



News and Views

Sunday, January 22, 2012

TODAY

Gus Van Helden has created a video collage of photos from our 50th Anniversary celebration. We will show it after both services today. REALLY. It lasts just over five minutes.

ABOUT US

ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS

On Sunday, February 5, following the 10 a.m. service, we will conduct our annual meeting of parishioners (the meeting formerly known as the AGM). The chairpersons and leaders of the various parish ministries, organizations, and activities are reminded that they must prepare an annual report for the meeting. Reports should be submitted to the church office no later than January 23.

TWO DIOCESAN SYNOD CONVENTIONS SCHEDULED

The diocese has scheduled two synod meetings for 2012. A Regular Convention of Synod will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2012, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The purpose of the convention is to appoint the new Diocesan Council and elect delegates to Provincial and General Synods and to conduct any other business that may arise. A Special Convention of Synod (Electoral) will be held on Saturday, June 16, 2012 to elect the Ninth Bishop of the Diocese of Calgary. For more info: http://www.calgary.anglican.ca/events_synods.html. Anyone wishing to be nominated as a synod delegate should be prepared to attend both synods. At the annual general meeting we will elect three synod delegates, one of which must be a member of the Parish Council.

PLEDGE CAMPAIGN RESULTS

We are delighted to report that we have received 60 financial pledges totaling \$102,338.00 for 2012. This provides a good foundation for estimating income from 2012. Thank you to everyone who stepped up to pledge for 2012.

AND IT'S NOT TOO LATE

While we have closed out the financial side of our 2012 pledge campaign, we still encourage anyone who has not made a pledge of time and talent to do so. Implementing our strategic plan is possible only with hands on involvement. Everyone's commitment of time and talent is important. So, even if you prefer not to make a financial pledge, we welcome commitments of time and talent. A time and talent pledge card is included in this bulletin. They may be placed in the box in the narthex.

NEED REIMBURSEMENT?

We are happy to reimburse parishioners who make expenditures on behalf of the parish. Please, let us know when prompt reimbursement is desirable, and we will be happy to provide a reimbursement check upon receipt of a receipt for the expenditures.

REPORTS FOR ANNUAL MEETING

With the Annual Meeting of Parishioners set to be held February 5, 2012, all ministry coordinators are requested to have their reports into the church office no later than Monday, January 23, 2012. Reports can be e-mailed to holyinat@shaw.ca, or given to Vanessa in the office. Please do not leave the reports in the office on her desk. If Vanessa is not available, please place the report in her mail slot. This deadline is very important as

we need the time to compile and run off the reports. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

PLEASE, PUT YOUR ENVELOPE NUMBERS ON YOUR CHECKS

Accurate accounting of contributions is important to us and to you. Our process of counting and data entry will be more accurate and more easily accomplished if we all put our envelope numbers on our contribution checks (even if we put them in our numbered envelopes). The counters, envelope secretary, administrator/bookkeeper, and treasurer would be grateful, too.

DONATION ENVELOPES FOR 2012

Donation envelopes for 2012 are available in the Narthex. Please remember to pick yours up. We thank you for your continuing support of all our ministries at Holy Nativity. If you do not have envelopes, but would like a set, please, call the church office at 403-278-0001.

NEWS & EVENTS: NEWS & NOTICES

CRAFTS & CHATS QUILT RAFFLE

The Crafts and Chats ladies will have quilt raffle tickets for sale in the music room following the 10:00 a.m. service every Sunday until the draw on February 14, 2012. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Proceeds from raffle will be donated to Outreach.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Our study of the life of David through Eugene Peterson's "Leap Over A Wall" continues on Wednesday evenings in the Friendship Room. We start at 7:15 p.m. and plan to finish by 9:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome; you do not need the book nor do you need to have attended prior sessions. For further information, please contact Alan or Barbara Scott at 403-278-1643.

LIFE EVENTS

DON'T FORGET TO CALL THE CHURCH

If you are having surgery or otherwise find yourself headed to the hospital, please, let the church office or Jim know. After hours, please, do not hesitate to call Jim at 403-891-3706. Please, respect that this number should be used only for true emergencies.

LINKS

RETREAT

Catholic School Staff and Friends Retreat will be held January 27-29 2012 at the Mount St Francis Retreat Centre For information, please, contact Leslie R or Peter T at 403-819-7625.

KAIROS CALGARY

KAIROS Calgary invites you to spend a morning with Chris Turner author of The Geography of Hope and of The Leap: How to survive in the Sustainable Economy. The venue is Varsity Acres Presbyterian Church, 4612 Varsity Drive, NW, Calgary. The date is Saturday February 11th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (registration begins 8:30 a.m.). The cost is \$15 which includes refreshments throughout the morning. For more information and to register visit <http://www.kairos-calgary.ca> or email pwrdfcalgary@telus.net, or phone Alison Longson 403-243-5478.