

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 20, 2022 – Announcements for St. John the Evangelist

Birthdays this week: no one

Please note – If you wish to have a birthday included, for privacy reasons please fill out one of the yellow Birthday Record forms for us.

Christmas Market News: As of Wednesday this week, our profits were **\$5,840.**

A great big Congratulations goes out to **Gail Jeacock of Niagara Falls**, who won our Gift Basket Raffle.



Parish Council Meeting – will be this Wednesday, Nov. 23. The Wednesday Church will meet at 7pm, followed by the Parish Council meeting at 8pm.



Advent Giving Tree - This year we are joining with Bee Montessori Niagara and Niagara Falls Christian Ministries to once again collect donations for our Advent Giving Tree. Copies of the poster have been emailed, and are available at the back of the church. **This is a reminder that NEXT SUNDAY, on November 27, we begin.** While we accept any donations on any date, we try to focus on the following:

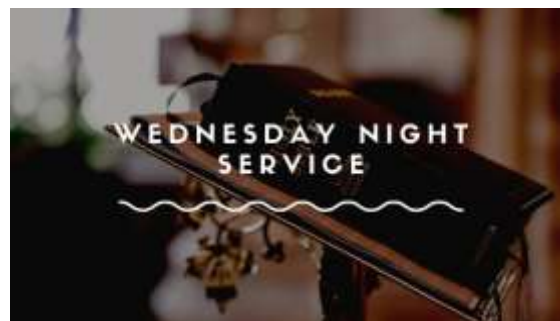
Nov. 27 – WARMTH – hats, mittens, socks, scarves, blankets, pyjamas.

Dec. 4 – PERSONAL PRODUCTS – soaps, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, razors, feminine hygiene products, diapers & wipes.

Dec. 11 – TOYS & BOOKS for children of all ages.

DEC 18 – FOOD - non-perishable items such as pasta, canned fruit & vegetables, peanut butter, canned meats & fish, and items in small packages such as granola bars, cheese & cracker packets, juice boxes, beef jerky.

Planning Meeting for our Mission Action Plan – Sunday, Dec. 4 after the 10:30am service. We will need volunteers for each of the 3 areas of our plan: Adult Faith Formation, Reshaping Parish Culture to Enable Ministry, and Fullness of Life in the Neighbourhood. Copies of the plan are available at the back of the church.



A NEW FAMILY: THROWING OPEN THE DOORS OF THE SANCTUARY

Welcome to the film series: A New Family: Throwing Open the Doors of the Sanctuary with Rachel Held Evans.

Rachel was recently quoted as saying: “The folks you are shutting out of the church today will be leading it tomorrow. The future is in the margins.” If we are resurrection people, are we willing to let the ways of doing Church that do not serve God, ourselves, or our neighbors, die? If God throws open the doors of the church, who are we to monitor them, or worse, close them? When the doors are locked and requirements for inclusion are narrow are we willing to become sanctuaries ourselves?

This series includes 5 sessions:

Session One // With an Open Hand
Session Two // Remembering Jesus
Session Three // Gatekeeping

Session Four // The God Who Sees You
Session Five // Love is Biblical

Each video will be the sermon at our Wednesday night Eucharist and we will have a time of discussion following the liturgy each night. It begins at 7pm.



Prayer List update – due Tuesday, Nov. 29: We update our prayer list **monthly**. If you wish to have a name remain on or be added to the prayer list,

please notify the church office by email or phone by the above date, or use the prayer request form at the back of the church. If you are requesting prayers for someone else, please ensure and indicate that you have their permission

to be on the list. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month.

ADVANCE NOTICE of DECEMBER SERVICES



Sunday, Dec. 11 at 7pm – CHRISTMAS LESSONS AND CAROLS – a joint service with NF Christian Ministries.

Sat, Dec 24, CHRISTMAS EVE services at 4pm and 8pm. The later service will be a joint service.

Sun, DEC. 25 CHRISTMAS DAY – 9am BCP service.



75th Annual Turkey Dinner – Sat, Nov. 26 at Stamford Lane United Church. In-person dinner 5:30pm. Drive-thru takeout and free local delivery 3-5pm. \$20. Includes roasted turkey, stuffing,

gravy, vegetable, mashed & sweet potatoes, cranberries & pie. For tickets call 905-354-8841.

2023 Anglican Church of Calendars – we have a few that are free. Just ask at the office.

Advance Notice – first week of January 2023: During the first week of January, **the school and church building will be closed.** All floors are being re-done (hallways, gym floor,...), so no one will be allowed in the building. The office will be ‘open’ as Mark and Val will work from home.

Church Archives Request – If anyone has old Vestry Reports, especially from the 1980s and 1990s, we would love to have them. We have been doing an Archives search this past week, and we are missing these. Thanks.



Lug A Mug – For the coffee drinkers in our midst, you are invited to bring your own coffee mug to use for coffee after the Sunday Service. While we use compostable

coffee cups right now post-pandemic, this will be an additional way to care for our environment.

Masks Memo: Ontario and the Diocese of Niagara removed mandatory masking requirement for most settings. However, at this time **masks will continue** to be an essential part of our suite of protections in place for indoor ministry activities, in order to care for those who are most vulnerable in our midst.

Breakfast Club Need – During the pandemic, the breakfast program at St. Georges (*St. Cath.*) has been providing a take-out meal for sixty to ninety guests every day. Not surprisingly, the cost of providing this service has DOUBLED. One of the more expensive items is jam. THANK YOU to everyone who has already contributed red jam. The need continues, so please remember to grab some extra jam when you get your groceries. We are their unofficial ‘red jam’ donor!



GRACE PANTRY

(Emergency Food Bank)

A Shared Ministry between Niagara Falls Christian Ministries and St. John’s.

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Thursdays – 6pm-9pm

Sundays – 1230-330pm

Call Christine at 905-356-5634

Or Darlene at 289-686-3406

Bring non-perishable items or grocery store gift cards any Sunday in October or November.

Recommended:

Kraft Dinner – Cookies – Cake Mixes – Pastas – Pasta Sauce – Juice Boxes – Granola Bars – Canned Soups – Formula Milk – Diapers – Small Soaps – Women’s Hygiene Products – Peanut Butter.

See Pastor Rose for more info, or call or text at 647-464-3774 or 289-296-1212.

These announcements are emailed to the parish on the Thursday before the Sunday Service. They are also available on our website. Check out <http://www.stjohnsniagarafalls.ca/>. Web-links in these Announcements can be easily clicked through from our website. Email the office if you would like these emailed to you.

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Priest-In-Charge: The Rev. Mark Gladding
Wardens: Judy Giberson, Karen James, Lil Booth

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A community of friendship, faith and care for our neighbours and all of creation.*