



THE Messenger

November Edition, 2023

All Saints Day

All Saints is held in the month of November to coincide with the memorials we celebrate around Remembrance Day. All Saints allows us to pause to reflect upon those who were with us, but have passed away. Although it is a time of loss, it is also a time of celebration. So we call to mind the names and memories of those of St. Paul's Community of Faith who are no longer with us (2022-2023):

Margaret Anton
Mary Antonenko
Walter Avery
Arlette Avery
Doreen Bachorcik
Margaret Baniulis
Dolores Butler
Betty Chamney
Lewis Durr
David Dukart
June Engelke
Alvin Griffin
Elaine Groshong
Margarette Harrison
George Kuchinka
Les Kvamme
Ron Latimer
Gordon Loustel
Judy Pierce
Bev McKechney



Gary McKechney
Vernon "Butch" McLean
William "Bill" Orsted
Leo Saccary
Allan Senchuk
Lee Southernwood
Shirley Samenook
Dustin Tendler
Keith Wakely
Lois Wainman
Douglas Winton

Baptism

Anyone seeking baptism for themselves, their children or grandchildren is asked to contact the office. The sacraments of Baptism and Communion are being planned for November 5, 2023. Rev. Kathy Kyle will be our worship leader.



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.*

Support for Young & Lincoln

Dear Friends and Supporters,

My name is Bruce Richards. My grandson is Lincoln, my daughter-in-law is Young, and my son was Jason.

Lincoln is a vibrant 6-year-old who, in the span of a few months, faced challenges that few could fathom at his age.

Lincoln's parents, Jason and Young, both dedicated pastors, served their community and church with love and compassion. They were united in their marriage and shared a mission to bring hope, faith, and god to others. Sadly, in April 2023, Lincoln's father, at 41 years old, succumbed to a fierce three-year battle with colorectal cancer. The tragedy was intensified because just a month before Jason's passing, in March 2023, his mother, Young, was diagnosed with breast cancer and began her own challenging treatment journey.

Imagine being Lincoln, at just six years old, trying to comprehend the loss of his father while watching his mother bravely face her own health battle. Their shared dreams, hopes, and the simple joy of being a family have been overshadowed by grief, medical appointments, and the

looming financial burdens associated with cancer treatments.



Following is an email received from Bruce on October 12, 2023.

Hello. Always good to hear from you. Young does not have much energy today (she is sleeping now), so she asked me to reply.

I'll start by how extremely thankful Young is for all the support she has received from the Estevan area and from Oxbow/Alameda. It warms her heart, but makes her cry at the same time.

Young finished her radiation in late September, and was healing and gaining strength daily until last Wednesday (October 4). Her back gave out again. She could not move, and was in excruciating pain. She went to the Emergency room (by ambulance) that morning. They stabilized her and gave her pain medication. But it did not control her pain.

So she went back to the ER, by ambulance, Thursday morning. They adjusted the pain medication, but it still did not work. They also ordered an MRI overnight Thursday to better understand what was happening in her back and left leg.

On Saturday they adjusted her medication again, and she has been mostly pain free since. But she is pretty much bedridden still.

This is not new for Young. She has had these issues, once or twice a year, for 10 years. But they seem to be getting worse, and lasting longer. The MRI suggests she will need back surgery to fix it. We don't know yet whether her condition will continue until surgery, or if it will clear up - at least for the short term.

But she is in a very complicated position. On the surgery side, in addition to some serious risks and side effects, she could be laid up for some time. But this has to be coordinated with her Cancer Team as well. Her planned treatment is finished, but the Cancer Team want to schedule another round of tests to determine whether there are more issues they need to treat, or whether they can tell her she is clear for now. She could not even get to a test site right now, and we don't know when she will be able to.

And how does one balance (or prioritize) a back surgery against active cancer treatment. I can only finish by telling you she is stressed to the gills. And through all this, she cannot work. Another stresser!

With respect to the Leadership Team, it is incredible to her that you would even

consider this [financial promotion]. She continues to be surprised, but she is always grateful for the many kindnesses she is seeing almost daily.

Thank you again, for all you have done and are still trying to do. You, the Leadership Team, congregation members in Saskatchewan, and other individuals in the area have blessed Young with their messages, kind words and thoughts, prayers, and financial support. Response has been amazing.

Thank you, from Young and Lincoln.

Blessing to you all.

Bruce

Every donation, monetary, prayer, or act of kindness will be a beacon of hope for Lincoln during this tough time. We thank you for your compassion and generosity from the depths of our hearts.

Ways in which you can financially support Young and Lincoln:

1. A GoFundMe page "Support For Lincoln" has been set up at <https://gofund.me/a764346a> .
2. Electronic Transfer to revyoungucc@gmail.com
3. Mail cheque to:
PO Box 2993
119 Peel St. S.
St. Mary's ON N4X 1C1

Messy Church

Messy Church is being held Sunday, November 19, 2023 at St.

