



THE Messenger

February Edition, 2023

Happy Valentines's Day



I John 4:19

"We love
because He
first loved
us."

Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting for St. Paul's has been set for Sunday, March 5, 2023 @12:30 in the Auditorium. This is an important meeting and all members of our church family are encouraged to attend. You will find an agenda posted on our website and in the Annual Report.

Annual Reports

Yes, it is that time of the year already! If you are responsible for submitting a report for St. Paul's International Pastoral Charge Annual Report it should be given to Patty in the church office by January 30th or before if possible.

Ecumenical Shared Ministry

A motion will be presented at our Annual Congregational Meeting to appoint three (3) members to a joint Ecumenical Shared Ministry Committee (ESMC). The purpose of the ESMC is to develop a proposal for an ecumenical shared ministry involving the faith communities of St. Giles Anglican Church, St. Paul's United Church, and Trinity Lutheran Church. The proposal is to be presented to the faith communities of the three churches for study and discernment periodically during the year at Leadership Team meetings and at our next annual meetings (2024).



Apple Crisp

Apple crisp and mini-apple pies are still available for sale. Contact the office to pick up yours.

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.

Birthdays



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

Giving Envelopes

Giving Envelopes for 2023 are available for pick up in the Narthex. If you haven't done so, please pick up your 2023 envelopes and those of a family member or neighbour. Your assistance is much appreciated.

White Gift - Christmas Hampers

St. Paul's family generously donated over \$4,065 this year to meet this vital need.

Messy Church III

Messy Church III is being held Sunday, January 29, 2023 at Trinity Lutheran Church from 4 – 6pm. The previous two gatherings have been well attended and a lot of fun! Everyone is invited to this event. Family attendance is encouraged.



Community of Faith (CoF) Profile

The Leadership Team has started the process of completing our *Community of Faith Profile*.

The regional council uses this profile as part of their oversight of the community of faith and as part of a self-assessment. Completing a profile can help to articulate your community's beliefs, ministry needs, and financial realities. This is who we are, and these are the resources we have.

Members of the CoF Profile committee are Sharilee Schnell, Lori Holden, Emily Gillies and Cheryl Deren.

House Groups

The House Groups have been re-visited. House Groups are assigned responsibilities for a month. House Group leaders are responsible to get greeters. Greeters are asked:

- to get a key from the office ahead of their Sunday;
- unlock the doors of the church;
- greet the worshippers;
- bring offering forward during the service;
- ensure candles are out and lights turned off;
- lock the doors after service; and
- drop the key in the brown mailbox outside the front door.

Scripture readers are assigned by the office from a list of volunteers. As part of their duties the readers are asked to light the Christ Candle.

February's hosting House group will be "The Saints."

Have you time?

The Leadership Team and the Ministry/Personnel Committee have vacancies. Your service in filling one of these is essential. Contact Diane Wrubleski if you have an interest in these areas. Your input and presence would be of great value and appreciated.

Financial Matter\$

January 1, 2022
— December 31,
2022

Income:
\$149,919.92

Expenses:
\$186,795.66

Surplus (Deficit): \$(36,875.74)



Men's Breakfast

A second men's breakfast is planned for January 22, 2023 at 8:00 am. The breakfast will be hosted by St. Giles Anglican Church.

Organists/Pianists Required

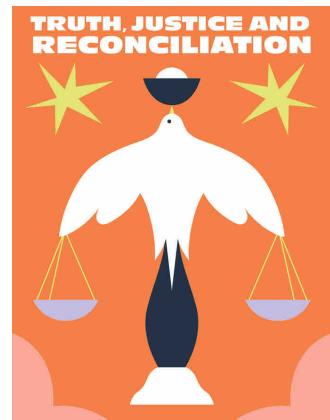
St. Paul's is looking for itinerant organists and pianists to provide Sunday Worship music. Anyone interested is asked to contact the church office.

Upcoming Events

- January 22, 2023 — **Men's Breakfast** @8:00 am at St. Giles Anglican Church.
- January 22, 2023 — **Worship Service and Baptism** led by Rev. Kathy Kyle @11:00.
- January 29, 2023 — **Ecumenical Worship Service** @10:00 am at St. Giles Anglican church. No worship service at St. Paul's.
- January 29, 2023 — **Messy Church III** @4-6 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church.
- February 8, 2023 — virtual **Leadership Team Meeting** @7:00 pm
- March 5 2023 — **Annual Congregational Meeting**. More details later.

Traditional Land Recognition

Why Acknowledge the Traditional Territory? Acknowledging the territory where we gather and the people who have traditionally called it home for thousands of years is a way to continue to live out the church's Apologies to the First Peoples of North America. The acknowledgement supports our calls to others to pay respect to Indigenous



peoples. It is also one way the church can work toward right relations—by repudiating the Doctrine of Discovery that assumed the land was empty when European explorers, traders, and settlers first came.



In order to promote mutual respect, peace, and friendship, the 40th General Council 2009 encouraged the recognition of Traditional Territory of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples at the gatherings of the courts and

pastoral charges of The United Church of Canada.

The Upper Room

The Upper Room is available. You will find copies in the Narthex.

UCC Protect

On December 1, 2022, The United Church of Canada launched an insurance program, UCC Protect, aimed at providing United Church ministries with more affordable and accessible property and liability insurance coverage.

UCC Protect United insurance offers coverage to address the unique needs of congregations and incorporated ministries

such as camps, seniors' homes, and education centres.

- **Third Party Event Liability:** Coverage for groups and individuals holding meetings, events, or parties on the premises of churches/camps/outreach ministries.
- **Commercial General Liability:** Coverage for personal injury, property damage, advertising, and tenants' legal liability; includes abuse, harassment, and counselling coverage.
- **Umbrella Liability:** Provides increased liability limits above the Commercial General Liability coverage.
- **Crime:** Coverage for employee dishonesty, loss of money, counterfeit currency, and cheque and credit card forgery.
- **Equipment Breakdown:** Coverage for sudden and accidental breakdown of boilers, pressure vessels, air conditioning units, heat pumps, wiring, etc.
- **Property and Business Interruption:** Coverage of all risks of direct loss or damage of property of every description, subject to exclusions. Gross earnings and payroll coverage is optional.
- **Directors' and Officers' Liability:** Protects directors and officers—including employees, trustees, volunteers, or committee members and any other person acting on behalf of the church or at the direction of an officer or board of directors of the church—for their personal liability arising out of actual or alleged negligence, errors, misstatements, or breach of duty in their oversight responsibilities.