

Licensing service held for Lay Readers

By Catherine Harnish

PRINCE ALBERT – It was a warm Sunday afternoon in Prince Albert in May when many of the lay readers of the Diocese of Saskatchewan gathered in St. Alban's Cathedral for the annual Lay Readers Licensing Service.

The Contemporary Service of Holy Communion was celebrated by Bishop Michael Hawkins. The hymn, "The Lord is my Shepherd", was the perfect lead into the homilist Sheila Chaboyer's reflection – in a heartfelt account – of the Gospel of John 10: 11-16.

She reflected on what *The Good Shepherd* is to be in our lives and to those in our communities. Chaboyer is a lay reader in the Diocese of Saskatchewan who has taken courses on preaching at the James Settee College. At the commissioning portion of the service, the lay readers, accompanied by their parish priest and wardens or by the Warden of the Lay Readers, were presented before the bishop.

The presenters were asked by the bishop *if the persons presented were prepared by a commitment to Christ as Lord, regular attendance at worship, and by a knowledge of their duties, to exercise their ministry to the honour of God, and to the wellbeing of His Church?*

The candidates presented were addressed by the bishop and were asked *will you, as long as you are engaged in this work of special ministry in your congregation, perform it with diligence? And will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honour of God, and the benefit of the members of the congregation in which you serve?*

Candidates then read together the declaration of their desire to be admitted to the office of Lay Reader and promised to conform to the doctrine, discipline and worship of the Anglican Church of Canada.

In conversation with some readers after the service, the overall reason given for their work as lay readers was it is their gift to the Church. It is their way of serving God and ensuring the survival of the Church in their communities; by helping out the priest where and when they could. Several lay readers also said they were asked by bishops and parish priests to take on this ministry.



Six-year-old Rebecca Duncan of St. Giles' Anglican Church in Estevan sings "Over the Rainbow", from *The Wizard of Oz*, during Telemiracle 35 held in Saskatoon from March 5-6. Rebecca's church, school, family and friends helped her raise over \$1,000, and a local church bake sale raised more than \$600. She was able to present a cheque for \$1,605. The young girl was proud to have the support of her church family and is glad the funds will benefit others in need. This event proves good things happen when people work together for the glory of God.

Photo — Bruce Duncan

Prepping for a Mission to Baja

By Rev. Ken Watts

SASKATOON – Making a difference; paying it forward; helping where help is needed; blessed to be blessing; comforting others with the comfort with which we have been comforted (2 Corinthians 1:6). All these phrases could be used to describe what the Diocese of Saskatoon's 2012 Mission to the Baja is about.

Our Diocesan Outreach Committee is organizing a mission trip to the northern area of the Baja Peninsula, from June 5-15, 2012.

The purpose of our mission is to build two houses for families who are in real need.

How can you be involved? We are inviting parishes across the diocese to take part by sending a representative and raising the funds needed to pay their way.

If your parish is unable to send someone, then we invite you to raise funds so someone else in our diocese may go on the mission.

The Diocese of Saskatoon is contracting with Absolute Leadership Development (a Christian Canadian-based, not-for-profit organization) through its

program to make all this possible.

Through their local staff in San Diego and the Baja Peninsula, they provide transportation, accommodation, meals, building materials, tools and supervision in building homes for pre-selected families who are in need of safe shelter.

Here are some details as you begin planning to take part in this mission:

Dates and places:

The mission is scheduled for June 5-15, 2012, with 30 participants flying from Saskatoon to San Diego, Calif., staying overnight in a hotel and then travelling by bus to Vicente, Guerrero, Mexico.

Based in safe and clean accommodations, the representatives will travel each day by bus to a nearby village to bring new hope to a poor family.

Costs: The diocese plans to build two houses. The cost per representative (not including personal medical insurance, spending money and the cost of two meals daily) is \$2,000 per person.

All funds are to be paid to the Diocese of Saskatoon: "Mission

to Baja Fund".

Fundraising:

After each parish has selected a member to represent them, they would raise the necessary funds to send their member(s).

Each parish will decide the way in which their representative is chosen. If space is available, additional individuals may choose to go and pay their own way.

If a parish or congregation has no one to go on the mission, you may still raise funds and contribute them to a diocesan fund, established especially for the mission.

Those funds will then be used to allow someone from another parish to attend who could not otherwise afford to go.

Health and Skills:

Representatives need to be in reasonable health, however, they do not need to have any experience at building (though that can be helpful).

They just need to be able to learn how to swing a hammer, hold a board, work a paintbrush and have a great time.

Immunization:

Representatives are to arrange necessary Immunization

by contacting "The International Travel Center" by phone at (306) 655-4780, located at 108-407th Ludlow St., Saskatoon, or visit www.saskatoonhealthregion.ca/internationaltravel.

Passport:

Representatives must have a valid passport (with over six months left on it). Contact the Passport Centre, located at 102-22nd East, Federal Building, Saskatoon at 1 (800) 567-6868

Deadline for Registration: Monday, Oct. 31, 2011. Parishes have to send the name of the person selected to be their representative and an initial deposit of \$450, which is used to book flights.

Balance of payment is due Sunday, April 1, 2012.

For more information or to have someone speak in your parish:

Contact one of the following: Rev. Ken Watts at (306) 343-1332 or by e-mail at st.timothy.rector@sasktel.net; The Right Rev. David Irving, bishop of Saskatoon, and Joan Irving, at anglicansynod@sasktel.net; or Cheryl Moen at cheryl.moen@saskteacher.ca.

Back to Church Sunday is September 25

By Bishop David Irving
Diocese of Saskatoon



SASKATOON – There are so many different ways we can fulfill Jesus' commission to be His witnesses. Offering friends a personal invitation to join us at church can be one of the most effective ways to help people connect, or re-connect with God and the church.

Back to Church Sunday was first held in the Diocese of Manchester (England) in 2004, with 160 churches taking part. It has grown every year since then and now churches all over the world take part.

It is estimated between 12-15 per cent of those who return on Back to Church Sunday become full members of the church, and a significant number keep in touch thereafter.

Back to Church Sunday is now the single largest local-church invitational initiative worldwide. It is based on the simplest step in evangelism: invite someone we know to something we love; invite back our friends and family who once attended our church; and invite those who do not yet go to church.

According to a news release, "National Back to Church Sunday has become the single largest community outreach in the nation, with 10,000 churches expected to participate in 2011. This event re-ignites the power of personal invitation to empower church members to bring the community back to church."

It is hoped in our diocese, parish families will spread

invitations in their parish, their homes and social contacts.

Together, we will reach individuals all over our communities, towns, cities and the province to further the Kingdom of God and enable individuals and communities to experience life in its fullness.

Don't miss the opportunity to make a difference in the life of another person who doesn't go to church, by becoming involved in Back To Church Sunday this September.

Back To Church Sunday Prayer

We thank you Lord that you created us and loved us more than we can ever know.

Without you our lives would be lost, but through Jesus you have given us all things richly to enjoy – the forgiveness of our sins and the gift of life eternal.

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

The times they are a-changin'

By Jason Antonio
Managing Editor



Welcome to the new-look *Saskatchewan Anglican*!

It's been a while since this newspaper has seen such a major change stylistically, and after talking with a few people, it was felt the banner on the front page (where it says "Saskatchewan Anglican") could use a freshening up.

Another change is to the masthead on the second page. That is where you can find information about who your diocesan editor is and how you can send stories and pictures to this newspaper.

The three diocesan coat of arms have now moved from the front of the paper to the inside, which has de-cluttered the top of the front page and has made the "Saskatchewan Anglican" stand out more.

One of the most recent changes to the spaper was the addition of colour, which enlivened this important communication tool and has made for some eye-catching visuals and made your sons, daughters, grandchildren and even you look better than ever.

With these changes in how the *Saskatchewan Anglican* looks, I hope you look forward even more each month to picking up this newspaper and reading through it. With the province of Saskatchewan spread out geographically,

this is probably the best medium to find out what is going on in other Anglican dioceses in the province.

One other major change you will see in the coming months is the addition of monthly columnists from two of the three dioceses discussing a particular topic. It was felt the *Saskatchewan Anglican* could use a bit more "meat and potatoes" type of content, to go along with the other important stories seen here monthly.

It will be a great addition to this Anglican newspaper in having discussions about various theological topics. I hope after reading these columns you put on your thinking cap and consider what was said. It's always important to have an inquiring mind when it comes to your faith and the role God plays in your life.

With that said, I hope you enjoy the changes and what's to come in the following months.



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Reaching out in uncertain times

(Editor's note: With many disasters and crises affecting people locally and across the world, it is always OK to ask where God is in what is happening. Anglicanism does not demand blind, unquestioning belief; having an inquiring mind is the sign of someone thinking seriously about their faith.)

By Allison Kydd

INDIAN HEAD (Qu'ta) — This spring and summer, southeast Saskatchewan had its share of being in the news.

First, there was the flooding of fields and highways, as the long-awaited spring began to thaw the saturated ground. One weekend, miles of semi trailers lined both sides of the twinned highway – not to mention the access roads – outside towns such as Indian Head.

Not long after, further east along the TransCanada, a late snow storm blocked highways again and felled trees and power lines, waking people to the silence when sump pumps – their only protection against flooded basements – stopped running.

Then came the rains and the freshly-sodden fields, more

flooded basements and culverts giving way to record spring run-off.

Two miles north of Indian Head, the main road to the Qu'Appelle Valley lost a culvert, forcing motorists to detour along gravel side roads.

A record number of farmers weren't able to seed their fields. Animals suffered as well, with so much of their pasture under water and nowhere to get dry. Then, in the towns, there were the water advisories, as overloaded sewer systems struggled to cope.

