

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**



Presenting Jesus at the Temple
Luke 2: 21--38

Alex's Axioms

I cannot believe how quickly the assignment to St Stephen's is going by. The adage that time flies when you are having fun is so true in this case. I have felt blessed to be here from the moment I first arrived. All of you have made me feel welcome, invited in as part of the parish from the get go, and right at home. This is a wonderful place to be. Even the rabbits outside are friendly!

One of the highlights of being with you has certainly been the children's talks. I have never had the opportunity to be involved with them before. Many of the places I have been, the youngest person there was me, a lot of the time. I remember overhearing someone once say that it was so nice to see young people going into ministry and thinking I'm 50 years old. Young is a relative term! But it is so nice to interact with the under 12 group, especially the ones in our parish. They are a treat and a challenge. Speaking to 2-1/2 year olds at the same time as young teens definitely stretches the mind to equally engage theirs. I am so grateful for the chance to do so.

With my last Sunday being December 31st it will certainly be with mixed feelings that I greet the new year, no longer a part of St Stephen's on a regular basis, but I know you are in good hands with Amy. God is at work her. I do thank all of you for your encouragement, your kindness, your friendship that has so warmed my heart, and I am definitely going to miss all of you, so my prayer is that once in awhile I have the chance to return.

You are a wonderful parish family, may God's Blessing be upon you and may His Grace be ever with you.

Merry Christmas

Alex Parsons

Merry

Christmas


BAPTISM



The members of St. Stephen's welcome the following into the family of God:
Ian and Ivy Coode, on September 16, children of **Dan and Amanda Coode**



IN REMEMBRANCE



The members of St. Stephen's extend their deepest sympathy
and condolences to family and friends of:

Yvette Dickson, who died October 9, sister to **Gary Gervais**
Dave Pollock, who died October 26, husband to **Carol**

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT THE PRAYER CALENDAR

It is time for a change. **Kitty Toews** and **Evadne Merz** are retiring from production of the Parish Prayer Calendar at the end of March, 2018, after many, many years as editors/publishers. They will retire after the preparation of the April issue of the Calendar.

Evadne and Kitty look forward to a new editor(s)/publisher(s) with a different approach and fresh ideas.

If you are interested in taking on this vital and fascinating ministry, please contact Kitty or Evadne for some tips, tricks, and general guidance.

Many blessings to you all.

Evadne Merz & Kitty Toews

REV. DAVID ERNEST FERGUSON
(August 21, 1928 - April 7, 2017)
(first rector of St. Stephen's Anglican Church)

FERGUSON, Rev. David Ernest, born August 21st, 1928, Toronto, Ontario, son of the late John and May Ferguson, died peacefully at Dartmouth General Hospital surrounded by family on April 7, 2017. David received his education in Toronto at Malvern Collegiate. He loved classical music and was a highly trained trumpeter in military bands. He worked for many years in the insurance business in Toronto and Vancouver. He graduated from Huron College, London and was ordained in the Anglican church, 1961. **His first parish was in Saskatoon, Sask.** where he served for six years before moving to Nova Scotia. He served in the parishes of Maitland and Shelburne prior to moving to Dartmouth. He was Assistant Rector at Christ Church for 20 years. Later he was Rector of Holy Trinity and St. Andrew's Locks Rd. The main focus of his ministry was community outreach and demonstrating God's love by helping the poor and disadvantaged. David held leadership roles in various community groups including, member of the initial committee for Habitat for Humanity, Chairman of the Shelburne County Children's Aid Society, City of Dartmouth Crisis Housing Committee, Freedom Foundation (people recovering from addictions) , Board member of Homebridge Youth Society; Chairman of the Board and member of Dartmouth Work Activity (helping young adults with education and training); David served on the North American Board of the International Order of St. Luke's, Food Bank and Clothing ministry of Christ Church.

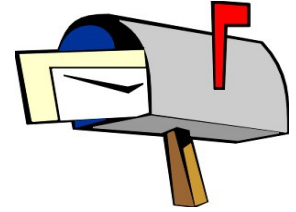
He was predeceased by his first wife Sheila (Robinson) Ferguson and son Neil. He is survived by Catherine Ferguson, Dartmouth; Brenda (David) Jacobsen, Norwalk CT; Craig (Mary) Ferguson, Lunenburg NS; Linda Ferguson, Rochester, NY; six grandchildren, Ingrid (NYC), Rosemary (AZ), Rachael (Kingston, ON); Henry, David (Rochester); and Tessa (Lunenburg). He leaves behind his brother, Rev. Canon Alan (Marilyn) Ferguson, Scarborough, Ontario and sister Jean (Bob) McGinley, Barrie, Ontario and several nieces and nephews.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Sheila (Lavery) Ferguson, and three step-daughters, Sandra (Bruce) Whitmore; Ellen (Larry) Hatt; Susan (Stan) MacEachern, and four step-grandchildren, Allison and Laura, Craig and Kevin.

