

# Synod Scene

## **Prayer Requests**

## Please remember in your prayers this week:

- For those who are sick or suffering: Anne, Alana, Betty, Brian, Carol, Dan, Diane, Doreen, Gavin, Gordon, Ida, Izith, Jim, John, Kathy, Khaled, Meaghan, Nathan, Redha, Sister Doreen.
- For those who have died and those who mourn: Pat Crane, Adrian and family.
- Theological students, all in the discernment process and all in theological colleges.

# **Toll-free Number**

For the benefit of rural parishes, the Synod Office can be reached toll free by calling:

1–877–494–8890

#### **Diocesan Announcements**



Congratulations to the Rev. Jonathan Connell (I) ordained to the Priesthood; and the Rev. Keith Marsh (r) installed as Canon Pastor of Rural Ministry; on May 2, 2010 at All Saints' Cathedral. Over 200 people attended the Ordination Service. Several parishes, including: Holy Trinity, Strathcona; Holy Trinity, Riverbend; St. Saviour's, Vermilion; and the hospitality ministries of All Saints' Cathedral, contributed to the reception after the service.

<u>U of A Chaplaincy Dinner</u>: Are you looking for a way to support the Anglican Chaplaincy Ministry? Are you interested in learning more about the ministry and meeting some of the students involved? If so, then please plan on attending our annual fundraising dinner on Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at the U of A Faculty Club, at 6 pm. Cost is \$50 a ticket and funds raised go directly to the ministry. Our guest speaker is Dean of Students, Frank Robinson. There will also be a silent auction. (If you are able to donate new items for the auction, Sue would be most grateful). For tickets please call St. George's Anglican Church (780-439 1470).

<u>Messenger Editorial Team/Submissions</u>: Are you interested in current events? Do you like to create with Adobe Photoshop and InDesign? The Messenger, the newspaper for the dioceses of Athabasca and Edmonton, is looking for volunteers to form an editorial board. If interested, please send an email to Edmonton Editor, Margaret Marschall at anglicanmessenger@gmail.com.



The *Messenger* welcomes articles (maximum 500 words) and photo submissions. Items must be submitted by June 1<sup>st</sup> for the June/July issue. Please send enquiries/submissions to Margaret at: anglicanmessenger@gmail.com.



Post Partum Support Ministry: New Life Postpartum Ministry, an initiative that seeks to bring the good news of the gospel to mothers and families who are struggling with Post Partum Depression, will meet Thursday mornings from May 6<sup>th</sup> to July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010, in the lounge at Christ Church Anglican Church in Edmonton from 10:00am-12:00 noon. A second group will be starting in September. Child care is available, and the cost is free. See attached brochure.

Contact the Rev. Madeleine Urion, NLPM program co-coordinator, at <a href="mailto:momslife@telus.net">momslife@telus.net</a> or at 780-716-3980 for more information. Please visit our website at <a href="http://www.newlifemomsgroup.com">http://www.newlifemomsgroup.com</a>.

Mark His Word: The EP Wahl Centre is very happy to partner with the Diocese of Edmonton



to offer a unique opportunity to experience the entire Gospel according to St. Mark dramatized and brought to life. "Mark His Word" - reimagining the Word of God with actor storyteller Hunter Barnes (<a href="www.MarkHisWord.org">www.MarkHisWord.org</a>) will be held Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, at the parish of Christ Church, 12116-102 Ave., Edmonton. Come out for an extraordinary evening! Admission is by donation. For more information, check the **Christ Church Facebook** page, or contact the Rev. Myron Penner at 780-488-1118 or mpenner @christchurchedm.ca.

<u>Public Lecture and Worship at VCP West</u>: The Planning Committee of the Vital Church Planting Conference West, and Bishop Jane would like to welcome all who are interested to join us at Stencil Hall, Taylor College, 11525-23<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Edmonton, on the evening of Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, for a public lecture by Canon Phil Potter. Admission is by donation. At this time, we will also launch the conference with the opening celebration of the Eucharist.

<u>VCP West Conference</u>: The Vital Church Planting West Conference will be held May 18-20, 2010, at Taylor Seminary, Edmonton. This conference - the first of its kind in western Canada – will provide an opportunity for balanced discussion centered on ministering in rural and aboriginal communities, as well as urban and sub-urban neighbourhoods. An **updated** description of sessions, tri-fold brochure and registration form are available online at: <a href="https://www.edmonton.anglican.org/">www.edmonton.anglican.org/</a>.

General Synod Information Event: The parishes of the Whitemud Deanery will be holding a General Synod Information Event on Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul's Church, Leduc. Coffee will be at 9.30 am and the event will run from 10 am - 12 noon. Some of our General Synod delegates will be on hand to walk us through the agenda items, and there will be an opportunity for comments and input. Clergy, wardens, vestry members and diocesan synod delegates are especially encouraged to attend this event. Parish rectors are asked to notify St. Paul's Leduc and the Rev. Tim Chesterton (Whitemud Regional Dean) by Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> regarding the number of people from their parish attending the event.