Neither did it help when the heat wave hit, as with heat come violent storms. Parts of Indian Head were in the path of the plough wind that hit southeast Saskatchewan at the end of July, with dozens of households losing venerable trees.

My partner and I were among those wandering about with flashlights and surveying the damage at 1:30 a.m. on July 30.

Our cost was two huge spruce trees, both close to a century old. One on each side of the house, they smashed fences, sidewalks, arbors, garden furniture and a new deck. In their descent, they also yanked out the neighbour's power line.

On our street we discovered others had suffered greater losses: four boulevard trees in front of one house and roughly eight in another yard. Not far away, the top of a tree came through the roof into a woman's living room.

Naturally the streets were black – many trees had taken power lines with them as they fell – and the darkness of the night gave the flashes of light and disembodied voices a surreal quality.

We tossed out greetings before we knew the faces and huddled together as at a cocktail party, taking comfort from recounting our losses and sharing stories of retreating to basements or diving deeper into our bedclothes.

Five days later, the cleanup and rebuilding was well underway. At first stunned by the damage, we were unsure where to start. But the desire to restore, re-imagine and dream again returns, helped by the concern, encouragement and helping hands of friends.

The loss of many of our magnificent trademark trees has changed the landscape forever, but our street will be beautiful again.

No doubt others have felt they lived in difficult times, with crisis

piling upon crisis and the load of worry and uncertainty becoming too heavy to bear.

In fact, feeling stretched to the limit might be one of the indications that we are involved with others, active in the world and thinking about the meaning of things.

When we hear about the unbearable crises in Japan, Somalia, Norway, Syria – the list goes on and on – the distresses we've experienced in southeast Saskatchewan this spring and summer seem small.

In fact, when we feel overwhelmed and don't know where to begin, we remind ourselves that others are suffering – have suffered – much more. Yet surely we have a right to acknowledge our losses.

Where is God in all this? For those who don't believe God reaches down from on high to manipulate the events of our day-to-day lives, to punish and reward, it can be difficult to see.

For me, it is in those flashlights and voices in the middle of the blackest night: human beings reaching out for each other – touching, laughing, sharing fears – and finding the strength to go on.



Reception held for Cumberland House art

By Mary Brown

PRINCE ALBERT – Acagos Carrier, 9 (left) and her sister Asagewin Carriere, 15 (right), were lucky to attend a reception at the Prince Albert Arts Centre, on July 4, which showcased the youths' artwork. Most of the children who contributed to the paintings (some behind the girls in the picture) were unable to leave Cumberland House due to the flooding of their main road. The girls' mother Mika has a four wheel drive vehicle and was able to drive the girls to the reception. Both girls go to Charlebois School in Cumberland House where Rev. Canon Park Buck works. Art workshops were put on in Cumberland House to help the people, especially the youth, express themselves through art. (Picture by Mary Brown).

Parish history recalled at de-consecration of St. Margaret's

By Anne Sawchuk

DUFF (Qu'A) – Twenty-five people gathered at St. Margaret's Anglican Church in Duff on June 7 to witness the church's de-consecration, conducted by Bishop Gregory Kerr-Wilson. Attending were former parishioners Wally and Sylvia Lumb, Kathy Mann, Diane Stulberg, Lillian Loveridge, Michael Loveridge, Eileen Kirk, Sharon and Lloyd Haylock, Rhonda Mehan and Phyllis Keller, as well as Rev. Kim Sherwin and others from All Saints, Melville.

During the short service, Bishop Gregory invited people to share their memories of worshipping at St. Margaret's. Michael Loveridge began with his fond recollections about Sunday School, church picnics, assisting as a server, attending choir school and growing up in the warm environment of that church.

Others remembered ACW teas and bake sales with pews full of baking, and caring for the altar and linens. Some memories were touching, some humorous, but

throughout all the memories was a sense of love and gratitude for their little church.

The old organ came to life under Sharon Haylock's capable hands and hymns from the old blue hymnals were sung. At the end of the service, the cross, candle holders, prayer book stand and other altar articles were carried out by former members.

St. Margaret's had its beginning in the 1880s when Anglican settlers began arriving in the area. In those early days, church services were held in the homes of various farm families. In 1910 a church building was erected on land donated by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Haylock. It was built by volunteer labour at a cost of \$29. Rev. F.J. King, the rector at Melville, was the foreman. The opening service was held on July 31, 1910, with 80 people attending and King officiating.

King left Melville in 1911 and was succeeded by Rev. Simmonds, who also took services at St. Margaret's. In 1913 Rev. Ernest Woods came to Duff as

their first and only resident priest. By 1914 Duff had grown. St. Margaret's was the only church in the village and was well attended. Rev. Woods left in 1916. All services were then taken by the clergymen who were residents in Melville at the time: Archdeacon Irwin, Rev. G. Mathews, Canon T.J. Davies, Rev. A. Jones, Rev. A.E. Avery, Rev. E.H. Lee, Rev. A.W. Ashley, Rev. E.C. Crowther, Rev. L.R. Hill, Rev. G.M. James, Rev. Hillary and Rev. H.A. Morrow.

Next was Rev. William "Bill" Hill who served for nine years. He was succeeded by Rev. John Scandrett. Rev. Douglas Brewer and Rev. Lowell Satre followed. Rev. Harry Miller took charge in September 1981. Parishioners were moving and by 1985 there were only nine families on the parish roll and services were held every other Sunday. A 75th anniversary service was held on Aug. 4, 1985, followed by a "welcome" hour. Regular services at St. Margaret's, Duff, were discontinued in the fall of 1986.

Diocese of Saskatoon: Announcements for September

In order to be included in a timely manner, brief notices for events should be supplied to the Associate Editor by fax, e-mail or "snail mail" by the last week of the month, two months before the month in which the insertion is desired (for example, September submissions will be in the November issue). Detailed and longer texts of events will not be included in this section but, should space allow, could be the subject of additional articles or notices elsewhere in the Saskatchewan Anglican.

Back to Church Sunday:

Back to Church Sunday is the single largest church invitational initiative in the world. Invite your friend(s) to share Back to Church Sunday with you and your friends by letting them know your church will be having a special service they will enjoy on Sept. 25.

For more information and resources for Back to Church Sunday, please visit www.backtochurch.co.uk, or contact your Diocesan Office by phone at (306) 244-5651 or by e-mail at anglicansynod@sasktel.net. (Please also see the note from Bishop David Irving elsewhere in this issue).

Outreach Project: The Diocese of Saskatoon is actively seeking an outreach project that Anglicans can work on together to meet a real need in the diocese.

The project should facilitate Anglicans looking outside of their own parish boundaries, meeting together to work on the project, but not being overwhelmed by the commitment and responsibilities.

What ideas and suggestions do you have, perhaps on the basis of a need you have encountered? It may be that this project would involve working with another organization that is overwhelmed and would welcome a consistent flow of volunteers.

A subcommittee of the Diocesan Outreach Committee has been asked by the bishop to request your input so that a project can be identified and more detailed planning initiated. Please contact Christine Bennett at pigeon3@shaw.ca or Mary Tyler at dave.tyler@shaw.ca.

St. Mark's Anglican Church, Saskatoon:

St. Mark's celebrated its 100th Anniversary on Sept. 3-4. Former parishioners, clergy and friends were invited to attend as they shared stories, food and worship and viewed displays of pictures and memorabilia. One of the Parish's Centennial projects has been a cookbook, but not just any cookbook, one full of history.

The cookbooks are \$15 each plus shipping. If you wish to purchase a copy of the Centennial cookbook, please contact the Cookbook Committee, St. Mark's Anglican Church, 1406 - 8th Avenue North, Saskatoon, Sask., S7K 2X7, or by e-mail at stmark@sasktel.net.

Diocesan ACW Retreat:

Spiritual Nurture Through Our Senses: Friday, Sept. 16 to Sunday, Sept. 18, Queen's House of Retreats, Saskatoon. Are you looking for spiritual renewal? Do you need a break from the world's demands and stresses? Do you wish to connect with other spirit-filled women?

Come join us for a weekend of creativity, freedom and seeking God together. Registration Fee is \$30. The deadline is Thursday, Sept. 1. Retreat Costs: Live-in—\$230 (includes single bedroom, meals, refreshments and facility rental). Commuter—\$130 (includes meals, refreshments and facility rental). Make cheques payable to Saskatoon Diocesan ACW and mail to: Nancy Yee, 511 Rogers Road, Saskatoon, Sask., S7N 3X1, by phone at (306) 249-3217 or e-mail at yeen@sasktel.net.

Happenings at St. James with the Refinery: Redefining Church

is a regular 7 p.m. Sunday evening gathering in the church. It is an informal gathering of 15 to 25 people, sitting in a candlelit circle, with music led by our youth band "Reaching Out", reading, group reflection on the day's gospel and a gentle time of prayer. People of all ages come, with youth and young adults especially well represented.

The St. James' Farmers'

Market and International Bazaar brings people and energy into the church every Wednesday, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Delicious food is available for sit down lunch or to take home. We are delighted also that some of the vendors have organized a monthly drop-in for international students. International Drop-Ins are held on the second Sunday of every month, 2-5 p.m., in the lower level of the church.

Integrity/Saskatoon:

Meetings are held at St. George's, Saskatoon, on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Tom and Rose Rogers at (306) 373-5165; or Rev. Ann Marie Nicklin at (306) 381-9780 or benjie60@gmail.com. For further information and to view related articles, links and photographs of Integrity events visit www.integritysaskatoon.blogspot.com.

Seniors' Lunch, St.

George's, Battleford; The Friendship Committee of St. George's invites all seniors to join them for lunch on the first Monday of each month.