David loved spending time with family and enjoyed camping, travelling, gardening, NS symphony concerts, Neptune theater and playing bridge. Together with Sheila they participated in the Dartmouth Meals on Wheels and serving at Margaret's House soup kitchen. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Metro Food Bank and Phoenix Centre for Youth, Halifax or a charity of your choice. Many thanks to the caring staff of the Dialysis Unit of DGH. Funeral service was Saturday, April 15th, 2017 at Christ Church with a reception to follow in the parish hall.

Submitted by Betty Mitchell

From the Mailbox



- ***It gives me great pleasure to inform you that I have appointed the Rev. Amy Bunce as your new Incumbent. Her new ministry with you begins on January 1, 2018. I will be keeping the parish and Amy in my prayers during this time of transition as we look forward to a time of new beginnings together in ministry.***

***Many blessings,
+David***

- Sunday, the day after a lovely turkey supper. Kudos to the cooks, ladies and gentlemen who helped make a delightful meal. Thank you.
Carol (next door neighbour)
- Thank you for the beautiful flowers from St. Stephen's. They were so beautiful, and thanks for attending my 90th birthday party. God bless Audrey Mellon
- Thank you for the lovely flowers from the altar. They were beautiful and helped brighten my day. Blessings to you all. Eugenie Nikiforuk
- Thank you for letting us use your space for our Extendicare meetings.
Sincerely, Trina
- I was so touched and felt so cared for by your prayer shawl and the accompanying prayers and words of support, which I turn to frequently. Your lovely shawl is tucked around me day and night! Thank you especially to Phyllis and Becky for thinking of me and delivering this gift. I expect to be going home soon where it will continue to comfort me on my road to recovery. I feel very blessed. Loving blessings to you all. Maureen Cline

Measures of Wealth

- Money may be the husk of many things, but not the kernel. It brings you food, but not appetite; medicine, but not health; acquaintances, but not friends; servants, but not loyalty; days of joy, but not peace or happiness. - Henrik Ibsen
- Money is not required to buy one necessity of the soul. - Henry David Thoreau.
- In God we Trust – National motto on U.S. currency.



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News from the Pews

- Congratulations to those reaching milestone birthdays and/or anniversaries:
 - **John Davies** - 85th Birthday on Sept 30
 - **Audrey Mellon** - 90th Birthday on Oct 17
 - **Bonnie Hall** - 75th Birthday on Nov 10
 - **Marj Felgate** - 91st Birthday on Dec 1
 - **Nestor & Gaye Michasiw** - 56th Anniversary on Oct 7.
 - **Patrick & Ruth Skinner** - 25th Anniversary on Oct 10
 - **Alex Parsons** – 10 Anniversary of his Ordination on Dec 3
- A Dessert Evening in memory of **Hugh & Gert Rodden** was held on September 24, 2017.
- **Pauline Elliott's** 16 year-old great great niece, **Lucy Fielder**, won a gold medal in an International boxing competition in Dublin in September. We are all pretty proud of her.
- Two of **Jean Gibson's** grandchildren received awards recently: **Ashleigh Gibson** received the Principal's Honour Roll Certificate in September for her work in Grade 10 at Bethlehem Catholic High School; and **Torrie Carlton** received the Top Ten Award and the Science Award in October for her work in Grade 11 at Tommy Douglas Collegiate.
- Welcome to the newest member of our parish, **Declan Hubert Wayne Love** born November 4th weighing 9lbs14oz. Proud parents are **Kristin Wong & David Love**. Everyone is healthy and well.
- **James Cresswell**, son of **Linda & John Bliss**, has published his first sole-author book entitled *Culture and the Cognitive Science of Religion*, available through Routledge Publishers in both hardback and e-book versions.
- Congratulations to **John & Rachel Kelly & family** on the sale of their house. Unfortunately, that meant we lost them as members of our Parish, but wish them well in their new endeavours in Toronto.
- Congratulations also to **John & Julia Davies** on the sale (at last!) of their previous home. They are enjoying their new digs at Slimmon Place, especially as there is no shovelling required on their part!