<u>National Aboriginal Day of Prayer</u>: Resources for parishes who would like to observe the National Aboriginal Day of Prayer, June 21, 2010, are available on the diocesan website: <a href="https://www.edmonton.anglican.org/">www.edmonton.anglican.org/</a> under the "Resources" section.



**Back to Church Sunday Resources**: Information on Back to Church Sunday, including a link to an interview with Coordinator Michael Harvey and the PowerPoint presentation he gave at Clergy Day, is posted on our website: www.edmonton.anglican.org/. An invitation kit, including posters

and 50 invitations, is available for \$40 (including GST and shipping). The Synod Office will be placing a collective order on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Please let the Synod Office know if your parish would like to purchase one (or more) of these invitation kits.

<u>Lay Reader Training Courses</u>: For those who would like to serve their parishes as licensed lay readers, the course takes place over six Saturdays (**May 15**, "Introduction and Prayer Books"; **May 29**, "Leading Morning and Evening Prayer"; **June 12**, "Preaching #1"; **June 26**, "Preaching #2"; **September 18**, "Responding to a Death in the Parish"; **October 2**, "Leading Public Prayers and Wrap Up"), leading to a lay reader's license. All sessions take place at St. David's Anglican Church (corner of 79<sup>th</sup> avenue and 85<sup>th</sup> street in Edmonton), from 9:45 am to 4:00 pm. To register, or for more information, please contact the lay reader co-coordinator, the Rev. Cameron Burns, at 780-469-7530, or via email at <a href="rev.cameron.burns@gmail.com">rev.cameron.burns@gmail.com</a>. Registration forms are available online at <a href="www.edmonton.anglican.org/resources/forms.htm">www.edmonton.anglican.org/resources/forms.htm</a>. Continuing education sessions for licensed lay readers will be planned for 2011.

<u>Our House Donations</u>: Our House Addiction Recovery recently relocated to a larger premises at 22210 Stony Plain Road, and has since been able to reach a larger clientele, For many years, the St. Stephen the Martyr ACW has collected essential items (toiletries, socks, etc.) and food donations for "Christmas Stockings" for Our House residents. In order to maintain and expand this important outreach program, the ACW would appreciate donations of items, or money to purchase items. The director of Our House, Patricia Bencz, has also asked for help obtaining a quilt for each resident. Should any parish wish to contribute to this worthwhile outreach program, please contact St. Stephen's ACW members, Julie Malone (780-484-8174); or Ethel Tookey (780-477-1891). Cheque donations payable to: St. Stephen the Martyr ACW, "Our House Donation", can be mailed to Julie Malone, 8818-162 St., Edmonton AB, T5R 2M4.

## **Parish Announcements & Events**

<u>St. Faith's Dinner and Silent Auction</u>: St. Faith's Dinner and Silent Auction will be held this year on Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> commencing at 6 pm. Come for a wonderful roast beef dinner, lively entertainment and fierce, but friendly, bidding wars. Tickets are still only \$25 and are available through the church office at 780-477-5931.

Annual Spring Tea at St. Stephen's: Please join the ACW of St. Stephen the Martyr at their annual Spring Tea and Baked Good Sale on Saturday, May 15, 2010 from 1:30–3:30 pm at Prayer Works Hall, 11725–93<sup>rd</sup> Street, Edmonton. The feature this year is delicious shortcake with fresh strawberries and piles of whipped cream! Tea/Coffee and cake is \$5.00 and children under 6 are free.

<u>St. George's Spring Bazaar</u>: It's time for St. George's Spring Bazaar, to be held Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 1 pm. This year we are concentrating on the things you REALLY need, like plants for your garden, baking for your table and books for your reading pleasure. St. George's book selection is well known! Browse the tables of goodies, then relax and enjoy a bite to eat. Deluxe hot dogs, dessert and coffee or tea will be available. Come and have a good time with us at St. George's Anglican Church, 11733-87<sup>th</sup> Ave., Edmonton.

<u>Horns O' Plenty Concert</u>: The Horn Choir at St. Timothy's, 8420-145 St., Edmonton, will present: "Spring Song" on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. Tickets, available from Horn Choir members and at the door, are \$5 Students/Seniors and \$10 Adults. Proceeds will benefit the music program at St. Timothy's. Please see the attached poster.

<u>Services at St. Aidan and Ste. Hilda</u>: Sunday services at St. Aidan and Ste. Hilda, Rexboro (Highway 16 West – Range Road 45) will be held at 10:30 am, beginning May 16<sup>th</sup> through October 10<sup>th</sup>. For information, please phone (780) 892-3417, or (780) 963-4479.

<u>St. Faith's Seeking Musician</u>: St. Faith's, 11725-93 St., Edmonton, is in urgent need of a musician for Sunday morning worship at 11 am. If you can help, please call Rev. Wendy at 780-477-5931.

