



**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH**  
**May 13, 2018**

*Through Faith, we walk on the path Jesus set for us.  
The people of St. Paul's Belong... Believe... Listen... Love... Lead.*

WE APPROACH OUR GRACIOUS GOD

PRELUDE

WELCOME: This Is the Day X2 #122 More Voices

LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP: Small Things Count *sung by Dylan Ayre and Marlee White*

WE GREET EACH OTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Though small, may this candle flame remind us that the love of God burns brightly within us. May it spread throughout the world, overcoming all darkness.

OPENING PRAYER

God, sometimes we feel so small and insignificant.

**We wonder if we are doing enough.**

We worry that we aren't 'THE BEST' or don't have 'THE MOST'

**Or we didn't climb the HIGHEST or go the FASTEST**

We pray that you will notice our efforts to love and serve, even in the smallest ways.

**That even the small steps we make to follow Jesus in our journey will count.**

And we pray together as he taught us....

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering Hymn: Draw the Circle Wide #145 More Voices

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

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART: Starfish Story

Gift of Music: I Got the Sun in the Morning Madison White

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Micah 6:8

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)

Message: A Mediocre Life

HYMN: What does the Lord Require of you #701Voices United

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

THE OFFERING

Minute for Mission:

The Invitation:

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

Prayers of the People

HYMN: Would you Bless Our Homes and Families #556 Voices United

COMMISSIONING:

Sung Benediction: Take Up His Song #213 More Voices

POSTLUDE:

**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

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

### ATTENTION ALL HOUSEHOLDS

#### Have you joined St. Paul's Recyclable program yet?

St. Paul's has an easy fund raiser to help with the Church renovations. All you need to do is bag up all your empty bottles, cans and milk jugs and put our **church id # 1468-2415** visible on each bag and drop them off at the bottle depot on Resources Road and before you leave, check in with the cashier and let them know how many bags/boxes on bottles/can you dropped off.

**\*\*\* \$727.40 has been brought in since January 1, 2017\*\*\***

**MAY 15th DEADLINE TO APPLY...**for a Pilgrimage to Palestine and Israel (This was in the latest e-newsletter from the United Church of Canada, so doesn't leave any time to think - but in case anyone is interested) The United Church's People in Partnership program invites applications for a "Come and See" Pilgrimage to Palestine and Israel. This event is sponsored by Newfoundland and Labrador Conference and is open to ecumenical participation from across the country. It is scheduled for October as an opportunity to witness and experience the lived realities of the partners on the ground.

Lots of details online at

<http://www.united-church.ca/opportunities/come-and-see-pilgrimage-encounter-palestine-and-israel>

Read a blog from Rev. Nel Ouwens of Spruce Grove, Alberta, who participated in the pilgrimage last summer at <http://www.united-church.ca/blogs/round-table/microcosm-conflict>

# 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 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"*

**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.

### **Sunday School Closing Potluck**

Sunday, May 27th

Please join us after service for our annual celebration!

### **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!

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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 April 1-30 we gave out 10 food/ gas vouchers for a total of \$630.00 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.

**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 “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.

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# THANK YOU

### EVERYONE

A BIG thank you to the many, many hands and feet that volunteered to do all the driving, lifting, donating, sorting, pricing, baking, visiting, monitoring, sandwich making and shopping.

It was wonderful to see so many people come out and help with the Garage Sale in whatever way they could.

You made a difference.

An extra THANK YOU goes out to the Garage Sale Committee.

What a team, what a crew, we could not have done it without you.

Well done EVERYONE



START SAVING FOR NEXT YEAR



**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.

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**Tuesday, May 22nd at 7:00 pm in the Friendship Room UCW Unit 1 will be doing their Visioning session.** If you have not had a chance to be a part of a Visioning session, or have been thinking about your first one and want to add more comments - please join us on May 22nd. We will keep our regular business to a minimum to allow time for good discussion around the questions council has asked us all to consider. What do we do well? What opportunities do you think we are missing? What suggestions do you have for solutions? What will St Paul's look like in 2028?