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# LIFE AT ST. GEORGE'S

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## FROM JOHN'S DESK

### How long, O Lord?

This phrase from the psalms could become our theme song at St. George's. How long, O Lord, must we wait? How long, O Lord, will this go on? This phrase occurs over and over again in the psalms which are songs of praise and joy and complaint and sorrow and conversation with God.

It seems like we have been talking about our redevelopment plans for ever. And I find myself continually saying "How long, O Lord?" as we hit delay after delay. I hope that by the time you read this, we will have provisional approval from the Diocese of Toronto to finalize our site plan application with the City and begin our move towards getting a building permit and finally getting underway.

Waiting is so hard, and being delayed again and again is so painful. But in fact, this is what Advent is all about. The Advent season, in which we prepare and wait for the coming of Christ at Christmas, and which begins November 30 this year, is primarily a time of waiting. And waiting is hard.

In a society which prides itself on fast food, instant gratification and which sees waiting as wasted time, we find it hard to wait. Look

at all the commercials that promote some product or service as being "fast", "instant", "quick" or "speedy".

But waiting can also be a fruitful time.

Ask a farmer who knows you have to wait for just the right moment to harvest the crop to get the most from it. Or the reader or music lover who savours the wait for the high point of the book or opera or play. Or the hockey player who waits to shoot until he or she is in just the right position to score. Maybe this Advent can teach us the value of waiting.

What are you waiting for in your life? Waiting to find that special someone? Waiting to know that your financial future will be secure? Waiting for results of medical tests? Waiting to find peace after a time of hardship? Waiting to see how your children or grandchildren will get out of their current scrape? Waiting to see what life has in store for you next? Whatever it is, God is in the waiting. At this time of year, the beginning of a new church year, we wait for God to act. We wait for Jesus to break into our lives and turn them upside down.

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## From John's Desk, *cont*

We wait for justice, for healing, for peace, for joy. And that time of waiting is a holy time, full of anticipation and expectation.

Waiting is tied to hope. And hope is so much more than wishful thinking. Henri Nouwen, in his book *With Open Hands*, quotes one of his seminary students who described hope in this way:

*I see hope as an attitude where everything stays open before me. Not that I don't think of my future in those mo-*

*ments, but I think of it in an entirely different way. Daring to stay open to whatever today will offer me, or tomorrow, two months from now or a year from now, that is hope. To go fearlessly into things without knowing how they'll turn out, to keep on going, even when something doesn't work the first time, to have trust in whatever you're doing.*

And so while it is natural and right for us to cry to God "O Lord, how long?", don't be surprised if the answer is "I'm waiting with you. Let us go together into that unknown future. I will hold you by the hand. I will always be with you. Be of good courage." May the season of Advent, the season of waiting and of hope, be a fruitful time for all of us

John+

## REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE

At time of writing, your Redevelopment Committee was putting together a large number of pieces of information as requested by the Diocese of Toronto, for Diocesan staff to continue their "due diligence" review of St. George's redevelopment project.



By the time this newsletter is published, we will have made a presentation to the Diocesan Executive Board on November 13, reporting on

the review work of the summer and early autumn, and requesting final approval for the project. Results will be shared with the parish as soon as they are available.

One encouraging piece of news is that we made a presentation to the October

meeting of Community Council with a very positive outcome. Canon Wilton and parishioners Jennifer Schmidt and Vern Gilbert

spoke on St. George's behalf regarding the need for as much green space as possible, and for relief from the Yonge St. sidewalk requirements, in terms of both width and cost. Community Council passed a motion setting the sidewalk width at 5 metres and limiting St. George's share of costs to no more than \$53,000, a significant saving over the \$150,000 estimate that City staff had provided earlier.

Geraldine Sperling



## SPECIAL REQUEST FROM THE LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

While we here at St. George's knew at the start of this year that times were going to be financially tough, the leadership and Management Board have worked hard to ensure that we did not spend more than we had to. That being said, the financial shortfall that was highlighted at Vestry in February is occurring as predicted.

During this year we have also been subject to exacting analysis of our financial position here at St. George's by the Diocese, as one of the criteria for their approval of our planned redevelopment. The ability to show the Diocese that St. George's meets all financial needs and obligations is needed now more than ever.

It is important to remember also, no matter how frustrated we may be at what appears to be a lack of progress in our efforts to build a new facility here at St. George's, that the church cannot continue to operate effectively without your continued support. People here have always been willing to offer their support for many of the programs and activities that are carried on here, both in time/talent, as well as financially, in the past.

