



ST. PETER, QUAMICHAN ANGLICAN CHURCH

The BEACON Newsletter for May 22, 2022



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SUNDAY May 22 – Click on OR copy and paste this LINK into your web browser to watch the live streamed service at 10 a.m: <https://vimeo.com/704176102>

So, what do things really cost around here?



This week our focus is **utilities** – hydro, natural gas, garbage collection and water usage. We are all aware that costs for just about everything are rising. From January 2022 to the end of April those utilities cost us **\$5466**. Compare this cost to the previous year January through end of April - **\$4236**. As much as we can, and with the help of our treasurer, we make every effort to keep those costs down. A \$1200 increase over the same period of time 1 year ago is our new reality. Your gifts to St. Peter, Quamichan help us pay the bills but we are challenged to meet the ever rising costs.

SPRING RETREAT AT CAMP PRINGLE: “WE ARE THE CLAY” Women’s Retreat

The Diocesan Women’s Retreat will be held as a ONE Day Retreat with facilitator The Ven. Clara Plamondon on **Saturday, June 18** at Camp Pringle, Shawnigan Lake. Join us as we consider the metaphor of God as the potter and we as the clay. There will be space for prayer, creative spiritual practices to engage with our theme, and some free time to have conversations and to enjoy the beautiful outdoors. Cost is \$50 which includes lunch. Deadline to Register is June 1st and can be done online at www.bc.anglican.ca under the EVENTS section. COVID protocols will be observed and are subject to change as per public health guidance.



Ministry Opportunities

Greeters are needed for the 10 AM service. One person has signed up to be a greeter but we need several more folks to support this ministry. What does a greeter do?



- Welcomes everyone as they enter the church
- Assists with hand sanitizer
- Makes sure everyone has the service bulletin and insert
- Assists with guiding folks for communion
- Opens the door at the end of the service

Please sign up. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board in the hall.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE for the Week of May 22:

Members of our Congregation: Monica, Don, Norah, Jane, Ed, Doreen, Gwyn, Vital, Teresa, Hazel, Rocke, Brendon, Chris, Pearl, Connie

Anglican Cycle:

- Anna, Bishop, Diocese of BC
- Sidney Black, Interim National Indigenous Bishop
- Diocese of Kootenay, Archbishop Lynne
- Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda
- St Columba Tofino, Rev. Jeanne Forte
- Logan, Chris, Jim and Norah, our Clergy

Government Leaders: Justin, our Prime Minister, John our Premier, Dr. Bonnie Henry, Lydia, Chief of the Cowichan Tribes, and Al and Michelle our Mayors.

Birthday Blessings this week: Mary Nelson (May 24)

Parish Families: Dorothy Wittome, Rocke Wightman, Alison Wilcox

Flowers this week: The flowers on the Reredos are given to the Glory of God by Gordon & Vickie Oldnall in loving memory of family & friends.

TAIZE WORKSHOP

Greetings friends! We regularly sing a few pieces from Taize at St. Peter's and we did for Holy Week a whole service of them, but there are many more beautiful tunes to be explored, both with voices and instruments.



Marilyn Rummel, Taize fan and student, is excited to be preparing a series of workshop sessions to study a dozen or more of these pieces. This workshop will be for all levels, all musicians. All instruments - I'll find a way to work in anything, though you need to let me know in advance - and especially all singers are welcome. Handbells (or in this case hand chimes) will work wonderfully, and cellos and guitars, and harps, violins, flutes and recorders and more are all going to find parts. You'll be able to alternate singing and playing if you wish. One of the extremely beautiful things about Berthier's music is that the melodies themselves are very simple, so beginner singers can easily learn to sing them well, but the harmonies are rich and varied, and often complex, so there is plenty of challenge for more advanced singers and players as well.

The workshop sessions will be Sundays at 4 from June 6 - July 31, except no session on June 19th, in the hall. There will be a fee of \$65 per person for the workshop, but all members of St. Peter's congregation get a "two for one" deal. Register and then bring a friend or partner along at no cost. There will be some books available for purchase, and other music that I will prepare. You'll need only to bring your instrument or your voice, a music stand if your hands will be busy, and a binder to keep your materials in. You can register on Marilyn's website www.harpcanadastudio.com/workshops

FOOD BANK DONATIONS — Household Items



For the month of May, let's fill our food donation basket with items that can be used by our furry family members and to keep houses clean! We are looking for items such as: cat food, dog food, dish soap, laundry soap, shampoo, conditioner