

September 10,
2008

SJWT



Dear Friends,

It will be great to see you this Sunday: Come to Pray and Stay for Barbeque on the Steps!

Worship with us this Sunday, September 14: 8:30 Early Eucharist 10:30 Celebrant and Sermon: The Rev. Gary van der Meer Musician: Ken Whiteley.

Announcements & Events

Barbeque!

We invite everyone to join us **this Sunday, September 14** after the 10:30 service. Potluck Salads and Desserts. Burgers provided. We do need some helping hands to set up so we are ready. We invite you to bring your friends for worship, visiting, Sunday School registration, and a shared lunch.

BRING YOUR BOXES NOW for our Yard Sale!

We will hold a One-Day Yard Sale on **Saturday, September 27**. Put the date in your calendar. Put your items in a box and bring it to the church so that we can sort in preparation for the big day. Also, please ensure all electrical items are in working condition and that all pieces are present. For more information, contact **Sue Ferguson, 416-769-5267**

Update—Breakfast for the homeless

Thanks to all who participated in our Observer Sundays at the Breakfast for the Homeless, held at St. Stephen's Church just north of Kensington Market. We have been invited to be the Church on Duty for the 4th Sunday of each month starting in December. **Each Sunday we need 4-8 people: An early shift starting at 5:30/6:00 AM and a later shift starting at 7:00 AM, both concluding at 9:00/9:15 AM.** Tasks: Giving out food, putting out, clearing up and washing dishes, and interacting with the people who come for breakfast. Each time, we will meet afterwards at a coffee shop in our neighbourhood to debrief, and provide an update to our community in the announcements at the conclusion of the 10:30 service. Would you like to try it? **Ask the following people about their experience:** *Carrie Cardwell, Joan Knight, Andy Richens, Liz McKendry, Sue Ferguson, Alicia Vandermeer, Jackie Allison, Kristin Allison, Dominic Allison, Sally Ritchie, John Spragge, Stephanie Christakos, Jamie Christakos, Sue Heal, Tom Gehrels, Gary van der Meer.* Sign up at the Action Desk. Sally Ritchie will confirm your date on the schedule. Our St. John's dates for the Breakfast for the Homeless: **September 28, October 26, November 23, December 28.**

Great Upcoming Music!

September 14: Ken Whiteley, guitar; September 21: Tim Elliott, Jazz Eucharist; September 28: Glory Glory Hallelujah, Praise Band.

Safe Church—Screening Workshop

As we ramp up with Sunday School, Youth Group and all kinds of activities, we need to take care that people in leadership roles are up to date on the Diocesan Sexual Misconduct Policy. For the church's insurance policy, we need you to attend and "sign off" that you understand appropriate boundaries in church and community life. Plan to attend the Safe Church workshop, Monday **September 22**, 7:30 PM in the Church. Please contact **Ian Henderson** to confirm your attendance: **ihender@sympatico.ca, 416-767-4309**