In an effort to reduce the effect of our lost revenues, due to redevelopment, we are asking that every family look at seeing how they can increase their offerings. It has been suggested that if each family could make a one time offering, of an average of \$100.00, then we could

possibly eliminate the current deficit by the year end. We are aware of course, since each of us has a set amount to work with on a monthly basis, that this goal may not be attainable in all cases.

The capital campaign has done very well ( please remember to remit those pledged amounts and make a pledge if you have not already done so ) but these funds are not used for the day to day operations of the parish.

Please take a few minutes to consider what you can reasonably give.

Doug Heyes

People's Warden

### Examples of how even a small monthly increase can have an effect on the total.

100 families @ 5.00/month = \$6,000.00 increased income per year for St. George's

100 families @ 10.00/month = \$12,000.00 increased income per year for St. George's

100 families @ 25.00/month = \$30,000.00 increased income per year for St. George's



## OUTREACH AT ST. GEORGE'S

The fall is a time for renewal – and getting back to work! And that is what the Outreach group is doing.

We are looking for new members, as Laura Snider and Karen Hayward have had to step back due to other commitments- we thank you, Laura and Karen, for your contributions and many insights.

Remember – the Outreach group does not do all St. George's outreach work – many people already do that! Our role is also to help facilitate, or fund activities, and spread the word and celebrate the work that others are doing – at St. George's, in our broader community, and elsewhere in the world!

Please contact Craig Robertson, Jan Buchan, Egan Done, or Muriel Thompson, about joining the Outreach group, or if you have ideas about St. George's Outreach program, priorities, or funding requests.

### **Don Valley Refugee Resettlers (DVRR)**

We are now involved with the DVRR, an organization sponsored by AURA (Anglican-United Refugee Association – formerly the Working Group on Refugee Resettlement) which is funded by the Toronto Diocese of the Anglican Church and Toronto Conference of the United Church to do private sponsorship of refugees. Since the first sponsored fam-

ily arrived in 1998 DVRR has resettled 40 people, the most recent being a young Somali woman, Safiyo, and her two-year old son. Jan Buchan is St. George's representative with DVRR and is helping Safiyo with math and English skills once a week. If helping with DVRR is a ministry that interests you, please speak to Jan or one of St. George's other Outreach committee members about getting involved.

When a refugee family arrives in Toronto, household items and furniture are needed. Please keep such items that you no longer need so that when a family is being resettled here, you will be able to help furnish an apartment.

DVRR is raising fund through the sale of bulb kits - a standard one-bulb amaryllis kit in a plastic pot for \$15, a red standard amaryllis in a galvanized pot for \$18, and a five-bulb paperwhite narcissi kit for \$12. Order forms are available from Jan Buchan. Cheques should be made payable to St. George's.

### **10,000 Villages**

In the spring we spread the word that Councillor Fillion has organized a group to stage a 10,000 Villages sale event. Planning proceeds, and Sean Rodgers from St. George's has become part of the organization group. St. George's is well-represented by him!

The date is now set for Saturday, December 6 at Earl Haig High School.

10,000 Villages is not just about selling handicrafts to raise money for communities in the developing world- it is also a chance to get a glimpse at that world. Attached is a website link where you can read about Ten Thousand Villages and see some of the merchandise. See website

[www.tenthousandvillages.com](http://www.tenthousandvillages.com) for more details.

The organizers are looking for volunteers – there are tons of things that need to be done, both on the day, and before and afterward. We will post a list of volunteer positions and contact persons in the narthex.

### **English as a Second Language**

Once again, St. George's is hosting ESL sessions Tuesday and Thursday, and the demand has been robust! Thanks to all the St. George's people who dedicate their time and enthusiasm to this program. If you want more information, please speak to Bob Jones.

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## OUTREACH AT ST. GEORGE'S

### Flemingdon Park

With the enthusiastic initiative of the Church School, St. George's members have renewed the food drive and contributions have been up dramatically. The young people have promised to keep reminding us how we can contribute more frequently.

Helena Houldcroft, Flemingdon's new director, has again asked for help with their Christmas activities. Watch for more details in the weekly Bulletin. As in past years, they need

volunteers for the Christmas party –Friday December 12.

