

2023

ANNUAL REPORTS

St. Paul's-International Pastoral Charge

St. Paul's
United Church
Estevan, SK
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St. Paul's International Pastoral Charge
Annual Meeting - Sunday, March 10, 2024 @ 12:30 pm

Agenda

1. Call to Order
 2. Traditional Land Recognition
 3. Devotional Prayer
 4. Motion to Empower:
 5. Approval of Agenda
 6. Approval of Minutes from 2023 Annual Meeting
 7. Business Arising from the Minutes
 8. Acceptance of Annual Reports
 9. Approval of 2023 Financial Statement
 10. Approval of 2023 Financial Review
 11. Receive 2023 Financial Review for St. Paul's International Charge
 12. Approval of 2024 Budget
 13. Nominations
 - 13.1. Leadership Team Members
 - 13.2. Personnel Committee
 - 13.3. Trustees
 14. Appointments
 - 14.1. Treasurer
 - 14.2. Recording Secretary for Leadership Team
 - 14.3. Representative(s) to Regional Council
 - 14.4. Representative to the Dr. A. E. Elliott Education Fund
 15. New Business
 - 15.1. Ecumenical Share Ministry Committee Report
 16. Speaker's Time
 17. Adjournment
 18. Benediction
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St. Paul's-International Pastoral Charge Annual Report

MINISTRY (& PERSONNEL) **COMMITTEE REPORT**

This committee is responsible for the hiring and overseeing of SPIPC staff and also for scheduling pulpit supply when we are without a minister.

The year began with weekly services taking place at St. Paul's in Estevan, and Knox in North Portal having services only on the 1st Sundays of months, with pulpit supply drawn from the dwindling amount of Lay Leaders

in the area. As it became increasingly difficult to find enough local folks to serve as pulpit supply,

arrangements were made with St. Martin's United Church of Saskatoon to test out the "Rural Connect" program, which provides interactive video and audio between sanctuaries so that congregations in different locations can worship together. This is also a cost-effective method of providing worship services as the rates are lower than in-person pulpit supply.

Our trial weeks of March 26th & April 2nd went well, and so with the approval of the Joint St-Paul's International Board, an agreement was formalized to have Rural Connect services for the 2nd, 3rd, 4th Sundays of every month (and also on 1st

Thank you to those who help with these areas so that Rural Connect services can happen.

Sundays in the summer when Knox does not have worship). For these services, St. Paul's members are responsible for setting up the camera equipment and taking part in some of the readings, which is arranged ahead of time via Patty in the office. Thank you to those who help with these areas so that Rural Connect services can happen.

As of fall 2023, Rosetown United Church of Rosetown, Sask, has joined our "Rural Connect Hub" so the

services are more dynamic with three congregations worshipping together. On the 1st Sundays of the months (except for July &

August), the M&P committee arranges local pulpit supply and live worship services are held at both of our Pastoral Points. Many thanks to SPIPC members Jim Pratt, Don Kindopp, and Emily Gillies for filling this role, along with Rev. Kathy Kyle of Carnduff who provided a beautiful communion and baptism service on November 5th.

Another schedule deviation was September 10th, when in-person worship services were held on the 2nd Sunday of the month to accommodate a request from St. Martin's, and Rural Connect took place on the 1st Sunday of month, September 3rd, instead.

A Christmas Eve service took place at St. Paul's on December 24th with members of the congregation stepping forward to lead, alongside the musical accompaniment of visiting members of the Andrist family. In the spring, special events for Lent and Holy Week were arranged with the Estevan Ministerial Association. Our congregation was invited to worship at Trinity Lutheran on Easter Sunday and there were no services at SPIPC.

Our Pastoral Charge continues to be in discussion with the congregations of St. Giles Anglican Church and Trinity Lutheran Church, both of Estevan, to see if inter-denominational amalgamation may be the best way forward. When the 5th Sundays of the month occur, we meet for a joint worship service between the three churches on a rotating schedule. St. Paul's hosted one of these Ecumenical Worship services on April 30th. Other events, such as monthly "Men's Breakfast" and "Messy Church", are ways that our three congregations work together and bring ministry to each other. In August, Sharilee Schnell stepped down from her position on this committee due to personal reasons, which creates an opening for another member to join this committee.

Please call the church office or speak with Leadership Team Chairperson

Diane Wrubleski if you are interested in serving on this committee or would like to make a recommendation. Thank you to Sharilee for your years of service in this capacity.

Thank you to all members who continue to show such care and support for our church family, most notably those who work very hard to put on fundraisers such as the Fair Booth, the Christmas Bazaar and Auditorium Sales, and the baking of yummy Saskatoon & Rhubarb pies. These special events are important ways for members and friends to connect and to share the love of Christ with offerings that serve both our church and our wider community.

Respectfully Submitted,
Emily Gillies & Jim Pratt



Fair Booth Co-ordinators
Paul Deren and Wade Wrubleski

A reflection from Rev. Jordan Cantwell, St. Paul's pastoral charge supervisor...

We sing of a church seeking to continue the story of Jesus by embodying Christ's presence in the world.

