



## St. Paul's Weekly Update – August 4, 2022

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### Worship

This Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, Colleen Gareau will be leading the service. The sermon title is "Building a Life with Faith".

**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 on Facebook. We start live-streaming at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday.

### Office hours

**Current office hours** are Wednesday and Thursday 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

**Calling all people handy with a paint brush or roller.** We are planning to paint the Upper Room, ceiling and all, in August. Anyone who can help please give Bruce a call at 705-526-8553 or his cell at 705-529-6728.



On **Sunday, Aug. 28<sup>th</sup>** we will be celebrating Colleen Gareau's ministry amongst us as our Pastoral Care Coordinator. Colleen is moving back to Brandon Manitoba and we will miss her very much. The Sunday worship service will acknowledge her ministry, followed by a social gathering at the church to allow people to say goodbye.

**Save the date:** On September 11, we will be having another **Car Rally**. Plans are currently in the works for this fun-filled event, so stay tuned for more details.

**The UCW will be having an indoor garage sale** at the end of September. Start cleaning out your closets etc. of unwanted items and be ready for the September 22<sup>nd</sup> drop off date. Set up will be September 23<sup>rd</sup> with the sale on September 24<sup>th</sup>. We'll be looking for lots of volunteers to help as well.



## **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.

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

### What would Jesus do?

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The question "What would Jesus do?" often shortened to the acronym "W.W.J.D." has graced wrist bands, T-shirts and bumper stickers since the 1990s. And while it might sound like an overused cliché, it's a question that can lead our spirit and by extension, our lives to profound transformation.

What did Jesus do? He crossed a lot of boundaries. In fact, when we think about the boundaries that separate people—things like money, gender, education, culture, religion and class—Jesus crossed them all.

He struck up a conversation with a Samaritan woman in a culture where it wasn't socially acceptable for men and women, much less Jews and Samaritans, to speak to one another. He healed the bodies and souls of people suffering from a variety of diseases when it was sinful to have anything to do with them. He visited the homes of tax collectors and sex trade workers and advocated for the rights of widows, orphans and those living in poverty. He not only valued children in a time when they were considered such drains on society that they were abandoned on roadsides, but he also told his followers that unless they were more like children, they wouldn't enter the kingdom of heaven.

In the same way, our generosity through [Mission & Service](#) breaks down walls that divide and builds bridges that draw us together.

Your generosity supports organizations like hospitals, counselling centres, drop-in circles and homeless shelters, that are there when people need them most. Your gifts sustain education programs that teach farming skills, provide job training and help remove obstacles so children can remain in school. Your generosity stands up for victims of human trafficking, ensures workers and children know their rights and advocates for those persecuted because of their sexual orientation, gender or beliefs. It fosters anti-racism, supports healing and reconciliation, and deepens spiritual practice.

Through Mission & Service, the arms of your generosity stretch wide, reaching into schools, camps, hospitals, shelters, prisons and churches with three main goals: to help transform lives, deepen meaning and purpose and build a better world.

Mission & Service is one of our church's best answers to the question "What would Jesus do?" Thank you for your support.

## **Blessings everyone,**

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