

# St. Paul's United Church Fall/Winter Newsletter 2013

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**A Big Thank You to all who supported our No Fall Supper Letter that was sent out. You have responded by donating over \$6,000 at this time!!!!!! Remember Financial help is needed all year long to help us stay afloat.**

**There will be a Congregational Meeting after the service on Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Please come and voice your opinion!**

## **Book Reviewers\_Wanted!!**

Did you know that St. Paul's has a library? Those books on the shelves in the Runciman Room are not just decoration! The selection of books have been a result of some buying from the United Church Conference or other United Church events. Some have been much used inspirational books left by clergy. Some have been donations of favorite books bought by parishioners.

Please take a look at the books in our library. If a book appeals to you, read it, and do a short review for the bulletin. Maybe someone else would be interested in reading that book too.

If you can't find a book of special interest to you, Thumb through the pages of the resources catalogue "By Popular Demand 2013-2014". Ask May about it. You may find an exciting title that you would like to buy, read, review – and perhaps even donate to the library for others to read. Donating a current book is a great way to serve others in the congregation. After a quick look at the resource catalogue I found lots of books for children and activities for ages 3-6 up. (I won't tell now which I will buy). There are also thought-provoking books for adults, for example *They Will Know Us By Our Love* (which Judy loaned to me) or *Crossing the Lines* (on integration), or *Overturning the Tables* (on consumerism), or even *We Refused to Lead a Dying Church*. Each is something to think about, and something to talk about and share with others.

When the snow flies, and you want to curl up with a good book that encourages social justice and spiritual living, think of St. Paul's.

## **Christian Education**

The Sunday School year had a grand kick-off with a BBQ put on by the Worship Committee. Everyone enjoyed the hot dogs, Sharon's salsa and the Frisky family's wonderful little carrot muffins. Thank you to the Worship Committee and to all who brought food and participated.

The Sunday School will once again be led by two people each Sunday, a leader and a helper, who change from Sunday to Sunday. Some of the C.O.O.L. kids have been lending a hand some Sundays. Thank you so much. Besides, "Helped with Sunday School" is a great asset on resumes when you are first looking for jobs. The real bonus to helping in Sunday School is getting to know the wonderful kids and parents in our church. The curriculum may vary: each Sunday there is a story related to the lectionary passages, followed by a craft that explores some aspect of the teaching for that Sunday. In addition, all the children are learning the Lord's Prayer, since it is basic to our church and many others. It is a prayer of respect, humility and guidance for our actions...a foundational prayer. When leaders wish to add to the lesson with a seasonal craft, we encourage them to do so. This fall, the children have been exploring the environment, and learning about the animal wonders in this vast and diverse world of ours. We learned about the polar bear, and how it is adapted to a

harsh northern environment. We learned about tiny hummingbirds and how their wings spin around, and the enormous amount of food they must eat in comparison with their weight (three times their weight daily!). We also learned about the octopus, how it moves, and tastes, hides, and makes a speedy exit from its enemies.

**We are looking forward to involving children, young people and the rest of the congregation in a Christmas service on December 22.** The children will learn a few more carols, and will help in transforming people into shepherds, or angels, or townsfolk. We might also need to recruit some set-designers by the beginning of Advent.

**C.O.O.L.Kids!\_(Created\_Out\_Of\_Love)**, We've heard that some of you are not able to meet on Sunday evenings, so come and have a say about when C.O.O.L. should meet. Right now we have some flexibility, so take advantage! With the Olympics in Sochi coming up, we simply must stage our famous COOLYMPICS. Get all your friends out, and be prepared to have mountains of fun.

### **Kids for Goats**

Last year, the penny drive was so successful that we have decided to once again enlist the help of parents and friends to bring in their remaining pennies. The United Church Mission and Service fund will send goats (our request last year) to families in Africa at \$50.00 per goat. To date, we might have enough money for half a goat, so if you run out of pennies, and want to contribute to the project, the Sunday School will accept nickels, dimes and quarters. Let's see how many goats we can send to Zimbabwe for Christmas!

### **Bible Study**

St. Paul's is offering a Bible Study based on "Experiencing Jesus" by Tim Scorer with author Marcus Borg. Judy Krantz will be the leader. If you are interested in joining the group or finding out more information, let May or a member of the Worship committee know.

