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the Pew
May**

2016



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Congratulations to Donald and Annika Koch on the birth of their Granddaughter, Madilyn Grace.

She was born 9 April to Christopher and Charlene Koch.



AND ... Congratulations to Victoria and Adam Thomson on the birth of Baby Allister.

Mom and Baby are doing well, and home with a proud papa and a VERY excited big sister.



Editorial

Most weeks the office prints off close to 1000 pieces of paper which makes for a ton of recycling every couple of weeks. As part of the budget plan for 2016, the office has been asked to look at ways of reducing our impact.

So we wanted to let you know two things that are coming down the pipe.

Firstly, because so many of us are away over the summer months, for June, July, and August we are going to print the bulletin monthly. You will still get a worship guide every week, but the bulletin will be the same for the month. But with that come a few changes.

The deadlines for submission to the bulletin will be as follows — for June, you need to get your announcements in by 25 May. For July,

it's 22 June, and for August it's 27 July. Please keep the announcements to no roughly 100 words (4 lines).

We appreciate your help in this matter.

The other is this Newsletter. We are in the process of trying to ascertain what our actual readership is. We know how many we print off each month and how many get mailed out. We also know how many end up in the recycling. So here's the deal: starting in the Fall, News From the Pews is going to be available on an opt-in basis. So we need you to let us know if you still want it. To opt in, call the office (403-255-0001) and let us know you're in. Our promise to you is that if this letter is your link to the church, then we'll make sure it stays strong.

Check out the completely redesigned

www.standrewscalgary.ca

Live on 1 June, 2016

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A (literal) Ton of Food



To say that it's a tough time in Calgary is an understatement.

Since this time last year, EI claims in the city of Calgary are up 91% and as a result, calls on the Food Bank are up 20% and new client intake is up 35%. In 2015, 1 in 9 Calgarians used the Food Bank, and 41% of them were children.

But apart from Christmas, the Food Bank doesn't get a whole lot of attention. So what do you do when you're coming up to the furthest point from Christmas and the need is only increasing?

You bring out the BHAG. The Big, Hairy, Audacious, Goal.

In 2015, from January to December, St. Andrew's donated a little less than 1000 lbs of food to the Food Bank. So that's what we want to do again. Only this time, we want to do it all in the month of May.

So bring your non perishable food items to church, spread the word on Facebook, and let's feed a hungry city.

For more information, check out www.standrewscalgary.ca/hunger or speak to Joan Rowe

Here's What's Happening!

Heritage Senior's Strawberry Tea

Saturday 14 May

1:00—3:00 pm

Trinity Hall, 703 Heritage DR SW

Come see the art display, and pick up something at the craft book and bake sale.



Tickets only \$6.00

NEWCOMERS LUNCH



Sunday, 15 May
12:45 pm

28 May, 8:30am

MEN'S BREAKFAST



Summer Bible Study

22 June—10 August

Every Wednesday Evening, 7:00 pm

Contact Maureen for more information



Mexico Mission Trip 2016



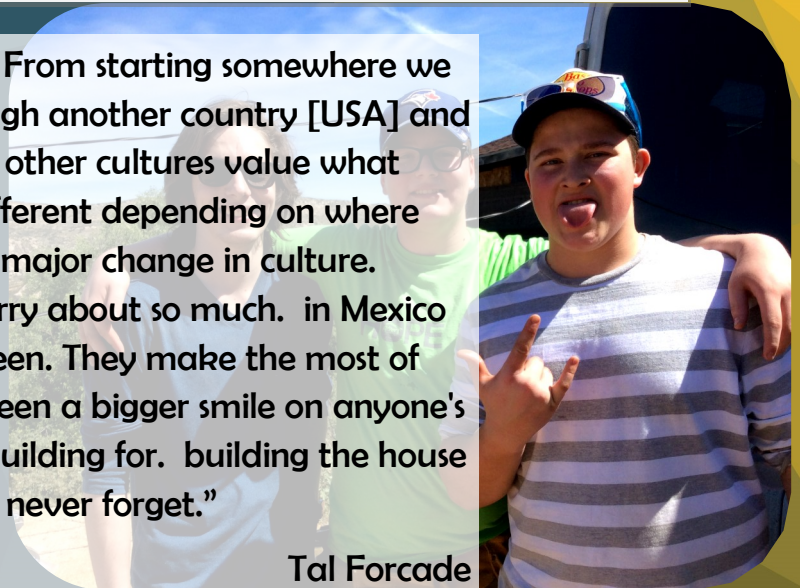
“What a beautiful way to celebrate Easter!

Going to the Mexico Mission Trip 2016 was one of the best ways that my children and I celebrated Easter. In this trip we experienced a time of anticipation, a time to feel that unity with our church family, a time to work hard together by building a house for a family in need in only 3 days, WOW!! Also a time to make new friends, a time for reflection, and a time to feel grateful to God for having the opportunity of being part in such an important moment of a family's life making their dream house come true. Meeting this beautiful family was really something seeing the Mexican family's joy and gratefulness in their eyes, their hugs, their hospitality towards us, and the beautiful experience of praying together with our brothers and sisters from Mexico in Christ. When I was talking to my young daughter about this wonderful experience, she said, “I know that God is very proud for all of us and always will be, I also feel that this was extremely special what we gave to this family and I feel so glad and happy for the family that they now have not just a house, but a home”.

