

Catch the Spirit News

St. Mark's by the Lake

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Raising the Roof: Draw the Circle Wide



On Sunday June 10th we heard about being the hands and feet of Jesus.

We at St Marks by the Lake know full well the immense responsibility this brings. We as a community have banded together to further the work of the Church in the community. This has brought about the great growth that we have been speaking about for the past year. We have undergone an intense evaluation of our programs and our property through the Markus Committee. That group presented a plan to Vestry in February which proposes to add on to the Church and Hall to allow for the current needs as well as to address some long term planning. The cost of this project is estimated at one million dollars. We have proposed that over 10 years \$200,000 will come from fundraising, \$400,000 from parishioners, and another \$400,000 from the Diocese of Huron. The Diocese has indicated a willingness to partner with us. We now have to show that we are able to

fulfill our commitments. To that end a package was mailed to everyone in the parish which outlined the plans for our future, and the commitment cards on which we can each indicate our own level of commitment over the ten year campaign.

We have been building up over the past three Sundays to our Raise the Roof and Draw the Circle Wider kickoff on June 24, when we will collect the commitment cards. We will then enjoy each others company at our annual Parish picnic.

This process has been very deliberate and careful. We have identified the ministries that are important to our Parish, and which benefit the community. We have identified future opportunities for new ministries as well as the impediments we face in bringing them to fruition.

It is now time for us all to be the hands and feet of Jesus. We must and we will continue to move this community forward to do the work of the Gospel in our neighborhood and beyond. We hope to see everyone on June 24 as we kick off this exciting time of growth during Mass and following at the Parish Picnic.

For the Wardens

Scott Shields



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Special points of interest:

- Terry Fox Run celebrates its 27th Anniversary
- Support the Sunday School Heifer project
- Are you going to the Sesquicentennial?

Vacation Bible School



St. Mark's will be hosting an evening vacation bible school for children ages 4-12, the week of August 20th! The program will run from 6-830pm nightly from Aug. 20-24th, and 'round-up' with a special service on Aug. 24th for the children and their families.

The theme is *"Avalanche Ranch: A Wild Ride Through God's Word!"*

The children will hear stories during their 'Wild Bible Adventures', enjoy 'Horseplay Games', music at the 'Sing and Play Stampede', and participate in 'Cowpoke Crafts and Missions'! Yummy western chow will be served at the 'Chuck Wagon'! You won't want to miss out on this fun summer event! Registration and more information will be available on June 24th!!

Volunteers will be needed to help with the VBS! Come out and share your talents! Know how to make s'mores? Can you play the harmonica? I'll have more information ready for June 24th - dust off your cowboy boots and come on out and be a part of the fun!



Earth Day

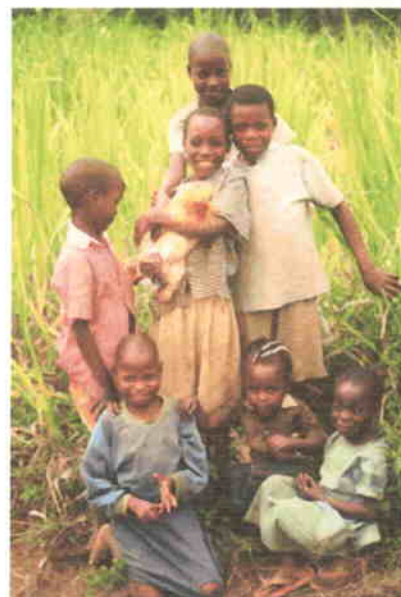
For earth day, we participated in tree planting with ERCA at Malden Park. The kids were all ready with gloves, shovels and saplings!! We had hoped to plant more but they ran out of trees!! We had a good day, enjoying nature and being together!!



Heifer Project

Throughout the year, the children have made weekly donations towards the Heifer Project. This year, they really wanted to buy a Water Buffalo! Did you know that water buffalos provide milk and are very strong to be able to help plow fields and be used to carry heavy loads on land and in water? What an awesome animal!!

With a generous donation from the choir, we are able to also purchase some chickens and bees! These purchases will assist families in other countries by providing food and income for them and will provide schooling for children. Thanks so much for your help! A little money goes a long way!



Terry Fox Run

This year marks the 27th Anniversary for the Terry Fox Run in Tecumseh. We will hold the Run on Sunday September 16th from 8:30 - 12:30. I am excited to be on this year's organizing committee and as the volunteer coordinator, I am looking for people who would like to volunteer some time towards this great cause of raising money for Cancer Research.

