



October: Holidays, Fun Facts, Folklore

In October, autumn comes into full swing.

Let's get in the fall mood!

This month's name

stems from the Latin octo, "eight," because this was the eighth month of the early Roman calendar. When the Romans converted to a 12-month calendar, the name October stuck despite the fact that it's now the 10th month!

*October glows on every cheek,
October shines in every eye,
While up the hill and down the dale
Her crimson banners fly.*

–Elaine Goodale Eastman (1863–1953)

During this month we celebrate Thanksgiving, United Nations Day, and of course, Hallowe'en (All Hallows' Eve)

Like every other month of the year, October has plenty to show for itself.

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.

Ecumenical Shared Ministry Committee

The Ecumenical Shared Ministry Committee consists of members from Trinity Lutheran Church, St. Giles Anglican Church and three members from St. Paul's - Sandi Klatt, Jim Pratt, and Cheryl Deren. The committee began to meet monthly after our 2023 annual meeting, met once during the summer months, and will now continue to meet monthly. Results from the surveys that were done earlier this year have been compiled and discussed. The vast majority of comments from all three churches were very positive, and indicated that people would like to see us doing even more events and services together. Committee members have begun to look at examples of other congregations who are in an Ecumenical

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.*

Shared Ministry, and will continue to explore the many different possibilities that might work for us.

— Cheryl Deren

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

October 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 — August 31, 2023

Income:	\$92,745.31
Expenses:	<u>\$98,309.32</u>
Surplus (Deficit):	\$(5,564.01)

Thank you for your gift!

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

For family reasons, Sharilee Schnell has resigned from the M&P Committee. She will be missed. Perhaps the Spirit will move you to volunteer to be part of this committee. We thank Sharilee for her time and work on this committee.

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.

October's hosting House group will be "The Revelations".

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 will be held in 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

- *September 17, 24, 31, 2023* — **Rural Connect Worship Service @10:30am.**
- *September 30, 2023* — **KAIROS Blanket Exercise @2:00pm** at St. Paul's Auditorium. Sponsored by St. Giles Anglican Church.
- *October 1, 2023* – Emily Gillies – **Worship Service** at Knox at 9:00am and St. Paul's at 10:30am.

- *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 10-13, 2023* — **Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale.**

On September 30, wear an orange shirt to remember and honour Indigenous children who were taken from their homes.



**Christmas Bazaar
and
Bake Sale**

November 10 – 12, 2023

- Please mark dates on your calendar.
- David will have tables set up by October 27.
- October 27—29: stringing of Christmas lights and placement of tables (adding table clothes).

- **Monday, October 30 — unpacking begins. If you can help for any part of a day, feel free to stop by, grab a box and dig in.**

Current thoughts

- Use Room 102 for Dutch Auction and Silent Auction.
- Keep soup and sandwich and keep bake sale

New thought:

- Setup an area in the hallway outside Room 102 for good quality used clothing and accessories



Watch for updates as the Bazaar draws nearer.

If you have any questions please call Lynn Kindopp at (306) 634-6723.