



Anglican Church Women

Diocese of Algoma Newsletter

Fall 2017

Hope Bear/Book Information for Algoma Deaneries and Newsletters

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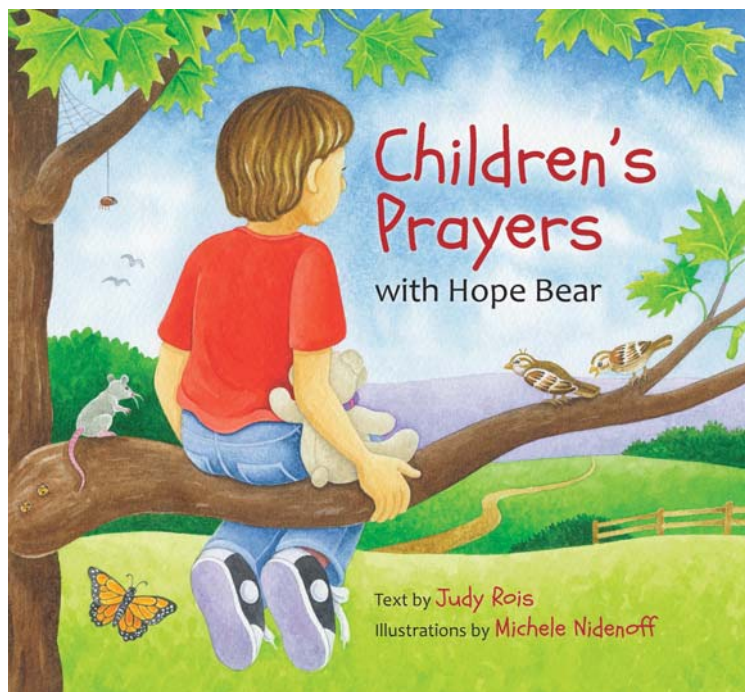
A variety of Hope Bear styles are available. Go to:
http://www.anglicanfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/AF_Hope-Bear-Order-Form_2016_FINAL.pdf.

Also check out what's new!! (Everyone got a sneak peek at the Spring ACW Annual! The new book by Hope Bear !)

New: Children's Prayers With Hope Bear Book. Go to: <http://www.anglicanfoundation.org/60th/childrens-prayers/>

All of these Hope Bear Items Would Make an Excellent Gift for Christmas! As well as for Baptism, birthdays, college, and just for the love of giving! In turn you will be supporting the Anglican Foundation of Canada, supporting our youth of the future.

Joy Stott, Family Life Chair



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DIOCESE OF ALGOMA

From the Bishop

Fall 2017

Dear friends in the ACW,

The long and lazy days of summer quickly give way to the back-to-everything of fall. I hope that this letter finds you well rested and refreshed and with many stories to share of summer time adventures at home or away.

I had the pleasure of spending time in some of our 'summer only' congregations of Llewellyn Beach on St. Joseph's Island and St. Christopher's in McGregor Bay. Most of the residents are 'from away' and some are as active and committed in their summer churches as they are in their home congregations serving here as lay readers and church wardens, in taking turns to arrange flowers or prepare the altar for worship. I know that this is true for many of you as your parish responsibilities continue over the summer months.

My prayer is that ministry never becomes an unbearable load for any of us, but a joy as we share in the gathering work of Christ. May His love overflow in our churches, homes, hearts and communities.

I want to encourage you to continue being for others as Christ was always for others in his ministry. Your hard work and the gifts of money that your groups give away are a great blessing to those who receive it. You might never hear from them after the cheque is in the mail, but I saw firsthand at Youth Synod (Camp Manitou) how the youth many of you sponsored to attend grew spiritually and experienced the closeness of a Christian community in the few days they were together.

For some of the youth this was the very first time they had been away from home, travelled in a bus and slept overnight on the floor of a church hall. Some

had never been in a kayak or a canoe or a boat, had never shared camp songs or slept in a cabin with other campers, or eaten copious amounts of pancakes in a dining hall.

Over the course of three days those young people flourished. Once they got over their initial homesickness they immersed themselves fully into every activity, learning, praying, heading off over the lake in kayaks and swimming. I observed our youth helping each other with small tasks and studying passages of Scripture together in groups. I heard them lifting their voices in praise to God in songs, praying for each other at a healing service, and sitting in twos and threes at the edge of the lake just enjoying the beauty of God's creation. During the "Bishop's Bear Pit" they asked me thoughtful questions about faith and difficult questions about human sexuality.

I watched as new friendships were made, and old ones rekindled, as youth listened to each other share stories of pain and joy. On skit night they cheered each other on encouraging the shyest to 'go for it' and not be afraid to sing that song, tell that joke or read that poem they'd written.

On the last day of Youth Synod, before they got on the boat to leave Camp Manitou many of the youth came to thank me for the time they'd had, and to ask me if they could come back to camp next year.

It had been a huge amount of work for the leaders to prepare for Youth Synod. The cost in time and money enormous. Yet, as I watched the youth over those few days



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From the President . . .

Welcome back, ladies, to to the yearly round of activities that you so lovingly embrace through the seasons. To those who are busier in the summer, take a breather now, enjoy the fall weather and the colours of God's creation.

I am using this space to give a brief report of my trip to Ancaster, in June, to the National Anglican Church Women's Presidents Conference and the National Gathering of Anglican Women.

We presidents gathered on June 14 and had an informal session of "Who are we and what are we doing in our corner of the country?" The next day we got down to business. There was no great, life changing motion put forward, mostly housekeeping items. The usual presentations and workshops were part of The Gathering this year.

