that would benefit from a visit, please contact me at [blyons6@cogeco.ca](mailto:blyons6@cogeco.ca) or call the church office. We would love to hear from you.

Regards,

*Barbara Lyons*



### CHURCH GARDENS

We offer a big "Thank You" to all the wonderful volunteers who have been helping through the summer. Watering and caring for the Church gardens is an important job. Thanks to our volunteers, the gardens are looking beautiful.

We will continue to need help throughout the Fall season. Please sign up at the Welcome Desk if you are able to help for a week.

*Sincerely, Marion Hinton*



Just wanted to thank you and the Sunday School, for planting the pepper plants! I just returned from the Unemployment Centre on Cantelon, with yesterday's donation, along with some cherry tomatoes from my garden. As I was leaving, a young woman ran to catch up with me, thanking me, for what would be used the rest of the week, for her family. She saw me delivering the produce, and went back in to see if she could have some. She was very appreciative for our donation.

Such a little bit of fresh produce, has made her family's week a little more enjoyable. As small a donation as this was, it was greatly appreciated. Please remember the fresh produce when you are shopping or perhaps growing. *Bev Watson*



## Catch the spirit news

### Sunday School begins Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>!

We are excited about offering a new class this year for little ones ages 3-4! This will be in addition to the classes for those 5-7 yr. and 8-11 yrs. All children begin in church and we leave together, following the children's focus. We return to our families in time to celebrate eucharist together and remain in church after that. We will continue to use the rotations model this year. Our first story is a powerful one about the life of **Moses!** We will spent 6-8 weeks learning about the important events in Moses life through workshops ( drama, art, baking, science, games, music).



Registration forms for Sunday school will be at the welcome desk.

### ***A Special Note:***

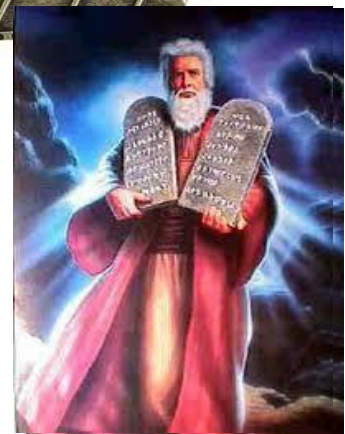
*On Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, Bishop Bob Bennett will celebrate Confirmation at The Feast of All Saints. Anyone wishing to be confirmed, please contact the office at 735 4921.*



### **Pasta and Movie night!!!----- Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> 6-830pm**

On Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>, we'll be showing an animated version of 'The Ten Commandments'. A great movie for the whole family!!

Pasta dinner at 6pm in Wellwood hall, followed by the movie at 7pm in the church. Bring your pillows and we'll have the popcorn!! Bring a friend!!



## Financial Update • August 2011

As approved at Vestry 2010, we started a process to borrow \$70,000 from the Diocese. In June, diocesan council approved a ten year loan at favourable rates. The funds have been used to make final payment to our building contractor with interest over the last two years at 5%. To service the diocesan loan and WFCU mortgage will require about \$78,000 annually. To date we have received \$52,000 in capital contributions due in large part to two sizeable donations. We expect regular pledged

contributions and Steak BBQ proceeds to be sufficient to cover debt repayment costs this year.

The interest rate at WFCU is still at 8.25%, so we continue to look for willing investors to lend the parish monies at 5% and lower our overall debt costs. To date, several parishioners have come forward with \$20,000. There is still some paperwork to complete. Principal repayments are due in five years.

We normally have an operating deficit at this

time of year, but it is larger than planned at \$20,000. The increased deficit is due to lagging regular offerings, delayed fundraising events and other incomes. Property costs are higher than expected but offset by lower outreach & utilities spending.

As always, we trust that being aware of the parish's financial position will guide you in any decisions regarding contributions, investments, and other activities.



Jesus is our only ladder to heaven

## Property Report

Once again I'd like to thank you for reporting things that need our attention by listing them in the property committee log book found at the welcome desk. It is very helpful to us in keeping track of needed repairs and takes the pressure off our rector who as you are all aware, has enough on his plate and I don't mean dinner plate. So feel free to jot down any repairs or suggestions it really speed up the process and we can actually get things fixed in as little as two weeks. Thanks to

your reporting, 12 kneelers were removed, repaired and replaced. Much thanks to Jerry and his magic workshop. A plumbing disaster at the rectory had a leak in the "Vatican" causing the ceiling above the "Anglican" to sag and fall into the lower level. Yours truly, after answering a frantic call from our rector arrived and was able to repair the leak and secure the "Vatican". Damage to Lower ceiling to be repaired so on. The clogged and damaged eaves-trough will be

attended as soon as we get through with this 40 days and nights of rain. It would have been repaired sooner but one our committee members has been involved in weapons research and has left us shorthanded. Something about "every Canon should have a cannon." Speaking of being short handed if you have any "Mr. fix-it skills" and can count to ten, see Bob or Jerry and join our team.



## Catch the spirit news

### Warden's Report

It's been a busy summer at St. Mark's by the Lake and it's hard to believe that it's nearly the end of August and we're beginning to prepare for our traditional Autumn events (and some new ones). The Wardens, Parish Council and the congregation as a whole were very sad to say goodbye to Dave Goetz and his family.

