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2017 INCUMBENT'S REPORT

Part One: Statistics¹

Work Statistics:

Average Hours per Week:	52 hrs. 45 min. ²	2015: 54 hrs. 39 min. 2016: 61 hrs. 59 min. 2017: 59 hrs. 8 min.
Total Work Days:	246 ³	2015: 257 ⁴ 2016: 278 2017: 276.5

Pastoral Visits:

Pastoral Visits:	199 ⁵	2015: 215 2016: 295 2017: 274
Average Visits per Week:	4.9 ⁵	2015: 5.0 2016: 6.6 2017: 6.2

Services:

Sunday Morning Services:

	Officiating	Assisting	Preaching	Children's Talk
Fergus	52	28	31	6
Cyril	32	38	17	0
Norman	12	9	11	2
Bob	0	22	20	4
Charles	0	25	12	3
Other	0	0	2	30

Monday in Holy Week to Easter Sunrise Services:

	Officiating	Assisting	Preaching	Children's Talk
Fergus	3	3	3	0
Cyril	2	2	2	0
Norman	3	0	1	1
Bob	0	1	0	0

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Services:

	Officiating	Assisting	Preaching	Children's Talk
Fergus	2	0	1	1
Cyril	1	2	1	0
Norman	1	0	1	1

Sunday Afternoon or Evening, Wednesday A.M., and Other Mid-Week Services:

	Sun. Aftn.	Sun. Eve.	Wed. A.M.	Other M-W
Fergus	3	1	33	2
Cyril	1	0	10	0
Other ⁶	0	8	0	0

Services in the Community:

	AgeCare Seton	Father Lacombe	Seniors' Condo
Fergus	5	1	0
Norman	0	6	9
Bob	2	1	18
Charles	1	0	0

Holy Baptisms: 1 (Cyril: 7; he and I shared the one at which I was present.)

Services of Holy Matrimony: 1(Cyril: 2)

Renewal of Marriage Vows: 1

Funerals:

	Officiating	Assisting
Fergus	7	0
Cyril	1	2
Norman	1	0

Committees and Groups of Which I was a Member in 201:

Parish:

Fall 2017 Parish Survey Task Force	MCES
Men's Breakfast	Monday Prayer Group
Parish Corporation	Parish Council
Pastoral Care Team	Prayer Chain
St. Paul's Clergy Team ⁷	Toddlers to Tweens (Facebook Manager)
Wed. A.M. Coffee & Prayer	Worship Committee
Youth Group (Facebook Manager)	

I also participated in our May 12 Parish Talent Show and Sep. 16 & 23 Ministry Fair. I attended our Sep. 23 MCES BBQ, Oct. 14 Safety Workshop, & several of our Sun. evening Celtic Services.

Diocese:

Committee on Ministry	Diocesan ACPO Representative ⁸
Diocesan Pre-ACPO Screening Task Force ⁹	Glenmore Deanery
Post-Ordination Training Team ¹⁰	

Community:

Ecumenical Ministerial	Young at Heart
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Additional Community or Diocesan Activities I was Part of in 2018:

Pancake Supper (Feb. 13)	Ash Wed. Supper & Service at All Saints' Lutheran) ¹¹
ACPO Weekend at FCJ Centre (May 24-28)	End of Summer Community BBQ (Sep. 8)
Clergy Day, Hosted by St. Paul's (Sep. 25)	St. Paul's Birthday Party (Nov. 24)
St. Nicholas' Day Tea & Craft Fair (Dec. 1)	Christmas Dinner & Pageant (Dec. 15)

The Parish also had these activities, which I didn't attend:
Stampede Sunday BBQ, with Line Dancing (Jul. 16) Heritage Sunday Potluck Lunch (Aug. 5)
Sundance-on-the-Green Remembrance Day Tribute

Studies and Quiet Days I Led in 2018:

Parish Council Focus Day (Feb. 17)
"Lenten Video Meditations" Ash Wed. Study (Feb. 14)
"Renegade Gospel" Lenten DVD Study (4 Sessions on Wed. Mornings & Evenings in Lent)
"Renegade Gospel" Lenten DVD Study (2 Sessions on Wed. Morning & Evening on Apr. 11)
"Pilgrim Course 5: "The Creeds" (6 Wed. Evenings, Apr. 26 – Jun. 6)
"Pilgrim Course 6: The Eucharist" (6 Wed. Evenings, Sep. 12 – Oct. 24)
"A Thrill of Hope" Advent DVD Study (4 Wed. Mornings and Evenings, Nov. 28 – Dec. 19)

Also in 2018, Cyril led a weekly Bible Study Mon. evenings, which moved to Mon. afternoons in the fall. On Wed. mornings, "Wednesdays with the Word" participants studied the Scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday. Après EfM (members of our Parish and Deanery who've taken EfM) gathered for study 2 Thurs. evenings a month.

Pastor's Postings Blog Statistics:

Number of Views in 2018: 29,952
Number of Views (Total, as of Dec. 31, 2018): 247,111
Number of Countries in 2018 with at Least 1 View: 159

Number of Posts in 2018: 0
Number of Posts (Total): 813¹²

Facebook Statistics:

St. Paul's, Calgary Facebook Page:
Number of Posts in 2018: 215
Number of Posts (Total): 1,801

St. Paul's Calgary Youth Facebook Page:
Number of Posts in 2018: 198
Number of Posts (Total): 909

St. Paul's Toddlers to Tweens Facebook Page:
Number of Posts in 2018: 198
Number of Posts (Total): 901

Historic St. Paul's Facebook Page:¹³
Number of Posts in 2018: 32
Number of Posts (Total): 112

Twitter Statistics:

St. Paul's Calgary Twitter Account:
Number of Posts in 2018: 1,530
Number of Posts (Total): 1,902 (as of Jan. 11, 2019)
Number of Followers: 48 (as of Jan. 19, 2018)

Pastor Fergus Twitter Account:
Number of Tweets in 2018: 4,340 (Jan. 20, 2018 to Jan. 11, 2019)
Number of Tweets (Total): 11,010 (as of Jan. 11, 2019)
Number of Followers: 971 (as of Jan. 11, 2019)

My 2019 Salary:

Parish Council approved a 1.5% increase from my 2018 salary in the 2019 Budget that will be presented at our Annual Meeting of Parishioners. This is the percentage the Diocese has raised the minimum salary, which matches the 2017 Albertan CPI increase. This works out to a figure of \$81,151.00 for my 2019 salary.

- 1 I'll be presenting Part Two of my Incumbent's Report at our Annual Meeting of Parishioners.
- 2 This 2018 figure is an estimate, based on January figures and notes from the rest of the year.
- 3 In addition to my usual vacation days, Parish Council granted me 10 days of grief leave following the passing of my father, and 19 sick days in the summer.
- 4 Parish Council granted me extra time off in the summer, to help me overcome stomach problems & support my father through his cancer surgery.
- 5 2018 records contain some gaps in information. There are written records for 169 visits, and 4.4 visits per week, but the estimates of 199 and 4.9 are the best estimate of the actual number.
- 6 The Celtic Evening Services were led by Margaret Anne Knowles.
- 7 In 2018, St. Paul's Clergy Team was Charles Alexander, Cyril Haynes, Norman Knowles, Bob Mummery, and I.
- 8 "ACPO" stands for "Advisory Committee on Postulants for Ordination."
- 9 My fellow-Task Force members were the Rev'd Kersi Bird & the Rev'd Kyle Norman.
- 10 My fellow-P.O.T. Team member, Kersi Bird, and I coordinate Post-Ordination Training for the Diocese (training for all transitional deacons and priests for the first 3 years after ordination).
- 11 I preached and assisted at the Service.
- 12 I posted my last planned posting for my blog on Apr. 22, 2017.
- 13 I became one of the page's Administrators in the spring of 2016.

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With great joy at the privilege of sharing the path of discipleship with you, this statistical portion of my 2018 Incumbent's Report is:

Respectfully Submitted by Your Brother in Jesus,



January 20, 2019



**St. Paul's Anglican Church 2019 Proposed Budget (\$)**  
(Based on 2018 Actuals)

| Ministry                                          | Proposed<br>2019<br>(Balanced | 2018<br>Actual        | Notes for 2019                                                                                                                         |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Income</b>                                     |                               |                       |                                                                                                                                        |
| General                                           | 226,301                       | 222,943               | Revenue required to balance budget                                                                                                     |
| Open                                              | 4,000                         | 3,935                 | 2018 actual (rounded)                                                                                                                  |
| Special                                           | 11,500                        | 11,467                | 2018 actual (rounded)                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Offering Total</b>                             | <b>241,801</b>                | <b>238,345</b>        |                                                                                                                                        |
| Other Income                                      | 8,100                         | 8,105                 | 2018 actual (rounded)                                                                                                                  |
| Youth Events fund transfer                        | 500                           | 500                   | 2019 allocation to Youth events                                                                                                        |
| Fund Transfers                                    | 350                           | 1,000                 | \$350 Chattel-Worship Items<br>(Musician/music director)                                                                               |
| Fundraising Events                                | 3,500                         | 6,777                 | examples: Sunday school, reducing the<br>deficit (or improve the budget) BBQ, etc.<br>Money raised goes to general operating<br>funds. |
| <b>Total Income</b>                               | <b><u>254,251</u></b>         | <b><u>254,727</u></b> |                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Expense</b>                                    |                               |                       |                                                                                                                                        |
| Utilities/Insurance                               | 16,371                        | 16,019                | 2018 actual + 2.2 % inflation adjustment                                                                                               |
| General Maintenance                               | 14,056                        | 14,828                | 2018 actual non-salary + 2.2 % inflation<br>adjustment + Cleaning salary + supplies                                                    |
| Administraton (incl. Treasurer)                   | 33,325                        | 32,794                | 2018 actual + 1.62 % (salary & inflation)                                                                                              |
| Ministerial                                       | 115,166                       | 113,464               | 2018 actual + 1.5 % salary increase, no<br>Synod in 2019                                                                               |
| Apportionment                                     | 33,113                        | 35,992                | Diocesan number                                                                                                                        |
| Communication                                     | 1,536                         | 911                   | 2018 actual + 2.2 % inflation adjustment +<br>\$50.40*12 for website maintenance                                                       |
| Worship                                           | 7,907                         | 7,763                 | 2018 actual + 1.85 % (salary & inflation)                                                                                              |
| Christian Education                               | 5,499                         | 9,992                 | (2018 actual - 2018 Sunday School<br>Coordinator salary) + 2.2 % inflation<br>adjustment                                               |
| Hospitality, Fellowship                           | 2,367                         | 2,316                 | 2018 actual + 2.2 % inflation adjustment                                                                                               |
| Outreach                                          | 23,835                        | 22,227                | Calculated (10% of 2018 Total offering)                                                                                                |
| Other                                             | 476                           | 476                   | 2018 actual                                                                                                                            |
| Pastoral Care                                     | 600                           | 243                   | Esimated                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Total Expense</b>                              | <b><u>254,251</u></b>         | <b><u>257,025</u></b> |                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Net Operating Profit/Loss</b>                  | <b>0</b>                      | <b>-2,298</b>         |                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Other Income (interest Revenue)</b>            |                               | <b>840</b>            |                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Other income (planned giving/bequests)</b>     |                               | <b>0</b>              |                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Other Expenses (transfer to project fund)</b>  |                               | <b>1,666</b>          |                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Other Expenses (transfer to Directed fund)</b> |                               | <b>2,016</b>          |                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Net Profit/Loss</b>                            |                               | <b><u>-5,140</u></b>  |                                                                                                                                        |

