



St. Stephen's SCROLL



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**VISION STATEMENT: St. Stephen's seeks to be:
a Christ centred, Holy Spirit led, outwardly focused, caring community**



He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee. - Luke 24:6



Jan's Jottings

Jan, Matthew, Anna, Mitchell and Caleb are just back from Youthquake, and all had an excellent time. Our keynote speaker was Sid Koop, youth evangelist with Truth Matters. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UN9hWtK2OeA>. Our theme was "Broken and Hopeful". The worship, concerts, main sessions and downright fun blended to draw us closer to God in a powerful, healing way.

Jan went to lots of youth worker and youth minister sessions. One, by Graham Stanton, an Anglican priest from Australia, posed the good thought that the 'stories' we tell ourselves about adolescence/youth will affect our goals and approach to youth ministry. He listed many of these 'stories' the culture tells us. Here are my notes on what he said. As you read them, think about which ones best fit your attitude to young people.

Story One – Adolescents are not interested in connecting with adults, and are hostile or indifferent to things of faith. Result: fear, timidity and disengaging from youth. **No biblical support for this**, and it is flatly contradicted by studies on contemporary youth.

Story Two – Adolescence is a problem that needs a solution. Response: keep them safe, keep them close. – **Some biblical support for this**, but it's not the whole story.

Story Three – Adolescence is a challenge to be met. Response: be a 'midwife' to help them through the challenging time. <http://www.search-institute.org/content/40-developmental-assets-adolescents-ages-12-18>. **Some biblical support for this.**

Story Four – Youth is a lifestyle to be indulged: adolescence has moved from being a life-stage to being a long-lasting lifestyle. Everybody wants to be young. **Response:** churches that over-cater for youth, or separatist youth churches. **No biblical support for this.**

Story Five – Youth is a resource to be exploited. Response: the youth work is focused on keeping adults happy or fulfilling the youth ministers' needs. Youth get 'used' for other agendas. The youth work tends to favour programs over relationships. **No biblical support for this.**

Story Six – Adolescence/youth is a gift to be received. Response: youth are valued for their energy, perspective and creative ideas. They are allowed to be people among the whole people of God. **Lots of biblical support for this.**

A recent study on what makes a youth 'stick around' in church showed that one significant factor was that 5 or more adults in the congregation, other than the pastor or youth minister, knew their name.

Blessings from Jan Bigland-Pritchard

Welcome

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NEWCOMERS

We are pleased to welcome as a new member of our congregation, :

Joanne Fork

BAPTISM



St. Stephen's welcomes **Ethan Quinn Cresswell**, grandson of **John & Linda Bliss**, who was baptised into the Family of God on February 8, 2015 at St. Aidan's Anglican Church, Winnipeg



IN REMEMBRANCE

The members of St. Stephen's extend their deepest sympathy to those who have lost loved ones recently. Condolences go out to family and friends of:

Rod Donlevy, Shaun Turner's employer
Linda Schlamann, mother of Karen Helfrich
Patricia Schrader, aunt of Bishop David Ashdown

"We cannot direct the wind but we can adjust the sails".

- Dolly Parton (submitted by Becky McDonald)



From the Mailbox



... To my Church Family, Thank you so much for your acts of kindness during my illness, which included Jan bringing communion. Each and every gesture was deeply appreciated. May God bless you all.
Becky McDonald

... Thank you for the lovely prayer shawls which are much appreciated by my sister May and myself, not only for their practicality and comfort, but for the blessings and prayers that they bring with them. Thank you again and my very best wishes to you all.
Ella Benson

... Often think of you all and miss worshipping with you. May the New Year continue to bless you all at St. Stephens. Prayers and gratitude for your prayers.
Florence Vibert

... Thank you to Rev Janet, music ministry, and kitchen workers. We are so appreciative of your organization, participation, and work during and before Mom's funeral. Well done!
Patricia Schrader's family

... We cannot thank you enough for your thoughtfulness and generosity during this holiday season. Thank you for the wonderful gifts.
Residents and staff at Adelle House, Christmas 2014

... Thank you to my St. Stephen's family for the flowers given to me after surgery. They were lovely – Spring colours and so long-lasting. Very good for the soul!
Carmen Foley

... Thank you for the use of Prest Hall for our staff education.

