



St. Paul's News Bulletin

September 13, 2020



Parish Events

WELCOME to all sharing online worship with us today!

Returning to In-person Services: Our "Plan to Reopen Safely for Public Worship" has been emailed to everyone on the Parish List, and will be mailed out by regular post to everyone who isn't. It's also posted on our website under "Documents," and is linked on our Facebook pages and Twitter account. Please read the Plan carefully, and give feedback 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.

Our Sep. 13 Video Service of Spiritual Communion 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 presenting a workshop about labyrinths, followed by a walk on one. For **Ministry Groups: Sat., 19 Sep;** for the **Remainder of the Congregation: Sat. 26 Sep..** For both, 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 but no later than THIS EVENING, the 12th, & NEXT FRI., 19 Sep., respectively depending which group you are in. The Zoom link will be given to you then. Please see the September Living Waters for more info. or contact Nicola.

Ladies Luncheon: We will meet again for a picnic THIS SATURDAY, Sep. 19 at 11:30 am on the lawn at the new St. Paul's. This will depend on the weather. For more details see the September Living Waters.

Wednesday Morning Prayer: At 9:30 am each Wednesday, Video Morning Prayer Services are posted on Facebook and our YouTube Channel. 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." **An e-transfer option is also in the final stages of being set up.**

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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.

Back to Church Sunday: Stronger Together

Drawing from Ecclesiastes 4:12, "Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken." BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY 2020 reminds us that individuals, families and friends together, no matter our economic situation, the geography of our home or the colour of our skin, make God's church stronger. Together, we can thrive in uncertainty, stay hopeful in a world of doubt, confident as we fear grips our community and flourish as one.

Our Ministries



The Outreach Committee has two main functions. The first is to make recommendations to Parish Council on how to manage the funds allocated by St. Paul's for Outreach. These funds amount to 10% of our parish income. The goal is to try to find a balance recognizing a variety of needs such as poverty, hunger, addiction, homelessness, violence, social injustice, unclean water and health issues. We also try to consider both international and national issues, as well as local needs or even those in our own parish family. Beneficiaries can range from less well known but worthy causes to more prominent charities. The second function of the committee is to encourage the efforts of the wonderful volunteers who take on organizing Outreach projects from knitting, to Christmas boxes, to the collection of clothing and so much more. Outreach frequently overlaps with other ministries, so one of the goals is to help recognize and promote the many opportunities for parishioners to contribute to Outreach both inside the walls of St. Paul's and into the wider community.

We are always happy to receive suggestions about possible Outreach initiatives.

Thank you to Loret MacDonald for administrating this ministry.

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=IwAR35ChVPiIUHdB0ahLH_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 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: This Monday, June 29 is the deadline for Living Waters submissions for the July/August 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**
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 Sep. 19)