*We are called together by Christ as a community of broken but hopeful believers, loving what he loved, living what he taught, striving to be faithful servants of God in our time and place.**

As we look back over the year that has been, let us give thanks for the ways St. Paul's has embodied Christ's presence in the world. Let us celebrate the ecumenical sharing that enriches the worship, outreach, faith, and vision of this community of faith. A visible and prophetic witness to the unity of the Body of Christ. An expression of hope in a world that is so divided. Let us lift up all the ways this congregation has offered care, support and love to people in your community and beyond. Donations to the food bank, support for Mission & Service, Christmas hampers, financial support for neighbours in need. Through the gifts of hands and hearts, St. Paul's serves God by serving your neighbours.

We sing of God's good news lived out, a church with purpose: faith nurtured and hearts comforted, gifts shared for the good of all, resistance to the forces that exploit and marginalize,

*fierce love in the face of violence, human dignity defended, members of a community held and inspired by God, corrected and comforted, instrument of the loving Spirit of Christ, creation's mending.**

In the ways you care for one another in times of sorrow and loss; by your inclusion of a land acknowledgement at the start of every gathering; through your Green Church Covenant; in your support for the LGBTQ2S+ community; St. Paul's stands with those who are marginalized and exploited, those in need of comfort, those longing to feel the healing touch of God's love. These may feel like small things, simple acts of recognition and care that have become second nature to you, but they give powerful testimony to the Spirit's presence and action among you. In these ways, you live out the United Church's call to Deep Spirituality, Bold Discipleship and Daring Justice.

*Grateful for God's loving action, we cannot keep from singing. Creating and seeking relationship, in awe and trust, we witness to Holy Mystery who is Wholly Love.**

It has been an incredible honour to accompany you these last several months as your pastoral charge supervisor. I look forward to continuing to explore together the plans God has for your community of faith.

*From *A Song of Faith*, United Church of Canada, 2006

**St. Paul's International Pastoral Charge
Income/Expense Statement for 2023 and Budget 2024**

Line #		Actual 2022	Actual 2023	Budget 2024
1	INCOME			
2	Pastoral Points			
3	Administration - International	509.98	382.97	496
4	Administration - St. Paul's	4,409.86	4,237.61	5,237
5	Ministry - International	3,042.02	0.00	3,928
6	Ministry - St. Paul's	26,292.76	0.00	41,486
7	Miscellaneous	66.81	0.00	0
8	Pulpit Supply - International	670.44	693.70	519
9	Pulpit Supply - St. Paul's	5,769.92	7,674.20	5,481
10	Regional Fees - International	721.94	439.22	455
11	Regional Fees - St. Paul's	6,213.07	4,858.78	4,806
12		=====	=====	=====
13	TOTAL INCOME	47,696.80	18,286.48	62,408
14				
15	EXPENSES			
16	Administration			
17	Audit	532.80	499.50	550
18	Banking Charges	21.00	2.92	50
19	Conference Delegate	0.00	756.16	1,500
20	Miscellaneous	66.81	0.00	200
21	Pastoral Relations	196.80	0.00	0
22	Payroll Expense	50.67	0.00	100
23	Pulpit Supply	6,440.36	8,367.90	6,000
24	Regional Fees	6,935.01	5,298.00	5,261
25	St. Paul's - Administration	4,164.00	3,362.00	3,333
26	Total Administration	18,407.45	18,286.48	16,994
27				
28	Ministry Expenses			
29	Benefits	5,810.26	0.00	9,499
30	Phone Reimbursement	416.65	0.00	540
31	Professional Development	316.44	0.00	820
32	Salary	22,500.40	0.00	33,505
33	Travel	245.60	0.00	1,050
34	Total Ministry	29,289.35	0.00	45,414
35		=====	=====	=====
36	TOTAL EXPENSES	47,696.80	18,286.48	62,408
37	INCOME OVER EXPENSES	0.00	0.00	0
38				
39	OPERATING ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION			
40	BANK BALANCE JAN 1	1,930.12	1,930.12	
41	Operating Balance	0.00	0.00	
42	BANK BALANCE DEC 31	1,930.12	1,930.12	

Annual Report Knox United Church

Knox United Church

This is a year of both ups and downs. We are pleased that some new community folks have been regularly worshipping with us which is a positive feeling, and we also recognize the realistic picture of having to close our church in the not-too-distant future.

There are no specific plans in that regard, but we are having conversations of that nature to prepare us, and our sister-point of St. Paul's, and the wider community of North Portal, for that eventual adjustment. It is publicly known that our church building and property are for sale and that we would entertain offers. North Portal's Village Council is seeking input from local residents about ideas for use of space with an eye to purchasing the property and absorbing it into the Village. Word is spreading about the wider area that this change is in motion, and we trust that God's hand is in this process. It is our wish to honour the legacy of all past members who have made Knox the wonderful presence that it has been for over 130 years.

In 2023 we maintained our once-a-month worship schedule, with a summertime break. We met for in-person worship at Knox on January 8th, February 5th, May 7th, June 4th, September 10th, October 1st, November 5th, December 3rd. A variety of lay leaders and Rev. Kathy Kyle offered very engaging worship services, and a time of fellowship is always enjoyed afterwards with coffee and snacks.

March 5th was a joint service at St. Paul's with the Annual Meeting held afterwards. There was no service at Knox in April as we were in a trial process with St. Martin's United Church of Saskatoon to become a hub of "Rural Connect" and the first Sunday of the month was held only at St. Paul's.

