

Youth Group



Calling All Junior and Senior High Students to be Youth Who Make a Difference!
The Alpha Youth Film Series has been postponed.

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

Diocese and Community Events

78th Convention of Synod: Archbishop Greg Kerr-Wilson along with the Diocesan Council has announced that the **78th Convention of Synod** has been called for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 5, 6 and 7, 2020. Clergy will have received basic information and an announcement. A formal invitation will be coming soon.

CLAY (Canadian Lutheran and Anglican Youth): Registration for #ENROUTE (the 2020 CLAY gathering occurring this year in Calgary) is NOW OPEN! If you're age 14-19 and would like to go, please contact the Office. The cost is \$515 before Apr. 1. Subsidies are available. For details, please click on the following link: <http://claygathering.ca>. See Living Waters for more info.

Handel's Oratorio "Israel in Egypt"
On Friday, March 27 at 7:30 pm in the Cathedral, the Cathedral Choir will perform G.F. Handel's Lent/Easter Oratorio "Israel in Egypt" with chamber orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Neil Cockburn.

Thank you to all from our Parish who braved the elements to attend yesterday's Town Hall meeting at Good Shepherd Parish.



Friday Father Lacombe Sing Along: One of the finest and really rewarding ministries at St Paul's

is the Father Lacombe Sing-Along ministry. This simply entails six to twelve people from church and outside going to Father Lacombe on Fridays between 10 and 11 and singing for the residents. This ministry was started over twenty years ago by Betty Campbell. Maymai and Geoff Wilson were early recruits. Initially it was a coffee and chat group but apparently there was little chat. Norm Pemberton suggested singing and the rest as they say is history and we go from strength to strength. We sing all sorts of songs:- hymns, old popular tunes and some silly ones, but they are all liked and quite a number of residents have their favourites and we do requests, we always close with "In the Garden" and "Jesus Loves Me". Participation from the residents is good, generally 50 to 60 and I think we are regularly voted the best volunteer group at FL. The joy and appreciation shown on the residents' faces is so satisfying and of course we really love doing it. New members are welcome and no experience is required, you'll love it.

Thank you to all the volunteers who support this ministry.

Sunday, April 19, Ministry Sunday – Stewardship, fall and spring clean up days, grass cutting, library, book nook, and maintenance group

Financial News

Our 2020 deficit to February 29 is \$7,951. With the disruption now taking place to our Sunday service attendance from COVID-19, we are in a highly vulnerable financial position. Ways to help are listed on the front of this News Bulletin. Please pray for our Parish's finances as we face these challenging times together.



St. Paul's News Bulletin

March 22, 2020



Parish Events

All worship services have been cancelled until after March 31. Services after this date, including those for Holy Week and Easter, will undoubtedly also be affected, so please watch for emails or check our website or other social media sources for updates.

All other in-person get-togethers have been cancelled or postponed, including our Alpha Youth Series; Mon. Bible Study; Wed. Morning and Evening Lenten Study; and Parish Council Focus Day.

Our March 22 Sunday worship Service will be recorded and posted to the "Sermon" section of our website tomorrow. (We think this will work; if it doesn't, we'll find another way to give everyone access to it; an email link to the video will be emailed to everyone tomorrow.)

We're also in the process of putting together material so that our children can still have Sunday School while we're unable to meet physically together. Everyone will be contacted about this, once this is completed.

Our Prayer Group has suspended meeting together physically, but it is still fully operational—in fact, now more than ever, as we face the challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic together! If you have a prayer request, or if you would like to join this vital ministry, please let Dinah Breu know at breu.dinah@gmail.com, or contact Fergus.

All of us are invited to unite in prayer together as never before! Please especially lift up all members of our Parish family who are the most vulnerable physically (including health care workers) or economically at this time.

Light a candle of hope: At 7 p.m. Sunday evening, we are invited to light a candle in the windows of your homes as a visible symbol of the light of life, Jesus Christ, our source and hope in prayer.



Caring Contact Ministry: The present COVID-19 situation has heightened the need for the new Caring Contact Ministry to become operational. Calls, emails, and texts have already been made with 70 households, and this number will continue to grow significantly this week. **Thank you to the 20 people who are Helpers in this Ministry!** Helpers will keep in contact with up to ten households once a month,

via email, texting, phone calls, or (after the COVID-19 crisis) in-person conversations, and to share any pastoral concerns with Fergus. We would love to have more Helpers, as we have 283 households on our Parish List! If you can help in this Ministry, please let Fergus know. **Also, whether or not we're formally a Caring Contact Helper, all of us have a vital role to play in staying connected with one another in this time when we can't be together physically. Please take the time to call, email, or text those you know to make sure they're managing, and ask permission to share any pastoral needs with Fergus.**

Thank you to the 4 households who have volunteered to pick up groceries or prescriptions for those who can't get out. If anyone else would like to join this Ministry, please contact the Office at 403-256-1428; office@stpaulscalgary.ca.

Following the Alberta Government's recommendation, the Office will be closed for at least this week upcoming. Phone messages and emails will continue to be checked and answered regularly.

Fergus is available for regular visits via phone or email. He will also continue to respond to all pastoral emergencies.

Ways to help St. Paul's COVID-19 financial challenge: The lack of physical Sunday services has the potential to have a devastating effect on our Parish finances. Everyone is asked to do what we can to help. One easy option is to donate via our website (<https://www.stpaulscalgary.ca/donate>). Other options include mailing offerings via snail mail; arranging for offerings to be picked up from our homes or mailboxes (post-dated cheques are excellent to combine with this); or setting up direct depositing (for instructions, please call the Office).

