

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.



A donation was made to the Giving Thanks Fund in celebration of Stewart Button's 92nd birthday!

Epiphany V February 9, 2025	11 a.m.	BAS/HE

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CHIMES

Candlemas/Christingle February 2, 2025

Hymns: 5, Benedictus (Insert), 560, 266 & 627, 486

Vestry: The next Vestry meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, February 13 at 7 p.m.** This meeting will include a review of the Annual Budget.

We invite you to consider joining the Vestry team as we are currently recruiting to replace those members whose term is ending. Meetings for Vestry are scheduled a couple of times a year – only when needed. There are also some meetings where attendance is virtual rather than in-person. If you are interested in becoming part of this ministry, please let Reverend Nancy know or you may contact the office. Thank you.



Thank You: We would like to thank the members of our **Ways and Means Committee** for their hard work and dedication. This group is responsible for organizing so many of our events. In addition, they are often the chefs behind many of our meals. They have prepared cold plates, stuffed chicken breast dinners and soups and sandwiches for various occasions. They do it all from store to table and so much more! Your hard work does not go unnoticed. Thank you to all involved!

"This is a light to reveal God to the nations and the glory of his people Israel."
Luke 2.32

RESCHEDULED

RESCHEDULED - Congregational Potluck: Due to the inclement weather forecast, our potluck was rescheduled to **Monday, March 17**. If you are interested in attending and you already have a tag, please keep it and bring that dish. If you are unable to attend on that date, please return your tag to the board. There are still a few tags available on the board at the entrance of the church. Hope to see you there!



Annual Reports: Our Annual General Meeting is scheduled for **March 9** immediately following the 11 a.m. service. This is a reminder to groups that your reports are due **on or before February 21**. You may submit your reports to the office via email at office@ascensionnl.ca or you can drop them by the office. Thank you.



Social Activities: We are currently investigating the possibility of hosting social gatherings for a game of darts or a game of cards or just an opportunity to have a 'cup of tea'. Are you interested? If so, please add your name and contact information to the sign-up sheet at the entrance of the church. Also, please indicate if you would prefer an afternoon or evening get-together. We'd love to see you there!



Afternoon Card Party: Our next Afternoon Card Party will be held tomorrow, **Monday, February 3 at 2 p.m.** Cost is \$6 per person. All are invited to attend.



Aging Well at Home Grant: We received the following information from Lucy Stoyles, MHA, regarding this grant:

"The Aging Well at Home Grant provides financial assistance to low-income adults over the age of 65 who live in their own

*home to help with the costs of household and healthcare services. Eligible households will receive \$400. **Only one person per household may apply for this supplement**"*

To qualify, your household income must be less than \$49,000 for couples or less than \$32,000 for single households. Further information and applications for this grant are available at the entrance of the church. Thank you to Lucy Stoyles for providing us with this information.



Valentine's Day Dinner: On **Thursday, February 20**, we are hosting a Valentine's Day Dinner, which will consist of stuffed chicken breast with all the trimmings. Entertainment will be provided by **Karla Pilgrim**. Tickets cost \$30 and are on sale **after the 11 a.m. service**. We have **limited seating**, and tickets will **likely sell out**. If you are interested in attending, please pick up your ticket early to avoid disappointment!

Community Supper Take-out Meal: This **take-out** meal will be served from the entrance of the Church of the Good Shepherd on Richard Nolan Drive, on **Wednesday, February 12**. 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.

Don't forget your 2024 Tax Receipts: The 2024 tax receipts are available for pick up at the entrance of the church. Receipts not picked up by **February 17** will be put in the regular mail. Thank you.



Gonzaga High School will be holding its annual **Ocean Ranger Memorial Prayer Service** to remember those who lost their lives in this tragedy 43 years ago. The service will be held on **Wednesday, February 12 at 1:00 p.m.** at the Basilica of St. John the Baptist. The service will be live streamed. The link will be posted to the church's website www.thebasilica.net/live.