Some members attend St. Paul's during the weeks when Knox doesn't meet, when the Rural Connect services mainly take place. Knox is grateful to the M&P Committee and Patty Schachtel, our Administrator, for all the work in setting up the worship leader & Rural Connect schedule, so that our services can happen regularly as planned. The time of our service remains steady at 9:00 am. Music is provided at our services by Emily Gillies or by Judy Pratt, especially

when Jim Pratt is the worship leader. An upright acoustic piano has been installed at the front of the sanctuary and the organ from the Pastachak family completes our musical instruments on site.

Communion was offered during the November 5th service by Rev. Kyle.

There were no baptisms, weddings, funerals or confirmation classes in 2023. The outside maintenance is minimal as the Village very helpfully provides lawn moving and snow clearing services. Indoor maintenance is also at a minimum and gratefully the building's systems continue to function well. The valves on the toilet lines are shut off when the building is not in use.

Remembrance Day 2023 saw a large crowd at the church as North Portal's branch of the Royal Canadian Legion led a beautiful service and laying of the wreath ceremony, plus they made good use of the kitchen in serving a delicious lunch. A nice time of remembering and visiting took place for the 50 or so folks in attendance.

On regular worship Sundays we have between 9-13 parishioners, of the approximately 20 different individuals who attended over the

year. We are grateful for everyone's commitment to the 1st Sunday of the month, and the poster on the door (and at the post office!) helps us remember and attract new attendees.

It is our joy to meet and worship together for as long as we are able, and we commit to work in trust and faith with our brothers and sisters at St. Paul's in Estevan.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Gillies, Chair of the Board
Knox United Church, North Portal SK

Knox United Church Women – North Portal

Financial Statement 2023

Receipts:	Account	Cash
Opening Bank Balance:	\$1573.08	
Cash on Hand		\$170.85
TOTAL:	\$1573.08	\$170.85

Expenditures: NIL Report

Total available: \$1743.93

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Gillies
Treasurer, Knox UCW
January 30, 2024

Moses was leading his people through the desert for 40 years. It seems, even in Biblical times men avoided asking the way.

Knox United Church
North Portal, Saskatchewan
Financial Report December 31, 2023

Income:		Expenditures:	
Received Givings		Bank eTransfer Fees	\$ 13.32
Local	\$ 1,180.00	Emily Gillies - organist	\$ 404.32
Mission & Service	\$ -	Building Repair - MidCity	\$ 394.63
Donations	\$ -	Insurance (Western Fin)	\$ 3,163.04
		St. Paul's International Pulpit Supply	\$ 693.86
Loose Offering	\$ 586.64	Region 4 Presbytery	\$ 439.22
Manse Membership	\$ 5.00	St. Paul's International Office Admin	\$ 278.71
Manse Chequing transfer	\$ 5,836.91	St. Paul's International - 2022 Audit	\$ 41.49
Church Rental		St. Paul's International Conf. Delegate	\$ 62.69
UCW M&S	\$ -	Miscellaneous - printer ink	\$ 69.21
VERMILION Energy Lease	\$ 94.22	Utilities - Sask Energy	\$ 2,380.00
		- Sask Power	\$ 1,048.37
		- Village of NP	\$ -
Total Income 2023	\$ 7,702.77	Total Expenses 2023	\$ 8,988.86

INVESTMENTS

GIC 013 to June 20/23 @2.8%	\$ 25,000.00	FLEX Term 017 to Feb 7/24 @3%	\$ 11,663.64
Interest Jun/23	\$ 700.00		
		GIC 018 to June 20/24 @4.45%	\$ 25,700.00
FLEX Term 015 Nov10/23@2.25%	\$ 11,600.00		
Interest Feb 7/23	\$ 63.64	2-yr GIC 019 to Nov 10/25 @ 5.05%	\$ 15,500.00
GIC 016 Nov 10/23 @ 3.75%	\$ 15,000.00		\$ 52,863.64
Interest Nov 10/23	\$ 562.50		
		Dec 31, 2023 Bank Statement	\$ 9,048.10
	\$ 52,926.14	Less o/s cheques	\$0.00
		Plus o/s deposit	\$ -
Jan 1, 2023 Bal fwd	\$ 10,271.69	Dec 31, 2023 Bank Balance	\$ 9,048.10
	\$ 70,900.60		\$ 70,900.60

Membership account \$ 5.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Co-Treasurers:

Dorothy Fuchs, payments

Vivian Lindblad, receipts/statements

Dorothy Fuchs
Vivian Lindblad

Knox United Church Building Fund			
Financial Statement 2023			
Affinity Credit Union		Chequing:	
Deposits:		Expenses:	
Jan 1, 2023 Bal fwd	\$0.00	Dec 31, 2023 Bank Balance	\$0.00
GIC Nov 27, 2023 @ 3.75	\$ 26,073.28	GIC June 20/24 @ 4.45% (Manse)	\$ 82,240.00
Bank Interest Nov 27/23	\$ 977.75	GIC (Nov 27, 2025@ 5.05%)	\$ 27,051.03
	\$ 27,051.03		\$ 109,291.03