A Healing Service with Anointing and Laying On

Of Hands is held on an alternating basis monthly in the two Battle River Parishes. Please contact the Rev. Peter Norman at (306) 445-4155 or by e-mail at stpaulnb@sasktel.net for dates and times.

APPOINTMENTS ETC.:

Rev. Jan Bigland Pritchard, formerly of River Valley Parish, has been appointed Incumbent of St. Stephen's, Saskatoon, beginning Sept. 1.

Letter to the Editor

The Anglican Church offers...?

Bishop David Irving, in his episcopal message (*Saskatchewan Anglican*, May 2011), raises a question of great importance: 'What do we have to offer...?'. He suggests that we offer the challenge of commitment to community service, certainly a noble ideal, though we are, surely, something more than just another 'Service Club'.

In fact, the bishop's question is double-faceted: First, what do we Anglicans as a Christian community have to offer along with all other Christian communities, by virtue of the fact we are 'Christian'?

And second, what do we as churches of the Anglican communion have to offer that other Christian communities cannot offer by virtue of the fact

they do not share our Anglican tradition?

One might respond to the first question in a general way by saying we offer the 'Gospel': that through Jesus Christ we offer for the distorted and fragmented life of individuals, of families, of society and of our earth the promise of integrity and wholeness.

The second question is perhaps more complex, because we are uncertain of what it is to be Anglican. But both questions urgently need exploration. Is it too much to ask for discussion and dialogue on these two questions, a discussion that would be at least diocesan-wide, or perhaps better, inter-diocesan? Thank you Bishop David for this challenge!

Robert D. Sider, Saskatoon

Rev. Canon Dr. Beth Marie Murphy retires



Rev. Canon Dr. Beth Marie Murphy

By Peter Coolen

SASKATOON – A retirement Come-and-Go Reception for Rev. Canon Dr. Beth Marie Murphy of the College of Emmanuel and St. Chad was held on May 5 at the College.

Remembered for her teaching skills (most recently as director of Field Education and Professor of Pastoral Studies at the College) and abilities as councillor and friend, as well as for her guided tours of Vietnam, Beth Marie is retiring after many years of energetic service to the College and the Church.

She has made an enormous impact on the lives of many students throughout the world,

the diocese and in Saskatoon.

Those present at the reception gave her not only their best wishes for a long, happy and exciting retirement, but also a handmade quilt bearing the insignia of the College.

The following day during the 10th joint ecumenical convocation of the Saskatoon Theological Union (see article next page), Right Rev. Derek Hoskin, bishop of Calgary and chancellor of the College of Emmanuel & St. Chad, celebrated the retirement of their dear friend and colleague by giving thanks for Beth Marie's many years of service to the College.

(Photo by Maureen Scale)



Bishop Charles (Charlie) Arthurson and his wife Faye cut a cake during his retirement reception in La Ronge on (BLANK DATE). Many family members and dignitaries were in attendance.

Photo – Mary Brown

Farewell service, reception held for Bishop Charles Arthurson

By Mary Brown

LA RONGE (SKWN) – It was a full house at All Saints Church in La Ronge on Bishop Charles (Charlie) Arthurson's last Sunday service in May.

In attendance were his two sisters from Manitoba, a car full from St. George's in Prince Albert and many parishioners, including Chief Tammy Cook- Searson from the Lac La Ronge First Nation.

Bishop Michael Hawkins spoke of the parallel between his ministry and that of Henry Budd, the first Cree speaking priest and his own as the first suffragan Cree

speaking bishop, who both come from Norway House. He spoke of the will of God unfolding over the years and was thankful that it was so.

Arthurson preached a humorous and poignant sermon and thanked the parish for their kindness and faithfulness to him and his wife Faye over the 25 years he has been their priest.

Hawkins spoke of the first time he met Charlie. Hawkins was the guest speaker at a Clergy Retreat where Charlie stumped him with a very direct and hard question, but befriended him the next night. He said he was always

careful to welcome him and to ask about his ministry and family with real interest, and he wanted to thank Arthurson for that welcome.

The bishop added Charlie is more of a doer than a talker, not famous for his long sermons, rather to the point and "get on with it". The doing has put Arthurson on top of many a ladder throughout the diocese, where there is evidence of stained glass in many windows and bells in many a tower.

There were gifts presented to Arthurson, the best one being Saskatchewan Roughrider apparel that he will be able to wear.

Qu'Appelle News and Notes

Revs. Allen and Denise Doerksen have resigned from the parish of St. Aidan, Moose Jaw, and Allen has been appointed Missioner to the Central Fraser Valley, in Abbotsford, BC.

This position in the Diocese of New Westminster began July 1. Denise provided part-time ministry at St. Aidan until mid-August.

Rev. Dick Kennedy has resigned as Incumbent of the Parish of Chinook and accepted a position as priest of St. Luke, Dryden and St. Mary, Sioux Lookout, Ont., in the Diocese of Keewatin. Dick's last day in Maple Creek was August 31.

Rev. Michael Sinclair has been appointed Incumbent of St. Paul's Cathedral and Dean for the Diocese of Qu'Appelle. Michael's final day in the parish of St. Giles,

Estevan, was August 31. He will begin his ministry at the Cathedral on Thursday, Sept. 22.

The induction of the new dean is Sunday, Sept. 25 at 4 p.m. at the Cathedral, with a reception to follow. Everyone is welcome to both services. If possible, please contact Rev. Winna Martin no later than Monday, Sept. 19 if you plan to attend. Please call 522-1608 or e-mail winna@sasktel.net.

Anne Marie MacNeil is to be ordained a deacon on Friday, Nov. 4, at 7:00 p.m. in St. Paul's Cathedral, Regina. Anne Marie is a parishioner of St. James the Apostle, Regina.

Margaret Coutts Miller, widow of the late Rev. Harry Miller, passed away peacefully on June 17 in Calgary at the age of 97. Margaret was born in England

and immigrated to Canada as a child with her family.

While working as a teacher in Prince Albert, she met Harry Miller. They married and lovingly raised five children. Margaret and Harry followed God's calling by serving the church in various communities in Alberta and Saskatchewan, eventually coming to All Saints, Melville, where Margaret was very involved in the ACW, altar guild, evening guild, choir and the Happy Gang.

Predeceased by Harry, Margaret leaves her children Ben (Alexis) Miller, Marilyn (Ken) Baron, Jim (Melissa) Miller, Margaret (Phillip) McGregor, Grant (Wendy) Miller and 10 grandchildren. The funeral service was held at All Saints, Melville, with Rev. Kim Sherwin officiating.



The 2011 Spring Convocation of the Saskatoon Theological Union

(Editor's note: This is the most recent in a series of contributions to the Saskatchewan Anglican from the College of Emmanuel and St. Chad. These articles cover a broad range of theological and general interest issues as well as College news.)

By Lisa McInnis, College of Emmanuel & St. Chad

SASKATOON – On May 6 at the Third Avenue United Church in Saskatoon, the University of Emmanuel College-College of Emmanuel & St. Chad, the Lutheran Theological Seminary and St. Andrew's College of the United Church, celebrated the 10th joint ecumenical convocation of the Saskatoon Theological Union.

The day started with the graduation eucharist at the

seminary chapel. Presider and preacher was the Right Rev. Derek Hoskin, bishop of Calgary and chancellor of the College of Emmanuel & St. Chad.

During the eucharist service, prizes were awarded to the graduating students, and Jessica Latshaw was installed as the new Senior Stick.

The bishop celebrated the retirement of our dear friend and colleague, Rev. Canon Beth Marie Murphy. The Right Rev. Jim Njegovan, bishop of Brandon and president of Council, thanked Rev. Dr. Bill Richards for his years of service as acting principal of the College of Emmanuel & St. Chad.

This was followed by a lunch, with the grads and their guests along with staff, faculty and council members. It was a memorable time of shared food

and festivity.

Master of Divinity degrees were awarded to Nicolas Alexandre, Catherine Holland and Daryle Kerr. Master of Theological Studies degrees were awarded to Walter Majola, Michael Putman and Karen Walter. A Master of Sacred Theology degree was awarded to Jonathan Hoskin.

This year's guest speaker was Rev. Michael Sinclair, a Master of Divinity graduate of the College of Emmanuel and St. Chad, in 2002.

Michael has served in Watrous in the Diocese of Saskatoon, at St. Giles in Estevan, St. Peter & St. Paul in Bienfait, all in the Diocese of Qu'Appelle. He will soon become the new Incumbent of St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral and new dean of that diocese.



Rev. Dr. Bill Richards, acting principal of the College of Emmanuel & St. Chad (centre), presides over the installation of Jessica Latshaw as the new Senior Stick, taking over from Trevor Freeman, who is the retiring Senior Stick, at the 10th joint ecumenical convocation of the Saskatoon Theological Union held in Saskatoon on May 6.

All photos this page – Maureen Scale

St. Matthew's, Regina: An outreaching church

By Kathy Chlopan

REGINA – A TV preacher recently made a profound statement that caught my attention. She said, "You should never give money to a church that doesn't do outreach."

At St. Matthew's in Regina, we do outreach. Our financial statements may not be always in the black, but we are convinced of the importance of giving back to our community.

With this in mind, two years ago, in light of a Mission Action Plan we were developing, we looked around our neighbourhood to find a need to which we could respond.

We soon focused on a dear little girl in our parish who comes to church nearly every Sunday in her wheelchair with her grandmother. Sometimes the child is sick and cannot come and we miss her. We learned she attends Hope's Home during most days.

Hope's Home is a daycare for medically challenged children. After the founder, Jacque Tisher, spoke to St. Matthew's ACW about Hope's Home, we all wanted to help in some way.