POINSETTIA TEA, CRAFT, AND BAKE SALE 2017

God: "Whew! I just created a 24-hour period of alternating light and darkness on Earth."

Angel: "What are you going to do now?"

God: "Call it a day."

Well St. Stephens, we called Saturday, November 18th a day also, a terrific day that is! The weather might have been cold, but the temperature inside St. Stephen's Church was warm, toasty, and welcoming. It was a perfect day for our twenty second Poinsettia Tea, Craft, and Bake Sale.

Your crafts were creative, well made and will look terrific in the homes of all who purchased them. As usual your baking was TOPS! (I can barely wait to try my Christmas Marmalade and Gingersnap cookies). This brings me to our Poinsettia Tea portion of the sale. Our soups (all 125 pots) were so good people asked for take out. Amazing!!

Our scrumptious desserts were just that - SCRUMPIOUS!! I do admitt that we changed the name of one certain dessert from its original name to "Two Tone Dessert". If you want to know more please check it out with Phyllis.

As usual there was lots of action upstairs with all the White Elephants cavorting around.

Our volunteer staff that helped to set up Friday and Saturday, to work in the various areas of the sale, and to help in the clean up on the Sunday after the sale were the BEST! You all earned TOP Sales Persons of the event. We will double your pay and maybe triple it next year. Thank you Jerry for all your running around putting out and collecting the signs, for running to get supplies that were needed in the kitchen, and for everything else you did throughout the preparation, sale, and clean-up.

One lady at the sale commented to me on the excellence of our sale and how impressed she was to see so many men hepling out. Thank you a hundred times over ladies and gentlemen for all that you did! It was a great day and we brought in \$3862.45, plus 10 Jamaican cents.

Merry Christmas everyone!

Submitted by Jean Keeley



Children's Church

It has only been a few short weeks since I began my new role with the Children's Ministry. It has already been a very inspiring and engaging experience. I am very grateful for Deidre Craig's past leadership and example, and for all the people that have been so willing to help as I learn the ropes of my new position. Your prayers for this ministry are so appreciated!

It has been a busy few weeks. We are continuing to follow the lectionary during Sunday School to share God's word, and have begun to practice our Christmas Pageant under the direction of Amy Bunce. The children are looking forward to sharing their joy in welcoming the Christ Child as their Christmas gift to all of you! Our rehearsals are every Sunday, with a dress rehearsal on December 16th. The pageant will be performed at the 10:30 service on December 17th. On December 23rd, we will have a children's afternoon of crafts, stories and fun. More information will be available closer to the date, and a sign-up sheet will be available for volunteers.

Sunday school will resume on January 6th.

Please keep our children in your prayers as they learn and grow in love of God!

Submitted by Julie Abell-Smith

GOOD SAMARITAN

The Sunday School teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan. She asked the class, "If you saw a person lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?"

A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, "I think I'd throw up."

submitted by John & Aggie Berek



Youth Group



Our youth group had an A-MAZING time at the Corn maze in October. A small group of us roamed through the corn, as the dusk became dark. Luckily the smaller kids brought flashlights and the older ones had phones to light the way! We met at the church beforehand to talk about life—is it a maze? Is it a map? In November, we went bowling together, after having supper and watching another episode of Youth Alpha. This episode had to do with the Holy Spirit. We have plans to go Christmas carolling in December, which is a tradition for us. All of the youth are participating in the Christmas Pageant in some shape or form. Please pray for our youth and their families. They are smart, funny and kind, and growing in what it means to be a Christian in Saskatoon at this time.

Bring in the New Year!

The turning of the year can be a time to take stock, to give thanks and to look ahead to what is to come. You are invited to come and spend some of the first 40 hours of 2018 in prayer and fellowship. The schedule is still being determined, but it will look something like this:

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| Jan 1st | Noon prayer followed by appetizer potluck and games.
4:00-5:00 Scripture Reading aloud
5:30 Evening Prayer.
8:30 Compline |
| Jan 2nd | 9:30 . Morning Prayer
Noon Prayer.
5:30 Evening Prayer.
8:30 Compline |
| Jan 3rd | 9:30 Morning Prayer 9:30 |

Choose a time that works for you and come and pray in the New Year! Sign up for a reading. Sign up to offer some musical ministry. The Rev. Amy will be available to talk and pray with you. There will be opportunity to create an Order of Life for the Year ahead, an Anglican tradition that allows for spiritual growth. More details to come!

