



St. Paul's News Bulletin

October 11, 2020



Parish Events

Happy Thanksgiving!

Our in-person 9:30 am Services have begun! If you'd like to attend, it's necessary to register ahead of time. To do this, you can go to our website and click on Plan your Visit, or phone or email the Parish Office. The deadline is Thurs. noon. For more registration information, please see Fergus' Oct. 5 email on this. Anyone planning to attend in-person Sun. Services must take Alberta Health Services' Self Assessment (available online at <https://myhealth.alberta.ca/Journey/COVID-19/Pages/Assessment.aspx>) before proceeding into the Sanctuary. We hope that all will do this at home before coming. Everyone will be asked if they've taken this self-assessment. If they haven't, they'll need to read the Assessment posted on the church door before they can participate.

Today's Live Stream Service will be posted live at 9:30 am on our main Facebook page. PLEASE NOTE: You don't have to be on Facebook to watch. You just need to go to the link <https://www.facebook.com/stpaulscalgary> and click on the video. (Facebook allows you to watch the most recent posting on a Facebook page without having an account.) After today, if you don't have Facebook, please go to our website (<https://www.stpaulscalgary.ca/podcasts/media>), and you'll be able to watch the Service by clicking on a link posted there.

Returning to In-person Services: Our "Plan to Reopen Safely for Public Worship" has been emailed or mailed to everyone on the Parish List. The Plan, Fergus' Covering Letter, and 3 Points of Clarification, are also all posted on our website under "About/Resources/Documents/COVID-19 Reopening Plan," and linked on Facebook and Twitter. If you've yet to do so, please read the Plan and give feedback ASAP via emails to the Office or Fergus, phone calls to the Office, or conversations with Ministry leaders or Caring Contact Helpers, to the 4 questions with it.

Sun. School: At present, we're not offering in-person Sun. School, but resources for Sunday School at home, including material that can be printed and brought to Services, are posted each week on our website. Please type in "Sunday School" in the search box, and click on "Sunday School." Shannon, Gloria, and our teachers and helpers are looking at what Sun. School at St Paul's will look like moving forward. Please keep them in your prayers.

Sun. Coffee Time: Everybody's invited to share Virtual Coffee Time after the Sunday Service at 11:30 am via Zoom. The Zoom link is included with the PDF Order of Service on our website under the Sermon tab.

Midweek Morning Prayer: Video Morning Prayer Services are posted on the 1st and 3rd Wed. or Thurs. of the month on Facebook and our YouTube Channel. You can view the latest Service via this link: <https://youtu.be/Y769jqGcWvE>. The easiest way to view them on YouTube is to subscribe to our Channel. The link is on our lower right corner. All are invited to share these worship times.

Wednesday Morning Zoom COVID-19 Bible Study by the World Council of Churches. This will take place on October 14 and 28 with further dates to be announced later. Please contact Fergus if you would like to participate so he can send you the link.

"Simply Christian" Zoom Study: EVERYONE'S INVITED to share this opportunity to explore together the core of Christianity with one of the world's leading Biblical scholars! For 10 Wed. evenings from 7:30-9 pm, we'll watch a video presentation by Dr. Wright, and spend time in discussion, aided by questions in the Wesley Ministry Network's Participant's Guide. This Study is ideal for seekers and new and seasoned Christians. Please contact Fergus if you'd like to participate.

Face Masks: We have reusable masks in adult, youth (9 to 12 years approx.) and children's sizes, at the church. If you'd like some, please phone the Office to arrange a time to pick them up, or have them delivered to you.

Prayer Group Ministry: If you have a prayer request, or would like to join this vital ministry, please contact Dinah at breu.dinah@gmail.com, or Fergus.

Caring Contact Ministry: Helpers in our Caring Contact Ministry contact the households on their lists once a month, and share any pastoral concerns with Fergus. If you'd like to join this Ministry, please let Fergus know.