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Outreach

PWRDF: A Grace for Lent from PWRDF

God of power and might, give bread to those who are hungry, And a hunger for justice to those who have bread.

5th Sundays of the Month are Food for Others Sundays at St. Paul's. On the fifth Sunday of the month, everyone is invited to bring non-perishable food items to share. The Food Bank bin will be brought to the front and all gifts prayed over at Announcement time. **Sunday, March 29th will be the next 5th Sunday.**

Clothing to donate?: there are two ways to donate clothes at St. Paul's. You can leave new or used backpacks or travel bags, clothes, coats, boots and running shoes in the container marked 'Alpha House' on the coat rack near the chapel. Or, you can donate any clothes or footwear by using the Calgary Humane Society collection bin beside the parking lot.

AgeCare Seton: Services have been cancelled until further notice.. Thank you to Heather Johnson and Leona Zadour for participating in this ministry. If you would like to be a part of the team going please contact Fergus. Thanks, also, to Bob Mummary for leading when Fergus can't be present.

Father Lacombe Service: The March 22 service has been cancelled as well as the Friday Sing-a-longs until further notice.

Inreach With many in our Parish congregation going through financial struggles at present due to the economy, a special fund has been set-up. Donations marked "Financial Help for Parishioners" are also welcome. If you are in need of financial help, or know of someone in our Parish who is (and you have their permission), please let Fergus know. He will maintain absolute confidentiality. This is one way we can care for one another, and all get through this challenging time together. Thank you to everyone who has donated to this fund, which presently sits at approximately \$2,000 with \$5,500 having been disbursed.

Pastoral Care

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

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

Prayer Shawl Ministry will be meeting once a month on the second Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be February 12 at 1 pm. All are welcome!

Please contact Fergus if you or someone you know would like a visit.

Thank you to Kerry Peters for making "holding crosses" for our Pastoral Care Team to share with those they visit.

Grief Support Group: we are looking at setting up a new Grief Support Group in March. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office or Laura Anne at 403 828 5667.

We're looking for people to join a Caring Contact Ministry at St. Paul's. Carers will be asked to keep in contact with around ten households once a month, via email, phone, or in-person conversations, and to share any pastoral concerns with Fergus (e.g., if someone has lost their job, or is having surgery). The purpose is to help everyone know that they are cared for and loved as part of our Parish family. We don't want anyone to "fall through the cracks," and feel that no one knows or cares. If you'd like to be a Carer in the Caring Contact Ministry, please let Fergus know.

Welcome

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

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

Opportunities to Serve

Coffee Time: Thanks to Team 3 who prepared the coffee for today. Next Sunday is : Team 4: Smooth Operators Q-Z.

2020 Flower Chart is on the sign up board by the kitchen. Please remember to fill out a Dedication form and leave it in the envelope when you sign up. The cost for flowers is **\$30.00** and it can be put in your envelope and marked for flowers.

Prayer Chain Requests: Please contact Dinah Breu (403 256-1684) with your prayer requests.

Casserole Ministry: If you know of anyone who would benefit from receiving a casserole. Please contact Linda Hubert at 403 256-7114.

Cards Ministry: Gail Munro (403 938-2467 or munrotyson@shaw.ca) will send greetings on behalf of our parish to anyone in the parish who is ill, etc.

Living Waters: Sunday, March 29 is the deadline for Living Waters submissions for the April Edition. Please submit to office@stpaulscalgary.ca or by hard copy to the office.

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

Sign: We'd like to change the sign more regularly, but to do this we need helpers. If you can

help, please contact Paul Bourgeois or the Office.

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

Sunday School: Parents: Please return your child's registration form. This helps us to stay in touch with you and also lets us know about food allergies and permission for photos. Thank you for looking after this promptly.

Monthly Cleaning Volunteers If you would like more info. please contact Laura Anne at the Parish Office.

Altar Guild: If you are interested in serving on the Altar Guild please let Robbie know at randrcoller@gmail.com or 403-257-5783.

Parish Council: We are looking for volunteers for the following positions: ***Deputy Warden and Youth contact on Parish Council (a teen age 16 or older).*** If you are interested in any of these positions or would like more information please contact the Wardens or Fergus.

The following donations would be greatly appreciated for the Celtic Service and Art group. There will be a box labelled Celtic Group in the coat racks for donations. Thank you! empty gift cards or cards of similar size; clean Styrofoam meat trays; magazines with lots of nature photographs; decorative papers.

All activities are cancelled until further notice

Regular Weekly Activities at St. Paul's:

Sun.: Alpha Youth Series 10 am—1st and 3rd Sundays

Mon.: Bible Study: 7:00 pm

Tues.: Prayer Group : 7:30 pm

Tues.: Young at Heart will be taking a break from meeting for the next little while

Wed.: Holy Eucharist: 9:30 am

(Grey Booklet 1st to 3rd, BCP 4th, and Celtic 5th Wednesdays.)

Bible Study: 10:30 am & 7:30 pm Lenten Study "The Walk" DVD Study

Prayer Shawl Ministry (2nd Wednesday each Month) March 11 at 1 pm

Thurs.: TOPS : 6:30 pm

Après EFM : 7:00 pm (1st & 3rd Thursdays)

Choir practice 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. (If you'd like to join the choir, please contact Paul