

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Readings For Next Sunday: First Reading, Jeremiah 18:1-11 * Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17 * Second Reading, Philemon 1-21 * Gospel, Luke 14:25-33

Tea & Coffee Hour - After every Sunday service we have our Tea and Coffee Fellowship time downstairs in the Lounge. Please do come and join us. Helping hands are always needed. The sign up sheet for coffee hour volunteers and baking is on the bulletin board outside the kitchen.

Thank you. We would like to thank all those who helped out with the memorial service for Rose Marie Reid on Saturday. It was a moving service and a wonderful reception. Our many thanks.

Memorial Garden Refurbishment The refurbishment of our memorial garden is already underway. We are beginning the process of planning exactly what to do with the garden and to plan for the Memorial Garden Sunday that will happen next year on Sunday, May 24. If you would like to be a part of the process of planning what memorial garden should look like, please consider joining the Memorial Garden Planing Team. As well, if you would like to be a part of the Memorial Garden Sunday Service and Reception Team please speak to Patrick as well. We believe this will be a great chance to invite people back to St. John's who we've not seen for a long time. Please do consider being part of this important event. Thank you, The Rev. Patrick Blaney.

Office Closed - please note that the church office will be closed on Monday, September 1 for the Labour Day holiday.

Welcome Back Potluck - Sept 14, 2025

September is always a rush of activity, with most programs coming back to normal after the summer break. To celebrate, we will be holding a Welcome Back Potluck after the Sunday Service on Sunday, September 14th. We need your help with everything! Whether you bake a lasagna, prepare a jello mold or wash the dishes, please be part of this celebration! Check out the sign-up sheet in the lounge.

Screening in Faith - Following Diocesan policy, our staff and many members of St. John's who work on committees are required to provide a criminal record check and complete online training, Creating a Safe Church Environment. These must be done every 5 years. Please be aware that Donna, Alison or Kathryn will be reaching out to some of you soon to complete one or both of these tasks. If you have any questions, please reach out to the Wardens, Alison or Kathryn.

Service of Interment - Our dear sister in Christ, Flo Legebokow will be interred in our Memorial Garden **Sunday, September 14** immediately after our regular Sunday service. If you would like to be a part of it please do join us outside. We will be using a new interment liturgy. Please do take part and join us outside.



Chair Yoga with Andrea is a drop in by donation group **every Friday at 10 am in the Lounge**. No experience is necessary and all are welcome. Donations are kindly accepted at the door. Come and get fit again with chair yoga!

Morning Prayer - Every Friday Morning at 9:00am on Zoom. It's a really great and refreshing way to start your day and it only takes ten minutes. Meeting ID: 818 1170 0940. No password needed.

Jean's Box - We collect items like seasonal clothing, toiletries, boxed snacks and blankets for Jean's Box. The items are so appreciated by those who are struggling and find themselves at Lookout's North Shore Shelter or North Shore Crisis Services. Drop your items into Jean's Box at the back of the sanctuary beside the offering plate. If you are donating food, please make sure that the best before date has not expired.

Quote of the Week

"I had to keep reminding myself that Faith is more like falling in love that it is like finding the answer to a complicated question".

David Brooks

This is a quote from the New York Times journalist in an article he wrote called "The Shock of Faith". I highly recommend reading the article. He contrasts this with his previous intellectual or belief-based approach to religion, describing his journey to faith as involving experiences—moments of awe and wonder—that eventually led him to a profound sense of a mysterious, overwhelming presence. I agree with Brooks that faith is something we experience and not something we strive for. *The Reverend Patrick Blaney*

The Coming Week At St. John's

Sunday, August 31 * Tea and Coffee Fellowship (Lounge) After the service

Monday, September 1 * Church Office is Open 9:00am-12:00pm

Tuesday, September 2 * Church Office is open 9:00am-12:00pm * Alanon Meeting (Sanctuary) 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Wednesday, September 3 * Church Office is Open 9:00am-12:00pm * Never Alone Meeting (Lounge) 6:30pm - 8:00pm *

Thursday, September 4 * Church Office is Open 9:00am-12:00pm * AA Meeting (Lounge) 7:00pm - 9:00pm * Choir Practice - On hiatus for the Summer

Friday, September 5 * Church Office is closed * Morning Prayer (Zoom) 9:00am * North Shore Young People AA Meeting (TBA) 8:30pm - 9:30pm

Saturday, September 6 * Church Office is Open 9:00am-12:00pm