

Sunday, June 2, 2019

While the young Faith Questers with Trent and Vanessa were planting flowers amidst the perennials around the exterior of St. David's, the six members of the Youth group participated in the service. With Alison and Rev. Peggy presiding, Tiana and A.J. were recognized as our grade 12 grads. These two amazing young people have been active at St. David's for many years. Along with them, other youth Faith Questers were participants in the service. A.J., as well, celebrated the Act of Renewal of Baptismal Faith and was confirmed with Alison, Rev. Peggy and our Youth group sharing in this special recognition. All six had participated in Confirmation Classes offered by Alison.

Sunday, May 26, 2019

Face painting, all the hot dogs you could eat, sunshine, ice cream. This was a happening event enjoyed by the Faith Questers present. Vanessa and Trent kept everyone busy. Such a great team!!

A Message from Alison:

Hi There, Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to help set up the SDUC Spring Celebration BBQ next Sunday morning during Faith Quest and then join in the fun! Please have your parents contact Chantal in the office to let her know how many hotdogs/hamburgers your family will eat. We hope to see you there!

SUNDAY, MAY 26 TH / 11:30AM TO 1:00 PM FACE PAINTING • GAMES • DIXIE CUPS

Sunday, May 12, 2019

What a wonderful dedicated and creative group are our Ministry of Families team. They did an amazing job of the Christian Family Service, Sunday morning, as the grade four and six faith questers were recognized in two traditional rites of passage - those being the presentation of a Bible (fours) and Journal (sixes). As well, the sofa was carried in by two members of the Youth Church signifying the move from sitting on pillows as do the Faith Questers to sitting on the sofas in Youth Church. If you missed the service, you can check it on on Home Page Sermons. As well, there are some neat pictures to peruse below.

Sunday, May 5, 2019

Faith Questers were Downstairs throughout the worship service Sunday morning as they prepared for the Christian Family Sunday Service. Bibles will be presented to the Grade Four questers and the Rite of Passage to Grade Sixers moving up to Youth Church will be observed. Join us for this wonderful Mothers' Day celebration of Family.

Sunday, April 29, 2019

Our Faith Questers are preparing for Family Day Service on May 12, 2019. Grade Four questers will be receiving their Bibles as Grade Sixers move up to Youth Church. Alison has requested two "Superpowers" to describe the individuals who have helped Faith Chat come alive on Sunday mornings. Please respond as soon as possible. Please refer to the message from Alison below.

Message from Alison

Hello Everyone, It is hard to imagine that the year has flown by so quickly and we are beginning our planning for the Family Service which will be led jointly by the Faith Quest children, myself and the Family Ministries Committee. There is important information below, so I ask that you please read it carefully: Please respond before Sunday, April 21st.

This year we have tied our program together using a "Superhero" Theme. We will carry this theme over into our annual Family Service by using the book, "These Hands" to help the children present who they are as "human heroes" and what superpowers they have to bring to the world for the good of all. The children have already begun to prepare by hearing the story and practicing some songs about hands (which I will be sending out shortly).

Important dates to remember are as follows: Rehearsals – Sunday, April 28th & May 5:Robertson Hall

10:00 a.m. Family Service - Sunday, May 12th:

Arrive/Costumes 9:00 a.m.Service

10:00 a.m. Faith Quest Children During the service, we will be offering a look at the superpowers we have explored this year within the liturgy and a short play. All are invited to participate in the service – speaking and non-speaking parts will be available.

Music and Dance: All are welcome to perform a musical or dance piece within the service. Brent is happy to accompany or work with anyone wishing to play the organ.

Parents: Although everyone will be in the sanctuary, I need a few parents to assist the children during rehearsals and in the service.

Family Ministry Committee: I will need you to help with the presentation of the Bibles and to assist the children with reading the scripture from their new Bibles.

