



ST. CATHERINE'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends,

With the Easter Season behind us, the flames of Pentecost beckon us on in our annual liturgical cycle of the Church Year. Elsewhere in this edition, you will read of upcoming events and gatherings, and I urge your attendance as we continue to build bonds of affection amongst ourselves, and, with our Lutheran brothers and sisters. I am particularly delighted that our Canada Day celebrations will feature a special guest speaker reminding us of the very deep and rich history that this country holds.

I shall be on Study Leave the week of July 23-30, preceded by some medical leave June 13-20 or thereabouts, recovering from eye surgery.

That the Canonical Committee has been authorized to begin the writing of a Parish Profile is good news, as it means that the parish is now moving toward calling a new rector. The stewardship of our finances is a critical component in this process, to this end, the parish council has invited retired Archbishop Hambidge to spend time with us in September looking at our treasures and gifts. Advertising for a full time priest, will draw many more applications than will a 3/4 time posting. Let us challenge ourselves to moving towards having the resources to return to full time ministry. I wish you a blessed time of relaxation and leisure in this summertime.

Keith+

Next Newsletter Deadline
August 25, 2017

Please send items

to Heather Luccock at
hjluccock@shaw.ca

Services at St. Catherine's
Sunday, 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Eucharist
Mid-week - Wednesday Contemplative Eucharist 10:00 a.m.

From the Assistant Interim Priest

After a long cold winter and a wet spring, it is nice to finally enjoy some warmer weather and sunshine! Summertime for me always evokes a sense of a more relaxed pace, time for recreation and rest, and hopefully time for renewal of spirit and energy. It is good to be reminded that the concept of Sabbath is indeed an ancient one that is present right at the beginning in our creation story - "...and on the seventh day God rested".

Sabbath time is not just about the absence of doing work. It is actually an important time to reflect and inwardly digest the goings on in one's life. It can be a time to think about decisions that may need to be made for future life plans. It can be a time to reflect on important relationships and how one can nurture them. It can also be a time to reflect on the life of a parish and one's ministry. Over the past year St Catherine's has experienced healing and greater stability. Each member of St Catherine's is invited to reflect on hopes for the future as well as on one's own part in that. So I encourage you to spend some time this summer, giving thanks for St Catherine's and reflect on your own participation and commitment to the future that we have been promised..... a future with hope.

Blessings and peace to you

The Reverend Sharon Salomons

St. Catherine's North Vancouver Mission and Vision Statements

Dear Parishioners:

We are writing to let you know that on May 10, 2017, the Parish Council has approved new mission and vision statements.

Following the Parish Town Hall on January 14, 2017, the feedback on the draft vision statement was thoroughly reviewed. Many parishioners commented that the draft vision statement was too long and was a description of what St. Catherine's is now and not a statement about the future. The Parish Council listened to this feedback and on May 10, 2017 approved two new statements - a mission statement and a vision statement for St. Catherine's.

What is a mission statement?

A mission statement is a succinct statement about a parish's core purpose - that is, why does the parish exist?

What is a vision statement?

A vision statement is a relatively succinct statement that describes where the parish believes they are being called to become. It has aspirational elements while still being grounded in reality.

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New Statements

Mission

St. Catherine's Anglican Church at the heart of Edgemont Village in North Vancouver is a contemporary community of Christian seekers and we welcome you to join us in the journey. We provide a place of spiritual growth through Christ and we respond with gratitude for God's abundance in our lives through service to our brothers and sisters in the world.

Vision

Our vision at St. Catherine's is to:

- Be an inclusive and thriving community of faith for all generations
- Continually invite others to join us in our journey of faith and Christian discipleship
- Honour the strengthening of relationships and development of community, both within our walls and outside of them
- Minister to those in need in Christ's name

What's Next

The mission statement and vision statement will be used in our current communication within the parish and on our website. The statements will guide the Parish Council as it continues its work this year. They will also provide context for the Parish Property Review Committee as it continues its work. The statements will also be used in the Parish Profile, which will be developed by the Canonical Committee once the Canonical process starts.