Everyone else arrived that afternoon and evening and we gathered for worship and then greeting sessions, together and in our townhouses. There were over 80 women from coast to coast to coast. The next 2 days were filled with presentations, workshops and worshipping together interspersed with wonderful food, wonderful singing and wonderful community.

The workshops offered were:-

- Storytelling the Gospel
- PWRDF Update (Recent trip to Tanzania).
- Praying aloud (I attended this one).
- Women's Ministry through the years.
- The Anglican position on Assisted Dying (I took this one).
- Mothers' Union (Who we are and what we do).

The presentations given were -

- Archbishop Fred Hiltz - Human Trafficking and what we can do about it
- Doug Green- The Mohawks come to Christianity (Their history and connection with the Anglican Church)
- Dr. Judy Rois and Dr. Scott Brubacher- The Anglican Foundation (a table of items available from the foundation, too)
- The Ven. Deborah Lonergan-Freake- The Council of the North (our ministry in that vast area of our Church)
- Sierra Robinson- Roper- Youth representative to the UN Status of Women
- Ann Veyvara-divinski- "You do this because..."

(some insights on volunteering as a Christian in the Community)

During our final Eucharist we were treated with a beautiful performance of Liturgical Dance. It was truly inspiring.

This was a coming together of old friends and new and a country wide sharing of ideas and viewpoints. We hope to have another one in 3 years time and we are all looking forward to it. As you can guess, our heads were full of information that will come to us in bits as we work through our ministries in our parishes in the time to come. If anyone would like more info on any of these topics, let me know and I'll try to arrange a connection for you.

As we move through the year, let us remember why we are and do what we are and do.

God bless you all,

Barbie



The National ACW Executive is made up of Diocese Anglican Church Women of Canada

Our National President is Margaret Warwick so please add her name to the National Prayer; our Diocesan Prayer Partner is the Diocese of Fredericton, Rosemarie Kingston, President.

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Janet Pike

Greetings from the Chaplain

Dear Sisters in Christ,

As fall fast approaches, with all its colour, challenges, excitement, and anticipation of what a “new year” offers, I’ve been drawn to the words of a hymn often sung at ordinations and calls to new ministry. (Hymn 433 in CP)

“Lord, you give the great commission: Heal the sick and preach the word.”

Lest the church neglect its mission and the Gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity;
with the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.”

All five verses of this hymn speak to our call as Anglican Church Women - to serve God in this world, reaching out across barriers, oceans, and mountains to give our gifts of love, caring, generosity, and prayer throughout the very many places where all the aforementioned gifts are scarce. We are called, as a community throughout this land, and the world, to bring Christ’s light to so many who sit in darkness - both literally and figuratively - so that all may know the light that shines in our hearts in spite of the darkness that threatens to surround us from the world.

I couldn’t help but notice the joy and love that was shared at our ACW Annual this past May. Gathering to

sing praises filled the room with joy; to pray together filled it with compassion; to eat - at both the regular table, and again at the Lord’s table - filled both body and soul with the nourishment that strengthens our ministry; and the discussions about future ministry to various places and in various ways filled us with hope as we listened to God call us both to continue in ministry already begun and to begin new avenues of spreading the gospel to those who have not had the opportunity fully hear with understanding.

As I get the opportunity to visit each deanery across the diocese, I look forward to our sharing our ministries with each other and discerning our ongoing commission.

“Lord, you bless with words assuring; I am with you to the end.”

Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend,

and amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity,

with the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.”

Your sister in Christ,

Edna+





**ACW
The Quiet Corner**

Algoma ACW
Devotional Chair.

Sue Goodwin

Welcome, come and rest awhile and take some time to reflect.

Read the word of God and allow it to fill your being let it say to you what God wants you to hear. Then if you wish read on, as I share with you what it said to me, for truly we are all different and he treats us that way . **Matt 9: 10- 13**

The church had been cleaned the brasses polished and the Alter carefully prepared.

The church was nicely filled with the regular congregation and a few new faces, all quietly catching up with the latest gossip or speculating on which of the strangers might be the “new man or woman”.

In fact one could almost say that there was an air of excitement about the place perhaps mixed a little, with some apprehension.

And then it happened, just as the first hymn was being announced a commotion from the back, loud enough that heads turned to see what was going on.

There he stood a homeless man in his forties, his six foot frame stooped forward, hair matted and dirty, he looked as if he hadn't had a shave for months and his clothes were torn and ragged.

There was almost a collective gasp from those present, some looked away quickly, embarrassed by what they saw.

Others spread themselves out across the pew so that he should think there was no room for him to sit next to them.

Who he was and where he had come from nobody knew but obviously he was a good for nothing, into drugs or alcohol no doubt, probably done time as well!

For him to be there today of all days was to say the least unfortunate, after all what would the new minister think!

The server at the door smiled offered him a set of books and directed him to an empty pew near the back.

However he shuffled off down the aisle toward the front and after threatening to sit next to several people, all of whom either turned and looked away or deliberately barred his entry, he finally plonked himself down next to a young couple, and everyone else heaved a sigh of relief.

The service continued uneventfully with the Psalm the first and the readings and finally the gradual hymn. As was the custom the Deacon came and stood among the congregation to read from the Gospel.

“The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

Matthew 9: 10-13.

While Jesus was having dinner at Matthews house many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this they asked his disciples why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners? On hearing this Jesus said, “It is not the healthy that need a doctor but the sick. But go and learn what this means: I desire mercy not sacrifice. For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.” NIV

The word of the Lord.”

