



The Spirit of St. Paul's

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ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, SASKATOON, SASKATCHEWAN

Reaching out in service to the community



Beginning at top left and continuing clockwise: Nurses in the Maternal Care Centre at RUH show some of the layettes donated by St. Paul's. Artwork in the Centre. The congregation enjoying the music of the German Concordia Band and the meal organized by the Board of Parish Fellowship.

Celebrating Oktoberfest at St. Paul's

As an ongoing mission project, the women of St. Paul's LWML put together layettes for newborns for the Royal University Hospital in Saskatoon.

Every mother and baby is offered a layette by the maternity staff. Each layette contains a knitted sweater and cap, sleeper, onsie, receiving blanket and newborn-size diapers. One of our members, Carol Huber, uses her talents to sew baby-themed bags to hold these baby items. Another member, Marion Hollinger, knits many of the sweater and cap sets that go into the bags. Thank you for sharing your talents! Thank you also to everyone who donated money and items for the layettes this fall, and to Carol Heusdens for delivering them to the maternal care centre in the newly opened children's hospital. Many mothers and newborns will be blessed by the kindness shown through the layettes.



Reminders

- Please remember that, because we have a number of members with allergies to nuts, any foods brought to church events should be nut-free.
- Also, several have allergies to fragrances. Please consider them when choosing toiletries and whether or not to wear perfumes.
- LWMLC mites and offerings are collected the first Sunday of each month.

Caring Ministry Coordinators
for November - Dianne Gilbert

Classifieds

Something to sell or give away?
Need something? Services to offer to fellow members? Try The Spirit Classifieds first. No cost. Leave your ads at the church office or give them to the editor.



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LWML–Canada Sunday highlights mission service



One of the main goals of Lutheran Women’s Missionary League–Canada is to support the mission work of Lutheran Church–Canada. The women of our local LWML group and a number of others do this through the collection of mites for grants to selected mission projects that could not otherwise be funded through the mission budget of LCC.

Local groups like ours are also involved in a wide variety of mission service activities in their congregations and communities, many times providing opportunities for all members of the congregation to participate.

Each fall we celebrate the great work being done by this group in support of the mission of the church. To thank the congregation for their help in these service activities, the group handed out carnations.

A grand concert raises a grand amount for a grand piano

Wasn't that a grand concert? We hope you didn't miss it. There was lots and lots of great music by the talented musicians of the congregation. In fact everyone enjoyed it so much no one took photos (although there is video).

To date \$15,727 has been raised and will wait for the voters' meeting on November 17 to confirm the piano that has been chosen. It is a Yamaha Grand, 5'3", a size up from a Baby Grand piano. This is a superior instrument and will be a blessing for worship services and other occasions.

Laura Neufeld shared some thoughts: "One of the things that has touched me most [about the concert and fundraising for a new piano], are some of the stories people have shared with me as to why they donated. The Guebert family (told with permission) celebrated Pastor Guebert's birthday by each contributing an amount equal to his age. Someone else gave a donation

in memory of their mother, who felt that music was a big part of her worship. Another person remembered not being able to have a musical instrument in their home and, therefore, how important the piano in the church was. For someone else it was as simple as being led by God to contribute so the church could share this beautiful instrument as an outreach, show unity and support and also show thankfulness for what we have. Yet another donation was given in appreciation for the freedom we have in this country to worship as we wish with music and preaching according to God's Word. These are a few examples I have been blessed to hear. There are many loving and living memories tied up in this instrument. Every time I look at or play the new piano I will remember all the reasons that people gave money toward its purchase."

Pastor's Corner

In the Church Year the month of November begins with the commemoration of All Saints' Day. The custom of remembering and honouring all the saints goes back as far as the third century. When All Saints' Day is observed, many congregations remember the faithful who have departed during the past year and celebrate with the certain hope and anticipation of being reunited with our loved ones on the Last Day, the day of resurrection.

Often when we think of saints we think of those who are considered heroes of the faith. Or we think of someone we consider to be especially good and holy, "That person is such a saint." In the Roman Catholic Church there is an extensive process of investigation and many "boxes need to be checked" before someone is declared a saint (this includes at least one miracle performed by the saint-to-be during their lifetime and one performed even after they have died).