The Reverend Keith Gilbert
Interim Priest-in-Charge

The Reverend Sharon Salomons
Assistant Interim Priest

Canada Day (transferred) July 2nd

In honour of Canada's 150 Birthday, Melanie Delva, until recently our Diocesan Archivist, and now, newly appointed Anglican Church of Canada, Truth and Reconciliation Commission Animator, will address a JOINT SERVICE at 10 am, on July 2nd. Melanie, will tell the story of how the archives have been so significant in the uncovering of a chapter in Canadian history that was for so long suppressed....Residential Schools.! As we celebrate 150 years of "our" history, it is vital that we remember that there were many "nations" here for thousands of years, before the declaration of 1867. Make it a point to hear, the Story on July 2nd! A BBQ will follow, as we mingle with our neighbours.

Property Development Task Force Update

Gary Stewart, Chair, Property Development Task Force

The past few months have been productive for the Task Force as we continue to gather information on potential options for the development of our property.

On March 9th, Alison and I met with a District Planner and a Policy Planner at North Vancouver District Hall. Highlights of the meeting:

- Church is not designated a heritage building however it is listed on the heritage registry
- Church/Gym are zoned 'public assembly' while the Rectory/Parking Lot are zoned 'single family'
- District and the Province own a 10' wide right of way between the Church and Rectory (1062) Ridgewood) properties from Wellington to Ridgewood
- Public Hearing and neighbourhood engagement is critical
- Beneficial to have engineering/architectural expertise early in the process
- Official Community Plan of the District of NV includes specific Greenhouse Gas Guidelines
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On April 22nd, Alison, John, Susanne and I met with the co-chairs of the Property Development Committee at Lynn Valley United Church. The two gentlemen were very knowledgeable, open and insightful regarding the process their parish recently went through to develop their property.

Following many years of planning/discussion Lynn Valley United made the decision to demolish the old Church building replacing it with a beautiful new Church and 75 condominiums. The construction process took just over two years and resulted in a multi-use Church building to meet their current and future needs. The sale of the condominiums provided them with a new building, free of any financial obligations (i.e. mortgage) and a very significant legacy fund.

During our meeting, the representatives from Lynn Valley shared, in detail, their entire journey including the many highlights and challenges. In addition, they were able to make specific recommendations in terms of what they would do differently the next time around. All in all, it was a very productive meeting. We all walked away knowing that we have a couple a good friends and mentors to provide us with on-going assistance, the current Church, Gym and Rectory in terms of the cost required to bring them 'up to code'

- Making contact with Holy Trinity, New Westminster, to better understand their current property plans
- Contacting the Diocese Office to better understand the level of financial support available

These are indeed exciting times reinforcing the fact that we do indeed have **A FUTURE WITH HOPE!**

Summer Coffee & Conversation

10:30 a.m. Mary Pellatt Room

Tuesday June 20 and Tuesday July 25

Music Program – Heather Luccock

The Choir's last Sunday is June 11. They will be taking a summer break during July and August.

Members of the Choir will be participating in the Deanery Service to be held at St. John the Evangelist Church on June 18th.

Rehearsals will start again in September. New members are always welcome.

Preschool News

Marion Porter, Developmental Resource Teacher

Our Easter Services were held the 3rd week of April. Rachel, our Music Consultant put together a wonderful assortment of songs for the children to perform. Parents and other family members joined the children following the Service for a Spring Tea. Thank you to the Rev. Keith for the Easter Story he read to the children. April is a busy time in the preschool. The 4s are getting ready for Kindergarten and becoming more independent. The Discovery 2s are busy exploring a variety of different textures around the classroom. They made a collage of different textured materials. The theme for the 3s is Spring. They are talking about and exploring flowers, bugs, frogs, weather, birds and all the wonderful things that we see around us waking and growing after a long winter's nap. We also did a fundraiser for the BC Children's Hospital. All the children decorated little cut out jeans and had fun tossing money into the upside down umbrellas in each classroom.

Five more weeks of school and still lots to do. We are very excited that our 26 caterpillars have arrived and they are busy eating and getting bigger every day. There will be an aquarium in the Tree House room and the children will be able to watch the whole process of them becoming "Painted Lady" butterflies. By mid June they should be ready to be released into the Memorial Garden. The 4s graduation parties will be held June 16th with class picnics June 19th & 20th.

Our Summer Program will start July 4th and run till the 27th. Our theme is transportation and we still have some space available in the afternoons if you know any children ages 3-5 who are looking for something different to do. We spend a lot of time in the playground during the summer, so thank you for fixing the back gate, it looks great.