Knox United Church Manse			
Financial Statement 2023			
Affinity Credit Union		Chequing Account	
Deposits:		Expenses:	
GIC 1-yr Term 1(Jun 20/2023 @ 2.8	\$ 80,000.00	GIC Transfer to Building Fund	\$ 82,240.00
Bank Interest June 20/23	\$ 2,240.00	Transfer to Knox Chequing	\$ 5,836.91
	\$ 82,240.00		\$ 88,076.91
Balance Forward Jan 1, 2023	\$ 5,836.91	Balance June 20, 2023	Acc't Closed
	\$ 88,076.91		

Knox United Church Memorial Fund			
Financial Statement 2023			
Affinity Credit Union		Chequing Account	
Deposits:		Expenses:	
Balance Jan 1, 2023	\$ 997.29	Balance Dec 31, 2023	\$ 997.29
Escalator GIC 3 yr Aug 20/21	\$ 16,420.97	GIC 1 yr #004 at 5% - Aug 28/2024	\$17,076.46
Interest Aug 27, 2023	\$ 655.49		
	\$ 17,076.46		
	\$ 18,073.75		\$ 18,073.75

Respectfully Submitted,
 Co-Treasurers:
 Dorothy Fuchs, payments
 Vivian Lindblad, receipts/statements

Dorothy Fuchs

Vivian Lindblad

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Leadership Team

The first three months of 2023 we had pulpit supply with lay ministers, Rev Kathy Kyle or members of our St. Paul's International Pastoral Charge. It was becoming more and more difficult to find pulpit supply with many churches in the SE also being without a minister.

On March 26 we had our first Rural Connect service with St. Martin's United Church of Saskatoon. This is a new way to worship, with St Martin's UC being the hub and we are the satellite (Rosetown also is another satellite). St Martin's prepares the service, and we are interactive with prayers, music or scripture. The first Sunday of the month we have our own pulpit supply, with the remaining three Sundays to worship with St. Martin's via Rural Connect. I would like to thank our congregation for their patience and support with all the changes. In the fall our church services were changed to 10:30 am. At the 2024 Annual Congregational Meeting we will revisit the decisions made to continue with Rural Connect upon the presentation of the Ecumenical Shared Ministry Committee's report.

We continued to have ecumenical shared ministry with St. Giles Anglican and Trinity Lutheran churches. The fifth Sunday in a month is dedicated to a shared church service at one of the three churches. As well we came together to enjoy nine "Messy Churches" and four Men's Breakfasts in 2023. We also shared Easter

week and services with St Giles Anglican and Trinity Lutheran. The feedback has been positive, sharing with our other faith communities to provide Christian outreach and ministries.

Sadly in April, Jason Richards passed away in St. Mary's, Ontario at age 41. Jason's first call to ministry was St. Paul's United Church in 2016. He left in 2019 to minister at St Mary's United Church in St. Mary's Ontario. We gathered on April 28 as St Paul's international family at St Paul's church to watch the livestream memorial service from St. Mary's UC. We will continue to hold Jason's wife Young Seo and son Lincoln in our hearts and prayers.

Because we have no ministry personnel we require a Pastoral Charge Supervisor to attend all Leadership Team meetings. We had a change when our PCS, Susan Reid left in June in a move to Winnipeg. She was replaced by a familiar face Rev. Jordan Cantwell.

Our Leadership team meets virtually every second Wednesday of the month via ZOOM at 7:00 pm Our elected members are Lawrence Burnard, Cheryl Deren, Gail Schlamp, Greg Suchan, Wendy Suchan, and myself, Diane Wrubleski (chairperson). Emily Gillies joins us from Knox United, Don Kindopp is our treasurer and Astrid Friesen our recording secretary. I would like to thank Don and Astrid for the commitment to our Leadership team. Also a thank you to Emily for joining, as communication with Knox and St Paul's is seamless

What did Daniel tell his real estate agent?
"I'd prefer a house with no den."

I am approaching my 4th year on the Leadership Team so that with leave an opening for one new member. I ask you prayerfully consider if this is a way in which you can become involved in the life and work of St Paul's.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge Don Kindopp for all his work in compiling The Messenger. The Messenger is our newsletter to happenings in our church. The Messenger is emailed, found on St Paul's website, as well as printed copies left at church you wish a hard copy.

Thanks Don!

Respectfully submitted by,
Diane Wrubleski, Chairperson

MISSION & OUTREACH

Meals on Wheels

St. Paul's congregation was able to assist with delivering meals on wheels once again this spring. Wade Wrubleski was the conveyor for this program and we were able to assist in deliveries for the month of May. Thank you to everyone that volunteered their time.

Warm Welcome

The Warm Welcome Kitchen provided dinners from February to the end of April and October through December of 2023. Meals were served on Tuesdays at St. Giles Anglican Church and Thursdays at Trinity Lutheran church. A average of 40 people were served each night. St. Paul's was able to donate \$500 to this worth while service.

Christmas Hampers, Angel Tree and Toy Store

The congregation of St. Paul's generously donated \$2,525.00 to the Christmas Hamper project. There were 297 hampers supplied to deserving families.

On December 9 2023, our congregation manned the Angel Tree. Gifts from the

Angel Tree were provided to the Toy Store. These gifts were provided to 420 children.

Thank you to St. Paul's congregation for generously donating your time, talent and treasure.

