

GREETINGS FROM DUFF LARGIE

Welcome back! It's been a long two months since we have been in touch. Hoping that you and your family have had good health and are enjoying the longer days of sunlight. Mother Nature did let us know that she was not done with winter when she blasted us again on March 22. March is such an unpredictable month! If we look at the glass as being half full, then let's celebrate the fact that we are one of the few places on the globe that can potentially experience all four seasons in one day! How cool is that? Ever the optimist! Lots has been happening in our community during the past two months, and we will try to catch you up!

If you would like a visit or a phone call, please reach out to one of the folks below.

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Remember to check out our website and Facebook pages. You can view our service on the YouTube link on website. Click on the link below:

[Duff Church Largie Website](#)

APRIL HAPPENINGS

1-Easter Monday

2-Photo Directory Pics

3-Photo Directory Pics

7-Worship @ 11

10-WMS Meeting @ 1:30

**12-Largie Playgroup @ 10.
Theme is Loaves & Fishes**

**13-Crinan Community
Centre Drive Thru Dinner**

14-Worship @ 11

**17-WI Euchre Party @ CCC
@ 1:30**

**21-Worship @ 11. Ladies
Aid Lasagne lunch to
follow. Worship is
downstairs**

**23-Happy Birthday
Ryleigh Alderton**

**26-Playgroup @ 10. Theme
is Dressing Yourself**

28-Worship @ 11



LARGIE SUNDAY SCHOOL

March was a busy month for the Sunday School. We hosted a Lasagne Dinner on March 9 where people could dine in or take out. We sold a total of 110 meals, half of which were dine in. We had a great evening of delicious lasagne, garlic bread, salad, and yogurt parfaits. There was lots of food and we some even bought some for the next day. After eating a big meal, David Reid hosted our very own Largie Jeopardy! He had a variety of questions from topics such as: "In the Bible", "This or That", "It's the Law", "Coffee Break", "European Tour and Name the Country". Here's a sample to test your trivia level: In what Canadian city do all taxi drivers have to wear socks? (Answer: Halifax) You can bring that to coffee club with you! Unfortunately, we didn't get pictures of the Jeopardy game, but we do have pictures of the preparation day and the evening.



Window decorations for the Lasagne Dinner.



The cooks (cuoca in Italian) hard at work.

On March 24, the Sunday School hosted a Palm Sunday Brunch at 9:30 followed by our worship service at 11:00. We planned the service together with Pastor Wilma with lots of music, a skit involving the children, and a palm branch parade around the church classroom. We were pleased to have Argyle Crinan join us for this joyous celebration. This was the first time in a few years that worship was held downstairs. No one missed climbing the stairs!

The skit was called "Hosanna". Two narrators told the Palm Sunday story and the children, along with the teachers, helped to solidify the message with singing parts sung to the tune of "Wheels on the Bus". The children enjoyed the parade around the classroom after the skit.

The children also helped the congregation sing "Jesus Loves Me" with accompanying actions. We hope to share this weekly and also learn more childrens' hymns.

PICTURES FROM OUR PALM SUNDAY SERVICE



The Sunday School's next special service will be our outdoor service on June 23. Our theme this year is "Cowboy Church".

Mark your calendars and stay tuned for details.



Before our Palm Sunday service on March 24, some scholarly sorts decided to match up the puzzle pieces to the correct puzzles. Our “Fidget Bags” had puzzles in the bags, but with the wrong pieces! Anyone see the smoke coming out their ears?!

They managed to get everything sorted out in record time! Thanks to our sleuth photographer for capturing this!



A man rushed into a doctor’s surgery, shouting, “Help me, please! I’m shrinking!” The doctor calmly said, “Now settle down a bit. You’ll just have to learn to be a little patient.”

I told my doctor that I broke my arm in two places. He told me to stop going to those places.

My wife told me to stop impersonating a flamingo. I had to put my foot down.

A man was driving down the road when a policeman stopped him. The officer looked in the back of the man’s truck and said, “Why are these penguins in your truck?”

The man replied, “These are my penguins. They belong to me.”

“You need to take them to the zoo,” the policeman said.