Saying “Thank You” to Esad (Eso) Ramadanovic – Alison Watt

At the 10 am Eucharist Service at St. Catherine’s on Sunday 14 May, 2017, a special presentation was made to Esad (Eso) Ramadanovic who has retired from gardening at St. Catherine’s. Eso was accompanied by his wife Nada Djurovic, their son Bojan and Bojan’s wife Hilary, and the newest member of the family – their son, 13 month old Arslan.

Alison Watt noted that many in the parish will know Eso and his family, but some may not, so she outlined how St. Catherine’s and Eso’s family got connected more than 20 years ago.

The Refugee Committee of St. Catherine’s was very active from the time of the Vietnamese boat people, and in 1994, Michael Ashby was the chair of this group. The focus of the committee at that time was trying to get a young Somali refugee from a refugee camp in Kenya. The Yugoslav civil war had started in 1991 with a short war in Slovenia, then moved to Croatia and it reached Bosnia in 1992. The City of Sarajevo, which had hosted the Olympic Games in 1984, was then under siege. It was to be the longest and cruelest siege of a capital city in modern history.

The St. Catherine’s Refugee Committee was approached by a refugee from Yugoslavia, “Sacha” Pavlovic, who sought help from the Refugee committee to sponsor his dear friend – Eso Ramadanovic’s family. Eso’s son Bojan was in danger of being drafted into the Serbian army which was holding Sarajevo captive. In November 1994, after months of paperwork and waiting, Nada and 17 year old Bojan arrived in Vancouver from Belgrade, having fled their home in Sarajevo. Nada’s husband Esad had not been able to escape, but stayed with his father in Sarajevo until his father’s death in the dreadful winter of 1994-5. Eso escaped the grip of the siege through a stroke of luck one day, and travelled out of Sarajevo to Split in Croatia and was reunited with Nada and Bojan in Vancouver in late August 1995.

As with many immigrants and refugees, Eso was unfortunately unable to re-establish himself as a photo journalist here in Canada, but evidence of his work and his time trying to survive the Seige of Sarajevo is demonstrated in a great photo that he gave to St. Catherine’s many years ago in thanks for the support of the Parish. That photograph hangs in the hallway outside the chapel. Unable to work as a photo journalist here, Eso set up his own business as a landscape gardener, working initially with several families from St. Catherine’s and branching out to many other clients on the North Shore. Eso became the gardener here at St. Catherine’s more than 20 years ago, and has been keeping the Memorial Garden and surroundings in great shape ever since.



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Saying Good Bye cont.

Both Nada and Eso were able to work essentially thanks to the people from the church, as Nada worked for many years at Deloitte. They arrived in their late forties but still “worked here for over twenty years and have had a very good life” says Nada. Their son Bojan finished high school at University Hill Secondary School, and has earned bachelor, masters and Ph.D. degrees and is working as a project leader in the Complex Systems Modelling Group of the Centre for Interdisciplinary Research in the Mathematical and Computational Sciences (IRMACS) at SFU.

This year, Eso has decided to retire and hang up the gardening shears, and is spending his time with the newest member of the family - his grandson Arslan. We will of course miss Eso and his talents very much - but we understand his decision completely.

On behalf of the Wardens and the Parish of St. Catherine’s, Robb Watt presented Eso Ramadanovic with the “Friends of St. Catherine’s award” in grateful thanks for his wonderful dedication to St. Catherine’s over all the years. And a presentation of flowers was also made to Nada thanking her for her involvement in the St. Catherine’s, North Shore, and Diocesan Refugee Committees - bringing much needed advice and understanding to the work of these groups.

Pastoral Care – Tony Dodd

We have eight of our parishioners in Amica and they seem to have settled well. A service was held on May 10th at Amica presided by both Rev. Sharon Salomons and Fr. Keith Gilbert and a few from St. Catherine’s and Amica. This was followed by a special blessing of the rooms of those residents. We have had two of our parishioners and residents of Amica in LGH. Frank Willis is now back at Amica and is doing well. Maggie Kerr-Wilson is still in LGH but is recuperating and will be in there for a little longer. John Hadrill is coming along slowly.

There will a Service at Amica the 4th Monday of the month. Home communion is on going when required and prayers for those that are in need. Please keep Maggie, Tam , Daphne and John in your prayers.

Thanks again for our dedicated Pastoral Care givers.
In faith - Tony Dodd

A Saturday/Sunday Morning with Archbishop Hambidge.