For that purpose, our priest's wife, Patricia Roberts, and a team of helpers organized

a first fundraiser, a Caribbean Evening of Food and Music.

It was held at St. Matthew's on April 10, 2010. During our 100th anniversary that year, with the generous support of Access Communications, we sold copies of a DVD showing the anniversary worship service.

A parishioner who works at Access Communications made the DVD. We also gave to Hope's Home the funds we raised from the sales of those DVDs.

This year on April 16, Patricia and her team organized an International Night of Food, Fun and Music, at which we raised more money for Hope's Home.

When we visit Hope's Home we find that it is a happy, caring place that has become an inspiration to us all at St. Matthew's.

In addition to giving our support to Hope's Home, we are about to launch another outreach project. It will focus on "at-risk youth" in the two schools located in our neighbourhood.

At St. Matthew's, we will continue with our Christian outreach through these two projects. Thank you to everyone in our Regina Anglican community for supporting us in these outreach ventures.



This year's guest speaker at the 10th joint ecumenical convocation of the Saskatoon Theological Union was Rev. Michael Sinclair (at podium), a Master of Divinity graduate of the College of Emmanuel and St. Chad in 2002.

Attendees of this year's convocation, held on May 6 at the College of Emmanuel & St. Chad, included Rev. Walter Majola, Diocese of Saskatoon; Nicolas Alexandre, Parishes of the Central Interior; Rev. Jonathan Hoskin, Diocese of Qu'Appelle; Michael Putman, Diocese of Saskatoon; Daryle Kerr, Diocese of Athabasca; Karen Walter, Diocese of Saskatoon, Sarah Benson, Saskatoon Theological Union librarian; Dr. Matthew Thiessen, senior lecturer in New Testament; Rev. Walter Hannam, professor; Rev. Canon Dr. Beth Marie Murphy, professor; Bishop Derek Hoskin, chancellor; Rev. Dr. Bill Richards, principal at the time of the convocation, but now professor; and Rev. Shawn Sanford Beck, dean of Chapel.



Gregory Kerr-Wilson, bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Qu'Appelle (left) and Daniel Bohan, archbishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Regina, jointly celebrate a Pentecost service in Regina on June 12. Photo – Frank Flegel, *The Prairie Messenger*

Anglicans, Roman Catholics celebrate Pentecost together

By Joanne Shurvin-Martin

REGINA – Members of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Regina celebrated a Pentecost service together on June 12, the result of a covenant signed between the two denominations in January where both committed to jointly building up the body of Christ.

"It is most fitting that we celebrate on the Feast of Pentecost," Archbishop Daniel Bohan told the congregation of Anglicans and Roman Catholics in Holy Rosary Cathedral.

"The church was born on this day. We must ask ourselves if our lack of unity – our refusal to seek to be one – is not greatly behind the reason that the world does not know Jesus."

Bishop Gregory Kerr-Wilson echoed the Roman Catholic Archbishop's sentiments in a story from his days as a university student.

He worked in a northern camp one summer, and of the 11 young men only two had any religious faith. The other was not Christian and asked him, "You Christians claim the truth, but with 369 denominations, who is going to believe you?" Kerr-Wilson said these divisions among Christians are not what Christ prayed for and not what we are called to be.

The agreement signed between the two dioceses commits them to specific initiatives, including annual shared services with the two bishops, keeping and upholding

each church and its leaders in prayer, working together on various issues, and jointly working with First Nations elders to promote reconciliation and healing.

The bishops commit to maintaining communications, especially when new developments in one Church may present challenges for the other. Anglican and Roman Catholic parishes are encouraged to undertake joint activities in worship, mission, education and social justice.

During the Pentecost service, Deacon Michael Jackson reported on developments in the early stages of the covenant relationship.

Jackson is the Anglican co-chair of the committee to lead and monitor implementation of the covenant. At least two parishes in Qu'Appelle have held services with their Roman Catholic neighbours.

The two dioceses held a workshop for readers, and plan to hold a similar training session for intercessors. Roman Catholic deacons joined the semi-annual meeting of Anglican deacons with Bishop Kerr-Wilson in June.

There are plans for an annual service on Pentecost and possibly another service, alternating between the two cathedrals.

Susan Klein is the Roman Catholic co-chair of the committee. Joan Galvin is the other Roman Catholic member, with two appointments to be made. Anglican members are Rev. Catherine Harper and Susan Rollins, with one more

appointment to be made.

The Pentecost service followed the format of the initial joint service, with the blessing of water and renewal of baptismal vows, homilies from both bishops, scripture readings and prayers led by lay people of both denominations.

In his homily, Kerr-Wilson drew the connection between Christ breathing on the Apostles on the first Pentecost and God breathing life into clay as described in Genesis.

"Jesus creates a new humanity. This new humanity has a mission," he said, describing how the Apostles were sent out as recounted in Acts.

"We are called to be who we are, for the salvation of the world. Our mission is hindered when we are seen to stand apart from other Christians. Our mission is reflected in the covenant we have signed.

"We do things side by side and show the world who we are as we bear witness together. This witness goes beyond mere words and demonstrates a love for each other *and* the world."

Deacon Michael Jackson added, "Our two dioceses have made a good start in implementing the covenant, but it is only a start. We have much to learn, much to do and much to try.

"We pray that under the guidance of the Holy Spirit we will grow in mutual understanding and in our joint witness to the love of Christ and the coming of God's kingdom."

Anglicans and Lutherans celebrate 10 years of Full Communion

By Sherry Sproule

REGINA – The 10th anniversary of full communion between Anglicans and Lutherans was celebrated June 5 in a joint service between All Saints Anglican Church and Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Regina.

The warm, late spring sunshine seemed to add to the amiable greeting All Saints parishioners received as they joined their Lutheran neighbours down the street.

A fine turnout assembled and heard Rev. Trish McCarthy deliver the message about sharing the Good News. Members of both churches helped with the

communal worship. It was a particular treat when members from both choirs united to enrich the service with their music.

Following the service, people gathered for fellowship and the "breaking of bread" with a delicious barbecue lunch, where friends old and new enjoyed the opportunity to socialize. It was a very successful celebration of the holy and historic proclamation.

All Saints and Our Saviour's churches enjoy a longstanding practice of worshipping together and this was the second year the event was observed on Trinity Sunday – a tradition that will continue annually, with the two churches alternating hosting duties.

Saskatoon diocesan youth go on a food drive

By Emily Carr, diocesan youth co-ordinator

SASKATOON – On June 4, the Saskatoon Anglican Diocesan Youth joined forces with groups from across the city to collect food for the Saskatoon Food Bank's city-wide food drive.

With volunteers and youth from St Timothy's, St Stephen's, St James' and the "W.W.J.D." Borden Ecumenical Youth group, we had over 50 people and, eventually, a whole trailer full of food to contribute to the Saskatoon Food Bank!

We would like to extend a special thanks to Sheila Ann

Whiteway and the volunteers at St. James for the delicious lunch. The diocesan youth will be gathering regularly for outreach projects and fun adventures!

Gatherings will be held in all three deaneries in the Diocese of Saskatoon. Youth from across the diocese are encouraged to attend all events. The next Saskatoon Anglican Diocesan Youth event will be a retreat on Thanksgiving weekend, from Oct. 7-10.

Stay connected on the Saskatoon Anglican Youth (SAY) web page for more details, or contact me, Emily Carr, at sayouth@sasktel.net.



Some of the energetic youth participating in the Diocesan Youth Food Drive (above) and the trailer full of food (below).

Photos – Emily Carr



School of Renewal Ministry offered

By Rev. Jonathan Hoskin

"To prepare God's people for works of service so that the body of Christ may be built up."
- Ephesians 4:12

SWIFT CURRENT (Qu'A) – In the early fall of 1980, something different began for western Canadian Anglicanism.

A movement was initiated that breathed a fresh wind through our institution. I was fortunate to be present at that initial meeting of Anglican Renewal West, though I am somewhat foggy on the details (having been in my mother's womb at the time).

Anglican Renewal West (ARW) had a profound and revitalizing effect on the Anglican Church, and held conferences in many of the larger cities in Western Canada in the '80s – conferences that drew hundreds.

The lasting effects of ARW are still seen in many parishes throughout Saskatchewan: many of our clergy were involved, while many of our parishes were heavily involved. Toward the end of the '80s, ARW merged with the national Anglican Renewal Ministries (ARM).

ARM Canada offers a unique opportunity to clergy and laity in the form of Schools of Renewal Ministry (SRMs). Each school is a chance for clergy or laity to gather with others who are interested in renewing the life of the Church (caps intentional) by the power of the Holy Spirit.

A Clergy SRM will be held at St. Michael's Retreat Centre in

Lumsden from Sunday, Nov. 6 to Thursday, Nov. 10, and it is an opportunity I would commend to all clergy in the province.

Facilitated by such clergy as Bishop Fraser Lawton (Athabasca), Canon Gene Packwood (St. Barnabas, Medicine Hat), Rev. Pat Langlois (Melfort) and Canon Arthur Sheffield (St. James, Calgary), this Clergy SRM is a unique time for clergy to gather together and work on the development of a mentality that is missional, focused, dynamic and revitalized.

It offers a chance for clergy to receive a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit for the ministry God has called them to, as well as tools to carry into the parish to aid in leading congregations into renewal.

Clergy! If you're reading this right now, consider heading down to Lumsden for the week of Nov. 6-10. You won't regret it.

Laity! If you're reading this right now, consider sending your clergy to Lumsden, and if necessary petition your parish vestries to make it possible for your clergy to make the trip (there are time and expenses involved).

What the Anglican Church today needs is not so much "more people in the pews", but for the people who are already in the pews to be renewed in their sense of carrying out Christ's mission in the world. Don't let this opportunity to move towards that goal pass you by.