## St. Paul's 2019 Budget

The 2019 operating budget was prepared based on the Fiscal 2018 actual results and presented to parish council at our January 8th, 2019 meeting. Parish council has supported the 2019 budget with assumptions as follows:

- 1) 1.5% increase in salary components
- 2) 2.2% inflation applied to operating expense components
- 3) Outreach budget/tithe @ 10% of 2018 Total offerings  
(Total offerings defined as: general, open & special offerings-Easter/Thanksgiving/ Christmas). Historically one-tenth of this Outreach Budget was allocated to the Incumbent's discretionary funds. General offerings are received by 3 sources: Sunday offerings, pre-authorized donations, and United Way offerings through parishioner's workplace designated donations. In June 2017 it was decided by parish council to allocate two-tenths of the Outreach budget to the Incumbent's discretionary funds (1/2 for outreach and 1/2 for inreach)
- 4) General offering budget for 2019 has been established as the amount required to balance St. Paul's to a balanced/zero-deficit operating budget. As a charitable/non-profit organization over the long-term this is an ideal objective: a break-even budget, minimizing surpluses and reducing deficit years. This balanced budget represents a potential increase of 1.5% or \$3,358 in general offerings during 2019.
- 5) \$500 specially allocated for Youth events for 2019 budget
- 6) \$350 funds transfer from Chattel-Worship items to partially offset/subsidize Music Ministry expenses
- 7) \$3,500 budgeted income item for special fundraisers to be held in 2019. In 2018 we had budgeted \$5,000 for fundraisers and achieved \$6,777. Over \$2,000 raised from our annual birthday party fundraiser was allocated to the capital improvement fund (furnaces, etc.). Funds raised by our 2 youth fundraisers (chili cook-off and hot dogs for Veterans) as well Shrove Tuesday, St. Nicholas Day Tea were donated to worthwhile causes such as Calgary Interfaith Food Bank and Legacy Project for Veterans.

Here's a summary of the people, ministries and missions that we are supporting at St. Paul's:

- 1) Our clergy team: Rev, Fergus Tyson, Rev. Cyril Haynes
- 2) Our Parish Secretary/Administrator, Laura Anne Fink
- 3) Our Musician/Music Director and webmaster, Paul Bourgeois
- 4) Our Treasurer, Dan Brisbin
- 5) Our cleaning person, Baraka Mkakatu and our lawnmowers, Ashton St. Pierre and Declan O'Neil

Other than the operational, administrative, & capital costs of running & maintaining the church building and grounds it's important to consider the many ministries that we are supporting:

- Worship Services, Prayer, and Music Ministry
- Adult education, Youth Programs, Nursery & Sunday School
- Community Connection/Hospitality Events - such as the Stampede Breakfast, end-of-summer BBQ, and our annual parish picnic
- Outreach from St. Paul's (consider both our financial and volunteer support to the wider community) & Inreach (Incumbent's discretionary funds, Pastoral Care/Shepherding ministries)
- Our apportionment supports not only the administrative costs of the Diocese, but also contributes to many of the Diocesan Outreach programmes as well



- NeST, PWRDF, CAWST, & all the organizations we support through our fundraisers
- Continued sponsorship/financial support of our foster child Desta Keweti from Sunday School & Secret Friends Christmas Fundraiser
- There are many people and groups who appreciate and use our church building facilities as meeting spaces, providing fellowship, or just passing through our grounds - including ChildSafe Canada, TOPS, prayer groups, Diocesan events, EfM Alumni, performers in Christian Music Ministry, Christian Education workshops, the people of Lake Sundance and surrounding communities and others.

#### Observations on St. Paul's Finances

- St. Paul's cannot continue to sustain deficit years as our retained earnings position has reduced. Income will need to continue on an increasing trend. We will be constantly monitoring our expenditures to more closely match with our revenues.
- We have always been able to fully compensate our Incumbent in accordance with Diocesan Compensation Guidelines
- We have always been in a position to pay the full amount of our allocated fair-share apportionment to the Diocese
- We are able to achieve a 10% Outreach/tithe to support many organizations both locally and abroad
- Our retained earnings position at the end of 2018 had a balance of \$11,840. This is the accumulated surplus of St. Paul's. We also have no debts or borrowings from the banks and our mortgage is fully paid.
- We have balances totaling \$45,875 in Directed Funds (general) and \$10,065 (chattel) at the end of 2018. This includes \$6,854 in the Capital Improvement Fund; \$1,656 in the Equipment fund; and \$7,630 in the AV/Technology Fund
- Our bank balance (current, savings & GIC account) totaled \$76,624 and we have good liquidity of our funds. All principal and interest amounts are guaranteed by the bank.



| Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2018 |                                            | 31 Dec 18              | 31 Dec 17               |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                        |                                            |                        |                         |
|                                      | <b>Chequing Account</b>                    | \$415                  | \$14,402                |
|                                      | <b>Savings Account</b>                     | \$71,044               | \$84,764                |
|                                      | <b>GIC's</b>                               |                        |                         |
|                                      | <b>Accrued interest</b>                    | \$16                   | \$12                    |
|                                      | <b>Principal</b>                           | \$5,149                | \$5,063                 |
|                                      | <b>Total GIC's</b>                         | \$5,165                | \$5,075                 |
|                                      | <b>GST receivable</b>                      | \$447                  | \$407                   |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                  |                                            | <b><u>\$77,071</u></b> | <b><u>\$104,648</u></b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>      |                                            |                        |                         |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                   | <b>Business VISA</b>                       | \$2,121                | \$1,113                 |
|                                      | <b>Inreach-Assistance for parishioners</b> | \$2,703                | \$1,185                 |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>             |                                            | \$4,824                | \$2,298                 |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>                    |                                            | <b><u>\$72,247</u></b> | <b><u>\$102,350</u></b> |
| <b>EQUITY</b>                        |                                            |                        |                         |
| <b>Directed Funds</b>                | <b>Capital improvement</b>                 | \$6,854                | \$3,493                 |
|                                      | <b>Expansion fund</b>                      | \$26,071               | \$25,761                |
|                                      | <b>Memorials</b>                           | \$10,062               | \$10,062                |
|                                      | <b>Sunday School</b>                       | \$50                   | \$0                     |
|                                      | <b>Youth Programs</b>                      | \$2,539                | \$2,088                 |
|                                      | <b>Cancer Bags-donated funds</b>           | \$300                  | \$0                     |
|                                      | <b>Chattel-Equipment</b>                   | \$1,656                | \$2,034                 |
|                                      | <b>Chattel-Furnishings</b>                 | \$421                  | \$421                   |
|                                      | <b>Chattel-Worship Items</b>               | \$358                  | \$1,355                 |
|                                      | <b>Chattel-Audio-Visual/Technology</b>     | \$7,630                | \$7,238                 |
| <b>Total Directed Funds</b>          |                                            | \$55,941               | \$52,452                |
|                                      | <b>NeST Fund - co-sponsorship</b>          | \$4,464                | \$30,478                |
|                                      | <b>Historical retained earnings</b>        | \$16,986               | \$26,395                |
|                                      | <b>Net Income for current year</b>         | -\$5,144               | -\$6,975                |
| <b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>                  |                                            | <b><u>\$72,247</u></b> | <b><u>\$102,350</u></b> |

| December 2018 YTD Comparative Income Statement      |                                     | 2018 Actual            | 2018 Budget       | Percentage Over/Under Budget | 2017 Actual            | Year-to-year Increase/Decrease | Year-to-year % Increase/Decrease |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Income</b>                                       |                                     |                        |                   |                              |                        |                                |                                  |
|                                                     | General                             | \$222,943              | \$238,442         | -6.5%                        | \$217,072              | \$5,871                        | 2.7%                             |
|                                                     | Open                                | \$3,935                | \$3,670           | 7.2%                         | \$3,669                | \$266                          | 7.2%                             |
|                                                     | Special                             | \$11,467               | \$12,550          | -8.6%                        | \$12,550               | -\$1,083                       | -8.6%                            |
| <b>Offering Total</b>                               |                                     | \$238,345              | \$254,662         | -6.4%                        | \$233,291              | \$5,054                        | 2.2%                             |
|                                                     | Other income                        | \$8,105                | \$10,800          | -25.0%                       | \$10,103               | -\$1,998                       | -19.8%                           |
|                                                     | Fund transfers                      | \$1,000                | \$1,000           | 0.0%                         | \$11,975               | -\$10,975                      | -91.6%                           |
|                                                     | Fund transfer (Youth events)        | \$500                  | \$500             | 0.0%                         | \$500                  | \$0                            | 0.0%                             |
|                                                     | Fundraising events                  | \$6,777                | \$5,000           | 35.5%                        | \$3,911                | \$2,866                        | 73.3%                            |
| <b>Total income</b>                                 |                                     | \$254,727              | \$271,962         | -6.3%                        | \$259,780              | -\$5,053                       | -1.9%                            |
|                                                     |                                     |                        |                   |                              |                        |                                |                                  |
| <b>Expense</b>                                      |                                     |                        |                   |                              |                        |                                |                                  |
|                                                     | Utilities/insurance                 | \$16,019               | \$14,300          | 12.0%                        | \$13,951               | \$2,068                        | 14.8%                            |
|                                                     | General Maintenance                 | \$14,828               | \$15,710          | -5.6%                        | \$15,348               | -\$520                         | -3.4%                            |
|                                                     | Administration                      | \$32,797               | \$32,672          | 0.4%                         | \$32,955               | -\$158                         | -0.5%                            |
|                                                     | Ministerial                         | \$113,464              | \$114,435         | -0.8%                        | \$112,551              | \$913                          | 0.8%                             |
|                                                     | Apportionment                       | \$35,992               | \$35,992          | 0.0%                         | \$33,326               | \$2,666                        | 8.0%                             |
|                                                     | Communications                      | \$911                  | \$1,273           | -28.4%                       | \$1,242                | -\$331                         | -26.7%                           |
|                                                     | Worship                             | \$7,763                | \$9,557           | -18.8%                       | \$9,651                | -\$1,888                       | -19.6%                           |
|                                                     | Christian Education                 | \$9,992                | \$20,602          | -51.5%                       | \$20,188               | -\$10,196                      | -50.5%                           |
|                                                     | Hospitality, Fellowship             | \$2,315                | \$2,371           | -2.4%                        | \$2,313                | \$2                            | 0.1%                             |
|                                                     | Outreach                            | \$22,227               | \$23,329          | -4.7%                        | \$22,328               | -\$101                         | -0.5%                            |
|                                                     | Pastoral Care                       | \$244                  | \$300             | -18.7%                       | \$0                    | \$244                          |                                  |
|                                                     | Other                               | \$476                  | \$1,421           | -66.5%                       | \$1,523                | -\$1,047                       | -68.7%                           |
| <b>Total Expense</b>                                |                                     | \$257,028              | \$271,962         | -5.5%                        | \$265,376              | -\$8,348                       | -3.1%                            |
|                                                     |                                     |                        |                   |                              |                        |                                |                                  |
| <b>Net Operating Income</b>                         |                                     | <b><u>-\$2,301</u></b> | <b><u>\$0</u></b> |                              | <b><u>-\$5,596</u></b> | <b><u>\$3,295</u></b>          |                                  |
|                                                     |                                     |                        |                   |                              |                        |                                |                                  |
| <b>Other Income</b>                                 | Interest Revenue                    | \$839                  |                   |                              | \$1,060                |                                |                                  |
|                                                     | Planned Giving/bequests             | \$0                    |                   |                              | \$0                    |                                |                                  |
| <b>Other Expenses</b>                               | Transfer to Project Fund            | \$2,016                |                   |                              | \$2,848                |                                |                                  |
|                                                     | Transfer to Directed Fund           | \$1,666                |                   |                              | \$0                    |                                |                                  |
|                                                     |                                     |                        |                   |                              |                        |                                |                                  |
| <b>Net Profit</b>                                   |                                     | <b><u>-\$5,144</u></b> |                   |                              | <b><u>-\$7,384</u></b> | <b><u>\$2,240</u></b>          |                                  |
|                                                     |                                     |                        |                   |                              |                        |                                |                                  |
| <b>Pass-through/designated fund donations</b>       | PWRDF                               | \$1,230                |                   |                              |                        |                                |                                  |
|                                                     | CAWST                               | \$1,691                |                   |                              |                        |                                |                                  |
|                                                     | Capital Improvement                 | \$4,450                |                   |                              |                        |                                |                                  |
|                                                     | Expansion fund                      | \$310                  |                   |                              |                        |                                |                                  |
|                                                     | Youth-general funds                 | \$950                  |                   |                              |                        |                                |                                  |
|                                                     | Chattel-Worship Items               | \$0                    |                   |                              |                        |                                |                                  |
|                                                     | Chattel-AV/Technology               | \$750                  |                   |                              |                        |                                |                                  |
|                                                     | Inreach-assistance for parishioners | \$2,975                |                   |                              |                        |                                |                                  |
|                                                     | Cancer Bags - Donated Funds         | \$460                  |                   |                              |                        |                                |                                  |
|                                                     | Sunday School                       | \$50                   |                   |                              |                        |                                |                                  |
| <b>Total pass-through/designated fund donations</b> |                                     | <b><u>\$12,866</u></b> |                   |                              |                        |                                |                                  |

