



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
September 9, 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

Peace be with you

And also with you

We gather at the beginning of a new week

to greet our neighbours,

to share the faith story,

to open ourselves to God's wisdom.

The God who formed us from dust has gathered us together

Let us offer our thanks and praise as we worship together.

We begin our worship by greeting our brothers and sisters in faith with words and signs of Christ's peace...

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

Praise God for this Holy Ground #42 More Voices

LORD'S PRAYER

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

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

MV92 Like A Rock

Upcoming Study Group:

We will be reading and discussing David Giuliano's new book "It's Good to be Here: Stories we tell about cancer". Wednesday evenings starting September 26. Gord will be placing and order for the books on September 12 so let the office know if you want a copy. Here is the website with more about the book:

<https://davidgiuliano.ca.wordpress.com/>

Dates to Remember:

CGIT/Explores Registration Night -	Tuesday, September 11 at 7:00 pm
Choir starts -	Thursday, September 13
Beginner bells-	Sunday, September 23, 11:20 – Noon
Senior Lodge service, Heritage –	Sunday, September 23 at 6:00 pm
Handbells -	Monday, September 24 at 7:00 pm

On September 16th School folk (any age of school folk) are invited to bring their backpack to church for a Blessing of the Backpacks as we head off into a new year of learning.

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 have envelope # on your givings so it can be record to the correct person.

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.

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!

P&M Breakfast/work meeting Saturday, September 15th at 8:00 a.m.

PRAYER FOR AND ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Creator, Life-giver, Ground of our Being, in the beginning,

You made us in your image, formed us from the dust of the ground.

You invited us to live in harmony with you and the rest of your creation

in a garden of many rivers, a garden of abundance.

But we were a headstrong creation and we chose a different path.

So we left the garden, but we continue to work with the dust and find life there.

God of grace, God who continues to offer us life and love and hope,

We know we do not always follow the path of wisdom, but we try.

When we wander, lead us back to the path we pray.

...time of silent prayer...

The God who first formed us from dust has always loved us. Like the birds of the air and the lilies of the field God provides what we need. We are loved, we are forgiven, we are called back to the garden.

We are loved. Thanks be to God. Amen

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Genesis 2:4-15; 3:17-19

Luke 12:22-29

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 *From Dust Comes Life*

Hymn MV174 Soil of God, You and I

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

THE OFFERING

Mission Minute

The Invitation:

Dedication Offering Hymn VU227 For the Fruit of All Creation (verse 2)

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Hymn VU303 For Beauty of Prairies

COMMISSIONING:

May the blessing of God,

who causes the land to put forth plants and trees;

and of Christ,

who calls all creation to new life;

and of the Holy Spirit,

whose breath animates the earth and all its inhabitants,

be with you all. **Amen.**

(Celebrate God's Presence p.616)

Sung Benediction: Go Gently, Go Lightly (insert)

POSTLUDE

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.

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"



Our Prayers are offered for:

Church Office Hours!

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

*the Office is closed during the lunch hour.

The 102 Street Stitchers..... New group to join in September 21st !

Quilters and Crafters plan to meet once a month, bring a project, work together on a project, do a community or outreach project, whatever you choose! The Friendship Room is booked 9-5. Bring your lunch or coffee and goodies to share. Conversation and advice is free! If you want more info call Carla at the office or Gail Schau or Sherry Alstad.

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.

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.

*** **\$830.55** has been brought in since January 1, 2017***

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.

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.



CALLING ALL WOMEN TO OUR FALL UCW EVENT

Guest Speaker: Nancy Rosendale

God's Wondrous Creatures

Nancy will be talking about and showing photos of her experiences "muck diving"

WE HOPE YOU'LL COME AND BRING A FRIEND

Wednesday, September 26th – 7:00 PM in the Friendship Room