

PARISH CHECK-IN

VALHALLA PARISH

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OPENING PRAYER

A candle may be lit.

O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly.

Hear my voice when I cry to you.

Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense.

The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Glory to God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

silence and stillness

God of wind and flame, send your life-giving Spirit upon your people: give fire to our words, strength to our witness and boldness to our proclamation of your wondrous work in Christ; who, with you and the Spirit, lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Kindle in us the fire of your love, O God

That we may love our neighbours to the Glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.

INTRODUCTION

CHECK-IN QUESTION

WHAT MIGHT YOU HAVE TAKEN
FOR GRANTED OR UNDERVALUED
ABOUT OUR PARISH BEFORE THE
MARCH 2020 LOCKDOWN THAT
YOU VALUE MORE GREATLY NOW?



CELEBRATIONS



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- Online services and gatherings (Zoom, Facebook, etc.)
- Completing rectory renovations and renting it
- Hiring a part-time missionary
- Parish work day
- Fixing the parish roof
- Our hospitality to the Community Harvest Food Bank
- The Thrift Shop's ministry to the community, and our members' participation in this

FINANCES

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- In February 2021 we set modest budgets for both St. David's and St. Stephen's

ST. DAVID'S	ST. STEPHEN'S
\$100,050	\$11,297

- As reference, the 2020 budget for St. David's was \$121,509 and 2019 was \$116,988

FINANCES—EXPENSES

- The St. Stephen's Budget contains standard items, the most significant of which are Kootenay Fair Share (\$2,925), Insurance (\$2,400), and a portion of Clergy Stipend (\$2,000)

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- The St. David's budget includes big budget items like Rectory Repair (\$23,000) and Property Taxes (\$3,000), KFS (\$9899), Insurance (\$4500), and Church Maintenance (\$3500)
- St. David's also pays the 60% salary of the Missioner (~\$40K).
- Because of the Pandemic, we reduced expenses in all categories where we had wiggle room

FINANCES—REVENUE

- To Date, St. David's has received \$26,205 in revenue. This includes funds from the following categories:

RECEIPTED GIVING	\$12,655
THRIFT SHOP	\$7,000
RENTAL INCOME	\$3,927
NON-RECEIPTED	\$1,692
OTHER	\$931

FINANCES—REVENUE

- On the whole, St. David's is on-track with overall revenue, thanks to higher than expected revenue from the Thrift Shop and Rental Income
- An area of concern is the difference between budgeted giving and what we're receiving on average each month:

AVG MONTHLY (BUDGETED)	AVG MONTHLY (ACTUAL)	MONTHLY DIFFERENCE	TOTAL DIFFERENCE (YTD)
\$3,750	\$3163.75	-\$586.25	-\$2,345

FINANCES—REVENUE

- St. Stephen's is largely on target with their budgeted revenue, but had an insurance bill higher than expected.
- Giving at St. Stephen's is only a little shy of budget

AVG MONTHLY (BUDGETED)	AVG MONTHLY (ACTUAL)	DIFFERENCE
\$311.67	\$297.50	(\$14.17)

FINANCES—TAKEAWAYS

- Considering the negative effects of the pandemic, including no in-person worship, we are in decent financial health, though with a growing deficit when it comes to monthly giving from members
- We are headed into the summer months, which include Property Tax bills in both Castlegar and New Denver
- Cash Flow may be slightly challenging in July
- One thing that will help is folks moving to regular monthly giving through Cheque, Pre-Authorized, or Online Giving.
- Knowing our financial position, if you are able to give more, please consider doing so
- As in-person worship resumes, it will be interesting to see how our donations change

LOOKING AHEAD

RESUMING

IN-PERSON WORSHIP



WORSHIP DATES

	ST. DAVID'S	ONLINE ZOOM
JUNE 6	X	
JUNE 20		X
JULY 4	X	
JULY 18		X
AUGUST 1	X	
AUGUST 15		X

keep an eye on www.valhallaparish.ca/events for updated info

MISSION PLANNING

*'The place God calls you to is
the place where your deep
gladness and the world's
deep hunger meet.'*

- Frederick Buechner



MISSION PLANNING

- In Fall 2021, Valhalla Parish will embark on an intentional mission planning process
- Goal: To help focus the mission of Valhalla Parish by finding the place where our parish's "Deep Gladness" and the "World's Hungers" meet
- Mission Action Planning is a process that helps parishes vision, plan, decide and act for growth. It is widely used in the UK and in the United Church of Canada to help congregations focus their resources on goals and actions set to support growth and encourage discipleship.

MISSION PLANNING

- What is it all about?
 - Helping us to have conversations we might not normally have
 - Stimulating prayerful reflection
 - Helping our congregations to see opportunities for mission, to set direction, and take first faithful steps

MISSION PLANNING

- When will it start?
 - Late Summer / Early Fall
- What does it need?
 - The congregation's prayer and openness to Holy Spirit
 - Taking time to connect with one another, hear everyone's voices, and to discern next steps
 - *5-7 People* willing to join the Mission Planning Task Force

Q & A

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord, it is night. The night is for stillness. Let us be still in the presence of God. It is night after a long day. What has been done has been done; what has not been done has not been done; let it be.

The night is dark. Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives rest in you. The night is quiet. Let the quietness of your peace enfold us, all dear to us and all who have no peace.

The night heralds the dawn. Let us look expectantly to a new day, new joys, new possibilities.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.