

Youth Group

Calling All Junior and Senior High Students to be Youth Who Make a Difference! The Alpha Youth Film Series will begin in the new year, starting Feb. 2, 2020! On the first and third Sundays of the month, during the 10 a.m. Service, for 13 Sessions, our youth will explore together the big questions of life! More details to follow!

Check out our Youth Group Facebook page to see more details about what's happening: www.facebook.com/StPaulsCalgaryYouth.

Diocese and Community

St. Edmund's Food Bank is in need of Donations: With the start of the cold weather, we have seen a large uptick in the number of requests for our Food Bank. Looking ahead at planning for our Annual Christmas Hamper program, we are putting out an appeal for assistance! We are in need of canned products (canned meats, vegetables, pastas, soups, etc.) as well as things like pasta, cereals, dry soups, etc. We also need things for children's lunches: juice boxes, granola bars (nut free), puddings, fruit cups, cookies, cheese strings, etc. Personal items are always welcome (toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, etc.) as well as pet supplies (food, kitty litter, treats). We also appreciate donations in cash or by cheque so that we can purchase those items that we are in greatest need of. Donations may be dropped off during Food Bank hours (9:30 - 11:30 am, Mondays and Thursdays) or by appointment by calling (403) 288-6330 or (403) 239-5266.

The Calgary School for Mission & Ministry: First Courses to Students will be happening **June 18 to 20, 2020**. If you are interested in being part of this first weekend, please contact csmm@calgary.anglican.ca for applications and registration steps. Applications for the School will be available online (via the Diocesan Website) on **October 1, 2019**. **Apply by December 31, 2019 to be eligible for the June programming.**

Our Ministries

Altar Guild: Liturgy begins and ends with the work of the Altar Guild. To care for the sacred vessels, the bread and the wine, the fair linens and hangings and the candles and torches used for worship in the Sanctuary is far more than a task, it is a true ministry. We are told that all things must be done "properly and in good order." It is the work of the Altar Guild that makes it possible to do so. The contribution of each Altar Guild member is important; together those contributions are a devotion to the greater glory of God. The thanks of all the parish family of St. Paul's are given for the devotion and dedication of our Altar Guild.



Thank you to Robbie Collier for coordinating this ministry and all who volunteer each week to prepare the Altar.

Today December 15, Ministry Sunday – Christian Education, January 26 AMP meeting.

Financial News



Update: Our 2019 deficit as of the end of November stands at \$18,473. We pray for an outstanding December to enable our income to meet our expenses by year's end.



St. Paul's News Bulletin December 15, 2019



Parish Events

The Christmas Market raised \$1287.25. Thank you to Steve Colle and his team for all their hard work for a successful event.

Christmas Dinner and Talent Show thank you to Angela and all the volunteers who made this such a superlative evening!

Today: Advent 3: The Sunday School and Youth will be performing the Pageant. "The Story of Christmas", during the sermon time at the 10 am service. Thank you to Amara and ChiChi who wrote the script for the Pageant and all who are participating.

Advent Study "Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph" 17 participants so far. Last session is this week December 18 at 10:30 am or 7:30 pm. All welcome!

This Saturday, December 21: Ladies Potluck Luncheon: We will be meeting at 11:30 am for a time of fellowship and great food. All ladies (age 13 years and up) of the Parish and friends are welcome.

Men's Breakfast will not be meeting in December. They will resume January 18th with Len's Breakfast.

Next Sunday, December 22: Advent 4: Holy Eucharist at 8:30 am. Lessons and Carols at the 10 am service. **Traditional King's College Lessons and Carols** at the Historic Chapel at 4:00 pm.

Christmas Eve Services:

Tuesday, December 24: **5:00 pm** Candlelight Family Holy Eucharist (with electric candles)
7:30 and 10:30 pm Candlelight Holy Eucharist

Christmas Day Service:

Wednesday, December 25: 10 am Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 29: 10:00 am service only.

Ministry Reports for the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (AMP): All ministry leaders are asked to submit a year end report for the AMP on January 26. Please have reports in by Monday, January 6.

Annual Meeting

Church Calendars are now available after the services or from the Parish office. The cost (the best deal in town) is still \$5.00. **Advent book 'Faithful' available for \$10.00.**

My Gift of Tourette Syndrome: Frustrating, Exhausting, Painful, and Rewarding Presented by Steve Colle. Wednesday, January 8 7 pm to 9 pm at St Paul's. All are Welcome. More information can be found in Living Waters.

St Paul's Birthday Party: We will be celebrating St. Paul's Birthday (134th for old St Paul's and 21st for the new building) on Saturday, January 11th, 2020. We will have appetizers starting at 6 p.m. and will eat around 7 p.m. Wine tea coffee and soft drinks will be served. There will be the usual entertainment, lots of fun, singing and of course the Hokey Pokey. There is no charge but a birthday gift for St Paul's is appreciated, money works best. We will have sign-up sheets to help us get an estimate of numbers to cater for. It will be a great way to start off the 2020 year.

