



## **News from the Pews for Sunday November 19, 2023**

“News from the Pews”, contains stories, pictures and happenings from, by and for the members of the congregation. It also contains Birthdays and Anniversaries, a Treasurer’s Update, News from other Church Groups, Boards and Committees, special requests from Bridges to Hope, News from the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and of course Special Events happening at St. David’s. There is also the Features with Pictures with happenings and pictures of happenings at St. David’s.

We hope you enjoy.....

## Minister's Message

This week, I had the somewhat unique pleasure of representing the Presbyterian Church at the installation of the new Lieutenant Governor, which took place at the Confederation Building. It was invite-only, and my seat was on the main floor with a good view. Of particular interest to me was the ceremonial lighting of a Kullik (or Qulliq), an Inuit lamp that carried the significance of a hearth, providing warmth and light to the home and now often used as a ceremonial symbol.

The lamp was lit by an elder from the First Light community, with the fire being started separately at both ends of a long horizontal wick, with the fire soon spreading to meet in the middle as the kullik began to burn in earnest. As the two fires came together, she said, she hoped that those assembled would be unified. It was a fitting symbol for the room, designed with a central aisle splitting the government seats from those of the opposition, and the kullik placed in between.

### Kullik Lighting

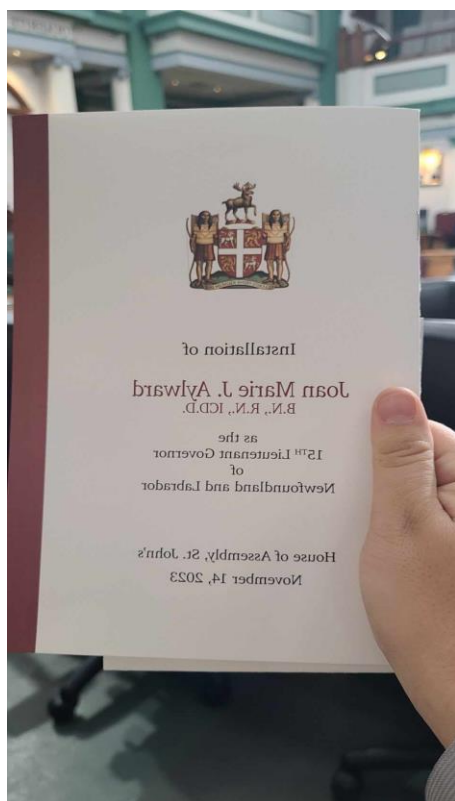
The Kullik is an Inuit lamp made of soapstone. The lamp was traditionally used by women to care for their families, for cooking, drying wet clothes, providing light, and creating warmth within the home.

It is a symbol of Inuit resilience and ingenuity to survive in the harsh conditions of the North. Today, the Kullik has taken on a ceremonial function and is often lit to mark important occasions.

The service itself was interesting to me, because it carried all of the solemnity and structure of a worship service, but centred around an entirely different figure. The oaths that were sworn were to protect the interests of

"King Charles the Third, and his Heirs and Successors". As someone who has led many a baptismal family to proclaim their allegiance to Jesus Christ, it does feel a bit strange to witness oaths that are so similar but with a human object, and it is a reminder of the old systems of power still firmly at work in our world.

May we all remember our first and strongest loyalty is to Jesus Christ and to the mission of God we see revealed in the scriptures. May we work for love, grace, peace and forgiveness more than for the empires of man. May we be voices for unity in the world, bringing opposing sides together. For God is Lord of all, as likely to be found in a cattle stall as in the halls of power, loving the powerless and befriending sinners. That's the King I want to follow.



Invitation and Regalia



## **Meetings This Month**

### **Presbytery**

Presbytery will meet Wednesday November 22, 2023 at the Kirk.

### **St. David's Board of Managers**

St. David's Board of Managers will meet Thursday November 23, 2023 at 7 pm in the Armour Room.