Extendicare

IN TIMES OF ILLNESS

Dear Lord, I'm feeling quite unwell, and I try hard not to complain.
But often I'm so downhearted when I'm afraid and in pain.
So I'm offering my suffering to you. Lord take me by the hand
And lead me through my darkest hours, for only You truly understand.

Anonymous



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News from the Pews

... Although **Jim Wagner** is in a nursing home, he's still pumping out chapters of his fantasy book and will be receiving his contract for publishing the book shortly.

... Congratulations to **Kennedy Voykin**, granddaughter of **Henry & Donna Neufeld**, on receiving a scholarship from Conexus Credit Union for use towards her SIAST Nursing Degree Program.

... Congratulations to **Allan Dyer**, son of **Vera Dyer**, who had received the 2014 Volunteer of the Year Award by SaskSport. Way to go, Allan!

... It's Highland Dance Competition time and we extend our prayers and best wishes to all our **Highland Dancers** who are competing this year.

... **Anna Bigland-Pritchard**, daughter of **Mark and Jan Bigland-Pritchard** won the Verna Mae Jantzen Music Competition in Winnipeg recently. Anna also recently had the honour of singing a solo with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra.

... On January 31, St. Stephen's hosted a dinner and talent night in honour of our refugee. Following a lovely dinner were many very talented individuals who regaled us with various genres of music, poetry, skits, and words of thanks and encouragement. A great time was had by all.

... **James (Jim) Cresswell**, son of **John and Linda Bliss**, received notification in early February of his official tenure at Booth University in Winnipeg.

... On February 8, **Linda Chamagne**, founder & director of the Bridge, was a guest speaker at St. Stephen's, talking about homelessness in Saskatoon.

... **St. Stephens Church**, led by **Jan Bigland-Pritchard**, hosted a Racism Awareness Day on Feb 19. The event luncheon was catered by Mamma G's (**Grace Mbuekor**). There were 20 clergy in attendance.

No winter lasts forever (*honest*)
No spring skips its turn.
April is a promise
That May is bound to keep.

Hal Borland

I am an earnest believer in the power of prayer and I think the enclosed poem is rather appropriate to the idea of your [prayer] shawls. It is copied from my scrap book which I have had for a great many years.

Someone Must Have Prayed

I was troubled in my heart, was anxious and afraid -
but suddenly the cloud was lifted ... Someone must have prayed
I was lost - uncertain of the choice that should be made -
Then all at once I knew the answer. Someone must have prayed.
Someone must have prayed for me. Prayer changes things I know
So try to win the love of all as through the world you go.
Being loved you'll be remembered in somebody's prayer -
And the blessing you'll receive, someday, somehow, somewhere ...
In a crises unseen powers will hasten to your aid -
And when it's over you will say: "SOMEONE MUST HAVE PRAYED"

Submitted by Ella Benson



REFUGEE FUNDRAISING MUSICAL EVENING

The rafters were raised with music and singing on Saturday evening, March 7, 2015 during the event for the St. Stephen's Refugee Fund. The building was decorated in an African theme by the Davies and Skinner families. Over 75 people were in attendance, and a total of \$2,590 was raised through ticket sales and donations.

The evening's entertainment was opened by Lorne Reinheimer and his imaginary friends, despite an unco-operative voice due to a severe cold. Being the trooper he is, Lorne carried on with wonderful music, and when his voice protested, he requested audience participation – which he got in spades! He treated us to a variety of gospel, golden oldies, and other genres of music. It was a treat to have Lorne and Nadia back with us.

During the intermission, there was a plethora of delectable desserts and refreshments thoughtfully provided by the Community Life and Refugee Committees. Mmmm, good!

Once we were fed and watered, Claus Gruber's band, *The Steaming Armpitz*, regaled us with a series of Irish lilts, jigs, 50's & 60's classics, and other toe-tapping tunes. Their relaxed, informal style was a delight. What a talented group they are, from the oldest to the youngest member of the band.

A huge THANK YOU to Donna Neufeld for spearheading this very entertaining evening.

Submitted by Linda Bliss

Dear Parents With Young Children in Church,

You are doing something really, *really* important. I know it's not easy. I see you with your arms overflowing, and I know you came to church already tired. Parenting is tiring - really tiring.

