Church Chatter at St. David's

Advent, 2024

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WORSHIP COMMITTEE

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS: All St. David's services will be in-person AND online/livestreamed.

Dec 1 - Sound of Silence	Advent 1, communion, White Gift
Dec 8 - Sound of Shouting	Advent 2, Prayer candles, White Gift
Dec 15 - Sound of Singing	Advent 3, Lessons and Carols
Dec 21 Blue Christmas service	7 pm, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Leduc
Dec 24 - Sound of Surprises	Advent 4, Christmas music and candles
Dec 24 - Sound of Stable	7 pm Christmas Eve service
Dec. 29 - Sounds Like New Year!	

White Gift
St. David's will be collecting White Gift donations on December 1 and December 8. Our generous gifts will go to the HUB, which has been serving Leduc since 2008. They currently offer mobile support services in Leduc from Monday to Saturday, 1 pm to 3 pm, in the lot of St. Paul's Anglican church.

As the HUB has limited storage space, they are asking for donations of gift cards to Walmart, Safeway and Co-op grocery stores, as well as McDonald's and Tim Hortons. We will also have envelopes for monetary donations.

You can bring your donations to church on December 1 or 8, and leave then on our collections box under the Christmas tree. Thank you for your generosity.

Hymn Sing
Join us on the last Sunday of the month for a hymn sing before the service. You'll find a hymn suggestion box at the back of the sanctuary; write down some of your favorite hymns and then we can join together to make a joyful noise to the Lord.

Communion Servers
Our committee is looking for help serving communion. There is no need to prepare the communion elements, just take a turn one Sunday to serve. If this is something you may be interested in doing contact Shauna D at csdittrick@shaw.ca .

CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-ALONG

Saturday, November 30, AT 2pm,
St. David's Sanctuary
Free Admission - Donations welcome

Please join us for a joyful afternoon and begin your Christmas season with song.

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols; Songs of Light & Spirit

On the third Sunday of Advent, please join us as we present "The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols; Songs of Light and Spirit"- featuring vocal ensembles and choirs from St. David's United Church, vocal and instrumental soloists, readings, manger tableaux, and audience carols. All ages of attending children may take part in the tableaux by dressing as animals that might have been present at the manger with Baby Jesus and the Holy Family. Offering collection and candle lighting for the third sunday of Advent will be incorporated into the service. Reception and social time to follow the morning festival.

Where to See and Hear St. David's Children's Choirs and Synergy Ensemble at Christmas Time:

December 1st: First Sunday of Advent, 10:30 am St. David's
December 15th: Third Sunday of Advent, 10:30 am St. David's
December 17th: Seniors' Lodge, 6:30 pm Planeview Place
December 24th: Christmas Eve Service, 7:00 pm St. David's

CONNECTIONS COORDINATOR

Pastoral Care Committee

As 2024 nears its end, the members of the Pastoral Care Committee collectively reflect on the Good News that is St. David's. Together we are stronger.

The Pastoral Care committee grew by one earlier this year as we welcomed in, Stacie G. Our small group meets each month to review folks in need of comforting prayer, a listening ear and pastoral care support. Highlights this year included Tea and Conversation in the peaceful surroundings of St.David's own memorial garden area. The Spiritual Walk around Telford Lake was revived providing an

opportunity to connect spiritually with nature. We look to expand our connection opportunities to the wider Leduc community in 2025.

We ask that the St.David's congregation walk with us in our good work of connection, welcoming-in and pastoral care support to those in need. Look for us during the 2025 Lenten season as we brainstorm and plan a fundraising event that will include the young and young-at-heart of St.David's United.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Kruk on behalf of the Pastoral Care Committee.
Mary R. Marlene M. Stacie G. and Janice S. who will be rejoining the P.C.C.
Welcome Janice!

Blessings to everyone!

INREACH-OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Thank you for supporting our events during the past year!
Our members are Shauna Dittrick, Janet Ramcharan, Kirby Dublanko, Robin Stuart, Stacie Gant, Ron Thompson, and Linda Thompson. We welcome new members to join us! We meet on the second Sunday after Church, unless notified, in the choir room.

We have the following events coming to you very soon:

The Christmas Carol Sing on Saturday, November 30, at 2pm - 4pm.
In December, we will have our yearly Write for Rights.
In February, we will have a Valentine's celebration!
In April, look for our annnual pot luck Easter breakfast
More details of these and more will be given on Sundays and in the Enews.

MERRY CHRISTMAS to you all from the Inreach Outreach Committee!
Linda Thompson, Chair

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN

Upcoming Events:

Saturday November 30:, UCW will host a Craft and Bake Sale and Silent Auction, from 12-4. Chili and bun will be available for $5.00. Contact Judy Bittner (780-612-7974) or Janet Ramcharan (780-986-1497) if you wish to have table at the sale. There will be a $20.00 table charge per vendor who is not a church member. Drop off for the sale is Friday, November 29, 10am-1pm.

The UCW will be having their annual Christmas Potluck and Service on Monday, December 9. Set-up at 4:30; dinner at 5:30, service at 7:00. The service collection will go to St. David's. All women are invited to attend.

MEN'S CLUB

The St. David's United Men's Club has had a busy fall, and is looking forward to a busy winter.

The Men's Club continues to meet at O'Brian's on the second Saturday of each month for breakfast, fellowship, and interesting conversation. The breakfast is good and relatively inexpensive, and and we have some fascinating guest speakers.

The Men's Club had a very successful Harvest dinner, with 85 people in attendence. Once again we were able to prepare the food at the Shield's Commercial Kitchen in the Leduc & District Food Bank. We cooked the meat and vegetables there, and then brought them to the church: we had roast potatoes, carrots and onions and a new vegetable, roasted pumpkin.The potatoes and dessert was donated by the Food Bank. The Men's Club would like to thank Gert Reynar for all of her invaluable assistance on Saturday. The Harvest Dinner was followed by the Beef-on-a-Bun lunch at church the next day, and some lucky people go to take home leftover pie.

The Men's Club welcomes anyone who wants to join us on Saturday mornings. We aspire to be the most enjoyable part of the life of our church.

The St. David's Men's Club would like to wish everyone a very MERRY CHRISTMAS, and we look for ward to serving you pancakes in the new year