“Would you all please be seated” she said.

This was the moment, this is what they had been waiting for this was the moment when their new Priest would be introduced to them.

They eyed expectantly a distinguished looking gentleman sitting in the first pew but he made no move to get up, instead, it was their unwelcome guest that rose to his feet and stepped up to the pulpit.

This time the collective gasp was audible, some looked decidedly sheepish others downright ashamed, some even shed a tear, how could they have been so uncharitable, judgemental, when even if he had been all the things they had thought it was after all for the every-one that Jesus had died.

Seeing that the message had gotten through the new minister briefly introduced himself and left it at that, time enough for a sermon next Sunday.

It was a very thoughtful congregation that made their way home that day.

This is an old story but worth hearing from time to time I think.

Prayer

Lord of all mercy, as we go about our busy lives, help us to always be aware of those who need our understanding.

Make us sensitive to their needs and concerned for their welfare,

accepting them just as they are without bias or intolerance. For we are all equal in your sight and healed through your Grace.

For your names sake, **Amen.**

Family Life

Family Life = a commitment to growing healthy churches encompassing the Family of God through ministry, and mission, seeking Christ in all persons.

As the summer leaves us, Autumn begins to slowly creep in and around us, ascending upon us with cool nights and warm days. God gently paints the forests with warm colours of Fall, and as it comes ... we come to think of Harvest time and giving, ... Thanksgiving.

After a fun filled summer spent with family and friends, September brings our minds back to our family routines, and "Church Family life". To many of us, our parishes are our "family"; an extension of the "Family of God" of friends who care for us. Our Family Life, our Parish Life is a vital part of the church, of every church here in Algoma and throughout the Anglican communion.

Family Life builds community within our parishes, a sense of belonging, sharing, caring, giving of time and talent. Every person plays a role as a member of that body of Christ, who have a special place in the Parish family, whether greeting a new-comer, or re-engaging a regular member; visiting the sick or shut-in; supporting and teaching our youth; or inviting community outside of the church to many functions within the Church ministries.

Family Life comes in many forms, for the women of the A.C.W. it may be with welcoming to the newly baptised; spiritually nurturing and assisting with Church School, Messy Church, Youth Groups, Vacation Bible Schools; talent nights; Church bazaars, teas, lively socials; coffee hours, dinners, fundraisers for church and community, Pancake suppers; caring pastoral care teams; talented women with knitting, sewing, cooking; altar guild; projects with Social Action and much more. Many fun filled activities and church functions that build and brings the "parish family" to "life", together.

This is "Parish Family Life" !

The Family of God. May your parish be filled with joy, peace, love and life ... Happy Thanksgiving !

Blessed be the ...

Family ... who is

Accepting ... to all.

Members ... old and new,

Integrating ... all who we meet.

Lovingly ... reaching out,

Yearning ... to be examples of God's ...

Love ... nurturing, caring, sharing.

Inviting ... God's, Hope, Joy, and Peace into our,

Fellowship ... with

Everyone !

I would love to hear your stories of Family Life within your Parish! Please email me at: yesofallsaints@gmail.com or contact me via phone (705-784-9722) and leave a message or contact number where I can get back to you!

*Let us go out, gladly serving the Lord, trusting in Him!
Thanks be to God!*

Joy Stott

ACW Family Life Chair for Diocese of Algoma



Memories from one of the skits at the Annual!



Bishop's Message

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I realized

that the heavy work of being a worker in Christ's vineyard gave way to the reward of seeing the blessings those young people received.

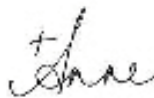
If you sponsored a youth to attend Youth Synod, or a camper at one of our diocesan summer camps I want to say 'thank you' because you have made a difference in their lives and are helping them to grow into the full stature of Christ.

There won't be a Youth Synod in 2018 because CLAY is happening in our Diocese from August 15th-19th 2018 at Lakehead University in Thunder Bay. Algoma will be welcoming thousands of young people from across Canada for CLAY, the biennial gathering of Anglican and Lutheran youth. At CLAY, youth will encounter scripture in meaningful ways, experience ancient and modern ways of worship, learn together in special interest forums, and make connections with youth from all over Canada.

This is going to be an incredible few days next summer. We would like to send 30 youth from Algoma to CLAY but to make it happen it will cost in the region of \$30,000. The cost includes transportation to Thunder Bay, registration, meals and accommodation. Not many of our youth are able to afford the \$1000 price tag. I would like to invite every congregation and every men's and women's group across Algoma to consider supporting the diocesan youth by having a fundraiser in their parish for CLAY 2018. Even if you don't have youth attending from your congregation, this is one way in which you can support our youth.

Details of where you can send your CLAY seed money will be posted on the Diocesan website this fall and I know that with your generosity that we will be able to send 30 youth and leaders to CLAY. Thank you in advance! In addition to supporting our youth in this way, please pray for all those who are responsible for our young people in our congregations.

Wishing you and those you love a blessed fall and a very Happy Thanksgiving. In the love of the Christ we serve,



Social Chair

submitted by May Seguin

When Ronald C. Ferris, was Bishop of Algoma, Dorothy Chabot was ACW Diocesan Chairperson, and she submitted the following Devotional Prayer. Dorothy, a devoted and dedicated Anglican Woman, will remember this and I wish to pay tribute to her. Dorothy, a retired teacher, resides in the Deanery of Muskoka.

Diocese of Algoma Anglican Church Women

I take God's Loving Hand

Whenever crushing be my cares,
I take God's loving hand;
Who walks beside me day by day
And fully understands.