**Submitted by Deanna Gruending – Christian Ed. Coordinator**

**Finance Committee Report: submitted by Gary Rice - Chair**

During Sept. 2013 St. Paul's Trustees were finally able to approve the sale of our manse after it remained empty and up for sale for 15 months, accumulating interest, tax, insurance and utilities expenses during that time. After paying off the mortgage, realtor and legal expenses, the remaining funds (\$36,500.00) have been invested in a 3 yr. G.I.C. at 3% annual interest.

The Income/Expense statement for the Jan. 1/2013 to Sept. 30/2013 period reflects Total Revenues of \$55,655.00, Total Expenses of \$44,504.00 for a Net Income of \$11,151.00

### **Tamarack Presbytery Hi-Lites October 25, 2013 - submitted by Maureen Donald - Presbytery Rep**

We met in Spiritwood at Partners in Faith, the shared ministry combining United, Anglican and Lutheran congregations. Duane Mohn led us in opening worship, holding in remembrance Muriel Castledine who ministered with Hudson Bay Larger Parish prior to her death in July. We welcomed two new delegates and visitor, Bill Doyle, the Conference Executive Secretary who attends two different presbytery meetings each year.

Nominations are needed for a number of positions: Vice Chair of Presbytery, Treasurer (to take over later), Convenor for Ministry Personnel and Education and for the Pastoral Care and Support Committee. We also need to fill some reps to Conference work. (call Duane Mohn 306-749-3446)

Rev. Cathy Coates, the North Saskatchewan Hospital Chaplain spoke about her ministry on the church's behalf in the three hospitals in Saskatoon. While maintaining confidentiality, Cathy shared stories of her work with people caught up in the scary, life-changing world of the hospital. She shared the ways in which she is able to be the church, to share the Good News, to provide resources to carry on, in this setting in which she "holds the soul of an individual in the palm of my hand." To arrange a visit in any Saskatoon hospital, sign up at registration or call Cathy 306-227-8707.

Finance and Administration reported on property matters – the manse at Tisdale has been sold and

funds placed in a fund to cover housing costs, the church building at Porcupine Plain has been sold, and manse inspections have been done for two pastoral charges.

Admin will review all of the record books for the following pastoral charges at the next meeting: Tisdale, Five Oaks, La Ronge and Prince Albert – Wesley.

Setting the budget for the coming year was completed thoughtfully and prayerfully, with committees and divisions reviewing their upcoming expenses. Because of the continued decline in giving to Mission and Service Fund, grants to support ministry were cut by 24%, which impacted the hospital chaplaincy which also receives funding from each of the northern presbyteries and we increased our funding by \$1000 from last year. The final budget reflects an increase of 4 % to a total of \$73,942. Statements will be sent to pastoral charges indicating the presbytery assessment for your portion of our budget.

The Mission and Service Fund reports that currently 45% of those who give to the local church also give to M&S, and encourage those who already give to “each one ask one” – telling why you give to M&S and encouraging them to join you. Lorelei Clifford is our new rep to conference Youth and Young Adult work and reported on the upcoming Rendez-vous August 13 – 16, 2014 in Winnipeg. High school youth and young adults are encouraged to attend and Lorelei will help coordinate travel and funding applications.

Pastoral Relations work continues: Joint Search at Tisdale, Joint Needs Assessments at Hudson Bay and Spiritwood. Carrot River-Arborfield is awaiting arrival of their new minister from Jamaica.

Bill Doyle reported on the work of the Conference Executive on future planning – the \$110,000 transfer from reserves to balance the 2014 budget is not sustainable for future years and may necessitate future staffing cuts. **There will be no Annual Meeting in 2014.**  
Next meeting February 28, 2014 at Wesley, Prince Albert.

**Please Note: If you or a loved one is in the Prince Albert, or Saskatoon Hospitals you need to let the hospitals know if you want a visit from clergy!!**

#### **UCW Report - Submitted by Edith Dahl – UCW President**

We are sending out a huge BOUQUET to EVERYONE who helped with our Fall Rummage Sale, September 18-20th.

