Living Waters September 2023





Let Justice and Peace Flow

Season of Creation 2023

A Mighty River



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St. Paul's

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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Services 9:30 am in person and live streaming on Facebook; later go to Sermons on our website for recording

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Parish Council 2022

Administration: Paul Bourgeois Envelope Secretary – I
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Christian Education: Tosan Chigbo

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Maintenance: Alison Pinckard
Incumbent's Warden: Ingrid Bolton

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People's Warden: Cam Cline
Outreach: John L'Ecuyer
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Sunday School: Kerin Spaargaren

Worship: Youth: Vacant

Ex Officio: The Rev'd Cyril Haynes

Synod Delegates

Cam Cline

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Treasurer: Ingrid Bolton

Parish Ministries

Worship Ministries

Altar Guild - Heather Johnson
Sacramental Assistants — Ed Mullaney
Choir — Paul Bourgeois
Prayers of the People — Dinah Breu
Readers 9:30 am — Robbie Coller
Servers — Karla Manuel
Sidespeople — Suzanne Wray
Prayer Team — Dinah Breu
Envelope Secretary — Debra Brisbin

Fellowship Ministries

Greeters – Roxie Hall Coffee Time – Hospitality Ladies Potluck Luncheon — Gloria Ford

Men's Breakfast

– Kerry Peters

Fellowship & Foods Group

Doreen Peters

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Toddlers to Tweens

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Dinah Breu

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& Pastoral Care Team
Caring Contact - Betty Nadurak
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Prayer Chain – Dinah Breu
Card Ministry – Betty (interim)
Pastoral Care Team – Nicola Peden
Grief Support Group
– Laura Anne Fink

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Living Waters

- Laura Anne Fink

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- John L'Ecuyer
Father Lacombe Sunday Eucharist—
Kathleen Robinson
Father Lacombe Fri.'s—Kerry Peters
AgeCare Seton
Food Bank, CAWST, Alpha House etc. —
shared through Outreach Committee
Pioneers of Paul—
Karen Huq & Laura O'Neill
PWRDF — Doreen Peters
Quilt/Shawl Prayer Ministry
— Laura Anne Fink



Reflections on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi and the Season of Creation

Matthew 6:25-34
The Rev'd Dr. Norman Knowles

The Feast of St. Francis marks the beginning of the Season of Creation—a time each year in which we are called to pause and give thanks for the gift of Creation and reflect on our stewardship of the natural world. In the Gospel for the Feast of St. Francis (Matthew 6:25-34) Jesus calls us to stop worrying about worldly concerns and instead "Consider the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them." Significantly, this passage follows the parable of the Rich Fool, who had sown and reaped with great success, and who decided to pull down his storehouses and barns in order to build bigger ones. To be a disciple of Jesus our approach to life is to stand in contrast to the rich man and be in harmony with the birds. Jesus tells his disciples: "Do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body what you will wear."

"Do not worry." We must be careful in interpreting this saying of Jesus. We must not take it as an excuse to ignore the reality of millions of our brothers and sisters on the planet for whom "What shall we eat?" and "What shall we wear?" are desperate questions, day in and day out. Yet for most of us at St. Paul's, that is not our situation. Most of us are willing participants in a consumer society that has shown itself to be terrifically efficient at providing a huge range of options in answer to those questions, "What shall we eat?" and "What shall we wear?" – and not only that, but constantly bombards us with a host of other questions to be anxious about:

Where shall I live?

How shall I make myself attractive to others?

How shall I find friends and lovers?

How shall I make people think highly of me?

How shall I become a member of the right group?

Even within the right group, how shall I assert

my individuality?

Where will I find satisfying work? Uplifting religion?

How can I get up-to-the-minute information on every subject that I can possibly imagine?

How shall I keep myself amused – so that I need never, ever, ever be bored?

How shall I stave off old age?

How shall I secure my place in this world?

The list goes on and on — and there are near-infinite menus of options for responding to each new question. In our society, to be is to consume; to be free is to choose between commodities; to live responsibly is to keep the system going. It seems to me that Jesus is telling us: You're even more foolish than the Rich Fool! After all, the rich man of Jesus' parable, after a spectacular harvest, said: "Enough! The only

problem now is how to store it all! I know: I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones." You see, the Rich Fool actually reached the point where he could say: Enough is enough! But for the societies that we have constructed, there is never enough; rather, there is always a new set of manufactured, focus-group tested, and intensively advertised needs and anxieties that have to be addressed through our power of consumer choice. To this Jesus emphatically responds: "Enough!"

I'm struck by the imperatives in the Gospel. First, the negative imperatives: "Do not be anxious" "Don't constantly strive after food, drink and clothing." You do not need to invest your life in materials concerns. Your existence is not justified by what or where you eat and what you wear or where you shop. God in Christ has provided all the justification you need. So don't be anxious. Don't squander your energies seeking for things.

INSTEAD (and here come the positive imperatives): Consider! Consider the birds, consider the lilies. I find Jesus' word "Consider!" in itself to be a great gift. We live lives in which we are so bombarded by questions and demands, so torn in our multi-tasking, so beset by distractions, so numb before huge menus of choices, that we often don't know what we're thinking. That Jesus says, "Don't be anxious, but consider ..." is a gift. The possibility of considering, of centering and focusing one's attention – it does exist! And Jesus gives some advice as to where to center that attention: consider the creation!