E-newsletter Editor

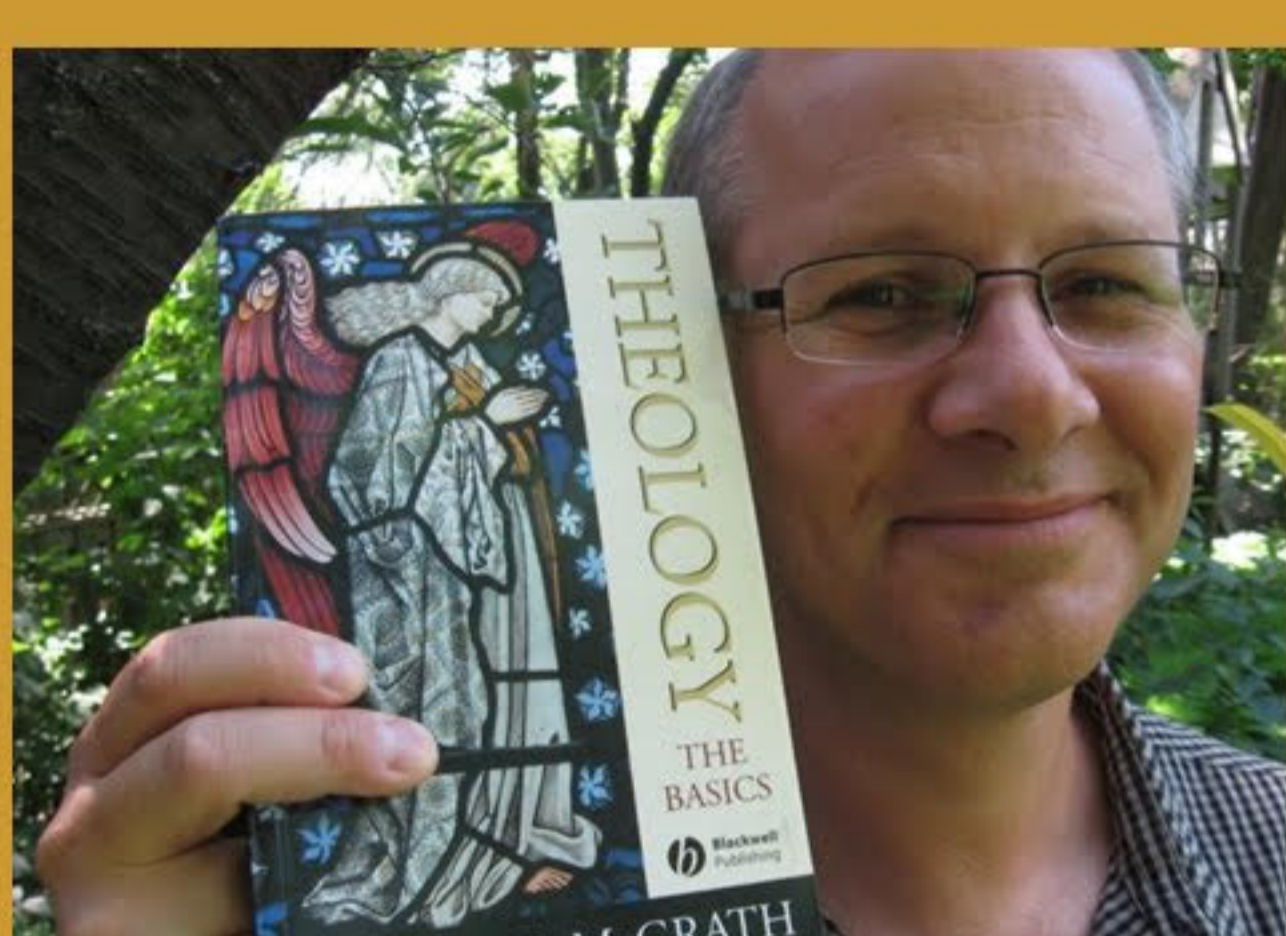
This fall, we are looking for a new E-newsletter Editor at St. John's. This is an ideal task for somebody with interests in graphic design, communications, etc.

Get in touch through **enews@sjwt.ca** if you are interested.

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LETTER

Learning and Growing in Faith



Brad

Brad has chosen **Theology: The Basics** by Alister E. McGrath as the book he will read as preparation for Confirmation. Brad says, **"I like the idea of an over all primer on theology and liturgy mostly because I am scattered in my understanding. I figure it will lead to further reading – I will start here and see where it takes me."**

Brad is also reading the two assigned Confirmation books: **Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time** by Marcus Borg, and **Irresistible Revolution: Living as an Ordinary Radical** by Shane Claiborne. He will also attend the 5 sessions of our first **Christianity 101**, offered at St. John's West Toronto, on Tuesdays beginning October 14. Confirmations will be held at St. John's with Bishop Poole on Sunday, January 18, 2009. Everyone is welcome to attend Christianity 101 – please contact us if you would like to participate.

Brad's book is an introduction. Remember him as he reads.

...What would you like to learn about as you grow in faith?

P.S. I hope you find it helpful to get an update like this from St. John's Church, West Toronto. If you would like something listed in the announcements, or if you know someone who would appreciate receiving this, please contact me. If you would prefer not to receive news from St. John's in this way, please also let me know.

Best wishes, Gary+

Check our website. www.sjwt.ca

And remember this!

We are not a Building!

We are an accessible, accepting, diverse community. We are young and old, able-bodied, and disabled, employed and unemployed. We are married, single, divorced, straight and gay. We are from all over the world, yet we could live next door. You will find open minds and open hearts at St. John's.

The mission of St. John's Church is to build a community of caring believers committed to Christ, to work for justice and service to all in need. We gather to praise God, and to give and receive support to meet the challenge of our daily ministries. We call on all who will to come and join us.