For more information, contact the Anglican Renewals Ministries office at 1-866-627-1276 or arm@armcanada.org.



Diocese of Saskatchewan

The Anglican Church in the North

Get ready! Mark your calendars!
The Diocese of Saskatchewan is holding its
67th Diocesan Synod

Friday, Oct. 21 and Saturday, Oct. 22

St. Alban the Martyr Cathedral
1410 Bishop McLean Crescent
Prince Albert, Sask.

"Teen Challenge" challenges Church of the Ascension

By Rev. Steven Page

ARBORFIELD (SKWN) – On May 14 and 15, Church of the Ascension in Arborfield hosted a crew of seven people from the Teen Challenge ministry.

Teen Challenge is an international Christian program that presents a "positive cure for addiction", especially drug and alcohol addiction. It was founded by David Wilkerson, whose story has been told in the book, "The Cross and the Switchblade," and in the movie of the same name.

Several people in Arborfield were already aware of the organization, since they knew

a local man who successfully went through the Teen Challenge program a few years ago.

Beth Gray, Ascension's lead organizer for the weekend, has been working for a long time to have this young man or another connected with Teen Challenge come speak to us.

The Teen Challenge van arrived in town in time for supper before the Saturday evening event. The supper gave them a chance to unwind from the drive, and to meet and share a meal with the families, who would be billeting them overnight.

At both the Saturday evening event in one of the community halls, and the Sunday morning event at Church of the Ascension, several members shared their life stories.

Whether their drug and alcohol addictions came out of a dark childhood, a life-shaking event like divorce, or a series of bad decisions, they all shared one thing in common: Teen Challenge helped them connect (or reconnect) with God, and

their saviour Jesus Christ was at the heart of their recovery.

The Church of the Ascension was inspired by the men's stories, and has held several talks to find ways to support the work of Teen Challenge, both individually and as a church.

Currently, Teen Challenge runs addiction counselling centres across Canada and the world. In Saskatchewan, the ministry is located near the town of Allan, 60 kilometres southeast of Saskatoon.

The ministry receives no government funding, due to the "faith factor" in their approach. But they are proud of their exceptionally strong success rate, with about 75 per cent of the men who complete the program remaining clean in later years.

Parishoners heard and saw firsthand how Jesus, through the Teen Challenge program, can transform lives. We were touched and moved by their visit, especially the passion and sincerity when they sang praise choruses like "Amazing Love" and "How Great is our God."



Members of "Teen Challenge" gather at the end of their presentation to sing songs with members of Church of the Ascension. A few of the songs they sang included "Amazing Love" and "How Great is our God." Some of the members of the group included Cathy, Tony (both not pictured), Darrel, Clint, Tyler and Jeremy.

Photo – Mary Brown

Foundation's new fund for kids, by kids

By Ali Symons, Anglican Church of Canada staff

TORONTO – A new trust fund from the Anglican Foundation sets the old institution on a fresh path: engaging little people in the pews.

The Kids Helping Kids fund will support Canadian children by contributing to health care, assistance for special needs children, educational resources, arts materials and camp fees.

The main supporters are Anglican kids across Canada, who can join the foundation and support the fund for a toonie. A stuffed Hope Bear is also available for \$20 – already a popular gift choice for grandparents and parents who want to encourage generosity at a young age.

The project is the brainchild of the new executive director, Rev. Canon Dr. Judy Rois. She was inspired by 25 years of ministry where she worked to integrate children into parish life.

"I've found that kids are incredibly generous. They have

a generous spirit," she said. She also notes there is much need in Canada. One in seven Canadian children lives in poverty. One in four children in First Nations communities lives in poverty.

The Kids Helping Kids fund first launched with a toonie membership campaign, piloted in two parishes during Lent 2011.

At St. Hilary's in Mississauga, Ont., children filled old film canisters with toonies and loonies. The 22 children of the parish raised more than \$300, and were delighted when Rois visited to deliver their membership certificates in person.

"It was sweet satisfaction to see kids who came in with loonies and toonies being appropriately proud that they had made a contribution," said their minister, Rev. Paul Walker. "You could see it on their faces."

At Christ Church Deer Park, in Toronto, Ont., 48 children took up the challenge as part of their many giving disciplines.

Rev. Samantha Caravan,

assistant curate, said the fund has the potential to be "deeply transformative for both sides" as it encouraged children in their affluent neighbourhood to think of others who had greater needs.

For stage two, Rois is introducing Hope Bear, the stuffed animal mascot of the foundation, who will be developing his own presence and personality in the coming months. She has penned a children's book about his travels and she plans to set up a blog where children can follow Hope Bear's journeys and interact with him.

"We want to do everything we can to be as generous as possible," she said. "When people contact us and say 'I'd really like to send my kids to camp but I can't afford it,' we can say, 'Yes we can do that.'"

For more information about promoting generosity among children in your parish, or to donate to the Kids Helping Kids fund, contact Rois by e-mail at jrois@national.anglican.ca.

“I Feel the Winds of God”

Diocese of Qu’Appelle ACW Annual Meeting

By Sharon Gibler

MOOSE JAW (Qu’A) – The Diocese of Qu’Appelle Anglican Church Women held its 46th annual meeting at St. Aidan, Moose Jaw on April 30.

The diocese was represented by 25 members attending from the Deaneries of Cypress, Moose Jaw, Pelly, Souris and Wascana.

This year’s theme was “I Feel the Winds of God.” The meeting opened with Bishop Gregory Kerr-Wilson and Archdeacon Rob Hardwick leading the singing of the meeting’s theme song, “I Feel the Winds of God Today.”

The morning guest speaker, Bishop Kerr-Wilson, spoke about the wind of God. Wind, a sense of exhilaration or being blown away, is a powerful thing; it goes beyond what you can tame or domesticate. He quoted several passages from the Bible referring to wind and spirit.

There were reports from the corresponding secretary, financial statement officer, social action secretary, calendars secretary, Book of Remembrance secretary and Life Member secretary, who advised there are six life members remaining.

Olive Bell has held position of Life Member secretary for many years but feels it is time to retire.

Members from several Deaneries reported that they make prayer shawls, scarves and Afghans. The recipients are very appreciative of these items.

This year 10 Afghans and one quilt were donated to the Allan Blair Cancer Patient Lodge in Regina and Riverside Mission Transition House for Men in Moose Jaw. Two prayer shawls were given to ACW members who are ill.

Following a delicious lunch



The Qu’Appelle Diocesan ACW executive gather after its annual meeting in Moose Jaw in April. In the back, from left, are Rev. Allen Doerksen, Rev. Ella Frank, Sharon Gibler, Sandra Kerr and Bishop Greg Kerr-Wilson. In front, from left, are Mary Gyles, Ruth Moffatt, Margaret Brady, Edith Maddaford, Muriel Blundell, Olive Bell and Laurie Van De Wiele.

Photo contributed



Lovella Jarvi, Diocese of Qu’Appelle ACW outgoing Recording Secretary, was unable to attend the annual meeting in Moose Jaw. Lovella was presented with a certificate of appreciation for her 10 years of service as Diocesan Recording Secretary at the Pelly Deanery ACW annual meeting in Canora on May 12.

Photo – Sharon Gibler

and time of fellowship, Bishop Kerr-Wilson and Hardwick led everyone in singing the theme song and “What a Wonderful Saviour”.

The afternoon session continued with guest speaker Hardwick. He spoke on the topic, “What is our call to be church?” He said, “We should not ask ‘what

do we want to do?’ but ‘what does the Lord want to do?’”

People need to look for new courage to break out of old routines. He also spoke about the Mission Action Plan in the diocese.

The budget was discussed and elections held. President Edith Maddaford’s three-year term is now finished and Margaret Brady will take over. Vice-president, by acclamation, is Laurie Van De Wiele. Maddaford advised that ACWs need to remember worship, study and fellowship.

Rev. Denise Doerksen spoke about her position at St. Aidan and that her role as incumbent is different, as she does not have a regular liturgical presence. She works with 40-60 immigrant students at Central Collegiate High School.

At the conclusion of the meeting everyone gathered in St. Aidan Church to receive Holy Eucharist. The service, celebrated by Bishop Kerr-Wilson and Rev. Allen Doerksen, included a memorial for deceased members and prayers and names of the sick. Bishop Kerr-Wilson conducted the installation of officers.

Following the service and picture taking, members were ready to head home. However, members of Pelly Deanery had to stay in Regina an extra night due to the heavy snowfall in the Yorkton, Saltcoats and Esterhazy area on April 29 and 30.

All in all it was a good meeting and members are looking forward to next year’s annual meeting and hearing the wonderful work of the ACWs within the Diocese of Qu’Appelle.

“I am the vine, you are the branches”

Diocese of Saskatoon May Eastern Deanery meeting

By Sharon Buchinski, president of the Anglican Church Women Eastern Deanery

ENDEAVOUR (S’TOON) – The May Eastern Deanery meeting was held at St. James’ Anglican Church, Endeavour, on May 25 with the theme of “I am the vine, you are the branches” (John 15:5). Registration took place and refreshments were provided at the Endeavour Community Centre.

President Sharon Buchinski opened the meeting with the ACW prayer, statement of purpose and the theme song “The Love of Jesus Calls Us”.

Introductions included parish incumbent Rev. Quentin Little (Incumbent of Lintlaw/Endeavour) and his wife Martha; the Eastern Deanery Executive;

Diocesan board members from Saskatoon; and representatives from the Lutheran and Evangelical church.

Following introductions, the group was entertained by Martha Cowie-Little playing the harp. The ladies then walked to St. James’ Church for the celebration of a Service of Holy Communion officiated by Quenton.

