



THE Messenger

May Edition, 2023

Month of May

May is known as a month of transition. If you live in the northern hemisphere, the cold north winds are gone, and the rains of early spring.

By the time May comes around, the spring flowers are blooming, birds are chirping, and life is starting to seem a little more joyful day by day!



If you're on the other side of the world, in the southern hemisphere, then it's a time when summer is long gone. The fall winds have swept by, and the nights are getting colder and darker.

May is a time of change, no matter where in the world you are.

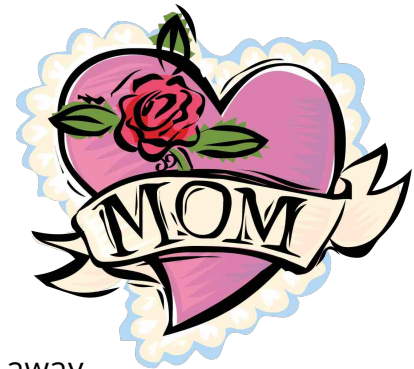
Erna Pullam

We are saddened by the passing of Erna Pullam on April 11, 2023 at the age of 91. A celebration of Erna's life will take place on May 6, 2023, at Minto United Church Auditorium at 2:00 pm in Moose Jaw, SK.

Mother's Day - May 14

Mother, Mamma, Mommy, or just plain Mom or Mum are just some names for the woman in your life that will help raise you and love you unconditionally forever and always. A mother endures the good, the bad and the ugly from their children and always hands out hugs and kisses. They are the rock and the support throughout the good and bad times in your life.

A mommy will always hold you near and dear while wiping away your tears. A Mamma will kiss your owies and make you smile. A mother will try and take all your pain and sorrow away and make them hers.



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.*

Rural Connect

We had the opportunity to experience worship twice using a new technology referred to as Rural Connect.

Our host church, called the HUB, was St. Martin's UC in Saskatoon.



Through this technology St. Paul's was able to participate in the worship service as well as be part of the service.

Congregational Meeting

Congregational meetings of St. Paul's International Pastoral Charge is being called following worship services in North Portal and Estevan on Sunday, May 7, 2023. The purpose of the meetings is to discern the immediate and future directions for our pastoral charge. Please mark this important meeting on your calendar.

Connecting with You



Sharing information with our church family is vital. This is done in a variety of ways. It is announced during worship services and printed in the Order of Worship. It is shared in

our monthly Messenger. It is posted on our Facebook page. Email is sent out. The information is posted on our website.

Seldom is the information printed, addressed and mailed out as the time lapse between mailing and receiving can be several days and at great expense. Often word of mouth is used to share information.

We appreciate the technology available to us to connect with our church family quickly and efficiently. Thank you for sharing your email address with us!

Living Skies Regional Gathering

An in-person Regional Meeting will be gathering in Prince Albert from Thursday, May 25 to Sunday, May 28, 2023. Don Kindopp is our pastoral charge representative. If you are interested in being a representative, contact the church office. Our meeting is hosted by Calvary United Church.

The theme of the meeting is "Discerning a Good Path Together"

Messy Church VI

Messy Church VI is planned for April 30, 2023 @4:00-6:00 pm at St. Paul's UC.

Everyone is invited to these events.

Family attendance is encouraged.



If you would like to assist in planning or help in participating in this activity, contact the office.

Birthdays

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



What Is PAR?

With Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR), financial gifts are given by an automatic monthly debit from your bank account. PAR is convenient for Mission & Service, your community of faith, or your organization. Contact the office to sign up to PAR.



Financial Matter\$

January 1, 2023 — March 31, 2023

Income:	\$27,465.86
Expenses:	<u>\$37,335.27</u>
Surplus (Deficit):	\$(9,869.41)

Living Skies Region Archives Update

Since the 1980s, the Saskatchewan Conference Archives, now Living Skies Regional Council Archives, has enjoyed a beneficial and positive partnership with the Provincial Archives of Saskatchewan (PAS). This allowed us to lease storage space for our archival records at the PAS's excellent storage facility. Additionally, for the last decade or so, the Region's wonderful half-time Archivist, Madeleine

Mcluhan-Myers, is a full-time employee of the PAS who we were able to "lease" for 17.5 hours per week. Unfortunately, the PAS has decided to end this arrangement. As of April 1, 2023, Madeleine will no longer be our Regional Archivist, and as of April 1, 2025, we will no longer be able to store our records at PAS. Our staff and the PAS are working together to make this as smooth a transition as possible.