For His dear hand, which strengthening be,
is always kept in mine;
Because He's won my contrite heart,
And truly is He mine!

The love of God, who is my forte,
Means more to me each day.
And just because He's always near,
He hears me when I pray!

So sweet this fellowship with God,
That I can scarce explain;
Just what it means to me, His child;
Because His grace I've gained!

So even when the skies are dark
And sunlight I can't see,
I still can see God's loving face,
Who is the whole of me.

Poem by S. Farmon King

*Submitted by Dorothy Chabot, ACW Devotions
Chairperson*

Announcement!

The Diocesan ACW Executive had a teleconference on Wednesday, September.

Some important decisions regarding mission donations will be announced in the Winter issue.



Farewell Labels for Education &



It was one afternoon, many years ago, 2000-2001, and under the responsibility and direction of our devoted ACW Member, Verlie Toman, from St. Alban's, who set up a meeting and requested that as many ladies meet at St. Brice's Anglican Church downstairs and get on board with the Campbell Soup Labels for Education Program. Verlie arrived with a huge inventory of labels crumpled up, torn, stuffed into boxes and bags. It was our task to put these into some kind of order, count, and make a deposit to Campbell's Soup to support Camp Temiskaming. This start-up meeting was a learning experience for everyone. Immediately after this meeting and Verlie's commitment I took over the collection of Campbell Soup labels through my duties as Deanery Social Action Chair.

Labels have been collected from the entire Diocese and either sent or brought to the ACW Annual Conferences for me to sort, count, and deposit to our LFE (labels for education) Campbell's Account. Many times this was no small task (and I spent hours) as one must be familiar with what product labels associated with Campbell's were acceptable---such as Habitant, Goldfish, V8, Prego or Pace Salsa, not to mention the institutional cartons which were and still are being purchased by hospitals, retirement and nursing homes. May I say that at the very beginning various labels were worth various points and the institutional labels were significantly higher in value. However, a major change was

made, in the last couple of years, and all product labels were deemed as worth one point. During the years and with instruction many ACW ladies, friends, and groups, would help sort and count the labels, which was a wonderful help to me, saving valuable time and energy!

Campbell's Soup labels for Education had been in operation for a total of nineteen years and it is with great pleasure for me to inform everyone we have been on board for seventeen of those years. During our first few years we were awarded prizes for the collection of the most labels collected within the year. This was a huge feat as we were competing against larger cities within the Province of Ontario. As of this date, we have been credited with collecting 227,320 labels. BRAVO LADIES!

In the course of time Camp Temiskaming has received many wonderful gifts courtesy of The Campbell's Soup (Canada Division). The Camp craft cupboard has been stocked with scissors, glitter glue, markers, oil pastels, binoculars, indoor games, outdoor sports equipment, music stands, and books. This undertaking has been so worthwhile to the children, youth and all those attending Camp and it is from your efforts, and the many friends and groups of collecting who have supported us.

The last Camp order was requested on June 4, 2017 and delivery will be made the final week of August 2017. The product quality was always superior and with each new catalogue new items were introduced and at such point-value bargains! Remaining in the account, after the submission of the final order, was a very small point balance and I have requested Campbell's to provide three mid-day meals for one child overseas in order that our Labels for Education account may be closed.

Campbell's has now moved toward re-aligning Labels for Education with current Campbell Canada initiatives, which is social responsibility and community hunger alleviation through its Help Hunger Disappear Program, Toonies for Tummies, Food Banks of Canada and its agencies. So, I wish them much success as they focus on these new initiatives. We will miss this wonderful opportunity to provide for Camp Temiskaming but as they say, 'when one door closes, another door will open'. A thank you letter has been sent to Campbell's Labels for Education in Saint John, NB. on behalf of our Diocese.

'Thank you Campbell's Soup for this golden opportunity to be part of your generosity--- it was very much appreciated.'

Church Ladies With Typewriters

They're Back! Those wonderful Church Bulletins! Thank God for the church ladies with typewriters. These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

At the evening mass tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM . Please use the back door.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. You are invited to attend this tragedy.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM in the Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

And this one just about sums them all up

The Associate Pastor unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday:

'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours.'

Around the Diocese

Algoma

SEPTEMBER IS COMING and once again our ACW women across Algoma will be planning and holding their fall teas, dinners and their Christmas Teas. Our women served and prepared the food for the Synod Reception . It always amazes me how all the churches across Algoma provide the food with no complaints and are happy to cook, serve and clean up afterwards. Thank You.

Christ Church held a dessert Tea on May 24th. and their Parish Church picnic was held on beautiful St. Joseph Island at the cottage of Dr. Gordon and Melissa's Wong who generously open their hearts and make everyone feel welcome.

Emmaus Church sadly said good bye to The Rev. Patrick McManus and his family who have moved to the Toronto Diocese. They are happy that The Rev. Pam Rayment has agreed to stay on to be their incumbent .

Holy Trinity Church on August 29th. had a CELEBRATION of NEW MINISTRY for their new incumbent The Rev. Claire Miller, as they have been without a permanent priest since The Rev. Peter Smyth left last year to join the Seafarers of Vancouver. WELCOME Rev. Miller and Family.

St. Luke's Cathedral held a successful JEWELLERY BOUTIQUE on May 13th. They sell used Jewellery and accessories and it is a unique fund raiser and I personally purchased jewellery for the Samaritan's Purse shoe boxes.

