THE WAY OF THE EAGLET

There have been many changes since the "Eagle" came out, so here is a brief update of what has happened, as well as a reminder of the on-gong events of St. John's.

OUR PEOPLE

Willem is planning a trip to Israel in October and has already recruited some people who want to accompany him. There is room for two more – first come, first served!

Elrine is getting married August 8th! Her fiancé is Addison Young. There will be an open invitation to join in the celebration!

Kimberly is a grandmother! Baby Jackson was born on March 7th, 2 1/2 months premature. Please join with us in praying for this little one.

Reynhardt continues to be the producer of inspiring concerts on the last Wednesday of the month. He has joined with professionals Justin & Sara for other concerts, the first one in the Elk's Hall March 21st at 7 pm.

We welcome Lori Barnson, who grew up in our church, as our new janitor, and know that she will do a wonderful job.

Fern Beale continues as our librarian. Check out the variety of books in our library.

Leone Wright has volunteered to see that we have flowers in the Sanctuary each week.

OUR BUILDING

The choir loft has had a major overhaul. It is now a stage, and will be useful for future concerts. It has already held 80 people when the White Rock choirs joined with the Welsh choir for a concert last Fall.

We now have two choirs, the Senior one and the Praise and Worship Team, who alternate each week. We are learning new ways to praise God for His goodness and power.

GROUPS

The Day Care, operating Mondays to Fridays, 7:30 am to 6 pm, is expanding to include younger children. The upstairs Sunday School rooms are adapted for this use.

A group of AA people, and recently Al-Anon, are meeting weekly.

Moms & Tots, who used to meet at Peace Arch Hospital, are comfortable meeting here each Tuesday afternoon.

Sarona Mynhardt's 3 choirs meet here Mondays & Tuesday's, It is joyous to hear their music. A week-end work shop in April will see many children here.

The Men's Club has resurfaced, under the guidance of Gordon Wilson. The men of the Lutheran and Anglican congregations are invited to attend also.

Not to be outdone, Sharon McKenzie has started a "Women Together" club, which will meet for coffee several times a year. Women from the three congregations enjoyed hearing about Phyllis Dekker's trip to India at the first meeting. The next, May 30, will be a talk about the Food Bank from Colleen Kimberley, Salvation Army.

The Friendship group continues to meet on the first Monday of the month. All ladies are welcome.

The WMS has been in operation over 35 years. It is now called the Molly Doka group, in recognition of Molly's dedication to the work of the Women's Missionary Society.

The Lunch Hut is in its 22nd year, started by Mary Beazely, who felt there was a need for a nourishing meal for those who were struggling financially. Now it is serving over 100 each Friday. Many friendships have been formed, and the volunteers who come regularly find pleasure in helping to make this a pleasant experience.

The Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meet monthly for lunch. The Lunch Hut staff provide the meal for them.

ESL classes are flourishing. These happen on Wednesday morning.

A new church directory will be published soon. Ina has been taking many of our pictures.

Willem's Bible Study is held every Wednesday at 10 am and 7 pm. All welcome to join in learning more about the Bible which strengthens our faith.

OUR FUTURE

Soon we will see a more up to date, visible sign on our lawn – near the corner of George and Russell. Thanks to the Lutherans for helping in the funding of this. It will make the community more aware of St. John's and what goes on here.

We invite you to check out our bulletin board. Session reports will be printed monthly.

We have begun talks about having Vacation Bible Studies again this summer. Your help is requested.

"May the mind of Christ my Saviour live in me from day to day, Jesus' love and power controlling all I do or say."