## **Treasurer's notes/comments accompanying the Financial Statements & Treasurer's Report**

### **Income Statement**

We had an excellent month during December with 5 Sundays, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. Our total offerings were almost \$27,000. Also, our 3 fundraisers (Birthday Party, St. Nicholas Day Tea and Christmas dinner/pageant) generated almost \$3,900. St. Nicholas Day Tea funds of \$1,042 was donated to the Calgary Food Bank. Our net profit in the month of December alone was over \$8,800 which greatly reduced our deficit position.

Our general offerings increased by \$5,871 or 2.7% during 2018 and our special offerings decreased by \$1,083 or 8.6%. Our total income decreased by approximately 1.9% from the same time in 2016.

Other income (Hall rentals, flower donations, general fundraisers, course & workshop fees, and memorial donations) decreased by \$1,998 or 19.8% from 2017 levels. We no longer receive hall rental income from Cantare Children's Choir in 2018, however have added Childsafe Canada who rent our church facility.

We have experienced an increase by 14.9% or approx. \$2,070 annually in utilities/insurance during 2018. Some of this may be due to rates/usage or energy inefficiencies. We are looking into this to see how we can reduce these bills.

However, we had a 3.4% reduction or approx. \$520 decrease in our general maintenance. Our total expenses decreased by approx. \$8,350 or 3.1% from 2017.

We ended up with a net deficit of \$5,144 at the end of 2018. Our budget achievements during 2018 were:

approximately \$17,235 short of our budgeted total income figure (6.3%)

approximately \$14,934 under our budgeted total expense figure (5.5%).

Christian Education expenditures decreased by \$10,195 during 2018.

Worship, communications, other congregational expense categories were under budget and experienced actual expense decreases in 2018.

### **Balance Sheet**

We show approximately \$415 in our chequing account, approx. \$71,044 in our savings account and approx. \$5,150 in our Guaranteed Investment account. Over \$26,000 was disbursed from the NeST funds during 2018 to fulfill our commitment of 1-year financial support to our sponsor family. Detailed NeST statement is included with the 2018 financial statements. We acknowledge the generosity of St. Paul's, St. Stephen's and Cathedral Church of the Redeemer for their support of our joint refugee sponsorship program.

The Savings account is earning 0.8% per annum calculated on the average daily balance. The GIC investment secures our Business VISA credit card and earns 2.2% per annum (investment placed November 9, 2018 maturing November 9, 2019). Our Total Assets are \$77,071 as at Dec. 31, 2018.

Liabilities and Equity, directed funds, and directed funds-chattel balances are as per the balance sheets provided with the financial statements.

### **Treasurer's Reports**

I have been giving regular reports and communications to parish council, corporation, and St. Paul's Parish providing numerical financial statements, reports, and comparisons against budget. As well I include regular articles in the monthly editions of Living Waters, attend meetings for St. Paul's, MCES and NeST and liaise with many of the parish ministries regarding any financial aspects of the church.

I encourage anyone who has questions or requires clarifications on any of the parishes' financial matters that they can contact me. It has been good working with parish council, corporation, parish leaders and so many people in the parish in this financial and administrative ministry for St. Paul's during 2018. As of this annual meeting of parishioners, I will have completed 5-years of service as Treasurer at St. Paul's.

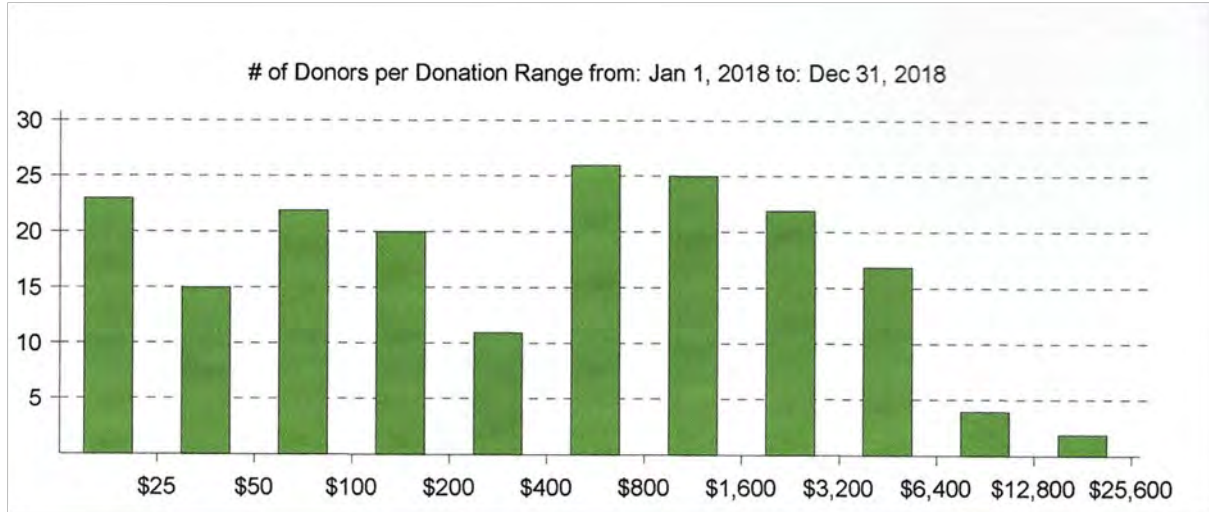
We have finished the year in a relatively good financial position and had a good December. We hope to continue this into 2019. We have expanded some of our ministries, supported new programs and outreach, and have capital resources/equity funds to be used towards planning for the future at St. Paul's.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Brisbin, Treasurer

## Envelope Secretary Report 2017

St. Paul's has been blessed in 2018 with the following donations



Average = \$1346.94    Median = \$450.00

Number of contributors with envelopes - 116,  
of these 25 are pre-authorized

Number of Shadow contributors - 68, of these  
5 are pre-authorized. 63 are people who give to  
the church, but do not have envelopes.

Respectively submitted  
Debra Brisbin  
Envelope Secretary

### Total Donations from: Jan 1, 2018 to: Dec 31, 2018

|                            | Year                | Totals              |
|----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                            | 2018                |                     |
| Calendar (NR)              | 20.00               | <b>\$20.00</b>      |
| Rental (NR)                | 2,099.00            | <b>\$2,099.00</b>   |
| Chapel                     | 20.00               | <b>\$20.00</b>      |
| course fees (NR)           | 70.00               | <b>\$70.00</b>      |
| Celtic group payments (NR) | 925.00              | <b>\$925.00</b>     |
| talent show (NR)           | 973.00              | <b>\$973.00</b>     |
| Photocopying (NR)          | 115.95              | <b>\$115.95</b>     |
| General                    | 220,031.53          | <b>\$220,031.53</b> |
| Sunday School              | 50.00               | <b>\$50.00</b>      |
| IN-REACH                   | 2,975.00            | <b>\$2,975.00</b>   |
| PWRDF                      | 1,229.80            | <b>\$1,229.80</b>   |
| MCES                       | 20.00               | <b>\$20.00</b>      |
| CAWST                      | 1,012.00            | <b>\$1,012.00</b>   |
| food hamper christmas      | 100.00              | <b>\$100.00</b>     |
| Desta                      | 135.00              | <b>\$135.00</b>     |
| Open                       | 3,934.62            | <b>\$3,934.62</b>   |
| Electronics                | 750.00              | <b>\$750.00</b>     |
| Memorial                   | 750.00              | <b>\$750.00</b>     |
| Flowers                    | 1,075.00            | <b>\$1,075.00</b>   |
| Youth                      | 950.00              | <b>\$950.00</b>     |
| Capital Improvement        | 4,350.00            | <b>\$4,350.00</b>   |
| envelopes                  | 192.00              | <b>\$192.00</b>     |
| Thanksgiving               | 1,475.00            | <b>\$1,475.00</b>   |
| Christmas                  | 4,932.00            | <b>\$4,932.00</b>   |
| Easter                     | 5,060.00            | <b>\$5,060.00</b>   |
| Expansion                  | 310.00              | <b>\$310.00</b>     |
| Outreach                   | 50.00               | <b>\$50.00</b>      |
| Birthday Party             | 2,016.25            | <b>\$2,016.25</b>   |
| Cancer Bags                | 460.00              | <b>\$460.00</b>     |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>\$256,081.15</b> | <b>\$256,081.15</b> |

