



**EVERYONE WELCOME for SUNDAY EUCHARIST at 10:00 a.m.**

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## **CLERGY MESSAGE**

The Rev. Christine Burton

My Baba (grandmother) taught me that the March sun is the 'bleaching sun.' Put your dingy clothes and linens out – on the snow that we usually have at this time of year, or hung on lines – and thanks to the angle of the sun's rays and reflections off the snow, they become 'whiter than white,' as an old advertisement used to say. And the bright sun of March is also a reminder that, even if we get another blast of winter, spring IS coming... it's a promise.



March is also always a part of Lent – whether it's the earliest or latest of Easters on the calendar. And leaving aside any racist or ethnocultural stereotypes about 'whiteness,' Lent serves much the same purpose. The 'Son's' loving rays can 'bleach' out our sinful thoughts and selfish impulses, if we are willing to expose our 'dirty laundry' to the air and to the Son, so to speak, so that we may be cleansed by God's mercy and forgiveness. And even if we slip back into ungenerous thoughts, or unhealthy and unkind behaviours, God DOES continue to love and forgive us ... it's a promise!



As we journey through the last weeks of Lent, let us bask in the oh-so-welcome sunshine of spring, and in the 'Son-shine' of Jesus Christ, who was hanged upon the cross, despite being without spot or blemish, out of love for each of us. And as we enter into Holy Week and the mysteries of Christ's death and resurrection, let us

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commit ourselves to rising, like Christ, rising to be our best selves and using our newly cleansed souls to serve others, just as Jesus did.

May God bless us and fill our hearts with gratitude and compassion this month, and always.

**VOLUNTEER CO-ORDINATOR**

*Angie Friedrich*

Take a moment to contemplate this scenario - there are no volunteers at St. Paul's. I'm serious, think about it! What would happen?

The preparing and presentation of Eucharist would be done entirely by the clergy and staff members. Their capacity would barely cover the church service so we would need to say goodbye to coffee/tea after the service, Strawberry Fair, Bible study, fall supper, St. Paul's Players performances, Christmas Bazaar, Shrove Tuesday, puzzle sale and the list goes on. Building maintenance, repairs, snow removal and the management of the Columbarium is all done by the work of volunteers. Vestry would no longer exist but, hey, it doesn't really matter since it would be impossible to keep our beloved place of worship operating.

Volunteering benefits the church and congregation but also strengthens the church community. For you personally, the connection with your spiritual nature becomes more comfortable, talents you may not know exist are discovered, your roots to St. Paul's become deeper as it becomes your church home and the members part of your extended family.

There are no unimportant jobs within the church. It may appear as if some volunteer roles carry more importance, but each one is significantly necessary to complete the big picture. If you are hesitant to volunteer because of the fear of the unknown, be assured all questions are encouraged and welcomed, and training will be available as required. And last but certainly not least, your volunteer schedule is yours to make and no long-term commitments needed.

### **Volunteer Co-ordinator cont'd**

A Volunteer Co-ordinator role has been added at our church and I have agreed to take on the task. This is not about replacing volunteers who have so generously donated their time over the years, but rather adding more people into the mix to create an inviting atmosphere for long-term and newly arrived members.

If you are interested in volunteering or need more information about volunteer opportunities, please put your name on the volunteer list in the cloister or phone/text me at 206-570-2236, [wa3f@sasktel.net](mailto:wa3f@sasktel.net). I look forward to talking to you!

*“When everyone does a little, it becomes a lot.”*

### **SPEAKING OF VOLUNTEERS!**

#### **Servers and Acolytes Ministry**

During the processional at the worship service, Acolytes carry in the candles and a crucifer carries the processional cross. Servers help set the Altar, assist with the reading of the Gospel and assist the Presider and Deacon with various aspects of worship.

Now that COVID lock down is behind us, it is time to resume our Servers and Acolytes Ministry at St. Paul's Cathedral. The role of Servers and Acolytes is a role often considered to be filled by older children, however, the only age restriction is they must be greater than 4 years old to participate. Your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, neighbours, and yes, even people at your age are welcome to become involved in this lay ministry.

Working with the Reverend Deacon Susan Haake and Sub-Deacon Tannis Patterson, training will be provided to make your involvement a successful journey. The time commitment is about two hours per week, depending how often each individual would like to assist. A rehearsal may be held prior to larger services.

## Servers and Acolytes Ministry cont'd

To learn more about the Servers and Acolytes Ministry, and/or to participate in this ministry, please contact Susan Haacke ([s.haacke@sasktel.net](mailto:s.haacke@sasktel.net)) or Tannis Patterson ([tgpatterson@sasktel.net](mailto:tgpatterson@sasktel.net)).

## Easter Tea and Bake Sale



The Inaugural Easter Tea and Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, March 16 in the cloister from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Tannis Patterson is heading up this event and has provided the following information.

