Youth Group

Calling All Junior and Senior High Students to be Youth Who Make a Difference !

A Youth Bible Study is offered every Sunday morning. As well as activities on 2 Fridays a month.

Have a great Christmas see everyone in the New Year!!

Joanne Wrigley will be stepping down at the end of this year as Youth Group leader. Thank you Joanne!!! Thank you to Keith Daye for being willing to lead, with another person. If you can lead, with Keith, our Youth Group in 2019, please contact the office.

Check out our Youth Group Facebook page to see more details about what's happening: www.facebook.com/StPaulsCalgaryYouth.

Diocese and Community

Happy Anniversary to us! 125 years as a Diocese! How will we celebrate? The Diocese of Calgary Diocesan Council has chosen to support Habitat for Humanity. We are offering a challenge to all parishes and parishioners—we are going to match ALL donations up to $100,000 in our goal of supporting Habitat for Humanity. Together we could raise $200,000 (this will bring us to $1 million fundraised) for this amazing work which helps people live in homes when they might never have the opportunity. Gifts of any size will be accepted at the Diocesan Office in person or mailed. Please make cheques out to The Anglican Diocese of Calgary and attention them to our Habitat for Humanity fundraiser in the memo line. Challenge ends December 31, 2018. Address: Diocese of Calgary (Habitat Challenge) #108, 1209-59 Ave SE Calgary, AB T2H 2P6.

Break Forth One exists to unify, serve, equip & empower the church in Canada to live out the mission of Jesus. Our cultural landscape is changing. The rate of change is accelerating faster than at any time in history. If the church is to speak into this changing reality with the love and grace of Jesus we will need to do so prayerfully, strategically, thoughtfully, lovingly and humbly. As One. Break Forth One is an invitation to come together in unity. It's an invitation to leaders and the broader church to come together for one weekend to dialogue, listen, learn and pray together—to be equipped and empowered—to reach our neighbourhoods, cities, and country for Jesus. January 25-27 in Edmonton AB. Cost $279 (this doesn't include accommodation). Subsidies will be available from the Parish. For more information see breakforthcanada.com or contact the Parish Office for the newsletter which has all the information. One newsletter is available on the shelves by the South door.

Prayer for Our Ministers
Everlasting God, strengthen and sustain all those who serve in ministries in our Parish; that with patience and understanding they may love and care for your people; and grant that together they may follow Jesus Christ, offering to you their gifts and talents; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

(*adapted from the Collect at a New Ministry, 1979 Book of Common Prayer*)

Our Ministries: Alpha Course, Altar Guild, Casserole Ministry, Children's Talk, Choir, Christian Ed. Team, Coffee Time, Communications, Community Connection, Counters, Ding-a-Lings, EfM, Envelope Secretary, Facebook, Fri. Sing-a-Long at Father Lacombe, Greeters, Greeting Card Ministry, Grief Support Group, Hospitality Committee, Ladies' Luncheon, Library, "Living Waters", Maintenance, Men's Breakfast, MCES, Mon. Bible Study, Monthly HE at Father Lacombe, Moveable Feast, Newcomers, Nursery, Outreach Committee, Parish Council, Pastoral Care Team, Prayer Chain, Prayer Group, Prayer Ministry, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Prayers of the People, Readers, Rides, Sacramental Assistants, Secret Friends, Servers, Shepherding, Sidespeople, Soundboard & Screen, Stewardship, Sunday School, Synod Delegates, Wardens, Wed. HE & Bible Study, Youth Group

Financial News

January 1 to November 30, 2018
In November, our income slipped behind our expenses, bringing our year end deficit to $14,000. We pray for a strong December to eliminate this deficit by year's end.

St. Paul's News Bulletin
December 30, 2018

St. Paul's Anglican Church
Opening Hearts and Minds to God's Grace

Parish Events

Merry Christmas to everyone sharing worship on these most special days! We're delighted to be together with you!

Thank you everyone for making our activities this Advent and Christmas so Awesome!

The Parish Office will be closed December 25 to January 2.