Consider the creation and – here's the other positive imperative – seek the Kingdom. Again, this is good news: our energies, so consumed in seeking to secure our own place in the world need to be redirected towards a greater good: the reconciliation of earth and heaven, of human beings among themselves, and of the human and non-human creation that is evoked by the mention of the Kingdom or Reign of God.

So take some time during this Season of Creation to consider the birds and the lilies of the field and work towards reconciliation—reconciliation with God's creation and between God's peoples. Put aside your worries and give thanks for the wonders of Creation, become a builder of God's Kingdom of love, peace, and justice here and now.

All glory, honour, and power to the Holy One who delivers us from anxiety.

Norman+

ROSTER FOR SUNDAY SERVICES

DATE	OBSERVATION	PRESIDING	PREACHING	ASSISTING	CHILDREN'S TIME	SPECIAL THEMES
September 3	Pentecost 14	Norman	Norman		Kathleen	
September 10	Pentecost 15	Norman	Cyril	Betty	Norman	
September 17	Pentecost 16	Norman	Norman	Betty	Kathleen	
September 24	Pentecost 17	Cyril	Norman	Betty	Betty	
October1	St Francis of Assisi	Norman	Angela Bear Chief	Betty	Doreen	National Day of Truth & Reconciliation/ Blessing of Pets

SERVICES

Our 9:30 Sunday Services can be shared in-person or online (live streamed on Facebook, and posted shortly thereafter on our YouTube Channel and website (to access Services on our website, please click on the Sermon tab in the top right hand corner of the home page).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ladies' Luncheon: Saturday, September 9 at 11:30 am (please start arriving around 11:15)

Men's Breakfast: Saturday, September 16 at 8:30 am Infinitely More Concert: Saturday, September 30 at 7 pm Fall Fair: Saturday, October 21 (more info to come)

Christmas Market: Saturday, December 2



BIBLE STUDIES & PRAYER MEETINGS & SERVICES

Wednesday Bible Study: beginning September 13 at 10:30 am. They will be studying the Book of Acts.

Wednesday Evening Study: returning September 13 at 7:30 pm They will be finishing the Deuteronomy Study, from St. John's Vancouver. This is the <u>link</u> to the study.

Prayer Group: Second Mondays of the Month in person at 1:30 to 2:30 pm; 4th Mondays of the Month via Zoom at 7:30 pm

Wednesday Services of Morning Prayer: will resume on September 13 at 9:30 am.





On Sunday, October 1the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi and National Day of Truth & Reconciliation we will welcome Angela Bear Chief who

will speak to us during the Sermon time. Thank you to Angela for coming to share with us.

We will also be welcoming our pet to join us to be blessed. All pets are welcome!



Blessing of our Benches



The plaques are now attached to the benches. The final 2 benches have now been spoken for and will have plaques shortly.

The benches are well used by the

The benches are well used by the community. Students from all the schools, parents dropping off their children, workers having their lunch, people walking their dogs. There always seems to be someone using them. What a wonderful outreach to our community!







Our Vegetable Gardens











Our veggie gardens are doing well! We have taken lettuce, radishes, onions, beets and a few carrots to the Food Bank and the Calgary Dream Centre. Our tomato, carrot and beet crops are a good size but they still need some time to mature. We are hoping the weather holds out to give them some more time.

Our one cabbage was infested with bugs so it went to feed some chickens at the Wray 's.

Kerry has also been delivering food from the Community Garden to the Food Bank.

St Paul's Anglican Church

Income Statement as at June 2023



		Jan - Jun 23	Jan - Jun 22	Budget
Incom	e			
	Interest Income	848	146	40
	Offerings	100,712	94,967	114,49
	Other Income	6,966	2,896	6,70
Total I	ncome	108,526	98,009	121,60
Gross Profit		108,526	98,009	121,60
Expen	se			
	Administration	14,958	12,844	14,50
	Apportionment	15,450	14,304	12,90
	Christian Education	366	234	50
	Communication	97	72	25
	General Maintenance	9,504	5,673	7,50
	Hospitality/Fellowship	396	39	50
	Ministerial	49,479	55,938	60,00
	Outreach	10,072	9,712	11,55
	Pastoral Care	0	10	4
	Utilities/Insurance	9,132	8,593	10,98
	Worship	3,339	2,507	3,24
Total E	Expense	112,793	109,926	121,98
Net Inc	come	-4,267	-11,917	-378





Season of Creation 2023, let Justice and Peace flow!

"Let Justice and Peace Flow" is the theme chosen for Season of Creation 2023, the ecumenical celebration we hold each year from September 1, World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, (follow this link to see the service on YouTube or go to YouTube and in the search type in Global Ecumenical Prayer Service) to October 4th, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

The prophet Amos cries out, "But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" (Amos 5: 24), and so we are called to join the river of justice and peace, to embrace climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities that are most impacted by climate injustice and biodiversity loss.

Join the river of justice and peace: visit the Season of Creation website

Our prayers must call for justice not only for human beings, but for all creation. In covenant with peace, we are called to repent of our ecological sins and to change our attitudes and actions.

