



ST. TIMOTHY ANGLICAN CHURCH

"To be equipped
for every good
work"

2 Timothy 3:17

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Easter 2017 Parish Newsletter



Pastor's Letter

There is nothing that can separate us from the love of God – not the powers and principalities of this world, not our own mistakes and faults, not the evil we contend with from within our hearts or the hearts of our enemies, not the fears that keep us up at night and hold us back from what we know we should do, not even death itself can separate us from the love of God.

Easter is one of our celebrations of God's unselfish, sacrificial love. It is the one that commemorates an act that communicates that love in profound ways. It is the proof that there is nothing, truly nothing, that is more powerful than God's love. That love – God's unselfish, sacrificial love embodied in Jesus Christ at his birth, at his death, at his resurrection – is world-changing, as it was meant to be. Jesus comes into this world to embody God's love for us in a way that changes creation itself. When we let God's love into our hearts, our minds, our lives, we cannot help but be changed, transformed, remade, and renewed.

If we are transformed and renewed by the promise that God's love triumphs over every other power, even death, then when we go into the world, we join with God in the world's transformation. For the power of God's love is not just for us – but for the whole of creation.

This is a mystery that is too big, too powerful, too wonderful to contain in a single celebration. It is too important to celebrate in only one

season. In truth, we celebrate that love each and every Sunday. Every time I (as your priest) hold up the bread and the wine and announce to you "These are the gifts of God, for the people of God" The gift God is offering you is love which nothing, not even death, can diminish. We take that gift into ourselves in bread and wine so that God's love may live in us and that we may live in God's love. Remember this as you come to the altar in this Easter season, as we proclaim together "Christ is Risen! The Lord is risen indeed!"

Pastor Ruth



KidsChurch Update

By the end of last year, Kids Church was a little burnt out. Thankfully Byron had the brainwave to gather us all together, and we looked at the lectionary for the coming months and brainstormed ways to teach the message and engage our children. The result has been much more hands-on, and seems to have worked for Epiphany and Lent. We are delighted to welcome Pastor Ruth and look forward to continuing the KidsChurch conversation and planning over the coming months, with a view to having some training around Godly Play (a story-telling approach to KidsChurch).

Caroline Chady



Final Kitchen Update: Why Call it the Legacy Kitchen?

We would never have embarked on this project had we not had unrestricted access to our Memorial (Tudge) Fund, the fund into which the bequests of past and present are deposited. We could not have continued to the extent required, without generous ongoing donations and several bequests. The fund has even been somewhat replenished by a recent bequest.

Our “approved” kitchen is now our legacy to future worshipers and community groups. Built and equipped to the most stringent codes of our time, it stands ready for safe food service to our congregation, to our community groups, and for food ministry to the neighbourhood. It passed its first test, the Layne funeral, providing adequate cooler and counter space for multiple trays and boxes of catered food. For the first time, we had adequate space for clearing dishes and a dishwasher with enough hot water supply to go the distance. The family had experienced our old “two-bum” kitchen and were delighted to move about the space with enough members in the kitchen at one time to get the job done.

Our legacy is safety: a non-slip floor, a stove that cannot be turned on without the fan, exhaust system and make-up air first turned on, a fire suppression system connected to our alarm system, a pull station for a fire alarm accessible from both doors, “in” and “out” doors, food preparation and clean-up areas widely separated. Our responsibility now is to ensure everyone who will use the equipment is trained to do so. A list will be posted.

This is a time of learning. When we are comfortable with what goes where, more labels will go on the cupboards. There is an orange binder in the kitchen with all the equipment use information. The pot sink faucet is a little high for some. Just call a taller person and talk them through how it works. The plugs for that sink are different but effective. Hand washing ONLY at the hand wash sink; food prep ONLY at the prep sink; clean-up ONLY in the clean-up area, pot sink and dishwasher. We have exchanged our guillotine pass-through door for a roller shutter.

It works well with a little practice. We can do this!