Dave and Gisella worked tirelessly for the parish and we will miss Gabby and Braeden's joy and enthusiasm.



Sales of "St. Mark's Clothing" continue to go well. These good quality, eye-catching items have been spotted around town - well done, congregants!

We're sure that many parishioners will wear their shirts during the upcoming golf tournament on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

We also enjoyed the Tecumseh Corn-Festival Parade on Saturday August 27<sup>th</sup>.

The "Blessing of the Backpacks" will take place on Sunday August 28<sup>th</sup>. Donated backpacks and school supplies will be distributed to children in need throughout Windsor and Essex County. Last year we collected 100 backpacks and each and every one went to a deserving student.

Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup> is "Back to Church Sunday" - an opportunity for us all to invite someone to visit our wonderful church and get to know our church family. All are welcome, and it's another great opportunity to donate your St. Mark's clothing!

Autumn means we're also getting ready for our Annual Turkey Dinner - to be held on Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Lesperance.

Thanks in advance to Janet Forster for coordinating this tremendous event. Volunteers are always welcome!! The Turkey Dinner leads into the Annual Steak BBQ and Auction. Look for more details in the next newsletter.

The Wardens would like to thank each and every one of you for all that you do to help make St. Mark's by the Lake a warm and welcoming community.



**ITS ALMOST HERE**



**ST MARK'S BY-THE-LAKE**

Annual Turkey Dinner

Mark the Date

October 2, 2011  
4 pm – 7pm

At the Knights of Columbus  
Hall on Lesperance Rd.

It is a great time...

Admission: Freewill Offering

## Catch the spirit news

### OUTREACH FOR JUSTICE TEAM – Summer 2011

#### Enjoying the Summer?

By now, most of us have been away for a few days or are planning a special trip before the cooler weather. Getting away provides a fresh outlook on our daily lives and provides happy memories to share with others. Unfortunately, not everyone in our community can enjoy such changes. They are busy trying to feed and clothe their families and getting children ready for the school season. Please continue to keep those less fortunate in your thoughts by placing items in our Food Bank box at the back

of the Church. Currently, we are experiencing fresh foods grown in our own yards or that grown by our local farmers. When you have too much, please think of bringing it to Church on Sunday morning. The local Food Bank distribution centre will pick up these fresh products on Monday and deliver it throughout the community to the local food banks. It is most helpful for those in need, to experience the pleasure of fresh fruits and vegetables while they are available.

The Food Bank distribution centre has offered to take us on a **tour of their facility**. If you would like to attend this tour, please give your name to the Welcome Desk and you will be provided the date and time of the visit. A September date is being considered.

We always welcome **new members** to the OJT and would love to see new members come to our meetings, held the **second Monday of each month**. Reminders of the meetings are in the weekly Bulletin.

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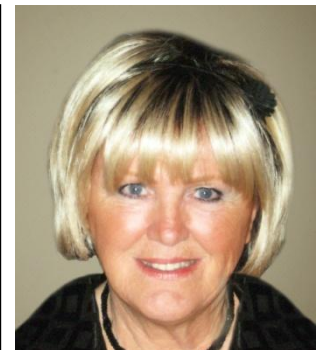


#### A Special Note from Pat Leonard:

My family and I are participating in the Ovarian Cancer Walk of Hope on September 11th at Malden Park. We are doing this in memory of our beloved wife, mother, Nana and friend Linda Leonard who waged a courageous battle with Ovarian Cancer and went to meet our Saviour on Dec.23rd 2010. She has inspired us to raise funds and walk in her memory in the hope that someday women can have this horrible cancer detected in its early stages.

Anyone wishing to make a pledge for this event may do so by contacting me at [pleonard4@cogeco.ca](mailto:pleonard4@cogeco.ca).

**We've Changed Not Because She Left Us; Because She Touched Us**



Linda Leonard

# Catch the spirit news



**SOME RECENT EVENTS**

# St. Mark's by-the-Lake Annual Blessing of the Golf Clubs & Golf Tournament!

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18TH 2011



TITLE SPONSOR: BOSTON PIZZA  
Club Blessing @ 10:30 Mass  
Tee Off time: 1PM



## AT LAKEWOOD GOLF COURSE

Dinner to follow at the K of C on Lesperance

REGISTRATION IS \$75

**Includes:**

- The blessing of the Golf Clubs at 10:30 AM Mass
- Lunch upon arrival at Lakewood provided by Boston Pizza
- 18 Holes with a cart - Texas Scramble
- Two Hole-in-One Contests for a brand new CAR!
- Appreciation Gift
- Dinner at Knights of Columbus - 152 Lesperance, Tecumseh
- Entry for Prize Table

DINNER ONLY \$25

REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH

ALL ARE WELCOME!  
FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT, PARISHIONERS  
& FRIENDS WELCOME.

PLEASE CONTACT:  
NEIL BLAIR @ 8AM MASS  
CHRIS McVEIGH @ 10:30AM MASS  
OR CALL OUR OFFICE 519-735-4921

Your Organizing Team: Chris McVeigh, Elaine Janosik, Sally Chanilton, Neil Blair, Gord Clank & Bob Hubbard

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