WE always celebrate St. Andrews Day November 30th. at St. Luke's and Dean Jim McShane always provides us with a memorable service . This summer their Choir went to England and sang in three Cathedrals , I went with them as a groupie as I do not sing , I sound more like a cat caught in a washing machine.

St. James Goulais River had a successful strawberry Social which everyone enjoys especially the band from Goulais who play and sing country music..

St. Mark's Heyden have a used sale every Wednesday morning which is a great outreach to the community they are a small church community but they are Mighty and they help others and live their faith under the direction of The Rev. Canon Henry and Beverly

Gaines.

St. Peter's provided a hot lunch following Mary Sherwood's presentation and held a couple of garage sales, at present a few of our women are knitting toques for Seafarers of Thunder Bay.

The Parish of St. Joseph of St. Joseph Island and St. George Echo Bay. St. George's held a delicious Ham Supper on June 17th. and St. Joseph every spring clean up their cemeteries and they always look lovingly cared for . For 22 years Marie Eggesfield was the secretary of Parish Council for her Parish of St. Joseph and St. George , has now "retired" which is hard to believe as she is a very active Church Worker.

Church of the Redeemer , Thessalon , they have this August hosted a Birthday Party for all the residences of Algoma Manor a nursing home and every Easter and Christmas they make and deliver gifts also. Two years ago they had a flood in their basement which is now finished and they are very pleased to be able to use their kitchen, hall and office.

In June The Rev. Muriel Hornby celebrated her 95th. Birthday and there was a large turn out of family and friends and a May Pole was set up and her family enjoyed walking around it . Muriel is still very active in Church Services and the community.

NEW YEARS DAY 2018 Reception will be hosted by the Parish of Christ Church / St. Peters at BISHOPHURST. There was no reception in 2017 as BISHOP ANNE was not consecrated yet but we are excited to be hosting this coming NEW YEARS DAY.

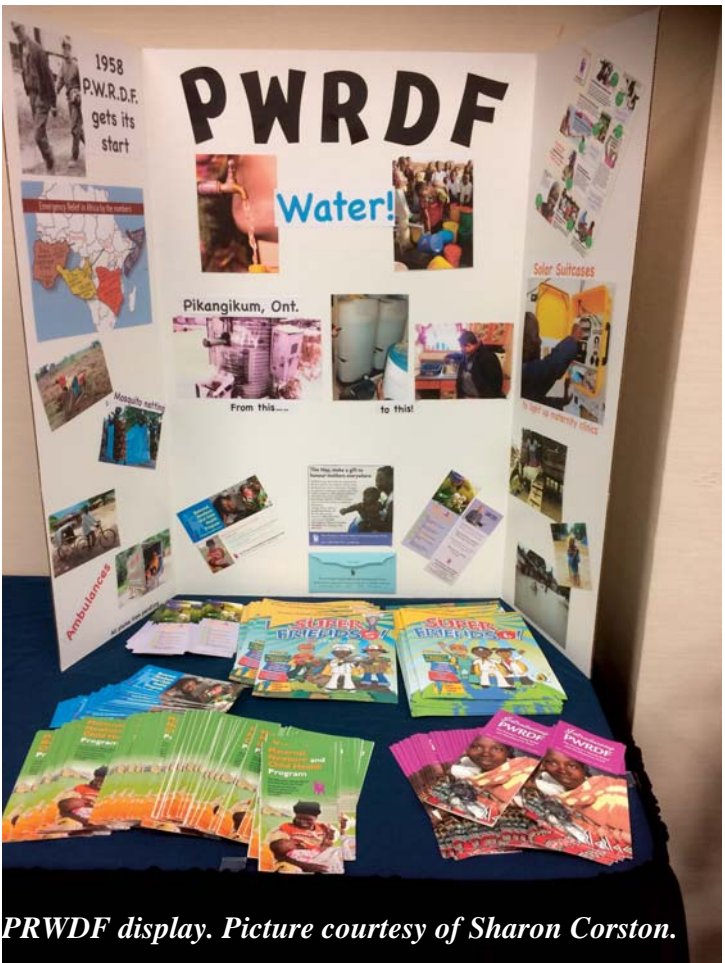
Bishop Anne and Colin have decorated the inside of their home beautifully and welcoming. I drove by today and the outside veranda, entrance way and window trims have all been repainted and it looks gorgeous along with the garage and the next renovation is the bathroom off the main bedroom and then the Heritage Centre.

Donations to the restoration of Bishophurst are always welcome.

Marilyn Schmidt



Camp Temiskaming display. Picture courtesy of Violet Roberts.



PRWDF display. Picture courtesy of Sharon Corston.



Incomeing and outgoing Chaplains: Rev Edna Murdy and Rev Heather Manuel. Picture courtesy of Jacquie Howell.



Sleeping Children presentation. Picture courtesy of Sharon Corston.

Sudbury/Manitoulin

St. Alban's, Capreol, is embarking on another busy year. Our group consists of six active members who also participate in other ministries around the church such as Altar Guild, Readers, Counters, Eucharistic Assistants, Pastoral Visitation and Advisory Board.

We host two annual events --- the Spring Tea in May and the Christmas Bazaar in November. This past year, we provided the luncheon for six funerals and we hosted the reception for Bishop Anne's first Service of Confirmation in April.

Our ladies are active in outreach activities. For the past two years, we have been involved with Blessings in a Backpack, an American organization which has recently moved to Canada and is now known as Isthmus. The rationale behind the project is that many students receive nutritional support in their local schools during the week, but there is little on weekends.

