



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH
April 7, 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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TREATY

In the beginning the Creator shaped this land. The hills were sculpted, the river valleys dug deep, life sprang out of the soil. Then people came. We honour and thank those who were here before us: the Beaver, the Cree, the Métis. Then those who came here from across the sea made agreements to share the land and now we live together as Treaty partners.

LIFE & WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

In this season of Lent, of preparation for Easter

we gather to reflect on our faith story and our faith practices.

God has invited us to this place

where we open ourselves to God's presence

As people of faith, we are people of relationship

gathering around a common table, we break bread together as we share our faith and lives.

Gathered as a community, we open our worship by greeting each other with signs and words of Christ's peace...

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 centre ourselves for worship.

Looking Ahead – Save the Date(s)

HOLY WEEK			
 Palm Sunday April 14 10:00 AM	 Maundy Thursday April 18 6:00 PM	 Good Friday April 19 10:00 AM	 Easter Sunday April 21 10:00 AM

Labyrinth Walks

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

April 27th - University of Alberta...we need hosts to billet students the night of Saturday April 27th. You will need to take them home after the concert, feed them breakfast and have them back to the church by 9 am. Please sign up and give your phone number or speak to Sharon Adams to clarify if you have pets, can handle allergies etc.

Join us Sunday April 28th for a congregational potluck after the Youth Group Service.

The first Sunday of each month there is a second offering that is dedicated to local outreach. **This month from March 1 - 27 we gave out 6 food/ gas vouchers for a total of \$330.00 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.



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

SHINGLES by the BUNDLE – update

Actual cost was	\$16,485.00 (220 bundles)
2018...donations	\$10,777.00 (144 bundles)
So in 2019 we need	\$5,708.00 (76 more bundles)
2019 donations	\$1,881.20 (25 bundles)
So we still need	\$3,983.00 (51 bundles)

THANK YOU for your generous 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) 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.

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.

*** **\$200.10** has been brought in since January 1, 2019***

Promotion Sunday - Sunday May 12th

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

OPENING PRAYER

God you invite us to the table

where all are welcome to eat and drink and be refreshed.

As we gather at this table today,

open our eyes and hearts that we would see Christ in those who break bread with us.

As we gather at this table today,

remind us that through grace we are forgiven for those times when we are less welcoming than we could be.

As we gather at this table today,

pour out your Spirit upon us, fill us, transform us, refresh us.

And then as we leave this table today,

lead us out to live sacrificial love, and so to feed the hearts of those around us.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn: We Gather Here

469 Voices United

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

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

Receiving New Members by Transfer:

Rev. Jim Beal

Jenny Nicholson

Gift of Music: Let Us Break Bread Together

Sharing of Celebrations and Concerns

Celebration of Communion

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 14:22-26

READING FROM THE EARLY CHURCH

Didache Chapter 9

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 Table of Faith*

Hymn: When at This Table # 199 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

Hymn: You Are My Body # 200 More Voices

COMMISSIONING:

The God who has called us together,

now sends us out to put our faith in action.

The God who invites us to break Bread with Christ and each other

challenges us to share the Bread of Life in the world around us.

The God who lives with us in relationship,

is with us now and always as we live and serve.

Go with God: Parent, Child, and Spirit; Three-in-One and One-in-Three

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.

A minute for (financial) Stewardship –facts and figures for your information.

The funds donated by you for local expenses for the week ending March 31 were \$1030 by the Sunday offering, \$1540 through PAR, and rent payed of \$350 making a total of **\$2920**. Thank you for your donations of "treasure" to programs and building upkeep of St. Paul's. The average amount allocated in our 2019 budget per week for local expenses is **\$4809**.

Martha for the Stewardship and Finance Team

SUNDAY, APRIL 7th - 2:00 pm - Movie Matinee - INDIAN HORSE

This is a true story that follows the life of Canadian First Nations boy, Saul Indian Horse, as he survives residential school and life amongst the racism of the 1970s. A talented hockey player, Saul must find his own path as he battles stereotypes and alcoholism. (Not as good as the book I'm told, but we hope you'll come anyway). Popcorn will be provided. Based on the novel by Richard Wagamese

April 12th Join Liz McCallum in the large basement at St. Paul's and experience the healing & meditative benefits of Sound with the Alchemy crystal singing bowls. During this sound bath you will expect to relax, release, and renew through the vibration & frequency of Sound. Doors open at 6:30 pm and the sound bath begins at 7:00 pm. Bring anything required to be comfortable while laying on the ground and bask in the healing properties of sound. Free will donations are welcome.

P&M Meeting Saturday, April 13th @ 8:00 am

Maundy Thursday Potluck, April 18th @ 6:00 pm in Small Basement.

Decorating for Easter, April 20th @ 10:00 am. Please join us, many hands make light work!

Good Friday Service, April 19th @ 10:00 am

UCW SPRING GATHERING: Wednesday, April 24th - 7:00 pm

UCW Unit 1 are hoping you'll join us for a relaxing and informative time of fellowship in the Friendship Room. Our guest speaker will be Gloria Powell. She is going to share her story of travelling the El Camino Trail in Spain.

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.

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.