St. Paul's Cathedral



CATHEDRAL CALLING

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HELP US HELP THOSE IN NEED

Submitted by Pat and Neil Henneberg

Advent season is approaching us soon. This is a time of giving and sharing of our time, treasure and talents. Our Stewardship Committee has proposed a new endeavour for this season that will benefit our outreach lunch program that we conduct in conjunction with First Baptist Church. First Baptist provides the venue, and we are one of several churches that make and deliver bagged lunches and other necessities to anyone who needs them.

A ***Giving Tree*** will be 'receiving donations' throughout the Advent Season and Christmas week starting November 29 until January 3, 2027. You can support the luncheon program monetarily and / or by adding necessities to the ***Giving Tree*** located in the Cloister. Your donated items can be pinned to the ***Giving Tree*** or easily placed in the decorative boxes under the tree. Items most needed are toilet paper, soft toothbrushes, bar soap, disposable razors, tube socks (they fit all), mittens, toques, and feminine hygiene products. All contributions to this project are gratefully accepted and appreciated.



The luncheon team consists of 8-10 volunteers who generously donate 3 hours to help prepare, pack, and distribute the bagged lunches. Six times a year, we prepare 210 bagged lunches which

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costs about $900.00 each time. Approximately 80-170 people attend the Saturday lunches.

We have been a part of this outreach for four years. The men, women and children who receive the bagged lunches and other necessities are very thankful.

Our upcoming dates for lunches are December 19, 2026, with the 2027 dates being: January 23, February 20, April 10, June 12, September 11, December 18.

Thank you for your ongoing support to this program. If you would like to help us out, our team would love to have you!

TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY IN 2026!

An anonymous donor will match donations to the Window Restoration Project up to $100,000.00 until January 31, 2027. Yes, that is one hundred thousand dollars!

This generous offer is open until January 31, 2027, but to take advantage of tax deductions in 2026, your donation needs to be received by December 31, 2026. My advice? Make your donation early in December to ensure your financial needs are met.



Ensure you have identified on your cheque, e-transfer, envelope or notify Elvira that this amount is for the window restoration project. Send cheque or e-transfer to St. Paul's Cathedral, 1861 McIntyre Street, Regina SK S4P 2R2, email office@stpaulsregina.ca or call 306-522-6439.

NOTES FROM THE LECTIONARY

by William Stahl

ADVENT AND ISAIAH



Advent is the beginning of the church year and of a new cycle of readings in the lectionary. In the Anglican Church, Advent is the four Sundays before Christmas. Others, especially among Orthodox Churches, have varying dates and traditions.

We do not know when celebrating Advent began, although there is evidence it was observed by 480 AD. At first the emphasis was hope for Jesus' Second Coming. Gradually over the centuries the focus shifted to a time of preparation for Christmas.

Advent was institutionalized as a time of fasting by the Council of Tours in 567 AD. The Council of Macon in 581 AD made it a time of penance. Advent became known as the "little Lent." By the 13th century Advent had largely fallen out of practice in Western Christianity. It was revived by Pope Urban V in 1362, still as a time of penance. It remained that until the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) changed the emphasis back to a time of hope and expectation.

The prophet Isaiah is always prominent in the Advent readings. Actually, there were three prophets called Isaiah, all included in the Book of Isaiah. We don't really know the names of the second and third prophets, but since they were included in the Isaiah scroll, they have become known as Second and Third Isaiah. All three are known for their prophecies of the coming of the Messiah and the Kingdom of God.

Our readings this year are from Second and Third Isaiah. Second Isaiah (chapters 40-55) lived in Babylon near the end of the Exile, just before the Babylonian Empire was conquered by the Persians (540 BC). He had probably the deepest theological insights in the Hebrew Scriptures and was by long odds the best poet. The highlight of his writings are the magnificent Servant Songs about the Messiah.

Third Isaiah (chapters 56-66) is the least well known of the three. He was possibly a disciple of Second Isaiah. In 538 BC, King Cyrus of Persia issued an edict that the Jewish exiles could return to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple. A small group did but things did not go well, in large part due to their own arrogance. It was to this struggling group of returned exiles that Third Isaiah preached somewhere

between 537 and 455 BC. Against an elite that was becoming ever more exclusive and inward-looking, he continued the vision of Second Isaiah of a universal God and the promise of the Messiah.

