

ANNOUNCEMENTS:**Sunday, December 11, 2022****ST. PAUL'S – WEEK of December 11 to 18, 2022**

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| 12+ | Mon. - Fri. | Café Ministry | 9:00 – 9:30 AM |
| 12 | Monday | Mission Circle | 1:30 PM |
| 13 | Tuesday | A.S.A.P. (Always Say A Prayer) | 10:00 AM |
| | | Gifts & Bequests Committee | 10:00 AM |
| | | WASS UP Singles | 6:00 PM |
| 14 | Wednesday | Pearson Funeral Service | 11:00 AM |
| | | Advent Bible Study | 1:00 - 2:30 PM |
| | | Youth Group | 7:00 - 8:30 PM |
| 15 | Thursday | Christian Nurture | 4:00 PM |
| | | Sr. Choir Practice | 7:30 PM |
| 18 | Sunday | Coffee, Carols, Croissants & Tea | 9:00 – 9:45 AM |
| | | ADVENT IV | 10:30 AM |

*****MISSION CIRCLE COLLECTION FOR THE SUDAN*****

The following items are being collected, to be shipped in January: **everything** in reasonable condition ... from clothes to tools and especially **bicycles** in any condition! **And ... one time only** to include **everything** **clothing** , boots, books, National Geographic magazines, and **any medical supplies**.

Tentative deadline for donations: January 16, 2022

MISSION COMMITTEE CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER

☆☆☆Pick up your order this Sunday, December 11.☆☆☆

MITTENS FOR MISSION: Extended to THIS Sunday, December 11

“Mittens for Mission Life Line” Collection
(formerly known as the “Mitten Tree”)
has been extended to this Sunday!

Items needed include mittens, hats and wool socks.

This year, donations will be shared within our local community.

***** HAND-MADE MITTENS, HATS, SCARVES and SLIPPERS*****

These items are available for purchase by donation as a fundraiser for our Food Card program. If you intend to donate to the Life Line, your purchase would support two St. Paul's missions at once. All knitted items plus the donation bin are in the Welcome Lobby. Thank you for your support of these two important programs!

THISTLE CLUB'S CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK

Thank you to all who participated in the Cookie Walk – your support is much appreciated. ****There are still items available at the church if you were not able to make it to the sale.****

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR QUETZAL FAMILY HOMES: ENDS SUNDAY ❄️

There are currently several children living at Quetzal for whom their mothers cannot provide a Christmas. Information cards about the children will be available in the Welcome Lobby this week. Please note that gifts are to be returned (unwrapped) by Sunday, December 11.

SALVATION ARMY FOOD DRIVE: COLLECTION ENDS THIS SUNDAY ❄️

At Christmas, The Salvation Army distributes hundreds of food boxes to needy families. St. Paul's has always helped to fill their boxes with food. Your donated items may be dropped off to the Welcome Lobby at the church. Suggestions included: cereals and jams, pancake mix and syrup, condiments (ketchup, BBQ sauce), “Sidekicks” pasta, Christmas treats, chocolates and candies, canned pasta, soups and stews, crackers and salad dressing.

CAFÉ MINISTRY: WEEKDAY MORNINGS FROM 9:00 TO 9:30 AM

IN ST. PAUL'S LIBRARY, hosted by Donna Kovacs. All are welcome to attend this open Bible study. The current topic is “Relationships”.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY: Wednesdays during Advent, 1:00 - 2:30 PM

Join Rev. Mikal in the St. Paul's Library for this Advent Bible study.

PHOTO DAY: Thank you to all who stopped in for their picture last week. The updated photos will be added to our directory very soon.

FRIENDSHIP IN FAITH CHRISTMAS CAROL SING SONG

Thank you to all who joined in with our Friendship in Faith folks for carol singing. An enjoyable time was had by all.

THISTLE CLUB: REMINDER * NO MEETING IN DECEMBER *****

YOUTH REMINDER: Youth Musical Practice Sunday, December 11th following Worship Service (don't forget to bring your instruments.)

WASS UP SINGLES GROUP: NEXT MEETING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13 Monthly on the second Tuesday, 6 to 8 PM, Topic: “Christmas Crafts”

**COFFEE, CAROLS AND CROISSANTS: NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH
9 TO 9:45 AM - BEFORE WORSHIP SERVICE**

Come join us on Sunday, December 18 for some festive carol singing. We will enjoy some coffee and croissants while getting into the holiday spirit. Ian Madge will be there to accompany us on the piano.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

Best wishes are extended this coming week to:

**Natalie H. (#21!), Roz M. (#85!), Philip L.,
Jack B. (#20!), Natalie M., Leigh N., Payton T. and Greg J.!!!**

REMINDERS and UPDATES

*****YEAR END GIVING:** Donations received at the church by noon on December 31 will be receipted for 2022.***

A.S.A.P. PRAYER GROUP [Always Say a Prayer] Tuesdays 10 – 11 AM
Join us for an hour of reverent prayer, as we corporately lift our requests to God. **VISION:** to awaken and rise-up an army of Spirit-led prayer warriors and to advance the Kingdom of God in the earth.

PRAYER BOX: IN WELCOME FOYER, ON THE GLASS-TOP SIDEBOARD
For the A.S.A.P. Prayer Group – please note your prayer requests and drop into the “God Box”. The A.S.A.P. Prayer Group will include your request in their prayer meetings.

FINANCIAL NEWS UPDATE: CURRENT TO NOVEMBER 30, 2022
Thanks to all who were able to respond to our Thanksgiving financial appeal. St. Paul’s current fund for day-to-day costs is in much better shape than it was three months ago. Through November 30, your current fund donations are \$169,100. The average of the last three years was \$154,500. This is wonderful news. The not-as-good news is that we have still spent about \$9,420 more than we have received (deficit). So, thank you, and as you are able, a regular schedule of donations helps to avoid “emergencies”.

THE A/V TEAM WONDERS IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER????
If you would like to join in with the service on Sunday, the A/V team is looking for you! Please contact Linda at 426-3212 or the church office for more information.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

****WINTER PARKING REMINDER:** Please leave the Lot Street parking spaces open for those members who have mobility issues.**

MAILBOX AND BULLETIN BOARDS: Please check your mailbox for correspondence and the bulletin boards for community information.

*****Please check your mailbox for your Christmas letter.*****

BIRTHDAY and ANNIVERSARY POSTINGS: The church office shares birthday/anniversary information that they have on file. If you would like, you may contact the office to update your information and/or to provide direction regarding authorization for posting.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Our regular programs (Children in Worship and Youth) are underway for the Fall session. See you there! Bring a friend!

COFFEE HOUR: Please consider signing up to help one Sunday. The sign-up sheet is on the Library information table. Contact the office if you have any questions.

NAME TAGS & DIRECTORY: All members are encouraged to wear their name tags – this will be helpful to identify new faces. If you would like a name tag or a directory, please contact the office.

E-TRANSFER: St. Paul’s can receive donations/offerings via e-transfer. E-transfers will use the email, stpaulsinsimcoe@gmail.com. To ensure your offerings are directed as you wish, i.e., to Current fund or other, please include this specific information when making the e-transfer.

PRE-AUTHORIZED REMITTANCE: Remember that our PAR Program is available to help make your offering more convenient. If you would like more information about PAR, or to enroll in this pre-authorized monthly giving plan, please contact the church office for assistance.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY TO THURSDAY, 9 AM TO 4 PM

Outside of office hours, please leave a message and someone will get back to you as soon as possible. Questions or comments, please call 519-426-1845
or email stpaulsinsimcoe@gmail.com

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