As we enter this time of transition, we remain committed to enabling access to the records, their continued safe preservation, and our commitment to reconciliation and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action as they relate to Archives.

There may be some growing pains as we work out a system for reference, and some delays in response will occur. Priority will be given for requests related to: baptism, marriage, and burial records; residential schools/ colonizing institutions; property commission; and community of faith's requests for their own records.

With few exceptions, the Living Skies Archives will not be accepting new record transfers until we are fully moved into a new space. If the records are in danger of being lost or damaged, then please be in touch and we will accommodate a transfer, but if the records are not at immediate risk then we ask that they be stored at a local United Church for now.

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.

May's hosting House group will be "*The Way Walkers*".

Leadership within St. Paul's for 2023:

Leadership Team

Diane Wrubleski - Chairperson

Lawrence Burnard

Cheryl Deren

Susan Reed - Regional Rep

Gail Schlamp

Greg Suchan

Wendy Suchan

*Astrid Friesen - Recording Steward

*Don Kindopp - Treasurer

* — non-voting member

Website: <http://www.stpaulsestevan.ca>

Ministry & Personnel Committee

Emily Gillies

Jim Pratt

Sharilee Schnell

Trustees

Dennis Bode

Paul Deren

Diane Wrubleski

Dr. A.E. Elliot Education Fund Rep

Diane Wrubleski

Living Skies Regional Rep

Don Kindopp

Ecumenical Shared Ministry Committee

Cheryl Deren

Lori Holden

Sandi Klatt

Upcoming Events

- April 23, 2023 — **Worship Service** led by Emily Gillies at 11:00 am.
- April 30, 2023 — **Ecumenical and Communion Worship Service** led by Rev Kathy Kyle at St. Paul's @11:00am.
- April 30, 2023 — **Messy Church VI** at St. Paul's UC @4:00-6:00.
- May 7, 2023 — **Worship Service** @11:00 am followed by Congregational Meeting.
- May 14, 2023 — **Mother's Day Worship Service** @11:00 am.
- June 8 – 11, 2023 — **Estevan Fair and Rodeo**.
- St. Paul's is responsible for **Meals on Wheels** delivery for the Month of May. Sign-up sheet in Narthex.

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Reverend Jason Richards

We are saddened to hear of the death of Jason Richards on April 13, 2023 at the age of 41. He will be missed by St. Paul's International Pastoral Charge family.

Jason was born in Saskatoon. He found his calling at St. Andrew's College, Saskatoon, receiving his Masters of Divinity Degree with the United Church of Canada in 2016.

Spending a semester in Soul Korea, he completed an internship at Kangnam, Korea where he met Young. Jason completed his student ministry at Alameda, SK. His first call to ministry was St. Paul's United Church, 2016, in Estevan. His second call to ministry brought him to St. Marys United Church, St. Marys, Ontario from 2019 until his passing.

We are reminded of his words at the end of each service, "God is good!" "All the time!"

A memorial service for Jason will be held at the St. Mary's United Church on Friday,

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April 28, 2023 at 11:00 am (**9:00 am our time**). The service will be officiated by Rev. Ron McConnell, Jason's and Young's long-time friend. The Service will be streamed live on the St. Marys United Church Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/StMarysUC>. Private interment will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery.

We are gathering as a St. Paul's International family at 9:00 am at St. Paul's church. The memorial service will be live-streamed for those in attendance.

Cards will be placed in the office. If you wish to write a personal note, please do so and it will be forwarded to Young and Lincoln.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to an Education Fund for Lincoln Richards (cheque donations can be made payable to Young Seo) or E-transfer to revyoungucc@gmail.com.

Spring Auditorium Sale.

The Spring Auditorium sale was a great success! Thanks to the many who volunteered to organize and set it up. Thank you to those who took advantage of this opportunity and bought their Spring cleaning "treasures" to the sale. Net proceeds were over \$2,300.

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