

Youth Group

Calling All Junior and Senior High Students To Become Youth with a Difference!

Youth Bible Study every Sunday morning.

January 19 Chili cook off fundraiser. Team up with partners to make your best chili. The chili will be sold after the service on Sunday January 21. A vote from participants will determine where the proceeds raised will go. Options are YC (This Event was sold out before they sent out the material Youth Conference in May SOLD OUT), St. Paul's or Desta Keweti [spelling].

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

Cathedral Church of the Redeemer, Calgary:

Diocese and Community Events

Candlelight Vespers Thursdays at 6:15 pm

The Christmas story of Jesus' birth in a stable and lack of "room in the inn" reminds us of the ongoing need for affordable housing for many families in our society. The Anglican Diocese of Calgary, as part of the Calgary Interfaith Council's partnership with Habitat for Humanity to build low mortgage residences in our area, has pledged to raise \$200,000—and we invite you to participate in our Christmas appeal. Please make all donations payable to the Anglican Diocese of Calgary and forward to the Diocesan offices at 180, 1209-59 Ave SE T2H 2P6.

The service of Candlelight Vespers is sung in the Cathedral on Thursdays at 6:15 pm from October through March. This beautiful, contemplative half-hour service is led by the Cathedral Vespers Schola. Join us for a time of stillness and reflection at the end of the work day.

"An Evening of Lectio Divina": All are invited to The Anglican Parish of Holy Cross for an evening of silence, prayer and biblical meditation. Lectio Divina (literally, Divine reading) is a practice deeply rooted in Christian history. In Lectio Divina, we sit with a biblical text for the purpose of discerning the voice of Jesus as He

speaks into our lives. This spiritual practice is perfect for anyone who has ever struggled with questions such as: Is God speaking to me? How do I know what God's voice is like? or How can I discern where God is leading me? An Evening of Lectio Divina will be held on the second Tuesday of every month, starting at 6:30 pm, next on January 9. All are welcome.



Prayer for Our Ministers

Everlasting God, strengthen and sustain all those who serve in ministries in our Parish; that with patience and understanding they may love and care for your people; and grant that together they may follow Jesus Christ, offering to you their gifts and talents; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

(adapted from the Collect at a New Ministry, 1979 Book of Common Prayer)

Our Ministries: Alpha Course, Altar Guild, Caserole Ministry, Children's Talk, Choir, Christian Ed. Team, Coffee Time, Communications, Community Connection, Counters, Ding-a-Lings, EFM, Envelope Secretary, Facebook, Fri. Sing-a-Long at Father Lacombe, Greeters, Greeting Card Ministry, Grief Support Group, Hospitality Committee, Ladies' Luncheon, Library, "Living Waters", Maintenance, Men's Breakfast, MCES, Mon. Bible Study, Monthly HE at Father Lacombe, Moveable Feast, Newcomers, Nursery, Outreach Committee, Parish Council, Pastoral Care Team, Prayer Chain, Prayer Group, Prayer Ministry, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Prayers of the People, Readers, Rides, Sacramental Assistants, Secret Friends, Servers, Shepherding, Sidespeople, Soundboard & Screen, Stewardship, Sunday School, Synod Delegates, Wardens, Wed. HE & Bible Study, Youth Group

Financial News

January 1 to November 30, 2017

Our deficit to the end of October is \$23,589, our deficit was \$20,362 to the same period in 2016.

We pray for a strong December to dig significantly into this deficit by year's end.

Merry Christmas

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Parish Events



Merry Christmas to everyone sharing worship on these most special days! We're delighted to be together with you!

Christmas Day Service:

Monday, December 25: 10 am Holy Baptism of Rayna Inikoro and Holy Eucharist.

Thank you everyone for making our activities this Advent and Christmas so Awesome!

The Parish Office will be closed December 25-28 and January 1-3.

Wednesdays, December 27 & January 3: No morning Holy Eucharist. The 10:30 am Bible study will meet on January 3 only.

Christmas 1 Sunday, December 31: 10 am Holy Eucharist (in the language of the Book of Common Prayer 1962) **Note: no 8:30 am service.**

Holy Baptism: If you would like to have your child Baptized on January 14, please contact the Parish Office or Father Cyril or Fergus, by the end of December 31.



Sunday, January 7 Epiphany Sunday.

Sunday, January 14 Baptism of the Lord



Sunday, January 28 Annual Meeting of Parishioners (AMP) at 11:30 am. Lunch will be provided. All are encouraged to attend.

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 28. **Please have reports in by January 7.** See *Living Waters* for list of Ministries.

Prayer Group: *The Prayer Group will not be meeting until January 8. This does NOT mean we will not be praying or that we will not receive prayer requests. Please contact Dinah Breu if you have a prayer request for the Prayer Team.*

Shortbread Sale: The Mother's Union group raised over \$300 in shortbread sales. Thank you everyone!

Christmas Dinner & Pageant: *Thank you to Angela, Linda, our Sunday School children, our Choir and everyone who helped make this event a wonderful evening.*



Lenten Study: The Renegade Gospel: The Rebel Jesus by Mike Slaughter: A study that challenges believers to come to terms with the real Jesus—the rebel Jesus.

