



THE FAMILY TREE

All Saints' Ministry with
Parents and Children

Feb 28, 2010

Welcome to the first edition of the All Saints' Family Tree newsletter. We hope this will be a good way to let families know of the ministries we offer.

Please let us know how we can make it more useful for you.

Baptism Preparation

The next baptism preparation classes are on Wednesdays, March 10, 17, and 24. We meet in the chapel, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. We are preparing for the baptism to be held at the Easter Eve service on Saturday, April 3, at 7:00 p.m.

Children and Lent

In an effort to make the Lenten season meaningful for our children, we have planned two projects for them:

- a) Church School children will learn about the season during their regular classes. They will also be given an opportunity to do something extra during Lent through two service projects.
 - i) The grade 3-5 classes will work with Blanche Dunn to sew polar fleece hats during class on the Sunday mornings of March. This is a great opportunity for boys and girls to learn how to use a sewing machine. The hats will be sent to the children of the north in May.
 - ii) We are also planning to send a box of church school supplies to a parish in Inukjuak. Sunday schools in the north have asked for donations of paper, glue sticks, scissors, etc. and for help with the cost of shipping. We have chosen Inukjuak because Father Chris served there, so we hope he can help us to get an insight into life in the north. Your children will come home with a list of needed items.
- b) The youth group is teaming up with the GranAid group to work on several projects to raise funds for our AIDS orphans in South Africa. They will be selling perennials in May and sponsoring some interesting tables at West Fest.

A Family Experience of the Way of the Cross

At 10:30 on Good Friday morning (April 2nd), we will be getting together in the chapel for an interactive version of the 'Way of the Cross' using art, music and movement that is especially suited for families with young children.

The Way (or 'Stations') of the Cross is a popular devotion used by individuals or groups who wish through prayer and reflection to follow Jesus on the way to his death. It is especially common for people to do this on Good Friday, the day on which we mark the crucifixion of Jesus.

We will journey around the chapel and stop at each of the 8 stations – sometimes we will do an activity when we stop. We will talk about how we can relate to Jesus in this journey and what hope we can get from it. This could contribute to your family conversations about important faith matters.

Afterwards we will all get together for a light lunch upstairs in Stacey Hall.

Servers' Training

Present (senior) servers will share *Breakfast with Barbara* on Sunday, March 7, at 9:30 in room 5/6 .We will be playing a Bible clue game to learn about the role of bread in our Christian tradition.

Present and new (junior servers) will attend a training session on Sunday afternoon, March 28. A note to parents of servers: your server will come home from this session with the alb (gown) to launder. We wash our gowns once a year whether they need it or not!!!