"A mighty river" is the symbol chosen to go with this theme, representing biodiversity at risk. The urgency is growing and we must make peace with the Earth and on the Earth visible, while justice calls us to repentance and a change of attitude and actions. When we join the river of justice and peace with others, it creates hope instead of despair.

We are invited to join the river of justice and peace on behalf of all Creation and to converge our individual identities, of name, family or faith community, in this greater movement for justice, just as tributaries come together to form a mighty river.

Prophet Isaiah proclaims "Listen carefully, I am about to do a new thing, now it will spring forth; will you not be aware of it? I will even put a road in the wilderness, rivers in the desert." (Isaiah 43: 19)

A mighty river can move mountains

Our individual actions during the Season of Creation are important. Celebrating creation, participating in cleanups, planting trees and reducing our carbon footprint are some of the immediate actions we can take. Get ready to organize your events!

A Wish for the Earth by Elizabeth Levie

imagine the earth, large and full,

with swirling blue oceans surrounding masses of land with streaks of soft white clouds above

imagine everything occurring on this earth in this very mo-

ment a girl in a bright pink sari walking home from school an old man pulling a donkey with rough, callused hands a young couple saying "I do" as their mothers cry in the audi-

ence a baby, wailing for food his parents cannot provide a woman standing over her kitchen table

addressing a pile of letters imagine the earth, large and full

holding all of this--all of us, the earth that gives us the greatest gift of all: the ability to be

alive the ability to feel the pride of the girl the exhaustion of the man the excitement of the couple the hunger of the baby the purposefulness of the woman we all have different beliefs, we all belong to different faiths, but let us all feel, joy and pain, together let us all come,



to save our world, together by promoting energy conservation, energy efficiency, and renewable energy

let us help our world to become a place where all beings have access to sufficient.

sustainable energy, and by doing this let us do much more let us help our world to become a place where

everyone is treated equally and without bias

let us help our world to become a place filled with peace and diversity of people, ideas, and beliefs

let us help our world to become a place filled with boundless loving kindness and belief in

the genuine good of humanity

let us help our world to become a place where everyone's basic needs are met and every child born is able to reach their full potential

let us help our world to become a place where success is measured by kindness, love, and purpose, instead of material

imagine an earth where these ideals are realized image yourself, with the help of the people in this room and allies in the world beyond,

making these ideals become a reality

let us all work together to take care of our earth so that it can be a haven for all beings

From: https://iccsmtc.blogspot.com/p/inspiration.html

SEASON OF CREATION PRAYER



Creator of All,

From your communion of love life sprung forth like a mighty river and the whole cosmos came into being.

On this Earth of overflowing love, the Word was made flesh and went forth with the life-giving waters proclaiming peace and justice for all creation.

You called human beings to till and keep your garden. You placed us into right relationship with each creature, but we failed to listen to the cries of the Earth and the cries of the most vulnerable. We broke with the flowing communion of love and sinned against you by not safeguarding the conditions for life.

We lament the loss of our fellow species and their habitats, we grieve the loss of human cultures, along with the lives and livelihoods that have been displaced or perished, and we ache at the sight of an economy of death, war and violence that we have inflicted on ourselves and on the Earth.

Open our ears to your creative, reconciling and sustaining Word that calls to us through the book of Scripture and the book of creation. Bless us once again with your life-giving waters so that the Creator Spirit may let justice and peace flow in our hearts and overflow into all creation.

Open our hearts to receive the living waters of God's justice and peace, and to share it with our suffering brothers and sisters, all creatures around us, and all creation.

Bless us to walk together with all people of good will so that the many streams of the living waters of God's justice and peace may become a mighty river all over the Earth.

In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ.

Amen.



SEASON OF CREATION

LADIES no-mess POTLUCK LUNCH

A dish to share with its own serving implement is grand or your own special individual bag lunch is cool Come with or without food – there's always plenty to share Bring your own drink along with cutlery & plate to wash at home Bring a Friend Meet a Friend Make a Friend ALL WOMEN ages 13 and up in the Parish are invited 2nd weekend in September 9 @ 11:30 am



Men's Breakfast

The next one will be this Saturday, September 16 at 8:30 am.

The Men's Breakfast is prepared by the men themselves, a couple each time, with a suggested donation of \$5 going to CAWST (the Centre for Affordable Water Sanitation Technology). All age 13 and over are invited!





Prayers



"16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NRSV

Pray Without Ceasing

"We pray when we are meditatively quiet before God with Psalm 118 open before us; we pray while taking out the garbage; we pray when we are losing our grip and

then ask God for help;
we pray when we are weeding the garden;
we pray when we are asking God to help a friend who is at
the end of her rope;

we pray when we are writing a letter.
we pray when we are in conversation with our cynical and bullying boss;

we pray with our friends in church; we pray walking down Main Street in the company of strangers."

-- Eugene Peterson,

We pray for those
for whom today is like the windswept mountain:
 Give them comfort.
 We pray for those
 for whom today is like the stormy sea:
 Give them calm
 We pray for those.
 for whom today is like the darkest night:
 Give them hope. AMEN

-Sophie Piper

THE PEACE AND PRESENCE OF GOD

O God, I am so thankful for the unutterable peace that possesses me when I realize that no matter what lies ahead, you will always be there.