Through Blessings in a Backpack, St. Alban's ACW provides weekend nutritional support to students in our local elementary schools and their siblings. The number of children assisted ranges from eight to twenty at various times.

In addition, many of our ladies are involved in knitting pneumonia vests for children in cold countries and, this past winter/spring, we donated 32 fleece blankets for chemo patients at our local cancer treatment center. We support local outreach such as the food bank and community closet and we provide assistance to individuals on a need-for-need basis.

Two of our ladies host a monthly social to which members of the community are invited for a time of refreshment and fellowship at no cost.

We have a good relationship with our brothers and sisters in the other local churches. We take turns hosting World Day of Prayer and we support one another's events.

The door of our ACW room is decorated with a picture of busy bees because that is what describes us best. We have been overwhelmed by the support we receive from members and non-members in the community.

We continue to look for ways to serve, confident that when we step out in faith to do the work to which God calls us, He will send us what we need.

Valerie Tryon
President, St. Alban's ACW, Capreol

Muskoka

I wish to share a message with all those parishes within the Deanery of Muskoka. A personal message of hope, peace and joy!

A message to those churches who are undergoing major decisions in their Parish Life and the life of their church.

Together with the Transition team, who is guiding and supporting you, your decisions, ... your choices as to whether or not to, amalgamate, close and reopen as a Chapel Church, or whether to revive and renew your Parish mission work, or to close altogether. Pray and ponder these things.

Besides all the factual factors, of roster numbers, financial issues, support groups, chaplaincy, etc., in the life of your church; there is the sole or "soul" factor as well. This I know is a decision, where you have to pray unceasingly and look deep within your hearts to find your feelings of God working within you as a whole church or individually, the nudge of God working within your decision making. These are hard decisions to make.

Back in 2005 my church of 45 years, Christ Lutheran Church, went through this major decision of change. It was very, very hard for all of us.

After many months of meetings, discussions, and formally addressing issues. We ended up, with an emotional closing of our church, then amalgamating.

We however, did not have a Transition team to help, and guide us through our decision making. Your Transition team, a team of experienced, caring, nurturing, members of Christ's family, various team members from different backgrounds, who have training and experience with supporting you. What a blessing to have them ! Please use them ! Talk and meet with them. They are there for you !

Pray. Look deep within yourselves. Listen for God's will. Pray. Individually and as a group. Ask others to pray for you. We are all God's people. We are all there to support you.

Empower yourselves with the Spirit of God, entrust your life to serving God no matter where or how God's Will, will lead you or where you shall go.

Go forth supporting and serving others! Put YOUR life into God's hands, pray and He will uphold you and

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Talented Artists Help Young People Help Others in Algoma

On Saturday, October 21 2017, at 7 p.m., at the Sault Community Theatre Centre, St. Luke's Cathedral Players, otherwise known as the St. Luke's Junior, Boys' and Girls' Auxiliaries, members aged 7 to 17, present the *Rejoice and Be Glad Gala*. Members are from St. Luke's and the community at large. This is a concert like no other, celebrating and reflecting on Canada's 150 years as a country, the history unfolding in song, poetry, drama, dance, story-telling and black light puppets. The Gala is the culmination of many activities by this group to celebrate and learn about Canada. The players' last performance was a very successful Peter Pan play *The Never Song* in 2016 which supported 2 children's hospitals and an education fund to help other young people. Proceeds this time are in support of the *Children's Aid Society of Algoma's Youth in Care Education Assistance Fund*.

Also in support of the above education fund, from Sunday, June 4, 2017 to Saturday, October 21, 2017 - there is an ART AUCTION. Artist, Karen Nisbet, has donated an oil monoprint entitled Autumn Foraging. This monoprint can be viewed in the Narthex every Sunday, and Monday to Friday during regular St. Luke's office hours, 9 am – 1 pm, 160 Brock Street. Bids can be made up to the evening of the Gala.

Michael Connell and Kathleen Radke are just two of the stars in this "concert like no other." Guest Soprano, Kathleen Radke will sing with St. Luke's Cathedral Choir under the direction of Stephen Mallinger; selections of her choice with Michael accompanying, plus a vocal duet with Michael who accompanies the entire show. The talented Mr. Connell will sing a few of his favourite songs as a soloist. Mr. Connell is a well-known artist in the Sault as a soloist on the piano

