



St. Paul's News Bulletin

October 4, 2020



Parish Events

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. So far, 55 households have responded. 33-39 people say they plan to attend; 21-22 say they may attend. 9 people from 7 different households have volunteered to serve as either Greeter or Sidesperson. 6 people from 4 households have said they may so serve. **This may not be enough people. If you've not already done so, please prayerfully consider if you may be called to serve in this ministry.**

We've received permission from the Diocese to reopen our building for public worship on Oct. 11. We needed to add one action that wasn't included in our Plan: following the recommendation from the Diocese and Alberta Health Services that anyone planning to participate in a Sunday's Service take Alberta Health Services' Self Assessment (available online at <https://myhealth.alberta.ca/Journey/COVID-19/Pages/Assessment.aspx>) before proceeding into the Sanctuary. The hope is that all will do this at home before coming. People will all be asked if they've taken this self-assessment. If they haven't, they will need to do so on site before they can participate.

We hope to have 25 people worshipping in-person at our 9:30 Service NEXT WEEK, Thanksgiving Sun., Oct. 11, which will be cause for thanksgiving, indeed! **PLEASE NOTE:** Attendance will be by reservation only. Reservations can be made via email or phone from Oct. 5-8.

Our October 4 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 posted each week on our website. Please type in "Sunday School" in the search box, and 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: Shannon, Gloria and all the teachers and helpers are looking at what will Sunday School at St Paul's look like moving forward. Please keep them in your prayers. For more on this, please check out Living Waters.

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/>

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Wed. Evening Study: Starting THIS WED.: an opportunity to explore together the core of Christianity with one of the world's leading Biblical scholars! EVERYONE'S INVITED to participate in the "Simply Christian" Zoom Study at St. Paul's, Wed. evenings from 7:30-9 p.m. We'll watch a video presentation by Dr. Wright on Zoom together via screen sharing, and then spend time in discussion, aided by questions in the Wesley Ministry Network's excellent Study Participant's Guide. Expanding on the themes of his acclaimed book Simply Christian, Dr. Wright offers a fresh presentation of the timeless truths of Christianity. This Study is ideal for seekers and new and seasoned Christians. Please contact Fergus at pastorfergus@gmail.com 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 also in the last stages of being set up.**

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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

Prayer Group

Prayer is a conversation with the Lord. ..."you will call and the Lord will answer" Is. 58:9a .

Our Parish Prayer Group believes that prayer is foundational to the well-being of our parish as we meet to pray for every aspect of parish life-our clergy, the congregation, for all in leadership roles, for needs in ministries and for individual needs(health, jobs, expectant mothers, those who mourn-and many other needs.). We also pray for the wider church, for needs in our community, all levels of government and in the world. Our prayers are not formal- we just talk with the Lord, confident in his presence with us according to his promise that he is always with us. All members of our parish are welcome to join us and if you are interested or want to talk about it, please contact Dinah or the Parish office.

Thank you Dinah who coordinates the Prayer Group Ministry and to everyone who serves in this Ministry. Your devotion to prayer gives strength and support to all in our Parish.

Holy Scripture on Prayer Ministry Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. James 5:13-16

Prayer Ministry (which takes place during the 10 am Sunday service at Communion time) is a wholly confidential ministry that provides prayer to anyone who desires prayer for themselves or those close to them for any situation or concern on their hearts. Prayer in this context gives comfort, solace and the touch of the Holy Spirit to convey the Lord's unconditional love and presence to strengthen and uphold all people through the storms of life.

If you believe you are called to this ministry, or want to know more about it, please contact Dinah Breu or Fergus. Your participation would be welcome.

Thank you, Dinah, for coordinating this Prayer Ministry and to everyone who serves in this Ministry.

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=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: 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 Morning Prayer: 9:30 am (first and third Wednesdays or Thursdays of the month)**
Bible Study on the Upcoming Sunday's Readings (via Zoom): 10:30 am (contact the Office to join)
"Simply Christian" Video Study (via Zoom): 7:30 pm (starting this Wednesday, 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 (for location please contact the Parish Office)