Submitted by Amy Bunce

BLESSED ARE YOU WHO HEAR THE LORD!

THE BEATITUDES (Matthew 5:1-12)

The Hebrew words make it clear that these statements are to be heard as a congratulation for what already is – for the state into which the believer already has entered. The Greek word for *blessed* implies a godlike joy, a joy within one's self.

Blessed are the poor in spirit ...

- those who feel a deep sense of spiritual poverty (see Isaiah 66:2)
- those who have detached themselves from possessions to follow Jesus
- those who put their entire trust in God and obey God completely

Blessed are those who mourn ...

- those who have compassionate hearts, whose hearts are 'broken' because of the world's suffering and one's own sin
- those who have endured deep sorrow

Blessed are the meek ...

Gentle is the closest English translation for the original

- those who are angry at moral injustice, but never angry for selfish reasons
- those who have the humility to see their own weakness and ignorance
- those who are totally God-controlled

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness ...

(see Isaiah 55:1-2, John 4:14, John 6:51)

- those who fast and pray for the coming of the kingdom
- those who long for total goodness in the way a starving person longs for food

Blessed are the merciful ...

- those who forgive others
- those who 'get inside' others to feel their pain and to see with their eyes (as God did by becoming man)

Blessed are the pure in heart ...

Heart in Hebrew means the seat of thought and will. This includes chastity, but is not limited to that.

- those who have pure motives
- those who are sincere

Blessed are the peacemakers ...

- those who work actively to *make peace*, not by evading issues but by conquering them
- those who establish right relationships among others

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake ...

Persecution was an ever-present fact of life in the early Church.

- those who are willing to be obedient to God and to serve as the conscience of the world, even at the cost of real consequences to themselves
- those who have given their lives to Christ

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## **A CHRISTMAS MEMORY**

Though money didn't flow as freely as the rain that winter, my parents worked with joyful anticipation to give my brother and me a Christmas present we would never forget. They scrimped for months and then spent more than they could probably afford for a Marx electric train.

Then the day before Christmas, a cousin stationed at a nearby military base pulled into the driveway. Opening the trunk of his car he lifted out a large heavy box. My brother and I could hardly wait to see what it was. On Christmas morning we opened it first. Eagerly we unwrapped an expensive new electric train set. Wow! You had to pull us down off the ceiling. A Lionel train, too! Then we opened the presents from our parents – another electric train. Ho hum. And not nearly as extravagant as the one from our cousin. Guess whose we played with most?

Mom and Dad were hurt. The outlay for an unmarried Air Force lieutenant was nothing compared to the sacrifice my parents had made. But all we saw was the glamour of an expensive train. We counted our parents' gift as merely a nice accessory.

And in our days:.....

Our heavenly Father spends many a disappointing Christmas. Amidst the glittering ornaments and flashing Christmas lights, the hurry and hustle of shopping and wrapping and family get-togethers, parties and presents, trees and turkeys – who really cares about His gift? What gets more attention from us: our Father's gift of life in Jesus Christ or the quickly-wrapped department store gifts from our cousins?

Thank you, Father, for Jesus. Thank you for the abundant life that we, His disciples, can enjoy now. Thank you for sending us a most expensive gift—your own life.

Thank you!

by Dr. Ralph F. Wilson

## **ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN (ACW)**

At the annual meeting of the ACW, the Anglican women voted to discontinue the (ACW) organization at the Diocesan level, choosing to maintain their involvement at their home churches.

Bishop David Irving was the celebrant at the closing Eucharist, assisted by the Rev Jan Bigland-Pritchard. Six women, Kathy Tickner, Etta Marie Green, Ruby Heidel, Eleanor Wells, Yvonne Butterfield, and Betty Ann Horbay, shared their personal thanks for the ACW over the years through memories that resonated with all.

Bishop Irving reminded all that although the Diocesan women's organization has been discontinued, Anglican Women are very much alive and working in the parishes as always, and we will look for a new emergence.



### **FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVENT**

**Saturday, December 23 from 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.**

at St. Stephen's Church

**Crafts    Imagination    Stories    Fun!**

Celebrate community and prepare for Christmas!

Come play and pray with us.

Sign up sheet for this event will be posted on the Youth Board in December.

Contact Julie Abell-Smith for more information.

## GOD'S ACCURACY

One may observe God's accuracy in the hatching of eggs.

