

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Readings For Next Sunday: First Reading, Acts 7:55-60 * Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 * Second Reading, 1 Peter 2:2-10 * Gospel, John 14:1-14

Celebration of Renewal for the Memorial Garden - Your help is needed as we plan a special service and reception honouring the people laid to rest in our refreshed memorial garden. The celebration will take place **Sunday, May 24, 2026**. Help is needed inviting people to the service and organizing ways to invite people, as well as determining who we would like to invite. We are also organizing a reception to be held after the service. Please contact Leeann at 604-980-4001, or popcornbunny46@gmail.com if you are able to help. If you know of someone who should be invited to this special service, please let Leeann know, or send the information to Donna in the office.

The Memorial Garden - Have you seen it recently? Our incredible Gardening Team has put their sweat, blood, and prayers into the refurbishment of our Memorial Garden, and it really looks lovely. Many thanks to everyone who had their hands in the soil to make such a welcome change!

A Plea to be Scent-Free - Our congregation is filled with so many wonderful, caring people. Some of those people are very sensitive to scents. Whether you wear perfume or cologne, or use scented products like hand-cream or hair-spray, those odours can be troubling for people with allergies, asthma, and serious lung conditions. We respectfully ask for your understanding, and ask that you avoid wearing strong scents to church. Thank you so much.

The 10th Annual Long, Long Night of Hope

We are proud to announce that our 10th annual Long, Long Night of Hope fundraiser has raised a total of \$19,670. for the Lookout Society shelter in North Vancouver. We will celebrate our success during the Thanksgiving Box portion of our service on Sunday, May 3. On May 5th, our LLNOH volunteers will gather at the Lookout Society shelter for the cheque presentation.

Many thanks to the participants and donors for making this one of our biggest years to date! Thanks to your generosity, we have given over

Jean's Box Outreach Jean's Box collects all year long for North Shore Crisis Services and the North Shore Shelter. Needs include seasonal clothing, toiletries, treats and more. Leave your donation in Jean's Box, at the back of the church near the main doors.

Our Lenten Season appeal for items for **Mission to Seafarers** is continuing on through the Easter Season. Each ship that visits our port has 20 to 30 seafarers and many struggle financially. Items needed for seafarers are warm toques, socks, medium sized body wash, tooth-paste, toothbrushes and reusable shopping bags.

Caring in Community Workshop - Saturday, May 2 - 10:00am-12:00 Noon.

The workshop will be facilitated by the Rev. Dr. Shawn Bullock along with a priest colleague who is also a Chaplain Candidate in the Canadian Navy. They will both be drawing on their respective chaplaincy training to present some ideas on caring for each other in the community, and they will be leading an interactive discussion. See Deacon Shawn if you have any questions. Sign up at the Welcome Table, or by contacting the office.

May 10 - Mothers' Day and St. John the Evangelist Day

- Bring a picture of your mother for the altar, and join us as we honour our Patron Saint during the service. Then help us celebrate all the mothers and motherly-type people in our lives during coffee hour.

Spring Rummage Sale - May 9th 10am-12pm

Hospitality & Fellowship will be holding the annual Spring Rummage Sale on Saturday, May 9th from 10am to noon. As you are doing your Spring cleaning, please save your household treasures in good condition for the sale.

Popular items include:

- Dishes and glassware
- Jewellery
- Housewares
- Wall art and figurines
- Books, DVDs, puzzles and Games

Not accepted:

- Clothing, furniture, junk-drawer items

Bring your donated treasures to the church between 1-5pm on the afternoon of Friday, May 8th - no storage at the church before that date. Thanks!

Prayer Shawl Ministry - Feel free to join them every **2nd and 4th Tuesday at 1:30pm**, in the chapel or the lounge. They gather to pray, knit and gift. "Knit one, Pray two". Wool is provided. Please bring your own knitting needles.

Quote of the Week

Here is this week's quote that provides food for thought or inspiration, or, better yet, both. If you have any suggestions for quotes please pass them along to Donna in the office.

"Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains."

- James 5:7

James tells us to be patient in the face of trials, because God's joy is coming. The beautiful trees in blossom remind us of the hope found in Spring.

Soup and Buns and Conversation - Wed.

May 6 - at 11:30am in the downstairs lounge. Please feel free to invite friends and family.

We will be warmly welcoming the Rev. Peter Smyth, Senior Port Chaplain for the Missions to Seafarers. He will be speaking about the ministry to those working on ships in the Port of Vancouver.

While it is a drop-in program, please let Donna know if you plan to come and how many might be coming with you (email stjohnnv@telus.net or call 604-986-1151). We look forward to seeing you.

The Coming Week At St. John's

Sunday, April 26 * *Coffee Hour Today (Lounge) After the service*

Monday, April 27 * *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm*

Tuesday, April 28 * *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm * Alanon Meeting (Lounge) 7pm - 9pm*

Wednesday, April 29 * *Church Office is Open 9am-12pm * Never Alone Meeting (Lounge) 6:30 - 8pm*

Thursday, April 30 * *Mother Goose Nursery Program (Lounge) 10:30-11:30am * Church Office is Open 12pm-3pm * AA Meeting (Lounge) 7pm- 9pm * Choir Practice (Sanctuary) 7pm- 9pm*

Friday, May 1 * *Church Office is closed * Chair Yoga with Andrea (Lounge) 10am **

Saturday, May 2 * *Church Office is Open 9am - 12pm * Caring in Community workshop (Lounge) 10am-12pm * Memorial Service for John Foley 2:00pm*

Sunday, May 3 - First Sunday of the Month brings the Thanksgiving Box!