Wednesdays, December 26 & January 2: No morning Holy Eucharist or Bible Study. They will resume on January 9.

The Prayer Group will resume next Monday, January 7. Prayer requests will still be received and prayed for by the group. As you know, prayer is a constant, so we will be praying at home. Please continue to contact us if there is a need.

Ministry Reports for the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (AMP): All ministry leaders are asked to submit a year end report for the AMP on January 26. Please have reports in by January 6.

Church Calendars are still available after the services or from the Parish office. The cost is still $5.00.

Pilgrim Study: "The Bible" will go from Wednesday, January 16th to February 20th at 7:30 pm. All are welcome! Sign-up is in the Hall.

We have a new website! Thank you to Paul Bourgeois for all your hard work setting it up! Have a look at www.stpaulscalgary.ca.

New clothing bin in our parking lot is in support of the Calgary Humane Society. They will pay $50/month rental for the space. They accept gently used clothing which they sell, to raise money for the "critters" with whom we share our city.

Fellowship and Food Groups is a ministry centred on **PEOPLE** and **FOOD**! **All adults are invited to join in the sharing of a meal and an evening of easy conversation and hopefully some spontaneous fun.** These groups have an emphasis on fellowship as they allow you to meet and spend time with various members of our parish in a relaxed setting. The groups we belong to change three times a year so we meet new people every few months. Groups are 6 – 8 adults, who try to meet monthly. Groups will be randomly assembled by the group coordinator and a lead host will be selected for each group. The host will contact the members of their group to arrange the details of the first gathering. Each group plans its own get-togethers and meets together once a month over a period of 4 months. Groups can meet at one another's homes, at a restaurant, at a park - it is up to each group. The emphasis is on fun and fellowship, so you don't have to be a gourmet cook to participate. For individuals who don't feel their cooking skills are up to the challenge, feel free to have a pre-prepared dish. This isn't about cooking, it is about spending time together and having fun! Please fill in a registration form **and hand it in to Laura Anne in the office or Robbie Coller**. You can register for one time frame or all three. Any additional questions or concerns please contact Robbie Coller through the Parish Office.

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Outreach

PWRDF **Thank you -** Our Work is Your Story The stories of PWRDF partners would not be told if it were not for the combined efforts and partnership of Canadian Anglicans and the organisations PWRDF works with throughout the world. Thank you to everyone who has contributed this year. Your faithful generosity allows us to continue the international development work of the church.

Anyone ***with any used/new backpacks, travel bags, or used clothing, shoes, boots, any winter wear, new socks and underwear, and would like to give it to people in need, Gina Hoey would be happy to collect it and bring it to Alpha House. They are happy to receive anything we can give them in the way of clothing especially winter clothing. The need is great all year round but especially during the winter.***

Mitten Basket: Thank you to Barbara Jean Moore who volunteered to coordinate the Mitten Basket Ministry. The mittens and hats have been delivered to CUPS and were greatly appreciated. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

AgeCare Seton: The next service will be Monday January 21 at 10 am. Thank you to Heather Johnson, Verna Alexander and Leona Zadour for participating in this ministry. If you would like to be a part of the team going please contact Fergus. Thanks, also, to Charles Alexander and Bob Mummery, for leading when Fergus can't be present.

Inreach With many in our Parish congregation going through financial struggles at present due to the economy, a special fund has been set-up. Donations marked "Financial Help for Parishioners" are also welcome. If you are in need of financial help, or know of someone in our Parish who is (and you have their permission), please let Fergus know. He will maintain absolute confidentiality. This is one way we can care for one another, and all get through this challenging time together. Thank you to everyone who has donated to this fund, which presently sits at approximately $2,400 with $3,800 having been disbursed.

Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Build: Soon the final phase of the campaign to raise $1 million to build 10 affordable homes in Calgary for deserving low-income families will begin. With your participation along with dozens of other congregations, we are optimistic that we can achieve our desired goal. There is no better way to get involved than actually picking up a hammer and nail! Our Diocese is joining with our Christian, Jewish, and Muslim colleagues and friends in this noble project. Watch for more information to come on how to get involved.