**MCES (Midnapore Church of England Society) Summarized Financials as at Dec. 31/18**

Assets (Bank Balances)

|                                                                                                              |           |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>Basic Banking Chequing Account</b>                                                                        | \$12,029  |
| <b>GIC's (3 separate GIC's placed Nov. 29, 2017 all maturing Feb. 28, 2019 (15 months) @ 2.00% per annum</b> |           |
| <b>#1 Accrued interest</b>                                                                                   | \$2,175   |
| <b>Principal</b>                                                                                             | \$100,000 |
| <b>Total GIC (#1)</b>                                                                                        | \$102,175 |
| <b>#2 Accrued interest</b>                                                                                   | \$2,175   |
| <b>Principal</b>                                                                                             | \$100,000 |
| <b>Total GIC (#2)</b>                                                                                        | \$102,175 |
| <b>#3 Accrued interest</b>                                                                                   | \$1,849   |
| <b>Principal</b>                                                                                             | \$85,000  |
| <b>Total GIC (#3)</b>                                                                                        | \$86,849  |
| <b>GIC (1 separate GIC placed March 8, 2018 maturing Sept. 9, 2019 (18-month) @ 2.2% per annum)</b>          |           |
| <b>#4 Accrued interest</b>                                                                                   | \$1,657   |
| <b>Principal</b>                                                                                             | \$50,000  |
| <b>Total GIC (#3)</b>                                                                                        | \$51,657  |
| <b>Total GIC's (1,2,3&amp;4)</b>                                                                             | \$342,856 |
|                                                                                                              |           |
| <b>St. Paul's (MCES funds) for receiving MCES online donations</b>                                           | \$11,492  |
| <b>Total assets</b>                                                                                          | \$354,348 |



## Midnapore Church of England Society

### **Report of the Midnapore Church of England Society for 2018**

The year of 2018 saw no major changes in the operations of the Society. The Directors held a meeting in March; and sponsored a family Barbecue on the Chapel Grounds after Sunday Services on a cool September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Despite the chilly weather, those who attended enjoyed grilled burgers, hot dogs, hot coffee, juice and homemade desserts. The event also provided an opportunity for a few visitors to check out the interior of the historic Chapel for the first time. Our Annual General Meeting and Christmas Social took place on December 13<sup>th</sup>. The Society continues to fulfill our mandate to maintain, repair and restore the Historical Resource that is the Chapel and its surrounding cemetery grounds on behalf of the Parish. The appearance of the Chapel, grounds and cemetery are being kept to a high standard and are a continuing source of pride to all concerned. Many thanks to Robert Worden for his continuing contributions in maintaining the Chapel, Cemetery, and Grounds and to Carol Ann Shaw for attending to the cleaning of the interior of the Chapel and to Reverend Fergus for his continuing efforts to ensure that the Chapel continues to be a special part of the parish ministry, through his participation in our MCES meetings and the conduct of special services in the Chapel through the year.



MCES assets continue to be strong, with over \$340,000 being held as an endowment by St. Paul's which holds most of funds in trust in GIC's, with the interest on the fund being designated for the maintenance and repair of the Chapel and cemetery. Despite continuing low interest rates which hover around 2% per annum, the cost of utilities, insurance, repairs, and grounds maintenance continue to increase, and the Society welcomes the continued financial support of a few donors to ensure that we remain able to carry out our work. The Directors would particularly like to encourage donations in the coming year to assist in the reparation of some of the older headstones and grave markers in the Cemetery which are deteriorating badly. Donations can be made to "St. Paul's Anglican Church/MCES Trust Fund" 7 Sunmills Green S.E., Calgary, AB T2X 3P6.

We could not have carried on our operations without the assistance of Dan Brisbin as Treasurer in keeping the financial records and managing the accounts of the M.C.E.S.. The Directors would like to thank him for his commitment to the work of the Society and wish him every success as he moves on to new opportunities in the New Year. We look forward to continuing our close working relationship with the Vestry of St. Paul's in the future.

In the coming year, in addition to regular maintenance, we plan to do some exterior repainting on exterior areas of the Chapel that require it, with the exact date depending on weather.

**Our next Directors Meeting will be held at the Chapel of St. Paul's on April 25, 2019 at 7:00 pm. Our Directors meetings are always open to all and we would warmly welcome any parishioner or any other interested persons to come along to our meeting.** For further information on MCES or if you would like to be involved with our group, please contact me at [rneilbrown@aol.com](mailto:rneilbrown@aol.com) or call (403) 880-2918 for further information.

Respectfully submitted by  
Neil Brown, Chair, MCES

December, 2018

## NeST Financials for 2018

NeST fund transaction summary (period Jan. 1, 2018 - June 23, 2018)

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Description</b>                                          | <b>Debit Amount</b> | <b>Credit Amount</b> |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 2018-01-01  | Beginning Balance                                           |                     | <b>\$30,477.72</b>   |
| 2018-01-20  | Admin. - Language interpreting & postage for PR card doc    | \$417.53            |                      |
| 2018-01-22  | Q4 2017 St. Stephen's                                       |                     | \$240.00             |
| 2018-01-22  | Q4 2017 Cathedral Church of the Redeemer                    |                     | \$215.30             |
| 2018-01-31  | Health Care - Dental                                        | \$326.16            |                      |
| 2018-01-31  | Health Care - Dental                                        | \$1,122.00          |                      |
| 2018-02-10  | Health Care - Dental                                        | \$346.31            |                      |
| 2018-03-01  | Social/Rec. - Birthday party                                | \$205.00            |                      |
| 2018-03-31  | Health Care - Dental                                        | \$84.00             |                      |
| 2018-04-21  | Q1 2018 St. Stephen's                                       |                     | \$300.00             |
| 2018-04-21  | Education                                                   | \$125.26            |                      |
| 2018-05-31  | Technology - laptop computer plus software                  | \$686.94            |                      |
| 2018-05-31  | Health Care - Dental                                        | \$748.12            |                      |
| 2018-06-23  | Total direct sponsorship funding to our sponsor family in 2 | \$19,200.00         |                      |
| 2018-07-05  | Balance of IRCC travel loan paid out in full                | \$3,238.00          |                      |
| 2018-09-30  | Balance of daycare services paid out in full                | \$269.80            |                      |
| 2018-06-23  | Ending Balance                                              |                     | <b>\$4,463.90</b>    |



## **Warden's Reports**

### **INCUMBENT WARDEN REPORT 2018**

The year 2018 was a year of challenges at St. Paul's. First, I want to thank Fergus and Rick for their insight and support on corporation. I also want to thank members of parish council for their patience and support throughout 2018.

In 2018 we had a fiscal challenge where our income level was less than our expenses. We trimmed expenses to meet this challenge. However, this challenge turned into a volunteer opportunity for Sunday school teachers and church cleaners. In 2019, we will still have the two challenges of fiscal support and volunteer time. We need to walk together with the help of the Holy Spirit to meet these challenges/opportunities in the future.

I hope you feel that your donations to St. Paul's, in time, talent and treasure, were well spent in 2018. I urge you to consider the opportunity for 2019. Can you offer your time and talent to be a Sunday school teacher, a choir member, or a church cleaner? Can you offer some of your treasure to keep the building warm, the grass cut and the snow shovelled? I hope you will prayerfully consider your opportunities at St. Paul's in 2019.

Respectfully submitted,  
Murray Sykes

### **PEOPLE'S WARDEN REPORT 2018**

2018 was a very active year for St. Paul's. The year started out on a less than positive note as we had to reduce our expenses in a number of ways. Among the more prominent and visible cost reductions was the elimination of the Youth/Sunday School Coordinator as a paid position and a reduction of 50% of the pay for the cleaning of the church.

In true St. Paul's spirit, members of our parish stepped up and helped where it was needed. Stephanie Evans and Angela Richardson came forward to help teach Sunday school and Gloria Ford has taken on the roll of Sunday School Coordinator. In addition, various members of the parish signed up to assist with the ongoing cleaning our church.

As we also needed additional income, a large number of our congregation volunteered to help organize and run fund raising activities.

I would like to personally thank all those members of our parish that contributed and helped out this year, including our Parish Council who are an amazing group of dedicated people. The result of all these efforts is that we can look forward to 2019 being a very spiritual, and financial stable year.

As always if you have any concerns or questions about St. Paul's that you wish to discuss, in a confidential or non-confidential way, please don't hesitate to contact me, as your People's Warden, or you may contact our Rector Fergus Tyson, or Murray Sykes your Incumbent's Warden.

May 2019 be a very spiritual and blessed year for all of us at St. Paul's

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rick Coller  
People's Warden

## **MINISTRIES**

### **ALTAR GUILD REPORT 2018**

The St. Paul's Altar Guild team prepares the Altar for three regular weekly services as well as baptisms, weddings, funerals, and any additional services connected to Lent, Holy Week, Easter and Christmas. The team also prepares the communion vessels, candles, flowers, all linens and lectionary books in an efficient manner as a gift to God and to all who come seeking to worship at St. Paul's.

The following Altar Guild members continue to be diligent and faithful stewards for all those who worshipped at the parish of St. Paul's for 2018: **Chris Fernando, Barb Eason, Maymai Wilson, Mary-Etta Tutty, Heather Johnson and Mark Plummer.** *Thank you everyone, for another dedicated and supportive year!*

*At the end of 2018 we were shocked with the death of our wonderful Altar Guild coordinator, Jane Sandul. She will be fondly remembered for her energy, her gentle show of love and welcome to all our parishioners, and her support in all the activities of the Parish. She will be missed.*

*We thank Robbie Collier for stepping in quickly to fill this position.*

The Altar Guild ministry is always looking for additional Team members. If you feel you would like to be a part of this ministry please feel free to contact the **Robbie at ,403-257-5783 or randrcoller@shaw.ca** for additional information.

### **BIBLE STUDY:**

#### **MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY**

We are a dedicated group of eleven members who meet on Monday afternoons at 1 pm under the leadership of Rev. Cyril Haynes. Our focus is the study of a specific book of the Bible and our resulting discussions are varied and profound. New members are always welcome.

#### **WEDNESDAY MORNING**

A group of us get together on Wednesday mornings to set aside some time to read and to share our thoughts about scripture. What we do is to take time to reflect on passages for the upcoming Sunday. There are no particular expectations – some like to read, others less so... some like to contribute, others to ruminate! What we are trying to do is build an accepting and non-threatening atmosphere. "Drop-ins" from busy lives are always welcome. Several of us attend Holy Eucharist at 9:30 am., but others prefer to join us for coffee at about 10:15. We start each meeting with a brief time of prayer and conclude our time together at around 11:30. We do hope that some of you will join us; you are assured of a warm welcome!