Life's consequences are safe because you are safe. I am so thankful. AMEN

-from the prayer journal of Jeanne Tearne

HE CARRIES OUR CARES

Lord Jesus, as I walk with you, there is no cause for fear or anxiety. Thank you for inviting me to be in this close relationship with you. I lay down the concerns of my life right now, knowing you will take care of each one in your time and in your way --- the way that is best for me. Help me walk with peace in my heart and mind today as I place my hand in yours. AMEN

-You'll Never Walk Alone-Publications International

HE RESTORETH MY SOUL

Father, you come quickly to heal me when I call on you. You may heal me in a single moment or you may choose to work through a process over time, but either way you restore my soul with your wisdom and power. I give you praise today for what you are doing in my life as you walk with me, step by step, to wholeness AMEN

-You'll Never Walk Alone-Publications International

A PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN TODAY'S WORLD

Lord, with heavy hearts we pray for those areas of

the world where the evils of violence, aggression, brutality and inhumanity are rampant. We pray for all those who have been killed for their faith and for the thousands who have been displaced. We pray for the victims of disease, famine, wars and climate disasters.

Lord Jesus, come, and subdue the powers of evil and darkness and bring peace and justice to your human family.
-AMEN
-D.B.

A PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH MINISTRIES

O Lord our God, our Creator, we give you thanks for the many gifts you have given your people of the Parish of St. Paul and for the many wonderful ways in which these gifts are already being used to glorify you. We pray that you will continue to strengthen, encourage and uphold all those who share their time and talents in ministries of every kind. Our prayer is also that you , our Provider, will continue to build up these ministries, touch people's hearts for service and fill up vacancies where needed. It is you alone, Lord, who supplies our every need. We pray this in the name of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. AMEN -D.B.

A PRAYER FOR OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL, YOUTH GROUP AND THEIR LEADERS

Lord, we give you thanks for our children and young people in these groups. May they continue to grow in the love and knowledge of you all the days of their lives.

We give thanks to you also, for the faithfulness of those who lead and teach. May they be inspired, encouraged, strengthened and blessed in all their undertakings by your Holy Spirit . AMEN

-adapted

FOR OUR SPIRITUAL LEADERS

Give them, O Lord, firm faith, unwavering hope and perfect charity.

Pour into their hearts

the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and spiritual strength the spirit of knowledge and true godliness and the spirit of your holy fear.

Light eternal, shine in their hearts.

Power eternal, be their shield and protector.

Grant that they may ever seek your face with all their heart, soul and strength.

May your blessing be upon them always. AMEN -adapted from a prayer of Alcuin 8th Century

SEASONAL PRAYERS

SEASON OF CREATION SEPT. 1-OCT. 4: THEME 2023:

"But let justice roll on like a river,

righteousness like a never-failing stream. AMOS 5:2

God of Creation, we enter this Season of Creation seeking to respond to the urgent calls to protect and safeguard Creation, this marvelous gift you give to the peoples of the world.

The prophet Amos reminds us that our faith demands that justice flows like water, like a stream that will never

run dry (Amos 5:24). How can we do justice to the battered and polluted earth, and to the people most affected by climate change?

Before You, we must also confess our faults in our mission as stewards of Creation, admit our indifferences, our hesitations, our shortcomings and our contradictions between our words and our actions.

Enlighten our consciences so that we can communicate and undertake new initiatives in response to the moaning of the earth, the cry of the poor, and those displaced by climate change.

Give us also the bravery to open paths of hope on our earth so that we do not endanger present and future generations.

May we welcome the Holy Spirit so that, as Jesus said before his disciples, go and bear fruit "fruit that will last" (John 15:16).

-Adapted from SOC Resources.

A PRAYER ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF THIS BUILDING, SEPT. 7, 2008.

O God, make the door of this church wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship. but narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and strife.

Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children,

nor to straying feet, but strong enough to turn back the tempter's power. God, make the door of this church

a gateway to your eternal kingdom. AMEN

-Thomas Ken

A PRAYER FOR LABOUR DAY SEPTEMBER 7TH

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: so guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and as we seek a proper return for our own labour, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary SEPT. 8

Most merciful God, as we commemorate the birth of the mother of our Lord, we thank you for the grace of humility and the spirit of loving obedience shown us in her life.

May we, like her, always be responsive to your word and submissive to your will, that we may serve you with compassionate hearts and pure minds, to the glory of your name.

AMEN

-Frank Colquhoun

PRAYER FOR HOLY CROSS DAY SEPT. 14

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. AMEN [ECUSA]

PRAYER FOR ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST SEPT. 21

O God, who through the record given to us by Saint Matthew revealed your Son as the fulfillment of the law and the prophets and as the promised Son of David: grant to us, who are members of the new Israel and acknowledge the kingship of Jesus, the obedience of faith, that we may go and make all nations his disciples, knowing that he is with us

always, to the end of time. Amen

Llewellyn Cuming

PRAYER FOR ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS SEPT. 29

Almighty God, sovereign of all creation, we praise your name for men and angels who have joined in the war against the powers of evil. Most of all we praise you for the cross of your son Jesus Christ which ensures the final victory. Grant that we who are marked with the sign of that victory may continue Christ's faithful soldiers and servants to our lives' end.

