



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
March 10, 2019

*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: As the Sun with Longer Journey Vs 1& 2 # 111 Voices United

LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Our souls were created to be God's dwelling place,
and the dwelling place of the soul is in God

As we worship, we experience the God who dwells in us.

Through our worship, we dwell in God.

As we make the Holy One our dwelling place, no evil shall overtake us. Come live and love in the shelter of the most high and say "God is my refuge and a fortress in whom I trust"

Through our worship, we love the God who dwells in us and in whom we dwell.

God is our refuge and our home.

WE GREET EACH OTHER WITH THE PEACE OF CHRIST

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

As we journey through Lent, as we move towards the darkness of the cross, we light a candle to remind us of the Light that can not be put out.

May its light remind us that we are not alone, in the good and the bad of life, we are not alone.

Gathered as followers of Christ, we greet each other with words and signs of Christ's peace.

OPENING PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering Hymn: God of the Morning # 28 More Voices

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

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

Looking Ahead – Save the Date(s)

Labyrinth Walks

*Please join us for meditation
an inward journey on a sacred path.. 7:00 pm*
March 24 and May 26

Revelation. The last book of the Christian Scriptures and a very challenging book to read. We will be having a 7 session study on the Book of Revelation on Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 starting on March 13 and running to the end of April.

SAVE THE DATE

It is time to start sorting and collecting for
ST. PAULS GARAGE SALE

MAY 1,2,3 & 4 -2019 same place, same great deals, same opportunity to volunteer!

Thank you St. Paul's Family for a successful Beef Pie Fundraiser last weekend! A great group of Beef Cutters, onion cooker, pie dough makers, pastry rollers, pie assemblers, packer and sellers! Thank you to the workers and the folks who bought the tasty pies. We netted \$1200 with 44 volunteer hrs!
To all who bought Beef Pies - enjoy the love filled comfort food this "long winter"!!

CGIT & Explorers Mission Project

Bottle Drive supporting Sunrise House
Saturday, March 16, 2019 12 – 4 pm

Please sign up for bottle drive pick up
on the poster at the back of the church.

Need more information call/text:
Brenda Stouffer 780-832-9371

The Communications Committee is always looking for photographs! If you have any photos of recent St. Paul's events, please forward them to Carla for use in newsletters, narrative reports etc. Please let us know how we are doing with our messaging on the LED sign; in the Newsletter; on Facebook; and/or on the St. Paul's website.

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

Interac e-Transfer is a simple, convenient, and secure way to send and receive money directly from one bank account to another. All you need is access to online or mobile banking through a participating financial institution, and you can send money to St. Paul's United Church — without sharing any personal financial information. It's a great alternative to cheques and cash.

To give using Interac e-Transfer please use this email address to send your donation to St. Paul's United Church - secretary@stpaulsuc.ca

In the note field of your transaction request, please indicate your envelope number (if you have one, if not contact the Church office to get one) and what fund(s) you are wanting your donation to go to. You can split your donation between funds if you so desire. (Example: If your donations is \$100 your note could say - \$25 GF, \$50 MS, \$25 OU or any other combination of amounts and funds you would like to support).

Fund: (Code)

- General Fund (GF)
- Mission and Service (MS)
- Capital Fund (CA)
- Outreach (OU)

Any donations made without a fund code will be considered a "General Funds" donation. After you have selected the amount and the fund, please email the answer to your security question to secretary@stpaulsuc.ca so that we can accept your donation.

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.

Support your church through an automatic monthly withdrawal.

Pre-Authorized Remittance, or PAR, allows you to support your church through an automatic monthly withdrawal from your bank account. Besides being convenient, using PAR for your offering ensures regular monthly givings to help your church's ministry even when you are away. You will be providing a dependable flow of contributions, which increases the church's overall financial stability. Why not participate in PAR? The PAR brochures are available in the church office

PRAYER FOR AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God did not say, "you will not be tempted; you shall not be troubled; you shall not be distressed"

God did say, "You shall not be overcome."

When we are discouraged, feel abandoned and begin to doubt those words.

Lord have mercy

When we are tempted and deceived into longing for a counterfeit world that is a shadow of your kingdom.

Christ have mercy

When you have not answered us when, where and how we expected and our faith falters.

Lord have mercy.

Be assured that God is at work in us and with us! As we worship today let us believe with our hearts and confess the divine love with our mouths that we may experience the promise, presence and power of God in all things. **Amen**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

Psalms 91: 1-2, 9-16

Romans 10: 8b-13

Luke 4: 1-13

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

Hymn: When We Are Tested

65 More Voices

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

THE OFFERING

Mission Minute

The Invitation:

Dedication Offering Hymn: In Loving Partnership We come Vs 1&2

#603 Voices United

Prayer:

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Hymn: To Show by Touch and Word

427 Voices United

COMMISSIONING:

Sung Benediction: May the Christ Who Walks on Wounded Feet

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

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"

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.

Church Office Hours!

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

*the Office is closed during the lunch hour.

SHINGLES by the BUNDLE - update

We started needing \$18,750.00 (250 bundles)

2018...donations \$10,777.00 (144 bundles)

Actual cost was \$16,485.00 (220 bundles)

So in 2019 we need \$5,708.00 (76 more bundles)

2019 to date \$ 75.00 (75 more bundles to go)

THANK YOU for your generous support.

The 102 Street Stitchers.....

Quilters and Crafters are meeting again **April 5th** 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.



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.

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

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!

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

St Paul's Mailboxes...are now in place.

Communications has made a file folder for all the names in the Photo Directory, and a few others from the Birthday lists. If you don't have a file, our apologies please leave your name in the "Communications Team" file folder, and we'll get one made for next week! We hope you'll find them useful for communicating with your fellow St Paul's family and ministry teams.

The first Sunday of each month there is a second offering that is dedicated to local outreach. **This month from February 1-28 we gave out 12 food/ gas vouchers for a total of \$650.00 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.

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.

*** **68.90** has been brought in since January 1, 2019***