Jesus said, ‘I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.’ The joy Jesus is talking about is unique: ‘My joy.’ And it’s fulfilling in a way that the world’s happiness isn’t: ‘That your joy may be complete.’ Being a faithful follower of Christ’s teachings brings inner joy that’s real and resilient regardless of economic indicators, interest rates, government deficits, and even disease or death. You can’t be happy without being joyful, but you can be joyful without being happy! How’s that possible? Jesus had previously told His disciples that we enjoy a love which transcends all others - the love of our heavenly Father that’s unconditionally offered and, once accepted, is permanently experienced. Nothing can compare to the love of God. His love isn’t based on looks, personality, wealth, or even moral goodness. It’s offered without any preconditions. And it’s neither fickle nor failing. You can’t do anything to make God love you more, and you can do nothing to make Him love you less. Furthermore, divine love doesn’t just give you ‘warm fuzzies’. It’s constantly at work to direct you towards making wise decisions, to protect you from making poor ones, and to correct you when you make bad ones. God’s love guarantees His acceptance when all others have rejected you, His forgiveness when all others have judged you, and His mercy when all others have condemned you. When you bask in His love, you experience a wellspring of joy bubbling up in your heart. And since the world didn’t give you this joy - the world can’t take it away. Source: The UCB Word for Today
Sabbath School Program

Song Service: 9:25 - 9:40 a.m.
Advent Lesson Discussion - 9:40 - 10:40 a.m.

Adult Quarterly

The Holy Spirit and Spirituality
“The Holy Spirit and Living a Holy Life”

WELCOME: A warm welcome to all our visitors and guests today! If you are visiting for the first time, or if you are returning to worship, we pray that you will be blessed and find the love of Jesus here today.

TITHES & OFFERINGS: Today’s offering is Local Church Budget. Thank you for your gift today! Please give generously when waited upon by the deacons. ONLINE GIVING NOW AVAILABLE. Please visit the SDA website at www.stjohnssda.org

SKATING SOCIAL: Come enjoy our Skating Social! There will be a Skate Social on February 18th from 8:00 to 9:00 pm again at the Paradise Arena. The arrangements are the same, $2/person or $5/family. Those who like hockey, one end of the arena will be used for hockey. It has been an enjoyable family time, one that was desired to be repeated. Helmets are required.

GENERAL PROTESTANT CEMETERY: We are looking for a replacement for Don Morgan to represent our church at AGMs and any special meetings called by the Cemetery Committee. Also that person can serve as a conduit to share any information from the Cemetery Committee with our church. Please talk to Don if you are interested in filling this position and he can give you whatever information you need.

FESTIVAL OF PRAISE: The Canadian Bible Society Newfoundland & Labrador District will be holding a Festival of Praise on Sunday, February 26th, 2017, at 2:30 pm at the Salvation Army Citadel on Adams Ave. Local Choirs and Worshiped Groups are being invited to join us for this special time in support of the Canadian Bible Society. We would love to see you, in how the Canadian Bible Society distributes God’s Word throughout the world. All are welcome! Phillip Milmine will be having a short devotional during the program and the MASDAS group will be singing.

MONTHLY BOTTLE DRIVE: Sarah Milmine is collecting recyclable cans and bottles in order to prepare for going to graduate school in Alberta in August. The funds from this effort will go toward acquiring a vehicle or a plane ticket and covering shipping costs, as traveling to Alberta and transporting belongings will not be covered by student loans. You can bring your recyclables to Sarah on any Sabbath, or you are welcome to arrange a date and time for her to pick up from your home or transport belongings. Helmets are required.

PRAYER MEETING: every Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm here at the church. Come and be spiritually fed as we dig a little deeper in God’s word.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: “He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul, but he that heareth rebuke getteth understanding.” Prov. 15:32.

MASDAS: MASDAS and friends will be visiting Hillcrest Estates this afternoon at 3 pm. We are inviting the church to join us as we minister in song and scripture. For more details see Rely.

DEFIBRILLATOR: Looking for the pediatric defibrillator pads that belong with the church defibrillator. If you know where they may be, could you please speak with Stephanie Anthony.

OFFICIAL GOOGLE CHURCH CALENDAR ONLINE: The St. John’s SDA Church has an official Google Calendar that is regularly updated with the latest church calendar items. Google Calendar may be synced to any mobile device, PC, or Mac computer. Visit www.stjohnssda.org for more information.


SUNDAY SOUP SUPPERS: Thanks to our wonderful church family, our volunteer calendar for January – March 2017 is now posted. You are invited to bring something to share at any Sabbath. Also be sure to bring your recyclables to Sarah on any Sabbath, or you are welcome to arrange a date and time for her to pick up from your home.

CCLI REQUIREMENT: This is a reminder to everyone involved with music or programming involving music in any way, that we are obligated to report music used in any form to CCLI. This is a requirement of our church license and has been in effect since November and ends March 31, 2017. Please leave a note in my mailbox or by email weekly so I can report to CCLI. If you have any questions, please speak with Stephanie Anthony. Thank you.

SUNSET THIS WEEK: 5:18 PM
SUNSET NEXT WEEK: 5:29 PM

- February 13 (Monday) Church Board Meeting 7:00 pm
- February 15 (Wednesday) Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm
- February 18 (Saturday) Ice Skating Social 8:00 pm
- February 19 (Sunday) Soup Kitchen 5:00 pm
- February 22 (Wednesday) Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm
- February 25 (Sabbath) Potluck
- February 26 (Sunday) Festival of Praise 2:30 pm