After the service, dinner was served by the men of St. James’ at the Community Centre. The afternoon program began with singing by the Woodland Chorus, a group of local men.

As the Right Rev. David Irving, bishop of Saskatoon, and his wife Joan were unable to attend, Quenton gave a short address.

The business included a brief discussion on the new Diocesan Anglican Church Women’s

Guidelines, the Diocesan External Outreach Project (building houses in Mexico), and disbursement of funds to the outreach project.

Guest speaker Betty Wood from Saskatoon challenged the women to consider what God wants the ministry of the Anglican Church Women to be.

Elaine Hrycenko, diocesan co-president, installed the Lintlaw ladies/officers who will be hosting the 2012 Eastern Meeting. The meeting closed with a praise song and refreshments.

During the day, those present were able to browse and purchase books, cards and other gift items on display by Kathy Bashforth (Promises Christian Store, Sturgis).

The day was a blessing to all those in attendance.



Those in attendance at the May Eastern Deanery meeting held at St. James’ Anglican Church, Endeavour, gather for a group picture. Seated, from left are: Ella Smith (registration) and Edie Belesky (treasurer). Standing, from left, are Lennette Geistlinger (secretary), Elaine Hrycenko (diocesan co-president), Rev. Quentin Little (Incumbent of Lintlaw/Endeavour), Martha Cowie-Little and Sharon Buchinski (president).

Picture – Diocesan ACW Newsletter

ON FIRE!

St. Luke's, Regina summer daycamp

By Rev. Christopher Snook

REGINA – This year, St. Luke's Anglican Church hosted its first summer Vacation Bible School. The camp, from July 11-15, was led by a team of leaders from Montreal's CrossTalk ministries and explored five stories from the Book of Acts, beginning with the account of Pentecost.

Each day began with morning devotions for team leaders and then planning meetings. Once the children arrived, there was a morning of aerobics, songs, plays and devotions before an afternoon of crafts and fun at the playground.

A small group of faithful children attended. Every day they were drawn a little closer to their Lord through the expert teaching of their leaders, through

the witness of the volunteers who billeted, cooked, cleaned and prayed for the camp's success, and through their own fellowship and friendship.

The team leaders prepared in Montreal for their summer of ministry in Saskatchewan. They began at St. Luke's, and then planned to spend two weeks between Gordon's and Day Star First Nations before journeying north to La Ronge for a final week.

Following a daycamp curriculum that has been finely tuned through decades of use and bringing the energy of young people committed to their faith, their presence was a gift to the parish. Faithful parishioners gave of their time and talent to support the ministry of the camp by prayer and presence.

Royal Wedding leaves emotional mark on watchers

By Rev. Joanne Beacon

PRINCE ALBERT – There were three of us in the dark at 3 a.m. on April 29. The whole city of Prince Albert was, for once, silent and breathing the deep sleep of dreams. The tiny TV flickered into life and we huddled around the screen.

Truthfully we felt kind of foolish; no one else we knew wanted to do anything so inconvenient, so silly. Truly it was like a summons and I was very grateful that two other souls were called by the same voice.

Then the Royal Wedding lit up the screen with a million faces waiting in anticipation with us. The effect of the old, old, words spoken in simplicity and with dignity in the ancient Abbey began to do something in me.

The Royal Family, in that famous chancel, were just like my family. It was in their very Anglicanishness that my spirit took on wings and began to swoop freely through the years. My mother and HRH Queen Elizabeth were born within a couple of weeks of each other.

I am just a little older than Charles, Prince of Wales. I saw something of my mother in the Queen's bearing, and I remembered how disappointed my mother was during all the turbulence, winds of rebellion, change and spiritual experimentation of the decades.

My mom suffered through the same war, raised children through the same upheavals. Their hearts were broken by similar trials of fidelity, marriage breakdown when, like my family, Her family scoffed at tradition, defied structure as we all almost

lost our bearings completely. But we didn't, because my Mom and the Queen did not get lost. They remained true to their vows. The pain was evident, but they persevered and prayed that we would come to our senses and somehow, miraculously, we did.

The words were the same holy words spoken from age to age. Westminster Abbey still looked beautiful. The bride wore white. Time stood still. We moved our lips to the liturgy and sang the familiar hymns together.

The distance collapsed. We were all together in one place. A new beginning, a miracle of persevering love, has brought us safely to the beginning of this day.

The breakthrough happened as we sang Jerusalem. My two friends and I spontaneously stood to sing – we didn't need words. We knew them. Neither, I noticed, did the Royal family. They knew those words too.

The camera flew like a bird back through the congregation, who also sang by heart this hymn of hope and yearning for the Kingdom of Heaven. The camera flew outside and the crowd was singing too – all million or so of them.

I was tingling with joy and emotion in realizing that two billion people had tuned in for this event.

My tears flowed at the singing of God Save the Queen and I was not lonely any more. We drank tea, toasted with sherry, ate Welsh cakes and had breakfast together. I was healed of my doubt and cynicism and became a believer, once again renewed to continue my pilgrimage until I see my Lord face to face.



Members of the amalgamated parish of Leask/Shellbrook gather together during a "good old fashioned" church picnic at Honeywood Lilies in Parkside on July 24. The Parish of Leask, including Canwood and Mont Nebo, joined the Shellbrook parish, which included Briarlea and Sturgeon Valley, in Sept. 2009. The parishes were without a priest until Rev. Stephen Harnish and his family moved to the diocese, and they hosted his ordination to the priesthood on March 18 at St. Andrew's Church in Shellbrook.

Photo – Mary Brown

Celebrating 50 years at St. Philip's, Regina

By Ivan Millard

REGINA – When we think about stories from the '60s, we are likely to think of flower power, Woodstock, or stories in song like Hank Snow's "I've Been Everywhere."

But at St. Philip's, Regina, parishioners collected a booklet of stories that started with a small group of young families in the 1960s who wanted to build a church. Four individuals who were among those original families still attend St. Philip's.

Three others who were youngsters when they attended that first St. Philip's service, in a portable church on June 4, 1961, are also still parishioners. The permanent building at 2855 Lacon Street in southeast Regina was dedicated four years later.

Everyone enjoyed the gathering on June 4 and the continuously running CD of pictures. Deacon Rita Brann arranged a truly appropriate service of readings, prayers and hymns for Sunday.

Rev. Dan Cooper presided and guest preacher was Pastor Jerry Borkowski. The Ladies Guild (who say those terrific fowl suppers they mastered for years would be too much for them now) arranged an attractive setting for the meal.

Borkowski was the Lutheran Minister at Bread of Life when they, Eastside United and St. Philip's formed a Shared Ministry in 2003.

He has come to know St. Philip's very well and complimented the courage and determination of those who created a new parish 50 years ago, as well as those who chose to



Pastor Jerry Borkowski, Archdeacon Helena Houldcroft and Pastor Dawn Rolke at the sod turning ceremony for the expansion of Bread of Life Centre in April 2003. This marked a new stage in the life of St. Philip's parish, as they shared the building with Lutheran and United Church parishes.

move to a new location and begin a new concept in church life 42 years later.

He quoted Bishop G.F.C. Jackson's words from the church dedication half a century ago: "... the Church does not exist chiefly for the erection and maintenance of buildings. These are meant to be centres for the Church's main function as the people of God, to bear witness to God."

Rev. Grant Schwartz, a student minister who served St. Philip's in 1961-62, sent a message during the dedication of the permanent building in 1964, which said, "Never forsake the intimate fellowship that existed in St. Philip's when we met in the smaller building. That fellowship ... is worth far more than a new building."

Borkowski also spoke on the

sociability that exists within the congregation today.

The community spirit of the congregation over the years is indicated by comments in a couple dozen "stories" and memories written by the old, the young, present and past parishioners.

Comments included: "... everyone said I was doing a good job"; "When I opened the box there was a perfect size tree for our tiny apartment"; "We said, 'Oh good, we have some new lively songs to sing.' We have been regular members ever since"; "I also appreciated being a server. While nervous, I enjoyed being a part of the Sunday church service, and part of a church family"; and "St. Philip's strength was, and still is, the people who attend."

Toronto refugee meetings highlight the plight of refugees

By Klaus Gruber,
Diocese of Saskatoon
refugee co-ordinator

SASKATOON – Sixty years after the United Nations Refugee Convention, refugees continue to suffer as persecution and conflict continue to disrupt people's lives, fracture families and cause people to seek sanctuary among strangers.

For seven days at the end of May, hundreds of refugee advocates converged on Hamilton and Toronto for meetings to discuss the issues facing refugees and those who want to help them. Anglicans had a strong presence in that number.

The Primates World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF), SAH and the RSTP meetings described below were also all held in Toronto and Hamilton.

Canadian Council for Refugees (CCR)

The first meeting was the bi-annual consultation of the **Canadian Council of Refugees**, a non-profit umbrella organization committed to the rights and protection of refugees in Canada and around the world, and to the settlement of refugees and immigrants in Canada.

Numerous Anglican dioceses as well as PWRDF are members of CCR. The refugee network meeting was attended by two staff members of PWRDF and diocesan representatives from the Dioceses of Ottawa, Edmonton, Saskatoon, New Westminster, Toronto, British Columbia, Huron, Rupert's Land and Calgary.

The opening plenary featured, among others, Abraham Abraham, UNHCR representative in Canada who spoke about the successes and limitations of the convention as well as the issues facing UNHCR, including protracted refugees and Internally Displaced Persons.

One of the distressing trends in recent years is the labelling by governments of refugees as criminals and potential security threats, rather than recognizing their vulnerabilities and need for protection.