### **Treasurer's Report**

This past week I reported on the state of our finances to Session. We used the full Line of Credit (LOC) to help pay the October month-end and November month-start payrolls. I watch all upcoming automatic withdrawals, to ensure sufficient funds are in our account. When I have sufficient funds to pay people and businesses, I do. The Session and Board are aware of our financial situation, and I have asked for a joint meeting of both groups.

Thank you to all who are continuing to donate to your church through your envelopes on Sunday mornings, by e-transfers, or through your monthly PAD contributions. My thanks go out to elders and friends who happily and gladly pick-up envelopes from those not able to get out and help by dropping them off at the church office.

**By the way, the sole email address we are using to accept donations is [stdavidsnfld@gmail.com](mailto:stdavidsnfld@gmail.com) and this one is linked to our bank account and it will automatically accept all donations.**

## **Birthdays and Anniversaries (November 20 to November 26, 2023)**

Happy Birthday greetings go out to Nicole Myles who will be celebrating her birthday on November 25<sup>th</sup> with family and friends. Nicole is the daughter of Joan and Wayne Myles. Best wishes Nicole from your St. David's family and we hope you have a great day!

Happy Birthday greetings go out to Dave Hudson who will be celebrating his birthday on November 21<sup>st</sup>! Dave will be celebrating with his wife, Sylvia, their children and families, and many good friends near and far. Best wishes on your birthday Dave from everyone here at St. David's and may there be many more birthdays to come!

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Rev. Ian Wishart who will be celebrating his 93rd birthday on November 26<sup>th</sup>! Rev. Wishart is a great friend to many here at St. David's and has always been very supportive of our Church. Everyone here at St. David's wishes you a wonderful day, Ian, spent with family and friends – near and far! Enjoy!

Happy Birthday greetings Dini den Otter who will be celebrating her birthday with family and friends, near and far, on November 24<sup>th</sup>! Even though Dini is now living in Edmonton, Dini and her family were a very big part of our Church life for many years and she still has many friends here in St. David's. Best wishes Dini from your St. David's family and we wish you all the best!

**If you know of someone who is going to have a birthday or an anniversary in the coming days or weeks, please call or email the church.**

## St. David's Upcoming Events and Notices

### CHRISTMAS HAMPERS 2023

We are hoping to do at least forty-five (45) hampers, or more, this year!

The proposed preparation date is Sunday, **December 17, 2023**

With proposed delivery date Wednesday, December 20, 2023

More information/details will come later but we are starting to stockpile some of the non-perishable items **now** so that there will be less to purchase when December arrives. Here's how you can help!

From the list below, select one or more items and donate it, placing it on the Food Trolley on Sunday or dropping it off at the Office during the week (Hours 9 AM – 1 PM daily).

Watch the Flyer "specials" to get the best deals possible!

**P. S. Monetary donations or gift cards are always helpful and appreciated!**

Thank you for your support!

Non-perishable food items we generally need to purchase:

Sugar	Flour	<del>Tuna</del>
Green peas	Corn	Evaporated milk
Cheese Whiz	Peanut butter	<u>Juice (1-L)</u>
Cereal (box)	Teabags	Coffee (Instant)
Crackers	Cookies	Beans (tin)

**N.B. An item with a strikethrough indicates that we already have at least forty (40) of that item – our initial goal. We will do more if funds permit!**

## **Paving Notice and Thanks to the Families Involved**

If you passed by the church either Thursday afternoon or on Friday, you may have noticed some yellow tape around the horseshoe in front of the church. The paving of the driveway in front of the church was completed on Thursday. As treasurer I would like to acknowledge the families who either donated specifically for this work and to those who approved of the use of memorial donations for members of their families. In one case the money was tucked away for this specific purpose and in the other family members approved of this use from the Memorial Fund. My thanks to all who helped make this happen. Anne Calver

## **Sunday School**

Each week the Sunday School will have an item to share with the church community. This week Sunday School's thoughts: "What talents do you have? How can you use them to shine a light in this world?". The Memory Verse for November is The Beatitudes Matthew 5:1-12 AND remember to save the date for Tea with Tilly which is Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup>!

