

St. Paul's Weekly Update – April 7, 2022

Minister's Ponderings

This Sunday marks the end of Lent and the beginning of Holy Week. As I mentioned six weeks ago, I have never experienced a time of Lent with my heart so heavy, as we witness the violence and death in Ukraine. There are struggles throughout the world and even in our own lives. As Christians, we believe in a God who knew suffering. We believe that even in the most difficult times, God is with us. We are not alone. Sometimes God is the thin thread of hope that keeps us going. It is a stronger thread than we could ever have imagined. I look to Jesus as my source of courage, compassion and hope.

Worship

This Sunday is Palm Sunday and our last Sunday in Lent. We continue to journey with Jesus to the streets of Jerusalem and then to an Upper Room. We will be having communion, so for those of you who are watching at home, I invite you to have bread or a cracker with a beverage available.



To worship with us on-line, visit our website at www.stpaulsmidland.org and use the direct YouTube link at the top of the page, or simply go to YouTube and subscribe to our channel. Just type in "St. Paul's Midland" and you will find us. If you are on Facebook, you can get St. Paul's updates that way as well. Check us out on both our new website and Facebook. We start live-streaming at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday.



St. Paul's Zoom Coffee Hour

The next ZOOM Coffee Hour is this **Sunday April 10, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.** We invite you all to join. You can use the same link as before:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89969004401

Congregational Life

The **Visiting Team** meets next Wednesday, April 13th at 10:30 in the Parlour. Please contact Colleen at 705-427-9501 if you need further details.

The Congregational Life committee will be hosting another **Faith and Fellowship take-out dinner on Wednesday, April 27**th, **2022.** The menu will be ham and scalloped potatoes, hot vegetable, coleslaw, dinner roll and dessert. Cost is \$20.00 per dinner, **payable in advance** either by cheque or e-transfer. Pick up of meals will be between 4:30 and 5:00 p.m. in the Atrium. You can order your meals by contacting Louise, our Administrator at stpaulsunited@rogers.com or by calling her at 705-526-1640. There will be a maximum of 70 dinners sold, so don't delay and place your order as soon as possible.



Welcome to SPRING UCW cupcake sale

UCW is having a cupcake sale and the cost is 6/\$10.00. There will be a variety of flavours available. You can place your order by calling Sharon Foster at 705-526-7181. Pick up date will be May 5th, 2022, at the church, at 1:00 p.m.

The **Official Board** will be meeting via ZOOM on Tuesday May 17, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. Board members - please note this date on your calendars.

LOST AND FOUND: A diamond shaped royal blue earring was found at the church. If anyone is missing it, please call Louise at 705-526-1640 to arrange for pick up.

Faith Formation and Discovery Kids news

The **Discovery Kids Program** has gone **back to Zoom** gatherings every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. until further notice. They will not be meeting in person. Due to a significant increase of COVID cases in the schools affecting many families, this decision has been made for the safety of our children and our faith family.

St. Paul's Refugee Campaign



Through your generous donations, we have raised \$12,230 so far towards this campaign. Great work St. Paul's!! To donate to our Refugee fund, please make your cheque payable to St. Paul's United Church and clearly mark on the memo line of the cheque that is for the Refugee Fund. If you are making an e-transfer or donation online through our website, then please indicate that it is for this fund. Thank you.

This Week's Minute for Mission





Acting Together for Ukraine

Spanning 127 countries, Action by Churches Together (ACT) Be the Church Alliance is the world's largest network of Protestant and THE JOURNEY Orthodox churches and agencies, including the United Church.

Your generosity through Mission & Service has long supported

ACT's humanitarian relief and advocacy efforts. Right now, your ongoing support through **Mission & Service** as well as special emergency gifts are helping provide Ukrainians with shelter, clean water, food, and medical attention.

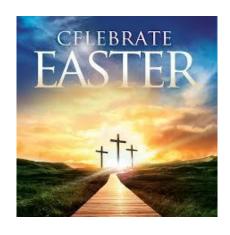




GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE Friday, April 15, 2022 10:00 a.m. St. Paul's United Church



EASTER SUNRISE
SERVICE
Sunday April 17, 2022
7:00 am
Little Lake Park, Midland



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Sunday April 17, 2022
10:00 am
St. Paul's United Church
All are welcome!

Blessings everyone,

Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam, Minister, St. Paul's United Church 705-433-1224 <a href="ministed-mi

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