AMEN

Basil Naylor

AN EVENING PRAYER

Let the day end, the night fall, the world move into silence, and let God's people say Amen

Let minds unwind, hearts be still, bodies relax, And let God's people say Amen.

But before the day is done, Let God's holy Name be praised, And let God's people say Amen. Spirit of Gentleness

A BLESSING

May the God of gentleness be with you, caressing you with sunlight and rain and wind; may God's tenderness shine through you to warm all who are hurt and lonely.

May the blessing of gentleness be on you. Amen.

-Spirit of Gentleness

GRATEFUL

I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds Psalms 9:1

The following was shared with the Prayer Group in July:

The other day I came across the song "Grateful For Another Day" and it really resonated with me. I have been saying for some time that I am living in "days of grace" and I am grateful for each day. The Lord has "granted me an extension" (for the second time) - overwhelming gratitude is my response.

Throughout this time the Lord has provided for all my needs- wonderful health care and support from my family, my church family, many friends and my condo neighbours. His grace, strength, mercy and peace has carried me through this ongoing journey. How wonderful that our God's love, grace and power is limitless!!

None of us can know the future, but we can rely on the faithfulness of our loving God who knows every hair on our head and who holds our hand and tells us not to be afraid, for he will help us through whatever our situation may be.

Thanks be to God.

-Dinah Breu

Ref: Matthew 10:30, Isaiah 41:13

PRAYERS FOR OUR PARISH IN THIS TIME OF TRANSITION.

The Prayer Group invites all parishioners to join with us as we pray intentionally for our parish. More prayers will be added as the transition unfolds.

God, we pray that You would grant us the Spirit of wisdom and discernment so that we may know You better and love You more. Give us an understanding heart so that we may be open to hear Your voice and hear You say, "this is the path, walk in it." Use us to be Your hands and feet – Your voice and heart that we may be a channel through which You pour out Your grace to help others – may we decrease to nothing so that only Christ is seen in our lives – we ask this in the power of the Spirit and in the name of Jesus. AMEN

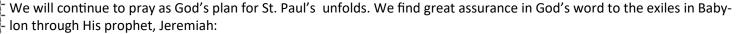
-source: St. Luke's parish, New York

We pray for ourselves, as a parish, and as individuals;

- that the Lord place a hedge of protection round about us and clothe us with his armour,
- -that we remain strong in his mighty power'
- -that we continue to grow in faith and the knowledge of our Lord,
- -that we continue to support and care for one another, and
- -that we continue to be a place where all are made welcome.

We pray:

- -for our spiritual leaders, that they would be faithful in the ministry of the word and sacraments and we give thanks that Norman will be leading us until the end of the year and ask a special blessing on him.
- -for our wardens that the Lord would bless their leadership..
- -for the work of those who create our Parish Profile that the Lord guide and direct them.
- -for all Ministries in our Parish, that they would continue to grow and function as the Lord intended.



"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

These words are as encouraging to us now, as they were to those who received them originally. We know that our God is faithful and keeps his promises.

Thanks Be To God.



ACW Silver Cross Luncheon

When: Saturday, September 16 beginning with a service at 11:00 am followed by the luncheon.

Where: St Paul's Anglican Church

Speaker: The Rev'd Canon Erin Phillips will be speaking on refugees.

All women of the parish are invited to attend.

Please RSVP to Deacon Betty if you will be attending

Cost is \$10.



Horizons of Hope A Toolkit for Parishes on Palliative Care

Horizons of Hope seeks to:

- Empower and educate parishioners by addressing questions surrounding palliative care, dying, death, suffering, accompaniment, and bereavement in a holistic fashion.
- Present high-quality content that explores how palliative care is understood from a perspective of Catholic moral and pastoral theology, medical expertise and the Compassionate Community model.
- Facilitate meaningful conversations together so that our parishes and families become Compassionate Communities, grounded in the mercy and tenderness of the living Christ.

Why Promote Palliative Care in our Parishes?

As people of faith in Christ, horizons of hope open before us when we gather around the sick and the dying. Families, friends, parish communities and health care professionals, together, all play an important role to care for and accompany those in need of palliative care that recognizes the dignity of the human person.

When confronted with a life-limiting diagnosis, we can find ourselves in an unfamiliar and even frightening situation. These moments are usually marked by having to make numerous practical decisions surrounding care and support for loved ones and ourselves. More often than not, such decisions require moral discernment through the lens of our Faith. We believe in the dignity and sacredness of human life at all stages, from conception to natural death. At the same time, our faith does not demand that life is to be sustained at all costs.

Our faith in Jesus Christ has much to teach us about living and dying well. Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care is designed to help each of us – caregivers, the sick and dying and family members – to find support and concrete assistance.

Who developed this resource?

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) formed a Joint Ad hoc Committee on Palliative Care with a variety of partners and experts to address the increasing complexities regarding end-of-life issues in Canada. The Committee members included representatives from Pallium Canada, Dominican University College, Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute, Catholic Health Alliance of Canada, Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Joseph in Canada.

For whom is the program designed?

- Those seeking to learn more about palliative care and Catholic Church teaching on end-of-life;
- Caregivers:
- Persons who have recently been diagnosed with a terminal illness;
- Family members who need resources and guidance as they journey with a loved one who is seriously or terminally ill;
 and
- Parishioners and pastoral care teams who want to form a Compassionate Community program.