### Eva's Place

St. George continues to support Eva's Place in its programs to assist homeless youth. This year, we will again be asking for contributions of winter coats, hats and gloves. Please remember – anything you give should be cleaned and should be something a teenager would be prepared to wear! A drop-off basket will be placed in the narthex. And watch for more information in the Bulletin.

### Parents and Tots

Diane Wilton and her helpers are again offering the Friday morning opportunity for mothers/grandparents/childcare givers to come to St Georges for some playtime for the kids, and adult company for them! Contact Diane is you can join her group to animate this wonderful program.

Craig Robertson

## LIBRARY CART NEWS

"Change The World for Ten Bucks" 50 Ways to make a difference.-2006

This 50 page book was printed on 100% post - consumer recycled paper. There are many alarming facts and statistics in this book. Did you know? that every minute worldwide there are 33 football fields cut down. If you plant even one tree this will provide enough oxygen to sustain 2 people for their entire lives. For every load of laundry put in the dryer the energy consumption is equivalent to making 250 pieces of toast. It is a good alternative to hang clothes on a clothesline or drying rack. It is comforting to know that every action can lead to posi-

tive change for our fragile island home and amazing planet. Many efforts have been underway at St. George's to become greener and more planet friendly. Fair trade coffee is now available during coffee time. Many people bring a mug or use a china mug. Batteries are being recycled. This newsletter is available for you to pickup for you and your Parish friends to save on postage and handling costs. There are a varied list of simple call to action websites that you can log on to. Are you doing your part to be a Steward of this spectacular planet?

"The Emerging Christian Way" Thoughts, Stories, & Wisdom for a Faith of Transformation". 2006 There are four-

teen essays by authors such as Marcus Borg to Matthew Fox to Susan Burt. Some of the concepts and subjects that are covered in this book are social justice, ecology, radical inclusion and Christianity and transformation. There is some poetry, scripture and breathing meditations also tucked in to this book.

These two books can be borrowed from the Parish library.

Lori Grauds & Lucy Browning



## THE PARISH THAT COOKS II

Tortilla Mushroom "Strudel" Appetizers – Elizabeth Beecham

Famous Crab Dip – Janet Kirk

Friendship Tea – Pauline Leong

Never-fail Party Punch – Anonymous

California Salad – Laura Pummell

Marinated Broccoli Salad – Lori Grauds

Salad De'Russe, Tahitian Style – Annie Siu

Arabic Bread Salad – Saleemah Hussary

Beef Barley Soup – Kay Marlatt

Squash & Cranberries – Ruth Ross

Guyanese Style Potato Balls – Joan Chung Tiam-Fook

Okra with Tomatoes – Karima Buyuk

Indian Okra Curry – Julie Thakker

Arabic Stew – Mimi Farah

Barbecued Short Ribs – Muriel Thompson

Devonshire Ham and Egg Pie – Enid Colyer

Jamaican Beef Patties – Clavel Lyttle

Cottage Enchiladas – Lee Ann Carver

Moroccan Chicken – Laura Snider

Saucy Lamb Chops – Hazel Perkin

Easy Pork Tenderloin – Helen Hunter

Next Day Yummy Turkey Leftover Pie – Wendy Sharp-Gunko

Pecan Encrusted Salmon Trout – Angela Goodwill

Finnish Coffee Bread – Aili Bloomquist

Banana Tea Bread – Kathy Baillie

Light Christmas Cake – Margaret Handley

Christmas Cake – Craig Robertson

Cranberry Yoghurt Pound Cake – Karen Hayward

Holiday Nuggets – Sadie Petten

Oatmeal Cookies – Jennifer Schmidt

Snickerdoodles – Ann Beecham

Fruitcake Cookies – Ethel McWatt

Layered Apricot Squares – Betty Clennett

Almond Tarts – Dorothy Ewer

Baklava – Kit Heathcote

Lemon Cream Cake – Eileen Turner

Hot Fudge Pudding Cake – Kathy Lindsey

Grandma MacLeod's Lemon Dessert – Rod McAvoy

Red Pepper Jelly – Merle Blythe

Do the titles of these recipes sound appealing? This is just a sampling of the inviting recipes in *The Parish That Cooks! II*, St. George's 85th Anniversary Cook Book. Our 75th anniversary cook book was a sell-out; this cook book is every bit as great, but the recipes are different, reflecting the changing character of our vital congregation.

