



# Newsletter

October, 2021

## Good to be Back!

It is nice to get back to in-person worship. Good to see church-family members - to say, "Hi, how are you doing?"

We are blessed to have Sandy leading us in worship once again and to have members like Jim Pratt fill in when Sandy asks.

## Thanks Offering for M&S

We are aware of the significance of Thanksgiving — a time to express our appreciation for the blessings bestowed upon us. As a tangible sign of this thanks you are invited to give a designated special "Thanks Offering" to the Mission and Service Fund.



## Memorials

We are saddened to have had members of our church leave us.

Maurice Didkowski and Doreen Avery passed away recently. We were able to celebrate their lives at St. Paul's. They will be remembered. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families.

## Communion

Communion will be held November 7, 2021.

## Happenings

Patty and David have now been with us for two months. Patty is doing well in the Office Administrator role. She says her days are joyful and is enjoying her position.

David has taken on the church yard work with a passion. The yard has never looked so good. Too bad that Mother Nature has not helped him out by providing some rainfall to green up the lawns.

There are a few rentals occurring. Creative Eats rents the kitchen on a fairly regular basis. A wedding was held in

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August. Estevan Music Festival used the sanctuary for the recording of video performances.

The curbing in the front of the church has been replaced. Bouquets to the City of Estevan for doing this.

The parking spot adjacent to the back door of the church has been designated as "Reserved Parking" for our organist, Shirley Andrist.

In preparation for winter, our four furnaces have been given their annual maintenance.

### **Financials**

We are very grateful to you all for your continued financial support to St. Paul's. Many of you are on PAR. Many continue to drop cheques off at the church office and many have used electronic transfer for your givings.

St. Paul's is eligible to receive funding from Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) program. We were also successful in applying for the Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) loan.

The CEWS allows us to meet our employee obligations. The CEBA is used for our daily operational costs. One-third of the CEBA loan is forgiven and the remainder is repayable on December 31, 2022.

Our current financial situation for 2021 is a deficit of \$7,000.00.

### **Looking Ahead**

As a Community of Faith we are responsible for doing self- assessments of our ministry regularly. We must reflect on our understanding of our identity and our community context.

We must consider

- a) our accomplishments;
- b) our present opportunities and challenges; and
- c) the resources required for meeting those opportunities and challenges.

### **House Groups**

We are thankful for our house groups and the welcoming and preparation they do for our time of worship. September's House Group was the Coffee Muggers and we are being hosted by the Genesis group in October. St. Paul's Saints will be our hosts in November.

### **Food Bank**

Thank you to the many of you that brought food items for our community food bank collection this month.



## COVID-19 Guidelines

As we now head into cooler temperatures and confining ourselves more to the indoors, it is increasingly important to help keep each other safe and comfortable.

- The following guidelines are presently in place for St. Paul's:
  1. **Safe Attendance**
    - \* Congregation members and staff are asked to self- screen for COVID symptoms
    - \* Signage at front entrance will direct that anyone exhibiting COVID symptoms is asked not to enter or attend
    - \* Hand sanitizing and mask stations will be available and kept stocked
    - \* Cleaning protocols and procedures will be utilized after each use of our building
    - \* Air circulation in the church will be optimized
    - \* Congregation will be informed of any COVID outbreak
  2. **Safe Practices**
    - \* Congregation are required:
      - ✓ to wear a mask
      - ✓ maintain physical distancing unless family group
    - \* Offertory plates placed in the Narthex for offerings

## Prayer for Serenity

God, give me grace to accept with serenity  
the things that cannot be changed,  
Courage to change the things  
which should be changed,  
and the Wisdom to distinguish  
the one from the other.  
Living one day at a time,  
Enjoying one moment at  
a time,  
Accepting hardship as a pathway to  
peace,  
Taking, as Jesus did,  
This sinful world as it is,  
Not as I would have it,  
Trusting that You will make all things  
right,  
If I surrender to Your will,  
So that I may be reasonably happy in  
this life,  
And supremely happy with You forever  
in the next.  
Amen.

