St. Paul's News Bulletin
May 15, 2022

Parish Events

All in-person COVID restrictions have been removed. Masking is still strongly recommended by the Diocese and Parish Council, and physical distancing is still being maintained. Services continue to be live-streamed.

Sunday Services are posted live at 9:30 am on our main Facebook page. A Facebook account isn't needed to watch. You just go to the link https://www.facebook.com/stpaulscalgary and click on the video. At around 11:30 am onward, 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.

Print and online versions of the May issue of "Living Waters" are now available (the latter in the "News" section of our website). In keeping with our environmental stewardship, we ask everyone to read it online, if possible. (It's colour there, too!)

Sunday School Resources for Sunday School at home from the National Church are posted weekly on our website. To access them, please type "Sunday School" in the search box, and click on "Sunday School". **Colouring sheets are available for all children attending in-person. The "Solace Room" and Nursery area are also available for use, but please don't leave children unsupervised in these areas.**

Everyone's invited to our in-person post-Service Coffee Time after the Service! ***We're looking for helpers in this Coffee Time Ministry. If you're able to help with Coffee Time, please contact the Parish Office.***

Thank you, Gloria, for volunteering to be our new Kitchen Supplies Coordinator! And thank you, Pat, for serving in this Ministry so faithfully for so many years!

We also have a Virtual Coffee Time on Sundays at 11:45. The Zoom link is in the Order of Service, under the "Sermon" tab of our website.

Fergus is looking to free up more time for Pastoral Visitation. He presently takes care of our Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube social media platforms If you can help look after these, please contact the Office.

On Thursday, a Prayer Service celebrating the wonderful season of spring and the gift of new life, both physical and spiritual, was posted online, using material from the Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, and Anglican traditions in New Zealand, the US, and Canada. You can share it via this link: https://youtu.be/E4ZXtI0n9Ow. Services are usually posted online on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. The easiest way to view them on YouTube is to subscribe to our Channel (the link is at the bottom of the page). ***The next will be May 26.***

Our in-person Wednesday Holy Eucharist and Bible Study occur on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays of the month, at 9:30 and 10:30 am, respectively. In the "Wednesdays with the Word" morning Bible Study, M'Laurel leads us in exploring the Scripture Readings for the upcoming Sunday. The next Study is in June, as M'Laurel is away in Hawaii(!). ***The next Service is THIS WEDNESDAY, May 18.***

Fergus is leading a 5 week online Video Study from Australia entitled "Being Anglican", via Zoom, on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm, from May 25 to Jun. 22! For details, please see "Living Waters." To participate, please let Fergus know by May 24. Thank you, Tosan, for suggesting this Study for us!

The next Men's Breakfast and Ladies' Luncheon are scheduled for *THIS SATURDAY, May 21 at 8:30 and 11:30 am, respectively.* All age 13 and over are invited! Friends are most welcome!

Prayer Group Ministry: Members of this vital ministry lift up requests in their daily prayers, and gather on the 3rd Mondays of the month via Zoom. ***The next Zoom Meeting is THIS MONDAY, May 16 at 7:30 pm.*** To share a request, or join this ministry, please email Dinah at breu.dinah@gmail.com.

Thank you, everyone who participated in our Spring Clean-up Day yesterday! It was great to do this together!

St. Paul's Yard Sale will be on June 25 from 9 am to 3 pm. Donations can be dropped off beginning on Monday, Jun. 20 during regular office hours. Volunteers will be needed. Please see Living Waters for more info.

Offerings: ***We pray for the excellent giving this spring to continue and bring us closer to the black for 2022.*** **Thank you, everyone, for giving your Offering. It provides critical help for us to fulfill our Mission.** Here are ways we can do this. We can bring our Offering to Sunday Services. We haven't purchased 2022 envelopes, but encourage everyone to use their 2021 ones. If you don't have any left, and would like to use envelopes in 2022, please contact the Office. We can also donate to St. Paul's 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).

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Youth Ministry

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
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The Difference Course After attending Provincial Synod as a youth delegate, I was inspired to connect the youth of our diocese by running the Difference course. This course was created by the Archbishop of Canterbury's Reconciliation Ministries and explores what it means to follow Jesus in a complex and divided world, seeing transformation through everyday encounters.

The youth of today are incredibly active in seeking change. This course will explore how to pursue reconciliation in the name of Jesus. **This course will be available for ages 16-25 and will be offered on Zoom on Sunday evenings at 7 pm, starting on May 15.**

There are 5 sessions: God's Call, Crossing Divides, Navigating Disagreement, Practising Forgiveness, and Risking Hope. Each session includes films, Bible readings, prayer, and discussion. It seeks to develop three habits for participants to start applying in their own lives: Be Curious, Be Present, and Reimagine. Reconciliation is a process and through these sessions we will explore the possibilities to the question of "What would life be like if...?"
Please register at the following link: Registration.
Questions? Contact Hannah at no1wygiera@gmail.com
To learn more about the Difference course, go to difference.rln.global. Hannah Wygiera

Diocese and Community

Volunteer Piano Player Needed at the South Health Campus The Volunteer Coordinator at the South Health Campus is looking for a volunteer who would be that interested in playing piano on the Main Floor of our hospital to boost staff morale. She is currently looking for someone any day of the week, particularly between the hours of 2-5 pm, for shift change. If you are interested please contact Kimberly at Kimberley.Spath@ahs.ca or 403-956-1227.

