



UPCOMING EVENTS

Plan to Work and Work to Plan	Sept. 8
Back to Church Sunday	Sept. 9
7p.m. Eucharist Begins	Sept. 12
Prayer Group Start	Sept 13
Ladies Night	Oct. 12

The Epistle

The Deans Note— September 2018

It is time to stir it up again! It is amazing to think that we are in the dog days of Summer now and that there is another busy Fall is upon us. This Fall is important to us as we are going to look at mapping out the directions that we want to move in where our ministry and mission are concerned. To that end, *we are going to start that process with some time together on September 8th from 10:00am to 3:00pm.* Everyone is asked to bring a brown bag lunch so that we can spend as much time together as possible.

I have asked Archdeacon Terry Leer to guide us through a process that will help us to build a ministry plan that will guide us for the new few years.

Why is planning our ministry important? Because we want to do certain things that are going to enable us to complete the mission that God has given us within the community that we live in. The mission? To make disciples of all nations, baptising them and teaching them everything that Jesus has commanded us - and we will know Jesus' presence in the going (Matthew 28.16-20). This Church, this congregation exists to draw into relationship with the Father, those who do not already have it.

The key to fulfilling the ministry that we have been given is really simple: we must be faithful. We must be faithful to tell this town what it is that God is doing in this town and call them to respond to it. Having faith is more than an exercise of the brain, to say that there is a God. The entire cosmos knows this, including the devil, and he shudders at the thought of God. To be faithful, we need to know God, which means we spend time with him through the Word (The Bible) and through his living Word who is Jesus Christ. Then, having spent time with the Word and having been fed, we must also act. How we act and react to what God is calling us depending upon our ongoing encounters with God. The life of the Parish will fluctuate from person to person, and group to group within the parish.

What does not change is God's call to us to come and be present to him and to represent him in the world. We are called to make disciples, not through programs or gimmicks but through the living of our everyday lives. We are called to live for and in Christ through the Spirit so that we can made the truth known to those who don't know Jesus yet.

Sound scary. Maybe. But then you are not in this alone. Jesus is here and so are we. We are together for one another and we are here to make the presence of Jesus felt through out Peace River, just by being who you are. You don't have to go anywhere or do anything. You just need to be you for Christ. You are were God needs you. So, let's get on with it.

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Start-Up Sunday

Start-Up Sunday will take place on Sunday, September 9th immediately after the 10:30 a.m. service. There will be beef on a bun provided for lunch, please bring salads, desserts and veggies.

This will also be the first day for Sunday School.



Children's Sunday School



Ladies Night

October 12 2018

6:00 p.m. Lower Hall

Pot Luck Supper of Appetizers (bring your favorite).

We will be doing two crafts and having a lot of chatting and laughing, there maybe some fondue during the night too.

Numbers are needed so please let Sue know if you are coming.
susan_bowling@yahoo.ca

There will be a \$10 to cover the cost of supplies, to be paid on that night.



Prayer Group

We will be starting up the Prayer Group again on September 13th.

Thursdays. 6:30–7:00 p.m.

In the Chapel

Food Bank Donations

St. James collects items for the Salvation Army Food Bank on the **third Thursday** of each month.

For September, the food bank is in need of the following items: breakfast cereal, peanut butter, canned meat, beans, Kraft dinner and snacks that



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We are proud that our mission is to welcome, accept and encourage all people in the name of Christ

High Tea at St. James Cathedral

On Saturday, July 8, the Parish of St. James Cathedral invited the community to an afternoon of high tea.



Tables were set with white table cloths and the good china. Guests chose from a variety of teas, served in china teapots and accompanied by a variety of sandwiches, homemade cakes and cookies and of course strawberry shortcakes.



Guests came from near and far and included a group from the local "Red Hatters" group and some friends from Edmonton in Peace River on holidays.



The event was enjoyed by all and raised over \$500 for the St. James accessibility project which includes installing a one-person lift in the multi level building and upgrading the ramp system to enter the church.



Thank you to everyone who helped prepare for the day, made goodies and of course lent the china and tableware for the event!