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## Looking Ahead – Save the Date(s)

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### **Labyrinth Walks**

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

**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](mailto: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.

### **Projectionists Needed!**

Last Fall the Worship Team asked for feedback on our worship services. One of the requests we got more than once was to make use of the projector all year round instead of September – June. In order to make this happen we need more volunteers to operate the projector. IF you are interested in giving it a try this summer give the office a call. It is pretty easy to do and training is available!

### OPENING PRAYER

Holy God who is Holy Mystery,

**we gather to tell the old old story of Jesus and his love.**

Holy God who is Holy Mystery,

**we gather to relate the old story to our lives here and now.**

God who is known and yet not fully knowable, as we sing and pray and worship

**may we be aware of your presence,**

**may we be reminded of your love,**

**may we be fed in body and in soul,**

**may we be moved to share the old story in different ways.**

God in whom we live and move and have our being,

**fill us, shape us, lead us into the world where,**

**when things keep changing, you are always to be found.**

We pray in the name of the Risen Christ. **Amen**

Gathering Hymn: Praise Our Maker

#316 Voices United

### **WE SHARE AS GOD'S CHILDREN THE BIBLE'S STORY IN WORD AND IN SONG:**

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

GIFT OF MUSIC: Rock-a My Soul

*Sr. Bell Choir*

-Brenda E. Austin, Based on the African American Spiritual

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Celebration of Communion

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Acts 17:16-34

### 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 *The Unknown God*

Hymn: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

#264 Voices United

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

#### THE OFFERING

Mission for Stewardship

The Invitation: I Vow To Thee My Country

*Sr. Bell Choir*

J. D. Frizzell, Based on Hymn Tune #256 Voices United

Dedication Offering Hymn: God Says

Vs. 3&4

#172 More Voices

Hymn: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

#326 Voices United

COMMISSIONING:

Now our worship ends, and so we go back out into the world,

**A Cosmopolitan world where we meet many different faiths and philosophies.**

We go to share the God we know, the Love we have been offered, the Hope we have for the future.

**We go knowing that God, in whom we live and move and have our being, goes with us wherever life takes us.**

Thanks be to God!

**Amen**

Sung Benediction: Take Up His Song

#213 More Voices

POSTLUDE:

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## Announcements

**Ministry by: The Congregation**

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

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

**Sunday School: Holly Loughhead**

**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"*

**Thank you to the Senior Bell Ensemble for their contribution of music. Thank you to Liisi Toomsalu for her work as Guest Conductor.**

**REMINDER:** During children's time today the children will be doing a coin offering for mission and service.

**Tillie Piker is turning 90 years old!** You are welcome to celebrate with her May 5<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm at Lakeview seniors lodge in Clairmont.

**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 signup 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.

**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.

### **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 7<sup>th</sup> and there will be no tickets sold at the door so don't delay!**

### **Sunday School Closing Potluck**

Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>

Please join us after service for our annual celebration!

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

**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.

**Thursday is "coffee" 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.



**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.

**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.

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

**Grande Prairie Kairos**, an ecumenical Social Justice group, is collecting ankle length skirts in support of Walking with our Sisters, a Commemorative Art Installation in honour of Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women which is taking place at the Art Gallery in June. These skirts will be used during the sacred ceremony. The skirt is the same shape as the tipi and the tipi represents the home and women are keepers of the home. If you have a modest ankle length skirt you could donate, please call Helen at 780-532-1071.

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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