What themes do the four modules cover?

Module 1 – Understanding the human experience of dying and death (2-hour parish-based program)

Module 2 – Discerning and making decisions at the end of life (2-hour parish-based program)

Module 3 – Accompanying those at the end of life (2-hour parish-based program)

Module 4 – Supporting and integrating within the wider community (2-hour parish-based program)

We will be sponsoring this workshop at St. Paul's so please watch the Bulletin for more information.

"Palliative care is an approach that improves the quality of life of patients (adults and children) and their families who are facing problems associated with life-threatening illness. It prevents and relieves suffering through the early identification, correct assessment and treatment of pain and other problems, whether physical, psychosocial or spiritual."

World Health Organization, "Definition of Palliative Care"



AWARD-WINNING DUO COMING TO St. Paul's Anglican Church

Christian music duo, Infinitely More, is bringing "The Keeping The Light On Tour" to our community!

Husband and wife duo, Allison Lynn and Gerald Flemming, bring their signature vocal harmonies, prodigious finger-style guitar, and infectious spirit to this new concert experience.

"The Keeping The Light On Tour" is a celebration of God's unconditional love and faithfulness in all seasons.

Infinitely More is a full-time music ministry based out of St. Catharines, Ontario. Allison and Gerald perform 100 events each year across every province in Canada. Their original songs and CDs have been nominated for 15 national music awards, and have won two Covenant Awards for Collaboration of the Year and Folk Album of the Year.

Infinitely More concerts blend the old and the new, featuring favourite hymns and inspirational songs, as well as original music from the duo's brand newly released 9th album: The Sum of All Love.

Invite your friends and neighbours!

For more info on Infinitely More's music, ministry, and tour dates, please visit www.InfinitelyMore.ca

Pioneers Of Paul P.O.P

St. Paul's Volunteer Youth Group

Who we are: A group of youth interested in volunteering together at organizations in the Calgary community.

All youth are welcome, including members of St. Paul's, their friends and other interested youth from the community.

Where we volunteer:

- The Calgary Food Bank
- The Bethany Care Centre (activities with residents)
- The Mustard Seed Donation Centre
- The Calgary Drop-in Centre Donation Centre
- The Inn From the Cold
- St. Paul's (coffee time)
- Future possibilities: Operation Christmas Child, The Calgary Book Fair

When we volunteer: Events are approximately <u>monthly</u> and are usually Scheduled on <u>Friday evenings or Saturday afternoons</u>. Sign up is per event - youth sign up for the events that interest them.

Other information: Members receive a group t-shirt at the first event they attend.

We travel to and from events together and after we pick up food to enjoy together.

Information is available:

- On the St. Paul's website: https://www.stpaulscalgary.ca/ministries/outreach-ministries/pages/pioneers-of-paul
- In the weekly bulletin and Living Waters Newsletter
- On Instagram
- By email to group members



Sign up to be a member of P.O.P. for the 2023-24 year

- by emailing youthvolunteer@stpaulscalgary.ca or
- in person after the service at the sign up table on Sunday, September 24, 2023

Come and make a difference in our world!

Gain experience and build your resume at the same time!

Sunday School

Sunday school is available at the 9:30 am Sunday Service.



Sunday School will be resuming on September 17th. Sunday School registration form can be found here on the website or go to the website www.stpaulscalgary.ca— Ministries— Sunday school and scroll to the bottom of the page.

We are using the Virtual Church School curriculum offered by the Anglican Church of Canada. The link is on our website.



St. Paul's Outreach Ministry



Food for Others on April 30

When there are five Sundays in a

month, that Sunday is Food for Others Sunday. The next one is July 30/23.

Year-round there is a box by the main entrance to collect donations of non-perishable items for the Calgary Food Bank.



What's the Yellow bin?

The yellow bin in our parking

lot is a fundraising effort by the Calgary Humane Society, an animal welfare organization which connects the lives of animals and people while providing essential animal services to the community. Gently used clothing and footwear of any kind can be put in the bin for donation.

Small change for big change

Putting some coins (or bills) into the CAWST water filter by the library will support the delivery



of clean drinking water in poor communities. Through our donations, the health of many people in the third world can be greatly improved.

Clothing appreciated

Calgary Alpha House Society gratefully accepts donations of clothing and backpacks to help provide a safe and caring environment for those whose lives are affected by alcohol and other drug dependencies. Top needs include backpacks, , jeans, hoodies, shirts, athletic pants and shorts, pyjama pants, belts, jackets, gently used towels and sleeping bags.



There is a clearly marked Alpha House bin on the

base of a coat rack near the south entrance where you can leave donations.

PWRDF responds to Canadian Emergencies

In this year of unprecedented wildfires from coast to coast, PWRDF is establishing a fund specifically for in-Canada

emergency response.

This is true to our roots. PWRDF was born in 1958 out of a compelling desire from Anglicans to offer assistance to families in the wake of a mine disaster in Springhill, Nova Scotia.

In recent years, Canada has experienced an increase in the frequency and severity of natural disasters such as wildfires, hurricanes and floods, affecting thousands of families and individuals. Some communities have been particularly devastated. Time and time again, Anglicans have generously offered their financial support through PWRDF.