Fergus leads us in Advent and Lenten studies in these seasons.

### **CARD MINISTRY**

At St. Paul's, we send cards to member of our family who are hospitalized, recovering from surgery or an illness, or experiencing bereavement, as an expression of our caring as a parish family. The majority of those who receive cards are identified by the clergy and Laura Anne, but if you know of someone in our Parish family whom you believe would be encouraged by a card, please let the clergy or Laura Anne know.

Respectfully Submitted by

Gail Munro

### **CASSEROLE MINISTRY**

The casserole ministry is comprised of willing volunteers who prepare casseroles in their own homes for those experiencing short term hospitalization, sickness, or other situations where a casserole would be helpful. It is as simple as making extra when doing a regular family meal and then freezing it to be available when a need arises. A small list of volunteers is maintained and we will call upon them to provide a casserole from time to time. If you would be willing to join us in this very practical way of showing Christ's love to one another, or if you become aware of anyone who would benefit from receiving a casserole, please contact the church office or Linda Hubert.

In 2018, we have not been called upon to provide a casserole very often. I feel it is time for a new coordinator for this ministry. If you are feeling led to become involved in any way please contact me or the office.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Hubert

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

At St. Paul's there are a number of opportunities to grow in our understanding as we seek a deeper relationship with God.

Here are some of the opportunities that were available in 2018;

- Sunday sermons
- Monday afternoon and Wednesday morning bible studies
- Advent and Lenten DVD studies
- Pilgrim courses, from the Church of England, given two times in 2018
- Stewardship videos
- Thursday evening EFM Alum's studies
- Pastor's Postings Blog and St. Paul's Facebook pages and Twitter feed
- Parish library, Fergus's Book Nook, and Resource Table handouts

Many thanks go to Fergus, our clergy team and others that make these opportunities available. A thank you also goes to all those who participate in these opportunities to learn together.

Respectfully submitted,

Murray Sykes

## **COMMUNICATIONS MINISTRY REPORT**

Our website, [www.stpaulscalgary.ca](http://www.stpaulscalgary.ca), is one of the ways in which we communicate with everyone. Weekly bulletins, Living Waters, service times, and special events are all posted on our site. In December, we launched an awesome new website using the Ascend Collective church website platform. It has numerous capabilities, is easy for Laura Anne and I to update and maintain, and looks great on any platform – computer, tablet or smartphone. You can even post upcoming events that you are interested in directly to your personal calendar. As well, recordings of the weekly sermons are available on our website. In the near future, you will also be able to make donations to the church online from our website.

Many of our parish activities are also featured on our Facebook Page ([stpaulscalgary](https://www.facebook.com/stpaulscalgary)) or you can follow us on Twitter ([@stpaulscalgary](https://twitter.com/stpaulscalgary) or [@Pastor\\_Fergus](https://twitter.com/Pastor_Fergus)). Rev. Fergus's blog postings - <http://pastorfergus.wordpress.com/> - are still available, but are not currently being updated.

We continue to advertise in several monthly community newsletters but not on a monthly basis. We only advertise when we have specific events coming up or for Christmas and Easter. As well, special events notices are sent to the Faith Pages where they are listed for free in both the Sun and the Herald.

Updating the information on our permanent sign is fairly easy to do, but it is better if two people do the update. The sign requires a thorough cleaning at least once every year as the spiders and bugs make quite a mess of the inside where the letters are posted. Volunteers for both activities would be appreciated. Please contact the church office if you can help out.

Submitted by

Paul Bourgeois, Parish Council Communications Liaison

## **COMMUNITY CONNECTION REPORT**

At St. Paul's Anglican Church, we are committed to connecting with our community by carrying out and involving in activities whereby we are able to meet with people and groups in our various communities.

At our Annual End-of-Summer St. Pauls Anglican Church Community BBQ, we had a very successful event with a good attendance from members of our parish and our immediate community; which is always our focus for this event and this proves that we are reaching our aim for the annual event which is connecting with the community. Activities were designed to suit all age groups that were at the event and we were able to deliver a fun atmosphere as we have done in previous years. We hope to continue to connect with our community through this program.

Our church participated and attended several South of Fish Creek Network (SFCN) Meetings where various social agencies and churches working together to improve and discuss social issues in the South of Fish Creek. Groups that attend these meetings include The Lutheran Church, City of Calgary, YWCA, Alberta Health Services, Calgary Public Library, South Calgary Family Resource Centre, The Food Bank.

Connecting with our community is a crucial part of our calling as a Parish, and our hope is to continue to develop and deepen our connections in 2019 with various events and activities.

Respectfully Submitted,

Muyi Ekomwenrenren

### **FATHER LACOMBE CENTRE VOLUNTEERS**

The Father Lacombe Ministry is lovely, rewarding and one so easy to get involved with. On most Fridays from 10 to 11:00am we sing at Father Lacombe nursing home. We sing old time favourites some hymns and of course around Christmas, carols. The residents love this and so do we. We usually have 40 to 60 residents helping us with the singing and the time goes by too quickly. Our music singalong team members from St Paul's and elsewhere are Lorne and Barb Eason, Bob and Joanne Plant, Stephen and Gloria Ford, Frank Wong, Ron Hofman, Helen Wheeler, Kerry Peters. We have super musical backing or leading from Rene Svetina [on piano] Les Ryll, Jeff [from Father Lacombe] Henry K [Guitars]. and all in all we make a joyful noise. This ministry was started some 25 years ago by people like Maymai Wilson and Betty Campbell who have moved to places in the North of the city and whom we miss very much. We welcome anyone who would like to help, you don't have to be able to sing well, what is most important is that we are there holding hands, listening and chatting with the residents and of course the songs help a lot, it doesn't take long and it is one of our best ministries I think. We do other gigs we go across the road to Providence home occasionally [we are trying for every fourth Friday at 2:00pm] sometimes to Silvera and other homes nearby. If there are other locations let us know.

On the fourth Sunday of each month we have a Eucharist at Father Lacombe at 2:30pm officiated usually by Norman with help from Bob. Kathleen Robinson really helps with this ministry along with the Eason's, Plant's and Peters'. We get 12 to 20 residents at the short service.

If you have time on a Friday morning I recommend you come and see and participate.

Submitted by,  
Kerry

### **FELLOWSHIP AND FOOD GROUP 2018**

This ministry, formerly known as Moveable Feast, is a fun way to connect with new people and get to know your church family better. The Groups are 6 – 8 adults, depending on how many people register, who meet monthly to share food and fellowship. If you would like to meet people in our church family in a casual and relaxed atmosphere, then this ministry is for you!

We currently have 3 groups of 3 -4 couples participating in the January – April timeframe and enthusiasm is high. Do consider joining this ministry – it is a fun way to meet new members of the parish and have an enjoyable time out once a month.

If you have any questions please contact the new coordinator – Doreen Peters.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robbie Coller

### **HOSPITALITY REPORT**

This past year in hospitality, was wonderful. There were many events planned: Mothering Sunday, New Members and Parish Potluck, Stampede BBQ, and the Christmas Dinner. These events do not include Coffee time and Baptisms..

The Christmas Dinner was a great success with 143 sign-ups and 120 attendees. All these events had positive feedback from the parish.

Respectfully submitted  
Angela Richardson

### **LADIES POTLUCK LUNCHEON**

*'Ladies Lunch brings all ladies together the first Saturday of each month in a fun, casual setting. The result is our simple lunch becomes a feast and former strangers become our friends.'* (for Ministry Minute by Kathleen Robinson)

The Ladies Potluck Luncheon met seven Saturdays in 2018. Our numbers during the year were consistent at around 10 to 15 attending. We have a great time of fellowship with great food and a lot of laughs. Everyone brings a dish of entrée, appetizer, salad or dessert to share. We are always looking for new ideas so if you have any ideas of themes or guest speakers for our luncheons your help is greatly appreciated. We decided at the end of the year to try a different day so we can start in January and also meet in September. We will now be meeting on the third Saturday at 11:30 am, after the Men's Breakfast.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Laura Anne Fink

## **MAINTENANCE REPORT**

This year spring cleanup was a big success, we had a huge turnout. We had a lot of things taken care of on the inside, cleaning and organizing. Outside we were able to get the landscaping repaired from the trees being removed and new grass planted.

We got paint on the exterior doors and we had Tyler Pike the electrician come in and repair the outdoor lights. I've had to replace the light bulbs in the sign and we are now changing them to LED to save energy and maintenance costs.

The door jam on the emergency exit was repaired and also the brickwork was repaired. We are missing one brick so we will address that this year.

On the inside of the building we had more problems with the furnaces so we have set up a committee to raise funds to replace our old furnaces to reduce costs and save on energy.

In the woman's washroom we found a break in the drain line plugged it which stopped most of the smell but not all I suspect that there are more breaks underneath the concrete. We will be having a plumber with a camera scope the drains.

We have also moved the photocopy machine out of Laura Anne's office for health reasons. The off gassing of the photocopier creates a smell.

I am really looking forward to next year I believe that with the changes we are making we will notice a difference in our utilities which is my goal.

Thanks for everybody's help this year.

Submitted by  
Gerald de Vries

## **MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP**

The men of the parish continue to enjoy good breakfasts, company and fellowship at about 8:30 on the third Saturday of the month [not December] We usually have 15 or so come and talk and try to set the world to rights, you may have noticed we haven't succeeded yet so our future is assured and we would appreciate help from those who have not tried us out. We continue a super relationship with St Pete's Elbow Drive, and occasionally we go to the Moravian church. Our year starts with a breakfast in honour and memory of someone we miss, our friend Len Mountford, an avid football fan, so we put on our shorts and sport shirts, have a traditional English breakfast, make all sorts of fun about silly Stoke City supporters and chip in some money for the orphanage that Len and Lynda did much work for. If anyone has a favourite breakfast you are definitely invited to come, cook it and share with the group, however, that is not necessary you are invited to join us every third Saturday. So try men's breakfast you'll like it. Happy New Year!

Submitted by,  
Kerry

## **NEWCOMERS SUPPORT TEAM REPORT ("NeST") 2019**

The Newcomer Support Team (NeST) came together in late 2015 as a partnership between St. Stephen's and St. Paul's in Calgary, with Cathedral Church of the Redeemer 'walking alongside' providing additional support. Our goal was to sponsor a Syrian refugee family to Canada. In May 2016 we were matched with a Syrian family of six (two parents, four children) through Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) for a one-year Blended Visa Office-Referred (BVOR) sponsorship. A long and discouraging wait followed due to processing delays overseas. In June 2017, we were finally able to welcome our new neighbours face to face and bring them to a townhouse lovingly prepared, furnished, and stocked with food by NeST volunteers.

There was much to celebrate in 2018. After a year and a half on Canadian soil, the family has achieved almost all of the resettlement goals. There will be challenges ahead but their resilience and strong work ethic will serve them well. A huge thank you to everyone who has helped with this endeavour. It was a longer process than we first thought and teams and volunteers underwent transitions of their own, but what an amazing experience it has been and what a wonderful family we are now blessed to know.

