



PrairieRiver Messenger - the Newsletter of the Diocese of Saskatoon

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Greetings in the name of Christ,

*Welcome to the new format of the **PrairieRiver Messenger Newsletter**, our monthly diocesan newsletter containing information about parish and diocesan events.*

All across the diocese people of faith are coming back from vacation time, fall events and programs are being prepared in your parishes, the regions and at diocesan level this is a venue to share them. In this month's newsletter there are some events that I invite you to read and share with others; the ACW Women's Retreat (Sept 16th-18th), Back to Church Sunday (Sept 25th), Diocesan Youth Events – 30Hr Famine for Africa (Oct 15th) and AVENTure Youth Weekend (Dec 2nd-4th) to name but a few. You will also find information about events happening in your neighbouring parishes which you may want to participate in. We are well on our way with the planning for the Diocesan Mission Project to Vincente Guerrero, Mexico for June 5th-15th 2012. Each parish is being invited to send a member to be part of the project. We really want to make this a diocesan wide outreach project.

As we move into the fall season we have much to be grateful for in this part of the world and we give thanks for all the goodness we have received. As you give thanks please keep in your prayers those that are less fortunate, or in any sort of need. At this time keep our farmers in your prayers that the harvest may be plentiful and there will be much to share.

'We, who are many, are one body in Christ and individually members one of another'.

Faithfully in Christ,

+David

Upcoming Meetings

Executive Committee, Deanery Meetings and Diocesan Council Meeting Dates

Saskatoon Deanery Meeting – Tuesday, September 6 at 7: 30 pm at All Saints, 1801 Lorne Av, Saskatoon

Western Deanery Meeting – Saturday, September 10 from 10 am – 2 pm at St. George's, Battleford.

Should you require more information, please contact Archdeacon Peter Yeung at (306) 285-3228.

Eastern Deanery Meeting – TBA. Please contact the Rev. Alex Parsons at (306) 664-3026 for date and place of the meeting.

Diocesan Council – Saturday, September 24, 2011

Upcoming Events in the Diocese

Watch your Sunday, September 4th bulletin for more information on the Diocese of Saskatoon External Mission Project



Mission Project to Baja

When: June 5-15 2012

Where: Vicente Guerrero, Mexico

Why: To build two homes for families in need of shelter.

Who: Each parish has been asked to find a member to join the mission team to travel to Mexico to build the homes.

For further information go to the Diocesan web page at anglicandiocesesaskatoon.com or contact the diocesan office, Rev Ken Watts at st.timothy.rector@sasktel.net or Joan Irving at anglicansynod@sasktel.net

*Guide us by your wisdom,
support us by your power,
for you are God, sharing
the glory of Father and
Son*

*Lord, you call us to
your service:
"In my name baptize
and teach."
That the world may
trust your promise,
life abundant meant
for each,
give us all new
fervor,
draw us closer in
community;
with the Spirit's gifts
empower us
for the work of
ministry.*



ACW - Diocese of Saskatoon Anglican Church Women's Retreat

Friday, Sept. 16 (7pm) to Sunday, Sept. 18 (11am), 2011, at Queen's House of Retreats, 601 Taylor St. W., Saskatoon, SK. **THEME: Spiritual Nurturing Through Our Senses.** A weekend of creativity, freedom, and seeking God. "O God, you are my God. I seek you, my soul thirsts for you". Psalm 63:1 **REGISTRATION:** Deadline September 1, 2011 (limit of 65 beautiful souls). Registration Fee (\$30). Live-in (\$230) – includes single bedroom, meals, refreshments, facility rental. Commuter (\$130) – includes meals, refreshments, facility rental. Make cheque payable to Saskatoon Diocesan ACW and send payment to Nancy Yee, 511 Rogers Road, Saskatoon, SK. S7N 3X1. (Tel: 249-3217 E-mail: yeen@sasktel.net)

We pray that we and our church family will be bold in inviting our friends to Back to Church Sunday. We also pray that all who come to church on that day, will be warmly welcomed and blessed with a desire to know you more. May this Back to Church Sunday be a day of celebration of your love for all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



NATIONAL BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

What would happen if every church member invited just one person to church?

Join with hundreds of congregations as they invite their family, friends and neighbours to visit their church on Sunday, September 25th.

Please see your parish clergy for more information and invitations.

