

PRAY FOR THE MALAWI TEAM

Please continue to pray for our Malawi Team (Beth Allen, Linette Hindley, Zoltan, Tracee, Elijah, Elisha, and Noah Horvath, and James, Brenda, and Elliot Wagner) as they will arrive in Blantyre, Malawi tomorrow, July 17, to begin their two-week trip which will continue to develop our partnership with the Anglican Diocese of the Upper Shire. If you'd like learn more about their trip, read specific prayer requests, or support them by donating funds, please visit sjvan.org/malawi-team-trip.

BOOK STUDY ON PRAYER

Do you ever wonder if your petitions are finding their way to God's ear? Do you "chat" with the Lord instead of connect with him? Join us for a book study of *Prayer — Experiencing Awe and Intimacy with God* by Tim Keller on Sundays in the chapel from 4:00 - 5:45 pm, Aug 6 - Sept 3.

Offering biblical guidance and wisdom, Tim Keller shows how to make your quiet times more personal and powerful. Discover how to talk to God about grief, loss, love, forgiveness, and more. This is a wonderful book that dives deep into the history of Christianity to find both a theology and practice of prayer. Please register by July 30. Contact Lyn Unger, lyn@sjvan.org, if you have any questions.

RIDE FOR REFUGE | SEPT 30

Ride for Refuge is a family friendly cycling and walking event on Saturday, Sept 30 that raises awareness and funds for a number of agencies that assist those in need of refuge. Three of the agencies that St. John's supports are Ratanak, Journey Home Community and Kinbrace Refugee Housing and Support, and you are invited to participate in one of three teams this year:

There will be three St. John's teams at the event in Richmond: Ray Dujardin (dujrm@shaw.ca) will lead a team called "St. John's Riders for Ratanak", Kallen Fong (kfong@accesslaw.ca) will lead a team for Kinbrace, and Jonathan Baylis (jonathan@baylis.ca) will lead a team for Journey Home. If you are interested in taking part in the event or donating to a team, please contact the respective team leader.

SUMMER COFFEE HOUR

Coffee Hour will be held between the 8:00 and 10:00 am services during the summer schedule (June 25 - Sept 3). During this time, many of our regular Coffee Hour Teams will be on holiday. We need people to volunteer for a week during the summer or we will not be able to provide coffee. This is an important ministry and it would be lovely during the summer, a time when we often have guests, to be able to offer coffee. To sign up for a week or for more information please email marion@sjvan.org.

ST. JOHN'S IS HIRING!

We're accepting applications for our Evening Service Music Director. Please pass this along to anyone you feel might make a good fit! The Evening Service Music Director reports to the Evening Service Minister and is in charge of planning and leading music at the Evening Service. See full the job description at sjvan.org/jobs. The start date is flexible and will be worked out in consultation with the current staff member. Please send your resume to employment@sjvan.org by July 31.

JOURNEY HOME VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Journey Home Community, a Christian humanitarian organization that serves refugee claimants in Metro Vancouver, is seeking one to two live-in volunteers (a couple or single female/s) to live as Core Hosts in one of our Olivet Heritage Welcome Houses, located in New Westminster (10 mins from the New West skytrain station). For a full volunteer description and/or application form please contact laura@journeyhomecommunity.ca.

PARISH RETREAT | OCT 20-22

Get away for a weekend to grow together as a church family while drawing nearer to God, enjoying his beautiful creation, and having fun making memories with people of all ages. We're very excited to be hosting our third annual Parish Retreat, Oct 20-22, at Stillwood Camp at Cultus Lake. Accommodation information and registration is available at sjvan.org/events.

SUNDAY, JULY 16

- 8:00 AM Holy Communion
- 9:30 AM Prayer for People in Authority (Room 123)
- 10:00 AM Holy Communion
- 10:00 AM Junior Youth (Grades 6-8)
- 6:00 PM Evening Service

SUNDAY, JULY 23

- 8:00 AM Holy Communion (**Psalm 110:1-7**)
- 9:30 AM Prayer for People in Authority (Room 123)
- 10:00 AM Morning Prayer (**Psalm 110:1-7**)
- 10:00 AM Junior Youth (Grades 6-8)
- 6:00 PM Evening Service (**Psalm 110:1-7**)

Learn more at sjvan.org/calendar & sjvan.org/events

MISSIONS LUNCH JULY 30 | DAVID LEWIS

Come hear David Lewis reflect on his time serving with YWAM in South Africa during which he taught an intensive Bible course to young people from around the world. This fall, David will be returning to Vancouver to pursue a Masters of Arts in Theological Studies at Regent College. Lunch is held in the fellowship hall after the 10:00 am service ends. The cost of the meal is \$5/individual or \$10/family.



Highlights from a week at Bible Camp:

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to actually walk through a magical wardrobe and enter C. S. Lewis's world of Narnia just like in *The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe*?

Last week, a team of over 60 volunteers worked together to bring Narnia to life and share the good news of the Gospel with 101 campers from kindergarten to grade 6.

Highlights included:

- Watching the children, one by one, follow Lucy through a full sized wardrobe (complete with real fur coats!) into the magical world of Narnia recreated in our church Fellowship Hall
- Hearing the kids sing "Glory to Jesus" as we began each day with worship in song
- Seeing a cast of youth and adults bring *The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe* to dramatic life on stage (Mr. Tumnus with his parcels and umbrella brought a smile to many faces)
- Learning together of God's great rescue plan for us in Christ Jesus as expressed in our camp memory verse:

*For God has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness, and brought us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
(Colossians 1:13-14)*

- 160+ campers and volunteers all wearing our Bible Camp t-shirts with the tagline on the back: "Child of the One True King"

A BIG thank you to our amazing team of volunteers this year and to our whole church family for your prayers and support! Please join us in praying that God will continue the transforming work that he's begun.