

Youth Group

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

Youth Bible Study every Sunday morning.

Lloyd's Rollercade on Friday, February 16. Meet at the church at 6:30. Pick up is at 10:00 at the church. Skate rentals are \$3 or bring your own skates or roller blades. Cost ????. Lloyd's is closing forever Feb. 18. Let's support the iconic Lloyd's Rollercade one last time. Cost for skating is \$4 for Youth.

February 23 Tubing at Winsport Canada Olympic park. Please note time change: We will meet at the church at 4:30 and carpool to COP (COP closes at 7:30 pm). Pick up 9:30 pm at the church. The cost for the youth will be \$10 which will cover part of the costs. Be sure to register for this event so tickets can be pre-purchased to save time. It's winter. Dress appropriately.

Check out our Youth Group Facebook page to see more details about what's happening: 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.

World Day of Prayer Service, at McDougall United Church - 8516 Athabasca St. SE (one block south of Heritage on Fairmont Drive) on **Friday, March 2nd at 11:00 am** followed by a Caribbean Luncheon with a "free-will" offering basket. The theme of this year's service is "All God's Creation is Very Good!" prepared by a team from the Republic of Suriname, part of the Guianas, an ecological region within the Amazon. The focus is on Genesis 1 - "Caring for Creation." For more information go on line to the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada, www.wicc.org or go on facebook.com/WICCanada. If you are interested in doing one of the readings please contact the Parish Office.

A silent retreat for ladies will be held at Mt St

Francis Retreat Centre in Cochrane the weekend of March 23-25. The theme is Encountering the Sacred: Intimacy with God. For more information or to register, please contact Teresa at 403 329 8967 or Jane at 403 854 3543.

Images of Spirituality: Ecumenical Women's Gathering April 6 - April 8 2018 at Entheos Retreat Centre The theme is Holy Women Inspired by God. Come and learn from the stories of Holy Women from the past and allow yourself to be encircled by God's love, to pray, meditate, adventure into art, writing, music, dreams, visions. Session Leader is Shirley Cunningham, MA, MSW, LCSW, a visionary artist and author of Chasing God. and Kissed by God: Holy Women Create! Worship Leader is Rev. Julia Kimmett. Julia has been in ministry for 24 years in Calgary and Okotoks and has taken mission teams to Africa and Dominican Republic. More information and registration forms at www.imagesofspirituality.ca
Contact Barb Romain 403 272 1950



Greeters Ministry

A welcoming environment is one of the most special things about St. Paul's. Our faithful Greeters play a major role in creating that environment. We strive to make sure each person attending worship is greeted with a kind word and a warm smile upon arrival. We would like to say "Thank You" to those who serve in this capacity and to those who fill in on special occasions. Being a greeter is an important but simple commitment- extending love and welcome to all people.

A special "thanks" goes to Roxie Hall for her dedicated service of coordinating this ministry. If you are interested in serving in this capacity on a regular or substitute basis, you can contact Roxie.

Financial News

January 1 to January 31, 2018

Our deficit to the end of January is \$6,480, our deficit was \$3,332 to the same period in 2017. We pray that our income in February will more closely meet our expenses.



St. Paul's News Bulletin

February 11, 2018



Parish Events

After much prayerful and painful discussion, Parish Corporation has decided that the diminished reserves we have available to cover a shortfall in our monthly income require us to make cuts to two paid positions at St. Paul's, effective April 1. As of April 1, our Children's and Youth Ministry Coordinator will no longer receive remuneration. Also effective April 1, the remuneration offered for being our Janitorial Custodian will be reduced to \$200 per month.

In 2015, we embarked on a venture of faith that had funding for 3 years for a paid Children's and Youth Ministry Coordinator in our Parish. Our hope was that, once the 3 years were completed and the special funds depleted, our Parish (partly through its enlarging Sunday School) would have grown to the place where, through our General Income, we could continue to fund this position. Unfortunately, our economy had other plans, and even with a great increase of 4.1% in our 2017 income over 2016, we're entering 2018 without the projected General Income or the funds in reserve to continue this venture past the Spring.

We want to thank Linda and Anne Lowry for their years of faithful service in these ministries, and offer our loving, prayerful support as they adjust to these turns in the road on their journeys.

Tonight Sunday, February 11: Celtic Service and Creation Group Art session at 7:00 pm. Everyone is encouraged to come!



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, this Tuesday, February 13 from 5 to 7 pm: We will need around 15 people to help put on the supper. Please sign the sign-up list in

the Hall if you can help. Cost is \$5.00 to a maximum of \$15.00/family.

Ash Wednesday, February 14: Imposition of Ashes & Holy Eucharist at 9:30 am followed by Ash Wednesday video reflections at 10:45 am



This Saturday, February 17: Men's Breakfast at 8:30 am. All men 13 years and up are invited to attend. Come and enjoy great food and fellowship.

This Saturday, February 17: Parish Council Focus Day, from 10 am to 3:00 pm. We'll be discussing results from the Parish Survey.

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 whose cross of love turns the world upside down—or right side up! Beginning next Wednesday, February 21 at 10:30 am or 7:30 pm.

Coming Soon!
Coming Soon: Meet and Greet with our Family—Friday, February 23 from 7 to 9 pm at the home of Bill and Cari Hart. All are welcome to come and meet our Syrian family.

Sunday, February 25: Triple C at 10:00 am.

Holy Baptisms: Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to have your child Baptized or you would like to be Baptized. The next scheduled Baptism is on Sunday, April 8.

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Outreach

PWRDF: Feb 4th to 10th, 2018 is International Development Week (IDW)

Established in 1981, IDW is a uniquely Canadian tradition, and is a time when Global Affairs Canada, organizations and individuals across the country celebrate Canadian contributions to poverty relief and humanitarian assistance in the developing world. The theme for IDW 2018 is "Partners for a Better World". It encourages all of us to be partners in building a more peaceful, inclusive, and prosperous world. Together, we can make a difference.

NeST Update

Help Wanted: to assist our family in **vehicle shopping**. They are looking for a reliable used car for a family of 6 within their budget. They have some preliminary ideas about make/model but have requested assistance navigating what is locally available and the purchase process (including an inspection). NeST can help connect across the language barrier if needed. Please contact Jennifer Solem if you are able to help with this.

AgeCare Seton: The next service will be, Monday February 26 at 10 am. Thank you to Heather Johnson, Verna Alexander and Leona Zador for participating in this ministry. If you would like to be a part of the team going please contact Fergus. Thanks, also, to Charles Alexander and Bob Mummery, for leading when Fergus can't be present.

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 \$1000, 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. Anyone having questions about this labor of love please contact Robbie Coller @ 403-257-5783 or 403-869-6608. **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

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. Please consider offering your gifts of hospitality.

Prayer Chain Requests: After many years of coordinating our Prayer Chain, Val Murray has stepped down. Thank you Val for your faithful service in this vitally important ministry. For the interim 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, February 25 is the deadline for *Living Waters* submissions for the March 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 pro-

vide 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 are in great need of volunteers for our nursery. We have many young families who would benefit from this ministry. If you are able to volunteer please contact Linda Penton or the Parish office.

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

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.

Parish Survey Update: Thank you, everyone, for filling out 56 Parish Surveys! There's a great amount of valuable information in them! Parish Council will be discussing survey results at its Focus Day on February 17. 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 soon

Prayer Group: 7:30 pm

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.)

Lenten Reflections 10:15 am

Thurs: TOPS: 6:30 pm

Après FM: 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)