

From Mother Terry

This summer in our worship, we've been incorporating parishioners' requests for hymns that hold space in their hearts and their stories. It has been such fun to learn more about one another and to sing some truly beautiful music. When possible, I've tried to include in the leaflet the stories that accompanied the hymn requests. There were a few weeks when those didn't make it in, but don't let that fool you—we've had a steady stream of favourites to enjoy together throughout this season.

We still have a couple of weeks left, but after Labour Day we'll return to the use of hymns that align with the liturgical occasion or to the Scripture we'll read for the day. But if there are hymns you love that didn't make it in this summer, feel free to still send them my way. If there's a Sunday when they would fit, I'd be happy to try to include them!

We are also wondering if there might be interest in holding a "hymn sing" as a fellowship event—an evening when we would come to the Trendell Lounge, pass out hymnals, and eat snacks and share favourite beverages while sharing our songs in good company. If this is something you'd enjoy, please let us know. We may be able to plan it for some time this autumn.

In the meantime, let's try a different kind of interactive fun. I'd like to start a feature in the newsletter called, "Dear Abbey." Do you have a question about worship or theology that might be able to be explained in a short newsletter article? If so, send me an email. You can let me know if you want your name listed with the question, or if you'd like me to assign you a humorous pseudonym.

I think this will be another great way to help me get to know you—especially the things that pique your curiosity, or that might be confusing for many people who simply haven't had the opportunity to ask. It also provides a way for us to learn together as a community, as we might discover answers to questions we had

never even thought about before. I can't promise I'll have all the answers, but I'm sure I'll learn a great deal, too, in preparing responses.

“Dear Abbey” will debut in the newsletter for the week of September 11, so start thinking about your burning church questions! And in the meantime, let's keep singing our songs!

Blessings,
Mother Terry+

Godly Play...

Godly Play is an imaginative, creative and engaging children's worship experience. Godly Play was created by Jerome Berryman coming out of his work with Maria Montessori. It deeply values children spirituality. We use engaging storytelling, wondering and art to engage children and help them to vocalize their own theology and help them to think deeper about the world.



It is a wonderful way having ‘Children's Church’. Instead of being ‘entertained’ for the part of the service that means the least to them (the Readings/Sermon and Prayers) the kids will be having their own church experience, learning stories, by working with them, and wondering about them.

As a parent who's children have been in Godly Play for several critical years, I love how much my children know the stories, and articulate a deep spirituality and relationship with God.

It's really exciting to bring this back here to St. John's!

We are very lucky that we have many Godly Play stories, we have some amazing stories (Noah's Ark, many parables, the Holy Family...) and it's equally exciting to have some new stories. A big thanks to the volunteers who have been working hard to make this happen.

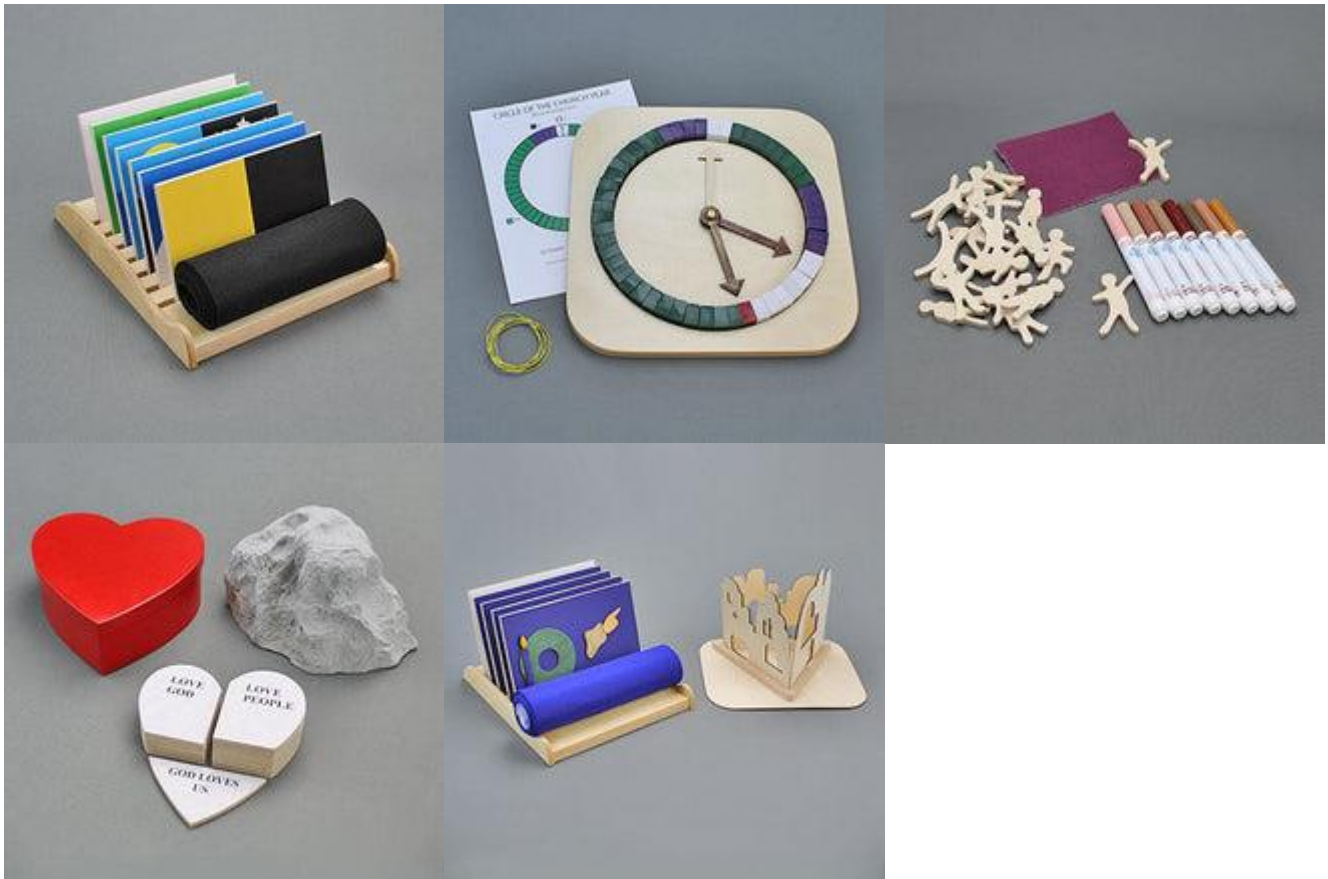
If you would like to know more, please let me know!