GRATITUDE MOMENT AT ST. PAUL'S – THE BUDGET

Submitted by the Stewardship Committee: *Cheryl Toth, Basil Pogue, Carol Marz*

There is an abundance of gifts at St. Paul's Cathedral and we are grateful for all who offer their time and talent for the ministry and mission of this church. Some gifts are highly visible and some are offered behind the scenes. Developing the annual budget is one of the less visible gifts to which people give time, energy, skill and ability.



Here at St. Paul's, the budget process involves the Treasurer, the Dean, Warden(s), Vestry, Finance Committee and Office Administrator. Together they review the previous year's expenses as well as income from various sources. They consider the missional needs and proposed expenses for the coming year and estimate what offering and additional income might be anticipated. All this requires their special knowledge, financial skill and considerable understanding of the current congregation and its future hopes and plans. Many hours go into creating the draft budget.

The draft budget is presented to Vestry where it is reviewed and discussed several times. It is also reviewed by the Finance Committee. After final approval of the Vestry, it is sent to the Diocese for their planning purposes. And importantly to us, it is finally presented to the Annual General Meeting in February.

Everyone involved in the process is due a debt of gratitude for contributing their time and talent to the creation of a good budget. It is a labour of love for our church, the church family, and the community beyond our doors. We thank them.

Parishioners who donate their time, talent and treasure throughout the year to the work, maintenance, finances and community life of St. Paul's are also to be thanked for the gifts they offer. You too have a part to play in making the proposed budget a reality. In the time between reading this *Cathedral Calling* and going to the AGM, please consider how you will contribute financially to St. Paul's in 2027. Consider as well how you will engage with St. Paul's activities, worship and

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community work to make sure that we can meet our budget and carry out our mission.

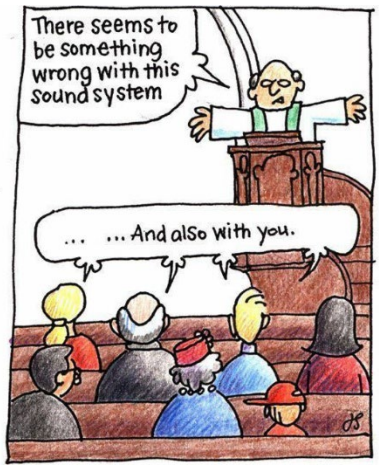
As we give thanks for these essential contributions that enable St. Paul's Cathedral to remain a vibrant centre of Christian welcome, witness, worship and service, we pray:

> Dear Lord, thank you for opening our hearts and galvanizing us to make this church a place where we meet you in person and join with others to ensure your Word is spread abroad. May we take delight in telling the story, feeding the spirit, and building community together as people of God. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

LOOKING BACK TO THE 2026 PRIORITY PROJECTS

It has been a very busy 2026 to complete the priority projects listed in the February 2026 issue of *Cathedral Calling*. Four of the five projects have been finished while one (stained-glass project) will remain as ongoing for the next couple of years.

Sound System



As the current sound system aged, everyone was becoming frustrated with not being able to hear and not being heard. This has been an ongoing problem with one fix after another tried but to no avail, the muffled sound continued.

The sound system was a topic of discussion at many vestry meetings. Sound engineers and audio experts studied the problem. The old speakers were sending soundwaves to the back of the church, but the return of those soundwaves were cancelled out by the next soundwave going to the back of the church. This caused the soundwaves to cancel each other out leading to soundless spots.

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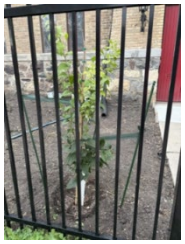
The recommendation was a new sound system throughout the church. At the September vestry meeting, the motion to install a new sound system not exceeding $50,00.00 as per the quote from ProAV was passed. The funding would be available through various places within the budget – savings interest, Cathedral Preservation and donated sound system funds.