We see this happening increasingly in Canada as well. Soheila Pashang, of Seneca College in Toronto, spoke about the increasing vulnerability of women, not only as refugees but more recently as migrant (temporary) workers in Canada and around the world.

Barbara Jackman, a prominent immigration lawyer, talked about her career, which was highlighted by the Singh decision (1985), which gave refugee rights in Canada, a

victory that is celebrated annually on April 4. Jackman reviewed the role of the courts in refugee jurisprudence historically and in its current context.

During the three days, there were 30 sessions to choose from. One of the sessions dealt with proposed change to the process to deal with inland claimants (people who arrive in Canada and claim refugee status).

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One of the fears is that claimants, many of whom have been tortured or raped, will have to provide extremely painful and detailed accounts of traumatic events to strangers who they have no reason to trust, without any real support.

These initial hearings may take place in the first weeks of arrival. Another significant development is the government is developing a list of **DCOs (Designated Country of Origin)**. Refugees from those countries will have different timelines for their claims. The government has not yet released how the DCOs will be determined.

One intriguing session was on how to get newcomer men involved in domestic violence prevention. Some newcomer men in Canada are threatened by the way in which gender equality is practiced in Canada.

This may result in an increase in violence against women. Most interventions have involved educating women and helping them seek protection. Session participants agreed the solution must involve men, if it is to be successful.

Other ongoing issues included the long wait times to process applications from Nairobi, Kenya (five or more years), reductions and long wait times for family reunification, and especially the issue of family members, mostly women and children, who have been permanently excluded from Canada because they were not declared upon landing.

This issue has resulted in hundreds of children being separated from their parents for many years or permanently. Information on all these issues can be found at the CCR website, <http://ccrweb.ca/>.

Primates World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF)

The PWRDF refugee network has supported "in Canada" refugee work by supporting refugee education as well as Anglican refugee sponsorships. This compliments the substantial

programming for refugees overseas.

In the second set of meetings, 15 refugee co-ordinators met with PWRDF staff. We received an update of the impact on the substantial downsizing at PWRDF and discussed the changes in support for the refugee network.

There was a consensus that PWRDF was important to the refugee work in the dioceses and that PWRDF can facilitate communication and support advocacy efforts of the dioceses.

Refugee co-ordinators expressed their appreciation for the support of PWRDF staff and especially to Carolyn Vanderlip, who co-ordinated the national 50th anniversary project to sponsor 50 visa-office referred refugees.

This project was very successful and it appeared that we were going to achieve the 50 sponsorships. **Both the Dioceses of Qu'Appelle and Saskatoon** undertook sponsorships as part of that project.

Sponsorship Agreement Holders Association (SAHA) Meeting and Refugee Sponsorship Training Program (RSTP) Conference

The third set of meetings saw the historic establishment of a **Sponsorship Agreement Holders Association (SAHA)**. Sponsorship Agreement Holders have an agreement with the government that allows them to

sponsor refugees.

The SAHA will provide a link between **Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC)** and the almost one hundred SAHs, many of whom are faith communities. The formation of the Association has been in the works for over two years and was a major accomplishment. **Both the Dioceses of Qu'Appelle and Saskatoon are SAHA members.**

The meetings with the government were often very tense, since the government had recently announced a number of arbitrary changes in the **Private Sponsorship Program (PSR)**.

The tensions between CIC and the SAHA group are longstanding, with each group seeing the problems of long processing times, high refusal rates in some areas, cumbersome application process and many procedures that lead to what some believe are unfair or bad decisions.

One of the most contentious issues is the excessive processing times, especially the Nairobi visa post, where an application can take more than five years to process.

Nairobi is responsible for 18 countries, many of whom have standing conflicts that make doing interviews extremely difficult.

The government wants SAHA members to reduce their applications to Nairobi, which many did voluntarily to no avail.

Now the government wants to impose limits. We do not yet know how these allocations will be managed, but the anxiety has been high among sponsoring groups and some of that anxiety spilled over into the meeting, resulting in some tense moments and some bad feelings among CIC staff.

While the meetings were difficult, a great deal was accomplished. The SAHA was finally brought into being and many Anglican groups will join. This may give us a stronger voice in our negotiations with CIC and in our advocacy efforts.

Again, one of the frustrations among refugee supporters is the increasing government rhetoric that talks about refugees in terms of "queue-jumpers", "terrorists" and criminals and generally a threat to society.

Refugees are already vulnerable and often unwanted. This kind of rhetoric makes their resettlement that much more difficult.

Much work needs to be done and we will be meeting with CIC regularly by phone and when possible face to face. The SAHA group will continue to work to have fair, accessible, functional and reasonable processing of refugees both overseas and in Canada.

Before and After Charles Darwin

By Rev. Canon Colin Clay

SASKATOON – Charles Darwin, who was born on Feb. 2, 1809 (the same day and year as Abraham Lincoln), is frequently, and mistakenly, held to be responsible for the theory of evolution.

However, Charles Darwin did not "discover" evolution. His great contribution to science is found in the 1859 publication of *The Origin of Species by Natural Selection*.

Close parallels to Darwin's work (*On the Law Which Has Regulated the Introduction of New Species and On the Tendency of Varieties to Depart Indefinitely From the Original Type*) appeared at the same time as *The Origin of Species*. . . Their author, Alfred Russell Wallace, would later become Darwin's close friend.

Some people have been known to say, "Well, it's only a theory", without understanding that from a scientific point of view, a theory is the result of exhaustive examinations of the evidence, which may be subjected to revision following further study. It is fair to say that among geologists, paleontologists and biologists, the theory of evolution is simply accepted as fact.

Evolution had been seriously studied for many years before the work of Darwin and Wallace. Throughout the 18th century, for example, there was a growing understanding that the earth was much older than had been once believed.

Also, the various species of life on earth were seen to be more "plastic", which meant they were pliable and open to new development.

Also, during Darwin's time, what we would call geology, was having the most profound effect. In fact, geology, not evolution, was Darwin's primary interest as he boarded the HMS Beagle, taking with him Charles Lyell's book *Principles of Geology*, on what became his voyage of discovery.

So much has been discovered since Darwin's time. He was not to know, for example, that about 250 million years ago, the earth's only continent, Pangea, gradually broke up and today's formations were

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shaped. This also explained how many of earth's creatures could have moved from one area to another.

Darwin would not have known that this earth was first formed almost five billion years ago and there were no life forms whatsoever for the first two billion years of its existence.

And recent evidence shows it is possible some human-like creatures were active in some parts of the planet around 1.5 million years ago.

Centuries before Darwin, astronomers had shown the earth's humbler position in the solar system, in contrast to the Church's conviction that the celestial bodies encircled the earth.

Now it was the turn of others to show the changes that had taken place in and on the earth over long periods of time. As is well known, the Church was profoundly disturbed at the scientific revelations in the latter part of the 19th century.

But those Christians adhering to the literal understanding of Scripture were equally disturbed by what has been called Higher Criticism of the biblical texts and a fresh assessment of the documents in both the Old and New Testaments.

Later, in the 20th Century, further research by biblical theologians argued much of the material in the biblical texts was the result of an oral, rather than a written, tradition.

As Christians, we are called at all times to seek for truth and never to be afraid of examining whatever evidence is provided for us.

In the present time, there are many faithful men and women who are nevertheless reluctant to recognize the evidence provided over the centuries that demonstrates a world evolving over five billion years, set in a solar system, and an incredibly vast universe, all leaving us all filled with wonder, mystery and awe.

None of us have all the answers. Science can indeed show us how so much has happened over hundreds of millions of years, and this evidence needs to be taken seriously.

But our Christian faith calls us to acknowledge the wondrous Creator whose work reaches far beyond our human understanding, and to rejoice that this God, and his Son Jesus Christ, loves us and cares for us and urges us to continue our search into the mysteries of His creation.

Farewell visit from SSJD director of associates

By Rev. Derek Nicholls

REGINA – Sister Patricia, SSJD, made a farewell visit to clergy and lay associates of St. Chad's Ward of the Sisters of St. John the Divine (SSJD) in Regina and area from July 9-14.

Sister Patricia is Director of Associates for the Prairies and Overseas and stepped down from those responsibilities in September, after the annual Chapter Meeting of the Sisterhood was held in August.

On her first day she made a courtesy visit with Bishop Gregory Kerr-Wilson at St. Cuthbert's House, and in the afternoon Sister met with associates who were able to attend. That evening Rev. Derek and Margaret Nicholls hosted a supper at their home.

On Saturday morning Sister Patricia led a Quiet Morning at St. James, Regina, and in the evening was hosted for dinner at the Cottage Restaurant.

Sunday morning she attended the eucharist at St. James, followed by an afternoon service at Holy Rosary Cathedral celebrating the Covenant signed in January between the Diocese of Qu'Appelle and the Archdiocese of Regina.



Sister Patricia (in blue) poses with a group of SSJD associates in Regina during her farewell visit in the area from July 9-14. Pictured, from left, are Rev. Malcom French, Sister Patricia, Rev. Derek Nicholls, Kathleen Materie, Vera Shurvin and Mervyn Crozier-Smith.

Photo courtesy Mervyn Crozier-Smith

Sunday night she shared a family supper at the home of Rev. Malcolm French and his wife Jan.

Monday morning she visited three Associates who are residents at Pioneer Village and Parkside Extendedicare, and spent the rest of the day visiting with a cousin who lives in Regina.

On her final morning she had breakfast with the Nicholls before being taken to the airport

for her flight to Winnipeg to see Associates in that city and area.

The Sisterhood of St. John the Divine is celebrating its 126th anniversary this year. It is an Anglican religious order for women who seek to live in a community life devoted to prayer, service and ministry to others. Some years ago they ran the Qu'Appelle Diocesan School for girls in Regina and served

at the Union Hospital in Moose Jaw, where there is a mural depicting their ministry in the main foyer of the hospital.