The next day, the officer saw the same guy driving down the road. He pulled him over again. He saw the penguins were still in the truck, but they were wearing sunglasses this time. “I thought I told you to take these penguins to the zoo!”, the officer said.

“I did,” the man replied. “And today I’m taking them to the beach.”

LARGIE PLAYGROUP

The theme of Playgroup on February 23 was “Pyjama Day”. Children, caregivers and Sunday School teachers donned their best PJs and came for a fun filled morning of matching the pyjamas, songs, a story and a craft. Everyone had a great time.

On March 7, our Playgroup learned the story about creation. We had an interactive story told by song about how God created the world. The children were happy to attach each day’s creation to our white board. After the story, we sang “Jesus Loves Me” with actions.

The theme on March 22 was Easter. We had a story about the Five Fuzzy Chicks, sang a song about the disappearing eggs and ended our time together with an Easter craft and playtime. All caregivers and their preschool children/grandchildren are welcome to join us the second and fourth Friday of each month at 10 am.



LADIES AID AND BURNING BUSH GROUP NEWS (Lynda Drummelsmith)

The Ladies group met on March 13 @ 1:30 p.m. in the church classroom. The meeting opened with President Lin leading the “Land Acknowledgement” followed by an “Irish Friendship Blessing”

President Lin reported that the Bobier Villa Auxiliary is celebrating 85 years this year and are planning a celebration. The Silent Auction for the Bobier Villa Auxiliary had 16 baskets with 2 more to come in. Reminder that our ladies will have the Tea Room May 5, 2024.

Those who organized and helped with Potluck in January, Heritage Sunday Potluck and lunch following Annual meeting were thanked.

On March 17, Mike Baker from Elgin County Museum and Archives spoke to the congregation, following our service about preserving our history, photos, mementos, records etc. This was very interesting. A social time which included coffee and muffins was enjoyed prior to his presentation.

On Palm Sunday the Sunday School served brunch prior to the service. The service was held in the basement with children taking part.

April 21 will be the next service held downstairs, with the ladies making Lasagna and having potluck salads and dessert.

The program for the W.M.S. was taken from the Easter Worship sent from the Women’s Missionary Society of Canada. It was centred around Easter Morning and Mary going to the Tomb. A delicious lunch of Angel food cake and pineapple topping was served.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 10 @ 1:30 p.m.



The pessimist sees difficulty in every opportunity. The optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty." **Winston Churchill**

“Age is an issue of mind over matter. If you don’t mind, it doesn’t matter.” **Mark Twain**

Birthdays are good for you. Statistics show that the people who have the most live the longest.” **Larry Lorenz**



FROM THE PULPIT – Pastor Wilma Boyce

The Gift of Prayer

One day Jesus' disciples said to him, "Lord teach us to pray."

And then Jesus gave them a beautiful prayer that would be easy

for them to remember. Later at least two of them wrote it down so that we would have it too. They called it the Lord's Prayer because they were so thankful he taught it to them.

Jesus said, "pray in this way,...

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name.

10 Your kingdom come.

Your will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

11 Give us this day our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

13 And do not bring us to the time of trial,

but rescue us from the evil one." (from Matthew 6)

Jesus wanted them to know God the way he knows God, as a loving Father with a good plan for all of God's creation. Each part of the prayer was meant to remind those who said it about their relationship with God and people, as well as stories about God's faithfulness. It is meant to do the same for us.

Saying Father means there is a close personal relationship with God, and Our says we are in this together as brothers and sisters. Saying in heaven means God is high above all, in authority and love. Hallowed be your name, says we worship God and trust that God will act in ways true to who God is – loving and right.

To say Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven... is to say to God break into this world and make it like heaven, like you planned all along – it's not something we do on our own; we can be part of it, though. It says to God, transform us, and heal all your creation.; make us a blessing and free us from any and all forms of bondage.

Give us this day our daily bread says we depend on God for what we need to live. It is 'us' not 'I' and reminded the Israelites of how God provided manna in the wilderness and how Jesus fed the 5,000. If there is extra, it is for sharing.