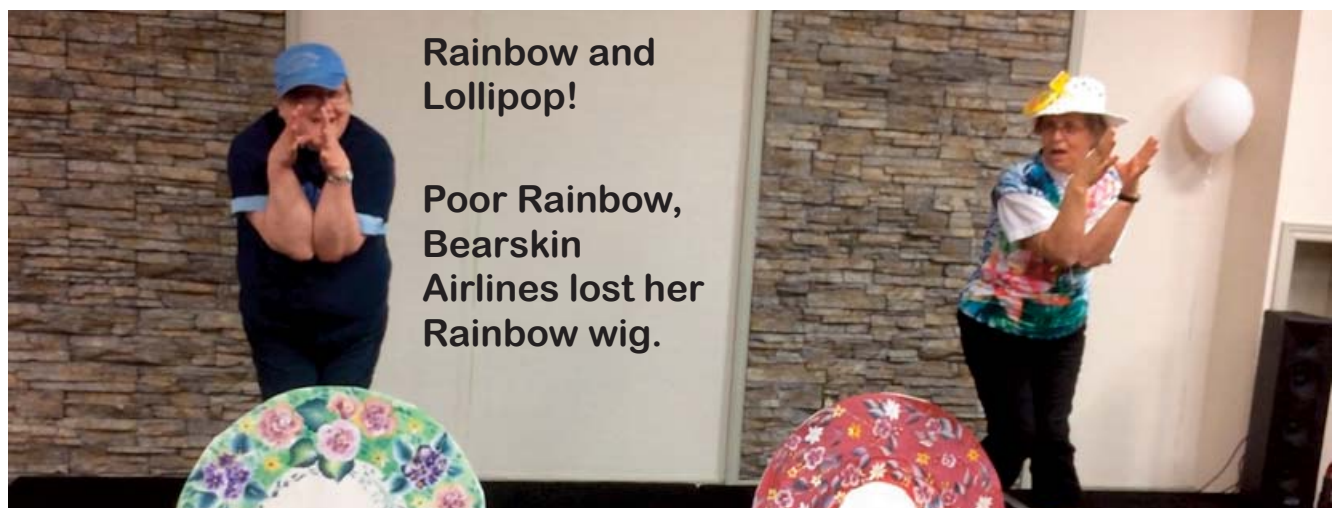
and organ; accompanying the Algoma Festival Choir; and director of music at Willowgrove United Church. Also on the bill are the **wonderful duo Laura Strum, violin and Bruce Douville, piano**. Laura is a member of St. Luke's Cathedral Choir, the Algoma Festival Choir and a noted artist on the violin, bag pipes and heritage Celtic instruments. Bruce is the Director of Liturgical Music and Choir at Precious Blood Cathedral.

St. Luke's Cathedral Choir and Mr. Mallinger will have completed their fourth singing tour in the United Kingdom this summer singing at Great St Mary's, Cambridge; St. Edmundsbury and Norwich Cathedrals. Past trips have included singing services and concerts at over a dozen of England's cathedrals and chapels including St. Paul's – London, St. George's Chapel – Windsor Castle, Salisbury, Winchester, Rochester, Lincoln and Canterbury; plus St. Mary's in Edinburgh, Scotland and St. Patrick's, Dublin, Ireland. Stephen, Choirmaster and Organist at St. Luke's, also conducts the Algoma Festival Choir, instructs at the Algoma Conservatory of Music and regularly performs as a soloist. His most recent concerts O Canada Something to Sing About with the Algoma Festival Choir in April, and as a soloist on June 25 at St. Luke's, playing Mozart, were exceedingly well received and attended.

Simply put, the stage is set for a one of a kind concert in October. Hope to see you there!

For more information on Artist Karen Nisbet, <http://hummingbirdstudio.ca/>.

For more information on Kathleen Radke, <http://kathleenradke.ca/>.



Rainbow and Lollipop!

Poor Rainbow, Bearskin Airlines lost her Rainbow wig.

ST. LUKE'S CATHEDRAL PLAYERS

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surround you with His Love and Grace, filling you with hope, peace, and joy! Thanks be to God!



Note: the ride may have passed by the time this newsletter gets out. Please consider making a donation to this worthy cause even after the fact.

Ride for Refuge 2017

Greetings:

I am walking 5 km with the All Saints' Amblers, on Saturday September 30th,...going the distance to raise money for our Outreach committee of All Saints' !

This year our goal is to raise over \$2,000 ! This money that we will raise stays in Huntsville, to be shared with the various organizations within Huntsville that our church supports.

Programs such as The U.C.C. Door dinners, where we provide weekly meals to the youth that come to our Sutherland church hall on a Friday night. This Ugly Couch Club, program is run by the Youth for Christ, at The Door by the Muskoka director James Hunt, after their program the youth and staff walk over to our hall for a hot, home cooked meal. The youth enjoy being welcomed and share in the bond that we have all formed.

We also support, Christine's Place, a support group for pregnant women and their children; Star Fish Fund for families in need within our community, Pastoral Care team and other needs within our church outreach. All these programs, rely solely on private funding.

Ride for Refugee is one of our main fundraisers for our church's Outreach to the community.

Any amount you give will add up, and would be so appreciated!

Click on: <https://secure.e2rm.com/registant/FundraisingPage.aspx?registrationID=3916977&langPref=en-CA> to give.

Thank you,

Joy Stott



More Skits and Talent



Co-Chairs Enid Bastien and Mary Lee Stennett



Thunder Bay - North Shore

On June 12th, three of us were on the road again headed to Sault Ste Marie on our way to Ancaster for the ACW National Conference. We stayed at Redeemers University in residence. Our building housed eight people and we had six people. There was a full kitchen and snacks – homemade cookies, apples, oranges, other snacks and tea and coffee. There were two bathrooms, so getting ready each morning was interesting. To avoid the rush, I was up at 6:00 am each day for my bathroom time.

During the conference, there were three workshops offered each day. We each went to a different one and discussed each one with each other later. The meals were wonderful – buffet style except for Saturday night – a roast beef dinner – my allergies were taken into account.

On Sunday morning, June 17th, after breakfast, the conference ended. We were glad we'd gone to the conference and made a few new friends too. We were off to Niagara Falls to sightsee. Afterwards, while driving back to Toronto, we drove by a number of vineyards. Of course we had to stop at one and sample some wines. Before you knew it we were in Toronto. A stop at Costco and Ikea was made. The trunk was bursting at the seams with no more room for anything else. The back seat where I sat was getting crowded too. On our way to Sault Ste Marie we stopped in Espanola for lunch and guess what – there was a small store next door so off we went shopping again. These items were stored in the back with me.

