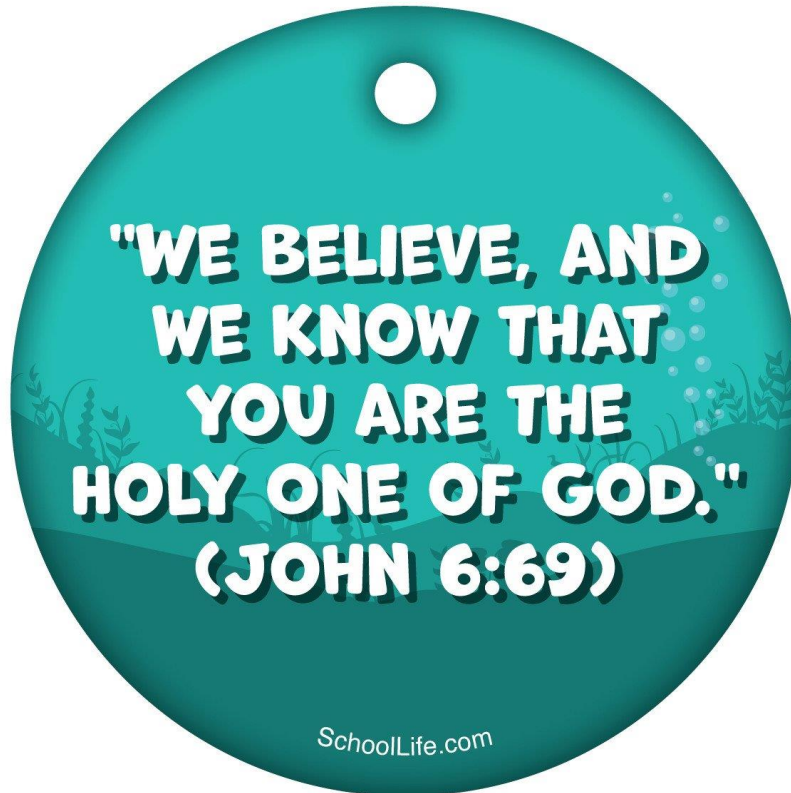


Gathering Table
a Faith Community
in the Anglican Church of Canada



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

'Greetings In The Name Of The Risen Lord !

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Preacher and Celebrant: Rev. Ann Camber

Lay Reader: Rose Jardine

Music: YouTube

Lectors: Marilyn and Al Chisholm

Eucharistic Assistant: David Reid

Greeter: Marilyn Chisholm

Altar Guild: Audrey Love

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 25th, 2024

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO GATHERING TABLE

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For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of life and spirituality. We are gathered as treaty people on the traditional territory of the Anishnaabeg of the Fort William First Nation and acknowledge this people's stewardship of this land through the ages.

Land Acknowledgement- Doug Semple

**Welcome To Gathering Table
and Opening Remarks**

Welcome to all our visitors and newcomers we're glad you're here! We invite you to sign our Visitor's Book at the

back of the church, and please join after the service for coffee hour.

Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. *John 6.68*

Opening Music:

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Gathering of the Community

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All please stand, if able.

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God, and the fellowship of the
Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

Almighty God,
**to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the
thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your
Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and
worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

Collect Of The Day

Celebrant: Almighty God, we are taught by your word
that all our doings without love are worth nothing. Send
your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most
excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all

virtue; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **All: Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading from

1 Kings 8: 1, 6, 10 – 11, 22 – 30

Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, which is Zion. Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the Lord, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord.]

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only

your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive. Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name - for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm - when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built."

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Psalm 84

**Refrain: Happy are the people whose strength
is in you!**

How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts!
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of
the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the
living God.

**Refrain: Happy are the people whose strength
is in you!**

The sparrow has found her a house and the
swallow a nest where she may lay her young; by
the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King
and my God.

**Refrain: Happy are the people whose strength
is in you!**

Happy are they who dwell in your house! they will
always be praising you.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you!
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

**Refrain: Happy are the people whose strength
is in you!**

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a
place of springs, for the early rains have covered it with
pools of water.

