

News for Scattered Pews

April 2024



Val's Voice

These days, as Spring keeps trying to come, I read a couple of pieces from an Iona book as a devotional at our Pastoral Care meeting last week. I suppose maybe I thought I would hurry Spring along a bit!

I am away for a bit now, but I thought it would be good to share them with you... All the best to you and yours as the seasons change... Talk to you at the end of the month! Val

As the sun rises higher in the sky,
So may the Lord be exalted in our lives.

As the spring flowers display their beauty,
So may the Lord be glorified in our lives.

As the fresh green leaves on the trees announce the spring,
So may the Lord be made known in our lives.



Creator God, whose faithfulness is seen in the coming and going of the seasons, Whose love is seen in the renewing of the earth, guard us and guide us, keep and bless us now and forevermore.

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A few starters for prayer...

For all who watch and wait (name people or situations in prayer)... *God of life and new beginnings, hear our prayers.*

For all who weep (name people or situations in prayer)... *God of life and new beginnings, hear our prayers.*

For all who long for light (name people or situations in prayer)... *God of life and new beginnings, hear our prayers.*

For all who are full of life (name people or situations in prayer)... *God of life and new beginnings, hear our prayers.*

God of spring, God of death and resurrection, God of life and new beginnings: hear our prayers. Amen.

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A blessing of the elements

A blessing of fire be yours,
of Brigid's flame
of stars and sunshine.

A blessing of water be yours,
of rain-washed streets
and huge paddling puddles.

A blessing of air be yours
of the wild wind
and pegged washing, dancing.

A blessing of earth be yours,
of soil and roots
and green leaves unfurling.

A blessing of the elements be yours,
fire and earth and wind and water
a blessing of hope,
a blessing of wonder,
a blessing of spring.

A blessing of earth be yours.

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Vestry Notes from March 26

The **finance report** for February was tabled, as Val Heide was unable to be present and there were some questions about this statement.

Vestry reviewed and discussed a **proposed new agreement for building rentals** developed by Therasa Hunt. It was very good discussion and will be refined in the coming months.

The wardens are working with Brian Crow to search out **funding for replacement of the dishwasher** in the lower level.

The **Mapping exercise** on March 9 was an excellent event and it has been suggested that another one be held for the wider community.

Welcome to our **new Office Administrator!**
Jenny Davis will be working 10.5 hours per week.
Her office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10 am to 1:30 pm.

The **Young Adult Games Night** in March, held at a local microbrewery, was very successful. This will be a monthly gathering with the ELCIC.

Plans for a **Confirmation service on June 16**, which Bishop Geoff will attend, have been confirmed (tiny bit of Anglican humor).

Pub Night fundraiser for Refugee Ministry on Saturday, May 4 - Doors open at 7 pm and the show starts at 7:30. Bishop Geoff's band Narwartz (featuring Val's husband Paul) will be the entertainment. Tickets are \$20 per person. Drinks are \$5 with pop, coffee, and tea free. Contact Carey Isaac, Ben Girgis or Taps Maswera for tickets.

Information on **offering envelope usage** in the parish is being compiled and will be ready by May and then presented to the congregation.

From our **Easter Offering**, \$550 will go to KAIROS - a Canadian ecumenical program - for its Women of Courage initiative which helps people in Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, South Sudan, and the West Bank with counselling, legal support, training and accompaniment. The remainder of the offering will support the work of our parish.

Educational opportunities: Bible Study will resume in May (exact date to be announced) on Saturday mornings 10-11:30. Establishing a book club that would meet monthly is also being considered.

Discussion about plans to address our **parish future** took place. It was a good discussion and will be revisited going forward.

Say Yes to The Kids Sunday is an Anglican Foundation initiative to support children and youth. We will celebrate this on June 2.

The Parish of St. Mary Magdalene is on Treaty 1 territory.

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Garage Sale 2024

Friday, April 26, 9 - 5:30 pm
 Saturday, April 27, 9 - Noon

Donations can be dropped off at the church
until April 24 at 3 pm.

Please note we don't have the resources to
 be able to pick up donations.

Go to our website for the list of items
 we will and won't accept:

stmarymagdalnewpg.org/garage-sales.html

Volunteers are needed to:

- Sort/price items during the day April 22-25
- Work during the sale (many shifts available)
 - Help provide food to volunteers
- Assist with boxing up and/or taking unsold items to designated charities on Sat afternoon

For more information, to volunteer, or to arrange
 to drop off a donation please email
stmarymag.garagesale@gmail.com
 or phone Cathy at 204-256-6157.

**Creating a Dementia-Friendly Community
 Wednesday, May 8th, 7 pm**

We are pleased to host an information session from the
 Alzheimer Society of Manitoba on May 8 at 7 pm.

The presenter will review what it means to be dementia
 friendly, and offer simple and cost-effective suggestions
 for a business, organization or community group to
 ensure it is dementia-friendly, so that people living with
 dementia and their care partners can thrive in their
 community for as long as it is safe to do so.

The presentation is 1 hour in length, with a Q&A session
 to follow. It will include:

- a brief explanation of what dementia is
 and how it impacts the brain
- a review of brain health
- the importance of dementia-friendly communities

This event is free, and open to everyone. A reminder that
 the lower hall is fully accessible, including elevator and
 washroom.

To assist with planning, please contact the church if you
 plan to attend. You can leave a voice message at
204-253-0555 or send a short email to stmary@mts.net.

Thank you.
 Cheryl Lenton

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St. Mary Magdalene Church Calendar

April 2024		May 2024	
7 Sun	Second Sunday of Easter Eucharist 10:30 am Parish Potluck 12 pm	4 Sat	Pub Night fundraiser 7 pm
14 Sun	Third Sunday of Easter Eucharist 10:30 am	5 Sun	Sixth Sunday of Easter Eucharist 10:30 am
21 Sun	Fourth Sunday of Easter Eucharist 10:30 am	7 Tue	Vista Park Lodge 2:15 pm Dakota House 3:30 pm
26 Fri & 27 Sat	Garage Sale Friday 9 am – 5:30 pm Saturday 9 am – 12 noon	8 Wed	Dementia Info Session 7 pm <i>presented by the Alzheimer Society of MB</i>
28 Sun	Fifth Sunday of Easter Eucharist 10:30 am ACF 7 pm	12 Sun	Seventh Sunday of Easter Eucharist 10:30 am <i>Mother's Day</i>
30 Tue	Vestry Meeting 7 pm <i>(1 week later this month)</i>	19 Sun	Day of Pentecost Eucharist 10:30 am
		26 Sun	Trinity Sunday Eucharist 10:30 am ACF 7 pm
		30 Tue	Vestry Meeting 7 pm

ACF = Asian Christian Fellowship service in Urdu

Weekly Activities

Christian Meditation	Thursdays 7:30 pm (online)	Contact: Barbara B
Choir Practice	Sundays 9 am	Contact: Nancy