Respectfully submitted by,
Sandi Klatt

Ecumenical Shared Ministry Committee

Since the 2023 Annual General Meeting, Sandi Klatt, Jim Pratt and Cheryl Deren have been representing St. Paul's at the Ecumenical Shared Ministry Committee meetings. They have been joined by ministry personnel and lay representatives from Trinity Lutheran Church and St. Giles Anglican Church. During this time, our congregations have been working together at some Men's Breakfasts and Messy Church, as well as worshipping together on the 5th Sundays of the month. The committee has been meeting monthly and working towards a recommendation concerning the future of our three congregations. A recommendation will be presented at each of the churches' 2024 Annual General Meetings. It is important that we have as many people as possible there on March 10 to hear, and to vote on, the recommendation.

Respectfully submitted by
Cheryl Deren.

Property

Over the past year there was just minor updates to the building such as some repairs to the auditorium roof and entrance. As an upgrade, new LED lightbulbs were ordered for the sanctuary to be fully replaced and should be completed in 2024.

Greg Suchan

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Children's Ministry

Due to very limited attendance, Sunday School was not offered again this year. We look forward to a time once again where children's attendance is high and we can begin Sunday School teachings using our newly purchased curriculum, The Spark Lectionary. This is a three-year curriculum that corresponds with the Revised Common Lectionary.

House Groups

First of all, I would like to thank everyone for your dedicated help with our Sunday services. Over the past few years, Sunday worship duties have changed. The handbook for the various responsibilities has been updated to reflect these changes. We now have two main focus groups. Those are Greeters and Sunday Readers. The revised handbook for Sunday Services can be found in the podium in the Narthex. It is a handy reference guide for assorted possible requirements of House Groups or Readers.

All the work the House Group members have been doing, to ensure that the life of our church continues, is very much appreciated. Unfortunately, the pool of people in House Groups that can be called upon to assist on Sundays is continually shrinking. Anyone who would like to help but is not on a House Group please call the church office. Most Sundays, House Group Greeters open the church, greet congregants, present the offering and close the church. On special occasions there could be additional requirements. Patty, our Office Administrator, notifies the House Group leaders a couple of weeks prior to the month that their particular House Group duties begin.

Since joining Rural Connect Sunday Services, we now require a Sunday Reader. Their role might include such things as: scripture reading, prayers, and introducing hymns. The Reader is only required to read scripts prepared by the minister at St. Martin's United Church in Saskatoon. A Sunday Reader can choose to read as much or as little as they feel comfortable with. Rosetown United Church has joined Rural Connect and a member from their church also takes part in the Rural Connect Service. Patty calls from a list of 10 people, who have volunteered to read. We are grateful for their help. However, because this list is so small, it makes it difficult to fill the spots for Sunday Readers. If anyone would be willing to read a selection during Sunday services, please let the Office know. More hands make less work.

Instructions for the operation of Rural Connect equipment is provided, at the front of the church, by the audio/sound apparatus. There is also a copy in the Sunday Handbook. A contact number for St. Martin's United Church is also provided. A list of those able to set up the Rural Connect system, for the services, is also provided by the system and in the Sunday Handbook. The system is easy to run and anyone wishing to have someone show them the procedure can call Don Kindopp.

Respectfully, Wendy Suchan

The best mathematical equation I
have ever seen:
 $1 \text{ cross} + 3 \text{ nails} = 4 \text{ given.}$

FUNDRAISING

Auditorium Sale

We held a small scale auditorium sale early in the spring with a surprising number of eager, happy shoppers who were very satisfied with the bargains they found. Thanks to the donations from the Gallaway/ Matchett families which made the sale happen.

During late spring and early summer we begged for rhubarb, apples and saskatoons and made desserts to store in the church freezers to be sold at our Christmas Bazaar which was held mid November. We did have a few samples find their way to customers at the fair booth in July.

Christmas Bazaar

The Christmas Bazaar was a great success over three days. Besides the frozen desserts, we have our usual dutch and silent auctions, soup and sandwich lunch, bake sale and added a clothing sale. Our sale items were so numerous that we expanded to room 102.

I would like to thank everyone who helped in any way with all these projects over the last many years and believe me, there are many, many who did. We could not have done it without you! Pat Sanderson and I are officially retiring and I hope that there will be individuals or groups willing to step in and carry on with their own fundraising ideas.

Lynn Kindopp

Fair Booth

The Estevan Fair and Rodeo was held on June 8th -11th. The fair booth was open daily during the four day event. We profited \$5,156.48. It was felt profits were down from previous years due to the increased number of food vendors at the fair.

The new decking in the front and rear of the booth improved the appearance and safety of the building. Thank you to Roland and Audrey Quaife for their donation for this.

A big thank you to all those volunteers who continue to make this fundraiser a great success!

Wade Wrubleski

Trustees

The trustees appointed at the Annual Congregational Meeting continue to oversee the insurance needs of St. Paul's United Church and the fair booth building on the Estevan Exhibition grounds. The trustees also acknowledge, with notes of thanks, all donations received in memory of deceased members.

We have coverage with UCC Protect United insurance. Unfortunately our insurance has risen to \$11,000 a year but our coverage is needed and adequate. Present Trustees are Dennis Bode, Diane Wrubleski and Paul Deren.

Reported on behalf of Committee:
Diane Wrubleski

“Honk If You Love Jesus
Text While Driving If You Want to Meet Him”
— [Stonebridge Baptist Church](#)

United Church Women

The U.C.W. continues to serve for funeral lunches and in 2023 we served eleven lunches. We are not yet meeting on a regular basis at this time.

