



St. Paul's News Bulletin

September 20, 2020



Parish Events

Returning to In-person Services: Our "Plan to Reopen Safely for Public Worship" has been emailed to everyone on the Parish List, and mailed out by regular post to everyone who isn't. It and a letter form of Fergus' accompanying letter are also posted on our website under "About/Resources/Documents/COVID-19 Reopening Plan," and linked on our Facebook pages and Twitter account. Please read the Plan carefully, 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 questions accompanying it. If everything comes together, we hope to have 25 people worshipping in-person at our 9:30 Service on Thanksgiving Sunday, Oct. 11. An update on the responses we've received will be shared in next week's News Bulletin.

Our Sep. 20 Video Service of the Word will be posted on our website early Sunday morning. You can share it via: <https://www.stpaulscalgary.ca/podcasts/media>.

Sunday School Resources for Sunday School at home are once again being posted each week on our website. To find them, please type in "Sunday School" in the search box, and then click on "Sunday School."

Sunday Coffee Time: Everybody's invited to share Coffee Time after the Sunday Service at 11:00 am via Zoom. The Zoom link is included with the PDF Order of Service on our website under the Sermon tab. **The same link for all Coffee Times is being used from Sep. 6 through Oct. 4.**

Sunday School in the time of COVID-19: What will Sunday School at St Paul's look like moving forward? This is the question that Shannon, Gloria and all the teachers and helpers will be looking at over the next little while. Please keep them in your prayers. For more on this, please check out Living Waters.

Ever wondered about labyrinths and how they are used? This is your chance to come and find out! Nicola is offering a presentation about labyrinths, followed by a walk on one, this Sat., 26 Sep.. The presentation time is 10:00 to Noon. The walk commences promptly @ 2:30 pm (weather permitting) at Christ Church, 3602 8th Street SW. Please let Nicola know by email if you will be attending ASAP. The Zoom link will be given to you then. Please see Sep. "Living Waters" for more info. or contact Nicola.

Wednesday Morning Prayer: These Video Morning Prayer Services will now be posted on the first and third Wednesdays of the month on Facebook and our YouTube Channel. You can view this past week's Service via this link: https://youtu.be/jZ_QCmPlroQ. 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 times of worship.

Wednesdays with the Word: If you'd like to join this Wednesday Morning Zoom Bible Study on the Readings for the upcoming Sunday, please email M'Laurel at msthompson@xplornet.ca.

Wednesday Evening Study: "Simply Christian" Video Study via Zoom, 7:30 to 9 pm on Weds., will start Oct. 7. More info. to come. Please contact Fergus 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.

Grocery Pick-up Ministry: Thanks to all who have volunteered! To join this Ministry, please contact the Office.

Book Borrowing: Books can be borrowed 100% safely from our Parish Library or Fergus' Book Nook. Please contact the Office for details.

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 offer our support. 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 first); arrange for it to be picked up from our mailboxes; or set up direct depositing (to download the form, please go to our website, type "Donation" in the search box, and click on "Pre Authorized Donations." We're waiting on TechSoup to finish the final step of adding an e-transfer option.

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Pastor's Postings: pastorfergus.wordpress.com/

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

Parish Council

Parish Council is the leadership team of the Parish, consisting of 10 to 15 members who represent the different ministries of our congregation. These individuals are elected to a two year term at our Annual Meeting of Parishioners. Their role is to see that the day to day operation and special events take place smoothly. Parish Council meetings are also a time to discuss any problems a ministry maybe having.

Parish Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month except for July and August when we meet just once.

Thank you to everyone who is serving on Parish Council at this time. Your dedication and service are greatly appreciated!

Our Parish Council: Administration: Paul Bourgeois
Caring Contact: Fergus; **Christian Education:** Murray Sykes; **Communications:** Paul Bourgeois; **Community Connection:** Muyi Ekomwenrenren; **Deputy Incumbent's Warden:** Ingrid Bolton; **Hospitality:** Steve Colle; **Maintenance:** Gerald de Vries; **Incumbent's Warden:** Murray Sykes; **New Members:** Julie Wilson; **Pastoral Care:** Nicola Peden; **People's Warden:** Cam Cline; **Outreach:** Loret MacDonald; **Stewardship:** Kerry Peters; **Sunday School:** Gloria Ford & Shannon Colle; **Worship:** Fergus Tyson (ex officio)

Pastoral Care

Our Pastoral Care Team members are our clergy and lay members. The members of our team visit people at home, in the hospital or call on the phone. We also offer a Grief Support Group which we hope to start up in the Fall.

Pastoral Care is really something we can all do. It is saying "Hi" with a smile, giving a hug, talking to someone who seems to be standing alone, or offering someone a ride. We never know what is going on in people's lives, and these small gestures make a difference.

If you are interested in becoming a member of this team or would like more information please contact Nicola .

Thank you Nicola our Pastoral Care Coordinator and to everyone who serves in this Ministry, you brighten the day of the people whom you visit.

September 20, Ministry Sunday –Fellowship and Food Groups, ladies pot luck, men's breakfasts, Alpha Groups, Sunday School

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=IwAR35ChVPILUHdBOahLH_RCwn6uzB18VUyP35heCVTP8cfbskmtYdCZRgk

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 we will still be acknowledging in the Order of Service those who signed up for flowers each Sunday.

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, September 28 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 cancelled 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 Morning Prayer: 9:30 am (first and third Wednesdays of the month)**
Bible Study on the Upcoming Sunday's Readings (via Zoom): 10:30 am
Simply Christian Video Study (via Zoom): 7:30 pm (starting Oct. 7)
- Thurs.:** Prayer Shawl Ministry (2nd Wednesday each Month beginning again in the Fall) (*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 (on the Church Lawn, weather permitting)