At \$10 (tax included) for a cook book with 300 recipes contributed by friends and neighbours, this is a winner! The cook books would make wonderful and reasonably priced gifts for Christmas, birthdays, Valentine's Day, you name it. And when you're invited for a visit or a meal, this would be a one-of-a-kind gift – less expensive than flowers or a good bottle of wine – and longer lasting!



Cook books are available from the Church Office, and at coffee hour after 10:30 Sunday services. And don't stop at just one book – buy several for your friends and relatives! All net proceeds benefit St. George's Capital Campaign.



# INSPIRING EQUALITY— DIOCESAN OUTREACH CONFERENCE 2008

Armine Yalnizyan (Keynote Speaker), a United Church member, is a Senior Economist with the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives.

Armine believes in the value of informed citizens and has worked with many governments and community organizations always with the goal of making politicians respond better to the needs of society's most marginalized members.

The Government of Ontario is committed to a Poverty Reduction Strategy with targets and measures to ensure "opportunity that is accessible to all" (Throne Speech Nov 2007)

Armine believes that we need a poverty reduction strategy in law to be acted on right now. 25 – in – 5 is a Network for Poverty Reduction which includes more than 100 provincial organizations and people committed to action on eliminating poverty. For more information visit [www.25in5.ca](http://www.25in5.ca).

Armine believes it can be done and gave a concrete example: Canada's government, at the time of the Universal Declaration of Social Justice in 1948, was swimming in debt, but was able to: build social housing, help educate and train homecoming servicemen after the war, build community centers to help all children have access to athletic and other types of programs. Vision is about what we

can do. Government did it then, and can do it again.

She challenged us as Christians, whose faith calls for justice and equality for all, to share our resources in charitable ways, and to work toward achieving justice for the marginalized.

We were able to choose 2 workshops to attend. I chose

## **Green World Holy World** (Led by The Rev. Cathy Miller)

There was a small table altar with cloth, leaves, cones, shells, a small glass pitcher of water and a glass bowl with a small soft branch of evergreen inside.

We began with a beautiful quiet liturgy with prayers taken in part from Prayers For a Planetary Pilgrim and a reading from Jonah 3. This liturgy ended with the participants being sprinkled with the water using the small evergreen branch. This had a calm peaceful effect which centered us on God and Creation, the beauty of our world and the blessing we receive through our natural world.

The discussion centered on the spiritual issues that have supported the destruction of this magnificent world entrusted to us by God and moved to how we can draw on our faith to restore the environment and turn this situation around – in our

parishes, our society and as individuals. This was a lively energizing discussion – most helpful.

## **Tackling Poverty in Your Own Backyard** (Led by The Rev. Canon Jeannie Loughrey)



"Foodbanks, used clothing donations, lunch programs (Anglicans are great at helping low-income individuals with services like these). But what can we do to walk with the poor in our midst in more meaningful ways that help them turn their lives around?"

This was our agenda with groups working on best practices and mistakes in the way we approach the poor, intending to be helpful, and how to avoid duplication by talking to surrounding churches. Perhaps we can support an excellent approach from a nearby church. Go to see what is being done. Public Health Nurses may be helpful at naming where help is needed or where there are gaps. Also we could support the needy in naming their own needs, and seeing their own gifts and abilities.

Watch for an article on this conference with further information in your next issue of The Anglican.

Muriel Thompson  
St George's Outreach Team member



# CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

The church school is happy to welcome back everyone from the summer. We are also pleased to give a warm welcome to Adrian who is now a part of Geoff Clennett's class.

We were saddened to say goodbye to Bill Checkley who has been one of our Youth Facilitators since early spring. The youth class had an opportunity to extend our thanks and appreciation to Bill at the end of September. We wish him all the best and hopes he comes to visit often.

This fall the entire church school has been studying the Prophets of the Old Testament. As we approach Advent our focus will switch to the New Testament and the Apostle Paul before we come to Advent and the wait for the birth of Jesus.

As this newsletter goes to press the parish is celebrating the music ministry of Rod McAvoy and bidding him fare-

well as Rod moves on to St. Peter's Cobourg and his new ministry with that congregation. I wish to thank Rod on behalf of the church school for all of his gifts, his co-operation and support of our special events and services. We wish Rod all the best for his future ministry.