**Baking** can be delivered to the St. Paul's office on Friday, March 15 during the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. **OR** Saturday morning after 8:00 a.m. The baking items should not be priced! **Everyone** is welcome to supply baking. Styrofoam

trays are available at the church for packaging. There will also be a small Deli section.....Perogies, Chili,..... to name a couple.

**Set up** will be held on Friday, March 15 at 10:00 a.m.

**Volunteers** will be needed for two shifts: **10:00 - 11:30** and **11:30 - 1:00**. The serving of tea and muffins requires 4 – 5 people at each shift. The raffle table needs 2 people at each shift. You are more than welcome to work both shifts.

**Clean up** follows immediately after the event and everyone is encouraged to join in.

**Call** Tannis at 306-586-2799 for more information or to get your name on the volunteer list. It is important to let her know ahead of time so she is assured that the guests will be properly looked after and the volunteers have an enjoyable time.

**P.S.** The Caring Crafters will be joining the tea and bake sale. There is a rumour floating around that some lovely “spring-like” items will be available. Be sure to check them out!!

## Strawberry Fair & White Elephant Sale



According to Jim Melville's strawberry source, June 8 seems to be the best date to hold a strawberry fair! Along with strawberries, **local crafts** will be available for purchase and the **white elephant sale** will return. A committee will be formed very shortly, and the first committee meeting will take place the first week of April. If you are interested in becoming joining this huge fundraiser, contact Angie Friedrich (306-570-2236, [wa3f@sasktel.net](mailto:wa3f@sasktel.net)) or sign up on the volunteer list in the cloister as soon as possible. Experience not needed but enthusiasm is essential!

It is not too early to start gathering your items for the white elephant sale. **Reminder:** this is a sale to raise money for our church though the sale of gently used items, not an opportunity to ditch junk (eg. used toilet brush). Due to the complications involved, clothing will not be accepted.

## St. Paul's Sunday School Program

Sunday school is such an important ministry. It delivers the possibility for the children to come together to become more acquainted with God at their level and with each other. Heather McKerracher brought life back to Sunday School after shutdown, but it soon became apparent that it was not right to expect her to carry the load alone. Liz Turnball recruited a group of people willing to help, and it appears that Sunday School is not only thriving, but growing! If you have an opportunity, take a peek at the kid-appealing Sunday School room located downstairs and of course, if you would like to become involved, contact Angie Friedrich.

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING BRIEF**

On a snowy Sunday morning, the Annual General Meeting was held March 3, 2024, following the worship service. Much to everyone's surprise, approximately 40 people attended despite the weather and blizzard warnings. Thankfully hot soup and buns were served to keep us going.

- The meeting was called to order at 11:45 with Dave Hedlund serving as Chair and Shelly Proulx as Secretary.
- The minutes from 2023 meeting and all reports were received as presented.
- The Financial Statements of 2023 and budget for 2024 were approved.
- Susan Gorges remains as People's warden for one more year.
- Jim Melville was appointed by the Dean as the Rector's Warden for a two-year term.
- Synod delegates are: Alan Denike, Susan Gorges, Jim Melville, Tannis Patterson and Marian Powell with Lisa Wallace-Markesteyn and Angie Friedrich as alternatives.
- New Vestry members elected are Pat Henneberg, Carol Marz and Basil Pogue for 3-year terms.
- The additional search committee members remain as Doug Turnball and Merrilyn Dubreuil.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m. Vestry would like to extend many thanks to those who have agreed to become involved or are still involved with Vestry. Also, your dedication to St. Paul's to attend the AGM was very appreciated.

## **BAGNALL HALL**

Once again, the SaskTel Pioneer Tax Clinic has rented Bagnall Hall and will be providing tax services from now to May 2. This is a very needed service for many. Since the hall is not available, all gatherings and events will be held in the cloister until after tax season.

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## **THE CATHEDRAL CALENDAR**



March 6 – May 2	SaskTel Pioneers Tax Clinic Bagnall Hall
March 16	Easter Tea and Bake Sale
March 24	Palm Sunday 10:00 a.m. Blessing of Palms & Dramatic Reading
March 26	Clergy Day / Blessings of Oils
March 28	Maundy Thursday Institution of the Lord's Supper, Foot Washing, Choral Eucharist & Stripping of the Altar, 7:00 p.m.
March 29	Good Friday, Noon
March 30	Easter Vigil 9:00 p.m. Choral Eucharist
March 31	Easter Day 10:00 a.m., Holy Eucharist
June 8	Strawberry Fair & White Elephant Sale

**Please join us in the Cloister for FELLOWSHIP following the 10:00 a.m. Sunday services. Come for the coffee, tea and goodies, but stay for the visit.**

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