Saying the word 'as' in Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, reminds us that we are not forgiven if we do not forgive, because not forgiving builds a wall or barrier between people and God – it is about bringing people to the cross of Christ with us, not us getting there alone.

Lead us not into temptation (the time of trial) but deliver (rescue) us from the evil one, says that in every situation there is the choice to rise to the test to refine us or to let the evil one tempt us to act or react on a lower level – we are praying that the LORD will deliver us from the evil one – and that is what Jesus did in his death and resurrection.

Jesus made this prayer simple enough for a child to memorize – we should teach it to the children. It is a wonderful gift because it helps us all to pray even when we don't know what to pray – it covers everything.

What images does each part of the pray evoke in your mind? It might to helpful to write them down and a have good conversation with the Lord. After all, prayer is a gift.

Blessings,

Wilma

SESSION UPDATE

Submitted by Paul McWilliam

It was decided by Session to try having services in the basement April 21, May 19 and June 16 to accommodate accessibility. Session is moving forward with Crinan for a photo directory. It will be great to have as many participate as possible.

For everyone planning their summer Sundays. Summer services for July in Crinan and August in Largie will be at 9:30. Both churches will be closed July 28th and August 4th

**Paul McWilliam
Session Clerk**



FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2024



HOT CROSS BUNS – MAKES 18

MARGUERITE BOYD

INGREDIENTS

$\frac{3}{4}$ c. milk, scalded

$\frac{1}{2}$ c. sugar (first amount)

1 tsp. salt

$\frac{1}{4}$ c. butter or margarine

1 tsp sugar (second amount)

$\frac{1}{2}$ c. lukewarm water

1 tbsp. or 1 envelope active dry yeast

2 large eggs, beaten (room temperature)

2 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. cinnamon

$\frac{3}{4}$ tsp. cloves

$\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. nutmeg

4 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. unsifted all purpose flour (divided, see below)

1 c. raisins or currants

1 c. mixed peel or fruit mix

DIRECTIONS

Pour scalded milk into bowl, add $\frac{1}{2}$ c. sugar, salt and butter. Stir until dissolved and cool to lukewarm.

In a measuring cup dissolve the one tsp. sugar in lukewarm water. Sprinkle yeast over top and let stand for 10 to 12 minutes or until yeast has risen to top of cup, then stir it well with a fork. Add to the milk mixture and stir to blend.

Stir in the eggs and spices. Beat in 2 cups of the flour and raisins or currants, and mixed peel (dough is runny). Add another 2 cups of flour and work into the dough.

Turn dough out on to a floured board and use remaining $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of flour.



Knead 8 to 10 minutes or 200-250 times. Shape dough into a smooth ball and place in a greased bowl. Grease top, cover and let rise 1 ½ hours. Punch dough down and place on flat surface and make into an 18 inch roll. Cut off 18 even pieces and roll each into a ball. Let rise 1 ½ to 1 ¾ hours. With a sharp knife gently cut a cross on top of each bun. Bake 10 minutes at 400 degrees.

GLAZE:

In a sauce pan, add 4 tbsp. icing sugar, ¾ cup water. Bring to a boil then simmer for 3 minutes. Brush on buns while warm.

ALTERNATE GLAZE:

1 tsp. sugar, 4 tbsp. milk. Stir well. Brush on warm buns.



DUFF CHURCH LARGIE

HISTORY CORNER

Submitted by Lynda Drummelsmith

(Taken from "Station By the River" By Norman McWilliam)

Duff Presbyterian Church Largie will celebrate 169 years this fall.

In the following Newsletters for 2024, we will share the history of the

Young People's Society, which was founded 125 years ago.

In 1899 the first organization of the young people of the church took place. It was organized by the pastor Rev. John McNeil. It was done under the direction of the Presbytery of London, and was called the Young People's Home Missionary Society. The first President was Alex. G. McMillan, a teacher at Largie School. Meetings were held once a month on a Friday evening. Programs were mostly on Missionary lines. After 1900 the meeting night was changed to Sunday evenings. This resulted in better attendance and programs. Money raised was used to support several Home Missionary projects and included Point Aux Trembles School and Knox College Missionary Society.