Our annual Advent Event will take place on Saturday, November 29th with a potluck dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by opportunities to create cards and a small gift for our homebound parishioners and other activities appropriate to our theme. Our theme this year will be "THE ROAD TO BETHLEHEM". Please mark your calendar and invite your friends to this evening of celebration as we share a meal, sing, pray and join in other activities to use in our Advent Season.

Janet Kirk

## CHURCH SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

### ADVENT EVENT

Saturday November 29th beginning with Pot Luck

Dinner at 6:00 p. m. – Claude Secrett Hall

### QUIET DAY

Saturday, December 6th  
(watch bulletin for details)

Led by : The Rev'd Canon Sister Constance Joanna Gefvert

### NATIVITY PAGEANT REHEARSAL

Saturday, December 13th,  
10:00 – 12:00 noon (Nut Free Snack provided)

### CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY SERVICE

Wednesday, December 24th  
Children arrive – 6:15 p.m.  
Service – 7:00 p. m.

## YOUR FAVOURITE HYMN

We all have our favourite hymn or church music. Some of us love Gregorian chant, others can't get enough of lively praise music. Some people can't wait to sing the old standbys, while others embrace new church music with enthusiasm. And some people like a little bit of everything.

Whatever style of church music you like, we want to invite everyone to come together on Saturday, January 17 at 9:30 for a parish-wide music consultation. Led by Paul Maclean

from Potentials, who has helped us with this and other processes before, the purpose of the day will be to help the parish leadership in setting our goals for the selection of a new Music Director to replace Rod McAvoy who is leaving us after nearly 10 years.

Through a variety of fun and stimulating exercises and conversations, we will listen to each other talk about church music and its importance in our worship, and we will, we hope,

end the day with goals for our music program here at St. George's. This will in turn help us to write a job description for a new Music Director and select the right person to lead us musically now and in the new church.

The event will only be a success if a large number of people representing the whole spectrum of our varied congregation participate in this morning workshop. Please mark the date on your calendar now and plan to attend. All ages will be welcome. Watch for sign-up sheets in December.





# MORE ABOUT OUTREACH

I participated in two workshops and will share some of the ideas which were discussed.

## Spirituality and Social Justice

Presented by the Rev. Nicola Skinner.

What belongs or is due to the church? Hospitality, balance, empathy, compassion, caring, being non-judgemental.

As Christians we should live no longer for ourselves. Christianity and Social Justice go together. Full, conscious and active participation in the Liturgy demands that we live what we proclaim. We should live 'liturgically'. Sunday worship is the 'liturgy within the liturgy'. The Old Testament prophets spoke much about Social justice. They told the people that God required two things:

Faithfulness and Justice (Isaiah 1:14-18; Isaiah 58:1-11; Micah 6:6-16; Amos 5:7-15 & 21-24)

The prophets remind us that there is an intrinsic relationship between cult and conduct – that worship is an expression of, and not a substitute for, social responsibility.

'The Church is the only club that exists for those outside its membership.' William Temple

Jesus was not just a prophet, but was more than a prophet (Isaiah 61: 1-2). Jesus was a healer and a restorer. As people were healed and restored they

would be accepted for worship in the temple.

## The Kingdom of God

There are over fifty sayings and parables about the Kingdom of God. They give expectancy for the future and responsibility in the present. They are about Justice and joy, they turn upside down the world's values, they invite the hearer's response. The Beatitudes talk about Social Justice.

## Group Discussion on Three Parables

1) Matthew 19:16-26 The Rich young Ruler

- You may have to give up some things
- Sell what you have, give away the money. Money is easier to distribute
- Did Jesus really want the man to sell his things
- Doing justice can be difficult

2) Matthew 20:1-16 Workers in the Vineyard

- All were paid the same amount of money, those who were employed last were paid first
- Serving God gives equal entitlement in heaven

- Late workers were not offered work in the morning but they were willing to work – maybe they had physical deficiencies but they had the same needs

- We should find joy in doing justice

3) Matthew 25:31-46 The Sheep and the Goats

- Insensitivity to the needs to others
- In reaching out to the least we do so for God
- See Jesus in the face of others
- We are either sheep or goats
- Nations will be judged – there is political judgement

Jesus' death was political and showed the sacrifice of God. Even in death Jesus lived out kingdom values: 'Father forgive them'

## Baptismal Covenant

Baptism is the entrance into the Christian faith. What will we do? We will with God's help. We need not be burdened with guilt when we do not achieve what we would like.