Offerings: Thank you for continuing to give your Offering when we're unable to be physically present together. It's critical to helping us fulfill our Mission. Here are ways we can do this. We can donate via our website (<https://www.stpaulscalgary.ca/donate>). This is completely secure, with the highest level of PCI compliance. We can also mail our Offering (perhaps post-dated cheques) via regular post; drop it off in the Office mailbox (phoning 1st); arrange for it to be picked up from our mailboxes; or set up direct depositing (for the form, go to our website, type "Donation" in the search box, and click on "Pre Authorized Donations"). An e-transfer option is now available. Please use the email gift@stpaulscalgary.ca. No password is needed; to help our Envelope Secretary, please included your envelope number in the "message" spot.

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Youth Group

Calling All Junior and Senior High Students to be Youth Who Make a Difference !

The Alpha Youth Film Series has been postponed.

Check out our Youth Group Facebook page to see more details about what's happening:

<https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsCalgaryYouth>.

Diocesan and Community Events

78th Convention of Synod Saturday, October 24, 2020
Archbishop Greg Kerr-Wilson along with the Diocesan Council announces that the 78th Convention of Synod has been called for Saturday, October 24, 2020. Licensed Clergy and Elected Lay Delegates to Synod are to attend. During this time of physical distancing, Synod will be held via Zoom. In an effort to make good use of limited time, only the essentials of Synod, in accordance with the Canons, will be dealt with. No motions will be addressed at this event; we intend to hold a Special Synod in 2021 to respond to motions and other business.

St. Edmund's Food Bank Has Reopened: We are in need of donations as the demand has already increased and we anticipate a sharp rise over the coming months with the unemployment rate and CoVid 19-related financial difficulties people are now facing. If you are able to assist with donations of non-perishable OR fresh OR frozen food items, please contact us: (403) 288 6330 or email@stedmundscalgary.org for a safe drop-off time. For monetary donations, please mail your cheques (payable to St. Edmund King & Martyr Anglican Church) to 8336 - 34 Avenue NW, Calgary, AB, T3B 1R2. If you would prefer to e-transfer, please contact Linda Anderson, Bishop's Warden at email@stedmundscalgary.org or (403) 615-0651.

Our Ministries

Prayer Shawl Ministry

What are prayer shawls? The purpose of a prayer shawl is to give someone a tangible example of God's love and care.

Who do we minister to? Those in need of strength while undergoing medical procedures; those in need of comfort after a loss; those in need of peace and patience during an illness and recovery; those in celebration of

graduation, a marriage or a birth of a child... There are endless possibilities!

How do I take part in this great ministry? Anyone can join! If you would like to help make something that carries so much meaning, please consider joining us. We share tips, teach and help the new knitters and quilters and enjoy fellowship. If you are unable to attend meetings, but would still like to take part, you can make your shawls at home.

What makes each quilt or shawl special is the fact that prayer is symbolically tied into each one. They are a statement of faith, a testimony to our belief in God and in the power of prayer.

The Knots Tied in the Quilts Represent a Prayer As each knot is tied, a silent prayer is said for those who will receive the quilt.

Why Quilts and Shawls? Quilts and shawls are a comfort to many people, they keep us warm, and wrap us with a hug.

We hope to start meeting again in the new year. **If you are interested in working on a shawl or quilt at home please let Laura Anne know (403 256-1428)**

Thank you, to all who have made quilts and shawls for the people of our Parish and their family and friends.

October 18, Ministry Sunday –Coffee time, Father Lacombe ministries, food bank, greeting card ministry, casserole ministry, Pastoral Care

Financial News

Our deficit to August 31 is \$6,140. Thank you to everyone who is helping support our Mission financially in this time when we are not able to worship together physically. Ways to do this are listed on the front of this News Bulletin. Please pray for our Parish's finances as we face these challenging times together.