Habitat for Humanity

Pastoral Care

If you know of anyone who is beginning Chemo treatment and would benefit from receiving a Chemo Care Bag please contact Robbie Coller.

If you'd like to be part of our Pastoral Care Team, please contact Fergus or Nicola Peden. Training (courses from the Roman Catholic Diocese, which are paid for by the Parish) is available.

Prayer Shawl Ministry will be meeting once a month on the second Wednesday of the month next meeting January 9 at 1 pm. All are welcome!

Grief Support Group: If any one is interested or if you know of someone who may be interested please contact Laura Anne (403 256-1428) or Fergus. This is open to anyone who is interested, you don't have to be a member of the Parish. ***Our next meeting will be Monday, January 7 at 1 pm.***

Welcome A word to newcomers and visitors: St. Paul's welcomes you and invites you to make this your church home. Please indicate on a pew card, located in the pew racks, how we can help you feel part of the family. Please place the card on the offering plate or hand it to one of the clergy or Parish Council members.

If you are a newcomer, please sign our guest book which is on the stand by the sanctuary doors

Opportunities to Serve

Coffee Time: Next Sunday will be **Team 1:** The Walkie Talkies **Surnames A – D**

Prayer Chain Requests: Please contact Dinah Breu with your prayer requests.

Casserole Ministry: If you know of anyone who would benefit from receiving a casserole. Please contact Linda Hubert.

Cards Ministry: Gail Munro will send greetings on behalf of our parish to anyone in the parish who is ill, etc.

Living Waters: Sunday, January 27 is the deadline for *Living Waters* submissions for the February Edition. Please submit to office@stpaulscalgary.ca or by hard copy to the office.

Rides Assistance: If you need or can help provide rides for members who have a hard time getting to services, appointments or visiting their loved ones, please contact the office.

Sign: We'd like to change the sign more regularly, but to do this we need helpers. If you can help, please contact Paul Bourgeois or the Office.

Anyone willing to operate the screens and sound system at the 8:30 service, please contact Fergus. Training will be provided.

Servers: We are looking for more volunteers to be servers at our Sunday services ***Adults are welcome to join this ministry.***

Sunday School*: Thank you, Gloria Ford, for volunteering to be our new Sunday School coordinator. You're an answer to prayer! We pray that God's blessings will be poured out upon and through you as you serve in this ministry.*

Monthly Cleaning Volunteers we are looking for Monthly Cleaners for October to December. All supplies are provided and instructions on what needs to be done. The sign up sheet is on the Janitor's door by the washrooms. If you would like more info. please contact Laura Anne at the Parish Office.

Are you moving? Downsizing? Fall cleaning? Please check our parish wish list below to see if there are any items you could repurpose and help us out…thanks! WISH LIST √Card tables – some of ours are starting to get unstable √Power washer so north door area can be cleaned more often √Cover for BBQ so person barbequing at our parish events stays dry if it is raining √2 couches for back room to replace the very low recliner one currently in there – it is hard to get into and out of for the elderly and has very deep seats with little back support**.**
Thank you, Joy Kew and Carol Roett, for donating DVD players and thank you to the Pierce family for repairing and painting our old bench so it is now safe and beautiful!

Weekly Activities at St. Paul's:

Mon. :	**Bible Study** resumes in January
	Grief Support Group: 1 pm January 7
	Prayer Group: 7:30 pm
Tues.:	**Young at Heart** 1 to 3 pm
Wed.:	**Holy Eucharist** 9:30 am
	(Grey Booklet 1st to 3rd, BCP 4th, and Celtic 5th Wednesdays.)
	Bible Study 10:30 am resumes on January 9
	Prayer Shawl Ministry January 9 at 1 pm
	Pilgrim Course "The Bible" January 16 at 7:30 pm
Thurs.:	**TOPS** : 6:30 pm
	Après EFM : 1st and 3rd 7:00 pm
	Choir practice 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. (If you'd like to join the choir, please contact Paul