Working out the key system for locks in the kitchen and for the kitchen doors themselves has been a challenge. If your key that used to open the kitchen now does not, talk to the Rev. Ruth Monette or Resource Warden Donnie Foerster. There is a hook inside the kitchen for keys parishioners might need (knife drawer, under sink door, fridge, and freezer). Please remember to put them back.

We are grateful for the perseverance of our general contractor Sasen Renovations (a.k.a. parishioner and Lutheran pastor Rev. Matthew Senf) and his site supervisor Peter Reinhardt. Our architect and watchdog throughout was Keith Donald of Keith Sullivan Donald Architecture. Plumbing brought back Murray Spitz of Pacific Coast Plumbing, who had been itching to get at the kitchen plumbing since he repaired our water line. Electrical was Aaron Fitterer of Fitterer Electric, also well known to us as husband and father of parishioners Miriam, Aidan, and Avery. He had already been voluntarily re-lamping the church. When our equipment needs were about to outstrip electrical capacity, he balanced the load by replacing the hall fluorescents with LEDs. Our main suppliers were Russell Food Equipment and Quest Metalworks, suppliers who share a site and work closely together. Even though their vision differed from ours at times, I was glad we went with them in the end, because so much depended on things fitting “just so.” As to our cabinets, even the other contractors are impressed. We used our local Cabinets R Us, working with Diane Wiseman.

Our community groups were very tolerant of the upheavals and stuck with us. Agnes Fejer and Angela Nagy of Treasure Island II are to be commended for their willingness to adapt to relocation, dust, and noise.

For all the planning and most of the project, the Rev. Stephanie Shepard was the on-site contact. She began her time with this congregation during the renovation of 4550 Kitchener and ended it with this major renovation. There are those who shall not be named who “witnessed the old cupboards falling off the walls” because our insurance did not cover volunteer participation. Special thanks are due to Gordon Arthur who was my back-up throughout, while attempting to keep up with the impact of the project on the rest of the building.

It is done! Let us give thanks and then get on with using our Legacy Kitchen for outreach.

Maribeth Mainer



Interim Ministry Update

Coming up to two months with you, I wanted to give you a quick update on how things are going with “The Interim” – this period before you begin actively working towards a search, where we rest together, explore who you are now, and check in on your dreams for who you are becoming.

One of my immediate goals for St Timothy’s has been that the parish not lose momentum on things already in motion, just because you are in “An Interim.” So I am thrilled (as I know you all are) that the kitchen renovation is done and we are underway with getting people trained, setting protocols for its use, determining who (if anyone) needs different keys to be able to access it now, and planning parish meals, cooked onsite. The Food Bank has returned with modifications, which seem to be going well. I am making it my business to be there as a pastoral presence to the Food Bank members, but also with the Parish Hosts. The Greater Vancouver Food Bank is excited about the possibilities that the kitchen presents and we should have details after Easter.

In these first weeks, I have also been getting to know you all – meeting with people formally and informally, trying to match names and faces, hearing bits about your lives and your histories with St Timothy, Christ the King, St Nicolas, and Faith Lutheran. And I am looking forward to doing more of that as we continue together.

One of the reasons for Interim Ministry is because fresh eyes see things familiar ones gloss over. These first weeks have been all about letting my fresh eyes take in what I am seeing. Here is some of what I am seeing:

- a parish that is vibrant and strong, with deep faith and committed leaders
- a parish where everyone takes a turn, people pitch in, take on roles
- a parish that is 25% children – which is amazing! – even as it presents a few challenges
- a parish that feels a little bit tired, like the kitchen project’s long delays and additional costs took more out of you than you could have anticipated; there is a little bit of energy coming back as we

have gotten closer to Easter. I am hopeful that as we enter into the season of Resurrection, we will all be renewed.

- a parish filled with people busy with life – work, family, friends, volunteer commitments – who are already giving a lot and need church to be a joy and not a burden
- a parish which has remarkably high weekly attendance (as in the number of you who are here five weeks out of six), but which does not seem to have a lot of visitors at the moment

Parish Council and I will be working together to respond to some of these observations as we move towards calling the Canonical Process together. We will also be scheduling times when we can come together and look at who you are as a Parish now and check in on the dreams you share for what the Parish can become.

