

Still Looking for a Drill

Does anyone have a rechargeable drill that they no longer use or want? The little work shop downstairs in the church could certainly use one. If you are able to help, please contact Ted Sayre at 847-8352 or the church office at 847-1812.

EVENTS BEYOND THE PARISH

Breakfast at St Luke's

The Monthly Breakfast at St. Luke's Anglican Church Hall, corner of Metcalf Street and Lansdowne Avenue, will be held on **Sat, Jan. 23** from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Come and enjoy a hearty and delicious meal of sausages, eggs, toast, home fries and beverage for just \$6 per person. A joint presentation of the Saint John Y's Men's Club and St. Luke's. Proceeds to outreach ministries

Seniors Luncheon

A Seniors' Luncheon will be held on **Thur, Jan 28** at 12 noon at St. Augustine's Church, 239 Quispamsis Road (corner of Quispamsis and Pettingill Roads). Please come and join us for a warm, nutritious meal of chicken leg and thigh and some great conversation! Cost – free will offering.

A LITTLE NEWS FROM THE PEWS

... after 37 years of visiting hospitals, I was told Monday morning, that I was going to have the experience of becoming a hospital patient for the first time in my adult life. Looking back I realized that I misread and perhaps ignored some obvious signs that I was experiencing a fever last weekend because of an infection. I would need IV antibiotics and would have to remain overnight. They were not about to negotiate. I had few options. I was feeling miserable. I had to stay. It was an "over capacity" night in the Emergency department. I was one of the lucky ones who received a room rather than a hall way. Two wonderful things I learned about hospitals. Warm blankets. Ice machines. My fever left fairly quickly, and with it gone, my appetite and energy returned. I am back in the game. However, I am most grateful to those who stepped in last weekend at a moment's notice to do the services: **Fr. Jim** and **Canon George**, as well as Layreader **Judy Streeter** at the 8 a.m. service. We truly are blessed to have a capable and willing team ... **Ann & Barry King** are facing some challenges these days. Ann is presently in the SJRH. We all admire and appreciate them both. They mean a great deal to all of us and we send them our love and prayers through this rough patch ... as the winter settles in many of our parishioners like to find a little warmth in southern places. We certainly miss them and pray for their safety in their travels. A reminder that many folk keep in touch with St. Paul's through our website stpaulsrothesy.com. The bulletin is updated each week. Happy travels to all ... what's this we hear? One of our pillar secretary/treasurers moon lighting? At St. David's United Church!? Is that taking church friendship a little far? **Kath Grant** filled in a few days this week for our neighbors at St. David's who were in a pinch ... *that's a little news from the pews. ALS*

PARISH NOTES

A Letter from the Elizabeth Fry Society of Saint John

Thanks to you and your donation we can continue to add some brightness, hope and concrete support to those who may need help to step positively forward with their lives. You contribute to our children's literacy program, Jump Start to Literacy, now being extended to include four of Saint John's priority areas. You make it possible for mothers in Nova Institution to read stories on tape to their children so that each child can listen at home to his/her mother's voice while following along in the book. You support volunteers at the Saint John courthouse to help women and their families navigate the justice system. You help E. Fry start a new support group for families of offenders. We truly need and appreciate your help!! Thank you!!! Judy Murphy, Executive Director, Denise Durette, President.

PARISH NOTES Continued

Sunday School Classes

SS classes will resume with Daniella today. Daniella has been home to Saskatchewan and also had a trip to Hawaii over the holidays.

Mission Beyond the Parish Meeting - 2nd shot!

Our meeting last week was postponed due to the weather. We shall try again this **Wed, Jan 20** to gather for our shared meal at 11:30 at the home of Don & Elaine Brown.

St. Paul's Day (Weekend) January 23 & 24

We have been looking forward to the visit of Fr. Richard and Gwen McConnell for some time. They served our Parish with imagination and dedication and left a lasting affection in our hearts. We have two events that we trust will bring us together. On Saturday at 6:30 there will be a social evening in the parish hall. You can bring a snack or beverage to share. George Urquhart will be leading us in some singing and the McConnells will make a presentation of their experience of Turkey. In 2014-2015 they lived in Turkey where Gwen was employed as a teacher. Fr. Richard will be the preacher at our Sunday morning Eucharist at 10 a.m. There will be a pot luck lunch following the service. This will be a "cold" pot luck of sandwiches, fruit, vegetables and other finger type foods (don't forget desserts). Come along as we renew our friendship with the McConnells, celebrate our parish family life and remember our patron saint, St. Paul of Tarsus (Tarsus is part of modern Turkey).

ACW Annual Meeting - Thu, Jan 21

The faithful gals will gather this coming week for their annual meeting. They will begin at 11 a.m. with a service of the Holy Eucharist followed by a shared sandwich and sweet lunch in the Crosby Room. The meeting will follow the lunch, with a review of their activities in 2015, financial report and nominations. All women of the parish are invited to come along and find out what this mighty group is all about.

The Altar Guild will hold their meeting on **Wednesday, Jan 27** at the home of Pam Iype, 18 Tranquility Lane, at a time to be announced.

The Parish Annual Meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, Feb 21**, following the 10 a.m. service. We are preparing the Reports Booklets. The office would appreciate receiving reports by **Jan 29**

A Note About Giving Methods

As we begin our review of finances in 2015, one of the things we have noticed is a large increase in "open offering", that is, offerings that are in cash with the donor unidentified. It could be that we had more visitors to our parish in 2015 or perhaps larger anonymous donations. It might also be that there are worshippers who do not have a box of offering envelopes. The use of envelopes or e-offering enables the office to identify the giver, keep a record and offer a receipt for income tax purposes at the end of the year. Please, don't be shy about calling the office (847-1812) if you would like to have a box of envelopes for 2016. Another popular way of giving is the e-offering method. This is essentially a direct debit from your account to the church account on a weekly or monthly basis. It is easy to set up. It makes your giving regular and reliable. It is more efficient, involving less handling and processing for the office. It is also simple to change your offering, should you wish to do so at a later date. Sometimes people worry about what to do when the plate comes along. What do you put into the plate if you are an e-giver? It is not a problem. 72 parishioners already use e-offering, and they just pass the plate along. It is a common way of giving now. As we begin a New Year maybe it is time to review your giving, or method of giving. Whichever way you choose, we are grateful for your faithful and generous financial support of the ministry of St. Paul's.



A Prayer for Daily Grace

Blessed are all thy Saints, O God and King, who have traveled over the tempestuous sea of this mortal life, and made the harbour of peace and safety. Watch over us who are still in our dangerous voyage; and remember such as lie exposed to the rough storms of trouble and temptations. Frail is our vessel, and the ocean is wide; but as in thy mercy thou has set our course, so steer the vessel of our life toward the everlasting shore of peace, and bring us at length to the quiet haven of our heart's desire, where thou, O our God, are blessed and livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen. St. Augustine (354-430)