Grade Four Children will receive their Bibles and read scripture from them. Those receiving Bibles are:

Sasha Carlsen                      Hugo Goasdoué-Wallace                      Quinn Mahoney

Please confirm that your child's name is spelled properly (names go into their Bibles), if I have missed anyone, and please let me know if they will be in attendance to read from their Bible.

Grade Six Children will participate in the Rite of Exploration. This is when the children are given a gift from the Faith Quest Program and welcomed to be a part of the youth group. Those moving up include:

Heather Ferleyko                      Carly Kulcsar                      Lauren Lowe                      Clara Sandy  
Alex Toltesi

Please confirm that I have everyone in the proper grade, if I have missed anyone, that your child's name is spelled properly (names go into their gifts) and please let me know if they will be in attendance to receive their gifts. To plan appropriately I must have everything in place as soon as possible...

If your child(ren) are interested in participating in some form, please let me know in what way by Sunday, April 21st.

Here are the words to songs that will be used on the 12th. The tunes for the songs are found on the email from Alison sent on Sunday, April 28, 2019.

What shall I do with these hands of mine?  
What shall I do with these hands of mine?  
The world could use a hero of the human kind  
So tell me what shall I do with these hands of mine?

What shall I do with these hands of mine?  
What shall I do with these hands of mine?  
The world could use a hero of the human kind  
So tell me what shall I do with these hands of mine?

With My Own Two Hands

I can change the world with my own two hands

Make it a better place with my own two hands

Make it a kinder place with my own two hands

With my own, with my own two hands

I can make peace on earth with my own two hands

I can clean up the earth with my own two hands

I can reach out to you with my own two hands

With my own, with my own two hands

With my own, with my own two hands

I'm going to make it a brighter place with my own two hands

I'm going to make it a safer place with my own two hands

I'm going to help the human race with my own two hands

With my own, with my own two hands

With my own, with my own two hands

I can hold you in my own two hands

I can comfort you with my own two hands

But you've got to use, use your own two hands

Use your own, use your own two hands (2X's)

With our own, with our own two hands (2X's)

With my own, with my own two hands (2X's)

Blessing

Joy be in thy heart

Peace be in thy spirit

Compassion be thy journey

Love be in thee

Joy be in my heart

Peace be in my spirit

Compassion be my journey

Love be in me

Put a Little Love in Your Heart

Think of your fellow man, lend him a helping hand

Put a little love in your heart

You see it's getting late, oh please don't hesitate

Put a little love in your heart

Chorus

And the world will be a better place,

And the world will be a better place,

And the world will be a better place,

For you, and me, you just wait and see

Put a little love in your heart now

Put a little love in your heart

Another day goes by and still the children cry

Put a little love in your heart

If you want the world to know, we won't let hatred grow

Put a little love in your heart

Chorus

Take a good look around and if you're looking down

Put a little love in your heart

I hope when you decide, kindness will be your guide

Put a little love in your heart

Chorus

Put Your Hand In the Hand

Put your hand in the hand of the man who stilled the water

Put your hand in the hand of the man who calmed the sea

Take a look at yourself and you can look at others differently

Put your hand in the hand of the man from Galilee 2Xs

Sunday, April 21, 2019

Faith Quest on Easter Sunday morning was all about seeds and planting. Alison had created a garden with stones selected with Easter in mind and corn and zinnia seeds. Five days later, the little sprouts had emerged and the garden was projected for all to see. New birth was the focus for Alison's story. New life had emerged from dried seeds in the miracle of birth.

The host of little people made their way to Robertson Hall for an Easter party following their story. Vanessa, with Jonah in her arms, arrived with a little Easter bunny basket to lead the Faith Questers downstairs.

Sunday, April 14, 2019

Batman and Supergirl, Nick and Sasha, helped Alison tell the story about Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. Superpowers of Batman and Supergirl followed the example of Jesus, who knew that his arrival would create opposition from the Roman power structure in Jerusalem but he was prepared to face whatever would come. Alison had gathered a host of palm branch-carrying children and adults dressed in the homespun robes of Jesus' time. As they entered the sanctuary, they surrounded the congregation and soon we all had palm branches to wave while we were singing. We are so much in debt to Alison for the time and talent she shares with us on a regular basis. We are so blessed.

