



## “Pastoral Care” without a “pastor” equals “al[!] Care”

Pastoral care is perhaps the one thing that people most associate with the local church ministry. Expressing care and concern for one another, especially in practical ways has been part of the Christian faith since it first began.

The gospel of John quotes Jesus as saying “By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:35. Traditionally the minister has been seen to primarily fulfill this pastoral role as part of their duties. In fact the word “pastor” - which is derived from the Latin word for “shepherd” - is often used interchangeably for the role of minister.

Pastoral care may involve:

- Sustaining others through prolonged difficulty or immediate need
- Enabling a persons journey of healing and wholeness
- Supporting someone through the process of reconciliation with God, self and others
- Bringing different perspectives

Churches of all denominations are increasingly developing an ‘every member ministry’ model of pastoral care where church members are encouraged to care for one another through small groups and the organic development of Christian friendship.

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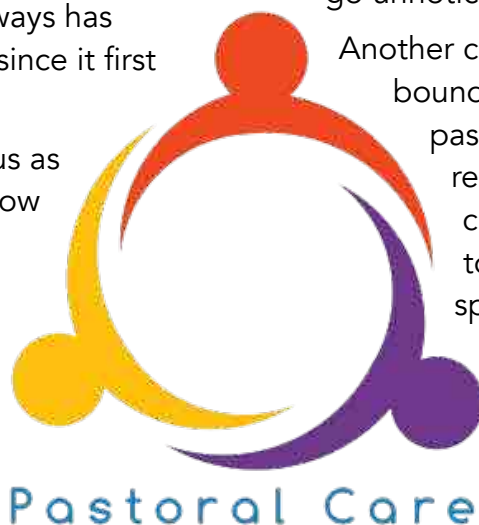
This is an appropriate model which works well much of the time. However, problems can arise when people fall through the gaps because they are not in small groups or especially in larger churches, where they may go unnoticed.

Another challenge can be the blurring of boundaries between friendship and pastoral care. People do not always recognize when others have more complex pastoral needs and fail to refer them to those who have specialist skills.

Rev. Jordan Cantwell has indicated her willingness to be contacted by members of our church family who require pastoral care. Jordan can be

reached at [jordan@stmartinsuc.com](mailto:jordan@stmartinsuc.com) or 1 (306) 713-2434.

The Venerable Wilma Woods at St. Giles or Pastor Sharon Kane at Trinity Lutheran can be contacted for emergency pastoral care.



**Mission Statement:** *St. Paul's United is a prairie-rooted, people church, centered on Holy Mystery. We experience the gift of grace – forgiveness, new life, God's unconditional love – as we open our doors and hearts to people of all ages, stages and walks of life. We live as a community of faith carried on the winds of God's Spirit.*

Office: 306-634-2885

## Baptism

Anyone seeking baptism for themselves, their children or grandchildren is asked to contact the office.

## Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Children, ages 5 to 11, are invited to attend VBS being held from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon from August 8 - 11, 2023 at Trinity Lutheran Church. The theme of this year's VBS is "**Hero Hotline.**"



Call the church, (306) 634-5684, between 9 am and 1 pm to register. Please register by August 1, 2023. The event is free.

## Stay in Touch

Important and timely information often needs to be shared with our church family. We use a variety of methods:

- Email
- Facebook page
- Our website
- The Messenger
- Post mail
- Phone contact



Thank you for sharing your email address with us!

If you have changed your phone number or address, please let us know so we can keep our contact information up-to-date.

## Have a favourite hymn or a suggestion?

If you have a favourite hymn that you would like to have sung during worship, please write it down on a suggestion card and place in the suggestion box in the Narthex. The same for any suggestion you may have to make worship more meaningful for you.

## Birthdays

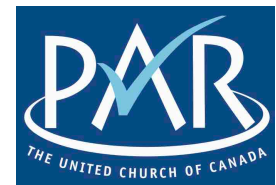
August Birthdays – are you celebrating a birthday this month? Please let us know by signing the birthday board in the Narthex.