Currently, PWRDF accepts donations when a disaster happens, then works with the dioceses affected by the emergency to disburse the funds. This new fund will allow us to respond quickly when a diocese asks us for support, rather than wait to raise funds for individual disasters

Parishes have expertise in outreach, information sharing and dissemination, volunteer engagement as well as real-time awareness of their communities. Churches know where and how to reach the most vulnerable, those overlooked by others. Clergy and parishioners may be some of the first responders in an emergency, and they are often among those who will still be there during mid- to longer-term recovery activities.

While we cannot respond to every emergency in Canada, we consider the severity and impact of the situation, response of other agencies including the government, availability of insurance coverage, and the extent to which additional support is needed. We look to fill gaps not covered by others, avoiding duplication of services. Together, we can make a significant impact in the lives of people in Canada affected by disasters, offering solidarity and hope for those who have lost so much. For more information, go to pwrdf.org





Missional Minute



We are all called to be missional, to be labourers in the field and to share the Good News of Christ.

The Great Commission reminds us that living out the love of Jesus is to bring others into the knowledge and grace of God. "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..." When we are fully engaged in this work, it can be exhausting but Jesus said he would be with us always. Sometimes He can be with us by sending us other people to uplift and encourage us. We need other Christians to give us a sounding board, a listening ear, words to strengthen our walk and reminders of why we are ministering and walking in faith. And we are called to give this same support to others.

One way to be encouraged is regularly scheduling time with fellow Christians in a safe, confidential group. Sometimes it's called a Home Group, Cell Group, Group Reunion, or men's/women's group. Taking the time to discuss your faith journey, your successes and failures in ministry, in bible study or prayer time, or planning intentional mission actions, can fortify your soul and mind for Christ's service. And not only are you uplifted, but you are present to encourage, listen and support the other members of the group for their ministry service.

Consider joining or creating a group for your faith walk together, for the strength you need to "Go into all the world."

From the August 16 Diocesan Newsletter



Pastorial

Join this ministry

If you'd like to be part of our St. Paul's Pastoral Care Team, please contact Nicola . Training will be provided to anyone interested in this important ministry.



Chemo Care Bag

If you know of anyone who is beginning Chemotherapy treatment and would benefit from receiving a Chemo Care Bag please contact the Parish Office 403 256-1428.



Prayer Shawl Ministry—

This is a fun ministry where we quilt or knit and share fellowship for an afternoon. We

meet on the first & third Wednesdays of each month. No experience needed! Everything is supplied.

We will resume meeting October 4 at 1 pm.

For more info. contact Laura Anne at the Parish Office.



Grief Support Group

Our Grief Support Group is a chance to be with others who have suffered a loss. It is a chance to speak from the heart or just listen. If you are interested, please contact Laura Anne at the Parish Office.



WALKING GROUP

Let's get together and enjoy the great outdoors!

Are you interested in joining a walking group?

We are meeting Mondays at 1 pm. Please note time change.

For the location schedule please go to the website under <u>events</u> and you will find the schedule

Join us for some exercise and conversation!







ALTAR GUILD



Members of the Altar Guild prepare the church for worship services by setting out and then cleaning up the communion vessels, arranging or setting out flowers, replacing candles, and marking Bible.

At present there is one volunteer each week. The volunteers work in rotation, which turns out to be about once a month. Set-up can be done Friday or Saturday as suits your schedule. During the Christmas and Easter seasons we have need for extra shifts, which are covered on a volunteer basis. We hold two meetings a year at which time all members get together to discuss issues, idea, and the future while having a happy time socializing and keeping aware of how wonderful a

group we really are.

We are in need of new members

- male or female - to join us, as many hands make light work. If you are interested in this quiet behind-the-scene ministry to our community, please contact one of the Heather or the Parish Office - 256-1428 .

Servers

We are looking for volunteers to be servers at our Sunday services. Youth or Adults are welcome! Please contact Father Cyril or the Parish Office if you are interested. Training is available!





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RESOURCES for MISSION

THE MARKS of MISSION

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WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom of God

To teach, baptise and nurture new believers

To respond to buman need by loving service

To seek to transform the unjust structures of society

To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.

STEWARDSHIP: A FAITHFUL RESPONSE TO GOD'S MISSION

STEWARDSHIP is a core Christian practice rooted in scripture. The Bible offers a commentary on human stewardship that begins with God's purpose in setting our first ancestor in the garden "to till and keep it", and ends in the new creation, in a recurring pattern of crisis and resolution. That pattern of human crisis and divine resolution flows through the Bible — in the creation, in the covenant with Abraham, in the law, the prophets and the writings of the Hebrew scripture, in the life of Jesus, and in the continuing life of his disciples after the resurrection.

The first crisis of human stewardship came with our first ancestors' decision to test the sovereignty of God by consuming the only fruit in the garden reserved exclusively to the Creator. Rejecting stewardship and embracing the illusory promise of sovereign possession of the garden, they

initiate a continuing pattern of exploitation, entitlement, violence and destruction that plagues human participation in the life of the earth. There is only one essential stewardship question: Will we make use of resources entrusted to us to serve God's mission, or for purposes that we ourselves devise or that are thrust upon us by an economy that depends absolutely on growing consumption to sustain it?

