

Youth Group

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

Youth Bible Study every Sunday morning.
Thanks to everyone for a fun Movie Night on Friday!

Watch for more activities!

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

Diocese and Community Events

CAWST World Toilet Day: Join CAWST at The Plaza for a film screening and sidewalk toilet talk. Sunday, November 19 at 3-6 pm at The Plaza, 1133 Kensington Rd NW. Come for a special film viewing, sidewalk toilet talk, and a Photo booth. A variety of humorous poop products will be available for purchase! **Why: 6 in 10 people (4.5 billion) do not have toilets at home that safely manage poop.** Entry by donation.

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.

Creating Dementia-Friendly Congregations Saturday, November 25

How can our places of worship be welcoming, safe and spiritually-fulfilling for those who have cognitive impairments such as dementia or Alzheimer's? To help us learn about and implement simple yet powerful ways for our churches to become "friendly" places, please at a workshop led by gerontological nurse specialist Mollie Cole, RN. This event is free of charge and will be from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, Saturday, November 25, at Knox Presbyterian Church (St. Martin Anglican Church), 3704 - 37th Street SW, Calgary. All are welcome. To learn more and to RSVP (by November 20), please contact the Rev. Natasha Brubaker at (403) 249-3014 or natasha.stmartins@telus.net.

Finding God in the Dark: St. Michael's Spiritual

Centre, Canmore (709 - 7th Street, Canmore) presents Finding God in the Dark: "Before the Nativity - the Incarnation: Reflecting on God in our Lives," **Friday, December 1 from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm, and Saturday, December 2 from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm.** Join us for prayer, silence and sharing together, as we begin the Advent season. Lynn van Bussel will lead us in an exploration of our faith as people of 'The Story.' We will use contemporary film and our personal story to reflect on how they intersect and point to God's presence in our lives. Call the office at St. Michael at (403) 678-5191 to register or for more information. The cost is \$25 for both sessions including lunch; \$10 for only the Friday evening; \$20 for Saturday only.

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.



Our Pastoral Care Team members are our clergy and lay members. The members of our team visit people at home, in the hospital or call on the phone. We also offer a Grief Support Group which we hope to start up in the Fall.

Pastoral Care is really something we can all do. It is saying "Hi" with a smile, giving a hug, talking to someone who seems to be standing alone, or offering someone a ride. We never know what is going on in people's lives, and these small gestures make a difference.

Thank you Nicola Peden our Parish Council representative and to everyone who serves in this Ministry. You brighten the day of the people who you visit.

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!

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Parish Events

Fergus is on retreat from Monday to Thursday this week. In case of a pastoral emergency please contact the office or Father Cyril Haynes.

Hot Dogs for Heroes: the youth raised \$313.35 to go to the Post Secondary Education Fund for Students who have lost a parent while serving in the Canadian Armed Forces. Thank you to the Youth and to all who supported this event.

Thank you to all who serve on our Pastoral Care Team.

Thank you to everyone for returning pledge cards. If you forgot your pledge card it can still be returned on a Sunday in the collection plate or to the Parish Office.

Tonight Sunday, November 19: Celtic Service at 7 pm. Creation Art Group follows the service.

Our Birthday Party this year is **this Saturday, November 25th**. It is the 132nd for the Historic Chapel and 19th for our new building. Starting at 6:00pm with appetizers and a meal at 7:00pm. We will have singing, puzzles, fun fellowship, food, wine and drinks. Everyone is invited to come and celebrate, signing up would be helpful to give an idea of numbers. St Paul's would appreciate a birthday gift, money works well!

Reign of Christ, next Sunday, November 26, Guest Speaker will be Dr. Dave Skidmore, Education Coordinator, Calgary Dream Centre. He will be speaking at both services.

Advent Study: The Wonder of Christmas: Wednesday, November 29 to December 20 at 10:15 am or 7:30 pm. Sign up sheet is in the Hall. For more info. see the November *Living Waters*.