Our official sponsorship agreement ended in June 2018. Friendships will continue, however. The family frequently expresses gratitude for all the support they have received and what it has meant to them in establishing their new life in Canada. We marked the first anniversary of their arrival in Canada with a group picnic in Edworthy Park, an event we hope to schedule annually for years to come. They in turn love hosting gatherings with beautifully-prepared Syrian food for "the group" as their time and energy permit.

The Household Goods and Financial Mentoring Teams were among the first to work themselves out of a job. The family does their own shopping and manages their household finances including paying bills online with the computers provided by the Technology Team. The Health Team had a busy year (cautionary tales from other sponsoring groups about dental expenses proved accurate) but Al Jbawis have been connected with resources as needed and are now managing their own health care needs. They use Calgary Transit and achieved further independence with the purchase of a second-hand vehicle in June. They have enjoyed celebrating birthdays and other special events with NeST folk. They have established friendships in both Arabic- and English-speaking circles.

Both parents have made remarkable progress in their English Language Learning (ELL). They are currently in Level 4 classes, with plans to continue their studies either full- or part-time as circumstances allow. This also opens the door to e.g. trades certification and future employment opportunities. The children are working hard at school and doing well. Ahmad is an exceptional high school student and ranks in the top of his class. Arabic-English interpretation is still required on occasion but the whole family is now able to converse in English and they are eager to hone this skill. At the family's request their NeST friends will continue to offer homework support and conversation ongoing, in a less intensive form.

NeST's monthly support payments to the family ceased at the end of June. Khalil has been working almost full time since late 2017 in addition to his schoolwork, and Ahmad also began part-time work in 2018. The family has an ambitious but solid plan to balance breadwinning and education going forward. The IRCC "travel loan" for their airfare to Canada has now been paid off. Clearing that debt will help establish their Canadian credit rating and help them move forward financially.

The NeST fund has a remaining 'nest egg' of about \$4464. The plan is to keep the account open until June 2019 (or until funds are exhausted) to use for eligible expenses required by the family, e.g. ongoing dental treatments not covered by their health plan. NeST will disband in June 2019. Any remaining monies will go to support the work of the Diocesan Refugee Committee.

Thanks be to God for bringing the Al Jbawi family safely to Canada to build a new life here, and for all those who have helped it happen. Pray for peace and for all those whose lives continue to be disrupted by violence and persecution.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Solem (for NeST)

### **NEW MEMBERS 2018**

All new members at St. Paul's receive a Welcome email and Gift Bag containing information about our Parish and upcoming events.

From June 25th, 2017 to June 24th, 2018, St. Paul's has welcomed sixteen new families (25 adults and 12 children). All New Members were invited to attend our New Members Celebration on June 24th, 2018. The celebration took place at both the 8:30 AM and 10:00 AM service. Each family received a Prayer Plant with a Welcome Basil Seed Card and a Membership Certificate to St. Paul's Anglican Church and a group photograph was taken. The Parish Picnic followed the celebration.

Since the celebration we have welcomed four new families (seven adults and 3 children) to St. Paul's and we look forward to celebrating them and all future new members at our June 2019 New Members Celebration.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Julie Wilson New Members, Parish Council

### **NURSERY MINISTRY**

In 2018 this ministry was offered to children not yet old enough for Sunday School every Sunday, excluding the Sundays in the Summer. Many thanks to Chiamaka & Amara Chigbo, Shahana & Anjay Huq, , Baraka Mkakatu, Aisling & Declan O'Neill, and Freddie Spoonheim, for serving in this ministry of caring for our young children and their families so faithfully this past year. Others are welcome to join our Nursery Ministry Team. You must have a love of children, be at least 13 years of age, and if possible a babysitting course.

### **OUTREACH REPORT 2017**

During 2018, we continued our Outreach focus to support people's basic need for food, shelter, clothing and safety by disbursing 10% of annual givings to a variety of charities, as well as to our parish. At St. Paul's 10% of the

Outreach budget is dedicated to the Pastor's discretionary fund, and a further 10% is allocated to inreach for assistance to our parishioners. The remainder is distributed to local, national and international agencies. The Parish's financial situation this year made this a more challenging activity than usual.

For the annual donations 18 organizations were identified that met our mandate and used the majority of their income for programs. We contributed to the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund by way undesignated funds so they could use the money as needed for their many projects. We also donated \$4,000 to Habitat for Humanity through the Anglican Diocese of Calgary's challenge wherein the Diocese would match our donation. Some examples of the other agencies that received our assistance were the Salvation Army, Mustard Seed, FINCA, Canadian Foodgrains, Calgary Drop In, Next Step Ministry. In total we gave \$18,000 to worthy agencies.

Although the primary function of this committee is disbursement of money, we should acknowledge the other outreach activities organized by parishioners. Our thanks to Barbara Jean for the Mitten Basket, Pat for the Samaritan's Purse boxes, Laura Anne for the Pregnancy Care bottles, and Jane for directing the funds to the Food Bank from the St. Nicholas Tea.

This committee also arranged for a speaker for Reign of Christ Sunday so we can learn more about an agency that has received our support. This year we were pleased to have Louise Gallagher, Interim Executive Director of Inn from the Cold who described the activities and needs of this program.

Finally my thanks to Fergus, Murray, Rick (the Corporation) for their support; to Dan for managing the money and sending the cheques, and to Laura Anne for advice and forwarding the many requests for assistance.

Respectfully submitted  
Loret MacDonald

### **PASTORAL CARE TEAM**

We now have 7 lay Pastoral Care Team members:- Allison, Kathleen, Linda, Heather, Gloria, Verna and myself. We were sad to see Diane step down; this was due to a happy change to her life late this year. The clergy, Fergus, Cyril, Norman & Bob also do visiting, which include, home, hospital and Senior Care facilities, or make a phone call.

We continue to meet once a month, taking a short break over the summer and in December. However, we are still available at these times.

The members have begun reading a book called 'Nurturing Hope' by Lynne M. Baab.

In March, three members attended Dr. Alan Wolfelt presentation called 'Caring Versus Curing' organized by McInnis & Holloway and Heritage Funeral services. We found it very informative and helpful.

Most of the members attended the Vulnerable Sector workshop.

Calendars and Christmas cards were given out to people who are immobile and unable to get out.

One Chemo Care bag was given out this past year.

Grief Support Group was offered during this year. This commenced on 5<sup>th</sup> November and is ongoing. Four people attending.

Coming up in the New Year:-

In conjunction with the Health Care Apostolate Diocese of Calgary, we will be hosting an Alzheimer workshop on 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2019. Watch for more information.

I would like to thank, Laura Anne for her leadership in the Grief Group Support and all our team members, for their commitment and time in these important and much needed ministries.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nicola Peden

### **GENERAL REPORT ON PRAYER MINISTRIES**

This year there have been several changes, some of which affect more than one of the Prayer Ministries in our parish.

Earlier this year, after many, many years of faithful service Val Murray retired as co-ordinator of the Prayer Chain. Val is still an active pray-er in the group, but co-ordinating has been linked up to the Prayer Group.

This summer we again changed the frequency of both Prayer Group Meetings & Prayer Ministry, largely due to

many being away on holidays. Prayer Group met once a month and Prayer Ministry was available at services twice monthly. Also, this summer it was decided to not have a Service of Solace in December.

The Prayer Group did not meet in December due to the volume of activities in the parish prior to Christmas, plus family commitments etc. Despite the reduction of meetings, prayer requests were always accepted and prayed for by members of the group. And that will always be the case.

We are all going to miss Maymai Wilson who has moved to the North West of Calgary to be close to family. Maymai was a member of the Prayer Group, the Prayer Ministry and the Prayers of the People from the very beginning. She has been a role model and inspiration to all of us. We are still in close contact with her. As you will read elsewhere, Maymai was very active in the Father Lacombe Ministry.

Now that Dan Brisbin is working in Lethbridge, he will not be attending our Prayer Group, but will continue with Prayer Ministry on Sundays for the time being.

This year, we are prayerfully considering changing the day, time and possibly the frequency of our Prayer Group Meetings. As we are fewer and aging etc., nights are becoming difficult for some members. This decision will be made as a group, and, of course, with the input of The Rev. Fergus Tyson.

Respectfully submitted

Dinah Breu

Co-ordinator

### **PRAYER GROUP ANNUAL REPORT 2018**

St. Paul's Prayer Group marked its' 19th anniversary in November. The main purpose of this group is to pray for the well-being of our parish in every aspect of parish life. We are committed to pray for our spiritual leaders, Fergus, Cyril, Norman, Charles and Bob, as well as our Archbishop, Gregory Kerr-Wilson, continuing to uphold them, their families and their ministries in prayer and for all parishioners in leadership roles in our parish. Our prayers include all those named in the weekly bulletin. We pray for all families in the parish as well. We especially pray for our long time members, Betty Campbell, Verna Hewitt and Marlene Wright who have not been able to attend due to health concerns. We pray for one another and for any needs, confidential or otherwise, which have been brought to us.

For our Lenten Reflections this year we used both Draw Me Nearer Unto Thee and Henri Nouwen's Christ Our Hope.

For Advent, our devotional was Journey Into The Light by Susan M. Lang. Both Lent and Advent materials are shared with parish members who have expressed an interest.

Present Members include:

Dinah Breu, Dan Brisbin, Gloria Ford, Linda Hubert, Eleanor Klein, Kathy Marcine, Nicola Peden, Loret MacDonald, The Rev, Fergus Tyson, and Ashton St. Pierre .

Respectfully submitted

Dinah Breu

Co-ordinator

### **ANGLICAN FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER ANNUAL REPORT 2018**

The Anglican Fellowship of Prayer (Canada) exists to encourage and enable the ministry of prayer in Canada. It is inclusive of all forms of expressions of Christian church life, whether they be lay or clerical, catholic or evangelical, monastic or secular, formal or informal. AFP (Canada) seeks to be a teaching resource to assist both individuals and congregations to grow in the life of prayer. It seeks to increase and strengthen the companionship of Christian prayer throughout the world.

Membership in AFP (Canada) is open to all praying people who are drawn to the organization, and who desire to be part of a growing body of people of prayer. All members will regularly receive news and access to a wide variety of resources, as well as other prayer related items.

Our Diocesan AFP holds one day "Prayer Conferences" a couple of times a year. This spring we were truly blessed to have Bishop Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Chelmsford in the U.K. as our speaker. He is one of the authors of the Pilgrim Course which we have been studying Wednesday evenings in our parish. Bishop Stephen was here in Alberta to speak to not only the annual clergy conference but also the Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupertsland. The timing of this enabled him to attend the AFP Prayer Conference at All Saints Parish, Cochrane. Our Bishop Greg was also present (he attends these conferences and is a wonderful support to this ministry). His theme was "Prayer is what God does in and through us." He is a most engaging speaker and is very warm and approachable. A few of us from



St. Paul's were able to attend.

