



Michael's Messenger

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH FROM THE ACW!

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distributed to
parishioners of
St. Michael's
Church and to
interested
people.

On behalf of Kathi Dale, Chairperson, and the members of St. Michael's Anglican Church Women, I would like to thank, most sincerely, everyone who supported all of our Fall/Christmas fund raising activities.

We are a small group, and we depend on the support of St. Michael's membership in order to help fund extra projects needed by the church as well as donating funds for outreach in our community.

In November/December we raised the following amounts:

Chicken & Meat Sale	\$ 453.00
Bake Sale & Raffle	261.00
Purdy's Chocolatier	<u>430.56</u>
Total	\$1,256.56

Many thanks to Shelley Novak for her donation of the beautiful Christmas wall hanging, to Judith Pomerleau for looking after the raffle, for all who donated the home baking etc., and to Heather Brodie and Mary Kneale who looked after the Chicken & Meat Sale.

Val Hampton,
Secretary

*Thank
You*

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In the past few weeks that I have been preparing for the Christmas Season, I have constantly encountered the work "kindness" in some of my reading materials. I believe many people, including our church community, have demonstrated this kind-heartedness, compassion and generosity; we expressed it in many ways that includes our family, friends and even to people who may be strangers to us. Yet again, here we are in this season of giving and sharing a desire to fulfill the call of our faith and spirituality as disciples of Jesus Christ.

For me, the season of Christmas has been and will always be a constant reminder about the warm-heartedness of God the creator; through the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, the ultimate expression of "kindness" of our Father in heaven.

The New Testament in the letter to Titus 3: 4- 6 says, "But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior."

May the Spirit of true and genuine kindness this Christmas season be always in our hearts and minds.

Let us pray,

Gracious God, you have redeemed us through Jesus Christ, the first-born of all creation, whose birth we celebrate as the child of Bethlehem. Bless us with every spiritual blessing, so that we may live as your adopted children and witness to your glory with unending praise and thanksgiving. Amen.
(Seasonal Prayer, Anglican Church of Canada)

Blessings,

Fr. Louie Engnan

Thank you to Church Council and the Parishioners of St. Michael's

On behalf of the residents of Len Shepherd Manor, I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Father Louie, parish council and the members of Saint Michaels. Thanks to a very generous cash donation, we were able to serve Christmas dinner to 34 of our residents on Monday, December 19 and also were able to raffle off 8 Christmas stockings. We were served an excellent home made dinner of turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, stuffing, 4 kinds of veggies, gravy, rolls and dessert. No one went hungry and several people were able to take home left overs. Christmas can be a lonely time for many of our residents. We are all on fixed incomes and some of us have no one to spend Christmas with. Your donation enabled us to share a meal, fellowship, light heartedness and laughter. We are sincerely thankful for the difference you made.

Your friend,

David Hampton, eldest son of Val

I only know the names of two angels, Hark and Harold.

-Gregory, age 5

Angels work for God and watch over kids when God has to go do something else.

-Mitchell, age 7



Upcoming Events

- Next ACW meeting is on January 11 at 1:00 PM in the Millennium Hall
- Tri-Parish men's breakfast on January 14th at 9 AM at IHOP (Scott Road and 82nd). Please let Jeddy know if you are interested in attending
- AGM is on Sunday February 26, 2017 after the 10 AM service
Reports due on Sun January 29

ADS

Anne MacLean is looking for more counters.

If you are interested in being a counter please see Anne for more information.

Corri Kaweski is looking for people to sign up to help with coffee. Please sign up on the sheet by the coffee pot



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Praise be to God the Father
Almighty

Praise be to God who gives us our
bread

Praise be to God the Spirit eternal

Praise be to God forever!

(sung to the tune of the *Windy* song)

A Prayer for Everyone

Lord, keep me from being too talkative, especially keep me from expressing an opinion on everything, and stop me from jumping in to straighten out everyone.

Keep me from reciting endless detail; give me insight to get to the point.

Give me grace, Lord, to listen with patience when others describe their aches and pains, and help me to keep my lips sealed; and prevent me from sharing my own, much worse, aches and pains.

Teach me that, occasionally, I might be mistaken.