Unfortunately, due to the increased costs and lack of interest in purchasing the the United Church Calendars, it was decided not to forward with an order for 2024.

This is such an important organization and this time of fellowship working together is appreciated by loved one’s families. We thank all those who help at these times!

Respectfully submitted by,
Pat Saccary, St. Paul’s United Church Women

U.C.W. Treasurer’s Report – January 24, 2024

Term Deposit		<u>\$15,294.17</u>
Opening Balance		\$3,094.18
<u>Banquets & Funeral Lunches</u>		
Income	\$5,952.35	
Expenses	\$5,343.00	\$609.35
<u>Literature</u>		
Income	\$120.00	
Expenses	\$0.00	\$120.00
		<u>\$3,823.53</u>
Opening Balance & Income	\$3,118.18	
<u>Donations & Expenses</u>		
Administration	\$12.00	<u>\$12.00</u>
Balance in Current Account - January 24, 2024		<u>\$3,811.53</u>

Submitted by
Pat Saccary
UCW Treasurer

Ministry & Personnel Committee

Annual reviews for the staff members of SPIPC, Patty Schachtel and Dave Seipp, took place in December. Both Patty and Dave continue to be effective in their roles. We are blessed to have such dedicated and conscientious staff.

Dave, as Custodian, works 30 hours each week with regular hours of 8am-noon plus additional custodial duties that occur at random times such as for snow removal or locking/ unlocking the building for rentals. Dave is also on call for emergencies and unexpected events.

Patty, our Office Administrator, requested and was granted a 4-day work week with each Friday off. She handles her responsibilities as the main coordinator of all in-coming and out-going church-related communication and building rentals with great efficiency, competence, and kindness.

Patty and Dave will each receive a 6.3% salary increase in 2024, which is based on the United Church’s recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,
The Personnel Committee
Emily Gillies & Jim Pratt



Messy Church
Atara Aye and Roda David Sein

STATISTICS OF ST. PAUL'S

Received by Profession of Faith:	
under age 18	0
adults	0
Reaffirmation of Faith:	0
Re-instated:	0
Transferred in:	0
Removed by Death:	7
Removed by Transfer:	0
In 2022 there were:	
Baptisms:	
under 12 years	5
Adult	0
Funerals	11
Marriages	1

Baptisms in 2023

	<u>Date of Baptism</u>
Sutton Merkle	January 2, 2023
Ryah Monteyne	November 5, 2023
Maddox Doerr	November 5, 2023
Grayson Schepens	November 5, 2023
Rylee Delmaire	November 5, 2023

Funerals in 2023

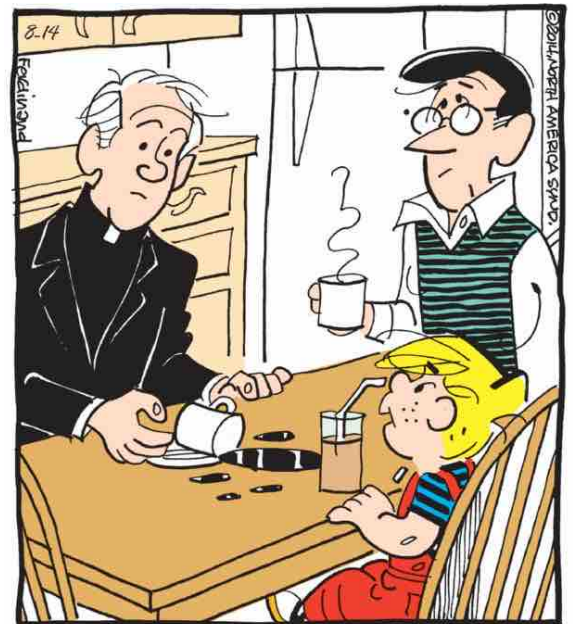
	<u>Date of Death</u>
D.Elaine Groshong	February 9, 2023
Mary Antonenko	February 20, 2023
Arlette Avery	April 21, 2023
Vernon McLean	May 2, 2023
Leo Saccary	June 2, 2023
Margaret Anton	February 10, 2023
Alvin Griffin	July 25, 2023
Dustin Tendler	October 1, 2023
Gary McKechney	October 9, 2023
Mary Becker	November 24, 2023
Sylvia Harris	December 14, 2023

Marriages in 2022

	<u>Date of Marriage</u>
Mark Moriarty and Leah Pool	July 8, 2023



Spring Chicks
Adored by children



"DID YOUR CUP RUNNETH OR SPILLETH OVER, REVEREND LLOYD?"