Parish Events and Happenings in the Diocese



St. Mark's Parish Fall Supper

Address: 1406 8th Ave. N

Date: Sunday October 2nd

Three Sittings: 4:30 pm: 5:30 pm: 6:30 pm

Cost: Ages to 5 years: no charge

6 to 11 years: \$5.00

12 to adult: \$10.00

St. Mark's Anglican Church in Saskatoon SK, **More than just a Cookbook** is now ready for sale. It contains recipes, but also history of the church and the history in the names that submitted the recipes. They are \$15.00 each plus shipping cost. You can also pick one up at St. Mark's 100th anniversary celebrations on Sept. 3 & 4th, 2011.

Contact: Beverly Martin: 242-7180, bwmartin@shaw.ca or write St. Mark's at 1406-8th Avenue North Saskatoon SKS7K 2X7



Dragon Tale's Den

for parents and children 0-6 years old

Stories, play, crafts, and snacks

1st and 3rd Thursdays

St. George's Anglican Church Hall 624 Ave. I S. 242-7973

*Heavenly Father,
You have chosen
parishes as the
vehicle by which You
encounter us in our
daily lives. Your
Word is proclaimed,
your Eucharist is
celebrated, and your
people are united in
community.*

*We pray that you will
make the members of
our parishes aware of
the many
opportunities and
responsibilities that
are theirs as your
witnesses.*

*Let all of us work
together to serve you
in others. Amen.*



Community Coffee House

All are welcome to join us Tuesdays and Thursdays

8am - 12 noon

Coffee, Muffins, and Fellowship

St. George's Anglican Church Hall

624 Ave I S. 242-7973



St. George's Anglican Church Men's Breakfast Club

Beginning in October on the second Sunday of each month the men of St. George's will be providing a hot breakfast from 9 – 10 am.

St. George's Anglican Church Hall

624 Avenue I South

All are invited.

Happenings at St. James' with the Refinery-



Sunday School, Shawls of Hope and Comfort, Women's Groups, Men's Breakfasts, plus many community programs for families, the Arts, culinary treats and markets.

Please visit their website for more information:

www.stjamesrefinery.org

Integrity Meetings

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, September 14th 7:30 pm

St. George's Anglican Church,
624 Ave. I South

Support group for gay and lesbian community and friends, includes Eucharist in the church, followed by GLBTT reflections and a social/refreshment time. Child care services available on prior request. Participate at your comfort level. All are welcome! Contact: Tom and Rose Rogers, 373-5165, See also:

www.integritysaskatoon.blogspot.com



Seniors Lunch St. George's, Battleford

The Friendship Committee invites all Seniors to join them for Lunch on the **first Monday of each month.**

Please join St. George's for a wonderful opportunity to fellowship over a light but delicious lunch.

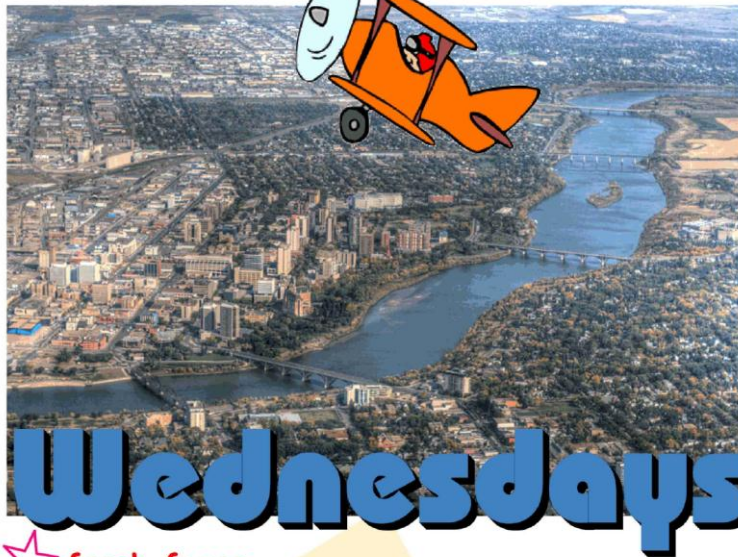
Healing Service Battle River Parish

All are welcome to the monthly Healing Service with Anointing and Laying on of hands. This moving and important service alternates between the two Battle River parishes **on a monthly basis.** Please contact the Rev. Peter Norman at (306) 445-4155 or by e-mail at stpaulnb@sasktel.net for dates and times.

Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you.

Matthew 8:13

east meets **WEST**



☆ fresh faces

★ a new way of looking at the Gospel

★ great food!

September at Christ Church
corner of avenue E & 28th street west

October at St. Matthew's
109th street at egbert

Pot-Luck Supper at 6 PM

followed by...

