



May

May is known as a month of transition. The fresh cold winds are gone, as are the rains of early spring.



By the time May comes around, the spring flowers are blooming, birds are chirping, and life is starting to seem a little more joyful day by day!

May 20 is "**Victoria Day**" marking the birth of Queen Victoria on May 24, 1819.

Mother's Day

May 12 is "**Mothers' Day**". On this day, we honour womanhood — women from different backgrounds and walks of life— artists, poets, women in government, female mentors, women who work in their career or community, women who care for an aging parent, or women who work with young adults. Women, the protector and nurturer of all humanity. Love you all!



Ecumenical Share Ministry (ESM) Report

At a recent meeting of the Ecumenical Shared Ministry Committee, the agenda included time to discuss the motions that were presented at each of the churches' annual general meetings. The three congregations of Trinity Lutheran, St. Giles Anglican, and St. Paul's United all passed recommendations 1, 2, 3, and 5. However, members of one of our ecumenical partners felt that they needed more time to discuss and consider the 4th recommendation. Therefore, we will postpone going forward with our work with Trinity Centres Foundation for the time being.

Recommendation 1 - The committee will continue to meet to discuss possible names for a shared ministry, shared worship practices, shared facilities, shared

Mission Statement: *St. Paul's United is a prairie-rooted, people church, centered on Holy Mystery. We experience the gift of grace – forgiveness, new life, God's unconditional love – as we open our doors and hearts to people of all ages, stages and walks of life. We live as a community of faith carried on the winds of God's Spirit.*

leadership, and shared operational finances.

Recommendation 2 - Beginning on April 28, we will have joint worship services on the fourth Sunday of each month. The first of those services will be:

- April 28 - Trinity Lutheran Church
- May 26 - St. Giles Anglican Church
- June 23 - St. Paul's United Church

Please consider serving on the joint Worship committee to help the clergy from Trinity and St. Giles plan these fourth Sunday services, It's important that we have input from all three denominations in order to make the worship service meaningful for all. St. Paul's needs to have a voice on this committee. Please contact one of the committee members - Sandi Klatt, Jim Pratt, or Cheryl Deren, or contact the church office to volunteer for this important position.

Recommendation 3 - The Pastoral/Community Care Committee is in the process of being formed and making decisions about how that committee will function.

Recommendation 5 - The ESM committee will continue to work on the wording of a covenant.

Messy Church

Messy Church is being held Sunday, May 26, 2024 at St. Paul's United



Church from 4 – 6 pm. Everyone Welcome! Families encouraged!

Results of the vote on Remit 1

Remit 1 has passed.

All 16 regional councils, the National Indigenous Council, and 80% of pastoral charges in The United Church of Canada participated in the vote on Remit 1: Establishing an Autonomous National Indigenous Organization.

Thank you once again to everyone who voted in this process.

The voting process engaged many across the church in deep and sometimes challenging conversations about right relations with Indigenous Peoples. Throughout this process, it became particularly clear that there is a need for deeper and ongoing work to address the issues of systemic racism which persist in the church, despite our continued commitment to reconciliation. We will re-engage this important work this year.

Meanwhile, there is one final phase in the remit process. The 44th General Council Annual Meeting will be asked to enact the remit when it meets on October 19, 2024.

Hear ye; hear ye. Good News is here!

The Living Skies Regional Council Meeting will be held from June 13 to 15, 2024 at the Travel Lodge (Idylwyld Dr. N. and Circle Dr) in Saskatoon, with the

Moderator, the Right Rev. Carmen Lansdowne attending for part of our meeting. The Service of Praise will be at Knox United Church in Saskatoon on Sunday, June 16. Don Kindopp will be representing St. Paul's International at this gathering.

Have a favourite hymn or a suggestion?

If you have a favourite hymn that you would like to have sung during worship, please write it down on a suggestion card and place in the suggestion box in the Narthex. The same for any suggestion you may have to make worship more meaningful for you.

Meals on Wheels

St. Paul's is responsible for the delivery of Meals on Wheels for the month of May. A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex. Please take a moment and indicate where you can be part of this vital community service.



General Council Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the 44th General Council will be held October 19, 2024. General Council 44 will be held completely online for the first time this year. While this means we won't be able to gather in person for General Council as so many of us are used to, it also means

there are unique opportunities for those who are not Commissioners, Invited Guests, or Youth Forum members to join in the event and stay connected to GC44 no matter where they are.

If you have an interest in representing rural Saskatchewan as a Commissioner at General Council, express this interest to Don Kindopp or go to: <https://livingskiesrc.ca/governance-admin/nominations/> and complete the form found there.



Estevan Exhibition and Rodeo

The Estevan Exhibition and Rodeo are being held June 14, 15, and 16. St. Paul's will again open our Fair Booth under the leadership of Diane Wrubleski, Paul Deren and Wade Wrubleski.

The Sacraments

The United Church of Canada celebrates and recognizes two sacraments: baptism and communion.

Our communities of faith do not regularly celebrate the sacraments because no licensed minister is available to preside.