Thanks to the organizing committee, those who set up tables, those who sorted and priced rummage, those who worked the cash table and helped deliver, those men who had trucks and took the left over rummage to the Salvation Army and to Recycle at Sarcan. A special thanks to the McKae ladies who helped us and took away leftovers for their Rummage Sale held on October 5th.

We were very fortunate to have a lot of garden produce this year.

THANKS TO CHURCH AND COMMUNITY DONORS.

What a great success with \$2229.10 being raised which includes \$63.75 coffee break money.

We really appreciate all our new faces who came out to help. Hope everyone had fun!

GREAT JOB EVERYONE!

Coming Events:

Nov. 6, 2013 Wednesday– UCW General Meeting 2:00 pm Devotion Unit #7

Nov. 20, 2013 Wednesday- Newmarket Manor Birthday Tea and Visiting 2:30 pm

Afternoon Unit #9 – Clean Kitchen before the Christmas Tea

Dec. 7, 2013 Saturday – Christmas Tea and Bake Sale 2 – 4 pm

Learn from the past, live for today, work for the future. – Stefan Rudolph

#### **Time and Talent Auction**

A Time and Talent Auction is what it says. We are going to try to organize one in the spring of 2014. You can donate any kind of “thing” or “service” that someone else may purchase. Please think of

what you can “donate”. Whatever you donate can be delivered at any time during the year. Some examples: Baking: eg. a pie a month for a year, a cheesecake or special kind of cake, loaves of bread or buns, Christmas baking, cookies, desserts, a gourmet breakfast, a “month of Sunday desserts”, decadent brownies, nights from preparing dinner with meals ready to pop into the oven, big batch of chilli or stew to freeze, butter tarts, jams and jellies, honey

Dinners: provide a dinner for 4 in your home or actually give a gift certificate for a meal to be provided at a restaurant in Tisdale or around

Garden Produce: potatoes, raspberries, saskatoons, flowers

Yard Work: cleaning out gutters, raking lawn spring or fall, rotor tilling, planting garden, time spent weeding, planting bedding plants or pots, use of a truck or trailer for dump runs or delivery

Sports: a day spent fishing, tickets to a Trojan game (or season tickets), golf, a weekend at a lake cabin,

Services: paint a room, pet care, handyman service for small jobs, personal assistant (whatever you want...help with filing or the computer or sending Christmas cards, etc), lessons to make perogies or ???, sewing repairs and or mending, helping to set up purchased packaged items, spring cleaning for car or ???

Crafts: artwork, pictures, quilts or small throws, cushions, items of clothing

As you can see, the sky is the limit for ideas. If you have suggestions as to this event please contact the church office. (306)873-2424

### **God's Lent Child - by Florence Correa**

**I'll lend you for a little while a child of mine, God said,  
For you to love her while she lives, and mourn for when she's dead.  
It may be six or seven years, or forty-two or three;  
But will you, till I call her back, take good care of her for me?  
I'll bring her charms to gladden you, and should her stay be brief,  
You'll have the lovely memories as a solace for your grief.  
I cannot promise she will stay, since all from earth return;  
But there are lessons taught below I want this child to learn.  
I've searched the whole world over, for teachers kind and true;  
And from the throngs that crowd life's lane  
I have chosen you...  
Now will you give her all your love? Nor think the labor vain?  
Nor hate me should the angels call, to take this child back again?  
To which the parents did reply, "Dear Lord, Thy will be done."  
For all the joys thy child will bring, the risk of grief we'll run.  
We'll shelter her with tenderness, We'll love her while we may...  
For all the love this child will bring, forever grateful we will stay.  
But should the Angels call for her much sooner than we've planned,  
We'll brave the bitter grief that comes and try to understand.**

