



St. Paul's News Bulletin

June 14, 2020

Parish Events



Today's Video Service of Spiritual Communion is being posted on our website at 9:30 am on June 14. You can share it via this link: <https://www.stpaulscalgary.ca/podcasts/media>.

Sunday Coffee Time: Everybody's invited to share Coffee Time after the Service at 11:00 am via Zoom. **The details you'll need to join are in Fergus' June 13 email to the Parish. The Zoom link is also included with the June 14 pdf Order of Service. If we have a large number participating, we'll spend part of our time in "breakout rooms", to allow deeper conversations in small groups to take place.** It's a great way to touch base together.

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

Living Waters: This month's issue is on our website. Here's the link: <https://www.stpaulscalgary.ca/news/june-living-waters-newsletter>.

Wednesday Morning Prayer: We're posting video Morning Prayer Services on Facebook and our YouTube Channel Wednesdays at 9:30 am. **The easiest way to view these on YouTube is to subscribe to our Channel. The link is on the lower right corner of this page.** All are invited to share these times of worship.

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

Ladies Luncheon: We're having an outdoor, social distancing Ladies Luncheon (in which we all bring our own chairs and eat our own food) at the Historic Chapel at 11:30 am this Saturday, June 20. There are more details in "Living Waters". It will be great to see everyone!

The CHOSEN Discussion Group: Thursdays, starting June 25 (times TBA). The 2017 TV drama *The CHOSEN* is a multi-season series about the life of Jesus. Here's the trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K1-FoFj8Jbo>. We'll watch an episode a week of Season 1 on YouTube (for 8 weeks), and discuss it together via Zoom. To participate, please contact Fergus. Everyone is welcome!

COVID-19 Outreach Task Force: We'd like to establish a Task Force to brainstorm ways we can fulfill our purpose as the church of spreading God's Kingdom of love in word and deed in this time of COVID-19. Please contact the Office if you'd like to be part of it.

Face Masks: We've some masks available at the church. If you'd like one, please phone the Office to arrange for a time for you to pick it up, or have it 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.

All of us are invited to continue to unite in prayer together, especially for all in our Parish and community who are the most vulnerable physically (including health care workers) or particularly struggling.

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.

All of us have a vital connecting role to play. Please take the time to connect with those you know, and ask permission to share any pastoral needs with Fergus.

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.

In-person Gatherings: All in-person gatherings continue to be suspended. Phone messages and emails are being answered regularly. **The Diocese has set up a Task Force to establish phased protocols for Parishes. These will be circulated once approved by Diocesan Council.**

Pastoral Visits: Fergus is available for regular visits via phone, email, or in-person (6 feet apart) on the church lawn. He's also available for in-person visits for all pastoral emergencies. **Please contact him if you need someone to talk and pray with in these difficult times.**

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."

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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

Finding Clarity in Uncertain Times: Webinar with Rev. Elizabeth. Short Right now we are living in an in-between time. For many of us, the goalposts keep changing as we try to discern what we can expect. This time can be fraught with feelings of frustration, disappointment, anxiety, isolation, and/or disorientation. This in-between time is a time of transition. You are invited to a free webinar on "Transition". There will be three 1.5 hour webinars on Monday, June 8, Wednesday, June 10, and Monday, June 15. Each session is offered at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm to suit your schedule. To Register: email elizabeth@en-courage.ca and include your name & which time you would like to register for. There is no cost for this course. Sponsored by the Anglican Diocese of Calgary.

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 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.

Missional Minute:

What people did you come across in the past few days that might have appreciated a positive word, a kind gesture, an open hand?

We encourage you to think missionally about your interactions with those you come across. Pray for God to show you the ways in which people you encounter might need His hope, mercy, or grace.

As we see others with the eyes of God, we may be pleasantly surprised how God opens a door to share

the Gospel in word and deed.

Anglican Fellowship of Prayer: The Anglican Fellowship of Prayer (Canada) exists to encourage and enable the ministry of prayer in Canada. It is inclusive of all forms of expressions of Christian church life, whether they be lay or clerical, catholic or evangelical, monastic or secular, formal or informal. AFP (Canada) seeks to be a teaching resource to assist both individuals and congregations to grow in the life of prayer. It seeks to increase and strengthen the companionship of Christian prayer throughout the world. The May issue of the AFP Newsletter is a "Pandemic Special edition, with much helpful material. Here's the link to a pdf version of it: <http://anglicanprayer.org/newsletters/AFP%20Newsletter%20pandemic%202020.pdf>.



Men's Breakfast.

The Men's Breakfast group meets for breakfast and a time of fellowship on the third Saturday of each month from 8:30 am until about 10:30 am. . Each month, volunteer members of the group prepare their favorite breakfast for everyone to enjoy. We each contribute \$5 to cover expenses with the surplus funds going to purchase biosand filters. The food is always great, the company even better, and there are not many problems in the world left to be sorted out after we have finished. All men age 13 and up of the Parish and friends or neighbours are welcome!!

Thank you to all who make this ministry a valuable part of our Parish life.

Next Sunday June 21 Ministry Sunday – Sunday School picnic and Stampede lunch.

Financial News

Our 2020 income to May 31 is 12% less than in 2019. Our Apportionment has been reduced to \$1,000 a month, enabling us to keep our deficit to \$7,659. 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: Despite the COVID 19 pandemic, PWRDF's work continues, and still needs your support. Indeed, it may now be more vital than ever to help those least able to help themselves. For info, go to pwrdf.org



Pregnancy Care Centre Baby Bottle Campaign from May 10 to June 21: Since we are unable to do the Baby Bottle Campaign with the actual bottles, they have provided a link

so that you can still donate to the campaign if you so desire. Here is the link: <https://pregcare.akaraisin.com/ui/bb2020>

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, 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
- Mon. :** Bible Study: 7:00 pm
Prayer Group : 7:30 pm
- Wed. :** **Video Morning Prayer: 9:30 am—posted on Facebook and YouTube**
Bible Study on the Upcoming Sunday's Readings (via Zoom): 10:30 am—starting date TBA
- Thurs.:** **The CHOSEN Discussion Group (via Zoom)—beginning June 25, times TBA**
Prayer Shawl Ministry (2nd Wednesday each Month beginning again in the Fall)
TOPS : 6:30 pm
Choir practice (If you'd like to join the choir, please contact Paul Bourgeois)