Contemporary Evening Worship
and "Drawing on the Gospel"

Parish Comings and Goings

We give thanks for Jan Bigland-Pritchard's ministry at River Valley Parish. Jan's last service was on August 28, 2011, and we wish her God's blessings in her new appointment with St. Stephen's Parish Church, Saskatoon which begins September 1, 2011.

Thank you to the Rev. Dave Tyler for his ministry as interim priest-in-charge at St. Stephen's.

DIOCESAN YOUTH –

SAY (Saskatoon Anglican Youth)

Calling all Cooks, Kitchen Helpers, and other Volunteers

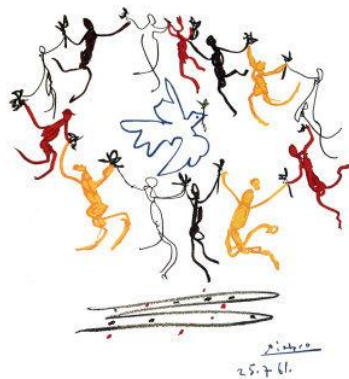
The Saskatoon Anglican Youth (SAY) are calling all adults to participate in our Youth Retreats and Camps. Volunteer cooks don't need to have their chef's license to volunteer in the kitchen. A heart of service and a desire to nourish is all that is needed. Please contact Emily Carr, Diocesan Youth Coordinator to volunteer. Emily can be reached at (306) 653-1668, or by e-mail at sayouth@sasktel.net

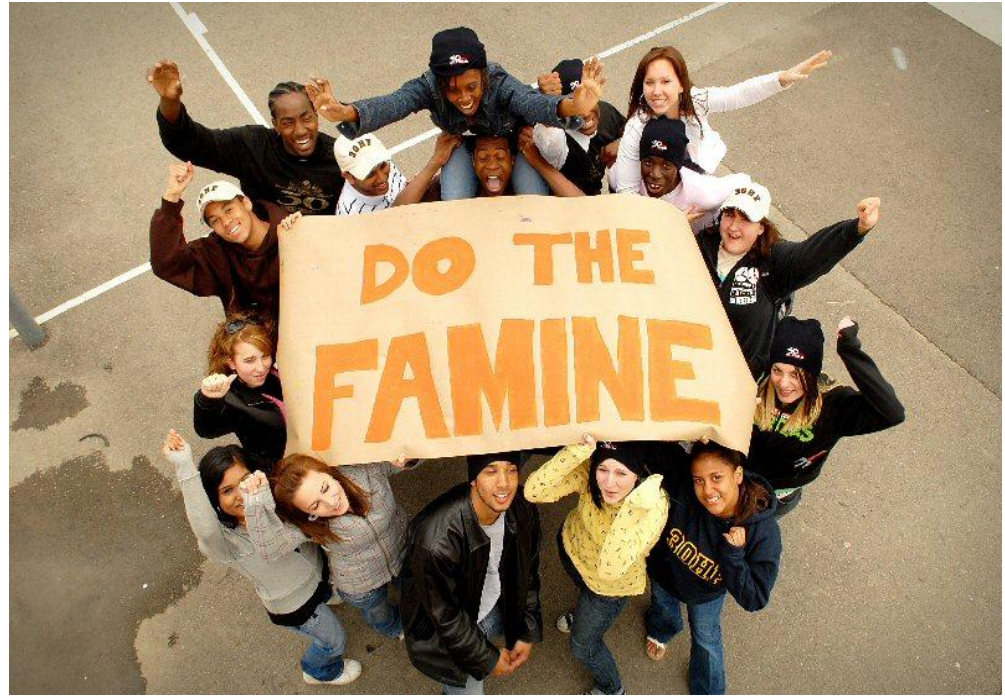
Lord, we ask your blessing upon those who are joined together in the youth group of this diocese.

Help them to think and pray and work together that they may become one in purpose to seek your will for their lives and to worship and serve you in the fellowship of your Church.

Help us to be welcoming communities that respond to the needs of young people.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.





“The worst drought to hit the Horn of Africa in six decades is currently affecting up to 10 million people... the United Nations describes the situation in the region as the most severe food security emergency in the world today.”

You can do something! The 30 Hour Famine is the world's biggest youth fund-raiser. Go Hungry for a day and help save lives around the world!

The Saskatoon Anglican Youth (SAY) will hold a 30 hour famine beginning at 9am on October 15th and ending at 3pm on October 16th. The 30 hour all-night event will include a field trip, special guests, movie marathon, and of course **YOU!**

Contact Emily Carr, Diocesan Youth Coordinator to register yourself or your youth group. 653-1668 sayouth@sasktel.net

ADVENTure 2011

SAYouth Winter ADVENTure Weekend

WHERE? Redberry Bible Camp 90 kilometers from Saskatoon.