Mark your Calendars for Saturday/Sunday September 16 and 17. at St. Catherine’s. This will be a time for looking to the future of parish life and vitality. Archbishop Douglas, now in his 90th year, and as an “elder”, has much wisdom and grace to pass onto us at St. Catherine’s as we look toward to a renewed future.

Saturday morning we will gather together, for a time of teaching/learning, and Sunday ONE SERVICE ONLY, the Archbishop will preach.....See you there

HOLD FAST TO WHAT IS GOOD - 117TH Session of the Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster - Brenda Stenson

Synod 2017 was held Friday, May 26 and Saturday, May 27 at the Italian Cultural Centre in Vancouver. Tony Dodd, Brenda Stenson, The Reverend Keith Gilbert and The Reverend Sharon Salomons attended as your representatives.

One of the most substantial parts of the business was the proposal to change the Diocesan Assessment Formula. Synod 2015 constituted a task force to work on possible changes. The task force has worked hard, consulted with parishes and the proposed formula was overwhelmingly supported by delegates. The result is a Diocesan Assessment Formula which is simpler and fairer.

One of the most interesting sessions was the discussion centering on the First People's Principles of Learning. These principles are displayed in every school classroom in BC. They are printed here as they reflect a respectful and holistic approach to teaching and learning, so hopefully we can do some education around these principles.

- *Learning ultimately supports the well-being of the self, the family, the community, the land, the spirits, and the ancestors.*
- *Learning is holistic, reflexive, reflective, experiential, and relational (focused on connectedness, on reciprocal relationships, and a sense of place).*
- *Learning involves recognizing the consequences of one's actions.*
- *Learning involves generational roles and responsibilities.*
- *Learning recognizes the role of indigenous knowledge.*
- *Learning is embedded in memory, history, and story.*
- *Learning involves patience and time.*
- *Learning requires exploration of one's identity.*
- *Learning involves recognizing that some knowledge is sacred and only shared with permission and/or in certain situations.*

We heard presentations from many parishes and groups doing amazing ministry. It was interesting to note that so much of the service was carried out in partnership with other Anglican parishes, other faith communities or other community service groups. This illustrates the fact that we often can make a bigger impact together than we might on our own.

We heard from two parishes that are in the midst of major projects. One parish is rebuilding their church as it is architecturally unsound and the building is limiting the community. The other parish has set a goal of increased attendance for themselves. They then have identified real, practical changes they have to make to realize that goal. These two parishes' stories are a testament to the fact that the Diocese is ready to offer open, positive assistance to parishes that are looking at their community with a sense of redefining their ministry and mission. This is good news for St. Catherine's!

The theme for Synod 2017 was **Hold Fast to What is Good** and there is so much good happening!

Good Bye from Susan Kimm-Jones

Although I am excited to be moving to Gibsons and embarking on new adventures, I am sad to be leaving St. Catherine's after 33 years, 17 of which I spent as your Parish Administrator. I have experienced wonderful community, inspiring worship and interesting workshops and study sessions; most of all I will miss the people. I hope to visit once in a while and will follow St. Catherine's as you discern what the future holds for you.

With every good wish -- Susan

Communications Committee

The Communications Committee will be losing its Coordinator this month, as Susan and Richard Kimm-Jones are moving to Gibsons. We are going to miss her invaluable work on this Committee, not only with regard to the production of the newsletter, but the work she did behind the scenes liaising with the Parish Council, the Church Administrator and the preschool. She also organized decorating the Lobby at Christmas!

The Parish Newsletter will continue and we are pleased to welcome Lois MacGregor to assist in the distribution.

At the moment our Committee is made up of Heather Peacock, Heather Luccock and Lois MacGregor. Anyone else who is interested in working in the area of communications in the parish please let Heather Peacock or Heather Luccock know.

Turning Point Women's Recovery House - Heather Peacock

Our ministry to Turning Point Women's Recovery House is about to expand to include the new men's house, which is set to open soon. Mina Abernathy, the house manager, spoke at the Sunday service on April 23rd. She talked about the history of the society and how appreciative the women were to receive the baskets that we, along with Gloria Dei, put together. Mina told us that in all the years Turning Point has been running that this was the first time a community or faith group has donated to a house on a continuous basis. Parishioners have been so generous with their donations of goods and money to put together the baskets. The men's baskets will include most of the same things as the woman's but also include socks, toothbrushes and tooth paste, and playing cards. We have enough to make up 10 baskets for the opening of the men's house. Just two weeks ago we made up 10 baskets for the women's house as they have had a new group of women come in. In the coming weeks we intend on having a display of all the products included in the baskets at coffee so that everyone can see what a fabulous basket you put together. Thank you for your support of this important ministry.