Pastor Ruth



Calendar of Events

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES: We will share Good Friday Services with St. Stephen’s, Burnaby (by Lougheed Mall); services will be at St. Stephen’s. On Friday, April 14, at 10 am, we will have a Children’s Service, followed by hot cross buns. There is also a traditional service at 11 am.

HOLY SATURDAY HOSTED BY SALAL+CEDAR: An Ecological Stations of the Cross on Burnaby Mountain on Saturday, April 15 from 2:30 pm until about 5 pm. We will walk about a 4-km loop of the park trails, making connections between the Christian story of crucifixion, death, and burial, and the stories of environmental destruction we see around us. At different points on the trail, groups will host a 5-10-minute time of reflection – drawing from Scripture and other writings. Meet up at Centennial Way where the Trans Canada Trail crosses the road, near the parking area. Salal+Cedar is the diocesan watershed discipleship ministry.

CELEBRATE EASTER AT ST TIMOTHY’S: Our Easter celebrations begin on Sunday, April 16 at 8 am with a short Easter vigil which includes the lighting of the Easter Fire. A breakfast and Egg Hunt will follow at 9 am. A full Resurrection Eucharist will conclude our celebrations, starting at 10 am.

LEGACY KITCHEN BLESSING & OFFICIAL OPENING: We will celebrate the completion of the Legacy Kitchen with a Blessing and Ribbon Cutting on Sunday, April 23, beginning at 11:30 am, following our 10 am Holy Eucharist. Sase Renovations and their subcontractors will be with us to share our excitement, joy, and relief to have this project done and ready to use.

CONTACT PASTOR RUTH: The Rev. Ruth Monette welcomes the opportunity to get to know each of you. She can be reached by e-mail at priest@sainttimothy.ca and by phone in the church office, 604-299-6816. Pastor Ruth is generally in the office by 9:30 am Monday to Thursday.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION DAY: "I Will with God's Help" will be held on Saturday, April 29, from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm, at the Synod Offices/St. John's, Shaughnessy. This day is open to all who will be confirmed at the Diocesan confirmation service and those who have been or will be confirmed at a parish celebration this year. Please see the Diocesan website (under events) for registration or contact Liz Ruder-Celiz at St Mary's Kerrisdale, 604-261-4228, for more information. There is a fee of \$15.00.

LEGACY KITCHEN SIGN COMPETITION: We need an identification sign for the new Legacy Kitchen, so we are holding an open design competition. The sign should be no more than letter size. Please send designs, preferably electronically, to Gordon Arthur at office@sainttimothy.ca. Parish Council will select the winning design on April 20, and we will make and mount it.

DEANERY REFUGEE RESPONSE CELEBRATION: A potluck dinner will be held on Saturday, April 22 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at St Laurence, Coquitlam. This event will be for the five parishes to come together and to meet Nabil Salami (whose family members the deanery is sponsoring), Iris Challoner from MOSAIC, and other newly arrived refugee families. All are invited to bring their favourite dish; we kindly request that no dishes be prepared with wine or pork out of respect for guests who are Muslim. Please use the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Hall so we may have an idea of the numbers coming.

INSPIRE CONFERENCE: The Inspire conference is held at St. Andrews Wesley United Church, downtown Vancouver and is sponsored by a number of groups from different denominations, including the Diocese of New Westminster. The conference will provide engaging, dynamic keynote speakers and workshop facilitators who will inspire and invigorate our work in the areas of Contemplative Justice and Children & Youth Ministry. The conference will take place on Friday, April 28 and Saturday, April 29. See www.inspireconference.ca for details and to

register. Please let Pastor Ruth know if you are attending.

MIDWEEK EUCHARIST: The mid-week Eucharist begun during Lent will take a short break. It will restart at a new time – 10 am – on Wednesdays beginning on May 10th. All who are able are welcome to attend this simple, short Eucharist service.

COMPANION DIOCESE LIAISON: In 2016, the Diocese began a Companion Diocese relationship with the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines. As part of this relationship, parish liaisons are being sought. If you are interested in learning more, please speak with Pastor Ruth.