Those of the canary in 14 days;

Those of the barnyard hen in 21 days;

Eggs of ducks and geese in 28 days;

Those of the mallard in 35 days;

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!)

See God's wisdom 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.

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

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.

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.

Author unknown

submitted by Becky McDonald

All worry is atheism, because it is a want of trust in God.

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen

# Outreach Ministry

Further to a motion carried at the March 5, 2016 Annual General Meeting, St. Stephen's will no longer handle 'flow-through' outreach donations, that is people donating to a separate charity via the church.

Parish members are encouraged to support their preferred charities directly. The office will continue to supply self-addressed envelopes for some charities. On-line donations are also an option.

We will still be conducting our local outreach programs, such as the Food Bank, Shoe Boxes, Gift Baskets, Share the Warmth, etc.



## Share the Warmth

St. Stephen's is collecting good used winter coats, scarves, mitts, and toques for the homeless shelters. Please bring them to the church and put them on or by the coat rack close to the elevator.

## SAMARITAN'S PURSE SHOE BOXES

Filled shoe boxes, 41 in number, were delivered to Forest Grove Community Church on November 14, where they are sorted and sent for distribution globally.

Thank you for your support of this program.



## GIFT BASKETS



When travelling bring us your hotel size soaps, shampoos, lotions, etc. to help fill the Christmas Baskets we provide to the various shelters. These items can be placed in the designated boxes at the back of the Sanctuary.

**WE WILL BE ASSEMBLING THE BASKETS ON JAN 5 AT 1:00 p.m. AND DISTRIBUTING THEM ON JAN 8 .**

## HOSPITAL BILL

A man suffered a heart attack while shopping. The store manager called 911 when they saw him collapse to the floor.

The paramedics rushed the man to the nearest hospital where he had emergency open heart bypass surgery.

He awakened from the surgery to find himself in the care of nuns at the Catholic Hospital. A nun was seated next to his bed holding a clipboard loaded with several forms, and a pen. She asked him how he was going to pay for his treatment.

"Do you have health insurance?" she asked.

He replied in a weak raspy voice, "No health insurance."

The nun asked, "Do you have money in the bank?"

He replied, "No money in the bank."

Do you have a relative who could help you with the payments?" asked the irritated nun.

He said, "I only have a spinster sister, and she is a nun."

The nun became agitated and announced, "Nuns are not spinsters! Nuns are married to God."

The patient replied, "Perfect. Send the bill to my brother-in-law."

submitted by John & Aggie Berek

## Tuesday Chat Café

**Tuesday Chat Café is the last Tuesday of the month.** Come and join us!

The idea is to have an informal supper together with other parish families. I will cook the main course and everybody else will be responsible for one of these dishes, like a potluck: potatoes, vegetables, or dessert.

Cost is \$2.00 per person to help cover the cost of the main course.

Tuesday Chat Café will meet at 6:00 p.m. on January 30 and February 27.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Susan Skrypnyk



# *Book Review*



**TITLE: FAITH IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE**

**AUTHOR: ROWAN WILLIAMS**

Former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, in the final published work of his episcopacy, offers an interesting and compelling dialogue on many of the contemporary questions facing the Christian tradition in the twenty-first century. Williams weaves together a series of lectures in presenting a systematic treatment of topics such as the rise of secularization, Christianity's relationship to modern Islam, modern political institutions, as well as discussions surrounding social justice and the economy. Williams skillfully constructs an engaging narrative which challenges the reader to critically examine their Christian faith and witness through both historical and modern perspectives.

While Williams' narrative is at times fraught with obscure literary, political, and philosophical references, he presents his argument in such a way which assists the reader in following the many terms and definitions so essential for the overall argument of the book. Unlike many academic works, Williams' in *Faith in the Public Square* does not assume the reader has an intimate understanding of theological, philosophical, or political theory. He avoids simply using the heavily technical language of the field without first offering a definition, and giving helpful context for how he will use these terms and theories in presenting his argument.

One of the great paradoxes of our present age is that in our interconnected and globalized society we are becoming increasingly polarized and individualized. Williams in *Faith in the Public Square* asks us to think critically and differently about how we relate to each other in understanding how we all share a common foundation. This common foundation built on culture, philosophy, theology, and political institutions, Williams argues, is stronger than what divides us and we need to remain in dialogue and seek to understand one another once again.

submitted by Michael Lyons



# Check It Out

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

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

Anglican Church Women's Page: - The Diocese of Saskatoon webpage will be maintaining a link to the Anglican Church Women's page. Simply link in through: [anglicandiocesesaskatoon.com](http://anglicandiocesesaskatoon.com)

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**THANK YOU** to everyone who has contributed in any way to the publication of this newsletter. Your input makes it possible to continue.