We spent the night in Sault Ste Marie. Before we headed home, we stopped at Dollarama. Our next stop was at Tim's for breakfast and we gassed up before leaving town. Our next stop was at the Agawa Crafts – after buying more goodies, we were on the road again headed home. There were a few more stops at Tim's along the way. At 8:30 pm we arrived in Thunder Bay. We were tired but had a great time.

Before you know it our ACW groups will be meeting again. Our Fall Deanery meeting will be in October, more details in our next newsletter. Hope you had a wonderful summer.

Barbara Williams

Temiskaming

Hi Everyone,

Just a few things to report:

1st - Bill and I paid a return visit to a B&B near Wolfville Nova Scotia for 2 days in August. Mary - the owner- put a copy of a History of her Church (St. John's Anglican 1885 to 1985). Naturally, I read it - quite impressive! There were 2 ladies groups - one raised money for missions, the other raised money for repairs and improvements at the Church. In the '60's these 2 groups combined as did nearly all groups, into one ACW. I asked Mary how they were doing now and this is what she said: Their congregation has dwindled and the workers are few. Now their ACW does one project in the year - a luncheon and a large bake and craft sale. The money from this effort is spent to keep the lights on in the Church. They have been reduced to having a part - time minister and they are 1 point of a 3 point parish. Together they would make quite a nice smallish congregation but no one wants to give up their building. I don't know the answer to this but perhaps it's working together on projects til they get used to each other - maybe then a major change is possible.

2nd - The Women's Retreat Weekend was Aug. 24 - 27 at our Camp Temiskaming, west of New Liskeard. Just a beautiful setting - rustic but comfortable. I could only attend Sat. morning and arrived in time for their morning service followed by a devotion on forgiveness. After that I had time to meet and talk to the "girls". They were having a wonderful, relaxed time. After lunch, there were a lot of choices - canoeing, kayaking, archery, walking around the lake, reading or having a nap. A craft was planned for later in the afternoon.

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A worthwhile retreat - try it next year!

3rd - Pam Handley and her crew have planned the Fall Fling and business meeting.

ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME!

Place - St. John's , North Bay, at the corner of Main and Sherbrooke

Time - Start - 9:00 - registration

Business meeting - 9:30

Lunch - 12:00

Speaker - Rev. Richard White on the Middle East

Music program - Ukulele Group

Wrap- up - then home

Pam would like to know numbers so that they can prepare properly.

Last but not least - Our Deanery Meeting is Sept. 15, 9:30 at 399 Gordon Dr.

Hope you all have had a wonderful summer and are planning activities for the Fall and beyond!

blessings,

Anne Burton

**The Church of St. John The Divine
invites you to the**

TEMISKAMING DEANERY'S FALL FLING

**THURS. OCT. 5, 2017 - 301 MAIN
ST. E. North Bay.**

9 to 9.30 a.m. Registration, tea, coffee, juice & muffins in the Parish Hall

9.30 a.m. Opening A.C.W. Prayers by Grace Weekes & welcome and business meeting conducted by Deanery President Anne Burton

Committee Reports - copies for the secretary if possible.

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist with The Ven. Linda White and The Rev. Canon Edna Murdy - Music by Linda Langdon

12 NOON - Buffet Luncheon

1 p.m. The Rev. Richard White & power point on his re Church in Al Ain, Abu Dhabi.

1.45 p.m. Musical entertainment by The North Bay Ukulele Club

2.30 Wrap up by Anne Burton & closing A.C.W. Prayers by Grace Weekes

NOTES: Times are approximate.

PLEASE BRING ITEMS FOR SOCIAL ACTION: milk bags, egg cartons, used stamps etc. & one non-perishable item for St. John's Food Shelf.

Free Parking on Oak St. BUT Main St. watch the meters so car pool if possible.

Please let me know how many attending, thank you Pam Handley, phandley1@cogeco.ca OR 705-472-3573

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Communications

by Sharon Corston

Here we are back in to a fall season and the beginning of all groups starting up again. The fillers at the back were given to me by Peggy Hern and I thought them appropriate for all you lovely ladies who give so much of your time.

I asked and at least one answered. I will drop the Ecological and Anglican Communication columns unless there is something really good and will let you know how Anglican and Evangelical Lutheran Group is doing. Thank you! Please remember that this is your newsletter and we welcome ideas on what you would like to read about.

At the Annual in 2019, they will be electing a new Communications/PR Chair. So if you are interested in the position, please put your hand up! It's four times a year plus sending articles on to the Algoma Journal and advertising the Annual.

Here's a little update from our Anglican and Evangelical Lutheran Group (AELG).

The AELG starting off the fall with a meeting in early September. Jase Watford who defines himself as the fol-

lowing: comic/public speaker/philosopher/social worker in training: advocating real talk: mental health, addiction and homelessness fields. He is very down to earth and has a compelling story to tell.

We are working purchasing items for the House Warming Baskets for the John Howard Program Halfway House women who are reintegrating in to the community. We received a grant from the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (WICC) in the amount of \$2,000.00.

At the end of October we will be holding our Annual Two-Bit Auction which helps us keep the bursary going.

In November we will be making mojakka (a Finnish beef soup full of hearty vegetables) at Shelter House. We do this twice a year as we pay for all the ingredients. Beef is pretty pricey right now but we are fortunate to receive a good deal through a local supplier. Our next meeting is in November as we review the auction and plan for the next year. The committee who is looking after purchasing the basket materials will put them together after this meeting. Another of our committees is working on our other fund raiser, a variety show at the end of January where we showcase local talent.

Keep well! The next newsletter is due December 1st!



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*these two gems
 were given to
 me at the ACW
 Annual along
 with a few
 others.*