Sunday, April 7, 2019

Our special guest this morning in dialogue with Alison was "Supergirl." The story that Alison related was about Naomi and her devotion to her family. Following Faith Chat, the Faith Questers returned to Robertson Hall for their time together while Alison continued presiding over the Worship Service along with Youth Group members, Tiana, Taylor, Laura, Lauren, William and A.J. Their presentation dealt with the theme of "being enough." "A Time for Every Matter" asked us to consider areas of our lives where we felt inadequate with the assurance that we did indeed have /were enough!

Members of the congregation were asked to write on a slip of paper, provided, the answer to "Not \_\_\_\_\_ Enough" and these slips were presented during offertory and communion which was served by the Youth. All in all, the message and the messengers were guides through a very meaningful worship service. Thank you!

Sunday, March 31, 2019

Tyson Carroll helped Alison light the Lenten Candles this morning. Catgirl, Iris Goasdoué-Wallace, was Alison's companion this morning as the Faith Questers learned all about Baby Moses and how his big sister, Marion, saved his life because of Marian's courage and her ability to "do the wrong things for the right reason." Like Catgirl helping the Riddler at Christmas, Marion acted with compassion and courage thereby saving her little brother and allowing their mother to continue to tend her baby boy.

Sunday, March 24, 2019

Faith Questers, Hugo and Iris, helped Alison light the Lenten Candles to begin the service Sunday morning. They and other young ones adjourned to Robertson Hall. Next Sunday, we will be hearing another Bible story as told by Alison and Catgirl.

At Council, Tuesday night, Rebecca Way gave an update on Youth programming. The Temple Tour was so well-received that Youth will be taking a second tour in the fall. They were the chefs involved in making savoury dishes for "Pie" day while younger folk helped make sweet pies.

Sunday, March 17, 2019

It was popcorn and a movie for our young ones this morning in Faith Quest. Those who stayed enjoyed eating PIE!!! after the service upstairs was finished.

Sunday, March 10, 2019

Bat Girl, Samantha, was in conversation with Alison as they told the story of Naaman this morning.

According to the Bible, Naaman was a commander-in-chief of the Syrian army. He, with God's help, was a victor yet he was a leper. Naaman's wife had a servant girl from Israel who said that the prophet, Elisha, would be able to heal him.

Like Bat Girl, the servant girl, shared their superpowers with their community.

Sunday, March 4, 2019

Our special guests in conversation with Alison this morning were the Incredible Hulk and Iron Man. The story of David and Goliath was the feature and, later, downstairs, in Robertson Hall, the story continued.

Sunday, Feb. 24, 2019

Shadrach, Meschach and Abednego were the superpowers of old during today's Faith Chat with special guest, Superman, in dialogue with Alison. Downstairs, the children recreated the fiery furnace and reenacted the story from long ago, found in Daniel 3. <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Daniel+3&version=MEV>

Alison has sent out an email with her schedule of young people to help out. Check it as a file attachment below.

Sunday, Feb. 17, 2019

This Sunday, there was no Faith Quest programming as families were busy with the long weekend resulting from Teachers' Convention and Family Day. See you next week.

Our Youth will be engaging in a Cross Cultural Temple Tour on March 2, beginning at 10 a.m. Look on the event page for more particulars.

Sunday, Feb. 10, 2019

Wonder Woman was on hand this morning to dialogue with Alison as she told the story of Esther and her trust in God that gave her the superpower of confronting the king with her request to save Mordecai, the man who had raised her and the Jewish people, the target of Haman, advisor to the king. Wonder woman, the Faith Quest team and the children retired to Robertson Hall where they heard more of the story and brought home jewel-encrusted golden crowns, commemorating the King who protected the Jewish people and rid his nation of his evil advisor.

Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019

It was the story of Nehemiah this morning that gave Alison and her charges a chance to examine superpowers from the past. It was such a cold morning that many of our children did not get to hear the story. I have included it as a file attachment below. X Burke, Robin, was in conversation with Alison as they concluded that when all was done, we don't even know the name of the king but Nehemiah is remembered through the ages.

Friday, Feb. 1, 2019

Alison has sent us an update for upcoming Youth activities. Scroll to the bottom of the page for the file attachment, download and print it then post it on the frig.

Sunday, January 27, 2019

The Riddler struck again; this time drawing out the story of Daniel in the Lions' Den from Alison. Deviousness, stock and trade of the Riddler's external ways, played a large part in the story of Daniel and the King because Daniel's accusers were not playing fair and became lion fodder, rather than Daniel. Again, the story was enacted downstairs on stage and in the act of producing acrylic images of the lion. (p.s. One came home to our house.)

At the January Council meeting, Ministry of Families chair, Rachelle Hardin, gave details of the extensive work being done by the Faith Quest team both with children and Youth. We are so fortunate to be able to support this ministry.

Sunday, January 20, 2019

Spiderman, Tyson, had a conversation with Alison, this morning, about the value of commitment in our lives. The story was about Jonah and, in Robertson Hall, the story came to life with ocean, giant fish, waves -- the lot. Awesome!

Here is an important message from Alison.

Hi All,

I have been awake very early for the past two mornings thinking about not only this year's "Superhero Sundays" but also what I want to do next year in Faith Quest. It has occurred to me that the Jesus stories would be a fit better fit for next year. I would still like to have the children help with the Faith Chats in the roles of superheroes and match the superheroes gifts/ superpowers with stories of superheroes from the Bible. Although the Faith Chats will still land on those Sundays, from the responses I have already received, I don't think I was clear in what I was looking for so I thought I would try and put it this way...

Of the dates below that I need children to help out, could you please let me know... the best you can... what doesn't work and I will try to come up with a schedule?

Feb 10: child needed to help with Faith Chat

Feb 17: Holiday – no Program

Feb 24: child needed to help with Faith Chat

Mar 03: child needed to help with Faith Chat

Mar 10: child needed to help with Faith Chat

Mar 17: child needed to help with Faith Chat

Mar 24: Spring Break – no Program

Mar 31: child needed to help with Faith Chat

Apr 07: child needed to help with Faith Chat

Apr 14: child needed to help with Faith Chat

Apr 21: Easter Sunday

April 28: child needed to help with Faith Chat/Family Service Rehearsal

May 05: Family Service Rehearsal

May 12: Family Service

May 19: Holiday – No Program

May 26: SDUC Superheroes at the BBQ

Jun 02: SDUC Superheroes in the Garden



Thanks for your patience while I am working this out...A.

Sunday, January 13, 2019

Commitment is the value of the month and, on Sunday morning, when Vanessa asked the children what it was, they had no trouble answering. Downstairs they celebrated the first of their "Superhero Sundays" as they work on the idea of commitment and being superheroes in their own right. P.S. Iris brought her friend, Ivy, with her and Vanessa worked with them after class on their elastic bracelets. Thank you, Vanessa.

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Youth Group Schedule

All youth are welcome

Contact Alison or the Church office for more information.

#### FAITH QUEST

Here at St. David's we strive to take the "school" out of Sunday. Our children's program is rich in activity and offers an "experience" that invites children to explore our Christian faith in relation to our lives today. As well, we provide opportunities to participate in community events and service projects at and beyond St. David's. For more information, please contact Alison Demeter at 403-284-2276 Ex.110 or [children@sduc.ca](mailto:children@sduc.ca).

Below are a few Children's Ministry Resources:

SDUC Children's Blog, including YAMF updates and other events!  
Sunday Server Newsletter (biannual)