

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 to be allocated.
- contact the office to sign up for **preauthorized givings**. Church number is (709) 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: Thank you to all parishioners who have contributed to the food bank. Items are much needed and greatly appreciated! **We ask that you continue to 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.



Office Hours during Christmas: The office will be closed for the Christmas break from **Tuesday, December 24, 2024, to Wednesday, January 1, 2025**, inclusive. The office will reopen on **Thursday, January 2**, for regular hours.

Services		
Advent III	11 a.m.	BAS/HE/HB
	6:30 p.m.	Tree Lighting & Carol Sing

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Parish of the Ascension CHIMES



Advent II December 8, 2024

Hymns: 445, 105, 106, 116 & 521, 486



Welcome: Today we welcome Reverend Donna Mercer as she preaches and presides at our 8:30 service in honor of the anniversary of her ordination.

Our Diocese provides pastoral ministry to hospitals in St. John's. Chaplains provide emotional and spiritual care and support to patients, family, and staff. A chaplain is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and provides the Sacraments of Holy Communion, Reconciliation, Anointing, as well as prayer, listening, and friendly conversation. We are often called upon to pray with a patient just prior to surgery. The power of prayer is real. It is the chaplain's delight to be prayerful support to you. To access a chaplain, please tell the admitting clerk that you wish to receive pastoral care. To have pre surgery prayers, tell the pre surgery nurse that you wish pre surgery prayers, and the Chaplain will be notified and will respond.

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. All flesh shall see the salvation of God." Luke 3.4,6



Christmas Tree Lighting & Carol Sing: Our annual Tree Lighting and Carol Sing is next Sunday, **December 15 at 6:30 p.m.** in the parking lot. If you would like to light a bulb in memory of a loved one, or in honour of a special occasion, please complete a form available at the entrance of the church (or in your Advent package).

Forms must be returned to the office on or before **December 10**. Thank you.

Christmas Hamper Project:

Our parish will, once again this year, help families in need at Christmas by providing hampers which will include groceries for Christmas dinner, as well as gifts for the children in the family. Please take a tag, or two, from the tree of an item to be purchased. Donations can be dropped off at the church beginning **December 9 up to December 17**.



Families can register to receive a hamper by calling the church office at **709 368-5693**. If you, or your organization, would like to provide a hamper for a family, please contact **Nickie Butler at 709 728-6931** and leave your name and number. You will be contacted with the details of the family you are matched with.

If you would like to make a monetary donation for the Hamper Project, you can do so in your regular givings or via e-transfer using the email address admin@ascensionnl.ca. **Please be sure to indicate that your donation is for the Christmas Hamper Fund.** We thank you for your support! *Christmas Hamper Team - Karen Anthony, Nickie Butler, Kathy Macpherson.*



St. Margaret's Boat: PLEASE HELP US SINK THE BOAT! We are collecting items for **Thrive**. The items they are requesting are **personal care items for men and women** such as **socks, shampoo, deodorant, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, feminine products, and men's and women's underwear (sizes s to plus)**. **There is no need to wrap your donations.** Please ensure that your items are dropped off by **Sunday, December 15**, as they will be presented to a representative of Thrive at the 11 a.m. service on that day.



PLEASE REMEMBER TO PICK UP YOUR ADVENT PACKAGES AND CHURCH ENVELOPES: You will find them, in alphabetical order, at the front entrance of the church. **If you are able to deliver any packages to anyone in the parish, we would appreciate it.** You may also notice that your church envelope number has changed. In an effort to reduce waste and save money, we have ordered less envelopes. As a result, some of the higher envelope numbers have changed.

Tax Receipts for 2024: Please note, givings must be received **at the church office on or before Tuesday, December 31 at 12 noon** to be included on your 2024 tax receipt. Donations received by mail or dropped in our mail slot **after this time will be included on the 2025 tax receipt.** The mail slot will be monitored regularly. Thank you.

Change of Address: We are in the process of preparing our year end tax receipts. If you have had a change of address, please let us know so we can ensure the receipts have the correct information.



Financial Update:

	<u>October 2024</u>	<u>October 2023</u>
Income	\$230,761	\$216,251
Expenses	<u>\$230,812</u>	<u>\$216,485</u>
Loss	<u>(51)</u>	<u>(234)</u>

Recent events at the church have netted the following profits:

Thanksgiving Dinner in October	\$2,758
Cold Plate Dinner In October	\$2,727

Thanks again to all who contributed in any way to these successful events.