I watch you bounce and sway trying to keep the baby quiet, juggling the infant car seat and the diaper bag as you find a seat. I see you wince as your child cries. I see you anxiously pull things out of your bag of tricks to try to quiet them.

And I see you with your toddler and your preschooler. I watch you cringe when your little girl asks an innocent question in a voice that might not be an inside voice let alone a church whisper. I hear the exasperation in your voice as you *beg* your child to just sit, to be quiet as you feel everyone's eyes on you. Not everyone is looking, but I know it feels that way.

I know you're wondering, is this worth it? Why do I bother? I know you often leave church more exhausted than fulfilled. But what you are doing is so important.

When you are here, the church is filled with a joyful noise. When you are here, the Body of Christ is more fully present. When you are here, we are reminded that this worship thing we do isn't about bible study or personal, quiet contemplation but coming together to worship as a community where all are welcome, where we share in the Word and Sacrament together. When you are here, I have hope that these pews won't be empty in 10 years when your kids are old enough to *sit quietly and behave in worship*. I know that they are learning how and why we worship now, before it's too late. They are learning that worship is important.

I see them learning. In the midst of the cries, whines, and giggles, in the midst of the crinkling of pretzel bags and the growing pile of crumbs, I see a little girl who insists on going two pews up to share peace with someone she's never met. I hear a little boy slurping (quite loudly) every last drop of his communion wine out of the cup, determined not to miss a drop of Jesus. I watch a child excitedly colour a cross and point to the one in the front of the sanctuary. I hear the echos of "Amen" just a few seconds after the rest of the community says it together. I watch a boy just learning to read try to sound out the words in the worship book or count his way to Hymn 672. Even on weeks when I can't see my own children learning because, well, it's one of *those* mornings, I can see your children learning.

I know how hard it is to do what you're doing, but I want you to know *it matters*. It matters to me. It matters to my children to not be alone in the pew. It matters to the congregation to know that families care about faith, to see young people ... and even on those weeks when you can't see the little moments, it matters to your children.

It matters that they learn that worship is what we do as a community of faith, that everyone is welcome, that *their* worship matters. When we teach children that their worship matters, we teach them that they are *enough* right here and right now as members of the church community. They don't need to wait until they can believe, pray or worship a certain way to be welcome here, and I know adults who are still looking to be shown that. It matters that children learn that they are an integral part of this church, that their prayers, their songs, and even their badly (or perfectly-timed, depending on who you ask) cries and whines *are* a joyful noise because it means they are present.

I know it's hard, but thank you for what you do when you bring your children to church. Please know that your family -- with all of its noise, struggle, commotion, and joy -- are not simply tolerated, you are a vital part of the community gathered in worship.

Jamie Bruesehoff (submitted by Jean Keeley)

AMEN!!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – MARCH 7, 2015

The 2015 AGM was attended by 40 parishioners, and more would have been better. Community Life provided coffee and breakfast goodies, to the great joy of the attendees.

There was an abundance of thanks to the various groups that make St. Stephen's the vibrant, thriving Christian community it is, working towards fulfilling the Vision Statement of being a Christ centred, Holy Spirit led, outwardly focused, caring community.

Items of Note:

Priest's Warden will continue to be Chris Wood.

People's Warden will be Trevor Malyon, and while he is away for his ordination practicum from September to December 2015, Paul Snider will take over the duties.

Vestry members for 2015 are: Julie Abell-Smith, Gary Brown, Bronwen McRae, Susan Skrypnyk, Paul Snider, and Noella Tucker. Thanks were expressed to outgoing Vestry members.

John Bliss has now officially retired as Treasurer, with thanks from Jan and a standing ovation from the attendees for 9 years of service in this role to St. Stephen's. Ted Walker was welcomed as incoming Treasurer.

The 2015 Budget was accepted as presented, and James Stinn was again appointed as Auditor for 2015.

St. Stephen's Outreach Donations will equally support the following charities in 2015:

The Mongolian Mission (Anne & Sam Biro)

Okema Society for Christian Development

The Bridge on 20th Street

Donations to other charities may be made directly to those charities by individuals.

Passing the Peace – Input was received from numerous members for options on how St. Stephen's could share the Peace during services. The comments have been sent to Vestry members for discussion at their next meeting in April.

The full minutes of the meeting will be available through the Church office.

