



St. Paul's Weekly Update – Apr. 4, 2024

WELCOME to Shaun McIntosh, our guest preacher this Sunday.

Worship with us in person at 10:00 a.m. or on-line. Click on the link below to join us virtually for this service if you are unable to attend in person.



<https://youtube.com/live/cYIMXEzgDAc?feature=share>

St. Paul's website

Want to know what's going on St. Paul's? Visit our **website** at <https://www.stpaulsmidland.org/> There is lots of information and worth the look. You can also follow us on **Facebook** at <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=st.%20paul%27s%20united%20church>

In-Person Coffee Hour

Our in-person coffee is **this Sunday, Apr. 7th**, following worship. Sheila Thompson's team will be hosting.

Joan Lavin is Captain of the Greeters during April. If anyone is interested in joining the Social Hour or Greeters' Teams, please speak to Sheila Thompson.

Update from the Minister Search Committee

The search committee has been busy reviewing applications and will be interviewing two potential candidates later on this month.

A Message from your Stewardship Committee

Your Stewardship Committee provides you with financial updates periodically throughout the year. We keep a close eye on our actual costs compared to the approved budget as well as our cash flow used to pay ongoing expenses. After three months, **our deficit is over \$28,000** and funds for operating expenses are trending lower. While it is early in the year, we urge you to keep up your weekly contributions so that the deficit will be manageable later in the year.

Below is a snapshot of our financial status as of the end of March 2024:

Total Income: \$51,329

Total Expenses: \$79,433

Deficit: **(\$28,104)**

UCW Meeting

On Tues. Apr. 9th at 1:30 p.m., the UCW will hold their regular monthly meeting **at the Huronia Museum**, at the entrance to Little Lake Park. They will have their usual business meeting, followed by a tour of the museum. All ladies of the congregation are welcome.

Connecting Together

Join our group **every Thurs.** from **2:00 to 3:00 p.m.** to connect and enjoy time sharing stories, fun, fellowship and to meet new friends. If anyone can display our flyer around town or at your place of work, it would be very much appreciated. Flyers are located on the desk in the atrium. Thank you to our volunteers headed by Louise Leck who are there to support others and enjoy just connecting.

Grandmother's Helping Hands

is hosting a Pasta Dinner on **Fri., Apr. 5th** at St. Paul's. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner being served at 6:00 p.m. Gluten free and vegetarian options are available. Purchase of the dinner is by donation with all proceeds going to the Stephen Lewis Foundation. Donations of \$20.00 or more will get an income tax receipt. Please ask at the door for the income tax form. To reserve your seat please call Cathy Stewart at 705 527 1324.

The Grandmothers' Solidarity Quilt will be on display on Apr. 5th. This is a commemorative quilt in honour of the Stephen Lewis Foundation's 20th anniversary. All the Grandmothers around the world contributed material for this amazing quilt and it was quilted by Grandmothers.

National Volunteer Week – St. Paul's Volunteer Appreciation Dinner – RSVP by April 8th

National Volunteer Appreciation Week is Apr. 14th to 20th. This week provides an opportunity to celebrate the vibrancy and impact of volunteerism in our communities and nationwide. Please join us at St. Paul's as we celebrate "Every Moment Matters" and highlight the importance of every volunteer and each contribution that you make. **Please RSVP by April 8th if you are able to celebrate with us at the Volunteer dinner being held from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on April 17th.** Please leave a message at the church at 705-526-6077 or email Kathy Stewart at volunteerspucmidland@gmail.com

Free Books and Binders:

As Karen prepares to leave for retirement, she is giving away as many as 400 books to anyone who is interested. Each week she sets out more books on the counter just outside her study by the parlour. She just added another 100 books and five binders. Please come check them out and help yourself!! Take as many as you want.

Save the date

Karen's last Sunday at St. Paul's will be on May 26th, 2024. Please plan to attend the service at 10:00 a.m., followed by a reception in the Great Hall.

Butter Tart Festival Fundraiser

Once again, St. Paul's will be holding a 'penny raffle' during this year's Butter Tart Festival on June 8th. Please consider making a donation to our prize table and/or volunteering for a couple of hours that day. This was a successful fundraiser last year and we hope to do as well in 2024. Please contact Sheila at 705-526-2186 or by e-mail at rmsmt2612@gmail.com) for further info.

Office Hours

The office is open on **Tues., Wed. and Thurs.** mornings from **9:00 a.m. until noon.**

This Week's Minute for Mission



An ever-changing backdrop for outdoor activities and adventures

On a windy weekday morning in February, you might expect a camp to be quiet, anxiously awaiting the hustle and bustle that summertime will bring. But on the escarpment in Lincoln, ON, Cave Springs Camp is anything but quiet.

A Nature School for youth operates daily on the lower floor of the new Conference Centre. Staff take bookings for weddings, corporate events, and birthdays, and in the afternoon a youth group will arrive to enjoy the year-round facilities.

Cave Springs Camp hasn't always been this way. Not so long ago, programming would only run in the summertime, with some bookings into the fall if weather permitted.

Program Director Lance Wright enthusiastically expresses his deep gratitude for the people who have made year-round facilities and programs possible. Looking outside on a February weekday, Lance can see children at the Nature School experimenting with the wind instead of hiding from it indoors on a phone or computer. Lance's passion for creating lifelong memories and inspiring faith and self-confidence shines through his work to build a caring and dynamic community atmosphere.

From the vibrant colours of spring to the warm sunshine of summer, the crisp air of fall, and the magical snow-covered landscapes of winter, Cave Springs Camp provides an ever-changing backdrop for people of all ages to appreciate outdoor activities and adventures.

Your generosity through Mission and Service is helping children, teens, and adults to reconnect with nature at any time of the year. Thank you.

Blessings everyone

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