

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Readings For Next Sunday:** First Reading, Acts 2:42-47 \* Psalm 23 \* Second Reading, 1 Peter 2:19-25 \* Gospel, John 10:1-10

**Celebration of Renewal for the Memorial Garden** - It's not too late to help with the special service and reception honouring the people laid to rest in our refreshed memorial garden. The celebration will take place **Sunday, May 24, 2026**. Help is needed inviting people to the service and organizing ways to invite people, as well as determining who we would like to invite. We would also be organizing a reception to be held after the service. Please contact Leeann at 604-980-4001, or popcornbunny46@gmail.com if you are able to help. If you know of someone who should be invited to this special service, please let Leeann know, or send the information to Donna in the office.

**The Memorial Garden** - Have you seen it recently? Our incredible Gardening Team has put their sweat, blood, and prayers into the refurbishment of our Memorial Garden, and it really looks lovely. Many thanks to everyone who had their hands in the soil to make such a welcome change!

**A Plea to be Scent-Free** - Our congregation is filled with so many wonderful, caring people. Some of those people are very sensitive to scents. Whether you wear perfume or cologne, or use scented products like hand-cream or hair-spray, those odours can be troubling for people with allergies, asthma, and serious lung conditions. We respectfully ask for your understanding, and ask that you avoid wearing strong scents to church. Thank you so much.

## **The 10th Annual Long, Long Night of Hope**

We are proud to announce that our 10th annual Long, Long Night of Hope fundraiser has raised a total of \$19,600. for the Lookout Society shelter in North Vancouver. We will celebrate our success during the Thanksgiving Box portion of our service on Sunday, May 3. On May 5th, our LLNOH volunteers will gather at the Lookout Society shelter for the cheque presentation.

Many thanks to the participants and donors for making this one of our biggest years to date! Thanks to your generosity, we have given over \$160,000 to the shelter in the last 10 years!

**Jean's Box Outreach** Jean's Box collects all year long for North Shore Crisis Services and the North Shore Shelter. Needs include seasonal clothing, toiletries, treats and more. Leave your donation in Jean's Box, at the back of the church near the main doors.

Our Lenten Season appeal for items for **Mission to Seafarers** is continuing on through the Easter Season. Each ship that visits our port has 20 to 30 seafarers and many struggle financially. Items needed for seafarers are warm toques, socks, medium sized body wash, tooth-paste, toothbrushes and reusable shopping bags.



## **Caring in Community Workshop - Saturday, May 2 - 10:00am-12:00 Noon.**

The workshop will be facilitated by the Rev. Dr. Shawn Bullock along with a priest colleague who is also a Chaplain Candidate in the Canadian Navy. They will both be drawing on their respective chaplaincy training to present some ideas on caring for each other in the community, and they will be leading an interactive discussion. See Deacon Shawn if you have any questions. Sign up at the Welcome Table, or by contacting the office.

**Spring Rummage Sale - May 9th  
10am-12pm**

Hospitality & Fellowship will be holding the annual Spring Rummage Sale on Saturday, May 9th from 10am to noon. As you are doing your Spring cleaning, please save your household treasures in good condition for the sale.

Popular items include:

- Dishes and glassware
- Jewellery
- Housewares
- Wall art and figurines
- Books, DVDs, puzzles and Games

Not accepted:

- Clothing, furniture, junk-drawer items

Bring your donated treasures to the church between 1-5pm on the afternoon of Friday, May 8th - no storage at the church before that date. Thanks!

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** - Feel free to join them every **2nd and 4th Tuesday at 1:30pm**, in the chapel or the lounge. They gather to pray, knit and gift. "Knit one, Pray two". Wool is provided. Please bring your own knitting needles.

**Quote of the Week**

Here is this week's quote that provides food for thought or inspiration, or, better yet, both. If you have any suggestions for quotes please pass them along to Donna in the office.

**"Too often we underestimate the power of ... a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."**

**- Leo Buscaglia**

Some days the world seems dark, violent, and uncaring. It is then that God calls us to be His light, Her hope, Their healing in our Community.

**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 in a fun and effective way with chair yoga!

**Soup's On!** Mark your calendar for Soup & Buns & Conversation on Wednesday, May 6th at 11:30 am in the lounge.

**The Coming Week At St. John's**

**Sunday, April 19** \* *Coffee Hour Today (Lounge) After the service*

**Monday, April 20** \* *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm*

**Tuesday, April 21** \* *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm \* Alanon Meeting (Lounge) 7pm - 9pm*

**Wednesday, April 22** \* *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm \* Never Alone Meeting (Lounge) 6:30 - 8pm*

**Thursday, April 23** \* *Mother Goose Nursery Program (Lounge) 10:30-11:30am \* Church Office is Open 12pm-3pm \* AA Meeting (Lounge) 7pm- 9pm \* Choir Practice (Sanctuary) 7pm- 9pm*

**Friday, April 24** \* *Church Office is closed \* Chair Yoga with Andrea (Lounge) 10am \**

**Saturday, April 25** \* *Church Office is Open 9am - 12pm*