



St. John's Session met on March 26, 2019 at which time the

following matters were addressed:

- St. John's has again been warned by the City of White Rock regarding unnecessary police response to false security alarms at the church. So, it behooves us to ensure that the church is fully secured and alarmed when we leave.
- The church security alarm monitoring firm has requested additional names on the emergency call-out list to respond when the alarm is activated after hours. **Please speak to the Minister or the Clerk of Session if you would be willing to be on the call-out list.**
- Elder **Jacque Chartier** has agreed to act as interim Clerk of Session until a full-time Clerk is selected to replace

former Clerk, Keith Leishman.

- On March 26th representatives from the three congregations worshipping at St. John's gathered to discuss various ways in which, by working together, we can enhance our Christian ministry in White Rock/South Surrey.
- There has been a marked increase in the abuse of our church parking facilities by persons who are not using church facilities. In fact, one such "scoff law" when confronted by the Minister, resorted to abusive and foul language. The use of parking decals for the cars of individual church users is being considered as one way of addressing the problem.
- Session will be continuing with the video series (started at its February retreat) by Craig Groeschel called "How Leaders Can Get IT & Keep IT".
- It has come to our attention that **Retha Truter** has been

volunteering at Lunch Hut for 23 years. Many thanks for your devotion Retha!!

- The Volunteer Appreciation Tea took place on March 26th. Many thanks to the Stewardship & Outreach volunteers for making it such a success.
- Peter Tilbury was guest speaker at the March 30th Mens Club meeting, providing an informative look at the killing of protected animals in Africa.
- Elder **Jacqui Chartier** is planning a series of workshops at St. John's targeting the local recovery community.
- **Doug Eyjolfson** is currently at Morgan Heights undergoing stroke rehab but is having visitors.
- **There is an urgent need for a church Treasurer to replace Larry Eastwood whose term is ending.** Please speak to the Minister or the Clerk if you or anyone you know might be interested.
- The Legacy Trust balance currently stands at \$418,353.21. The search is on for additional Trustees.

See Elder **Emily Wilson** if you are interested.

- With regards to church maintenance, the kitchen extractor fan required repairs. Work on the sanctuary ceiling is awaiting the outcome of an asbestos report before work can start.
- **Spring clean-up - Saturday, April 27th from 9:00 to 12 noon.** Please sign up in the main hall Sunday.
- **Rev. Willem, Bessie and your Session invite all to an after-worship luncheon, Sunday, April 28th.** Sign up sheet will be in the main hall.
- **Good Friday joint St. John's/White Rock Lutheran worship service and communion, April 19th @ 10:30 am.**
- As I will no longer be serving on Session, this will be my last edition of the *Session Chronicles* newsletter. I hope you have found them informative. I'm hoping that someone else will take up the task.

Keith Leishman