In the Lutheran Church we set apart days to recognize and commemorate people through whom God worked to bring about His plan of salvation. Sometimes we name churches after these people (like St. Paul's Lutheran Church). However, we believe that people are saints not because of what they have done, but because of what Christ Jesus has done for them. So, saints are simply the baptized people of God. You are

a saint. Saints are not just those who have done special things or who have lived more holy and righteous lives than everyone else, but are that great multitude that can't be numbered from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages who have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb (Revelation 7:9, 14).

On All Saints' Day we remember those who have gone before us and we are comforted that they are at peace in the presence of our Lord. We go forward, not forgetting, but with a heart full of thanksgiving for the life they were given and the eternal life they have been granted by grace through faith in Jesus. And we draw comfort even as we face our own death—knowing that for the sake of Jesus our robes have been washed white in the blood for the Lamb and eternal life is ours.

Sing with all the saints in glory,
Sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,
To the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking;
Soon the storms of time shall cease;
In God's likeness we awaken,
Knowing everlasting peace. (LSB 671, v.1)

*God's blessings,
Pastor Keith*

Stewardship

St. Paul wrote to the Church of Christ in Corinth: “Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:7). God loves a cheerful giver. But who is a cheerful giver?

Abel was. By faith, Abel gave the firstborn of his flock, and it was acceptable in God’s sight. Abraham was. By faith, Abraham prepared cakes and a tender choice calf for God and entertained angels unaware. So also were David and Solomon. By faith, David would not make a sacrifice to God that cost him nothing, so he paid Araunah his due. By faith, Solomon built a house for God, where his name would dwell and thereby where He would dwell to be Israel’s God and they His people.

What more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of all those who gave not simply for the joy of giving but for the joy of knowing the One to whom they gave.

So also our Lord, who for the joy set before Him, gave everything, yes, even His life, enduring the cross and scorning its shame. He gave to the shedding of His blood, willingly and resolutely setting His face toward Jerusalem to die for the life of the world. Though He was rich in every way, He became poor, so that by His poverty we might be rich beyond measure.

So then, let us—like Abel and Abraham, like David and Solomon, and even like our Lord Jesus Christ—give

cheerfully to God for the work of His kingdom in our midst. Like them, let us decide in our heart—for the joy set before us—the joy of knowing the One to whom we give is the One who gives us all good things.

The Board of Stewardship has been working with each of the boards to plan our programs and mission for next year and develop a budget for discussion and ultimate approval by the voters in November. Part of that process involves trying to estimate our 2019 year-end results. Our treasurer has reported that, to the end of September, we have a deficit of just over \$4,000. Our envelope and pre-authorized remittance offerings this year are running just slightly lower than in 2018. The largest impact is in our expenditures where we have spent money on much needed maintenance and repairs to the church, along with other salary and office expenses. At this time we are projecting a year-end surplus of approximately \$6,000, assuming offerings in the October to December period hold up to prior years’ averages.

Based on submissions from the boards, it looks like our 2020 budget will see increased spending of around \$10,000. All that, of course, will be presented to the voters later in November. We ask you to keep the needs of the congregation and the church at large in your prayers as we, as a congregation, plan our mission and programs with the joy of Christ in our hearts.

Board of Stewardship

Minutes of voters’ meetings are now being posted on St. Paul’s website in the password protected MEMBERS section. If you would like to access the minutes please go to www.stpaulslutheran.ca. Click on the Members tab at the top. Type in the password.

It will open to a directory of members. Scroll down to the end of the directory to find the minutes. Click on the link that you would like to view and a PDF version of the minutes will open for you to see.

Don’t have the password? Give the church office a call (306-343-9535) and Sandy will be happy to give it to you.

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Evangelism/Public Relations

How are we doing with “outreach”?

According to the bylaws, the second mission goal of the Board of Evangelism and Public Relations is “to encourage a desire for outreach in all members of the congregation.” To learn what opportunities our congregation has found to meet this goal our board sent a survey to the other church boards and organizations. These are the outreach programs identified:

Sandy (the office) identified **Outreach Packages** offered to serve homeless walk-ins during the week providing information on local services.