Wednesday, January 15: Alpha resumes at 6:00 pm

On Giving Tuesday, we raised \$2,100 for St. Paul's and an additional \$250 for MCES! Thank you, everyone, for this great response!

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Outreach

PWRDF: "The happiest day of my life has come" Those are the words of a young woman in South Sudan whose family will now eat two meals a day instead of one, thanks to a PWRDF-led food distribution project. By supporting PWRDF you can help to spread such joy.

Operation Christmas Child Thank you to all who packed shoeboxes. 44 shoeboxes were delivered!

Mitten Basket: Thank you to Barbara Jean Moore who has once again volunteered to coordinate the Mitten Basket Ministry. The need for mitts, toques and scarves this year will be great. The basket is in the Hall for your donations. All contributions must be in by December 21.

5th Sundays of the Month are Food for Others Sundays at St. Paul's. On the fifth Sunday of the month, everyone is invited to bring non-perishable food items to share. The Food Bank bin will be brought to the front and all gifts prayed over at Announcement time. **Sunday, December 29th will be the next 5th Sunday.**

Clothing to donate?: there are two ways to donate clothes at St. Paul's. You can leave new or used backpacks or travel bags, clothes, coats, boots and running shoes in the container marked 'Alpha House' on the coat rack near the chapel. Or, you can donate any clothes or footwear by using the Calgary Humane Society collection bin beside the parking lot.

AgeCare Seton: The next service will be this Monday, December 16 at 10 am. We'll be singing Christmas Carols. Thank you to Heather Johnson and Leona Zadour for participating in this ministry. If you would like to be a part of the team going please contact Fergus. Thanks, also, to Bob Mumery for leading when Fergus can't be present.

Father Lacombe Service: The next service will be Sunday, January 26. No service in December.

Inreach With many in our Parish congregation go-

ing 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 \$2,000 with \$5,500 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. The next meeting will be January 8 at 1 pm. All are welcome!

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

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

Welcome A word to newcomers and visitors: St. Paul's welcomes you and invites you to make this your church home. Please indicate on a pew card, located in the pew racks, how we can help you feel part of the family. Please place the card on the offering plate or hand it to one of the clergy or Parish Council members.

If you are a newcomer, please sign our guest book which is on the stand by the sanctuary doors

Opportunities to Serve

Coffee Time: Thanks Team 3 The Young and the Rest of Us, for coffee today. Next Sunday is: Team 4: Smooth Operators surnames Q to Z.

2020 Flower Chart is on the sign up board by the kitchen. Please remember to fill out a Dedication form and leave it in the envelope when you sign up. The cost for flowers is **\$30.00** and it can be put in your envelope and marked for flowers.

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 Hubert.

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

Living Waters: Sunday, January 26 is the deadline for *Living Waters* submissions for the February Edition. Please submit to office@stpaulscalgary.ca or by hard copy to the office.

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.

Regular Weekly Activities at St. Paul's:

Mon.: Bible Study: 7:00 pm
Prayer Group: 7:30 pm

Tues.: Young at Heart will be taking a break from meeting for the next little while

Wed.: Holy Eucharist 9:30 am
(Grey Booklet 1st to 3rd, BCP 4th, and Celtic 5th Wednesdays.)
Advent Study 10:30 am & 7:30 pm
Prayer Shawl Ministry (2nd Wednesday each Month) January 8 at 1 pm
Alpha Film Series resumes January 15

Thurs.: TOPS: 6:30 pm
Après EFM: 7:00 pm (1st & 3rd Thursdays)
Choir practice 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. (If you'd like to join the choir, please contact Paul Bourgeois)

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

Sunday School: Parents: Please return your child's registration form. This helps us to stay in touch with you and also lets us know about food allergies and permission for photos. Thank you for looking after this promptly.

Monthly Cleaning Volunteers If you would like more info. please contact Laura Anne at the Parish Office. Sign up sheet is on the Janitor Room Door.

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

Parish Council: We are looking for volunteers for the following positions: **Deputy Wardens, and Youth contact on Parish Council (a teen age 16 or older).** If you are interested in any of these positions or would like more information please contact the Wardens or Fergus.

We have a new Parishioner living in Walden who needs a ride to church on Sundays. If you can help with giving her rides please let us know at the office.

The following donations would be greatly appreciated for the Celtic Service and Art group. There will be a box labelled Celtic Group in the coat racks for donations. Thank you! empty gift cards or cards of similar size; clean Styrofoam meat trays; magazines with lots of nature photographs; decorative papers.