Sorrento Programs in 2022
Registration is now open for our Summer programmes. Come for one week, or come for them all. You will find environmental and nature-based programs, as well as outdoor spirtuality and experiential spiritual teachings, including core Anglican, reconciliation and interfaith offerings. As always, you will have the opportunity to enrich your heart and soul through arts and craft-based playful creativity. Start planning here.

Diocesan Refugee Committee
Volunteers Needed The Diocesan Refugee Committee is looking for volunteers interested in assisting sponsors prepare for and carry out settlements of refugees.
If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please contact Erin.

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension (May 30) to Pentecost (June 5) for more people to come to know Jesus. In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities." Archbishop Justin Welby. For more info. Please see the May Living Waters.
Free resources can be found here: https://www.thykingdomcome.global/prayer-resources

Wednesday Morning Bible Study is a group who get together to set aside some time to read and to share our thoughts about scripture. I should emphasize that we are not experts or Biblical scholars. What we do is to take time to reflect on passages and view them in the light of our own life experiences. There are no particular expectations – some like to read, others less so… some like to contribute, others to ruminate! What we are trying to do is build an accepting and non-threatening atmosphere.

"Drop-ins" from busy lives are always welcome. Several of us attend Holy Eucharist at 9:30 am., but others prefer to join us at 10:30. We start each meeting with a brief time of prayer. At this time we are studying the readings for the upcoming Sunday. During Advent and Lent we have special studies Wednesday mornings and also evenings. We do hope that some of you will join us; you are assured of a warm welcome!

Stewardship Reflection for this Sunday
""I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." (JOHN 13:34)

"As I have loved you," this is the hard part – Jesus's love is unconditional; our love usually comes with strings attached. It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes mercy and compassion to love someone when you feel unappreciated, feel used or feel like your opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage and the grace of God to "love my neighbor" when they may be someone you don't like, someone you don't know or someone that doesn't look like you.

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

Financial News

Our 2022 deficit as of April 30th is ($8,486). Thank you to everyone for helping support our Mission financially in these challenging times. Ways to do this are listed on the front of this News Bulletin. Please pray for our Parish's finances as we continue to reach out with God's love in word and deed as a Parish family.

Outreach

PWRDF All Mothers and Children Count in Rwanda
Thanks to Partners In Health, a PWRDF partner in Rwanda, working with PWRDF's All Mothers and Children Count project, new materials and job aids have been distributed for healthcare workers to better support patient education. Fifteen health providers working in maternity care services from the three district hospitals participated in a training session on comprehensive emergency obstetrics and neonatal care. The project has helped increase the capacities of healthcare workers and help reduce the maternal mortality rate and increase the number of births attended by a skilled birth attendant.

Pregnancy Care Centre Baby Bottle Drive: The Baby Bottle Drive is on once again this year. It runs from Mother's Day (May 8) to Father's Day (June 19). Bottles may be picked up at the church on Sundays at the service or during Office hours. 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. In the May Living Waters

Pastoral Care

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.

If you would like to be part of the Caring Contact Ministry, please contact Deacon Betty Nadurak.

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

Prayer Shawl: We meet on the third Wednesdays, of each month at 1 pm, next meeting Wednesday, May 18, ***in person and via Zoom.*** Contact Laura Anne at office@stpaulscalgary.ca if you would like to join the group.

Opportunities to Serve

2022 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 Hubert.

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 30** 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 not listed here 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) ***(postponed—resuming in 2022)***

Mon. : Bible Study: 7:00 pm ***(postponed)***
Prayer Group: 7:30 pm (3rd Mondays of the month via Zoom) (next is May 16)

Wed. : Holy Eucharist: 9:30 am (1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays of the month) (next is May 18)
Bible Study: 10:30 am (1st, 3rd, and 5th Wednesdays of the month) (next is in June)
Prayer Shawl Ministry: 1 pm (3rd Wednesdays of the month) (next is May 18 via Zoom)

Thurs.: Video Prayer Service (twice a month) (next is May 26)
TOPS (Taking off Pounds Sensibly): 6:30 pm
Choir Practice: 7:30 pm (If you'd like to join the Choir, please contact Paul Bourgeois at pbourgeois@shaw.ca.)

Sat.: Men's Breakfast: 8:30 am—3rd Saturdays (next is May 21)
Ladies Luncheon: 11:30 am—3rd Saturdays (next is May 21)