
Looking Ahead – Save the Date(s)

Labyrinth Walks

*Please join us for meditation
an inward journey on a sacred path.. 7:00 pm
May 20th*

Attention all ladies of St Paul's! UCW is holding our Spring Gathering on Wednesday, April 25 at 7:00pm in the basement! We will be doing a “sound bath” a part meditation, part listening exercise, sound baths are healing musical performances played with singing bowls, crystal bowls, and or chimes. Bring a yoga mat and pillows/blankets if you'd like to lay on the floor or you can sit in a chair if you'd rather and let the waves of sound wash over you. All are welcome. Admission by donation.

New to the church? Want a photo directory? See Carla in the church office to buy your copy for \$15.00

The first Sunday of each month there is a second offering that is dedicated to local outreach. **This month from March 1- 29 we gave out 10 food/ gas vouchers for a total of \$685.00 from** our local outreach fund. Please consider donating “in good used condition” warm clothing such as mitts, gloves, socks, toques and bath towels for the Saint Lawrence Center. Thank you for your continued support.

Moved?? New to the Church??

If you have moved, or you are new to the Church, please stop by the church office or send Carla a quick email (secretary@stpaulsuc.ca) with your new details so we can keep our records up to date! Thank you!

We are in need of Scripture Readers and Door Greeters every Sunday.

Please sign the lists in the foyer if you would like to volunteer to help during the worship services.

St. Paul's Council is seeking a Treasurer and a Member at Large.

If you are interested in please contact Karen Scott or Rev. Gord.

OPENING PRAYER

God of Resurrection, in this Easter season,
we gather for worship, to celebrate the promise of New Life.

As we sing and pray and listen this morning,
**open our eyes and ears and hearts to your Word
transform us, and then send us out to help transform the world.**

We pray in the name of the Risen Christ, as we share the words he taught his friends so many years ago...

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering Hymn: This Is the Day That God Has Made

#175 Voices United

WE SHARE AS GOD'S CHILDREN THE BIBLE'S STORY IN WORD AND IN SONG: A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

PRAYER FOR AND ASSURANCE OF GRACE

God you continue to invite us to see the new thing you are doing
but if we are honest, we don't always do new things well.

In the Risen Christ, in the mystery of Easter, you transform the world,
**but transformation may be uncomfortable, and so we sometimes work against it,
even persecuting those who proclaim the new thing**

But still God you persist in the new thing, you call the loudest critics,
revealing the promise of New Life, opening their eyes to what is possible.

God who is doing a new thing, when we are unwilling to follow the new path,
**open our eyes and hearts, move us beyond protection of old understandings,
lead us to see where you are pointing.**

God of Grace,

**forgive our stubbornness and unwillingness to change,
forgive our willingness to strike back against the new simply because it is not
what we have always done,**

forgive our periodic blindness to what you are doing in our midst

God is doing a New Thing to share the old message of Love. Where we resist, God is patient and coaxing. God forgives us and calls us to try again. God opens our eyes to see what God is up to.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Acts 9:1-22

SILENT REFLECTION

(trusting that God is at work in our midst we allow the words we have heard to settle and stir in our souls)

SERMON *Open Your Eyes!*

Hymn: Open My Eyes That I May See #371 Voices United

WE EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO GOD AND PREPARE FOR MINISTRY IN THE WORLD

THE OFFERING

Mission Minute

The Invitation:

Dedication Offering Hymn: God Says Vs. 3&4 #172 More Voices

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns
Prayers of the People

Hymn: I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me #575 Voices United

COMMISSIONING:

God meets us on the road of life.

Sometimes in a still small voice, sometimes with a flash of light.

God calls us to go from those meetings and share the Good News of Christ.

We go to the world where we live and serve and carry the Love of Christ

Go now, secure in the knowledge that you are held in God's Loving arms wherever the road may take you

Thanks be to God! Hallelujah!

Sung Benediction: Take Up His Song #213 More Voices

POSTLUDE:

Thank you to the beginner bell choir for the gift of music this morning.

Today St. Paul's is leading worship at Wild Rose Manor at 6:00. Folks are welcome to come and join in the worship and visiting.

Thursday is "coffice" day! Remember that on Thursday afternoons from 1-4 pm Gord can be found at the West end Starbucks. Join him for a drink and a chat.

Announcements

Ministry by: *The Congregation*

Enabling Minister: *Rev. Gord Waldie* Church Office: *Carla Johnson*

Telephone: *(780-532-2415)* Email: secretary@stpaulsuc.ca

Sunday School: *Holly Loughead*

Youth Ministry: *Janis Schau-Steinke*

Music Director: *Alison White.*



Our Prayers are offered for, Allison Blanchard and Family , Art Macklin and Eathyn Anderson and Family

Church Office Hours!

Our Office is open Monday to Friday 9am to 3pm

*the Office is closed during the lunch hour.

If you have a prayer request, please write it down in our prayer book on the table at the entrance into worship. Your needs will be added to our community prayer.

Thank you

If you have noticed someone missing from our congregation, please contact them by phone or visit them in person. You may be their "angel"

REMINDER: During children's time on April 29th children will be doing a coin offering for mission and service.

Advent Banner Project

Please set aside some time during May 10, 11, and 12 for helping with our banner project. Our progress so far is that we have had many people of a range of all ages showing interest in helping in all areas of the project.(food, funds, sewing, pressing, organizing, donating blue fabric, coffee break visitors and encouragers to check on results)We would like you to check our sign up sheet to see if your name is there because you spoke to Sherry or Linda ,look to see what you would like to sign up for, or how you can help us prepare banners for the Advent season. It is a come and go event so you can offer an hour, a morning or an afternoon or evening between 9 and 9. Any questions ask Linda Wagner, Sherry Alstad, Alice Lorenz or Beryl Alstad.

Would you like to put an announcement in the Sunday bulletin? Please have them to Carla in the Church office by **Wednesday at noon** in order to have them in for the current week's bulletin.

At St. Paul's We Are So Fortunate to have a church that is busy and full of life please be sure to check with Carla in the church office before you expect a room will be free for your use. Rooms booked with Carla in the office will have first priority.

Vacation Bible School - please contact Holly (780-933-9937) to volunteer for this week of fun! We will announce the dates and other details in the near future, so stay tuned.

PLEASE! PLEASE! PLEASE! When locking the church doors please make sure that the door is actually latched. Thank you!

Parents – If your children are using the nursery, please tidy it up before leaving.



JUST A REMINDER...

For those parents with small children, please be reminded there is a nursery available when your children need more room to run around, or are upset and inconsolable. The nursery is conveniently just down the hall across from the Friendship Room.

Mayors Inter-Faith Breakfast

When: May 11, 2018 with doors opening at 7:30 am

Where: Teresa Sargent Hall

Cost: \$25 per ticket and can be purchased at Revolution Place or online

<http://www.cityofgp.com/interfaithbreakfast> **The deadline to purchase tickets is May 7th and there will be no tickets sold at the door so don't delay!**

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Offering Envelopes - Making your donation using a set of offering envelopes is the easiest way to ensure you receive a tax receipt for your givings. If you don't have a set of offering envelopes, and would like some, please contact Carla in the church office. Also please make sure you have envelope # on your givings so it can be record to the correct person.