

The Periodic...

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(A somewhat regular but mostly irregular publication)

LET US PRAY...

Prayer, of all the disciplines of the faith is perhaps the most simple and fundamental. As soon as they can speak children can pray. They can learn the Lord's Prayer, offer prayers of thankfulness for the day, confess their hurtings of the day, hold up worries and concerns, lay hands on mom, dad and siblings and ask for healing. So simple! Yet even Jesus disciples, who had grown up in a prayer based faith (a very liturgical prayer based faith) asked Jesus to teach them how to pray.

We all know how to pray. Close your eyes bow your head and talk. Yet when asked to open a meeting in prayer we suddenly find the carpet patterns at our feet extremely compelling.

We all believe that God hears the prayers of his people, that he loves us and wants what is best for us. Yet when invited to receive prayer for ourselves, we act as if it is a good idea for someone else who really needs it to go for.

We are taught too, that God can speak to us through prayer when we stop to listen. Yet when invited to 'listen' for the voice of God in prayer we can get a little uncomfortable because as Anglicans we speak when we pray, listening is not the way we do things.

So, to help us learn to pray, to give us confidence to pray, to remove any fear or embarrassment in prayer and to encourage us to pray in ways that are unfamiliar to us, we have decided to host a 'Prayer Symposium'. We have invited Bishop Trevor Walters to come and lead us in a workshop on prayer.

When: October 5, 2013 from 10am to 2pm

Where: Sutherland church (in the sanctuary)

Who: Anyone and everyone who thinks they might like to learn more about prayer. (If you are already a prayer expert and feel you do not have anything else to learn please feel free to excuse yourself from this event).

Cost: \$10 (includes lunch)

Love the LORD your God...

Last spring we began teaching on our renewed vision for St. Timothy's. We began with a six week series looking at church and culture, how it has changed over 2000 years and where the church went wrong trying to react to those changes. The main point was to give us a deeper understanding of what the church is to be, **'The church participates in the continuation of Jesus' incarnation. By the Holy Spirit we are the ongoing presence of Christ on earth.'** And we talked about learning to **'be faithfully present before God and each other'**. We then took a few weeks to examine two core truths we want everyone to know, **'God is present in this world and in your life. God is for you not against you.'** This fall we will continue to teach towards this renewed vision by examining the type of church we want to be. We want to be a church which helps everyone to grow in their faith and understanding, **'All your heart & soul'**. We want to be a church which challenges people to think, **'All your mind'**. We want to be a church which will challenge you to live into, up to and out of your salvation, **'All your strength'**. Finally we will tie it all together as we see how this fits in with **Going into our community, Gathering in fellowship, Glorifying God in worship, Growing to become more like Jesus and Giving of ourselves for the sake of others.**

WHAT'S HAPPENING...

- Our new website will be launched soon
- Home Groups & Bible Studies begin now
- Kidz Church is in full swing
- First 5 is back beginning Sept. 20 at 6pm
- Ladies group begins tomorrow
- Men's ministry will have three events this fall (two breakfasts and an evening gathering which might involve beer tasting).

WHERE DO I FIT IN?

- If you are new to the church or just looking for a new place to use your gifts and skills, there are plenty of ways for you to both serve and be served.
- Sunday Mornings: reading, prayer, altar guild, choir, greeter, A/V, serving coffee.
 - Pastoral Care: if you have a heart of compassion and desire to pray and care for others, this could be a place for you.
 - Small Groups: Bible study or prayer groups.
 - Children's Ministry: Kidz church, nursery or First 5.

UPCOMING DATES:

- Sept 20: First 5 'Wild Games' 6pm
- Oct 4: First 5 Corn Maze 5:45pm
- Oct 5: 'Listen to Pray' Bishop Trevor
- Oct 19: Harvest Dinner
- Nov 3: Submissions for Advent Guide
- Dec 1: Christmas Party
- Dec 8: Readings & Songs 'The Christmas Story' 7:30pm
- Dec 15: "Christmas Presence" 8pm @ Sutherland