We need volunteers for the Run Day as well as the pre-events in the weeks leading up to the Run. If you have a couple of hours and would like to help, please contact Allyson McKrow at 519-735-1831 or amckrow@cogeco.ca



A single dream. A world of hope.
The Terry Fox Foundation

Parish Profile – Kathy Wight

When one thinks of volunteerism Kathy Wight would be one of the first names to come to mind. She has been involved in outreach programs for much of her life having been instrumental and involved in many programs at St. Mary's Anglican Church in Walkerville before coming to St Marks by the Lake in 2003.

After teaching Sunday School for several years she started working for refugees in 1987. In 1989 she became Chair of the Huron Refugee Committee and formed the St Mary's refugee Committee in May 1990. To date 49 refugees have been sponsored by St Mary's and are now settled in Windsor.

The list of her commitments is endless and we are

very fortunate that she has now taken over leadership in this Parish. She started the Amnesty Petitions here in 2004 and began the Outreach for Justice Committee in 2006. Kathy is very humble about the many rewards she has received over the years and stresses that the best part of her involvement in all this volunteering is meeting such interesting and wonderful people who are involved in these projects and the actual refugees themselves of course.

Kathy buried her life-long partner Bill in 1999 after knowing him all her life and being married for 40 years. Her son George and his British wife Heather have two children and daughter Kathy and husband Gary had three children but sadly

lost their youngest, Sarah who would have been 15 years old in December 2006, at the age of two and a half after a life-long illness.



The Outreach for Justice Committee is now very active at St Marks by the Lake thanks in part to the dedication of Kathy and those others involved. She has brought the plight of others less fortunate than ourselves to the attention of the congregation and continues to work tirelessly towards this end.

Outreach Update



There is much need for justice in the world. There has been great need and there will be great need. There are also myriad ways for us as a community to address need. It would be easy to allow ourselves to be overwhelmed. Where to begin? What to do? There seem to be so many hands out everywhere. How impossible it all seems! At St. Mark's alone, a partial list of organizations we support would take half a page! Oh-migosh!

But... justice is justice and not a contest, we are not here to raise the **most** money or do the **most** work for others. Justice is also not a tax, we aren't required to commit resources or time at any set level. Justice is a small step, a small act of kindness. The small steps of many added together become the giant leaps.

Your Outreach and Justice Team is here as a focus, a go-to source of information and planning to help the parish community do justice in the world. If you want to help do justice for others but aren't sure what is needed or how to go about it we have a list of or-

ganizations that we regularly support. Ask any Justice Team member or call the church office. OJT offers our services as a clearing house. We are here to help you reach out to the community in any way that we can.

The St. Mark's Outreach and Justice Team is pleased to report on recent activity. Elise Harding Davis's benefit dinner for a homeless African family was attended by 13 persons from St. Mark's! We are engaged in ongoing justice work through donations of various kinds to the organizations we are focused on supporting. The Aids Committee of Windsor is very grateful for our donations of clothing and personal care items. We are currently organizing donations to The Homeless Coalition. A list of some items they need was circulated in the Church Bulletin and is available from the committee members or the church office. The Outreach Team is soliciting contributions for our Lenten Reflections booklet. This booklet will be made available during Lent 2008. It will consist of quotations, poems, prose pieces

or what have you that remind us of God's presence in the world.

Those are just some of the ways that this parish promotes justice. We are creating some new opportunities to serve others. The OJT introduces our "We Care Committee". This group will consist of volunteers to do small acts of kindness for our specific parish community members. A casserole delivered to someone who just needs a break from a traumatic event is a small kindness. A book read to someone who is ill, a ride to an appointment when there is need will help us build our own community. Anyone who is interested in volunteering for "We Care" please contact a Justice Committee member or the Church office. Also, if you need or you are aware of someone who needs this service let us know.

In peace, your Outreach and Justice Team: Bev Watson, Nancy Nosanchuk, Judy Gelinias, Angie Touvinen, Alyce Sande, Shauna French, Kathy Wight, Robert Hubbard and Ed Sears.

How do you know when you're getting old?

Everything hurts... and what doesn't hurt, doesn't work
You feel like the 'morning after' but you haven't been anywhere the night before
You get winded playing chess
Your children begin to look middle aged
You decide to procrastinate but never get around to it
You know all the answers, but nobody asks the questions
You sit in a rocking chair and can't get it going
Your knees buckle and your belt won't
You begin to regret all those times you resisted temptation
Your back goes out more often than you do
The little old gray haired lady you help across the street is your wife



OUR PRIEST IS WELL ROASTED

KEVIN OFFERS HIS THANKS

On June 1st over 160 people enjoyed a wonderful meal at the K of C Hall on Lesperance. The evening was great fun as it was an opportunity to Roast the Rector. I was very appreciative of all the work that went into this great event. Stacy Adam made the night and she is to be congratulated for her hard work and her organization.

