

Newsletter Third Sunday after Pentecost June 18, 2023

Last Sunday, in addition to hearing about the calling of Matthew and a wonderful sermon about call from Deacon Karin, our Gospel also told us about a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages, who touched Jesus' clothes in a large crowd. How remarkable, that she understood Jesus' identity so well that she believed that just touching him will be enough to heal her!

We hear this story in the lectionary as summer approaches, and given the season, it reminds me of my children's wet swimsuits after they've played in our neighbours' pool. When the kids come in, they hang their suits on hooks in the bathroom to dry, and an



hour later, there are little puddles on the floor underneath. The swimsuits are so saturated with water that it just pours out of them, leaving a bit of a mess beneath.

Jesus' healing power is a bit like that. His healing love and the power and Spirit of God are so complete within him that it's as if they're just waiting to pour out on anyone and everyone. The woman can sense that about Jesus. She touches his clothing, knowing full well that just as I push on my kids' swimsuits and water drips out, touching Jesus will send forth healing and grace.

Today we can't touch Jesus' clothing. But we're called to live our lives in such a way that the Spirit pours forth from us, too. We're called to be the type of people to whom our friends and colleagues look and say, "I know I'll find healing for my broken heart, or comfort in my sadness, or hope in difficult times... just from being near her." The more deeply we come to know Jesus in our own lives, the more readily that Spirit can flood out of us, and give life and healing to others.

Blessings, Mother Terry+



#### **Appreciation Sunday**

Here are s a couple of great photos taken by Deacon Karin Fulcher during our Appreciation Sunday BBQ.

The Korean Krushers, led by Fr. James, are on the field awaiting a hit from Southern Comfort, led by Mtr. Terry, during the Whiffle Ball Game.



SJS has even more graduates to celebrate! Proud Grandma, Karin Fulcher, has let us know that her grandson Charlie is graduating from Central Washington University in Ellensburg, WA, with a degree in Clinical Physiology. He plans to pursue a career in medicine. Another grandson, Wesley, is graduating from Sehome High School in Bellingham, WA. He will be attending Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Prescott, Arizona where in addition to his studies he will play collegiate golf. He will then pursue a career in aviation. Best of luck to both!

We're always happy to include acknowledgements of notable events in our parishioners' lives. Please send in whenever you have info to share.





#### NEWS FLASH" Great News

## At long last the Kandeel Family's application to come to Canada has been approved!

# ARRIVING JUNE 26, 2023!



They will touch down in Vancouver on June 26, 2023! That's right – in just over a week, so the Refugee Committee has swung into "High Gear".

While we will start to look for rental accommodations immediately, we know that we will need to secure temporary accommodations for at least a week – possibly a few weeks. If anyone in the parish has a basement flat, extra rooms and were willing to host the family for this time (Bassel the father does speak some English), please contact Jennifer Clarke (604-505-9385) or Robyn Woodward (604-719-7454). We are also in need of a set of bunk beds with mattresses or two twins.

We are looking for more Volunteers, especially those who have time to drive Bassel and Hadeel to a few appointments, help move, unpack, and set up their new home once we find them rental accommodations. Call Jennifer or Robyn to let us know.

## The Labyrinth Guilds Forms Again



Anyone with an interest in our labyrinth and its usage are encouraged to join our Labyrinth Guild. Our Lenten Series showed us that there was real interest in using our labyrinth in an intentional way. The Labyrinth Guild can help implement these events.

Please come to a short meeting after today's service. All are welcome to bring your ideas. If you can't make it to this meeting, that's okay. You are welcome to come to any of our future meetings.

#### **Volunteers Needed for Vacation Bible Camp**

**SJS** is hosting the diocesan Vacation Bible Camp this summer (see article below) and we need your help! We are looking for someone to coordinate craft supplies, and for several volunteers to be present throughout the week. If you can only volunteer for a day or two, that's ok, too! Please email Mother Terry with your availability. Many hands make light work. This is a great opportunity for our church to be a resource to the children and families in our community.

The folks in the **Gardening Club** who make the grounds so pretty are looking for some **volunteers to water the plants and lawn** during the summer hot spells. It can be any day of the week as your schedule allows. If you can help out in this way please contact

