ANNOUNCEMENTS



Readings For Next Sunday's Service:

* First Reading, Isaia 64:1-9
* Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18
* 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
* Gospel, Mark 13:24-27

Call to Action - Christmas Fair Next Week!

Bottles and Giftables - Bottles or jars, wine or pickles, coins or Coca Cola, we want it all for the Bottle table. Giftables are gift items in original packaging to be sold as "new". Drop these off at the Welcome table Sunday (today), or bring them to the office during office hours this week.

Baking - From brownies and cookies to "Chex Mix" and rice crispy squares, our baking table is a popular tradition in North Vancouver. Cakes, loaves and candies are delicious options. Please bring your packaged-to-sell items to the church lounge on Friday, November 27th. You can find guidelines for the Baking Table at the Welcome Table.

Christmas Attic Treasures, Jewellery, and Crafts - Bring your Christmas-themed items for Attic Treasures, your costume jewellery, and your handicrafts to the church lounge on Friday, November 27th.

Raffle Baskets - This is a wonderful tradition! Most baskets have a theme (Movie Night, Italian Kitchen, Tea Time, etc), so be creative! We ask that baskets have a value up to $50, that you include a list of what is in the basket and its value. Drop off your basket at the church lounge on Friday November 27th.

Drop-off & Set-Up for Christmas Fair
Friday, November 27,
12:00 Noon to 5:00pm

Welcome Reverend Peter Smyth! - Today we welcome The Reverend Peter Smyth, Senior Port Chaplain of Mission to Seafarers, Vancouver, as our Guest Preacher. As many of you know, Father Shawn works closely with the Mission to Seafarers and Jean's Box regularly collects donated items for the Mission. It is wonderful to have an opportunity to have Reverend Peter here.

Five Weeks of Giving - Week 2

On the Second Week of Giving
To help those without safe homes,
Jean said, "Bring in **TOILETRIES**!
Soaps, toothbrushes, and combs!

Toothpaste and lip balm, lotions unscented
And shampoo, antiperspirant too!
Travel size or full size, for men or women,
Let's do all that we can do!"

It's time for our annual donation drive in support of the Lookout Shelter, North Shore Crisis Services, Mission to Seafarers and those in need around our community. There is no better way to celebrate the birth of Jesus than to help those who cannot help themselves. Whether you bring in one item or a bagful, you are helping people on the North Shore stay safe, healthy and warm this winter.

For five weeks, starting November 15-22, we will invite you to bring in a specific item for Jean's Box. These are the most-needed items, specifically chosen by Jean Welsh. Watch for our announcements in the newsletter to see what to bring each week. Once an item is announced, we will accept it throughout the campaign.

Jean's Box collects all year long, and you are always welcome to bring in other new or like-new clothing items and toiletries.

Still Accepting:
Week 1 - Socks

Decking the Halls - Please join us as we decorate the sanctuary and the lounge for Christmas! Wednesday Nov. 25 from 4pm-6pm. We will start in the lounge and work our way upstairs. Everyone is welcome!

Advent Study Opportunity with Archbishop John

Mountains and Valleys: Preparing for Advent with the Sermon on the Mount

"Blessed are the poor in spirit," are the first words of the Sermon on the Mount, come and explore how these and other challenging and inspiring words can help us to prepare for the coming of Christ. Archbishop John will examine highlights of the Sermon on the Mount from Matthew 5-7 along with the lectionary texts for Sundays in Advent. Please read the sermon in advance a few times to get familiar with its themes and come ready to reflect and discuss together this foundational sermon. Guest presenter, Professor Ron Dart, will join the series for the fourth session.

To register, see our post on St. John's website, or contact the office for details.

Tuesdays in Advent beginning Dec.1st 7:00pm-8:15pm

Quote of the Week

Here is this week's quote that provides food for thought or inspiration, or, better yet, both.

"Baptism means being with Jesus 'in the depths': the depths of human need, including the depths of our own selves in need – but also in the depths of God's love; in the depths where the Spirit is re-creating and refreshing human life as God meant it to be."

- Archbishop Rowan Williams

This Sunday is "Reign of Christ," or "Christ the King." In part, it is a time to remember how Jesus came to be with us in the often turbulent waters of humanity, to help us refresh ourselves in the Love of God. Archbishop Rowan Williams reminds us of the connection between our Lord Jesus Christ, and the refreshing waters of baptism. Consider your own baptism: how does this quote speak to you?

Family Christmas Tree - Visit the Welcome Table and put your name & the name of loved ones on cards which will decorate the Family Christmas Tree. Use Star ornaments for the names of loved ones no longer with us.

The Coming Week At St. John's

Sunday, Nov 22 **** Coffee, Tea and Fellowship - Today (Lounge) After the service - 12:15pm * AA Group (Lounge) 6pm-9pm***

Monday, Nov 23 **** Church Office is Open 9am-12pm * AA Meeting (Sanctuary) 7pm - 9pm***

Tuesday, Nov 24 **** Church Office is Open 9am-12pm * Prayer Shawl Ministry (Lounge) 1:30pm * Alanon Meeting (Lounge) 7pm - 9pm***

Wednesday, Nov 25 **** Church Office is Open 9am-12pm * Christmas Decorating (Lounge & Sanctuary) 4pm-6pm * Never Alone Meeting (Lounge) 6:30 - 8:00pm ****

Thursday, Nov 26 **** Church Office is Open 9am-12pm * Mother Goose Program (Lounge) 10:30-11:30am * AA Meeting (Lounge) 7pm- 9pm * Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 6:45pm***

Friday, Nov 27 **** Church Office is Closed * Chair Yoga with Andrea (Lounge) 10am * Christmas Fair Drop-Off & Set Up (Lounge) 12pm-5pm***

Saturday, Nov 28 **** Church Office is Open 9am-12pm * Christmas Fair (Lounge) 10am-1pm (Volunteers arrive by 9am please)***