They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods
will reveal himself in Zion.

Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; hearken, O God of
Jacob.

**Refrain: Happy are the people whose strength
is in you!**

Behold our defender, O God; and look upon the face of
your anointed.

For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my
own room, and to stand at the threshold of the house of

my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
For the Lord God is both sun and shield; he will
give grace and glory;
No good thing will the Lord withhold from those
who walk with integrity
O Lord of hosts, happy are they who put their trust
in you!

**Refrain: Happy are the people whose strength
 is in you!**

Psalm Prayer: *BAS page 818*
**God of pilgrims, teach us to recognize your
dwelling-place in the love, generosity, and support
of those with whom we share our journey, and
help us to worship you in our response to those
who need our care; for all the world is your temple
and every human heart is a sign of your presence,
made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

**The Second Reading is from the Letter of Paul to
the Ephesians**

Ephesians 6: 10 – 20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his
power. Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may
be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our
struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but
against the rulers, against the authorities, against the
cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the
spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore
take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able

to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gradual: **As The Deer**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
John

ALL: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

John 6: 35, – 56 - 69

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live

forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father." Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

This is The Gospel of Christ
Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ

Music: **The Prayer**

Time of Silent Reflection

The Apostles' Creed –

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Celebrant: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus**

Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

ALL: Amen.

Prayers of the People

Lay Reader: Rose Jardine

This morning we will use the Bidding Intercession, where I will invite you to add your prayers at the appropriate time by saying: **‘please pray either silently or aloud’**.

LEADER: I ask your prayers for God’s people throughout the world, for this gathering, for Archbishop Anne, our Pastor Ann, for Archdeacon Debra, Rev Deb Everest, and for all ministers and people. *Pray for the Church, either silently or aloud.*

ALL: *(your prayers are invited.)*

LEADER: We pray for the new confirmands, who yesterday, affirmed the vows of their parents, guardians and sponsors, as we are all one body in the Spirit and in The Eucharist.

Almighty and everlasting God, by your Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified. Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in our vocation and ministry we may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

LEADER: Sometimes we can pray only in the Spirit, without words, but with deep groans and cries. We desire peace, goodwill among nations, and for the well being of all people. *Please pray either silently or aloud.*

ALL: (your prayers are invited.)

LEADER: Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that justice and peace may increase, until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

LEADER: I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed and those in prison. We pray for those who suffer because of the war and terror and corruption surrounding them. We are asked to pray for the needs of: *Rev Ann, Darlene, Kerri, James, Donna, Frances, Ted and Fran, Michelle, Derek*

Pray for those in any need or trouble. *Please pray either silently or aloud.*

ALL: *(your prayers are invited.)*

LEADER: Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow,

the strength of all who suffer, hear the cry of those in misery and need. In their afflictions show them your mercy, and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them, for the sake of him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LEADER: Lord, you have blessed us greatly in this country, where so many people do have wealth to spare. Thank you for the faithful who contribute to the operations of Gathering Table, but also for our various missions and outreach. I ask your prayers for the mission of the Church. Pray for the coming of God's kingdom among all nations and peoples. *Please pray either silently or aloud'*
ALL: *(your prayers are invited.)*

LEADER: O Lord our God, you have made all races and nations to be one family, and you sent your Son Jesus Christ to proclaim the good news of salvation to all people. Pour out your Spirit on the whole creation, bring the nations of the world into your fellowship, and hasten the coming of your kingdom. We ask this through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LEADER: We pray for *the Family of Dorothy Nesbitt*, as they mourn. I ask your prayers for all who have died in the peace of Christ, and for those whose faith is known to God alone. Pray that God may be glorified in all his saints, *praying either silently or aloud.*
ALL: *(your prayers are invited.)*

LEADER: O God, the giver of eternal life, we give you

thanks and praise for the wonderful grace and virtue declared in all your saints. Grant to us, and to all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, a share in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ and fullness of joy in the fellowship of all your saints. All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LEADER: Let us give thanks to almighty God for all his goodness, *praying either silently or aloud.*

ALL: *(your prayers are invited.)*

LEADER: You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honour and power.