## What Is PAR?

You can ensure that your community of faith and those who are helped through Mission & Service can count on your support by giving monthly through Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR). Through an automatic monthly withdrawal from your bank account, PAR allows you to give to what matters to you most.

Sometimes life's agenda takes over our best-laid plans. With PAR, you don't have to worry about writing a cheque or forgetting to donate because life has



thrown you a curveball. By signing up for PAR, you make a clear statement of what is important to you. You also give the recipients of your gift the peace of mind that comes with knowing your help is stable and reliable.

It's really easy.

Complete the PAR Authorization Form and give it to your local treasurer. You can indicate on the form how much your gift to your community of faith will be, and how much you would like to give to transform and save lives, inspire meaning and purpose, and build a better world through Mission & Service.

A dependable flow of contributions helps keep the church, and most importantly the good work the church does, on financially stable ground.

Thank you for your gift!

### **Financial Matter\$**

January 1, 2023 — June 30, 2023

Income: \$73,589.71

Expenses: \$78,259.98

Surplus (Deficit): \$(4,670.27)

### **Special Music**

If you are able to provide special music for our worship services, please contact the office. Solo, duet, small ensemble — whatever you may be part of would be appreciated.



### **House Groups**

House Groups are not assigned for July and August. If you can volunteer to be a greeter and be at church early and open up the building, please let the office know or sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

Worship Service Leaders (WSL) involved with Rural Connect are assigned by the office from a list of volunteers or from the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. The WSL participates, where agreed to, in the service and lights the Christ Candle.

### **Leadership within St. Paul's for 2023:**

#### Leadership Team

Diane Wrubleski - Chairperson

Lawrence Burnard

Cheryl Deren

Jordan Cantwell - Regional Rep

Gail Schlamp

Greg Suchan

Wendy Suchan

\*Astrid Friesen - Recording Steward

\*Don Kindopp - Treasurer

\* — non-voting member

#### Ministry & Personnel Committee

Emily Gillies

Jim Pratt

Sharilee Schnell

#### Trustees

Dennis Bode

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Ecumenical Shared Ministry Committee

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Sandi Klatt

Jim Pratt

### **KAIROS Blanket Exercise**

Developed in collaboration with Indigenous Elders, Knowledge Keepers and educators, the KAIROS Blanket Exercise (KBE) is an interactive and experiential teaching tool that explores the historic and contemporary relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in the land we now know as Canada.



During this 2 to 3-hour workshop, participants step on blankets representing the land and into the role of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. They are guided by trained facilitators, including Indigenous Elders and Knowledge Keepers, who work from a script that covers pre-contact, treaty-making, colonization, resistance and

much more. Participants read scrolls and respond to cues in the script. The KBE concludes with a debriefing, conducted as a talking circle, during which participants discuss the learning experience, process their feelings, ask questions, share insights, and deepen their understanding.

### **Upcoming Events**

- *Month of July, 2023* — **Rural Connect Worship Services @10:00 am.**
- *July 30, 2023* — **Ecumenical Shared Service** — St. Paul's @10:00am. **Coffee and fellowship @ 9:30am.** Brass Quartet providing special music.
- *Month of August, 2023* — **Rural Connect Worship Services @10:00 am.** Rachael and Audrey Andrist will be pianists on August 20 and 27 and provide us with special music.
- August 8-11, 2023 — **Vacation Bible School** for ages 5 to 11 at Trinity Lutheran Church from 9:00am to 12:00 noon.
- *September 10, 2023* — **Worship Services. 9:00 am at Knox and time TBD at St. Pauls.**
- *September 30, 2023* — **KAIROS Blanket Exercise** at St. Paul's Auditorium. More information at a later date. Sponsored by St. Giles Anglican Church.



Children ages 5 — 11

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**HOTLINE**

**Called Together  
to Serve God!**



Register at (306) 634-5684  
by August 1, 2023

**It's time for**

**WBS!**

Trinity Lutheran Church

Free