God Bless,
Mother Liz

New Godly Play Stories coming this fall....

In order left to right and top to bottom

-Creation, Circle of the Church Year, People of God, Ten Best Ways, and Advent



Stories that we would like to build on...

If you would like to contribute,
please let the Church office know...



Abraham



Green Growing Banner



The Great Family



The Ark and the Temple (some things)



The Mystery of Christmas



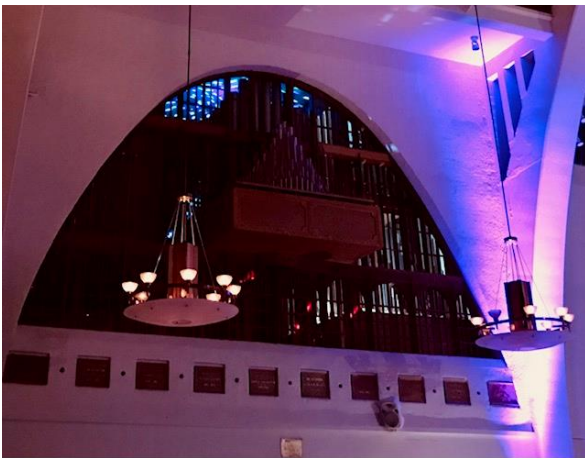
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Sidewalk Art from Sunday 21st Aug



SJS to host annual Royal Canadian College of Organists Halloween Organ Spooktacular

(RCCO- Vancouver Centre for which Michael Dirk serves on executive as Vice-President and Education Officer) (as we did their last in-person pre-pandemic concert 2019) Friday Oct 28, 7:30pm. (This also coincides with the 54th Anniversary of SJS's Hallman pipe organ's dedication- and the 5th anniversary of the launch of the organ revitalization campaign)



SJS choir tenor alum Spencer Britten to perform with Vancouver City Opera Sept 13-17:

<https://twitter.com/spencerbritten>

SJS Prayer List

If you request that someone's name be added to the prayer list, please keep in touch with us. At the end of each month, all names will be removed, so you will need to add the names again at the end of each month. Please also let us know if you want someone removed from the list. Email the office (church@sjc.net) anytime! Thank you.

Greeting volunteers needed at the 10am service

We could use several more greeters. Please contact the office(church@sjc.net) for more details if you are interested in greeting on Sunday mornings.

SJS Garden Club Needs New Volunteers

It is time for the Garden Club to renew their efforts at St Johns. We hope we have some new volunteers who could join us from time to time. Or every week! Weather permitting, we meet on **Monday mornings**, but the day/time can be adjusted to accommodate other schedules. We do watering, light pruning (no saws or ladders), weeding, dividing, planting, etc. We enjoy wonderful chit chats in the safety of the outdoors. You can bring your own gloves and tools if you want to, or you can borrow ours. If you have old tools in your garage that you don't use any more, please let us know. **We are accepting donations of old garden tools.**

WNM items for Homeless Needed

Winter clothing, raingear, boots, sleeping bags, socks, pudding cups, granola bars (soft with no fruit/nuts), & juice boxes.

Financial Support - Stewardship

If you would like to make a financial contribution to help support the worship and ministry of St. John's Shaughnessy, please do! You can use this QR code (point your phone's camera at it) and it will take you to the donation page of our website. If you have recently made a contribution online or by cheque, thank you so very much! If you currently give by Pre-Authorized Donation, thank you! Our church has been affected by COVID-19 in many ways and financial giving is certainly one.



If you would like to give via monthly Pre-Authorized Donations (easy to change and easy to cancel), please contact Cynthia in the office (church@sjs.net or 604-731-4966). If you would like to give to the church using a credit card, please use the DONATE button on our website (Canada Helps on top of page one, and Paypal on the bottom of page one). Cheques may be mailed or dropped through the church mail slot.

Sunday in-person services 8am and 10am

Sunday online service

10am Holy Eucharist live-stream

Wednesday online service

8pm Midweek Meditation

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People's Warden Maggie Sanders
Treasurer Donald Wood
Property Trustee Michael Dezell
Pastoral Care Team Coordinator Helen Kline
Altar Guild Susan Firus
Parish Administrator Janet Hamilton (Cynthia Jutras, acting)

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