



**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH**  
**September 30, 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** Halle Halle Halle (sung twice) #958 Voices United

**LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather in the presence of the divine to sing Creation's praises

**We come in fellowship to give thanks**

We gather in the presence of the divine to seek answers in a confusing world

**We bring comfort and peace by being that spark of the holy to each other**

We gather in the presence of the divine to renew our spirit in God's love

**Come let us worship God**

**WE GREET EACH OTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

In the beginning God said "Let there be light" and there was light.

**May the flame of this candle remind us of God's light shining throughout our lives.**

Sitting in the glow of the Light, we calm our hearts, souls, and selves for worship.

**OPENING PRAYER**

**Creator of all the world, how may we serve you?**

We seek you out, trying to determine your will

**We are a people firm in our faith**

We revel in the variety of paths we see

**We can be a people drawn to fear of the unknown**

Open our hearts to see the unknown as an opportunity to see another side of you.

Amen

**LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathering Hymn: We Are One

# 402 Voices United

**Dates to Remember:**

**P&M** breakfast/work meeting Saturday, October 20th at 8:00 a.m.

**The 102 Street Stitchers.....**

Quilters and Crafters are meeting again October 19th, bring a project, work together on a project, do a community or outreach project, whatever you choose! The Friendship Room is booked 10-3. Bring your lunch or coffee and goodies to share. Conversation and advice is free! If you want more info call Gail Schau or Sherry Alstad.

**Thanksgiving Display**

This year again we are asking the congregation to bring donations (from your garden or purchased) to make our Thanksgiving display awesome!

We then plan to use most or some of the donations to prepare food for the potluck that is planned for Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.

Extra items will be delivered to the Food Bank.

**Annual Roast Beef Dinner and Silent Auction**

**Sunday, November 4<sup>h</sup>**

**St Paul's United Church**

**Open seating from 4:30 – 6:30**

**Adults \$20.00 ~ Youth 6-14 \$10.00 ~ Under 5 - Free**

Please contact Carla in the church office 780-532-2415 or Martha Dawson at 780-532-6675 if you are able to donate carrots, potatoes or would like to make a cash donation.

Items for the silent auction can be dropped off at the church and need to be clearly marked "Silent Auction". Please contact Sherry Alstad at 780-568-4679 if you have any questions.

Volunteers for dishes, set up, clean up etc. will be needed; silent auction donations and food donations too. Marge Riley will be contacting people for donations of salads, pies & to sign up for many tasks needing willing hands on the day.

So please watch the bulletin and listen for announcements this month

Tell your neighbours and friends to hold this date.

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

**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

Gracious God, we look to the heavens for your light but sometimes we are blinded by the more secular muddle of our lives.

**We know that your love is infinite and ever present.....in fact we rely on it.**

We see your creativity and awesome wonder in the diversity of life in creation. The diversity of species, colours, smells, tastes and experiences is a testament to the power of your spirit in the world.

**You challenge us to nurture the abundance that you have provided and to be open to your grace where we find it in the world.....time of silent prayer.....**

God's grace is freely given to all. We are loved, we are forgiven for our failings. We are called to be partners in creating Gods Kingdom on earth.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Micah 3: 1-12

Matthew 23: 1-12

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)

Hymn: God Weeps

#78 Voices United

SERMON: **Seriously.....it's not about Religion**

Hymn: When I Need a Neighbor

#600 Voices United

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

THE OFFERING

Mission Minute

The Invitation:

Dedication Offering Hymn: For the Fruit of All Creation (verse 2)

#227 Voices United

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Hymn: Oh, A Song Must Rise

#142 More Voices

COMMISSIONING:

Sung Benediction: Go Gently, Go Lightly

(see insert)

POSTLUDE

# 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.**

*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"*

**Church Office Hours!**

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

\*the Office is closed during the lunch hour.

**For those who asked for a copy of the book "It's Good to Be Here" they have arrived.** The Discussion group begins this Wednesday October 3 at 7:00 and will run for 6 weeks. We will meet in the Friendship Room. Books will be passed out on Wednesday (unless you come by the office and get your copy first before then).

**We need to increase the number of people who can provide pulpit supply at St Paul's.** Gord and Sharon Adams will answer your questions and give us some ideas on October 20 in the Friendship Room 10 am- noon. If you have questions, please contact Susan McKenzie

**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.



### **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.

### **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 or bottles/cans you dropped off.

\*\*\* **\$544.70** has been brought in since January 1, 2018\*\*\*

**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.

**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 indicate your envelope # on your givings so it can be accorded to the correct person.

**Rooms Booked With Carla In The Office Will Have First Priority.** - We are very fortunate at St Paul's 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. We don't want to disappoint anyone if possible.

#### **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 wanting to rebuild the St. Paul's United Prayer Team.** This is a group of people who will receive prayer requests from members of the congregation and commit to pray for the people and situations named. If you would be interested in being a part of this ministry please let Gord know.