Submitted by Linda Bliss



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

WAITING AND COUNTING...

So we all know what it's like to wait for something, it's an everyday thing really. We wait in line at the grocery store, we wait at traffic lights, we wait for someone to return a message, or we wait at the front of the school for our children to come join us. And there's a different kind of waiting...the anticipatory waiting of a family member travelling to visit us, or a special celebratory occasion. There's also a nervous kind of hopeful waiting, that kind where we await procedure results from a doctor or examination results from a course. In the church we also have seasons of waiting. The kind of waiting where we are to be faith-full and focused on God as we prepare for what comes next. But this kind of waiting rather than a passive act, is active. We are invited, because of our relationship with God, to enter into a time of focus. We have moved into the season of Lent in our liturgical calendar and this period of 40 days invites us into an active focused time of looking outward (caring for others through financial or gift/talent giving), of looking inward (a cleansing of self through prayer and focus on fasting on things that take us away from Christ), and of a mixture of that inward and outward looking (through prayer...that intensely personal and honest place of relationship with Christ).

So how do we share this season with our children? Consider sharing a visual focus, particularly for younger children. You could draw an image of a sheep (and talk about Jesus as the good shepherd or Jesus as the lamb of God). Count out the number of days remaining in Lent and then find the same number of white cotton balls or craft pom poms. Place those in a safe spot and each day glue a cotton ball on the sheep. For each day, take a moment to think of someone in your neighbourhood, school or family who you would like to pray for. Offer a prayer of thanks to God and pray for that person to God. Another option would be to make a calendar together and for each day write and complete an activity that helps you focus on others and on God - perhaps on a variety of days you could write down names of people you would like to pray for. On other days you may like to think of something you could do for someone else like shovel a neighbour's sidewalk or bake a treat, or help a friend with homework. You may think of things like reading part of the Bible together or learning the Lord's Prayer together. Come alongside your children and invite them (and yourselves) into this season of active waiting.

Blessings, Deidre

YOUTH NEWS

See "Jan's Jottings" re Youthquake

A NEW IDEA FOR ST. STEPHEN'S

Having heard from another Anglican parish about an idea which they have found to be great fun is "Guess Who Is Coming To Dinner". This is a money raising event which has no overhead, can be done in our own homes and will raise much needed money for our **refugee fund**. It does not fall under the Fair Share Levy to the diocese.

Here is how it works. People decide whether they wish to be a host or a guest (or both!) A very nice meal is prepared by the host for however many people she/he wishes to entertain. The menu is the host's decision. It isn't until the door is opened that the host knows who the guests will be. Surprise!

This is an opportunity to invite friends outside the parish who might want to join in. The cost is \$20.00 per person. If you enjoy a drink before the meal, bring your own, although wine is sometimes supplied by the host for the meal. You purchase your meal prior to the day of the dinner.

The coordinators assign guests to the hosts from a sign-up poster and the day of the dinner phones the guests giving them their assigned address and any instructions on how to get there.

April 10th and **April 18th** are the dates for this exciting new venture.

Further information will be coming sometime in March and if you have questions please feel free to contact **Donna Neufeld (306-477-2123)** or **Gaye Michasiw (306-384-8632)**.

Bon appetit!

"He tends his flock like a shepherd:
He gathers the lambs in his arms and
carries them close to his heart;..."
Isaiah 40:11

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

The members of St. Stephen's, as a Parish and as individuals, are involved in many and varied outreach activities. The church office has a list of the contacts for these activities.

This list is only the beginning, and will be updated regularly for the *Scroll*. If you have other areas of outreach that you would like to add, please contact Linda Bliss, Editor.

