

## Youth Group

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

Youth Bible Study every Sunday morning.

**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](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.

**Building Sacred Bridges: An Interfaith Musical Experience:** Calgary's faith communities are coming together to organize two significant concerts to support Habitat families. The concerts will take place at 7:00 pm on February 10 at Knox United Church and 7:00 pm on February 11 at Beth Tzedec Synagogue. They will feature the talents of singers and musicians of different faiths from across Calgary. Each concert is a fundraiser for the Interfaith Project to fund Habitat homes for 10 working families in southern Alberta. There is no charge for the tickets but all attendees are invited to make a generous donation. See the poster in the hall for more info.

**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](http://www.imagesofspirituality.ca)

Contact Barb Romain 403 272 1950



One of the finest and really rewarding ministries at St Paul's is the Father Lacombe Sing-Along ministry. This simply entails six to twelve people from church and outside going to Father Lacombe on Fridays between 10 and 11 and singing for the residents. This ministry was started over twenty years ago by Betty Campbell. Maymai and Geoff Wilson were early recruits. Initially it was a coffee and chat group but apparently there was little chat. Norm Pemberton suggested singing and the rest as they say is history and we go from strength to strength. We sing all sorts of songs:- hymns, old popular tunes and some silly ones, but they are all liked and quite a number of residents have their favourites and we do requests, we always close with "In the Garden" and "Jesus Loves Me". Participation from the residents is good, generally 50 to 60 and I think we are regularly voted the best volunteer group at FL. The joy and appreciation shown on the residents' faces is so satisfying and of course we really love doing it. New members are welcome and no experience is required, you'll love it.

Thank you to all the volunteers who support this ministry.

## Financial News

**January 1 to December 31, 2017**

We had a wonderful strong December, reducing our deficit at year's end to \$6,975! Thank you, everyone, for your generosity! Your giving has placed us in a good position to start 2018! We pray that this great December will be followed by a solid January to help us continue faithfully to support the ministries to which God has called us at St. Paul's.



# St. Paul's News Bulletin

## February 4, 2018



## Parish Events

**Because of the diminished reserves we have available to cover a shortfall in our monthly income, we've had to make cuts to two paid positions in our Parish, effective April 1.** As of April 1, our Children's and Youth Ministry Coordinator will no longer receive remuneration. Effective immediately, we've placed the youth ministry portion of this position under the care of Janna Wrigley and Keith Daye, to enable Linda Penton to concentrate on Sunday School, particularly the recruiting and training of teachers. Also effective April 1, the remuneration offered for being our Janitorial Custodian will be reduced to \$200 per month. 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.

**Thank you** to everyone who submitted reports to, or participated in, our Annual Meeting. **The reports are available in hard copy and on our website.**

**Next Sunday, February 11:** Transfiguration Sunday.

**Thank you,** Margaret Anne Knowles, for another great Celtic Service and Creation Group Art session last Sunday! The next one is next **Sunday, February 11** at 7:00 pm. Everyone is encouraged to come!

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 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 and Holy Eucharist at 9:30 am followed by Ash Wednesday video reflection at 10:45 am at St. Paul's. In the evening at All Saints' Lutheran supper at 6:30 pm and followed by Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist at 7:30 pm.

**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.

**Saturday, February 10:** 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 Wednesday, February 21 at 10:30 am or 7:30 pm.

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

**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.

**The Youth Group** raised \$246 at their Chili Cook-Off. The money will be split between our foster child Desta and the Youth fund. Thank you to everyone who bought a bowl of chili.

**Len's Day Men's Breakfast:** Thank you to Kerry for organizing the breakfast and to the 25 men who came out in their shorts and jerseys! They raised \$404 for the Morales Orphanage in Mexico.

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**Incumbent:** The Rev'd Fergus Tyson  
**Assistants:** The Rev'd Cyril Haynes  
The Rev'd Dr. Norman Knowles  
The Rev'd Dr. Bob Mummery  
The Rev'd Charles Alexander

**Wardens:** Rick Collier & Murray Sykes  
**Pastor's Postings:** [pastorfergus.wordpress.com/](http://pastorfergus.wordpress.com/)  
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## Outreach

### **PWRDF: Feb 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 the Al Jawi 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 ([theclines@shaw.ca](mailto:theclines@shaw.ca); 403.804.2768) 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 Zadour 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. 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:** 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](mailto: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 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.

**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.)

**Wednesdays with the Word:** 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)