Make me thoughtful, but not moody; helpful, but not pushy; independent, yet gracefully accepting favours that others wish to give me.

Free me of the notion that because I have live a few years I am wiser than most people.

If I don't like some changes that have taken place, give me the wisdom to keep my mouth shut.

You know, Lord, that when the end comes I would like to have a friend or two left.

Upcoming Readings

Jan. 1, Holy Name of Jesus

Numbers 6: 22-27

Psalm 8

Philippians 2: 5-11

Luke 2: 15-21

Jan. 8, Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14

Ephesians 3: 1-12

Matthew 2: 1-12

Jan. 15-The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42: 1-9

Psalm 29

Acts 10: 34-43

Matthew 3: 13-17

Jan. 22-3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Isaiah 9: 1-4

Psalm 27: 1, 5-13

1 Corinthians 10: 10-18

Matthew 4: 12-23

Jan. 29-4th Sunday after Epiphany

Micah 6: 1-8

Psalm 15

1 Corinthians 1: 18-31

Matthew 5: 1-12

Feb. 5-The Presentation of the Lord

Malachi 3: 1-4

Psalm 24: 7-10

Hebrews 2: 14-18

Luke 2: 22-40

Feb. 12-6th Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

Psalm 119: 1-8

1 Corinthians 3: 1-9

Matthew 5: 21-37

Feb. 19-7th Sunday after Epiphany

Leviticus 19: 1-2, 9-18

Psalm 119: 33-40

1 Corinthians 3: 10-11, 16-23

Matthew 5: 38-48

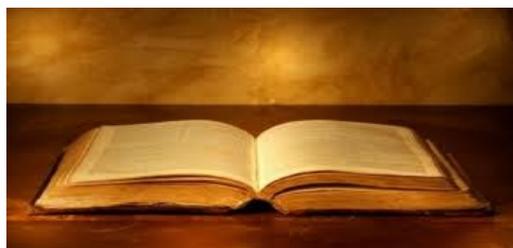
Feb. 26-Last Sunday after Epiphany

Exodus 24: 12-18

Psalm 99

2 Peter 1: 16-21

Matthew 17: 1-9



The "W" in Christmas

Just before Christmas one year, my son Nicholas was in kindergarten. It was an exciting season for a six year old. For weeks, he'd been memorizing songs for his school's "Winter Pageant."

I didn't have the heart to tell him I'd be working the night of the production. Unwilling to miss his shining moment, I spoke with his teacher. She assured me there'd be a dress rehearsal the morning of the presentation. All parents unable to attend that evening were welcome to come then.

Fortunately, Nicholas seemed happy with the compromise.

So, the morning of the dress rehearsal, I filed in ten minutes early, found a spot on the cafeteria floor and sat down. Around the room, I saw several other parents quietly scampering to their seats.

As I waited, the students were led into the room. Each class, accompanied by their teacher, sat cross-legged on the floor. Then, each group, one by one, rose to perform their song.

Because the public school system had long stopped referring to the holiday as "Christmas," I didn't expect anything other than fun, commercial entertainment songs of reindeer, Santa Claus, snowflakes and good cheer. So, when my son's class rose to sing, "Christmas Love," I was slightly taken aback by its bold title.

Nicholas was aglow, as were all of his classmates, adorned in fuzzy mittens, red sweaters, and bright snow caps upon their heads. Those in the front row - centre stage - held up large letters, one by one, to spell out the title of the song.

As the class sang "C is for Christmas," a child held up the letter C. Then, "H is for Happy," and on and on, each child holding up his letter until they had presented the complete message, "Christmas Love."

The performance was going smoothly, until suddenly we noticed her; a small, quiet, girl in the front row holding the letter "M" upside down - totally unaware her letter "M" appeared as a "W".

The audience of 1st through 6th graders snickered at this little one's mistake. But she had no idea they were laughing at her, so she stood tall, proudly holding her "W".

Although many teachers tried to shush the children, the laughter continued until the last letter was raised, and we all saw it together. A hush came over the audience and eyes began to widen.

In that instant, we understood the reason we were there, why we celebrated the holiday in the first place, why there was a purpose for our festivities.

For when the last letter was held high, the message read loud and clear:

"CHRISTWASLOVE"