Interested women who would like to learn more of the Sisterhood or men and women who would be interested in becoming associates, are invited to contact French or Nicholls, who are clergy at St. James, Regina, for further information.

Celebrating the musical ministry of Men of the Way

By the Very Rev. Kenneth Davis, Dean of the Diocese of Saskatchewan

PRINCE ALBERT – On May 29 the people of the Cathedral of St. Alban the Martyr in Prince Albert celebrated and gave thanks for the ministry of the Men Of The Way (MOTW) men's choir.

During the 10:30 a.m. Service of Holy Communion, a brief history of this music ministry was given and prayers of thanks were offered. Following our worship, we continued our celebration with a cake incorporating the logo of the MOTW and the presentation of certificates.

These certificates recognize the 15 men who have participated in this ministry since it began at the Cathedral in 2003.

Founded by Rev. Ken Lyons (now Honourary Assistant at the Cathedral), the MOTW praised God in worship services and concerts from Nov. 12, 2003 until spring of 2011.

Over these years they sang throughout Prince Albert as well as in Saskatoon, MacDowall and Weldon. In addition to singing during sacred worship, the MOTW produced three concerts at the Cathedral – assisting in our fundraising for ministry and outreach – with the catchy titles of:

*Pennies for Paul
Funds for the Furnace
Lift up the People*

The MOTW included members from the Cathedral, St. David's, Prince Albert and other Christian communities.



Rev. Ken Lyons cuts a cake to celebrate the musical ministry of Men of the Way men's choir, during a celebration of the group on May 29 at St. Alban the Martyr Cathedral in Prince Albert.

Photo contributed

They include: Bishop Michael Hawkins, Rev. Kenneth Lyons, Art Pederson, Doug Porcina, Fred Payton, Rev. Gordon Dixon, Harold Collins, John Hareuther, Roger Cochrane, Steven Carter, Tim Jelinski, Morris Anderson, Ed Stephens, Michael Lyons and Andrew Lyons.

We give thanks for the Ministry of Rev. Ken Lyons and all the Men of the Way, in Christ Jesus, Amen.

Anglican Journal Appeal 2011 needs your help

TORONTO – The annual *Anglican Journal* Appeal is set to launch in September.

Since this is a shared appeal, you are strongly encouraged to contribute to this fund. Any money raised from this appeal not only assists the *Anglican Journal*, but also goes back into the dioceses and goes toward the *Saskatchewan Anglican* as well.

Through the years, the donor support has been instrumental in helping the *Saskatchewan Anglican* and the *Anglican Journal* work together to bring you news, reflections and images revealing the breadth of the Anglican Church in the dioceses of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon and Qu'Appelle.

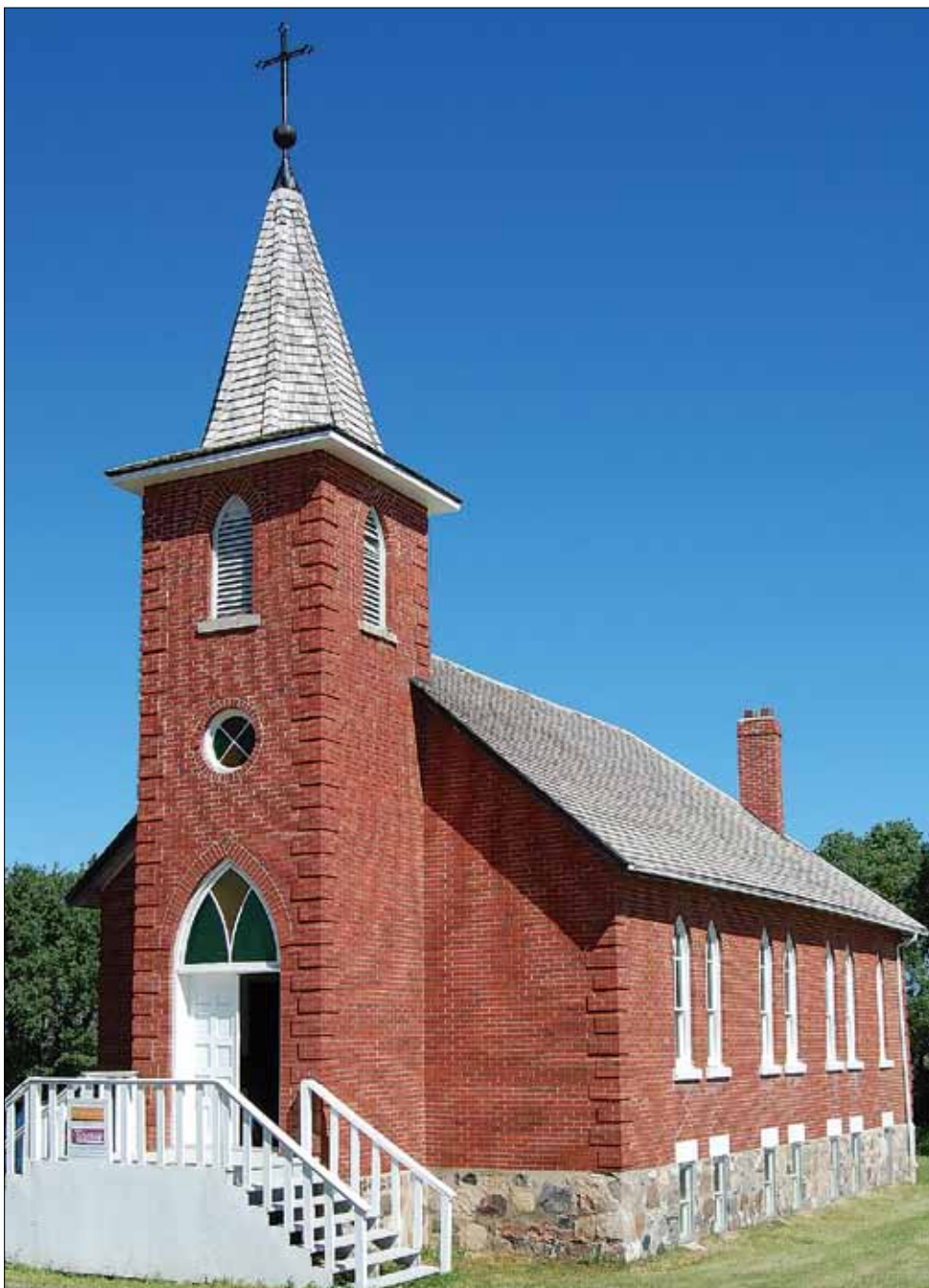
Whether responding to human need, caring for creation or discovering innovative ways to reach new audiences and grow the Church, the *Anglican Journal* and the *Saskatchewan Anglican* inspire readers to find creative ways to put their faith into action.

The *Anglican Journal*, *Saskatchewan Anglican* and the other 22 diocesan newspapers form a vital communications link between parishes, dioceses and the national Church. Please consider giving to this important appeal.

Parish Fair fun

St. James the Apostle, Regina, held its second annual Parish Fair on June 24, and was blessed with perfect weather. Parishioners and people from the neighbourhood enjoyed music and entertainment, including a magic show, carnival food and games, including a dunk tank. A service of Evening Prayer was held after the Fair, followed by a delightful English tea in the parish hall.

Photo – Betty Wagner



Immanuel Lutheran Church celebrated its centennial this summer. The heritage building, which sits on a grid road north of Regina, is faithfully maintained by a committee of dedicated volunteers.

Photo – Frank Flegel, *The Prairie Messenger*

Immanuel Lutheran Church celebrates 100 years

By Frank Flegel, courtesy *The Prairie Messenger*

REGINA – There’s no congregation, but Immanuel Lutheran Church sits defiantly on a grid road north of Regina.

The brick structure, built in 1916, looks on the outside as fresh and new as the day it was built, thanks to the efforts of a dedicated group of volunteers who this year are celebrating the district’s pioneers who established the parish in 1911.

“Some people believe the parish was organized in 1904 but there are no records until 1911 and that’s when the formal organization took place,” said Eileen Tiefenbach, chair of the church’s heritage committee.

The exterior could almost be described as pristine given the building’s age, but the interior shows a different story. “We had a lot of water damage this year,” said committee member Ron Wagner, a descendant of one of the original settlers.

“It heaved the basement floor, damaged the foundation, the sanctuary and the altar area.”

But some restoration work has already begun. Cement was recently poured around two basement teleposts and work has begun repairing cracks upstairs.

A work crew, mostly committee members with last names of some of the original church members, showed up July 9, preparing the site for the centennial celebration on July 10.

“We normally have about 80 or so

for the annual service but because it is the centennial we have 210 registered for this year’s celebration,” said Cheryl Achison Wagner.

Her father, Ron, who “lives just up the road” along with other family members, continues to do much of the upkeep. “I was baptised and confirmed here,” he said, as reasons for continuing to look after the building.

This year’s celebration took place in a huge tent set up next to the church, due to water damage. Cindy Halmanson, bishop of Saskatchewan for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, was a special guest at the centennial celebration.

Like many rural areas, population decline took its toll on the congregation, which fell from a high of about 250 at its peak to an average of four by 1971. The Mormons bought it in 1971 and remained there until 1980. For five years it sat empty. That’s when a heritage committee was formed, provincial heritage status was successfully sought, funds were raised and the annual heritage celebrations began.

“It’s our main fund raiser,” said Tiefenbach.

Even though there has not been a congregation for 40 years, the committee managed to install modern facilities including a washroom, propane furnace and concrete floor in the basement.

“We didn’t know how much we would be using it,” said Ron Wagner.