St. Paul's General Fund Income/Expense Statement for 2023 and Budget 2024

Line #		Actual 2022	Actual 2023	Budget 2023	Budget 2024
1	INCOME				
2	Givings				
3	Local	92,770.45	110,747.64	110,000	110,000
4	M & S	6,818.00	7,060.00	16,000	16,000
5	Refugee Trust	300.00	0.00	300	0
6	Total Givings	99,888.45	117,807.64	126,300	126,000
7	Other Income				
8	Auditorium Sale	9,353.30	10,916.45	0	0
9	Fair Booth	14,398.50	10,939.85	7,000	7,000
10	Fundraisers	2,886.64	35.00	2,000	2,000
11	GST Rebate	534.71	714.85	700	700
12	Miscellaneous	651.56	88.60	1,200	700
13	Open Offering	457.00	909.00	700	700
14	Pastoral Charge	4,164.00	3,362.00	3,362	3,333
15	Rental Income	9,745.00	13,421.00	10,000	10,000
16	United Church Foundato	0.00	24,928.89	0	0
17	Total Other Income	42,190.71	65,315.64	24,962	24,433
18	Total Givings & Other Inco	142,079.16	183,123.28	151,262	150,433
19	Trust Funds & Appeals				
20	Special Appeals	6,005.00	2,380.00		
21	Trust Fund Transfers	1,835.76	1,480.60		
22		=====	=====	=====	=====
23	TOTAL INCOME	149,919.92	186,983.88	151,262	150,433
24	EXPENSES				
25	Mission				
26	Administration	5,203.48	4,574.82	5,700	4,900
27	Children & Youth	199.48	332.23	1,650	1,650
28	Congregational Life	744.79	1,192.67	2,700	1,825
29	Ministry & Personnel	94,303.10	61,677.44	96,638	101,215
30	Outreach	21,315.00	20,275.00	18,250	18,250
31	Property	28,818.43	30,131.65	29,250	29,050
32	Shared Pastoral Charge	16,551.03	16,774.27	14,866	15,524
33	Trustees	9,226.40	11,707.43	8,378	11,026
34	Total Mission	176,361.71	146,665.51	177,432	183,441
35	Other Expenses				
36	Benevolent T/F	500.00	1,000.00		
37	CEBA Loan	0.00	40,000.00		
38	Fundraiser Expenses	6,508.19	5,811.03		
39	Total Other	7,008.19	46,811.03		
40	Transfers to Trust Funds				
41	Elliott T/F	1,335.76	480.60		
42	Memorial T/F	1,790.00	255.00		
43	Refugee T/F	300.00	100.00		
44	Total Transfer to TF	3,425.76	835.60		
45		=====	=====	=====	=====
46	TOTAL EXPENSES	186,795.66	194,312.14	177,432	183,441
47	INCOME OVER EXPENSES	-36,875.74	-7,328.26	-26,170	-33,008

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Line #		Actual 2022	Actual 2023	Budget 2023	Budget 2024
48					
49	OPERATING ACCOUNT RECONCILIATION				
50	BANK BALANCE JAN 1	74,678.58	37,802.84		
51	Operating Balance	-36,875.74	-7,328.26		
52	BANK BALANCE DEC 31	37,802.84	30,474.58		
53					
54	DETAILS OF EXPENDITURES				
55	Administration				
56	Bank Charges	95.50	94.00	150	100
57	Envelopes	407.03	413.68	300	300
58	Miscellaneous	1,531.78	794.32	1,000	1,000
59	Payroll Service Charge	324.44	405.91	300	300
60	Photocopier	2,487.58	2,621.23	3,000	2,700
61	Postage	193.20	96.60	450	200
62	Stationery Supplies	163.95	149.08	500	300
63		5,203.48	4,574.82	5,700	4,900
64	Children & Youth				
65	Curriculum	0.00	0.00	150	150
66	Equipment	0.00	0.00	200	200
67	Nursery	0.00	0.00	75	75
68	SS Support	0.00	0.00	75	75
69	Supplies	0.00	0.00	150	150
71	Youth Groups	199.48	332.23	1,000	1,000
72		199.48	332.23	1,650	1,650
73	Congregational Life				
75	Confirmation	0.00	0.00	100	100
76	Devotional Materials	183.52	227.66	250	250
77	House Groups	0.00	0.00	150	150
78	Kitchen Supplies	0.00	211.96	150	150
79	Music Licences	157.00	165.00	250	175
80	Pastoral Care	0.00	0.00	100	100
81	Piano/Organ Mntce	183.15	0.00	500	300
82	Publicity	157.50	444.15	500	300
83	Stewardship	0.00	0.00	200	0
84	Supplies - General	63.62	143.90	500	300
85		744.79	1,192.67	2,700	1,825