## **AMS - November is Winter Coats Month**

The month of November is dedicated to collecting "lovingly used" Winter Coats. Please ensure that all closures; zippers, snaps, buttons, etc. are in good working order. A coat rack is set up in the reception area just outside the offices for the collection of donated coats.

## **AMS Meeting for November**

The **next AMS meeting will be held after church on Sunday November 19** in the Armour Room. We will have a light lunch followed by the meeting. We hope to see you there!

Our December meeting will be on **December 3<sup>rd</sup>** and it will be a **joint meeting with the AMS members of St. Andrew's (the Kirk)**. It will take place at 12:30 in the Armour Room.

## **St. David's Choir**

I am writing regarding the upcoming November 19<sup>th</sup> service at St. David's and our hopes of returning to a choir ministry the third Sunday of each month. If you are available, we will meet 9:30 am in the sanctuary for an hour long rehearsal followed by the 11 am service.. Feel free to share this with your friends, fellow singers, and colleagues. Hope to see you Sunday morning!      Brian Way

## **WA (Women's Auxiliary)**

The November St. David's Bridge Party took place this past Tuesday, to see the worker bees and the happy bridge players, check out the Features with Pictures article!

## **WA Meeting**

The next WA meeting will be held Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023. This is the Christmas meeting of the group and will be held at **noon in the Armour Room**. If you would like to join this vibrant group, drop by and get to meet the ladies. There is a great lunch, a short devotion, and a business meeting where the plans for the next activities will take place.



## **Good Companions**

The **Good Companions** is a seniors group that meets once a week in the church hall and Armour Room to share in some activities. If you would like to try your hand at carpet bowling, join a game of bridge or 120's or maybe a friendly game of Scrabble, please join us on **Thursday afternoons from 2 pm to 4 pm**. All are welcome!

## **Prayer Shawl Ministry/Knitters**

The Prayer Shawl Knitters will be holding their next monthly meeting on **Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am in the Armour Room**. No knitting experience is required ~ please join us for a friendly and fun group for a morning of knitting and fellowship.

## **Bible Study**

“Sandwich and Scriptures”, the St. David's Bible Study group takes place in the **Armour Room every Wednesday at 12:30 pm** ~ so bring your lunch and we will make the tea (or coffee!), we would be delighted to have you join us!

## **Pickleball games for our congregation**

The fall pickleball games are well underway. Pickleball takes place every **Wednesday afternoon from 2 to 4 pm**. If you'd like more information, or if you would like to get some education on the rules and instruction on how to play, please contact the office.

## **St David's Bridge Lunches for December**

The December Bridge Lunch is **Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup> 2023 in the Church Hall**. The doors open at noon for those early comers! We can accommodate

between 20 to 22 tables, if you haven't booked your table, please contact Heather or Lillian. Remember the lunch will be a hearty meal which includes the surprise and delicious "mystery" soup, the regular array of favorite soups, plus those very decadent desserts. There will be prizes plus an enjoyable game of bridge for everyone. See you there!

## **Other Community Announcements**

### **Costal Sounds Concert and Canata**

Coastal Sounds Choir Association are thrilled to announce, A CELTIC CHRISTMAS, Choral Concert and 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cantata, on **Sunday Dec. 3 at 7 P.M. at All Saints Anglican Church, Foxtrap**, with Special Guests Matthew Byrne and local Members of NLESD. Tickets are \$ 25 and are available by our website: [www.coastalsoundschoir.com](http://www.coastalsoundschoir.com) Donations for the Community Food Sharing Association Greatly Appreciated.

### **New Choir – Spiritoso Singers**

Would you like to join a fun choir this fall? Join the Spiritoso Singers! We are a brand new, Christian-based, SATB choir, led by Sarah Templeton and Chris Morano. If you are aged 13 to 103 and have a little bit (or, a lot) of singing experience, this is for you!