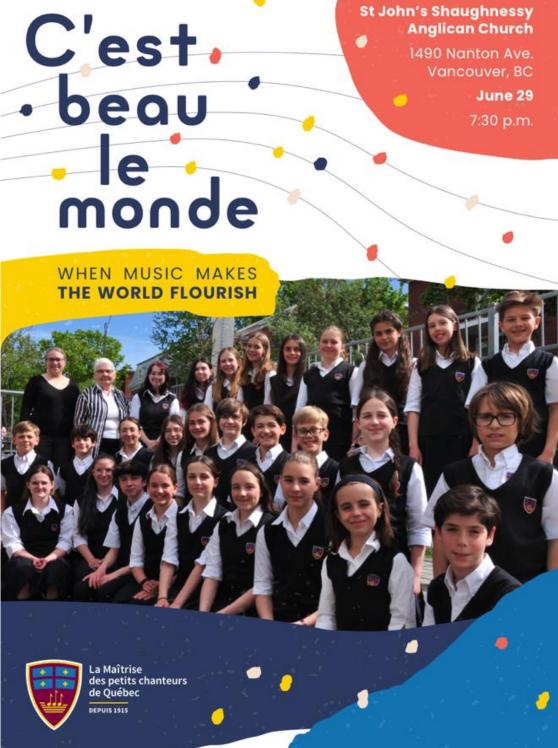
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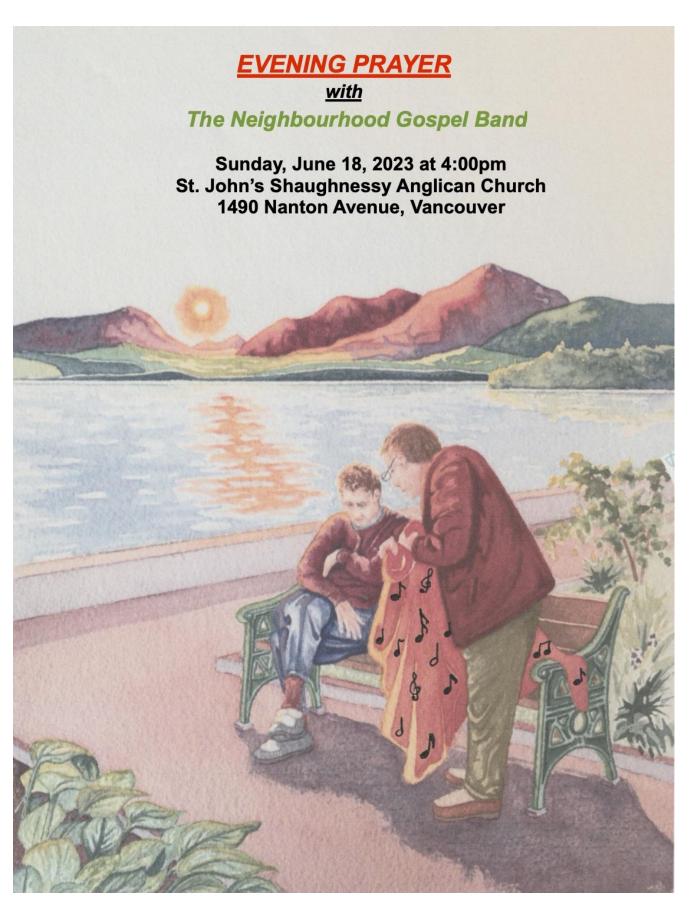


#### LA MAÎTRISE DES PETITS CHANTEURS DE QUÉBEC ON TOUR **SUMMER** 2023 0

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Looking for something this summer for kids? Always wished there was a place to invite families over the summer to grow deeper in faith, play in community, and grow together in love? Aspire Bible Camp is coming this summer, and we want you! This collaborative offering of a

vacation bible camp, spearheaded by Lauren Odile Pinkney, Children, Youth and Family Minister at Christ Church Cathedral and Diocesan Missioner for Youth and the Reverend. Alex Wilson Vicar of St. Anselm's, seeks to offer an accessible vacation bible camp experience for parishes of any size.

# Partnering with the Reverend Terry Dirbas at St. John's

**Shaughnessy** and the Reverend Laurel Dykstra of Salal and Cedar, Aspire Bible Camp runs from July 17-21, and is made possible by grant funding from the diocesan Anglican Initiatives Fund and the Parish Ministry Development department Together we will hire youth to help deliver the program, working alongside mentors, as they develop their own leadership while engaging with kids of all backgrounds. We can't wait for what is going to be a summer of real fun together!

Have a passion for ministry with kids, training in *Godly Play* or *Messy Church*, or know of a youth/young adult who might want to work with us? <u>Contact</u> <u>Lauren by email to find out more</u>.

Parishes are invited to participate in the drop off and pick up, as well as hosting snack times. This will give them the ability to engage with the parents and celebrate the joys of kids learning together about Jesus.

Registration opens now, and the \$75 fee gives kids a limited edition Aspire Bible Camp T-shirt and snacks everyday. We ask that participants bring their own lunches.

# **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@sjs.net) anytime! Thank you.

# 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 Ann in the office (church.office@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.

# ST. JOHN'S, SHAUGHNESSY STAFF AND LEADERSHIP

Please contact the parish office if you would like to be added to our mailing list, so that we may let you know about upcoming events.

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