

ANNOUNCEMENTS:**Sunday, November 27, 2022****ST. PAUL'S – WEEK of November 27 to December 4, 2022**

27+	Mon. to Fri.	Café Ministry	9:00 – 9:30 AM
28	Tuesday	A.S.A.P. (Always Say A Prayer)	10:00 AM
30	Wednesday	TOPS: NO MEETING THIS WK	NO MTG
		Advent Bible Study	1:00 - 2:30 PM
		Youth Group	7:00 - 8:30 PM
1	Thursday	Sr. Choir Practice	7:30 PM
4	Sunday	ADVENT II	10:30 AM

MISSION COMMITTEE CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER: RAISED \$473.00!

Thank you to everyone who supported this new mission fundraiser. We appreciate your donation to the important PWS&D mission work.

MISSION COMMITTEE: Ongoing to Sunday, December 4, 2022

“Mittens for Mission Life Line” (formerly known as the “Mitten Tree”) Collection has begun! Items needed include mittens, hats and wool socks. This year, donations will be shared within our local community.

***** MITTENS, HATS, SCARVES and SLIPPERS***** Beautiful, hand-made and donated by amazing knitters from St. Paul's, these items are available for purchase by donation as a fundraiser for our Food Card program. If you are planning to donate to the Life Line, your purchase would support two St. Paul's missions at one time. Mittens, hats, scarves and slippers are needed for the Life Line – all items plus the donation bin are in the Welcome Lobby, for your convenience. Thank you for your support of these two important programs!

THISTLE CLUB'S CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK: RAISED: \$1 575.55!

Thank you to all who supported the Cookie Walk – those who donated delicious baked goods, knitted items and beautiful hand-made gifts. And thanks also to all who helped at the event and who purchased gift items – 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: STARTS NOV. 20

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 December 11.

SALVATION ARMY FOOD DRIVE: From November 27 to December 11

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 STARTS/OPEN HOUSE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28 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: STARTS THIS WEDNESDAY, November 30 FROM 1:00 - 2:30 PM with Rev. Mikal in the St. Paul's Library**PHOTO DAY (Youth Room): Sunday, December 4 - 10:00 to 10:25 AM**

For new folks and anyone who would like to update their photo from the 2017 Directory. Please let the office know if you are planning to stop by so that the Youth will be ready for you!

LUNCH BUNCH: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2022 at 12:30 PM

Join us at the Cove Room, Port Dover for our Lunch Bunch event. Please confirm your attendance to Peggy McArthur either by email at pmca@eastlink.ca or telephone at 519-426-7796 (confirmation of your attendance by December 4th, please). Alternatively, catch Peggy at church Sunday. Volunteers needed to help organize future lunches.

FRIENDSHIP IN FAITH IS HOSTING A CHRISTMAS CAROL SING SONG WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH FROM 6:45 TO 8 PM AT ST. PAUL'S

We will sing some of our favourite Christmas carols together and then enjoy one another's company with a drink and a treat! Everyone from the congregation is invited to join us. Please come and bring family and friends. You may also bring a musical instrument to accompany our pianist, Youngmi. If you would like to sing a solo or help with the refreshments, please let Linda Shaw know.

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

We will take a break for December and start up again in January.

YOUTH SPORTS ACTIVITIES: Starting December 7th from 7 to 8 PM
First Wednesday of the month, First Baptist Church, 129 Young Street
The cost to use the gym facilities is \$25 an hour [so \$25 per month] so please encourage our youth to attend! Also, bring your basketball(s) AND it's requested students wear 'INDOOR SHOES' with WHITE SOLES.

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

COFFEE, CAROL AND CROISSANTS: 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:
Carol C. and Jane A.!!!**

REMINDERS and UPDATES

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 14, 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 two months ago. Through November 13, your current fund donations are \$158,400. The average of the last three years was \$145,200. This is wonderful news. The not-as-good news is that we have still spent about \$12,750 more than we have received. So, thank you, and as you are able, a regular schedule of donations helps to avoid "emergencies". Reminder: Your interim statement to October 31, 2022 is in your mailbox.

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.

LIBERTAS MALE CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERTS: December 1, 2 & 3
"Hope and Reflections" Sing-A-Long Concerts with your favourite Christmas Songs will be presented in Cambridge, Hamilton and Woodstock. Please see the bulletin board for details. Tickets \$25.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

MAIL & BULLETIN BOARDS: Check for correspondence in your mailbox and also for community info posted on the bulletin boards.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES: The 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: All members are encouraged to wear their name tags – this will be helpful to identify new faces. If you would like a name tag, please contact the office.

E-TRANSFERS: St. Paul's can now 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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