Rehearsal dates are every Saturday up to December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm in the St. David's sanctuary. There will be a Christmas Concert on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. A portion of the proceeds of the concert will go to the Spear Fund, a charity that works to end child trafficking worldwide. For more information or to sign up, go to:

[www.feldenkraisforsingers.com/spiritososingers](http://www.feldenkraisforsingers.com/spiritososingers)

## **Bridges to Hope – Food Drive at St. John’s Farmers Market (SJFM) – Festive Market**

As part of the SJFM this year, **Bridges to Hope will be collecting donations** at the **“Festive Market” from November 24 to 26**. You are invited to drop by for some amazing local vendors, food, and music. For more details see the SJFM site:

[SJFM Festive Market 2023 - St. John’s Farmers’ Market](#)

## **Alex Taylor is raising funds for Bridges to Hope**

Youth musician Alex Taylor is hosting his annual “Merry & Bright” Christmas fundraiser on **Saturday November 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at St. Mary’s Church, 80 Craigmiller Ave**. For tickets, please call (709) 691-4020. Alex is donating all proceeds to **Bridges to Hope**.

## Bridges to Hope

### The Weekly "Flyer" Specials – Useful items for Bridges to Hope – November 16 to November 22

Sobeys -	KD (Kraft Dinner) - \$0.97
No Frills -	No Name Canned Vegetables - \$0.99
Colemans -	Favorite Mandarin Oranges – 4/\$5.00
	Clark Beans - \$0.88
Dominion -	President's Choice Apple Juice - \$0.99
Walmart -	Campbell's Soup - \$0.97
	Colgate/Crest Toothpaste - \$0.88
Lawtons -	Heinz Tomato Soup - \$0.79

Bridges To Hope are asking their partner churches to contribute a specific item each month and the item for November is Crackers. Other non-perishable food items are always welcome and appreciated!

Bridges To Hope are also in need of cat food (hard & soft). They don't need dog food as they have a steady supply from the Doghouse store downtown.

## Features with Pictures

### Bridge Party – November 14, 2023

This past week, the WA hosted the November Bridge Party (November 14th). As usual, we had an enthusiastic group of bridge players come for lunch and then stay to enjoy an afternoon of playing their favourite game. The homemade soups and desserts were enjoyed by our guests and there was much laughter and chatting - all in all, a fun afternoon. The next bridge party will be on **December 12th!**

Many thanks from the WA to all those who volunteered to make this afternoon a great success – our set-up and take-down crews, our "souper" cooks and "delectable dessert" bakers, our dessert "plater", our kitchen staff and servers, and our dirty dishes cleanup team. We couldn't do it without you! Thank-you all!

Here are just a few of the pictures from this past Tuesday showing some of those desserts and a couple of our "worker bees" in action.



## A Visit with Friends

Penny Gillies was good enough to send along this little note and picture from their trip in October. Hope you enjoy!

*In October we enjoyed a visit with our daughter Joanna and family in Smithers BC and en route had a quick trip to Victoria where we spent the afternoon with the Titus family. What fun reminiscing about their time in St John's. Colina was very involved with the AMS and choir and Brian was an active elder always with a story to tell.*

*Note the huge grape vine in their back garden just dripping with delicious bunches of grapes! Penny*





## Mission Moment for November 19<sup>th</sup>

The friendship between the Rev. Dr. Paul McLean and the Rev. Manias Chang Yu-fa began in 2012 when they first started working together on the Bunun Bible translation project, one of the Indigenous languages in Taiwan. In March 2023, they had just finished finalizing the entire translation when Manias was hospitalized. He passed away three months later. Although Manias did not live to see the complete Bunun Bible, his family and friends find comfort in knowing that he knew that his translation work of many years was completed before he passed away. We give thanks for faithful servants. Paul receives support from Presbyterians Sharing for his work in Bible Translation

