

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

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.

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.

"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.



Christian education is a lifelong activity for all of us as Jesus' disciples. It has been aptly described as loving God with our minds. At St. Paul's, we have education for young children, teens, and adults of every age, with opportunities such as Sunday School, multiple mid-week studies, Quiet Days, and movie nights. The Christian Education Team is a small group of parishioners committed to Christian Education who meet together several times a year to discuss and plan the different educational ventures our Parish undertakes.

Please contact Murray Sykes if you are interested in being a part of this ministry.

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 November 26, 2017



Parish Events

Welcome to our **Guest Speaker Dr. Dave Skidmore**, who will share with us at both services. Thank you for being with us today!

Thank you to Doreen and Kerry for organizing another fun Birthday Party!!

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.

Advent Study: The Wonder of Christmas: Beginning this **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: This 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 preparations 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 this 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.

Next Sunday, December 3: Advent 1, the beginning of the new Church year.

Next Sunday, December 3: CHANGE OF DATE: the next Celtic Service will next Sunday at 7 pm. All are welcome! The service will be followed by refreshments and then the Creation Art Class.

Secret Friends Christmas Party –Next 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 at 5:30 pm for the dinner and 7 pm for the Pageant. 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.

Thank you to everyone for returning pledge cards. Pledge cards can be returned on a Sunday in the collection plate or to the Parish Office.

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.

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Outreach

DECEMBER 1ST is WORLD AIDS DAY – please wear a red ribbon

PWRDF continues to work towards a Generation without AIDS The massive attention the world gave to dealing with the crisis of HIV and AIDS in the early years of this century had great success, and showed what could be achieved. But when times got hard, much funding was lost. Times are hard again, especially if you have HIV, so it's important to continue our support. Together, we can make a difference

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

Pastoral Care

Grief Support Group: We are looking at beginning a new Grief Support Group in January. 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 (403 255-7082) 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 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: 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 Bourgeois)