Service of Solace: Thursday, November 30 at 7:30 pm. Christmas is not a joyful occasion for everyone. There are many reasons why this season can be difficult: loss of a loved one, broken relationships, loss of health, loneliness, painful memories, feeling overwhelmed by the prepara-

tions for, and busyness of the season, expectations of others and seasonal affective disorder (SAD). You're invited to come and join us for a **Service of Solace**, of light shining in the darkness, a quiet, comforting service of hymns, scripture readings, lighting of candles, prayers for healing and anointing with oil. The service will be followed by a time of fellowship.

St Nicholas Day Tea, and Craft and Bake Sale Saturday, December 2nd from 2:30 to 4:30 pm. If you can help with this event or you have a card table we could use please sign up in the Hall or contact Jane Sandul. Crafts and Baked Goods may be dropped off on Friday, December 1st during regular office hours and from 3 to 8 pm. **All proceeds to the Food Bank.** Invite your family, friends and neighbours.

Sunday, December 3: Advent 1

Secret Friends Christmas Party - Tuesday December 5th 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.

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

Christmas Dinner & Pageant: Save the date Saturday, December 16. We will be having 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.

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Outreach

PWRDF 16 Days of Activism for an End to Violence Against Women "16 Days of Activism for an End to Violence Against Women" begins on November 25 (the anniversary of the assassination of three sisters and political activists in the Dominican Republic in 1960), and ends on International Human Rights Day, December 10. Violence against women isn't just about rape and murder; it's also about the lack of access to adequate health care or the lack of respect within their communities. Defending and promoting women's rights, and empowering women to speak for themselves is what The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund has been doing for over 50 years.

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes: 24 shoeboxes were delivered from St. Paul's. Thank you to Pat Cardwell and everyone who contributed to this project.

NeST Update (November, 2017)

NeST volunteers continue to work with the family on such things as in-home visits for language/homework support and other fun activities, outings for appointments, financial mentoring, liaising with schools, and interpreting/navigating administrative paperwork. The family is already becoming more independent as they gain practical knowledge of life in Calgary and can do more things for themselves, but they remain very open to visits and continuing to make connections. They have also found many new friends in the Arabic-speaking community. Dad is actively seeking opportunities to volunteer in the community where he can practice his English. He is especially interested in woodworking/carpentry opportunities. Please contact either Rick Coller or Jennifer if you have a project. We also hope to show the whole family the fun side of Canadian winter – stay tuned for tobogganing, etc. on Lotsa Helping Hands if you are a NeST volunteer, or email Jennifer if you'd like to join in the fun! See the November Living Waters for more details.

Mitten Basket: Thank 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 November 20 at 10 am. Thank you to Heather Johnson and Amanda Stoop for participating in this ministry. If you would like to be a part of the team going please contact Fergus.

We would like to set up a MidSun Community Outreach Team, to help deepen our connections with our immediate neighbourhood. If you'd like to be part of it, please contact Loret MacDonald or Murray Sykes.

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 \$1,600, with \$1,700 having been disbursed.

As you may know, the Canadian government has launched a special 1:1 match for the 600,00 Rohingya refugees who have fled their homes in Myanmar for safety in Bangladesh. Canadian Foodgrains Bank, through its member agencies, is responding. We are providing oil, lentils, sugar and salt for more than 60,000 families. In addition to the special 1:1 match from the government, all donations to the Foodgrains Bank to help the Rohingya refugees will receive our regular 4:1 match. **This means that every \$100 donated to the Foodgrains Bank for use by our members generates \$600 in aid. The government's special extra match only runs until Nov. 28.** Donations can be made online at <https://foodgrainsbank.ca/campaigns/rohingya-appeal/>

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: Next 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 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 7:00 pm

Prayer Group: 7:30 to 8:30 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.)

Bible Study: 10:15 am on Sunday readings

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)