WHAT? Skating, Hockey, **TUBING!** Snow forts, indoor gym, arts and crafts, music, maxing and relaxing...

WHEN? December 2,3,4,

COST? The cost for each person is \$115

Contact Emily

to register

Registrations due by

!OCTOBER 24!

306-653-1668

sayouth@sasktel.net

Parishes are encouraged to sponsor their youth to attend... If financial assistance is needed, speak with Emily (Youth Coordinator) confidentially...



National Church Events

KAIROS FALL REGIONAL MEETINGS 2011: *You're invited*



At the June 20 "Roll with the Declaration" national action's final event June 20 in Ottawa, on Algonquins of Golden Lake traditional territory. *Left to right:* Lutheran National Bishop Susan Johnson; Lutheran Eastern Synod Bishop Michael Pryse; Anglican National Indigenous Bishop Mark MacDonald. *Background:* Secwepemc elders Minnie Kenoras Bert Deneault. *Photo:* Sara Stratton.

Join the KAIROS network at this year's cross-country regional meetings as we continue our work on Indigenous rights, sustainable energy, and more! Whether you're new or whether you've long been part of this movement for social justice, your voice and ideas are needed.

These gatherings are a time for sharing stories, building relationships, networking, participating in workshops and building momentum for action for the coming year. Over the past year, KAIROS supporters all across the country have held events, participated in actions, and advocated for justice. Come and be part of that movement with us.

All are invited and subsidies are available; just ask us for more details.

Check the events page (<http://www.kairoscanada.org/en/events/>) for updates and links to registration forms.



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KAIROS Prairies North Region

ANNUAL GATHERING AT QUEEN'S HOUSE RETREAT & RENEWAL CENTRE

601 Taylor Street, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
September 23–25, 2011

"Building Faithful Alliances For Indigenous Rights"

*"...for as long as the sun shines,
the grass grows, and the rivers flow..."*
(Treaty 8, 1899)

For more information, contact Helen or Dick Peters at:
email: dickpet@sasktel.net
phone: 306-978-3354

To register for Prairies North:
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PrairiesNorth2011>

KAIROS unites 11 churches and church-related organizations in faithful action for justice and peace. We welcome people of all backgrounds.

KAIROS unites eleven churches and religious organizations in faithful action for ecological justice and human rights.

MEMBER CHURCHES

Anglican Church of Canada
Christian Reformed Church in North America
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada
The Presbyterian Church in Canada
United Church of Canada

Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)
Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace
Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops
Canadian Religious Conference
Mennonite Central Committee of Canada
The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF)

- Canadian churches and religious organizations united in faithful action for justice
- Ordinary Canadians, of faith and conscience, working together for extraordinary change
- People from Africa, Latin America, Asia-Pacific and the Middle East partnering with Canadians to change the world

What They Do

From churches and communities to Parliament hill and the United Nations:

- Defend dignity and human rights for all
- Promote sustainable energy policies
- Build right relationships with Indigenous peoples
- Inspire Canadians to seek climate justice
- Link women of courage around the world in common actions to end violence
- Urge companies to respect human rights and ecological integrity
- Join together across denominations in worship that inspires faithful justice

REMINDER



Dear Friends:

You will have heard by now that the Canadian Government is matching donations made to the famine in East Africa: See below:

For every dollar an individual Canadian donates over a 10-week period (retroactive to July 6, 2011, and ending September 16, 2011) to an eligible registered Canadian charity responding to the drought in East Africa, the Government will contribute an equivalent amount to the East Africa Drought Relief Fund. The Government of Canada will administer the relief fund separately, disbursing funds to organizations best suited to make an effective and real difference in the lives of people affected by the drought.

Donations may be receipted by the parish and funds forwarded to PWRDF, clearly identified East Africa Drought Relief. As CIDA is requesting weekly updates of funds raised, please forward collections as frequently as possible.

It is our privilege to serve God's people in their time of need. Thank you for your help and support during past crises. For the Additional workload that this appeal may generate, we thank you in advance. God Bless you, Jill

Jill Martin

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jmartin@pwrdf.org

Web: www.pwrdf.org

Help stop bullying by taking part in annual Anti-Bullying Day

On Saturday, December 17, 2011, the Third annual Anti-Bullying Day will take place across Canada. Anti-Bullying Day is a day for raising awareness, increased support, and providing education on the issue of bullying to schools, workplaces, and communities across Canada, as well as celebrate the efforts of those working to end bullying.