**Submitted by Natalie Rowley- dedicated to parents who have lost children.**

### **St. Paul's UC - Coming Events Oct. – Nov. – Dec. 2013**

**Tues. Nov. 12 – Board Meeting – 7pm**

**Sun. Nov. 17th – Worship Committee – Favorite Hymns Service**

**Wed. Nov. 20th - Newmarket Manor Birthday Tea & Visiting @2:30pm**

**Sun. Nov. 24th - Pulpit Supply – Diane Berge**

**Tues. Nov. 26th- Women's Fellowship – 7:30pm**

**Tues. Nov. 26th – UCW Evening Unit – 7pm**

**Wed. Nov. 27th - UCW Afternoon Unit – 10am - Clean Kitchen (lunch and meeting to follow)**

Fri. Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> – Hanging of the Greens – 7pm (cookies & Hot Choc. to follow)  
Sun. Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> – Pulpit Supply – Rev. Charles McKenzie – Communion, Pot luck Lunch (Soup & Sandwiches) & Food Bank  
Sat. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Tea & Bake Sale – 2pm – 4pm (Baked Items are Welcome)  
Sun. Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> - Pulpit Supply – Judy Krantz  
Sun. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> – Pulpit Supply – Cindy Jordison  
Sun. Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> - Christian Education/Sunday School presentation  
Tues. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve Service (tentative)  
Sun. Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> – No Church Service  
Sun. Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> – Pulpit Supply – Mary Grant  
COOL Youth Group – Please either contact the office or Judy Krantz

**The Worship Committee will again have the annual Poinsettia Memorial Project.** Any proceeds that are received over and above the cost of the Poinsettias will be donated to the M&S Fund. Names should be given to May in the office before Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>. (Donations of \$5 or more.) Memorial Insert will be in the Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> Service Bulletin.

**\*Remember** – The 1st Sunday of each month is Potluck Lunch after the service, also bring your items for the Food Bank or put a money donation in your Sunday Donation Envelope and the amount will be added to your envelope number and forwarded to the Food Bank.

**\*Anyone wanting to join either UCW Units or Women's Fellowship** please leave your name at the Church Office. New members are welcome!!

**\*If you like singing and would like to be in the Church Choir** please leave your name at the Church Office or contact one of the Choir members.

If you know of anyone who would like to join our congregation or have their baby baptized please let May know.

**\*We need pianist/organists** to help once in a while with our Sunday Services. Please let us know if you would like to help.

**\*United Church Calendars** are available - \$6.00 each. This year the pictures are of banners, communion table frontals, and other artwork that creatively invite us to remember the stories and symbols of our faith.

**Please note that the Church will be decorated for the Christmas season (Hanging of the Greens)** on Fri. Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. We encourage people of all ages to come and enjoy this occasion. There will be Hot Chocolate and Cookies to top off the evening!!!

**The Board is wanting to update St. Paul's e-mail list to help save on postage. If you don't receive an e-mail from St. Paul's then we don't have your e-mail address. Please send your e-mail address to the church office so we can put you on the list and help the trees! Thank you.**

***Did You Know*** ---- For a nominal donation St. Paul's provides a place for Tisdale & Area Community Action Co-op with a space to have their programs whether it is Food Preparation, their meetings or Mother and Baby Groups.

**St. Paul's provides a place for the Men's Choir to practice.**

**St. Paul's Volunteers help at the Tisdale Food Bank, deliver Meals on Wheels and belong other groups that need help in the town of Tisdale.**

**St. Paul's United Church Volunteers are very active in the community!**

**Please Note!!!! Although Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th is more than a month away The Worship Committee needs to know if there is anyone willing to lead this service. Cindy will be organizing a service that only will need someone to lead it. Please let May know if you are prepared to help us.**

**Thank you to each congregation member that serves St. Paul's in your own way.**

**Socks for Christmas! The Worship Committee has decided that our project for Christmas this year will be items for the North East Outreach & Support Services (Women's Shelter) in Melfort.**

**Items that are urgently needed for clients that leave an abusive situation suddenly:**

**New Women's Underwear – (medium)**

**Women's Socks**

**Lotions (any size)**

**Deoderant, Shampoos (any size)**

**Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, etc.**

**Face Cloths/Towels.**

**Items can be brought to the church during the Advent Season.**

***Wanted!!!* Our Church requires a Visitor Coordinator.**

We have many members who are compassionate visitors to members of our congregation and others; however, we require someone to coordinate this visiting so we do not miss those who may be in need or just enjoy a friendly visit.

If you can help or are willing to be part of a team, please let May in the office know. (306 873 2424)

**St. Paul's United Church**  
**Congregational Statement of Faith.**

**We are a Faith Community Worshipping God Through our Gatherings and Local and Global Outreach. As People of all ages we Worship, Learn and Grow as we Serve the Spiritual, Emotional and Physical Needs of Others.**