ALL: You are worthy to receive blessing and praise, now and forever. For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son and Holy Spirit, yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory now and forever. Amen.

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

Offertory: **One Bread one Body**

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: God of glory, receive all we offer this day as a symbol of our love, and increase in us that true and perfect gift. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Receiving Holy Communion

This is the table of Christ made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So come, whether you have much faith or little, have tried to follow or afraid you have failed. Come because it is Christ's will that those who want to meet him, might meet him here.

Our tradition says that to receive any part of the Eucharist is to receive the full grace of the Sacrament.

The Celebration of the Eucharist Eucharistic Prayer #5 *BAS Page 204*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do. In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family.

Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven,
we praise your wonderful name, as we sing (say),

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might
Heaven and earth are
full of Your glory
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest
*Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord*
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest**

Patrick Schlabs

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, loving Father,
because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us
how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the
hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but
overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the
power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead
you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all
your people.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: On the night before he gave up his life for us,
Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks
to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, “Take this, all
of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, “Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.”

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen

The Lord’s Prayer

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And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass

against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread #2

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Celebrant: We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All: **We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Music Video: **Lamb of God**

Communion Music: **Shepherd Me O God
I Am The Bread of Life**

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: Living God, increase in us the healing power of your love. Guide and direct us that we may please you in all things, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

Doxology

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Celebrant: Glory to God,

All: **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God**

**from generation to generation, in the Church and
in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing: **Rev. Ann Camber**

Go in peace, holding onto steadfast hope in a God who does good things. Who calls us as ambassadors and witnesses to the kingdom. Who sustains and supplies us, whose work is done through our hands, our voice, and our lives, and who remains with us now and forever.

Amen.

Announcements:

Closing Music: **In Christ Alone**

Dismissal:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia ! Alleluia ! Alleluia !

Please note that there is a 'treasure chest' at the back of the church where offerings can be left when leaving the church.

**Readings for the 15th Sunday after Pentecost
Season of Creation 1**

S of S 2: 8 – 13

Psalm 45: 1 – 2, 7 - 10

James 1: 17 – 27.....

Mark 7: 1 – 8, 14 – 15, 21 - 23

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Please Pray for: The Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans, the Confessing Anglican

Diocese in New Zealand, and The Rt. Rev. Jay Behan, Bishop, and his wife, Jaimee.

Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer :

Please Pray for:

ACC: The clergy and people of the Diocese of Saskatoon

ELCIC Bishop Kathy Martin, the people and rostered ministers of the British Columbia Synod

Diocese of Ontario Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for: St. Paul's, Kingson, and The Rev. Margaret Johnston-Jones, Priest in Charge.

Our Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members: Joe and Nancy, Ivy and Tim Crane, Suzy and Leigh Crocker Scot and Kerri Dawson, Cole and Nathan, Sheila Douglas, Emil and Margot Engler, Steven and Abby, Ann Flatt, Larry and Vicky Fletcher/Kosny-Fletcher, Elisabeth Gesch, Allan and Sharon Gilbert, Joyce Gill, Melanie Gottfred, Shannon and Marie MacLeod, Mary Ellen Gouliquer, Ted and Donna Hamill, Glen and Sally Hamilton, Wayne Hargrave, Diane Hartley, Mary Louise Hill, Irene Humby,

Please Pray For: Our young people in Junior High School, High School, College and University who are struggling academically, social and mentally, as well as with understanding their own identities.

A grace note from www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com

Love welcomes us to the companionship of Jesus.

Our Daily Bread is available at the back of the church
Pick up a copy today for **Sept., Oct., Nov., 2024**
Scents, kitchen, allergies



For the well-being of us all, a few reminders:
Please do not wear scents (perfume, cologne, hairspray etc.) After using the kitchen, please ensure that all surfaces are cleaned and sanitized and the floor is swept of any mouse-attracting crumbs. Some of us have life-threatening allergies to nuts, so please do not bring food containing nuts into the building. Sealed items for the Food Cupboard are exempt.