Susan Pedler of the CBC did a stellar job of emceeing the event. Tony Doucette was hilarious and his presence was appreciated all the more knowing that he left at 11 and drove to Barrie for another commitment. Thanks so much Tony! Scott Shields was well spoken as always. Scott is a great friend and I am grateful to him for all that he does. Joe Comartin also offered a stellar performance. Joe you are a great gentleman and nowadays that is a quality we do not always see in our parliamentarians. Thank you for your digs and thank you for your faith and your conviction. I was surprised that John Anderson was speaking and I was thrilled. John knows me so well and was a great speaker on Friday. Thanks John for giving me a couple of good slaps! The Bigger surprise was Lucas who stood and sang for us the "one thing" I taught him — "I'm a Rover Seldom sober." Well done Lucas. Jerry Marcotte may seem a little on the quiet side to many, but give him a microphone and invite him to do stand up and the man becomes Jerry Seinfeld. Thanks Jerry for my investiture as a Knight of Columbus — temporary as it might have been. Valerie Henley is the new parish administrator and she too, took her best shot at the rector. Thank you, for your work in preparation for this big night. All of these though were opening acts for Joking Geoff. We all know how funny Geoff can be. His roasting routine was hilarious. Thanks for everything Geoff. I really appreciate all that you do.

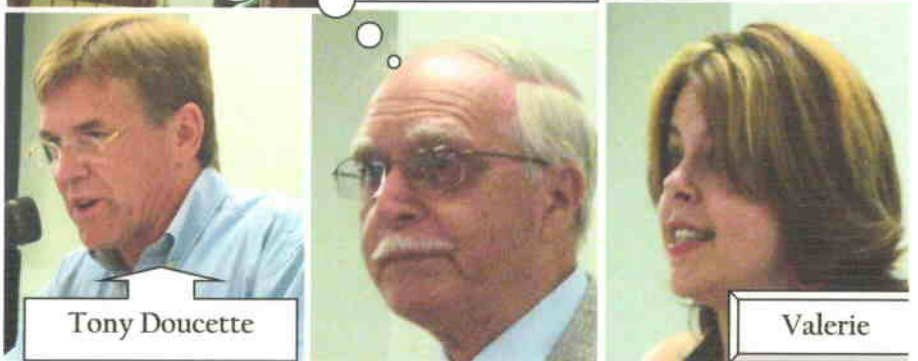
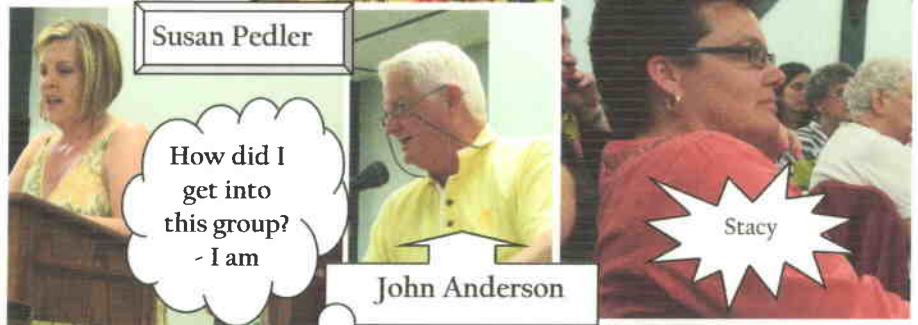
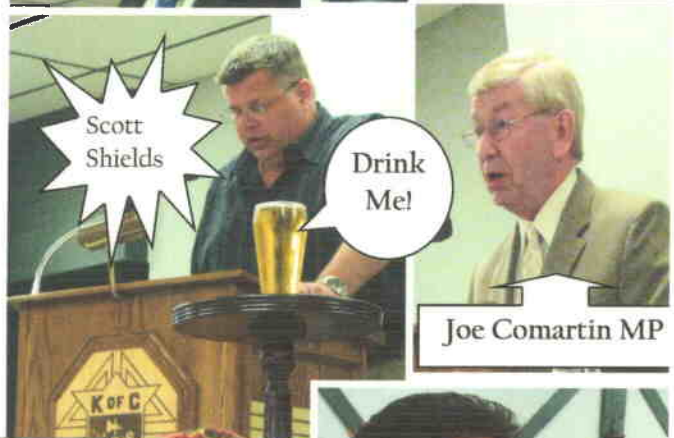
I was thrilled to celebrate 10 years of ordained ministry with 160 people from the parish and with such a fine group of roasters. Marion Hinton made wonderful centerpieces with my favourite flower — "The Bird of Paradise." These centerpieces were replete with a wonderful variety of bobble head Kevin's, NL Flags and greenery. Rob Agnew donated a wonderful digital stereo that Stuart and Thea Dawson sold squares on — it raised over \$1100 for the church. Thank you, Rob and Thank You Stuart and Thea for working so hard to fill the board. All that together with the ticket sales means that we would have raised over \$4000. This night was a great Fundraiser but more than that it was a terrific FUNraiser.