The **Board of Education** identified events led by the pastor, youth leader and volunteers including **VBS** to serve the neighbourhood (Faith held a city-wide VBS), **Youth** (city-wide events) to serve the our Lutheran youth and friends and **Young Adults Group**

to serve University of Saskatchewan and Polytechnic students as well as St. Paul’s young adults in the work force.

LWML organizes collections for We Care kits and other items to serve the international community through CLWR and several local agencies. They also help the congregation serve the community through the annual **Mitten Tree** and **baby layettes** for new moms in need at Royal University Hospital. **Mites** are collected to support Lutheran Church–Canada’s national and international missions.

The **Board of Evangelism and Public Relations** identified **Easter Crosses** to serve as a witness to the community, **Fair Booth Ministry** at the **Saskatoon Exhibition** led by members of **Lutheran Laymen’s League** of Canada in our congregation and helped by other

volunteers to provide **Christian materials** to those who visit the Ex, St. Paul’s **website** to serve local, national and international individuals, the **lawn sign** to serve our local community, **connecting to the Queen Elizabeth/Exhibition Community Association (QEXCA)** to build a relationship with the community around St. Paul’s, **Easter/Christmas cards** to serve new members, **welcome pamphlets and greeters** to welcome visitors to St. Paul’s, **Friendship Inn** to serve our city’s community need for daily bread, the annual **garage sale** to interact with the local community and a **Food Bank Drive** to serve the immediate needs of our neighbours.

The **Board of Stewardship** identified **missions support, Gift Acceptance and Use, St. Paul’s Scholarship Fund** and **St. Paul’s Potratz Estate Endowment** to serve local and national communities.

We appreciate the time put into completing this survey. If you know of more ways our congregation reaches out to various communities please share them with our board so we can capture them in our records.

It is wonderful to learn of the many ways our congregation reaches out to share and show God’s love.

Sherry Gore for the Board of Evangelism and Public Relations

What Jesus Says About ...

(marriage, prayer, immigration and much, much more)

Check out these YouTube videos by an LCMS pastor. He says: I’m a husband. I’m a father through adoption and foster care. I’m also a pastor of a church. My life mission is to “do whatever it takes so as many as possible can see Jesus.” This YouTube channel is one of the ways I live that out.

It is a quick and easy place for you to find *What Jesus Says* about topics important to you and important to many others you may know.

No 30-minute sermons. No five-

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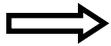
Why? *What Jesus Says About* is sponsored by THRED.org, an organization committed to open and honest conversations about life, faith, and Jesus (and part of Lutheran Hour Ministries). You should check them out on the interwebs at: <https://www.thred.org>.

A new video is posted every Thursday and you may subscribe to receive it in your inbox.

The word search on the following page was originally published on the LWML–Canada website this past April. Enjoy!

Hallelujah, He has Risen Word Find

Original Word Find by Wendy Rollie, generated by WorksheetWorks.com
 Provided by the Christian Growth Committee of LWML-Canada



Find and circle each of the words from the list below. Words may appear forwards or backwards, horizontally, vertically or diagonally in the grid.

Read the Bible verse, find the word and reflect on Christ's Suffering, Crucifixion, Resurrection and Great Commission

Atonement Rom 3:24-25	Golgotha Matt 27:33	Resurrection Matt 25:53
Betrayed Matt 20:18	Hallelujah	Sacrifice Rom 3:25
Cross Matt 27:32	He Has Risen Luke 24:6	Stone Luke 24:1-2
Crucified Luke 24:20	Judas Matt 25:16	Thorns Mark 15:17
Crown Mark 15:17	Lamb of God John 1:29	Tomb Luke 25:1-2
Celebration	Reconciled Rom 5:10-11	
Curtain Matt 27:53	Ransom Matt 20:28	
Darkness Matt 27:45	Redeemer Job 19:25	
Disciples Matt 28:16	Redemption Rom 3:24-25	

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Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your Son, whom You sent as an atonement for our sins. We cannot imagine the suffering Jesus went through, yet He prayed "Your will not mine." Jesus, You have taken our place on the cross and through Your cleansing blood we are saved. "He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed." Amen