Paul's from 4 – 6pm.

Everyone Welcome!

KAIROS Blanket Exercise

More than 70 people were taken on a journey through Canadian Indigenous history during a Kairos Blanket Exercise at St. Paul's United Church on Saturday, September 30, 2023.

The event was an opportunity to learn more about the relationship between settlers and Indigenous people, as well as the trauma that has been inflicted on Indigenous people over the years. The gathering was held on the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, and most of the people present sported orange shirts with the reminder that Every Child Matters.

The event was organized by St. Giles and was held at St. Paul's auditorium.

Once the exercise was finished, each person in attendance shared their thoughts on what they experienced. Some cried as they talked about seeing the shrinking land and the number of Indigenous people who died. Some shared they had attended other Blanket Exercises and had found each very meaningful.



Stay in Touch

Important and timely information often needs to be shared with our church family.

The most efficient method is to email our church family. Thank you for sharing your email address with us!



We ask that you please keep your contact information up-to-date with our office.

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

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



Financial Matter\$

January 1, 2023 — September 30, 2023

Income:	\$103,193.79
Expenses:	<u>\$107,767.51</u>
Surplus (Deficit):	\$(4,573.72)

Third-Quarter Statements

Statements of givings up to September 30, 2023 are being prepared and handed out. Your givings make a difference! They support the presence of our church within our community through benevolences and local community outreach. They provide outreach into our world through the Mission and Service Fund of the United Church.

Thank you for your gifts!

Warm Welcome Kitchen

The Warm Welcome Kitchen program has begun. The program is being hosted at St. Giles Anglican and Trinity Lutheran churches. St. Paul's has made a financial contribution to the program.

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.



Ministry & Personnel Committee

We are still seeking someone to service on the this committee. If interested, please contact Chairperson Diane or the church office. Your volunteerism would be greatly appreciated.

House Groups

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.

November's hosting House group will be "Genesis".

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 in the service where agreed to and lights the Christ Candle.

Remit 1: Establishing an Autonomous National Indigenous Organization

The 44th General Council met virtually between February 2022 and August 2022.

At that meeting, the General Council approved an amendment to the Basis of Union in The Manual of The United Church of Canada to establish an autonomous National Indigenous Organization. It also authorized a Category 3 Remit to test the will of the



church with respect to this change.

Information and a study guide for leaders and

communities of faith can be found on our website.

An educational opportunity for our church family is being planned for the near future.

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

* Reserved for you

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

Sandi Klatt

Jim Pratt

Upcoming Events

- *October 22, 2023* — **Rural Connect Worship Service @10:30am.**
- *October 29, 2023* – **Ecumenical Worship Service** at Trinity Lutheran Church @10:00am.
- *October 29, 2023* — **Fowl Supper** at St. John's RC Church @4-7pm. \$25/ adult; \$10 (6-12); under 6 free
- *November 5, 2023* — **Worship Service** — 9:00 am at Knox and 10:30am at St. Paul's led by Rev. Kathy Kyle. Sacraments of Communion and Baptism.
- *November 5, 2023* — **Fowl Supper** at St. Peter's Lutheran Church @4-6pm. \$20/adult; \$10 (5-12); under 4 free. Phone 306-421-9691 for tickets.
- *November 10-12, 2023* — **Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale.**
- *November 19, 2023* — **Messy Church** at St. Paul's @4-6 pm.
- *December 3, 2023* — **Worship Service** — 9:00 am at Knox and 10:30am at St. Paul's led by Jim Pratt.



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR and Bake Sale

Friday, November 10 — Sunday, November 12, 2023

1. **Unpacking** will begin Monday, October 30. Volunteers can gain access during hours the church is open (Monday to Thursday: 8:00 am to noon and 1:00 – 3:00 pm, Friday: 8:00 am to noon)
2. **Donations:** [should always be in clean, working order, intact]
 - Can be left at the front of the auditorium stage
 - Exceptions:
 - jewellery should be left in the office
 - excellent used clothing – please hold until at least November 7
 - Currently most needed is for kids — toys, games, sports equipment
3. **Volunteers:** for Bazaar itself: to cover Friday, Saturday Sunday
 - Kitchen
 - Make soup, sandwiches in preparation for Bazaar
 - Man the kitchen to fill lunch orders, etc.
 - Two cash stations with a cashier and a helper/packer
 - Floor Helpers
 - two (2) persons needed on floor each day
 - one (1) person assigned to sell Dutch Auction Tickers
4. **Bake Sale** — United Church Women



NOTE: Sign-up sheets will be available soon. OR call Lynn Kindopp (306-634-6723) and she will add your name on the worker lists.