Stewardship is a response to the mission of God. When we invite persons into discipleship and baptize, we also invite them into the practices of faithful stewardship. Those practices are properly framed in terms of whether or not they contribute to what God desires in and for the life of the world.

The parable of the two sons opens up a stewardship crisis for leaders among the baptized. When we have turned inward



to focus on our wants and needs, when we have used the language of stewardship to address our own religious agenda instead of God's mission, when we have reduced the challenge of stewardship to servicing the existence, program and practices of the church, then we have squandered the treasure of God in a far country.

For Canadian Anglicans, no faithful conversation about stewardship can be undertaken without consideration of the Baptismal Covenant and the Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion.

The former is, like the "Rule of Life" that preceded it in the Catechism of the Book of Common Prayer, a framework for faithful personal participation in the mission of God. And the Marks of Mission form a framework for faithful corporate participation in that mission. The Resources for Mission Department works in partnership with dioceses to foster a generous sense of stewardship across the Canadian Church.

The Baptismal Covenant offers an expansive vision of stewardship, including commitments to the community and its common life; to resisting evil and turning away from our participation in it; to offering the world the gospel of Jesus Christ as an alternative to its story of entitlement,

consumption, and conflict, to embody that gospel in acts of service and to work for justice, peace and the dignity of persons.

The Marks of Mission complement and support the principles and practices of the Baptismal Covenant with a commitment to shape our common life in alignment with the mission of God., Beginning with "the Good News of the Kingdom" they offer a set of shared practices that include inviting people to inhabit that Kingdom through baptism, and to enact the Kingdom's ethos in response to human need, in a commitment to justice, in care for creation and in reconciliation and peace-making.

God sets out in mission to make all things new. It is God's mission to transform persons, to redeem us and restore us to joyful and useful participation in God's work. It is God's mission to transform the church as well, to redeem and restore our common life so that we might live as stewards of God's abundant gifts, and invite others into that stewardship – for the sake of the world God loves.

This document was approved as a theological rationale for the work of the Resources for Mission Department of General Synod by the Standing Committee on Philanthropy.



Helpful Information

Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9 am to noon.

Sunday Services: 9:30 am Live Streamed on Facebook or after 11:30 on our website under the Sermon tab

Wednesday In -Person Services of Morning Prayer: 9:30 am Contact office for

dates



Useful Websites and other Social Media Platforms:

St. Paul's Website:

https://www.stpaulscalgary.ca

Instagram: stpaulsanglicancalgary

Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/

stpaulscalgary

Twitter:

@stpaulscalgary @Pastor Fergus

YouTube Channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/ UCldxfHv5pFYST--j8as1GVg

Youth Group's Facebook:

StPaulsCalgaryYouth

MCES: https://www.stpaulscalgary.ca/ministries/ midnapore-church-of-england-society

Facebook: historicstpaulschurch

Pioneers of Paul Instagram: pioneersofpaul

Diocese of Calgary:

https://www.calgarv.anglican.ca

Diocesan Facebook: calgary.anglican

Canadian National Church: https://www.anglican.ca

PWRDF—<u>www.pwrdf.org</u>

St. Paul's is a Scent-Free Parish

A reminder that we try to be scent -free out of love and respect for those whose health is threatened by fragrances. May we ask your co-operation in avoiding wearing to church, perfumes and after-shave, perfumed hairsprays, etc.

Many thanks.

Offerings

Offerings: Thank you for continuing to give your Offering when so many of us are unable to be physically present together. It's critical to helping us fulfill our Mission. Here are ways we can do this:

use e-transfers. Please use the email We can gift@stpaulscalgary.ca. No pass-E TRANSFER word is needed; to help our Enve-PAYMENTS lope Secretary, please included

vour envelope number in the

"message" spot.

We can donate via our website www.stpaulscalgary.ca/donate). This is completely secure, with the highest level of PCI compliance.

We can also set up direct depositing (for the form, go to our website, type "Donation" in the search box, and click on "Pre Authorized Donations").



Parking: Just a reminder that the small parking lot at the north door is for Sundance on the Green residents. Thank you for helping us be a good neighbour!

Information you may find helpful:

Large Print Order Of Service: We have large print copies of the service and hymn book available.

Please ask the sides

people.



Hearing Devices: have trouble hearing the service, we have hearing de-vices that can help. Please ask the sides

people for assistance. Colouring Pages for the Children: clipboards with crayons and colouring pages are available for children to use during the service. Please ask the sidespeople for

Welcome Booklets: If you would like to know more about St. Paul's and our ministries, please help your self to a booklet. You will find them by the name tags.

Business Cards: St. Paul's Business Cards with service times available. They are designed to carry in your wallet to give to people who ask about St. Paul's. This is a form of Outreach to the community.



BIBLE OCCUPATIONS WORD SEARCH

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September 2023

Saturday	11:30 am Ladies Luncheon	8:30 am Men's Breakfast 11:00 am Silver Cross Lunch- eon	23	9 am to 3 pm Cursillo Team Meeting P pm Infinitely More Concert
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Sunday	9:30am H.E. In-Person & Live streamed on Facebook	9:30am H.E. In-Person & Live streamed on Facebook	17 9:30am H.E. In-Person & Live streamed on Facebook Sunday School returns	9:30am H.E. In-Person & Live streamed on Facebook