We Welcome Your Prayer Requests:

If you have any needs or concerns that you would like placed on the Gathering Table prayer chain, please email the request to prayerchain@gatheringtable.ca. If you do not have access to email, please call the office or Sheila Chisholm at (807) 697-0465 and we will get it sent to you.

Reminder about - Visitations Communion:

Let Rev. Ann know if someone you know would like a visit. call 807-285-9446 or email at: rector@gatheringtable.ca



2024 Envelopes are now available at the back

A note about offerings: all information is on the shelves at the back of the Church. If you used the numbered offering envelopes in 2023 you will find a personalized box of 2024 envelopes for your use. If you wish to use weekly offering envelopes you may take an unassigned box and add your name to the list beside the box number. If you would like to contribute using the Electronic Offering Program*, which we recommend, these forms are also available at the back of the Church fill in the information and turn it into the office. If you are already using EOP you may amend your offerings using the same form. E-transfers can also be made to Gathering Table by using: office@gatheringtable.ca and use “church” as your security answer. If you require any assistance, please consult a Warden. The EOP is administered by the Diocese and is a pre-authorized payment plan offering a steady flow of funds to Gathering Table. It takes the worry about “catching up” if you are away or cannot attend for any reason.

Sunday Sermons: Sunday service can be viewed on the Gathering Table website <http://gatheringtable.ca> and on the Gathering Table Facebook page. The whole service will be live streamed at 10 a.m. Sunday at the link <http://gatheringtable.ca> **Please Note** You may be visible on the online stream

Reminder to all Groups:

EVENTS AT GATHERING TABLE

Each September groups wishing to book the use of the

hall, kitchen has to fill in the “Booking Request Form” each year for your groups’ activities. Please contact the office to request the form. office@gatheringtable.ca
Or call 807-345-6898

Calendar of Events

Aug. 25 th	Food Cupboard and Coffee Hour
Sept. 6 th	Food Cupboard Prep
Sept. 8 th	Food Cupboard and Coffee Hour
Sept. 10 th	Altar Guild Meeting 3 p.m.
Sept. 17 th	Camp Gitchigomee Mtg. 7 p.m. Gathering Table – Everyone welcome to attend
Sept. 20 th	Food Cupboard Prep
Sept. 21 st	Wedding
Sept. 22 nd	Food Cupboard and Harvest Thanksgiving
Sept. 28 th	Deanery Men’s Breakfast – Gathering Table 9:30 a.m. Tickets \$15 – See Jim or Dave Guest Speaker.
Oct. 19 th	<i>Save the date:</i> Deanery Afternoon at St. Thomas Church from 1–4:30 p.m.

Camp Gitchigomee (on going fundraiser)

Help Kick Start our Generator Fundraiser

Grab a white sock from one of our Camp Reps and start saving your change. Every nickel, dime, quarter, loonie or twonie (*cash and cheques*) will make us that much closer to replacing our old one.

Wild Ride for Refugees

It is the third annual Wild Ride for Refugees campaign with a goal of raising \$65,000 to celebrate PWRDF's 65 years of supporting displaced families globally. The deanery will support this campaign on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024 from 10 am to noon. It will have a cycling and walking component with refreshments at St. Paul's Anglican Church at 11 am. There will be a brief bike safety talk at St. Paul's garden at 10 am before the cyclers go to Vickers Park to join up with the walkers. The walkers initially meet at Vickers Park at 10:30 am. Archdeacon Deborah Kraft will give a blessing at the park. Then the walkers and cyclists proceed to meet at 11 am at St. Paul's Church. Last year the deanery raised \$5,035 in support of refugees and internally displaced persons. Save the date and participate! To make donations to this worthwhile cause please write a cheque to PWRDF with Wild Ride for Refugees in the memo line and place in the Treasure Chest at the back of the church.

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Deputy People's Warden: Sheila Chisholm

Music Director: Pianist Donna Hamill

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Archbishop Anne's Motto for 2024

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” 2 Corinthians 9:7-8