

Psalm 27:1, 5-13

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 10-18

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

This week in our parish

Sunday, January 15 8:00am BCP Eucharist
10:00am BAS Eucharist
Tuesday, Jan. 17.....1:30 Executive Meeting
Thursday, Jan. 19.....1:30 Melville Gardens
Saturday, Jan. 21.....10:00pm Choir Practice
Sunday, January 22 8:00am BCP Eucharist
10:00am Family Service

Notices

Newcomers Group: I am thinking of starting a newcomers group, for people who are new to Emmanuel, or even to the Anglican Church, or back after a long time and are wondering why we do things the way we do. Actually, anyone who's been wondering that could come. If you want to understand the Anglican Church in general and Emmanuel in particular better, how we worship, how we are organised, what are our spiritual practices, how you could be involved, this might be for you. There'll be lots of opportunity for your questions. Speak to Rev. Michelle if this might interest you.

Parish Council: This is the time of year when we begin recruiting for parish council. We need to fill 1 position as warden, secretary and treasurer (but Cécile and Wendy are reoffering), 3 positions as members at large, 2 Synod reps, 2 alternate synod reps, and Regional Council reps. I believe we may also be looking for a new property manager. If any of these positions interest you, please speak to Rev. Michelle or one of the executive members.

Annual Reports: Reminder to all chairs or presidents of groups or committees that we need your annual report to be written, preferably typed, and in by January 31. Treasurers, we need a financial statement and all the documents to be in by January 31. If you need help with any of this, speak to Wendy. Budget requests should be in as soon as possible.

Waste Disposal: Carol is no longer going to be sorting garbage. This means that we must start putting things in the right containers. This has been required by law in NS for 25 years so we ought to be used to it by now. We recycle and compost for many reasons. Making paper or plastic

or metal out of old paper or plastic or metal uses less energy, less water and fewer resources than making it from trees or oil or ore. It also preserves trees. This helps with global warming and pollution. Recycling and composting also reduces the amount of stuff going to landfills, which is also good. And compost in landfills creates methane gas which contributes to global warming so it's better to compost it properly. I have written labels for every garbage and recycling can. Please read the labels and put things in the right can. By the way, paper towel is compost. Thanks for this, folks. It's really important for love of our planet but also because they will stop taking our garbage if it is not properly sorted. So please read the labels and put things in the right bins. It's one small way we can be faithful to God and show our love for him. Thanks!

Snow Days: If it snows, please use your judgement and good sense and only come if it is safe. You can always watch the livestream. I will come if it is safe for me, but I live 2 blocks away. If I cancel church, I will put a message on the Facebook page and group page, the website, the phone machine (if I can make it work) and I will send out an email to those of you on the parish email list (if you're not on, give me your email address and I will add you). I will still livestream the service from home.

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