Ministry Volunteers Needed at St. Faith's: St. Faith's, 11725-93 St., Edmonton, is in need of cooks, or those who like to cook, who can come in to help prepare community meals from 2-7 pm on one Friday per month. The menus are already done, and the food is provided. We also welcome parishes who would like to assist through serving opportunities at the community meals. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please be in touch with Rev. Wendy at St. Faith's at 780-477-5931. Thank you.

"Singing Pastor" @ St. Matthias: On Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, Pastor Ken Grambo (also known as "the singing pastor") will be in concert at Saint Matthias, 6210–188 St., Edmonton. Admission is free. However, there will be a gift offering to support Ken's music ministry. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served. To find out more about Ken Grambo, who is a Lutheran (ELCIC) pastor, and resides in Delta, BC, you can log onto his website at: <a href="www.kengrambo.com">www.kengrambo.com</a>. For further information on this event, please call the church office at 780-487-0324.

# **Beyond the Diocese**

<u>Servicewomen's Stories Sought</u>: Lauren Auger, a PhD student from Ontario, who is writing a thesis on Second World War British Women's Auxiliary Services, is interested in the experiences of British women who immigrated to Canada following the war. This summer, she plans to conduct an oral history project interviewing former British servicewomen now living in Canada. If you have a memory or story to share with Lauren, please forward your contact information to Lauren Auger, P.O. Box 27007 CDO Gardiners, Kingston ON, K7M 8W5; or email: <a href="mailto:lauger16@gmail.com">lauger16@gmail.com</a>. Participants will remain anonymous.

<u>Conversation with a Canon</u>: The Anglican Communion Alliance, formerly the Anglican Essentials Federation, is hosting a conversation with Canon George Kovoor, principal of Trinity College, Bristol, UK, and Chaplain to the Queen. The event will be held Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm, at the Edmonton Petroleum Club, 11110-108 St., Edmonton. Canon Kovoor will present a brief address on: "Transformational Leadership for Mission and Ministry". Please RSVP to Bruce Clark via e-mail at <a href="mailto:bclark@cci-industries.com">bclark@cci-industries.com</a>.

Readings in Retreat @ Emmanuel & St. Chad: The College of Emmanuel and St. Chad, Saskatoon, will hold, "Praying with the Giants: Readings in Retreat", from June 1-6, 2010. This course will involve a close, meditative reading of *The Consolation of Philosophy* by the Roman philosopher, Boethius. Please see attached brochure for more information.

halfSpeed Creative Worship Retreat: Come join a community of learning and growing Christians who serve in a variety of roles as leaders within worship, theology and the arts. We will be gathering at King's Fold Retreat & Renewal Centre from June 13-18, 2010 to collaborate, share ideas, worship together, and enjoy God through the opportunities that the Retreat Centre offers. We would love to have you be a part of this, as we seek to slow down, become attentive to the deep currents of God's work among us, and take opportunity to be available to God and each other at a deep level. Our goal is to discover new and renewed sources for our work, worship, and leadership as we find community, rest, reflection, and an invitation to inhabit God's Kingdom in relevant and life transformational ways. Cost is \$875 per person, with meals and 5-night accommodation and conference fees included. See <a href="https://www.halfspeed.org">www.halfspeed.org</a> for more information.

<u>Liturgical Fibre Art Course @ Sorrento</u>: Sorrento Centre, a conference and retreat centre located on Shuswap Lake, owned by the Anglican Church of Canada but welcoming to people of all faiths, will host a fibre art course June 28-30<sup>th</sup> that will be of special interest to those want to create and add interest and impact to banners, altar hangings or vestments. This course will be of interest to quilters, sewers and artists interested in branching out into textile art.

Accommodation and meals are available for those wishing to stay on-site or you can register as a day student. This course assumes that you have basic sewing skills and is targeted for the beginner or intermediate fibre artist. A sewing machine is required.

The course leader, Kathy Kinsella, is a textile artist who resides in Blind Bay. For registration or more information, please call Sorrento Centre at (250) 675-2421 or email <a href="mailto:info@sorrento-centre.bc.ca">info@sorrento-centre.bc.ca</a> or visit their website: <a href="mailto:www.sorrento-centre.bc.ca">www.sorrento-centre.bc.ca</a>.

<u>Organ for Sale</u>: A Kawai organ, with two manual keyboards and a full pedal board, is for sale. If interested, please call Audrey at (780) 628-5096.

#### PLEASE POST SYNOD SCENE IN ALL PARISHES

If you know someone who might like to receive the Synod Scene simply have them send their request to Margaret at <a href="mailto:churched@edmonton.anglican.ca">churched@edmonton.anglican.ca</a> and she will add them to the distribution list. To be removed from the distribution list, please email Margaret at <a href="mailto:churched@edmonton.anglican.ca">churched@edmonton.anglican.ca</a> and put "Remove from Synod Scene" in the subject line.