Desiree, Douglas and Lilwen Henrichsen

“This trip was the most eye opening experience. From starting somewhere we were familiar with [Canada] and moving through another country [USA] and into the next [Mexico], I noticed how differently other cultures value what they have. Canada and USA were not much different depending on where you were, but as we drifted into Mexico I saw a major change in culture. Where we live, in first world countries we all worry about so much. in Mexico they were the most happy people I have ever seen. They make the most of what they have , and I don't think I have ever seen a bigger smile on anyone's face than the ones of the family that we were building for. building the house for Juan and his family was something that I will never forget.”

Tal Forcade



Little Dresses on a MISSION



On Saturday, April 23rd we held our second successful work bee. Many new Little Dresses kits are now available for anyone who sews and wants to be a part of this wonderful mission. Most kits now include rick rack, lace or other trim that can be added to the dress.

Disaster Aid Canada also sends Little Britches to the boys so at this last work bee we created a few "Little Britches" (shorts) kits for the boys. Just like the Little Dresses kits, these kits include everything you need - fabric that has been pre-cut, elastic and detailed sewing instructions. The instructions don't mention a pocket but each package has a square of material for you if you wish to add a hip pocket. Both the Little Dresses AND the Little Britches kits can be found in the foyer. Please take a dress or shorts kit home, sew it, and return it to the basket provided. Because of your support and sewing enthusiasm, we have sewn 500 dresses for Disaster Aid Canada to distribute! If you have any questions, please contact Judie Coleman.



We're not just sending dresses,
we're
Sending **HOPE**





SO MUCH FUN!

Kids of all ages have fun playing parachute games with Inge Murray (left) and Willa Boehm painting away (right) at the 2016 Family Fun Day on 16 April, 2016



Family Fun Day



Feed my Sheep

Some St. Andrew's kids try their hand at nursing baby goats thanks to our friends at Butterfield Acres



Adam and Charlotte check out their look in the mirror



PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

With the departure of Rev. Lee, Presbytery has given us the go-ahead to start the search process. A committee has yet to be named, but if you feel like you would like to be part of this process, you can let the office know by email — office@standrewscalgary.ca.



Wondering what you can do for now?

for the Pastor Search Committee

Big things are happening here at St. Andrew's!

If you've been around for the last few months, you've seen the huge numbers of kids we've had on Sunday mornings. So the CE Team has decided to double the size of our Sunday School.



But that's not as easy as it sounds. It also means we need to double the teachers.

No experience necessary, on the job training provided.

Contact Rhonda Wishart for more information



The Big Yellow School Bus

It came every Sunday at 10:15 am, the **BIG YELLOW SCHOOL BUS** right to our front door.

I was about 12 or so as far as I can remember the first time it came. And I continued to go to St. Andrew's that way until I was married in 1968, on the Big Yellow School Bus.

We were the last ones to be picked up. First on was Mrs. Jefferies, then Mrs. Dahl, then Mr. Law, his daughter Mrs. Dutton, and Mrs. Dutton's daughter Pat. Pat was the same age as my sister Valerie so they would always sit together. As I said we were the last ones - the Johnstone family.

Now you may be wondering why it came about that this wonderful group went to St. Andrew's by school bus. Well, my Mum always said it was because "we were special, we lived in Inglewood". When St. Andrew's moved from East Calgary to Haysboro those who lived in East Calgary and Inglewood would have a means to get to church. And as long as just ONE person lived in Inglewood they would be picked up and brought to St. Andrew's.

Over the years the big yellow school bus got smaller until finally we were picked up by taxi.

One of my memories was of getting into the bus on Sunday November 24, 1963. The bus driver (who was the same every week) had been listening to his transistor radio and the first thing he said to us as we came on was "He's been shot". This was of course the time of President Kennedy's assassination, and on this day it was Oswald who was shot by Ruby. Right then and there we all prayed.

My teen years were filled with wonderful memories of my trips to church in the Yellow school bus which brought me to Love the Lord thru the smiles and love from those who travelled with us.

The last person who continued to be brought to church by taxi was Mrs. Isobel Dahl.

Submitted by Margaret Johnstone Mehrer



meal train

Supporting friends

Strengthening community

Joan Rowe explains St. Andrew's newest Pastoral care initiative

NFTP: Where did this idea come from?

JR: In an effort to streamline the pastoral care activity of supporting congregational members during the ups and downs of life, the Family Ministry and CareShare teams are working together to provide help and care for those at difficult times. We have selected Meal Train to use in organizing and matching our resources with our needs.

NFTP: So how will Meal Train fit into what we do now?

JR: Meal Train is an online service that has the potential to enhance the reach of our CareShare Ministry. Meal Train is a service used by other churches and organizations to provide assistance to congregations during life events such as births, illness, surgery, and bereavement. Currently Jean Spotowski and I call, administrate and arrange for the delivery of meals and transportation as needs arise in the congregation, based on referrals from the office and ministers. Meal Train should help the office and CareShare streamline those requests.

NFTP: What does it look like?

JR: It's an online calendar hub that collects all the information about needs in one place and is accessible by a variety of helpers. When a new need is identified a 'train' is created by the CareShare team pointing out which days needs have to be met by an individual. Notice of the new train is then sent out by email to everyone who is part of the volunteer email list. As the train gets checked, volunteers will see not only what is needed, but what is already being provided so there is no duplication of effort. As needs change, the trains can be updated.

Special thanks to Joan Rowe and Jean Spotowski for their work with the CareShare program, and to Kim McLachlan for volunteering to administrate the online end of things.

Session voted to approve this measure at its regular meeting on 19 April, 2016

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