The sacraments elder policies and procedures of Living Skies Regional Council are one way of ensuring that each

community of faith can celebrate its sacramental life by licensing lay members of the United Church to administer the sacraments within their own community of faith.



Many of you have the skills to come forward to train and offer your faith and

leadership as a sacraments elder.

Birthdays

May Birthdays – are you celebrating a birthday this month?

Please let us know by signing the birthday board in the Narthex.



Special Music

If you are able to provide special music for our worship services, please contact the office. Solo, duet, small ensemble — whatever you may be part of would be appreciated.

Frozen Desserts

Frozen rhubarb desserts are still available. Contact Patty in the office. Large:\$10 each; mini : 3/\$10.

House Groups

House Group leaders are responsible to get greeters. Greeters are asked:

- to get a key from the office ahead of their Sunday;

- unlock the doors of the church;
- greet the worshippers;
- bring offering forward during the service;
- ensure candles are out and lights turned off;
- lock the doors after service; and
- drop the key in the brown mailbox outside the front door.

May's hosting House group will be the "Genesis".

Worship Service Leaders (WSL) involved with Rural Connect are assigned by the office from a list of volunteers or from the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. The WSL participates in the service where agreed to and lights the Christ Candle.

Financial Matter\$

January 1, 2024 — March 31, 2024

Income:	\$25,774.69
Expenses:	<u>\$34,865.85</u>
Surplus (Deficit):	\$(9,191.16)

Leadership within St. Paul's for 2024:

Leadership Team

Lawrence Burnard

Cheryl Deren

Jordan Cantwell - Regional Rep

Judy Pratt — Chairperson

Gail Schlamp — Vice-Chairperson

Greg Suchan

Wendy Suchan

*Astrid Friesen - Recording Steward

*Don Kindopp - Treasurer

* — non-voting member

Ministry & Personnel Committee

Emily Gillies

Jim Pratt

Odessa Sherbaniuk

Trustees

Dennis Bode

Paul Deren

Diane Wrubleski

Dr. A.E. Elliot Education Fund Rep

Diane Wrubleski

Living Skies Regional Rep

Don Kindopp

Ecumenical Shared Ministry Committee

Cheryl Deren

Sandi Klatt

Jim Pratt

ESM Pastoral Care Representative

Sandi Klatt

EMS Worship Representative

Your name here

Upcoming Events

- *April 21, 2024* — **Rural Connect Service** — 10:30 am at St. Paul's.
- *April 21, 2024* — **Messy Church** — 4:00-6:00 pm at St. Giles. Everyone welcome and families encouraged!
- *April 28, 2024* — **Ecumenical Worship Service** — 10:00 am at Trinity Lutheran.
- *Month of May* — **Meals on Wheels** — volunteer sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

- *May 5, 2024* — **Worship Service** — 9:00 am at Knox and 10:30 am at St. Paul's. Worship Leader is Heather Tober.
- *May 12, 2024* — **Rural Connect Service** — 10:30 am at St. Paul's. Happy Women's Day!
- *May 19, 2024* — **Rural Connect Service** — 10:30 am at St. Paul's.
- *May 26, 2024* — **Ecumenical Worship Service** — 10:00 am at St. Giles Anglican.
- *May 26, 2024* — **Messy Church** — 4:00-6:00 pm at St. Paul's. Everyone welcome and families encouraged!
- *June 2, 2024* — **Worship Service** — 9:00 am at Knox and 10:30 am at St. Paul's. Worship Leader is Jim Pratt.
- *June 9, 2024* — **Men's Ecumenical Breakfast** — 8:00 am at Trinity.
- *June 9, 2024* — **Rural Connect Service** — 10:30 am at St. Paul's.
- *June 14-16, 2024* — **Fair Booth** at Estevan Exhibition and Rodeo.
- *June 16, 2024* — **Rural Connect Service** — 10:30 am at St. Paul's. Happy Father's Day!
- *June 23, 2024* — **Ecumenical Worship Service** — 10:30 am at St. Paul's United Church.

What Love means to a 4-8 year old...

'When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love.' — Rebecca- age 8

'When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth.' — Billy - age 4

'Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other.' — Karl - age 5

'Love is what makes you smile when you're tired.' — Terri - age 4

'Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK.' — Danny - age 7

'Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen.' — Bobby - age 7 (Wow!) —

'If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate,' — Nikka - age 6 (we need a few million more Nikka's on this planet)

'Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt, then he wears it everyday.' — Noelle - age 7

'My mommy loves me more than anybody You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night.' — Clare - age 6

'Love is when Mommy gives Daddy the best piece of chicken.' — Elaine-age 5

'Love is when Mommy sees Daddy smelly and sweaty and still says he is handsomer than Robert Redford.' — Chris - age 7

'Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day.' — Mary Ann - age 4

'I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones.' —Lauren - age 4

'When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you.' (what an image) — Karen - age 7

Auditorium Sale
We are looking for an energetic individual or team that will take on the organization of an auditorium sale.



Great time!
Great fellowship!
Great fund raiser!
Great for our community!