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Line #		Actual 2022	Actual 2023	Budget 2023	Budget 2024
86	Ministry & Personnel				
87	Personnel Salary				
88	Ministry Team	20,158.10	0.00	28,906	30,607
89	Support Staff	52,236.20	47,904.13	44,727	45,579
90	Travel Allowance				
91	Ministry Team	220.02	0.00	963	959
92	Support Staff	798.84	798.84	798	400
93	Professional Development				
94	Ministry Team	295.32	0.00	708	749
95	Phone Reimbursement				
96	Ministry Team	373.28	0.00	495	493
97	Honararia	2,327.75	1,235.00	1,000	1,250
98	Personnel Benefits				
99	Ministry Team	5,205.44	0.00	8,241	8,677
100	Support Staff	12,688.15	11,739.47	10,800	12,500
101		94,303.10	61,677.44	96,638	101,215
102	Outreach				
103	Local Outreach	0.00	1,000.00	1,000	1,000
104	Mission & Service Fund	16,000.00	16,000.00	16,000	16,000
105	St. Andrew's College	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250	1,250
106	White Gift	4,065.00	2,025.00	0	0
107		21,315.00	20,275.00	18,250	18,250
108	Property				
109	Capital Reserve	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000	5,000
110	Equipment	553.73	22.19	700	500
111	Fair Booth Repairs	197.63	1,156.54	350	350
112	Maintenance & Repair	4,979.54	5,283.79	5,000	5,000
113	Telephone - Church	2,162.10	2,675.19	2,200	2,200
114	Utilities - Church	15,925.43	15,993.94	16,000	16,000
115		28,818.43	30,131.65	29,250	29,050
116	Shared Pastoral Charge				
117	Audit	477.34	458.09	504	502
118	Bank Charges	0.00	0.00	0	46
119	Conference Delegate	0.00	693.47	1,376	1,370
120	Miscellaneous	138.48	6.44	275	183
121	Office Administrator	3,730.53	3,083.29	3,083	3,045
122	Pastoral Relations	176.31	0.00	0	0
123	Payroll Expense	45.38	0.00	183	91
124	Pulpit Supply	5,769.92	7,674.20	4,586	5,481
125	Regional Assessment	6,213.07	4,858.78	4,859	4,806
126		16,551.03	16,774.27	14,866	15,524
127	Trustees				
128	Insurance	9,226.40	11,707.43	8,378	11,026
129		9,226.40	11,707.43	8,378	11,026

St. Paul's Trust Funds – 2023

TRUST FUNDS						
137	Benevolent Fund					
138	Balance Jan 1/23	5,978.32				
139	Receipts	0.00	Expenses	Benevolence		1,000.00
140	White Gift					
141	Interest	178.98	Balance Dec 31/23			5,157.30
142		-----				-----
143		6,157.30				6,157.30
144	Bequest Fund					
145	Balance Jan 1/23	108,141.71				
146	Receipts		Expenses			0.00
147	Interest	3,237.58				
148			Balance Dec 31/23			111,379.28
149		-----				-----
150		111,379.28				111,379.28
151	Capital Fund					
152	Balance Jan 1/23	11,076.82				
153	Receipts	0.00	Expenses			0.00
154	Capital Reserve	5,000.00				
155	Interest	331.62	Balance Dec 31/23			16,408.44
156		-----				-----
157		16,408.44				16,408.44
158	Elliott Fund					
159	Balance Jan 1/23	12,635.90				
160	Receipts	480.60	Expenses			0.00
161	Interest	378.30				
162			Balance Dec 31/23			13,494.80
163		-----				-----
164		13,494.80				13,494.80
165	Memorial Fund					
166	Balance Jan 1/23	16,535.30				
167	Receipts	255.00	Expenses			0.00
168	Interest	495.04				
169			Balance Dec 31/23			17,285.33
170		-----				-----
171		17,285.33				17,285.33
172	Refugee Fund					
173	Balance Jan 1/23	7,622.16				
174	Receipts	100.00	Expenses			0.00
175	Interest	228.19				
176			Balance Dec 31/23			7,950.35
177		-----				-----
178		7,950.35				7,950.35
179	Senior Choir					
180	Balance Jan 1/23	288.08				
181	Receipts	0.00	Expenses			0.00
182	Interest	8.62				
183			Balance Dec 31/23			296.71
184		-----				-----
185		296.71				296.71
186	Youth					
187	Balance Jan 1/23	5,097.46				
188	Receipts	0.00	Expenses			0.00
189	Fundraising	0.00				
190	Interest	152.61				
191			Balance Dec 31/23			5,250.06
192		-----				-----
193		5,250.06				5,250.06
194						
195	TOTAL TRUSTS	177,222.27				

St. Paul's Investment Trust Funds 2023

DR. A.E. ELLIOTT EDUCATIONAL FUND INVESTMENTS

11-Jan-19	Spectra Financial (B2B Bank)	17-Jan-24	4,000.00	3.05
3-Aug-23	Affinity Credit Union	3-Aug-24	3,605.00	3.70
21-Jul-23	Affinity Credit Union	21-Jul-24	7,706.25	3.70
Total			15,311.25	

Interest from Dr. A.E. Elliott Investments to be credited to the Dr. A.E. Elliott Trust Fund.

REFUGEE TRUST FUND

6-Nov-19	Affinity Credit Union		53,385.00	
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We hold these funds in trust as a Constituent Group for the refugee family of Letina Kahsay in accordance with the November 8, 2019 Memorandum of Understanding with Letina Kahsay and the August 31, 2021 Memorandum of Understanding with Letina Kahsay.

A Note on Investment and Trust Funds:

St. Paul's Investment and Trust Funds are distinct amounts of monies accounted for in a separate bank account. Trust monies may not be used for the general day to day operating expenses of the church.

Monies from certain trusts such as the Capital and Benevolent funds must be spent for those purposes. Expenditures of Memorial funds are considered by the Trustee Committee and the approval of the congregation.

Monies in the Bequest Fund are those monies left to St. Paul's by an estate and have no stipulation as how they must be used. Expenditures from this fund are done upon the approval of the congregation.

St. Paul's congregation has approved the use of Bequest funds, on an annual basis, to cover any deficit and accumulated debt of the General Operating Fund.

Lost & Found

Says one humorist: "Life is unfair. I lost my car keys at a ball game and never found them. I lost my sunglasses at the beach and never found them. I lost my socks in the washing machine and never found them. I lost three pounds on a diet — I found them and five more."