**The Primate's World Relief
and Development Fund**

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

Milleraires Band Swings for Solar Suitcases for Africa

Our thanks to Tony Dodd who facilitated having the Milleraires Big Band put on a concert at St. Catherines in aid of the PWRDF project "Solar Suitcases for Africa" on April 25th. The concert raised some \$1000.00 for this project

Solar Suitcases bring a reliable light source to isolated medical clinics in Mozambique.

Global Day of Prayer to End Famine

There are more people facing famine in the world today than at any other time in modern history. People of faith around the world are praying for the 20 million people across South Sudan, Yemen, Nigeria and Somalia currently suffering from severe hunger, and in some cases, famine.

As part of its East African Appeal, The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund has joined this international ecumenical movement. The Canadian Foodgrains Bank, of which PWRDF is a member, is calling on all Christians and churches in Canada to join the Global Day of Prayer to End Famine. It springs from a joint call from the World Council of Churches and the All Africa Council of Churches that says:

"There is great danger that on its current course, the global response to this crisis will be hugely inadequate and will lead to unimaginable suffering and death, which is eminently avoidable. ... We believe the churches have a prophetic role in calling to mobilizing their members, the wider society and governments, and making a difference during this unprecedented period of suffering."

**For more information about the
Global Day of Prayer to End Famine
please visit www.praytoendfamine.org**

Nigeria: Through ACT Alliance, PWRDF has given \$32,000 to provide agricultural inputs for Internally Displaced Persons returning home, as well as food, livelihood, water, shelter, protection and sanitation for about 50,000 households.

Somalia: Through ACT Alliance, PWRDF has given \$30,000 to provide food assistance, water, sanitation and cash-based interventions in Puntland and Somaliland and states

South Sudan: Through ACT Alliance and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, PWRDF has given \$65,000 to support programs for displaced South Sudanese with food, water, sanitation and school, both in South Sudan and in neighbouring countries.

Buildings and Grounds

John Luccock & Randy Williams

New Gardener

We welcome David Wu as our new Gardener at St. Catherine's. David will primarily look after our Memorial Garden, hedges, and the area along the front of Ridgewood Drive. David's contract is for an average of four hours per week between now and into October.

Student Summer Workers Program

With the Assistance of the Federal Government 's Summer Student Works Program, we will have two student workers for up to nine weeks this summer. They will be involved in making our buildings and grounds more presentable, by painting, cleaning, and sprucing up our properties. Once again, we look forward to beginning this program.

Engineering Report on our Buildings

In the interest of being good 'stewards', we will have an engineering report prepared on our Gym complex, Church, and Rectory. It will include looking a immediate concerns and the long term ones. The emphasis will be on costs to bring our buildings up to 'building and safety' codes. This report should be ready by the end of September 2017.

Remember to save your used stamps - they are welcome all year.

Editor's Note



A Moment of Reflection

We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature – trees, flowers, grass – grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence... We need silence to be able to touch souls. **Mother Teresa**

Have a peaceful summer with family and friends and welcome the Autumn refreshed.

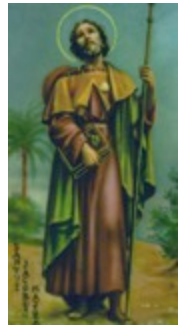
**Some Summer Reading
Who are the Summer Saints?**

July Saints Days

July 3 St. Thomas the Apostle

July 22 St. Mary Magdalene

July 25 St. James the Apostle



August Saints Days

August 3 St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr

August 6 The Transfiguration of the Lord

August 15 St. Mary the Virgin

August 24 St. Bartholomew the Apostle



Commemorations

Thomas More, 1535

Benedict of Nursia

July 29 William Wilberforce, Social Reformer, 1833

August 7 John Mason Neale, Priest, 1866

Laurence, Deacon and Martyr at Rome, 258

Clare of Assisi, 1253

Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Maximilien Kolbe, Martyrs
1945, 1940

Holy Women of the Old Testament

Monnica, Mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387

Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, Teacher of the Faith, 430

Robert McDonald, Priest in the Western Arctic, 1913

Aiden, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 651

