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Christ Church Elbow Park, Calgary
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September 3—Pentecost 13

Education & Friendship

The Education Committee is looking for new members to join our team which oversees book studies and the monthly Christ Church Café. Committee members meet 3 or 4 times a year to plan educational events. We are also looking for someone to coordinate the breakfast that goes along with the Cafe.

If you are interested please speak with Forbes Newman or Brandon Witwer.

Book Study: “A Jesuit Off-Broadway: Behind the Scenes with Faith, Doubt, Forgiveness, and More” by James Martin SJ. This book study, facilitated by April Viczko, looks at the dramaturgy of faith and the bible within the context of Stephen Adley Guirgis’ play “The Last Days of Judas Iscariot.” The original play, and subsequently Martin’s book, examines forgiveness in a post September 11 world where we find clashes of faiths and ideologies. Guirgis uses the story of Judas Iscariot as way to examine Christian consciousness and thinking about what it means to forgive and more profoundly what it means to be forgiven. The book study will commence on Tuesday, September 12, at 7:00 pm in the Coop Room. We will meet for 6 Tuesday evenings. Copies of the book will be available in the Church Office for \$15. Alternatively you may wish to download an electronic copy from either Amazon or Indigo/Chapters.

Opportunities for Ministry, September 17 following the 10:30 service—An opportunity to recognize the variety of ministries provided by members and to check out all the ways you can contribute to the life of the parish. If you have been wondering how you can make best use of your time, talent and interests to support our ministry, come and learn more about what we do. If you are involved in anything at Christ Church that occasionally needs some assistance, whether ongoing, or once in a while, please contact Richard McCowan through the Church Office at 403-243-4680.

Thursday Morning Bible Study begins again on September 14 with a meeting at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the coming year. All are welcome to join this group which meets from September through early June.

Luther, the Reformation and Ecumenism Today—Tuesday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary’s University. This event is part of the Reformation at 500 series sponsored by the University of Calgary, St. Mary’s University, Lutheran Church of Canada, and Ambrose University. The discussion panel includes the Rt. Rev’d Dr. Larry Kochendorfer, Lutheran Bishop for Alberta and Territories, The Rt. Rev’d William McGrattan, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Calgary, and The Most Rev’d Greg Kerr-Wilson, Anglican Bishop of Calgary.

ACW Silver Cross Annual Meeting & Luncheon—Saturday, September 16. Meeting will be at St. Peter Anglican Church (903 75th Ave. SW) beginning at 11:00 a.m. The Rev’d Chris Nojonen from Holy Trinity, Rocky Mountain House, will speak on Spirituality and Aging. The cost is \$10. Please RSVP to Betty Nadurak at bettynadurak@gmail.com

Blessing of the Animals on October 1 at 2:00 p.m.

Congregational Lunch on Sunday October 22 after the 10:30 service. The lunch is for anyone who would like to attend. Please bring a batch of cookies or squares for the dessert table. The lunch is an Oktoberfest theme, with bratwurst, sauerkraut, potato salad and beer! Anyone who would like to volunteer for this event please contact Meredith Cashion or Lorraine Ross through the Church Office. It would be helpful if we knew how many to cook for so please let Suzan Pedersen know at 403-243-4680 or by email at office@christchurchcalgary.org. A donation of \$5 per lunch would be gratefully accepted.

A Hidden Wholeness with Dan Hines: On Friday, October 27, 7:30 p.m. Dan will give a public lecture on A Hidden Wholeness: The Work of Parker J. Palmer and the Circle of Trust Approach. Saturday, October 28, Dan will lead a workshop on Living a Whole Life: A Courage & Renewal Workshop (Registration limited) from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. On Sunday, October 29, Dan Hines will be the guest preacher at the 10:00 a.m. service at St. Laurence Anglican Church. For more information and to register go to www.wisdomcentre.ca

Pastoral Care

Prayer Shawl Ministry will begin the fall with our meeting on Sunday, September 10, 9:15 a.m., in the Sitting Room. We welcome all who would be interested in this ministry, whether young, no longer young, men, women, boys, girls, new or experienced knitters, crocheters. Our members are very happy to help anyone who feels they need it. If you would like more information about this ministry, there are pamphlets on the shelf in the loggia explaining the history and background of Prayer Shawls, with contact information. Please feel free to take a copy.

Worship & Spirituality

We are happy to announce that Brandon Witwer, our Assistant to the Rector, will be ordained deacon on October 4 at 7:30 p.m. The service will be at the Cathedral Church of the Redeemer. Please plan to attend and show your support for Brandon in his ministry with us.

Daily Prayer Booklets for Ordinary Time (from June until December 2) are still available on the counter in the loggia. These booklets include a prayer service for each day of the week as well as readings for each day.

Prayer Conference: The Holy Spirit In Our Prayers—Saturday, September 30, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at St. Peter's Anglican Church (903 75th Ave. SW). Led by the Rev'd Gene Packwood from Anglican Renewal Ministries. Free will offering, lunch to be provided. Register at bettynadurak@gmail.com

Stewardship

Thank You – We continue to receive pledges through the summer and have now reached 90% of our goal. If you have not yet submitted your 2017-8 pledge, you can mail it in or drop it off at the church through the summer. Although many activities are in recess over the summer, our Treasurer and Management Committee will continue refining our budget for presentation at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners in late September. Pledge forms are available online at www.christchurchcalgary.org or from the Church Office. You can also email your pledge to stewardship@christchurchcalgary.org or call the Church Office at 403-243-4680 ext. 122.

Other

Annual Meeting of Parishioners—September 24 following the 10:30 service. A call has gone out for reports from the various groups that support the ministry and mission of the parish. Any material to go in the Annual Report should be received by September 8.—*Suzan Pedersen, Parish Administrator*

Visiting Bell Ringers on September 26—We are happy to host a group of bell ringers from Kent in England who will be ringing a peal that day. The peal will begin at 11:00 a.m. and usually takes about 3 hours to complete. All are welcome to come and enjoy hearing all or part of the peal.

Calendar of Events

Mon	Sep. 4		Labour Day—Office closed
Sun	Sep. 10	9:15 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting
Tue	Sep. 12	9:15 a.m.	EFM Startup
		5:30 p.m.	Management Committee
		7:00 p.m.	Book Study: A Jesuit Off Broadway
Wed	Sep. 13	10:00 a.m.	EFM Graduates Book Study startup
Thur	Sep. 14	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study startup meeting
Sat	Sep. 16	11:00 a.m.	ACW Silver Cross Annual Meeting (St. Peter's Anglican Church)
Sun	Sep. 17	11:45 a.m.	Ministry Sunday after the 10:30 service
Tue	Sep. 19	7:00 p.m.	Outreach Network
		7:00 p.m.	Bishop's Roundtable: Luther, the Reformation & Ecumenism at St. Mary's University
Thur	Sep. 20	6:00 p.m.	Mission Committee
Sun	Sep. 24	12:00 p.m.	Annual Meeting of Parishioners
		4:30 p.m.	Evensong
Tue	Sep. 26	11:00 a.m.	Peal of Bells
Sun	Oct. 1	2:00 p.m.	Blessing of the Animals
Wed	Oct. 4	7:30 p.m.	Ordination Service—Brandon Witwer (Cathedral Church of the Redeemer)
Sun	Oct 22	12:00 p.m.	Parish Lunch

Midweek Services

Wed	Aug. 30	12.15 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
		5:00 p.m.	Meditation