I said at the end of the evening that ministry has been great to me because I have such a fine parish of disciples to minister with. I am so grateful for all that people do in this magnificent parish.

Catherinanne put together great photos and a great program full of photos that were at the tables when we got there. It had

a great reflection on me and icebergs which you can read on the next page. It was really neat — not so neat to see how small I USED to be! I am so fortunate to have such a great partner in ministry. My wife is not just a sounding board but also a great pastoral presence in this parish as she was in my previous parish. Thank you, Catherinanne for being at my side — I Love you. You are the best.

THIS YEAR KEVIN CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF ORDAINED MINISTRY - WHAT BETTER WAY TO CELEBRATE THAN LAUGHING AT HIMSELF!



A WIFE PAYS TRIBUTE TO HER HUSBAND

WRITTEN BY CATHERINANNE GEORGE FOR KEVIN'S 10TH ANNIVERSARY



Padre Catherinanne

SOME ICEBERG FACTS

Typically, only one ninth of the volume of an iceberg is above water. The shape of the remainder under the water can be difficult to surmise from looking at what is visible.

The icebergs that reach the east coast of Newfoundland probably calved from a glacier more than a year before. The glacial ice that icebergs are made of may be more than 15,000 years old! (Ancient truth and connection bind us in faith...)

Despite their size, the icebergs of Newfoundland can move up to seven thousand kilometers a year, making them among the fastest moving icebergs in the world. (We can all agree that Kevin has quite a propensity for movement and energy!)

Icebergs often take quite eccentric paths so that the distance travelled by a berg may be two or three times the straight line distance over a week or so. (Sound familiar? He also covers a great deal of ground!)

When an iceberg melts, it makes a fizzing sound called "Bergie Seltzer." This sound is made when compressed air bubbles trapped in the iceberg pop. The bubbles come from air trapped in snow layers that later become glacial ice. (Kevin certainly is bubbly and FULL of life in many layers!)

The largest Northern Hemisphere iceberg on record was encountered near Baffin Island in 1882. (A new challenge perhaps for Survivor – Anglican Primate Edition – Baffin Island?)

Many icebergs melt more quickly when they move outside the ice pack. Icebergs that leave the pack will become grounded or be decayed gradually by wave action.

Kevin the Iceberg

Celebrating 10 years of Diaconal Ministry

And 9 years of Priesthood

WHY AN ICEBERG?

An icon of Kevin's heritage, and his beloved Newfoundland, it is also a fitting description of his ministry:

The iceberg comes from ancient ice in the glaciers, which continuously move and spread.

As sailors know, with the iceberg, that which is essential is invisible to the eye.

One can see many things on the surface, but the vastness exists in the unknown deeps.

Beneath the waters of faith, and the swells of fear, is the foundation — one of quiet strength, and unassuming love —

— Love of God, and love of others as the People of God —

Love of service, and an unquenchable thirst for justice. A tremendous heart, dedication, presence, compassion, and energy, beyond any apparent to the eye, exist within the foundation.

Each of us knows many ways in which Kevin's ministry has touched us, but none of us has the complete picture.

Only God, the vast ocean in which we all live in faith, sees fully that which lies beneath the surface.

More than 10 years ago, Kevin decided to examine what God was asking of him, and to discern a call to ordained ministry. . .

10 years ago, Kevin was empowered by the Christian community, and began a resounding YES to God!

"Began" because that "YES" is not static, but must be continually reaffirmed.

An iceberg does not have the same staying power when it is in "hot water" — it lives best in cool waters not beaten by waves.

As a Christian community, it is our job to be the pack ice which dampens waves at the edge of the pack, which keeps the water temperature cool, and which keeps the moving iceberg from becoming grounded.

Together, we are ministry, and together we are the Church.



SESQUICENTENNIAL SERVICE

The Diocese of Huron is celebrating its 150th year anniversary of the creation of the Diocese and the election of its first Bishop in 1857.

A variety of events are scheduled through the year, culminating in a Diocesan wide Worship service in the John Labatt Centre in London at 2 pm Sunday, October 28th.

Bishop Howe is hoping to have 10,000 Anglicans come to the service from all over the Diocese.

We would like to know how many of our parishioners are planning on attending and whether there would be enough to charter a bus.

Please complete the form below and drop it on the collection plate next Sunday or mail to the Church ASAP. If we are to get a bus we need to reserve it soon.

Thank you

Ray Hinton



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Sesquicentennial Service

I/we plan to attend on October 28, 2007

Yes ___ # ___ No ___

We would like to go on a chartered bus

Yes ___ No ___

Comments:
