St. Paul's News Bulletin
June 6, 2021

Parish Events

The Diocesan COVID-19 Task Force is urging Parishes to continue to suspend all in-person Services in the Diocese for the immediate future. The situation is improving rapidly, however, and the Task Force's guidance will reflect this in the weeks upcoming over the summer. Our hope is that we'll resume having some in-person attendance at our Services in August.

This Sunday's Service is being posted live at 9:30 am on our main Facebook page. **You don't have to have a Facebook account to watch. You just need to go to the link https://www.facebook.com/stpaulscalgary and click on the video.** ***At around 11:30 onward on June 6, if you don't have a Facebook account*****, you'll be able to watch the Service by going to our website (https://www.stpaulscalgary.ca/podcasts/media) or YouTube Channel.**

Sunday School Resources for Sun. School at home are posted weekly on our website; please type "Sunday School" in the search box, & click on "Sunday School."

Sunday Coffee Time: everybody's invited to share Virtual Coffee Time after the Sunday Service at **11:30 am** via Zoom. The Zoom link is included with the pdf Order of Service on our website under the Sermon tab.

Reserved Sacrament is available (in baggies) in the main entrance every Sat. from 2 to 2:45.

EPIC (standing for Encouraging People In Christ) Events are St. Paul's expression of "Messy Church." They're great for the whole family. All ages, toddlers to grandparents, are WELCOME! ***These are currently on a break, but will return in the future. Our Sunday School will be making a special Father's Day craft that dads will be able to pick up June 19 from 2-3.***

Tosan, our Christian Education Contact on Parish Council, is creating posts for our Facebook pages roughly once a week about "Saint days, Doctrine tidbits, memorable church dates."

Midweek Video Prayer Services are posted 2ce a month on Facebook & YouTube. ***Here's the link to watch the June 3 Service of Night Prayer or Compline: https://youtu.be/jhSCC35-LWg.*** The easiest way to view the Services on YouTube is to subscribe to our Channel (the link is at the bottom of this page). ***The next Midweek Video Service is planned for June 17.***

Our June Adult Ed. Study is "Anglican Worship," which runs 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Weds., on June 9 and 16. This is the first Study in the "Discovery" Video Series from the Episcopal Diocese of Texas. It's an AWESOME primer on all aspects of Sun. worship, ideal for everyone – and EVERYONE'S invited! ***So far, 12 are participating, and we'd LOVE to have more!***

Look for a Grad Celebration at the end of next week's Sunday Service! Please email photos of grads from preschool to postgraduate to the office by Jun. 11.

Our Men's Breakfast and Ladies' Luncheons are both resuming outside on Sat., June 19! The men are meeting at 8:30, with the rest of the details TBA. The ladies are meeting on the church front lawn at 11:30, bringing their own food, drink, and chairs. All age 13 and up are invited!

Prayer Group Ministry: Members of this vital ministry lift up requests given to the Prayer Group in their daily prayers, and gather on the 3rd Mons. of the month via Zoom. ***The next Zoom Meeting is Monday, June 21 at 7:30 pm.*** To share a request, or join this ministry, please email Dinah at breu.dinah@gmail.com.

Caring Contact Ministry: Caring Contact Ministry Helpers contact the households on their lists 1ce a month, & share any pastoral concerns with Fergus. If you'd like to be a Helper, please contact Fergus.

Pastoral Visits: Please contact Fergus for phone, email, or Zoom visits; & emergency visits in-person.

We're looking for a way to celebrate our Birthdays. If you'd like to join in please see "Living Waters" for more info.

Our Gardens: We have done quite a lot with the church gardens and the two community garden plots. Flowers, annuals and perennials will be planted soon. **If you'd like to help by contributing some plants and time, please call Kerry at 403-251-6744 or mkerryp2@telus.net.** Look for more info. in the June "Living Waters".

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); mail our Offering (e.g. post-dated cheques) via regular post; drop it off in the Office mailbox (phoning 1st); arrange for it to be picked up from our mailbox; set up direct depositing (the form is on our website: type "Donation" in the search box, & click on "Pre Authorized Donations"); or use e-transfers (please use the email gift@stpaulscalgary.ca; no password is needed; put your envelope no. in the "message" spot)**. If you'd like your 2021 Offering envelopes please contact Murray at murray.sykes@shaw.ca or 403-200-8869, to arrange for pick-up or delivery.**

We're now on Instagram at stpaulsanglicancalgary!

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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.

Diocese and Community

***Month of Mission:* Everyone in the Diocese is invited to focus on mission in the month of June. On May 27, everyone was emailed 7 documents to help us do this, including a booklet from the Diocese with information on the events and resources the Diocese has created to help us help each other have this focus. The next "Spark" Session takes place via Zoom on Tues., June 8, at 1 pm. The topic is the second Mark of Mission: Baptizing and nurturing new disciples of Jesus. The booklet has the link.**

The Pregnancy Care Centre Baby Bottle Campaign is continuing. Bottles in which to put cash or cheques can be picked up from just inside the main entrance on Saturdays from 2-2:45, or by appointment. Please return the filled bottles by June 18.

St. Edmund's Food Bank Appeal We are once again appealing for help with stocking our Food Bank shelves. We currently find that we are running short on canned goods – especially canned meats (tuna, salmon, ham, etc), vegetables, soups, beans, etc. as well as cereals, snack foods for kids, and jams. The Food Bank is open Monday and Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 for dropping off donations, or you can call Marilyn (our Food Bank Coordinator) at 403-288-6330 to arrange a time for drop-off outside of those hours (please leave a message and she will call you back). If you would like more information about our Food Bank and how you can help, please email us. Thank you for your support!

The Diocesan Refugee Committee is looking for volunteers who have a desire to welcome Jesus in welcoming the stranger (Matt 25:35). Whatever experience you have or time that you can commit, we can find a role for you! If you have an interest in volunteering or would like more information about where you might fit in this ministry, please email us or see the May Living Waters.

SOFCI (South of Fish Creek Interfaith)

SOFCI meets together for group discussion and planning service projects once a month. If you are interested in joining Murray as a rep for St. Paul's, please contact the Office.

Monthly Rosary - via Zoom

Second Saturday of each month at 2:00 pm, the Rev. Jerrod McCormack will be offering a monthly rosary via Zoom, on the second Saturday of each month at 2:00 pm. These services usually run for 30 minutes. Time is taken to share intentions with one another and then to pray the rosary together. If you are interested you can contact Jerrod, and he will send you the link.

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.

Pastoral Care Team

Our Pastoral Care Team members are our clergy and lay members. We also have unofficial members who help out. The members of our team visit people at home, in the hospital or call on the phone.

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.

Stewardship Reflection for Trinity Sunday

"Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them and they all drank from it." - MARK 14:23

Jesus, the perfect steward, gave thanks, just before He gave Himself up for us, completely for our salvation. He offers us the same chance to drink from His cup. In the bread and wine, we meet Christ personally. If we follow Him, drinking from His cup means our own self-sacrifice, using all of our gifts for the benefit of others and to do His work on earth.

Stewardship in Action

https://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections

Financial News

Our deficit to April 30, 2021 is 4,789.46.

Thank you to everyone who is helping support our Mission financially in this time when we are unable to worship together physically. Ways to do this are listed on the front of this News Bulletin. Please continue to pray for our Parish's finances as we face these challenging times together.

Outreach

PWRDF

Just a reminder about PWRDF's initiative to help India as it struggles with huge numbers of Covid 19 infections. With your support, PWRDF can provide funds for partner organizations working in extremely difficult conditions to alleviate the situation. This will be a long difficult struggle, but together we can make a difference.

Pregnancy Care Centre Baby Bottle Drive: The Baby Bottle Drive is on once again this year. It runs from Mother's Day (May 9) to Father's Day (June 20). Bottles may be picked up at the church on Saturdays from 2 to 2:45 pm. Or you can go online to https://pregcare.akaraisin.com/ui/BBC2021 click on donate now, then Teams and enter St. Paul's Anglican Church. More info. is on page 15 of the June Living Waters. Please return bottles to the church by June 26th at the latest.

Pastoral Care

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.

Chemo Care Bag: If you know of anyone who is beginning Chemo treatment and would benefit from receiving a Chemo Care Bag please contact Gloria.

If you'd like to be part of our Pastoral Care Team, please contact Fergus or Nicola Peden.

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

Prayer Shawl: We will meet on Wednesday, May 19 at 1 pm on Zoom. Contact Laura Anne at office@stpaulscalgary.ca if you would like to join the group.

Opportunities to Serve

2021 Flower Chart is now available. ***We are still taking dedication requests for flowers, if you would like to make a dedication please send it to Laura Anne at office@stpaulscalgary.ca.***
The cost for flowers is **$30.00**.

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, May 31*** is the deadline for *Living Waters* submissions for the June Edition. Please submit to office@stpaulscalgary.ca.

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:

(Please Note: All in-person activities are discontinued until further notice)

Sun.: Alpha Youth Series 10 am—1st and 3rd Sundays ***(postponed)***
EPIC (Encouraging People In Christ) Zoom Events (2 pm monthly, but currently on a break)

Mon. : Bible Study: 7:00 pm ***(postponed)***
Prayer Group: 7:30 pm (3rd Mondays of the month via Zoom) (next is June 21)

Wed. : ***Prayer Shawl Ministry: 1 pm (3rd Wednesdays of the month via Zoom) (next is June 16)***
"Anglican Worship," 7:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays from June 9 and 16

Thurs.: ***Video Midweek Prayer Service (twice a month) (next is June 17)***
TOPS : 6:30 pm ***(postponed)***
Choir practice ***(postponed) (The Choir is now recording music via Zoom. If you'd like to join the Choir, please contact Paul Bourgeois)***

Sat.: ***Men's Breakfast: 8:30 am—3rd Saturdays (look for something outside in June)***
Ladies Luncheon: 11:30 am—3rd Saturdays (next is June 19 on the church lawn)