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Any contributions of items for The Scroll newsletters may be submitted at any time via e-mail ([lindabliss@shaw.ca](mailto: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). It is also available on the St. Stephen's website: <http://www.ststephens.ca/>

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 (contact info above).

# *Upcoming Events*

- Dec 8 Youth Christmas Party and Carolling
- Dec 17 10:30 Service - Children's Christmas Pageant
- Dec 23 Children's Christmas Activity
- Christmas Services
- Dec 24 6:00 p.m. Family Service  
8:30 p.m. - Lessons & Carols with Holy Communion
- Dec 25 11:00 a.m. - Christmas Day Service
- Jan 1 Amy Bunch takes over as Parish Priest
- Jan 1-3 New Year's 40 Hours of Prayer – see details under Youth Ministry (page 9)
- Jan 5 1:00 p.m. - Gift Basket filling
- Jan 8 Gift Basket distribution
- Jan 15 Nursing Home Visits
- Jan 14 Welcome Lunch for our new Priest, Amy Bunce
- Jan 30 Tuesday Chat Café
- Feb 16-18 Youthquake at Briercrest
- Feb 13 6:00 p.m. - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- Feb 14 Ash Wednesday
- Feb 19 Nursing Home Visits
- Feb 28 Scroll Deadline for Spring Issue
- Feb 27 Tuesday Chat Café
- Mar 2 World Day of Prayer
- Mar 3 ?? 9:00 -12:00 - AGM
- Mar 19 Nursing Home Visits
- Mar 25 Palm Sunday
- Apr 20-21 Second annual Anglican and Lutheran women's spring event  
Redeemer Lutheran Church, Saskatoon, SK

Don't forget to check out the other 'non-St. Stephen's' events posted on the bulletin board outside the Sanctuary.

# *Children's Pages*



For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder:  
and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God,  
The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6 (King James)

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| <b>Interim Priest</b>          | The Rev. Canon Alex Parsons (until Dec 31, 2017) |
| <b>Honorary Priests</b>        | The Rev. Amy Bunce (Incumbent as of Jan 1, 2018) |
|                                | The Rev. Canon John Davies                       |
|                                | The Rev. Wayne Sturgess                          |
| <b>Rector Emeritus</b>         | The Ven. Larry Mitchell                          |
| <b>Office Administrator</b>    | Margaret Rouhani                                 |
| <b>Music Ministry</b>          | Cathryn Wood                                     |
| <b>Children/Youth Ministry</b> | Julie Abell-Smith/Amy Bunce/Ruth Skinner         |
| <b>Envelope Secretary</b>      | Ted Markus                                       |
| <b>Grounds Keeper</b>          | Emma Wood                                        |
| <b>Inside Caretaker</b>        | Nigsti Kidane                                    |

**WARDENS: Priest's Warden: Chris Wood People's Warden: Paul Snider**

**MEMBERS OF VESTRY**

|                                         |                              |                  |
|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| Interim Priest: Rev. Canon Alex Parsons | <b><u>Vestry Members</u></b> |                  |
| Priest's Warden: Chris Wood             | Daphne Bergen                | Jeannette Markus |
| People's Warden: Paul Snider            | Clayton Brock                | Kathleen Materie |
|                                         | Gary Brown                   | Jeff Takagi      |
|                                         | Jean Gibson                  | Noella Tucker    |
|                                         | Barry Harman                 | Ted Walker       |
|                                         | Michael Lyons                | Marj Wlad        |

**Ex Officio Member:** :Susan Skrypnyk, Treasurer

**Member of Diocesan Council:** Chris Wood

**Focus Groups:** Healing; Empowerment & Outreach; Operations;  
Worship & Community Life

**The sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Matrimony by arrangement.**

**HOLY EUCHARIST**

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Sundays  
12:30 p.m. Wednesday

**PRAYER MINISTRY**

9:00 a.m. Tuesday & Thursday  
10:30 a.m. Service every Sunday

**Bible Study** at St. Stephen's 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays

**Small Groups** meeting weekly and bi-weekly for Christian growth and fellowship. Contact the Church Office for information.