

## Youth Group

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

Youth Bible Study every Sunday morning.  
**Friday December 15, 6:30 – 10:00 – Calgary Zoolights** Meet at the church at 6:30 with a signed transportation slip. Dress for the cold since the lights are outside.

**Check out** our Youth Group Facebook page to see more details about what's happening:  
[www.facebook.com/StPaulsCalgaryYouth](http://www.facebook.com/StPaulsCalgaryYouth).

## Diocese and Community Events

### Cathedral Church of the Redeemer, Calgary: Candlelight Vespers

Thursdays at 6:15 pm  
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.

**The Famous Corpus Christi Choir** will be having a concert on **Friday, December 8** at Northmount Baptist Church (451 Northmount Drive NW) at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased from Kerry or at the door.

**"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 December 12, this month with an Advent focus. All are welcome.

## Our Ministries



St Paul's Sunday coffee ministry is one branch of the Hospitality Ministries. It provides an opportunity for people to meet, greet, and get to know one another following the Sunday services. This ministry does not have a set list of volunteers but relies on people signing the coffee list for the Sunday(s) on which they wish to provide coffee. A team of two or three volunteers works best. The team comes a bit early for the service, puts on the coffee to brew, makes the juice, sets out the coffee cups, cream, sugar, and readies the snack to be set out after the service. Following communion you come out, make the tea, and finish setting everything out in the hall area. Following coffee time you clean up. Your team of volunteers can bring the snack or use snacks provided by others from the freezer or the cupboard. Never done this before?? There are experienced people who are willing to help you the first time or two. **For more information and to set you up with an experienced helper to get started contact Angela.** This is an important ministry for fellowship, and also provides an opportunity for you to get to know people while working with them. Volunteer as often as once a month, or once or twice a year or..... It is up to you.

Our **Coffee Time Ministry** is a blessing after our services. Thank you to all who provide us with goodies and refreshments to go with the fellowship. It is a special gift of service to the whole congregation.

## Financial News

### January 1 to October 31, 2017

Our deficit to the end of October is \$19,857.77, our deficit was \$17,979.77 to the same period in 2016.

This deficit has started to be lowered in each of the past two months! We pray for this trend to continue in our last two months of 2017.

# Welcome!

## St. Paul's News Bulletin December 3, 2017



## Parish Events



**Tonight Sunday, December 3:** the next Celtic Service is tonight Sunday, December 3 at 7 pm. **All are welcome!** The service will be followed by refreshments and then the Creation Art Group for those who are participating.

**Service of Solace:** Thank you to Dinah Breu, our choir, Jane Sandul and our Prayer Group for all your help with this special service.

**St Nicholas Day Tea, Craft and Bake Sale and music by our Handchimes:** Thank you to Jane Sandul, all who helped and all who contributed to make this event a success. Special thanks to Annette Pingot and the Handchimes for their contribution.

**Advent Study: The Wonder of Christmas Wednesdays to December 20** at 10:15 am or 7:30 pm. Sign up sheet is in the Hall. For more info. see the December *Living Waters*. So far 22 are participating, and we'd love to have more.

**Secret Friends Christmas Party –This Tuesday December 5<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00PM, Potluck. All ladies of the Parish are welcome. Please sign-up in the Hall. For more info. checked out the November *Living Waters* or call Julie Wilson.

**Rehearsal for the Christmas Pageant.** There will be a practise for the Christmas Pageant on **Saturday, December 9 at 3:00 to 4:00 pm and Saturday, December 16 at 10 to 11 am.** All Sunday school students are asked to attend.

**Next Sunday, December 10:** Mother's Union Shortbread Sale after both services.

**Christmas Dinner & Pageant:** Save the date **Saturday, December 16** at 5:30 pm for the dinner and 7 pm for the Pageant. We will be hav-

ing a turkey dinner and will need help to put it all together. We will have only one sitting. See the sign up sheets in the Hall. **Dinner tickets are now available after the services or from the Parish Office. Limited setting, first come first served so please don't delay!**

**Sunday, December 17:** 4:00 pm Traditional King's College Lessons and Carols at the Midnapore Chapel.

**The fir trees by the South door** We are going to take down the two fir trees at the south entrance to the church this spring, however, for this Christmas we will auction off the top of each tree at the St. Nicholas tea December 2. Early bids can be submitted to Murray Sykes, Gerald de Vries or Rick Collier and the highest bid received will get the tree top. The tops will be cut to the high requested by the successful bidder.

**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.**

**Thanks** to all who came to our birthday party and for all the great help. We had \$724.85 in gifts so thank you again. The money will go to supporting the Pastoral Care Chemo Care Bags.

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**Incumbent:** The Rev'd Fergus Tyson  
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**Pastor's Postings:** [pastorfergus.wordpress.com/](http://pastorfergus.wordpress.com/)  
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## Outreach

**PWRDF:** Today we light the first Advent candle for HOPE. PWRDF has been in the business of bringing hope to marginalized and suffering people for nearly 60 years. It may well be that hope is the most precious gift you can give. Wont you support PWRDF this Christmas, and help to spread the hope.

### 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 last month. 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, most notably urgent dental work. NeST has a fantastic financial oversight and mentoring team stewarding resources, but your ongoing donations to help costs are appreciated. The family themselves are careful shoppers. If anyone out there 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 either as a team member or making a more casual connection with the family. See the December/January Living Waters for more details.

**Mitten Basket:** The need for mitts and toques this year will be great. The basket is in the Hall for your donations of mitts, scarves and toques. All contributions must be in by December 15. 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.

**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 \$1,800, with \$1,700 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.

## 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** Today Sunday, November 26 is the deadline for *Living Waters* submissions for the December/January 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.

**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 pbourgeois@shaw.ca 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 (403 256-6967) 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

(Grey Booklet 1st to 3rd, BCP 4th, and Celtic 5th Wednesdays.)

**Bible Study:** 10:15 am **Advent Study: The Wonder of Christmas**

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**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