#### AFP Resources

"Be alongside your clergy and your parish family. Offer resource material, encourage the value of a personal and corporate prayer life and initiate opportunities for Prayer events in consultation with your clergy."

The above quote comes from AFP Parish Rep. Guidelines. We can all be thankful that we are a praying parish and that we see what the Lord has done for us in answer to our prayers.

There is plenty of resource material available and some of it is already in use in our parish. ( for example: all readers and intercessors(those doing Prayers of the People) have been supplied with instructional handbooks; all members of the Prayer Group and Prayer Ministry have been supplied with educational materials on Prayer Ministry, Intercessory Prayer and Pastoral Care and Praying for Your Spiritual Leaders. Material on Teaching Children to Pray and Family Prayer is available and has been well received. Materials useful for those on our Pastoral Care Team have also been given out.

Although I have long been retired from the Diocesan Committee, I am in touch as Parish Rep. for St. Paul's and know that they would be more than pleased to increase their numbers if there is anyone who feels called to this ministry.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dinah Breu  
Parish Rep

#### **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry met on the second Wednesday of each month beginning in September. We have mostly been working on Baptismal squares but a few quilts have also been made. We have many quilts and shawls to be handed out so please contact the Parish Office if you know of anyone would like to receive one.

Thank you to Linda Hubert, Heather Johnson, Allison Pierce, Loret MacDonald, and Peggy Pingot, for all your help this year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Anne Fink

#### **SECRET FRIENDS MINISTRY ANNUAL REPORT 2017/2018**

St. Paul's Secret Friends Ministry is open to all women of our parish. It is designed to bring the women of our parish closer together through the blessings of a "Secret Friend."

A secret friend will take time to try and get to know their new secret friend. They will lift them up in prayer and bless them with regular correspondence and perhaps a small gift for special occasions, all secretly, of course.

The Secret Friend Ministry begins and ends with the Annual Secret Friend Christmas Party. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend, and at the end of the evening have the option to participate in the upcoming years' Secret Friend Ministry.

December 5, 2017, twenty-two ladies of the Parish attended the annual party. We enjoyed a wonderful potluck dinner, played games and participated in raffles donated by women in our Parish. The proceeds of \$91.25 from the raffle items were donated to St. Paul's sponsored child, Desta Keweti. The evening closed with a gift exchange revealing the previous years ten Secret Friends, the selection of twelve new Secret Friends for the upcoming year and the presentation of the annual ornament (a handcrafted wooden angel ornament) to each lady. All enjoyed great food and fellowship.

December 11, 2018 was the date of our most recent Annual Secret Friend Christmas Party. The twelve Secret Friends were revealed from the past year. Twenty-five ladies attended the potluck dinner and \$135.00 was raised for St. Paul's sponsored child, Desta Keweti from the raffles. Eleven ladies became Secret Friends for the upcoming year of 2018/2019.

We look forward to another wonderful year of secret blessings

Respectfully Submitted,  
Julie Wilson

## **SHEPHERDING MINISTRY**

*"Then Jesus told them this Parable: Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbours together and says, "Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep." - Luke 15:3-6*

### **Shepherding (Lay)**

#### **Mission:**

- To strengthen and encourage one another in the faith, by providing care and support for every member of the St. Paul's Anglican Church family, through the activity of the Holy Spirit in the Shepherding program. This care and support are expressed through Prayer, Availability, regular Contact and Christian Example (PACE).
- Ensure that no one is missed either in his/her presence for worship each week or in his/her absence from worship.
- Ensure that those who are chronically absent or those who have ceased to attend altogether for one reason or another are contacted immediately, and encouraged to return to fellowship.

#### **Responsibilities:**

- The shepherd will befriend the members of his/her flock; look for and greet them each Sunday, and generally take/show an interest in their well-being.
- If any member of the flock is absent, the Shepherd will make contact (usually by telephone or with a card via mail), to let the member know that he/she is missed; to give a friendly word of encouragement. Not an attendance record, no one should feel badgered.
- The Shepherds will keep the Head Shepherd informed especially if a member is hospitalized, sick, or having some special need or problem with which the Pastoral Staff can help.
- An effective Shepherd sometimes counsels, intervenes in times of crisis, and provides practical assistance as needed but also values the power of prayer in helping the individual.
- An effective Shepherd listens and provides comfort.
- An effective Shepherd realizes that sometimes a visit would be beneficial.
- Prayer must be the foundation upon which all Shepherding activity is based and initiated.
- If a member of the flock is moving out of the parish or city, the Shepherd should alert the Head Shepherd or the Church's office secretary about this.

**Note:** Two calls per month may suffice, unless circumstances dictate otherwise.

If you are interested in this ministry please contact Father Cyril.

Respectfully submitted,

Your Brother in Christ

Cyril

## **STEWARDSHIP**

Stewardship is the overflowing of a thankful heart that moves us to give all that we are and all that we have – our time, talents, and treasure – to God. Our life, and every part of it, we have received as a sacred trust. All comes from God, and has been shared with us. And God has held nothing back, even to the point of giving us Jesus, God's one and only Son. Jesus poured himself out in love for us, so that we might receive his life and love as a gift for ever and ever. Faced with such actions, our hearts can't help but pour out grateful praise, and we be moved to give ourselves fully to God, who has given so fully to us. Our desire is that every part of our lives should glorify God and further God's reign and purposes in the world. We want to respond joyfully and obediently to whatever God is calling to us to give of our "time, talents, and treasure" to further God's purposes through St. Paul's.

Adapted from Fergus' 2018 Fall Stewardship Letter:

We had a lot of good responses to the stewardship videos in October. Many people thought they got the message across in an appropriate manner and it started many conversations about financial matters.

We had 29 pledge cards returned this year. 8 weekly pledges totalling \$440 weekly or \$22880 yearly, 17 monthly pledges totalling \$3815 monthly or \$45780 yearly, and 4 yearly pledges totalling \$10400. This totals \$79060 in pledges for 2019.

Respectfully submitted

Heather Johnson

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL 2018**

I had the privilege of becoming the Sunday School coordinator at the end of 2018. I knew the fantastic job Linda Penton had done for all ages of children's and Youth Sunday School until the end of June 2018 and therefore knew a solid foundation had been laid. Sunday School comprises ages approximately 4 to 10, with anyone in grade 6 moving up to the Youth.

The new Sunday School year begins in September and under the leadership of Rick Coller, an easy to use, biblically based curriculum was chosen. The curriculum is so well done that volunteer teachers can feel comfortable very quickly with a meaningful lesson.

We are so grateful to our Sunday School volunteers and their love for our children. We are looking to grow our Sunday School as we grow our church. Prayerfully, we are hoping to involve more parents as they make church and Sunday School a priority.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gloria Ford

## **WORSHIP COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2018**

The Worship Committee meets twice yearly to plan for both weekly and special services. Members of this committee represent those ministries necessary to the smooth operation of our services. This report cannot be written without noting the faithfulness of these coordinators and all the members of the groups they represent. Many of them have been involved in one form or another of Worship Ministry for years, and some of them wear two or more hats. The coordinators and their groups were able to cover the Christmas Eve Services and thanks go to all of them for their time and participation.

Our 10 am Sunday Service requires a full complement of people to run smoothly. Every one of these ministries would welcome more participants.

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|-------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Rev. Fergus Tyson | - Incumbent                               |
| Jane Sandul       | - Altar Guild                             |
| Roxie Hall        | - Counters                                |
| Debra Brisbin     | - Envelope Secretary                      |
| Roxie Hall        | - Greeters                                |
| Paul Bourgeois    | - Music Ministry & Soundboard             |
| Dinah Breu        | - Prayers of the People & Prayer Ministry |
| Laura Ann Fink    | - Readers 8:30 am                         |
| Robbie Coller     | - Readers 10:30 am                        |
| Ed Mullaney       | - Sacramental Assistants                  |
| Suzanne Wray      | - Sidespeople                             |
| Joy Kew           | - Servers                                 |
| Linda Penton      | - Sunday School                           |

Each of these ministries has submitted an individual report.

## **COUNTERS OF THE OFFERING**

This ministry is shared by two volunteers each week, each pair having the same Sunday each month.

Our helpers involve:

First Sunday of the Month is Rick and Robbie Coller, for the second service it is Pat Cardwell and Roxie Hall, Murray Sykes and Ella Viray, Cec Sparrow and Ron Huber do the count for the following weeks respectively.

When we have a 5 week month, Kerry and Doreen Peters share the honors.

Dan Brisbin has offered to help when needed.

A Big Thank You goes out to these faithful volunteers.

If there is anyone who would like to help out please contact me. Thanks.

Respectfully submitted  
Roxie Hall

## **GREETERS**

Many thanks to the folks who undertake one week per month opportunity to welcome the parishioners, both regular and visitors as they arrive. To cover this task well we have: Dorothy Ann Bourgeois and Pat Cardwell on the first Sunday of the month; Angela Richardson and Francis Pike handling the second Sunday; Lorne and Barb Eason on the third week; and on the fourth Sunday, Val Murray, and Alison Pierce are there to greet. The fifth Sundays are will-ingly handled by Roxie Hall.

I could use some help with the Fifth Sunday and it is only 4 times a year.

This concentrated wish to greet, shake a hand and lots of times offer hugs, comes prior to the 10:00 am service. It would be good to have more.

Also, it would be great to have at least one greeter for each week of the 8:30 a.m. service. Currently I have one greeter, which is Chris Fernando.

If there is anyone who would like to help out please contact me. Thanks.

Respectfully submitted  
Roxie Hall

## **MUSIC MINISTRY**

St. Paul's Music Group provides music and music leadership for our worship services. We lead music through- out the year at the main Sunday service as well as special seasonal services, in particular those held during the Christ- mas and Easter seasons.

I continue to be blessed with two capable leaders for our choir – Kathleen Robinson and John McIntyre. Their dedication to this role is greatly appreciated.

It would be nice to have a couple more choir members. Just speak to Kathleen Robinson or myself if you are in- terested in joining us. We were blest to have Richard Gray and Colleen Eggertson return to the choir in December, and I'm hopeful that they can continue with the choir for the foreseeable future. We now have three female voices on most Sundays including Kathleen Robinson, Ingrid Bolton and Colleen Eggertson. Our five male singers include our four pre- vious regular members - John McIntyre, Frank Wong, Kerry Peters and Bob Plant - now joined by Richard Gray. Rev. Fergus Tyson has not been able to join us this past year due to his health issues. It was great to have Brianna Harvie providing keyboard accompaniment for the 10:00 am service while I was away this past year and joining us to sing at our annual Good Friday Service and our Lessons and Carols Service on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent. I really appreciate Brianna's help from time to time when I'm away.