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## MORE ABOUT OUTREACH, cont

### **The Eucharist**

- The Eucharist shows the sacrificial love of Jesus Christ
- We are all equal at The Lord's Table
- Proclaims a new world order when we celebrate

### **Social Justice on Sundays**

- Find justice / justice-oriented themes weekly not only on special Sundays
- Find it in the readings, sermons, prayers of the people, collection and announcements
- Lectionary and Saint days
- Invite parishioners in advocacy and education not only in fundraising. Some collection should go to outreach; encourage having some occasion for this.
- Talk about saints who have died for the sake of Christ
- Outreach – look beyond the parish
- Invite speakers to talk on issues
- Prayer is powerful. What we cannot physically do we pray for those who are involved.

Be warned that having the spirituality of social justice at the forefront of your mind can burn you out and make you a 'prophet of doom'. So aim for

simplicity, generosity, courage and balance. Love your neighbour but love yourself also.

### **Strengthening Your Parish Outreach**

presented by Maggie Helwig

Maggie used role play to depict different scenarios. What is recorded are the points given by committee members; some are negative, while others are positive. What are your thoughts about each scenario?

Committee deliberates about having a nutrition program at their church. The committee is cautious.

- Is it outreach? Outreach is overseas!
- We can reach out in our own community and let others use our facility – it will give our church publicity
- What about the cleaning up? What are we getting out of it?
- We have to think of our insurance policy. Should we let in people from the outside?
- We talk about 'those people', but that is not a Christian thing to do.
- This is our space and our resources. Those people will not build us up. They are like squatters and will not take care of our building.

The main issues were cost liability and untidiness.

As Christians we should:

- Offer education
- teach how to prepare nutritious meals
- share what we have
- charge a small fee
- think of who asked for help

### **The Church could operate a nursery school or a daycare**

- What are the expectations?
- We need to paint and refurbish
- How do we present the idea to people?
- The people in the discussion should be involved in the decision-making process
- People are afraid of change
- Fear of failure. We must give sufficient information about any new program
- Need to get input from the priest
- Use motivated parishioners
- Solicit cooperation from different churches
- Have educational programs to make people more knowledgeable about other people's needs.

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# O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL: A MUSICAL

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" is one of the most beloved hymns of Advent. It expresses the deepest longings of our hearts for God to come into our lives, to bring comfort and healing in the midst of our often-painful and wounded lives, to bring reconciliation to our church, and peace to our world.

The hymn also reflects the way in which God longs for us, longs to come into our lives, through our locked doors and

self-erected barriers, so that we might find the inexpressible love which God offers us in the Word-Made-Flesh, Jesus.

On Saturday, December 6, Sr. Constance Joanna will lead a quiet day here at the church reflecting on this hymn. There will be time for personal reflection, for quiet conversation, for prayer, and of course for singing this well-loved hymn and perhaps another Advent hymn or two.

And because December 6 is also the day we celebrate St. Nicholas, we just might consider what he has to offer our Advent reflections.

You don't need to be musical to come to this Quiet Day – just bring your own questions and longings and hopes for Advent and the Christmas season to come.

Sr. Constance Joanna Gefvert,

## ELLA ESTHER'S BAPTISM



**Ella with her family, Aili, Leif and big brother, Andreas**



**Ella with her Church Sponsor Jenn Schmidt**



## MORE OUTREACH,

Cont...

### 'Out of the Cold' program

- The government should take care of the people – they should have their own program
- We could talk to the Mayor and tell him it is the government's responsibility not the Church's
- Tax payers would need to pay more
- Be a voice for responsible advocacy
- Continue the program but also be involved in advocacy- strike a balance
- Advocacy training is available. The diocese has a Housing Advocacy Committee

People should be educated about societal structures which cause these problems

You are invited to think about ways in which we may strengthen our own parish outreach.

Margie Lyttle

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(See Luke 2:1-16)

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WHAT'S THE MOST AWESOME GIFT YOU HAVE?

## STOCKINGS FOR CHRISTMAS

With the sale of The Parish that Cook II cookbooks, there will also be hand knit Christmas stockings available for sale. These beautiful stockings were made by the very talented Merle Blythe from our Parish. These items can make great gifts and or stocking stuffers (pun intended).

You can purchase the books and stockings from the Library Cart or book table at the Claude Secrett Hall during coffee time after the 10:30 service.

Lori Grauds



**REMEMBER, EVERYONE IS WELCOME**

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