Due to December 17th occurring on a Saturday this year, the days' events have been moved to take place on **Friday, December 16th, 2011**, so as to accommodate schools and businesses that will be participating. Anti-Bullying Day is a day where the color Blue can be worn in honour of the Anti-Bullying Awareness ribbon in support of those anti-bullying efforts that are taking place across country.

BullyingCanada, Canada's First Youth-Created Anti-Bullying Website, and a youth-driven organization is the creator behind December 17th's Anti-Bullying Day, as our website and organization were both co-founded by Rob Frenette of Fredericton, New Brunswick and Katie Neu of Kitchener, Ontario, on this day back in 2006.

Many organizations have decided to take a stand and put an end to bullying by inviting their staff to take part in Anti-Bullying Day and asking students to wear the colour blue in support of the anti-bullying awareness ribbon.

We would like to extend an invitation to your organization to take part in Anti-Bullying Day this year, on **Friday, December 16th, 2011**, and would ask that you please register on our Website at: www.bullyingcanada.ca/content/247840. This will enter your organization in to our internal database. We will be in contact with you in order to supply your organization with resources and information about Anti-Bullying Day to assist you in taking part.

If you would like more information, please contact us by telephone at: 1-877-352-4497 or by e-mail at: Info@BullyingCanada.ca

Thank you,
Rob Frenette & Katie Neu
Executive Directors

Education and Support

Left Behind by Suicide A Monthly Support Group Affiliated with Suicide Support Saskatoon

Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month **7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

***W.A. Edwards Family Centre
333 Fourth Avenue North
Saskatoon***

This is a monthly support group for anyone who has experienced the loss of someone by suicide. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month.

It is a group for survivors led by survivors. There are no professional counsellors.

Meetings are informal and provide a safe place to share your experiences, thoughts and stories with others who have had a similar loss.

For more information:

Email leftbehind@sasktel.net or call 249-5666.

***NEW DOCTORAL DEGREE PROGRAM in
RURAL MINISTRY AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT***

CiRCLe M is pleased to announce that the seminaries of the Saskatoon Theological Union are now offering a [Doctor of Ministry Degree \(DMin\) in Rural Ministry and Community Development](#).

The first cohort of this 3-year program will be offered in January 2012. All courses will be an intensive format so that clergy can minimize time away from their parishes.

[Applications](#) are due November 1, 2011

For more information contact:

[Rev. Dr. Cameron Harder](#) (CiRCLe M)

St. Andrew's College Registrar: 975-1588; email: colleen.walker@usask.ca

Lutheran Theological Seminary Registrar: 966-7856; email: susan.avant@usask.ca

Centre for Rural Community Leadership and Ministry (CiRCLe M)

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circle.m.ministries@gmail.com

Hold in Prayer

We remember all those who are ill.

Father we bring the sick and afflicted to you; those with cancer, heart patients, and all manner of diseases in the little ones, the young and the old. We pray they will be comforted and healed to wholeness.

Readings

Readings – September, 2011 Book of Alternative Services

September 4th

Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

September 11th

Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114 or Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21 (Canticle 1); Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

September 18th

Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

September 25th

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

Earthcare Connections Intentions – September Year A

September 4 — Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. May we embrace our responsibility to speak and act against the ongoing abuse of Earth. **We pray to the Lord.**
2. As we struggle for environmental transformation, may we remember that Jesus is always among us. **We pray to the Lord.**

September 11 — Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. May the desire to consume be replaced by contentment with what is adequate and the desire to use our resources to nourish the health of Earth. **We pray to the Lord.**
2. Even as we oppose those who wreak havoc on Earth, may we follow Jesus' example of forgiveness..... **We pray to the Lord.**

September 18 — Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. May farmers, gardeners, and all who work to restore health to Earth receive a just, life-sustaining payment for their labours. **We pray to the Lord.**
2. Help us to be grateful for the fruits of the earth and for those who work to provide us with food. **We pray to the Lord.**

September 25 — Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. As we remember the needs of the Canadian Church, we also pray for those who seek greater harmony with Earth and the health of its people. **We pray**

to the Lord.

2. May our monetary donations and contributions to church and society be matched by our actions to care for Earth which sustains us. **We pray to the Lord.**

Earthcare Connections Inc.
Box 1790 Wynyard SK S0A 4T0
PH: 306-554-LAND (5263) FAX: 306-554-5263 (fax)
www.earthcare.ca email – info@earthcare.ca

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