Outreach

PWRDF: In our Parish family, we've been praying for comfort for the people of Lebanon after the terrible explosion in Beirut, and the chaos that's followed. Here's a way we can be part of the answer to our prayers, through PWRDF and the Government's Matching Fund. For info go to https://pwrdf.org/donations-for-lebanon-eligible-for-humanitarian-coalition-match-through-membership-in-foodgrains-bank/?fbclid=IwAR35ChVPiIUHdBOahLH_RCwn6uzB18VUyP35heCVTP8cfbskmtYdCZRxgk

Inreach: With many in our Parish congregation going through financial struggles at present due to the economy, a special fund has been set-up. Donations marked "Financial Help for Parishioners" are also welcome. If you are in need of financial help, or know of someone in our Parish who is (and you have their permission), please let Fergus know. He will maintain absolute confidentiality. This is one way we can care for one another, and all get through this challenging time together. Thank you to everyone who has donated to this fund, which presently sits at approximately \$3,700 with \$6,100 having been disbursed.

Pastoral Care

If you know of anyone who is beginning Chemo treatment and would benefit from receiving a Chemo Care Bag please contact Robbie Coller.

If you'd like to be part of our Pastoral Care Team, please contact Fergus or Nicola Peden. Training (courses from the Roman Catholic Diocese, which are paid for by the Parish) is available.

Prayer Shawl Ministry will be meeting once a month on the second Wednesday of the month. All are welcome!

Please contact Fergus if you or someone you know would like a visit.

Thank you to Kerry Peters for making "holding crosses" for our Pastoral Care Team to share with those they visit.

Opportunities to Serve

2020 Flower Chart still has a few spaces available. If you are interested in signing up for a date please let Laura Anne know at the Office. If The cost for flowers is **\$30.00**. Thank you to Midnapore Flower Magic for supplying our flowers as Michelle's has moved.

Prayer Chain Requests: Please contact Dinah Breu with your prayer requests.

Casserole Ministry: If you know of anyone who would benefit from receiving a casserole. Please contact Linda Huber.

Card Ministry: Gail Munro will send greetings on behalf of our parish to anyone in the parish who is ill, etc.

Grocery Pick-up Ministry: If you would like to help pick up groceries or prescriptions for those who cannot get out, please contact the Office.

Living Waters: Monday, October 26 is the deadline for *Living Waters* submissions for the October Edition. Please submit to office@stpaulscalgary.ca.

Rides Assistance: If you need or can help provide rides for members who have a hard time getting to services, appointments or visiting their loved ones, please contact the office.

Sign: We'd like to change the sign more regularly, but to do this we need helpers. If you can help, please contact Paul Bourgeois or the Office.

Servers: We are looking for more volunteers to be servers at our Sunday services. **Adults are welcome to join this ministry.**

Altar Guild: If you are interested in serving on the Altar Guild please let Robbie know.

Parish Council: We are looking for people to serve as **Deputy People's Warden and Youth contact on Parish Council (a teen age 16 or older)**. If you are interested in either of these positions or would like more information please contact the Wardens or Fergus.

Regular Weekly Activities at St. Paul's:

(Please Note: All in-person activities are discontinued until further notice)

- Sun.:** Alpha Youth Series 10 am—1st and 3rd Sundays (*postponed*)
- Mon. :** Bible Study: 7:00 pm (*postponed*)
Prayer Group : 7:30 pm (*postponed*)
- Wed. :** **Video Midweek Morning Prayer: 9:30 am (first and third Wednesdays or Thursdays of the month)**
Wednesday Morning COVID-19 Bible Study (via Zoom): 10:30 am (Oct. 14 and 18)
"Simply Christian" Video Study (via Zoom): 7:30 pm
- Thurs.:** Prayer Shawl Ministry (2nd Wednesday each Month in new year) (*postponed*)
TOPS : 6:30 pm (*postponed*)
Choir practice (If you'd like to join the choir, please contact Paul Bourgeois) (*postponed*)
- Sat.:** Men's Breakfast: 8:30 am—3rd Saturdays (*postponed*)
Ladies Luncheon: 11:30 am—3rd Saturdays (for location please contact the Parish Office)