ACTIVITY
Adelle House Household Items
Backpacks for Homeless
Baja Mission
Bridge Club - 7:00 pm Fridays
Camp Okema
Canadian Tire Money for Camp Okema
Cloth for Kids – Thursdays – clothing, quilts & specialty items for needy children
Coats for Homeless
Eyeglasses & cases (used) for Christian Blind Mission International
Food Bank
Foster Children
Going Deeper with the Holy Spirit – 3:00 pm Thursdays
Grandmothers 4 Grandmothers
Habitat for Humanity
Healing Group – 9:30 am 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month
L'Arche Saskatoon
Living Room (Moms & Tots) – Tuesday mornings
Mongolian Mission (Anne & Sam Biro)
Nursing Home Visits - 3 rd Monday of month
Order of St. Luke – 7:30 pm 2x/month – Contact Larry or Betty Mitchell 306-343-6649
Pop Can Tabs for Lions Club
Prayer Shawls – 1:30 3 rd Friday of month
Prayer Time before Service – 9:45 Sundays
Refugee Committee

Safeway Stamps for Zwilling Knives collected for Adelle House until Feb 12, 2015

Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoe Boxes

Shut-in Visits

Stamps for Canadian Bible Society

Women's Shelters (Christmas Gift Baskets)

Others?



CHRISTMAS GIFT BASKETS

Not only did we reach our goal of 100 gift baskets for the needy and homeless, we surpassed it – filling **115 baskets!** What a way to celebrate the 10th anniversary of this ministry. The baskets were filled with items such as shampoo and conditioner, toothbrush and toothpaste, hand-knit slippers, scarves, mitts and toques, socks, deodorant, jewelry, and other assorted items. Then they were passed on to be beautifully wrapped and tagged, then transported to the Sanctuary to be blessed.

On Tuesday, December 16, they were delivered to Adelle House, Egadz, Interval House, The Lighthouse, and Mumford House.

A huge **THANK YOU** to all those who donated items, volunteered to help sort, fill, wrap, and distribute the baskets, and especially to Donna Neufeld for all her organization and spearheading of this important outreach ministry.

The nicest place to be is in someone's thoughts.

The safest place to be is in someone's prayers.

And the very best place to be is in the hands of God.



A TRIP TO THE NORTH POLE

On December 22nd, 17 very excited children gathered in Mitchell Hall ready to board the St. Stephen's Express Train bound for the North Pole. At the call of "All Aboard" each passenger, with tight grip on their suitcase and ticket, quickly boarded the train. As we travelled north we were so lucky to see some polar bears, a herd of reindeer, an arctic fox, and even some musk oxen. How exciting!

After the train arrived at the North Pole, it was a short hike to Santa's workshop. There was a sign on the door announcing that Santa and the reindeer were out practicing flying so they would be ready for Christmas Eve. While we waited at the door, we sang songs. Lo and behold it wasn't long before the door flew open and out popped Mrs. Santa Claus.

Once inside, we all got busy making some terrific Christmas crafts. At one centre we made absolutely beautiful centre pieces to take home, at another we made Christmas cards for our families, and at that spot we also got some special reindeer food to sprinkle on the snow at our houses (it helps guide the reindeer to our houses). At a third centre we made a reindeer on a plastic spoon and a Christmas sign to hand on our door knobs at home. At a fourth centre we made an edible Christmas tree. Yummy!

After we had visited all four centres, we trooped into Mrs. Claus' kitchen to make edible snack necklaces, warm up with delicious hot chocolate, and watch a Christmas video until it was home time.

WHAT A TRIP!!

Thank you to everyone who helped make this event so much fun for us all.

Submitted by Jean Keeley

ARE YOU JESUS?

A few years ago a group of salesmen went to a regional sales convention in Chicago. They had assured their wives that they would be home in plenty of time for Friday night's dinner. In their rush to catch the plane home and with tickets and briefcases, one of these salesmen inadvertently kicked over a table which held a display of apples. Apples flew everywhere. Without stopping or looking back, they all managed to reach the plane in time for their nearly-missed boarding.

ALL BUT ONE!!! He paused, took a deep breath, got in touch with his feelings and experienced a twinge of compassion for the girl whose apple stand had been overturned. He told his buddies to go on without him, waved good-bye, told one of them to call his wife when they arrived at their home destination and explain his taking a later flight.

Then he returned to the terminal where the apples were all over the terminal floor. He was glad he did. The 16-year-old girl was totally blind! She was softly crying, tears running down her cheeks in frustration, and at the same time helplessly groping for her spilled produce as the crowd swirled about her; no one stopping and no one to care for her plight.

The salesman knelt on the floor with her, gathered up the apples, put them back on the table and helped organize her display. As he did this, he noticed that many of them had become battered and bruised; these he set aside in another basket. When he had finished, he pulled out his wallet and said to the girl, "Here, please take this \$50 for the damage we did. Are you okay?"

