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MARCH 25- SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION . THIS IS ALSO PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 30 – 11:00 AM - GOOD FRIDAY WITH THE KIRK (AT THE KIRK)



APRIL 1 - EASTER SERVICE HERE AT 11:00 AM - WITH SPECIAL MUSIC



We lost some members of the congregation since our last newsletter in December. We extended our Christian love and sympathy to the family of William "Bill" Arthur, Bradford "Brad" Smith, and Donald MacLeod. May God gently comfort all who grieve.

You can now **sponsor a weekly bulletin** in memory of a loved one or in celebration of someone's accomplishment. The cost is \$20.00 per week. You can also sponsor more than one week or even monthly. Please contact the office if you would like more information or to sponsor a bulletin.



Would you like to be on the **church email list**? Just call the office at 752-5691 or send an email to first.church@ns.aliantzinc.ca and you will receive the weekly bulletin along with any news and events.

On Feb. 17, there was a Sweetheart Breakfast sponsored by the Men's Breakfast Club and the Board of Managers. It was a great breakfast and social time and raised \$508.85 for the church.

A big Welcome and Thank you to Joy Shaw who is filling in for a couple of months while our organist, Lloyd MacLean, together with his wife and members of the musical group, Common Cup, are touring Australia and New Zealand. The band arrived "Down Under" to begin rehearsals for a six-concert tour of South Western Australia, supported through the Anglican Dioceses of Bunbury and Perth. For more information see their website at: <http://www.commoncup.com>. We hope Lloyd is enjoying his "trip of a lifetime." He will return on April 18.

THE ANNUAL MEETING was held after the service with a good attendance. There were reports from the Search Committee about how the process of looking for a new minister is going. The following people are on the Search Committee: Mark Thibeau, Gary Ross, Phoebe Fraser, Chet Fleming, Lynn Simpson, Ruth Anne MacIntosh, Roger MacDonald and Patrick Young.

11 week accommodations needed - This coming spring (April 17 – July 6) there are going to be chapel students at the jail. They're in need of two places – one for the supervising teacher, former federal prison chaplain Peg Noseworthy and another for one of the students who has 4 cats. Both are willing to pay, so it can be a short-term rental of an apartment, a room, etc. Peg will be working most evenings on marking assignments, so will be in her own space doing that. Susan will also be working most of the time she isn't at the jail on writing assignments. She does have the four cats. If interested, please contact: Rev. Wilma Janzen, Manager of Spiritual Services, Northeast Nova Scotia Correctional Facility, Phone: 902-755-7783, Cell: 902-759-3936 or email: wilma.janzen@novascotia.ca

Thank you very much to all of you who have agreed to host coffee hour after church. If you were not asked but wish to help out, please contact Cathy Lewis (752-6660). If you aren't in the habit of attending coffee hour, please consider coming – it is a good opportunity to get to know one another.