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COMMUNITY CARE**

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May 24th, 2024
10 am to 12pm

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**You are invited
to a luncheon and information session with
Gordon Janzen,
Regional Representative for PWRDF Partner -
Canadian Foodgrain Banks**



**Thursday, May 30 at 11:00 am at St. Mark's, Rosslyn
All are welcome.**

Please RSVP your attendance to

Gordon Janzen - Regional Rep. CFB; MB & NW ON
manitoba@foodgrainsbank.ca / 204.478.1530

by May 23.

Lunch is being provided by St. Mark's.

PWRDF has partnered with the Foodgrains Bank to provide food assistance during emergencies around the world and to fund programs that support families and communities to access more and better food in the long term. There is a growing project for this just outside of Thunder Bay. We hope to have representation from the local growing group.



Gitchi-Gathering

CAMP
GITCHIGOMEE

Pre Camp Fun Night at Gathering Table Friday May 31

5:30 - 8:30

Games and Crafts



Indoor Campfire led by Richard Pepper

Hot Dogs and
Snacks



This is targeted for this year's campers and staff, potential campers and staff and anyone who loves camp and their families. No admission fee, Donations to help fund future Gitchi-gatherings are welcome. Come and Have Fun!

Gathering Table 228 Pearl St. Thunder Bay



We have had a busy spring! The 2024 shipping started busy. The first ocean-going ship, M/V Federal Franklin, came alongside on March 28, which was the earliest ocean-going vessel for the Port of Thunder Bay on record. To May 16, we assisted 25 vessels. To April 30, we transported 173 seafarers and the Seafarers' Centre at Keefer Terminal was staffed on 21 evenings with 56 sailors visiting. We have assisted with 2 crew changes and 2 medical runs. It was the busiest April since 2001.

A volunteer took the captain and chief engineer from a ship to Kakabeka Falls as they needed a recharge. A reminder of the kinds of care we all need.

We have 2 new Driver/Watch Keepers, Pastor Matthew Diegel and Don Wright. Welcome aboard!

The van was in for repair last week, 2 new tires and a wheel alignment. We have also taken out the plastic screen and stored it in case it is needed in the future.

The power was out at the Seafarers' Centre for a couple of days last week as the Port Authority had to locate where the circuit breaker was. The water heater may have been the problem, and we will need to get it looked at. Until then, it has been turned off.

Fund-raising Dinner

116 people attended our annual fund-raising dinner was held on Friday, April 19 at the Current River Community Centre. There was a broad representation from the Anglican parishes and people's attendance was appreciated. The net profit was approximately \$2,500.

Thank you to everyone who supported the dinner and to the Fund-raising Dinner Committee that did an excellent job of organizing the dinner. Thank you to Archbishop Anne and Chris Heikkinen for being our guest speakers.

Meat Sale

Thank you to the 104 customers who supported our meat sale. Our sales were about \$10,400, which is our 2nd best sale, and we are still working on the accounting for it.

Thank you to the canvassers who took the orders and to Janet Pike and her team for organizing the sale and packing the meat. Thank you to St. Michael's and All Angels who hosted the meat packing and distribution to canvassers.

Our Fund-raising Dinner and Meat Sale, while being fund-raisers, are important for educating the community about our port and the life of seafarers and building a community to support our work.

Help with property

- Replace the trim on the outside windows and doors. Canon Ed will make up the trim, and we are looking for help to install and paint it.
- Remove satellite dish

Help with updating Seafarers' Centre's Inventory of Contents

Periodically the replacement cost of the contents of the Seafarers' Centre needs to be updated for insurance purposes.

I am looking for help in researching the replacement costs of items in the Seafarers' Centre. I have an Inventory Report that lists the contents of the Centre. What is needed is for someone to look up the replacement cost on the internet for each item. This can be done at home or at the Seafarers' Centre.

We have new neighbours. The Regional Cadet Support Unit is taking over the office building and maintenance garage that are beside the Seafarers' Centre. We can expect some new fencing to go up sectioning off the parking lot. It is moving from Rosslyn Road.

New Website

We are not able to update our current website and are in the process of developing a new one. Later in June look for it at www.missiontoseafarersthunderbay.ca.

Port Tour

If anyone is interested in a port tour, please let me know as I have a new Driver/Watch Keeper who needs one. The tour takes about 3 hours as we visit the places where ships berth and we pick up seafarers. Anyone may come, who would like to see the port.

AGM

The AGM is tentatively scheduled for June 5 at 11:00 am at the Seafarers' Centre, with an option to Zoom. It will followed by a light lunch and then Eucharist.

Blessing of the Fleet

On Saturday, **June 22** please be on the water in your vessel, or come down to at the lookout on **Pier 3 – the Royal Canadian Navy Pier** at Marina Park, the north end near Naval Memorial, bring your lawn chairs and take in the **Blessing of the Fleet**. At 10:30 am the Macgillivray Pipe Band will conduct a Tattoo and at 11:00 am a service of Blessing is held with a parade of vessels. Boaters are invited to take part. For vessel instructions and further information contact Canon Ed Swayze 807-344-8241.

Thanks again for your support of the Mission!

In Christ's service,

Ed

The Rev'd Canon Ed Swayze

Chaplain

Mission to Seafarers: Port of Thunder Bay



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday June 20th 2024

at

St. Joseph's Heritage
Building Georgian
Room - 63 Carrie St.



5:00 - 5:30 Symposium
5:30 - 6:30 2024 Annual
General Meeting

Please RSVP to Katelyn by June 13th
807-683-8200



Christmas was God *with us.*



Easter was God *for us.*



Pentecost is God *in us.*

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