



CATHEDRAL CALLING

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The Cathedral

Church of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle

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SUNDAY EUCHARIST is at 10:00 a.m.

Wearing of masks is requested. Services are livestreamed on

<https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsAnglicanCathedralRegina>

Message from the Dean

My dear friends in Christ,



Many questions have lingered in recent months about the best next steps to take at this point in our shared life at St. Paul's. Your vestry, warden and clergy have been hard at work grappling with the realities that life within COVID -19 has presented. Input received in this grappling process has led to my decision that at this time we will proceed with one Sunday service with worship time of 10:00 a.m. This worship time will be in place for the foreseeable future as we continue to grow back into being together. Wednesday midweek eucharists at 9:30 a.m. will resume in September. There is no plan to resume Saturday at 5.

Plans are afoot to provide a more complete form of pastoral care, involving teams of people both lay and clergy. A Worship Committee is being formed to help in the planning of worship that strives to be as inclusive and accessible as we can be. Times of fellowship, in which we get together just for the sake of spending time enjoying each other, have of course been lacking in the last two years. We have heard the call from many of you to start coffee hour again after the service and to start planning social times so we can see each other again.

In peace,

Mike Sinclair

Bishop's Celebration Event on Sunday, September 11, 2022, at 5:00 pm

Due to the pandemic situation, attendance at Bishop Helen Kennedy's ordination and installation on January 22 was restricted to a small number. To enable Bishop Helen to meet people from the church, ecumenical/interfaith, civil and Indigenous communities who could not be invited in January, a celebration event for her episcopal ministry in the Diocese of Qu'Appelle will be held on Sunday, September 11, at 5 p.m. at St. Paul's Cathedral. This will also provide an opportunity to mark Indigenous ministry in the



diocese and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The event will take the form of Choral Evensong followed by a reception. All are welcome.

Report from the Warden

As reported in the last *Cathedral Calling*, Vestry members contacted randomly selected members of the parish for input on worship styles and potential programs for our wider community. A report was presented to the August Vestry meeting on the information gathered through that process. Sixteen pages of comments recorded by the callers were catalogued into various subject categories. Many good ideas for maintaining, strengthening and building our community in the city and diocese were put forward. While it is impossible to immediately act on all the ideas, Vestry requested that the list of projects be brought forward and revisited on a regular basis for the potential implementation of new projects when the time is right.



Two areas that Vestry felt need immediate attention are worship and pastoral care. As noted in the letter from the Dean, St. Paul's will continue with one Sunday morning service at 10:00. While many missed two services on a Sunday morning, they also recognized that the numbers of in-person worshippers at the current time are not sufficient for a return to that model.

Many interviewees also mentioned that they would like to see more variety in Sunday worship. Vestry recommended that the Dean establish a Worship Committee to provide input to him in planning worship through the church year. We are currently developing Terms of Reference for the Worship Committee and expect that the Dean will appoint members to that group in September.



Our new sign, thanks to Fr. Ed Dunfield

Through the last two plus years, pastoral care, especially to individuals that are shut in or have underlying medical issues, has suffered. At 7:00 pm on Tuesday, September 6th, we will be hosting a meeting at the Cathedral to help define pastoral care needs and to develop a pastoral care team consisting of both laity and members of the clergy. While home visits will be an important part of this team's work, we also envision an array of other activities, from contacting others by phone, to offering transportation to church or appointments, to something as simple as sending cards on behalf of St. Paul's to recognize special events in parishioners' lives.

As you can see, it has been a busy summer for the leadership at the Cathedral. I thank all those who came to meetings, made phone calls, thoughtfully answered our questions and provided encouragement to keep going. You may not see it yet, but we are gaining momentum and I am looking forward to many exciting community building activities through the fall.

Jim Melville

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2022

ST. PAUL'S FALL SUPPER

Sit-down Beef Supper with all the trimmings

(Catered by Charlotte's Catering)

Stay tuned for more details to follow.

Agape Meals to Feed Us All

by Tashia Toupin



In September 2021, the provincial government changed the funding program from Saskatchewan Assistance Program (SAP) to Saskatchewan Income Support (SIS). This change negatively affects many of our most vulnerable citizens in Saskatchewan, as the funding is generally less and does not include previously ensured safety nets for people, including direct payment to landlords. In the autumn, several newspaper articles highlighted criticisms of the new SIS-tem. You might recall Camp Marjorie/Hope, set up at Pepsi Park in Regina.

A group of pastors and church staff gathered to discuss how the Spirit was calling us to respond and an ecumenical group was formed, including representatives from the Baptist, United, Presbyterian, Anglican, and Catholic Churches. We consulted with those affected by the change as well as organizations that work to serve those who need to utilize social assistance to meet basic physical needs. We have served 200-bagged lunches each Saturday out of First Baptist Church. A beautiful community has formed, and we are grateful to be a part of it.

We have worked hard to bring together people from across this city to provide a safe and welcoming space for people to gather, share a meal, a few good stories, and to listen to one another. We hope to continue to do the charity piece, i.e. meet the basic needs of food, shelter, and a safe community for all the people who walk through the doors. Our Saturday lunch has become a sacred space for so many of us. We also hope to tackle the justice aspect, i.e. empower people to speak up for what is right and just in this world to our communities and government. This meal is not a program but a commitment to walk together with all people. Through this authentic encounter of “the other,” we come to see and know more clearly who God has created us to be. We are all created out of love and made to express God’s love in this world. This is one small way in which we can live in this reality. If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Tashia Toupin at ttoupin@archregina.sk.ca

Tashia Toupin is social justice coordinator for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Regina and coordinates the Saturday Inter-Church Bag Lunch Program.



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Requiem Eucharist in the Columbarium

Saturday, September 3, at 10 a.m.

Saturday Inter-Church Bag Lunch Program

As mentioned in Tashia Toupin's article, a number of churches from several denominations are participating in a Saturday lunch program every week. The lunches are prepared and distributed at First Baptist Church and St. Paul's Cathedral participates in the program. The most recent lunch we hosted was on July 30; our next scheduled Saturday is October 15. It is a four-hour time commitment to set up the space, make and pack the lunches, distribute the lunches, visit with the guests and clean up. The time flies by and the best of all is reconnecting and working alongside members of the Cathedral family to once again help in the community.

With each lunch we need about 10 helpers. If you are interested in helping with a lunch please call the office at 306-522-6439 to volunteer.



Cathedral volunteers at the July 30th lunch



Pat Henneberg and Michael Melville make sandwiches.

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