Along with music selection, I provide keyboard and, on occasion, guitar accompaniment at the 10:00 am Sunday services with Chris Fink joining us on guitar when he is available. Rev. Fergus Tyson leads the 8:30 am Sunday service congregation on guitar most Sundays with Barbara Jean Moore playing keyboard once per month at the 8:30 am ser- vice. If you are a musician and would like to join us, please speak to me after any Sunday service.

Maintaining our two music reprint licenses is another responsibility that I have. In addition to ensuring that our annual fees are paid to the licensing organizations, I maintain a database of our weekly music selections so that we can report our usage to these organizations on a regular basis.

The Handchime Group performed once this year in the Talent Show in May. For 2019 we will try a new ap- proach meeting one Sunday a month in the church after the 10am service. Our first meeting/practice will be Jan 13, 2019. If you are interested in this music ministry, please contact Annette Pingot.

Submitted by  
Paul Bourgeois, Music Director

## **PRAYER MINISTRY ANNUAL REPORT 2018**

This confidential ministry which began in 2001, takes place every Sunday during and after communion at the 10 AM Service. (We look forward to the day when we can provide this at the earlier service).

Its' purpose is to provide brief prayer (not counseling) to individuals who desire prayer for themselves or for those close to them—it can be for any concern on a person's heart. As we pray with those who come to us, we give thanks to God that He has made this ministry available in our parish. Each of us "pray-ers" have been deeply touched by this ministry and we give thanks to God that He puts His words in our mouths.

While we wait for those who desire prayer, we pray for all our spiritual leaders, including Archbishop Greg, (that the Lord will use their ministry in a powerful way), for all who are present and for the touch of the Holy Spirit upon all who need to know God's unconditional love in a very real way.

Those taking part in this ministry are: Dinah Breu, Dan Brisbin, Pat Cardwell, Gloria Ford, Linda Hubert, Nicola Peden & Loret McDonald.

To find out more about this ministry, perhaps to join in, please contact the Rev. Fergus Tyson or Dinah Breu. We would welcome your participation. The main requirements are to have a desire to pray for those who come forward and to maintain confidentiality.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dinah Breu  
Co-ordinator

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ANNUAL REPORT 2018**

The Prayers of The People are an expression of God's people gathered around Jesus as their head & Lord. They are joined in Him and with Him, in offering prayer to God through Him, with the world God has created and with the human family on their hearts.

These intercessory prayers focus on God's reconciling, transforming and healing love. The prayers of our Christian Community express our belief that both people and circumstances can be touched and changed through Jesus and the transforming work of the Holy Spirit.

Each Sunday, at the 10AM Service, a number of parishioners take turns being responsible for leading the Prayers of The people: Dinah Breu, Pat Cardwell, Simon Evans, Doreen Peters, Murray Sykes and Stacy Spoonheim. Thanks to Keith Daye for doing the Prayers at the early Christmas Eve Service. All participants in this ministry are very much appreciated.

We continue to pray for an increase in prayer leaders at the 10AM service and especially to find some parishioners who attend the earlier service who would be interested in doing the Prayers. A very good pamphlet is available on "How To" do the Prayers of the People. (It also includes a section on "How To" be a Reader.) It is much simpler than some may think. You could speak to The Rev. Fergus Tyson or to Dinah Breu.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dinah Breu  
Co-ordinator

**READERS 8:30 am:** Thank you to Denis Broadhurst, Lisa Jablonka, Michael Lawrence, Barbara-Jean Moore, Peter Ramsay, Jennifer Solem, Cam Cline and Janice Young for volunteering to read at the 8:30 am service. Your dedication and support is greatly appreciated.

### **READERS 10:00 am:**

We currently have 20 readers and 4 spares in our ministry group. We usually need 2 readers per Sunday, other than at Christmas and Easter, so the more readers we have the less time commitment the members have. Two of our spares are away for the winter months. However, this is a great group and others are always stepping up to read and fill in where necessary.

Due to the number of volunteers in our ministry, the time commitment isn't large so if you feel you would like to become involved in a ministry but are busy or have time constraints this may be a great fit for you. Please feel free to contact Robbie for more information or to join our group.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robbie Coller

### **SACRAMENTAL ASSISTANTS:**

We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated and devoted group of people to assist in serving you communion. I must say "thank you" for your commitment and "God Bless".

Thank you  
Ed Mullaney

### **SERVER'S REPORT**

We currently have 8 young people on our Servers schedule. A schedule is done up on a four month period, with a new schedule out the month before the current schedule ends. Schedules are sent via email or labeled and highlighted

with the individual's name for pickup on the bulletin board at the south doors. If a server cannot attend their scheduled service time, it is up to them to find a replacement. Thank you Chiamaka & Amara Chigbo, Osazemen Ekomwenren, Aiden Daye, Aisling and Declan O'Neill, Oma Madueke, and Frederick Spoonheim.

Rev. Cyril Haynes will contact individuals directly for any special services when he requires additional servers. If anyone is interested in becoming a server, please contact Rev. Cyril Haynes.

God Bless  
Joy Kew

### **SIDESPEOPLE REPORT**

Thank you to everyone who volunteers their time to this important ministry.

It is so nice to see smiling faces greeting us as we enter the church for the morning services and having someone to guide new people and ensure the flow of the congregation is smooth during collection and communion time.

We are very fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers - thank you!!

If anyone is interested in joining this group, please speak to me after the service on Sundays or send an email to the office - always happy to have new members.

Respectfully submitted by  
Suzanne Wray

### **SOUNDBOARD/AV REPORT**

Our team of core sound engineers for our Sunday Services are back to two now (Murray Sykes and Jeff Wray), as Stephen Ford has resigned due to issues with his eyesight. Jeff and Murray both have great ears for balancing the voice levels of the choir, thus enhancing our worship experience. Doreen Peters is becoming much more proficient at the soundboard, and Laura Anne Fink and Suzanne Wray are also able to fill in. Occasionally I find myself pulling "double-duty" with both keyboard accompaniment and soundboard operation duties. We also need to thank Peter Ramsay for volunteering for the 8:30 am service when needed. If anyone else is interested in joining our soundboard/AV team, please let me know. Operation of the soundboard and AV equipment is not difficult, and training is available.

We recently expanded the use of our recording equipment by recording the weekly sermons so that they can be posted on our website. Further, our library of recorded keyboard accompaniment enables us to provide backup for times when no one is available to play keyboard. We hope to continue adding more recorded accompaniment to our library so that we will have a broader selection of recorded music to choose from.

Our weekly AV presentations, either simple PowerPoint slides or slides enhanced with videos, are prepared by Rev. Fergus with the assistance of Laura Anne Fink. Occasionally our worship experience has been enhanced with a selection of music videos before and after our services.

While we had hoped to upgrade the speakers in the hall and Quiet Room in 2018, we were unable to do so; we still hope to accomplish this in 2019. This should improve the quality and volume of the sound output in both these areas and will make it easier for us to enjoy recorded music at various events held throughout the year in our hall.

Submitted by  
Paul Bourgeois, Soundboard Coordinator

### **YOUTH GROUP REPORT**

Food is always part of a youth event, even if it's just pop and chips. But in January the youth started the year with a chili cook off. All sale proceeds went to support St. Paul's general fund.

Beginning in February the youth started meeting twice a month. As an outreach event the youth made bracelets for Bow View Manor senior complex in Montgomery from January – April. It was an interesting activity and over 60 bracelets were given to Bow View Manor. The first event in February had the youth going to one of the final nights of roller skating at Lloyd's rollerade. Lloyd's closed its doors for good two days later. We ended off February with a few hours at WinSport Tube Park. Ten youth attended and had a fabulous time.

March opened with a games night at the church and ended with a swim night at Southland Leisure Centre. Swimming is always a great way to wind down a week.

In April we had a black and white comedy night where the youth were asked to dress according to the theme.

We all enjoyed a few black and white Charlie Chaplin movies and cupcakes with black icing. At the end of April the bike ride in Fish Creek was attended by six youth of varying ability levels. The fun continued back at the church with all you could eat hot dogs and marshmallows.

In May we went to Shakers Fun Centre to play some mini golf and ride go karts! Chasing each other around the go kart track was a hoot. At the end of May we went ice blocking at St. Mary's college. Even though attendance was not huge, we all had a good time and got well soaked from the ice. It turns out that long grass is not the best for ice blocking. Who knew!

June began with an outdoor games evening. The wrap up event was changed at the last minute from Calaway Park to Shakers Fun Centre. Turns out Calaway isn't open evenings until July.

After having a break over the summer months we began the fall activities on the 14<sup>th</sup> for games and discussion at the church. September ended off with a campfire at the church, games and of course, hot dogs.

In October a few youth ventured to the Calgary Climbing Centre to rock climb. We were all exhausted after two hours of climbing!

November was a busy month starting with bouncing on trampolines at Extreme Air Park and burgers at McDonalds. Followed by the annual Hot Dogs for Heros on Remembrance Day and ending with a swim at Southland Leisure Centre.

We met only once in December for a fun evening of caroling in the neighbourhood and decorating sugar cookies. I believe there were actually more decorated than were consumed. The cookies were shared with the kids participating in the Christmas pageant the following day.

Keith and Joanne continue to teach the youth on Sundays using the time to discuss the weekly readings.

**CHANGES FOR 2019** – The busy schedules of the leaders, combined with the low attendance for many events, has resulted in the decision to meet one Friday a month, at the church, beginning January 25 at 7pm. **NEW WAIVERS MUST BE SIGNED** for activities January – March. If you are interested in being involved with the youth please contact Joanne Wrigley. I will be completely stepping down from my youth leader position in June and I would like to use the time between now and then to bring someone on board to assist Keith.



## PARISH STATISTICS OF INTEREST - 2018

|                                                                                                                                                                                | <u>2017</u> | <u>2018</u> |
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| Average Sunday Attendance<br>(not including Easter & Christmas)                                                                                                                | 113         | 109         |
| Average Mid-Week Attendance                                                                                                                                                    | 10          | 10          |
| Total Attendance at Special Services<br>(Easter Vigil/Easter & Christmas Eve/Day)                                                                                              | 616         | 618         |
| <b>Baptisms:</b>                                                                                                                                                               | 5           | 7           |
| Walter Wright; Celeste Herritt; Toya Okaekwu; Noah Scholles; Amelie Alvarez Armas; Geoyanni Gyatso; Hendrix Ohryn                                                              |             |             |
| <b>Confirmation:</b>                                                                                                                                                           | 6           | 0           |
| <b>Weddings:</b>                                                                                                                                                               | 3           | 3           |
| David Middlestead and Dlouhy Dagmar; Joel Grotkowski and Pamela Smith; Tia-Ashley Hulkenberg and Randall Pfeifer                                                               |             |             |
| <b>Funerals:</b>                                                                                                                                                               | 9           | 9           |
| Robert Thomas Owen; Barrin Ballok Byrne; Robert Mathew Coxford; Annette Gardner; Unity Joan Hampshire; Helen Kendall, Janet Edith Brown; Dorothy Marie Ranks; Gwladys Nora Orr |             |             |

