

Church Givings: If you have offerings for the church, you may:

- drop them off at the drop box on the front steps (to the right). This mailbox is monitored regularly.
- **e-transfer** to admin@ascensionnl.ca. Be sure to indicate where you would like your donation allocated.
- contact the office to sign up for **preauthorized givings**. Church number is 368-5693 or email office@ascensionnl.ca.
- **If you have givings at home and you are unable to bring them to the church, please let us know and we will arrange to have them picked up.**

Food Bank: The bins for food collection are empty! With food insecurity on the rise, we ask you to **please remember those in need**. When you are picking up your groceries, **please add an item or two** and drop it in the food bank box at the entrance of the church. Thank you to all parishioners who have contributed to the food bank. Items are much needed and greatly appreciated!

Community Supper Take-out Meal: This is a hot, free **take-out meal**.



The meal will be served from the **entrance** of the Church of the Good Shepherd on Richard Nolan Drive, on **Wednesday, March 6**. If you, or someone you know, could use a hot meal, please come by and pick one up. Meals will be available from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Services		
Wednesday, March 6	7:00 p.m.	BCP/Service of Compline
Lent IV (Mothering Sunday) Sunday, March 10, 2024	11:00 a.m.	BAS/HE

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LENT III
Sunday, March 3, 2024

Lections: Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19 (*Refrain: The words of the Lord are spirit and life.*); 1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

8:30 a.m. BCP/HC
Officiant/Homilist: Archdeacon Nancy March

9:30 a.m. Ascension Café

11:00 a.m. BAS/HE
Officiant/Homilist: Archdeacon Nancy March

Readers: Ruby Kocurko; Steward Button

Hymns: 604, 389, 602, 386 & 303, 527

The Annual General Meeting will take place on Sunday, **March 10** immediately **following the 11 a.m. service**. Reports are ready for pick up after the service or you may get them from the office between the hours of 9 to 12, Monday to Friday. If you are unable to attend the AGM in person, you may join the meeting virtually via livestream on our usual social media platforms. We hope to see you there!

Scents in Church: Our church is a **scent-free zone**, and we ask that you refrain from wearing scented products, **such as after shave, perfume and scented lotions**, etc., while attending. Thank you for your cooperation.

"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3.16

Set Sail: Charting the Course for Christ's Church: In November of 2022, Bishop Sam kicked off a strategic planning process and outlined his vision for the Diocese – for us to deepen relationships, engage in transforming discipleship, renew our stewardship efforts and engage in partnerships. In 2024, parishes will be asked to prioritize the first two “ships” of the vision (Deepening Relationships and Transforming Discipleship) so that individuals can continue to grow and develop who they are as faithful Anglicans. With that foundation firmly rooted, yet always evolving, goals for 2025 will address the actions of the last two “ships” of the vision (Renewing Stewardship and Engaging Partnerships). For more detailed information, please follow the link. <https://anglicanenl.net/set-sail-strategic-plan/>.

Maundy Thursday Renewal of Vows: On Maundy Thursday, we gather with our fellow clergy to renew our commitment to serve Christ and his people through our ordination vows. However, let us not forget that the ministry of Christ is not limited to the ordained, but it includes all of us through our baptism. This year, we will celebrate our baptismal ministry by including the ministry of lay people with a License for Ministry in our Diocese. Our Licensed Lay Ministers and Eucharistic Assistants will have the opportunity to renew their commitment to their particular ministry in Christ's Church. Join us on **Thursday, March 28, at 10:30 a.m.** at the Cathedral, and clergy are invited to robe (the colour is white). Our guest preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Lisa Barrowclough. Reverend Lisa is a 1999 M.Div. graduate of Queen's College and a 2009 graduate of Virginia Theological Seminary with the degree of Doctor of Ministry in Educational Leadership. She has served in various capacities in parish and diocesan ministry in the Dioceses of Edmonton, Southwest & Southeast Florida, Georgia, and currently Washington, DC. Reverend Lisa is an Affiliated Faculty member at Virginia Theological Seminary and is currently the Chaplain at Beauvoir, the National Cathedral Elementary School (Washington, DC).

Adult Lent in a Bag: As part of our Lenten journey, we invite you to participate in Adult Lent in a Bag. The bags include five symbols for reflection. You may choose one of the symbols for daily or weekly reflection as you make your way through the season of Lent. They are

available for pick up at the entrance of the church. You will find further information in the bags.

Vestry Requirements: We are currently seeking people interested in joining the following committees:

- Vestry - This would involve participating in periodic meetings, either in person or virtually via Zoom.
- Recording Secretary (Vestry) - This position would require **recording the minutes of the meeting only.**
- Cemetery Committee

Vestry meetings will be held every four to six weeks (or less if not required). If you are interested in any of these ministries, please contact Reverend Nancy or the church office.

Readers in Church: Thank you to all those who currently read during our worship services. We continue to look to expand our list. If you are interested in joining this ministry, please add your name and contact information to the sign-up sheet at the entrance of the church or contact the church office. Thank you.

Tent City for Change: As you are all aware, Tent City still exists at the Colonial Building. Currently, there are eight resident protestors living there. Resident Protestors is a term used to describe people who are experiencing homelessness and who, through their circumstances, are advocating for themselves by protesting the need for safe, supportive housing in our city. These eight individuals need one hot meal per day. If you can prepare such a meal, or if you would like to donate money so the church can purchase a meal, it would be most appreciated. Meals could include anything- soup, chili, meatballs and rice, stirfry, etc. Meals will have to be individually packaged (packaging and cutlery will be provided for you) and delivered to Tent City on your scheduled day. If you would like more information, or you would like to contribute to this initiative, please contact Archdeacon Amanda Taylor at stmarksrector@bellaliant.com. Please note, financial donations will be used by the church to purchase the meals, and money will not be given to Tent City. Thank you for your support. Together as a faith community let us know the truth of Jesus' words that in serving the least of these among us, we are serving Christ himself.