



## St. Paul's Weekly Update – June 23, 2022

### Worship – Music Sunday

Don't miss our service this Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> - Music Sunday. Most people will readily acknowledge that music holds a special place in their lives. Music can instantly recall memories, good and bad. It is present at our emotional highs and lows. It can be a most significant comfort in troubled times. For many, it is a spiritual place where one can experience God's presence.

There are many types of music that speak to us in many different ways. Today we hope that in the multiple pieces of music included in this service, or even in just one of those pieces, you will find joy and comfort and experience the Holy Spirit.

**Worship with us in person** at 10:00 a.m. or on-line, visit our website at [www.stpaulsmidland.org](http://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.

### Men's Breakfast Gathering

Our next men's breakfast gathering is **this Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at Mom's Restaurant**. Gather with the guys for some food, fellowship and interesting conversation. All men are welcome to join.



### St. Paul's Zoom Coffee Hour



The next ZOOM Coffee Hour is this **Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.** We invite you all to join. Thank you to Liz Rogers and her Zoom team for making this happen. This will be our last Coffee Hour until we start up again in September. You can use the same link as before:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89969004401>

**The Women's Grief Support Group** meets on Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. All are welcome. Please call Colleen at 705-427-9630 if you require transportation.

### Office hours

**Current office hours** are Wednesday and Thursdays only, until the week of September 11<sup>th</sup>. Colleen is in the office on Wednesday mornings and Louise is there on Thursday mornings, both from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Just a reminder that Louise works from home the balance of the time and can always be reached at her home number at 705-526-1640 or by e-mail at [stpaulsunited@rogers.com](mailto:stpaulsunited@rogers.com) on Wednesday and Thursdays.

**In case of a pastoral emergency** while Karen is on holidays/sabbatical time, please contact our Pastoral Care Co-ordinator, **Colleen Gareau at 705-427-9630** or the **Rev. Lois Brown** from Unity United Church in Vasey at **705-816-2570**. Should you need to contact Louise Therrien, our Church Administrator, she can be reached at **705-526-1640 on**

**Wednesdays and Thursdays only** during July and August, or by email at [stpaulsunited@rogers.com](mailto:stpaulsunited@rogers.com)

## **Congregational Life**

We now have five team leaders for the **return of Social Hour in September**. They are Joan Lavin, Charlie and Barb Carswell, Marlis Dupuis, Sue and Mike Sauve and Sheila Thompson. There will be a 'training session' for those who haven't been involved in the past - or who may not remember! Our team leaders are all looking for volunteers to complete their teams so please contact Sheila or the team leader you would like to work with.

Our next **Faith and Fellowship dinner** is on Wednesday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, with pick up in the Atrium between 4:30 and 5:00 p.m. The menu will be a Summer Salad Plate - cold meats, salads (potato and pasta from Dino's, home made coleslaw), devilled egg and strawberry shortcake. The cost is \$20 per meal payable in advance, either by cheque or e-transfer. **To pre-order your meal**, contact Louise at 705-526-1640 or by e-mail at [stpaulsunited@rogers.com](mailto:stpaulsunited@rogers.com).



## **Discovery Kids**

Discovery Kids are back in person every Sunday. Families are asked to take their children directly upstairs, where Rebecca is looking forward to seeing them.

**Camp Awesome** registration is now open! All children ages 5-12 are invited! You do not need to be a regular St. Paul's Discovery Kids participant to register. Camp dates: August 8-12 from 9:00-11:30am each day at St. Paul's United Church. For more information or to register, please contact Rebecca at 226-339-8218.

## **Calling all Campers!**



Once again, **Camp Simpresca** is open to campers this summer.

Financial assistance is available from St. Paul's to help with registration fees to send children to the camp. For more information, call Louise at 705-526-1640 or email the church office at [stpaulsunited@rogers.com](mailto:stpaulsunited@rogers.com).

You can also check out the Camp Simpresca website at <https://simpresca.camp/what-we-do/> to see what's available.

## **This Week's Minute for Mission**

**GOD'S MISSION  
OUR GIFTS**

*Participants gather for an anti-human trafficking education program.*



In December 2020, we shared [Lakshmi's story](#). Lakshmi, a teenager from West Bengal, India, was trafficked by her aunt, who promised that Lakshmi could earn money "dancing." Thankfully, the story had a happy ending. Lakshmi's parents contacted the Diocese of Durgapur, which runs an anti-human trafficking program supported by your Mission & Service gifts. The Diocese intervened, and on the threat of legal action, Lakshmi's aunt returned her to her parents.

Over the year since we published Lakshmi's story, the Diocese of Durgapur has been busy initiating life-saving anti-trafficking programming, advocacy, education, and relief efforts. Here's an update. In 2021, your support through Mission & Service meant that

- 985 key leaders became aware of anti-human trafficking methods, including youth, church, and community leaders
- 20 young people received computer training
- 9 families learned bamboo crafting to augment their income
- 500 families received relief during COVID lockdowns, including food hampers and personal protective equipment
- CCTV cameras were installed in the Malda Safe Home, which houses 21 children

Now that people are returning to work after COVID lockdowns, the efforts of the Diocese and ongoing Mission & Service support are especially critical.

Most of the people the Diocese of Durgapur reaches out to live below the poverty line and earn their livelihood through agriculture and labour. "They go to other states looking for work and sometimes fall victim to human trafficking. Now as COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, people are again getting ready to go outside for work. We are working with these people, especially in the areas where people were trafficked earlier, so they don't become victims," says Raja Moses, a Project Coordinator for the Diocese.

Your generous gifts through [Mission & Service](#) support anti-human trafficking programs run through the Diocese of Durgapur, directly impacting thousands of lives. Thank you!

**Blessings everyone,**

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