She nodded through her tears. He continued on with, "I hope we didn't spoil your day too badly." As the salesman started to walk away, the bewildered blind girl called out to him, "Mister...." He paused and turned to look back into those blind eyes.

She continued, "Are you Jesus?" He stopped in mid-stride, and he wondered. He gently went back and said, "No, I am nothing like Jesus - He is good, kind, caring, loving, and would never have bumped into your display in the first place." The girl gently nodded, "I only asked because I prayed for Jesus to help me gather the apples. He sent you to help me. Thank you for hearing Jesus, Mister."

Then slowly he made his way to catch the later flight with that question burning and bouncing about in his soul: "Are you Jesus?"

Do people mistake you for Jesus? That's our destiny, is it not? To be so much like Jesus that people cannot tell the difference as we live and interact with a world that is blind to His love, life and grace.

If we claim to know Him, we should live, walk and act as He would. Knowing Him is more than simply quoting scripture and going to church. It's actually living the Word as life unfolds day to day.

You are the apple of His eye even though you, too, have been bruised by a fall. He stopped what He was doing and picked up you and me on a hill called Calvary and paid in full for our damaged fruit.

Submitted by Marj Felgate

GOD'S CREATION

How Great is our God!!! Our Creator and Redeemer ... and do we THINK about it???

God's accuracy may be observed in the hatching of eggs. For example:

- the eggs of the potato bug hatch in 7 days;
- those of the canary in 14 days;
- those of the barnyard hen in 21 days;
- the eggs of ducks and geese hatch in 28 days;
- those of the mallard in 35 days; t
- the eggs of the parrot and the ostrich hatch in 42 days

(Notice, they are all divisible by seven, the number of days in a week!)

God's wisdom is seen in the making of an elephant. The four legs of this great beast all bend forward in the same direction. No other quadruped is so made. God planned that this animal would have a huge body, too large to live on two legs. For this reason He gave it four fulcrums so that it can rise from the ground easily.

The horse rises from the ground on its two front legs first.

A cow rises from the ground with its two hind legs first.

God's wisdom is revealed in His arrangement of sections and segments, as well as in the number of grains.

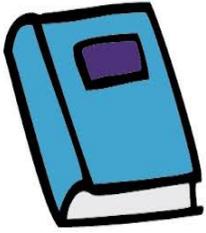
- Each watermelon has an even number of stripes on the rind.
- Each orange has an even number of segments.
- Each ear of corn has an even number of rows.
- Each stalk of wheat has an even number of grains.
- Every bunch of bananas has on its lowest row an even number of bananas, and each row decreases by one, so that one row has an even number and the next row an odd number.
- The waves of the sea roll in on shore twenty-six to the minute in all kinds of weather.
- All grains are found in even numbers on the stalks, and the Lord specified thirty fold, sixty fold, and a hundred fold all even numbers.

God has caused the flowers to blossom at certain specified times during the day.

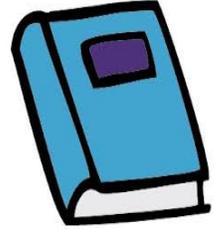
Linnaeus, the great botanist, once said that if he had a conservatory containing the right kind of soil, moisture and temperature, he could tell the time of day or night by the flowers that were open and those that were closed!

How wise the Lord is in all His works of creation!

Submitted by Phyllis Bakke



Book Review



TITLE: SOUL WORK

AUTHOR: THOMAS D. POWELL

About the author: Tom is a semi-retired Minister with the United Church of Canada. He is a qualified instructor of Clinical Pastoral Education and acts as a part time Chaplain at Oliver Lodge. Leisure time activities include enjoying his resort residence, the local model railroad club, and playing trumpet with the Saskatoon Community Bands and the German Concordia Brass Band.

Soul Work is the author's discussion of the relationship of the human soul to the 'essence' or soul of God. The reader must start with an open mind as the definitions and discussion in the forward and first two chapters present thoughts that differ from the conventional. I needed to concentrate in my reading and reread several times to understand the meanings that were new to me and differed from my previous concepts. We look at Religion, Spirituality, and Soul from different points of view. Pantheism, the New Age Movement, and Progressive Christianity were new terms for me to understand. We are introduced to 'Object Relations' as a theory of how we relate to others in our world and how we relate to God.

