



## August 14, 2022 – Announcements for St. John the Evangelist

**Birthdays this week:** no one this week

**TODAY– our final Mission Action Plan Meeting – after the 10:30am service.** A report from our last meeting was emailed out July 14; paper copies are available at the back of the church, with some questions to consider.

### **Support for a New Outreach Program in Niagara Falls**

– A parishioner has shared information on a new outreach program where those searching for housing can go to access housing help, have a nap, clean up and pick out some clothes to get ready to meet a potential landlord. There will also be snacks offered so these folk don't go to an interview hungry; and this is **where St. John's can help!**

**We will collect donations of bottled water, juice boxes, granola bars and individually wrapped cookies for this outreach program. There is a special box at the back of the church for this.**

A labelled collection basket is available at the back of the church for the donated items. Thank you for your support!



Beginning Wednesday September 7<sup>th</sup>, we will do this seven week video series from The Work of the People:

**MATERIALITY AS RESISTANCE NEIGHBORLINESS AND THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH.** It features Walter Bruggemann and is based on his book by the same name. Here is a quote from the introduction:

Materiality as Resistance is a textured teaching about who we are called to be in the world through the lens of loving God, loving ourselves, and loving our neighbor. Throughout his new book and this film series, Walter opens a discussion with us about how Christianity (its beliefs and efforts) have evolved and shifted from a center of “we” or “us” cooperative body of people to a privatized, personal Jesus for “me” or “you”. We focus on our personal salvation, our personal work, our

spirituality, which is not wrong, but only part of the maturation of faith. So here, Walter discusses faith and our responsibility to one another, and how churches can model collaborative social structure, and goes so far as to invite individual believers and church leadership to start considering making decisions with the neighbor and neighborhood in mind.

**Rename the Bazaar** - As we plan for the return of an in-person bazaar this year, we are looking to give the bazaar a new name. Can you think of a catchy, creative name for the yearly bazaar? Forward your suggestions to the church email, church office, drop them in the suggestion box at the back of the church or share them on a Sunday. Can't wait to hear your ideas!



**Share your Summer Activities and Summer Vacation Photos** - If you are interested in sharing photos of your summer activities and vacation for inclusion in an upcoming fall newsletter, please submit them via email or in person to the church office to **by August 18**. Looking forward to seeing what you have all been up!

### **Preparing for the Christmas Bazaar- Saturday, Nov. 12!**



**Jewelry** .... As thoughts of preparation for this year's Christmas Bazaar begin, Pat Niven is looking for donations of jewelry, bits and pieces of jewelry that can

be repurposed into new creations, and individual jewelry boxes. Please bring your donations to the church. Thank you!

**Preserves, Canning** ... As we welcome the arrival of 'local fruit and vegetable' season, if you are a canner and could set aside a jar or two or more of this season's homemade jam, preserves or canning for donation to the Christmas bazaar, it would be greatly appreciated! These items are always a great seller. Thank you!





**Best Foot Forward Fundraising Campaign.**

Rev. Mark and the Wardens sent parishioners a letter in early April, speaking of the special fundraising campaign just begun. It is aimed at providing funds for kitchen and nursery renovations, repairs to 2 windows at the front of the Church (Sanctuary), and the roof flashing over the Chapel and offices. The total expense for these projects is \$25,000.00. Thanks to those who have contributed in big and small ways already. **So far, we have raised \$10,501.00.** All future donations greatly appreciated!

**Masks Memo:** Ontario removed the 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.

**Children’s Program** - We continue to have two children’s tables at the front of the church for use of one family per table. Colouring pages and pencil crayons are provided. The front pew and table will be reserved so a family can remain together during the service. Please notify the church office if you wish to reserve one of the tables. St. John’s is hoping to resume Sunday School in September. Thank you for your continuing patience and co-operation.

**Moon Time Sisters Menstrual Period Products needed again!** This campaign continues through to October (*after which northern roads and waterways can become impassable*). Moon Time Sisters Ontario has been partnering for the last 5 years with over 30 northern Indigenous communities in Ontario, Quebec, Nunavut, and Northwest Territories to

supply people who menstruate with free period products. They are looking for donations of pads, tampons, cloth pads, and menstrual cups. All other hygiene items that are not sent north are given to an Indigenous based family shelter and a women’s healing lodge in Toronto. More detailed information can be found at their website:

<https://truenorthaid.ca/mts-on/>



**Breakfast Club Need** – from Eleanor Frost. During this pandemic, the breakfast program at St. Georges (*St. Cath.*) has been soldiering on, 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 to donate when you get your groceries. We are now their unofficial ‘red jam’ donor!

**E-Transfers Directly to Church Bank Account!** You are now able to send deposits directly into our bank account.



A password for the church is not required, but you need our email address: [stjohn@cogeco.net](mailto:stjohn@cogeco.net) . For more complete instructions, please contact the office.

*What do you think of this new layout for the Announcements? Please let Val/the office know.*

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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