Help Needed: We are looking for someone with a small trailer to help Gerald move the branches and stumps from the fir trees that were taken down. If you can help please contact Gerald or the Parish Office.



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Outreach

PWRDF: Two candles today. This morning the Advent candle for PEACE, and this evening, the CHRIST CANDLE. How wonderful if the Christmas wish for "Peace on earth" might be fulfilled. Working together with PWRDF for justice and peace throughout the world is one way to help

NeST Update (December, 2017)

Our family has now experienced a taste of Canadian winter! They really enjoyed attending their first live hockey game as part of a birthday celebration. We hope to plan skating, tobogganing and cross-country skiing outings with them once winter returns. In January the financial support from Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) drops out and the three NeST parishes will assume full responsibility financially for the next 6 months. Meanwhile, on his own initiative, last month dad started part-time weekend work at a restaurant. There are some significant expenses on the horizon, your ongoing donations to help costs are appreciated. If anyone is upgrading their iPad over the holidays we could find a home for an older device. NeST is always happy to welcome new team members, and the family is open and eager to make social connections to practice their English and build vocabulary. Contact Jennifer; if you'd like to be a part of the adventure. See the December/January Living Waters for more details.

Mitten Basket: *Thank you to everyone who contributed hats and mittens to our Mitten Basket. All donations will be going to CUPS.*

AgeCare Seton: The next service will be, **Monday December 18 at 10 am.** Thank you to Heather Johnson, Verna Alexander and Leona Zadour for participating in this ministry. If you would like to be a part of the team going please contact Fergus.

Layers of Love- Coat Donations We are collecting gently used Women's Winter Coats to give to Making Changes. Please bring them and leave them on the coat rack by the south door where the Poster is. We will also take children coats as at Making Changes we have a program for Girls aged 12 to 18 who may have younger sisters or brothers who need a winter coat.

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 \$800, with \$2,700 having been disbursed.

Pastoral Care

Grief Support Group: We are hoping to begin a new Grief Support Group in January/February. If you are interested or know of anyone who may be interested (they don't need to attend St. Paul's), please contact Laura Anne or Fergus at the Parish Office.

The Pastoral Care Ministry is going to be assembling some Chemo Care Bags for members of our congregation who are battling cancer and going through chemotherapy. Each bag costs about \$100 to assemble....so if there is anyone out there who feels led to support this project please make donations to the Chemo Care Bag ministry. Also with regards to this ministry.....if anyone has excess material they wish to donate please contact Robbie Coller....material is needed for the Comfort Bags to hold the contents that are provided as well as fleece for a blanket. Anyone having questions about this labor of love please contact Robbie Coller. **Big thanks to Doreen and Kerry Peters and all at our St. Paul's Birthday Party for donating \$724.85 to this ministry of love!**

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: The sign-up schedules for coffee after our Sun. Services are posted in the hall. We currently have openings for coffee time after the 8:30 & 10:00 am services. Please consider offering your gifts of hospitality. **We encourage families to sign up as it is a great opportunity to teach children about service. New Coffee Chart is now up!**

Prayer Chain Requests: Please contact Val Murray with any 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 28 is the deadline for *Living Waters* submissions for the February Edition. Please submit to office@stpaulscalgary.ca or by hard copy to the office.

If you love God and love children we'd love you to consider serving in our Sunday School. You can contact Linda Penton at 403 933-7588.

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.

We're thinking about bringing back our popular Movie Nights at St Paul's. If you'd like to be part of a "Movie Night Team" to organise these, please contact Murray Sykes or the Parish Office.

Nursery: We would like to have two people on each Sunday; a Certified Babysitter, and a parent or younger volunteer. The Certified Babysitter would be paid \$15 per Sunday. Please see Living Waters for more info or contact the Parish Office.

Positions Available: We are looking to fill the positions of Deputy Incumbent's and People's Wardens. Parish Council positions available are: Christian Education, and Youth. If you are interested in any of these positions please speak to Fergus, Murray or Rick.

Anyone willing to operate the screens and sound system at the 8:30 service, please contact Fergus. Training will be provided.

Parish Survey Update: Thank you, everyone, for filling out 56 Parish Surveys! There's a great amount of valuable information in them! Parish Council has appointed a Task Force to go through the surveys and share suggestions for action. If on the survey you said you'd like to participate in a home group, be part of a team visiting people in care facilities or shut-in their own homes, attend SCFN meetings, or serve on our MidSun Community Outreach Team, please contact the Parish Office if you didn't put your name on the survey.

Weekly Activities at St. Paul's:

Mon. Evening: Bible Study resumes in January

Prayer Group: resumes January 8

Tues: Young at Heart 1 to 3 pm

Wed.: Holy Eucharist - 9:30 am resumes January 10
(Grey Booklet 1st to 3rd, BCP 4th, and Celtic 5th Wednesdays.)

Bible Study: 10:15 am resumes January 3

Thurs: TOPS: 6:30 pm

Après EFM: 1st and 3rd 7:00 pm

Choir practice from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. (If you'd like to join the choir, please contact Paul Bourgeois)