The author continues with descriptions of personal experiences and situations from his work as a chaplain and educator. He describes the essence of spirituality as three questions: Who am I? How do I fit in? What makes life worth living? There are no easy or simple answers. In his conclusion the author states, "... all of life is a most precious gift from the Creator, a gift of which we must be wise and careful stewards. God's Soul and our Souls reach out to each other. Let us enter willingly into this venture and adventure." Through thoughtful and prayerful consideration of these questions we can hope to engage our soul with the essence of God. In these 77 pages we are challenged to seek and work toward our own answers.

Copy of "Soul Work" is available for a nominal cost from the author via e-mail to tompowell@sasktel.net.

Submitted by Gary Brown

The stone at the tomb of Jesus was a pebble to the Rock of Ages inside.

Fred Beck

Check It Out

St. Stephen's website: <http://www.ststephens.ca/>

Diocese of Saskatoon website: <http://www.anglicandiocesesaskatoon.com>

Anglican Church Women: Executive e-mail: saskatoonacw@gmail.com

The email account will be checked daily with queries and suggestions forwarded to the appropriate member for action as together we grow our organization.

Grandmothers 4 Grandmothers website: <http://www.g4gsaskatoon.ca/>

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Thank you also to all the people who have helped with the distribution of this edition of "The Scroll": **John & Aggie Berek, John Bliss, Pauline Elliott, Becky MacDonald, Margaret Rouhani.**

Any contributions of items for The Scroll newsletters may be submitted any time via e-mail (lindabliss@shaw.ca), phone 306-952-4666, or by hand to the Scroll mailbox in the church office.

Editor: Linda Bliss

In order to become more environmentally responsible, we are providing the option of receiving this newsletter electronically (which also gives you the advantage of seeing the graphics in colour for the full effect).

If you would prefer to receive future copies of the Scroll via e-mail, or would rather not receive a copy at all, please contact either St. Stephen's office or Linda Bliss.

Upcoming Events

- Feb 18 to Apr 1 Lenten Prayer Service and Breakfast 8:15 am Wednesdays
Nutana Mennonite Church
- Feb 23 to Mar 30 Introduction to Restorative Justice 7:00-9:00 pm Mondays
Resurrection Lutheran Church. Cost \$50.
Registration details on bulletin board
- Mar 13 Martyn Joseph – 8:00 pm at St. John's Cathedral. Details on Bulletin Board.
- Mar 20 SPRING IS HERE!!**
- Mar 22 Lenten Lunch
- Mar 24 6:00 pm - Tuesday Chat Café
- Mar 29 Palm Sunday – Hot Cross Buns & Cheese Lunch
7:30 pm - Quiet Service
- Mar 31 7:30 pm – Stations of the Cross
- Apr 1 7:30 pm - Tenebrae
- Apr 2 7:30 pm - Maundy Thursday - Footwashing Service
8:30 pm – Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar
9:30–11::30 pm – Vigil
- Apr 3 Good Friday - 9:30 am – Children's Service
11:00 am – 1 hour at the Cross
- Apr 5 Easter Sunday
- Apr 10 Guess Who Is Coming to Dinner
- Apr 16 7:00-9:30 pm Saskatoon Marriage Network with Gary Thomas
An evening for singles. \$20/person. See Bulletin Board for details.
- Apr 17-18 ACW Spring Conference & AGM at Emmanuel Anglican Church. For info
contact SaskatoonACW@gmail.com or call Elta Fae Marlor 306-955-1972
- Apr 17-18 7:00-9:00 pm & 9:00am-3:00pm – Saskatoon Marriage Network with Gary
Thomas. A weekend for couples. \$99/couple. See Bulletin Board for info.
- Apr 18 Guess Who Is Coming to Dinner
- Apr 27 6:00 pm - Tuesday Chat Café

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And who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead.

Romans 1:4

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The sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Matrimony by arrangement.

SUNDAY SERVICES

8:30 am Holy Eucharist
10:30 am Holy Eucharist

PRAYER MINISTRY

9:00 am Monday-Thursday
10:30 am Service every Sunday

Bible Study at St. Stephen's 1:30 pm Wednesdays

Small Groups meeting weekly and bi-weekly for Christian growth and fellowship ~ contact Church Office for information.