

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 for \$2 a taste or \$5 for a small bowl. A vote from participants will determine where the proceeds raised will go. Options are Food Bank, St. Paul's or Desta Keweti.

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

Diocese and Community Events

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.

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.

"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 February 14. All are welcome.



Looking for a way to deepen your understanding of the Christian faith and to enhance the connection between what you believe and how you live your daily life? The *Education for Ministry* program combines independent study and weekly small group discussions to bring a basic grounding of theological education to Christian laypeople. (Hint: there is more to the Bible than you may have seen on TV lately!)

EFM explores the content and origins of the Bible, follows Church history from its earliest days to the present time, and examines issues in Judeo-Christian theology. Guided theological reflections help to connect our faith understanding with Scripture and Christian tradition, and translate this into the cultural context of today.

Sessions run from September to May/June. There are two groups currently meeting in Calgary, on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday evenings.

For more information please contact Doreen Peters (mkerry@shaw.ca; 403-251-6744) or Jennifer Solem (jsolem@shaw.ca or 403-804-2768)

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 strong position to start 2018! We pray that this great December will be followed by a good 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

January 14, 2018



Parish Events

January 18-25: The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, look for activities throughout the city, and a special unity focus in our January 21 services.

Friday, January 19 at 2:00 pm: Celebration of the life of Bob Owen, at St. Paul's.

Men's Breakfast: The next one will be January 20 at 8:30 am. This is the breakfast referred to as Len's Day. To honour Len Mountford, wear shorts or a jersey.

All men are welcome to come and enjoy good food and fellowship. All proceeds from the Breakfast on this day will go to the Morales Orphanage in Mexico, which Len and Lynda supported.

Celtic Service next Sunday, January 21 at 7 pm: All are welcome!

The service will be followed by refreshments and then the Creation Art Class for those who are participating.

Sunday, January 28: Feast of the Conversion of our Patron, St. Paul. Triple C service at 10:00 am. **Annual Meeting of Parishioners (AMP)** at 11:30 am. Lunch will be provided. All are encouraged to attend.

Positions Available for Parish Council: We are looking to fill the positions of Deputy Incumbent's and People's Wardens. Parish Council positions available are: Christian Education, and Youth (age 16 and up). If you are interested in any of these positions please speak to Fergus, Murray or Rick or a member of Parish Council.

Thank you to everyone who submitted reports for the Annual Meeting. **The reports will be**

available on Sunday, January 21 in hard copy and on our website.

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.

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.

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 at St. Paul's and at All Saints' Lutheran at 7:30 pm.

2018 envelopes are available for pick up in the Hall. If you don't have envelopes and would like some, please contact Debra Brisbin or the Parish Office at 403 256-1428.

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Outreach

PWRDF: During Epiphany, we remember that Jesus and his family were refugees in Egypt. Helping refugee families has always been part of PWRDF's work. and today, with record numbers of refugees in the world, it's more important than ever.

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. 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 January 15 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 Par-

ish 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. 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

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, 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.

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.

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: 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)