During the week of November 16th, ProAV installed the new sound system which involved lots of ceiling work to run new audio cables throughout the church and took 5 days to complete. The final cost was $54,500.00. Donations to the sound system project was $10,000.00 making the Church portion of the payment $44,500.00

Fencing and Landscaping

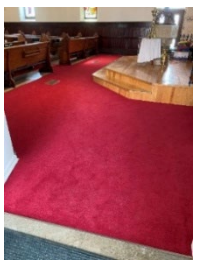


The discussion of adding a fence to discourage vandalism began in 2024. After a parish meeting, search for the appropriate style of fencing, a crew to install at a reasonable cost, removal of the rocks surrounding the church and addition of landscaping soil, fence installation began on June 4, 2026.



With the fence complete, beautification of the grounds including the planting of a few trees and clover as the drought tolerant ground cover. A few more low-cost plants will be added in the spring of 2027.

The total cost for the project was $28,685.00. We were very fortunate to receive a grant from the Anglican Foundation of Canada for the fencing and landscaping in the amount of $12,000.00 which brought our paid amount to $16,685.00.



Carpet Installation

Installing new carpet in the Cathedral became a safety issue as the carpet had stretched creating waves and some joints of the gold trim had bent upwards, both causing tripping hazards. The carpet was replaced the week of March 16th to 20th by Floors by Design. Total cost to replace the carpet was $18,000.00

ST. PAUL'S, THE REGIMENTAL CHURCH

Dean Mike

For nearly 50 years, as the Regimental Church, St. Paul's has in trust offered a space for all to honour the Regimental Colours of the Regina Royal Rifles. The Regimental Colours (for the sake of clarity, Colours is correct military speak for battle flags) are what remain of four Antecedent Wartime Saskatchewan regiments that fought in World War 1. The Colours contain crests, badges, and battle honours earned through service by their respective battalions and members. They are considered symbolically sacred by those who have followed in service, including the Regina-based Royal Regina Rifles.

Honouring those who fought and those who died in these units is an important part of both historical understanding and current practice for anyone, but especially for those currently in military service. For nearly 50 years, members of the Royal Regina Rifles would be in attendance on a Sunday morning to afford honour to the Colours during the annual Church Parade. Over many years, an informal pastoral relationship became established between the members of the Royal Regina Rifles, the clergy and congregation of St. Paul's. This has included weddings, baptisms, funerals, and an open door if Rifles' members have needed support.

Societal changes, and changes in procedure and protocol within the military in recent years has meant that fewer and fewer members of the Rifles have had opportunity to attend Church Parades.

It has always been important to St. Paul's Cathedral that these artefacts and what they represent be honoured with the integrity they deserve. In 2023, amid needed renovations to the interior of St. Paul's, the Colours were ceremonially removed and temporarily housed by the Royal Regina Rifles. This began a series of long and respectful discussions as to the best way to truly honour the Colours. In the course of those discussions, it was determined that another place needed to become their permanent home.



On October 21, 2026, a ceremony was held in which they were properly returned to the Rotunda of the Saskatchewan Legislative Building, where they will be permanently housed and hounoured. As they began their life on display at the Saskatchewan Legislature, it became apparent that this would

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be the most appropriate home for them moving forward. In many ways, it is a homecoming.

And in St. Paul's Cathedral's story, a page is turned. While the absence of the Colours dictates that the cathedral is no longer the Regimental Church, the relational and pastoral realities of the last 50 years remain. Friendship remains. Honour remains. The honour afforded to St. Paul's in housing the Colours is the same that the cathedral will continue to offer in all we do: A liturgical, pastoral, and community home, striving to welcome all.



UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

November 29	Service of Lessons & Carols, 10:00 a.m.
November 29	Advent Tea, following service
December 6	Avent II, 10:00a.m.
December 13	Advent III, 10:00 a.m.
December 20	Advent IV, 10:00 a.m.
December 20	Christmas Concert with St. Paul's Choir and Descent of the Holy Spirit Ukrainian Orthodox Church Choir, 3:00 p.m.
December 24	Christmas Visitations, Columbarium 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
December 24	The Eve of Christmas Holy Eucharist, 5:00 p.m.
December 24	The Eve of Christmas Choral Eucharist, 9:00 p.m:
December 25	Christmas Day, Holy Eucharist, 10:00 a.m. -



Join us for FELLOWSHIP following the 10:00 a.m. Sunday service.

Come for the coffee and tea but stay for the people.

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