

# A MESSAGE FROM PAULIN MEMORIAL CHURCH

August 6, 2020

## Message from Reverend Lisa

To everything there is a season. This is what the Bible teaches us, and this is a lesson that we at Paulin Memorial have had to learn during this on-going pandemic. Plans were made and then changed, worship moved from in the sanctuary to online, and we're still not sure when our doors will open for indoor worship. I know that this is a hard time for all of our members as we struggle to adapt to the changing world around us and as we worry about when it will be safe to go out in public again. As we wait to reopen and get back to worshipping in person, I hope that you will draw strength from the promise of Ecclesiastes, that just as there is a season of closing the church, there will also be a season when we open up once more, for this is what God has promised to all of us. And so as we wait for this wonderful season, let us hold onto the promise that no matter what, God is with us, now and forever more.

Blessings, Rev. Lisa

### Mission and Outreach Committee

Beginning in August we will be collecting food for the St. Clair College Student Food Bank. Collection dates will be August 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 3:00 pm in the church parking lot.

Donations can include cereals, oatmeal, breakfast items, peanut butter, canned goods (meats, fish, stews, vegetables, soups), noodles, pasta sauce, puddings & granola/nutria grain bars.

We look forward to your generous donations.  
Thank You.

### PAULIN MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH COOKBOOK

**We have all eaten various potluck meals at the church or enjoyed treats on a Sunday after church. We know that there are some amazing cooks and bakers in our congregation, so we are asking for your help.**

**The Capital Fundraising Committee is putting together a Paulin Cookbook and is looking for recipes.**

**Please go through your recipes and pick out your favourites. They can be from any category, and send them to Joanne Zuk by email ([izuk614@hotmail.com](mailto:izuk614@hotmail.com)) or snail mail (1822 Eastgate Estates Windsor N8T2T2).**

**Right now with self-isolation, there is a lot of time to put this together, so we are asking that you send in these recipes as soon as you can.**



**We were saddened to hear of the passing of Jack Allen on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Please keep his family in your prayers.**

<https://www.familiesfirst.ca/memorials/john-jack-allen/4250102/>



## What Precautions and Procedures Will Be in Place When We Begin In-Person Worship?

At our last Session meeting, it was decided that we would not reopen our building yet. I know this may have come as a disappointment to some and a relief for others. Due to the fact that our cases are still rising in Windsor/Essex, we decided we would wait a bit longer keeping in mind the safety of our members. Many asked what measures would be in place when the building reopens for worship. Using information from the Presbyterian Church in Canada, our local Health Unit and our Insurance Provider we have come up with the following measures.

- Attendees will be required to register online or by calling Reverend Lisa by noon the Saturday before service. This is necessary as attendance is restricted to 30% of our capacity.
- Everyone will be required to wear a mask. If you do not have one, there will be cloth masks available for you to keep and wear each week.
- Entry will be set up outside the doors, weather permitting and just inside if weather is not cooperating. There will be a table where attendance will be checked, hand sanitizer will be used, and a checklist will be filled out and signed. Contact information will also need to be provided.
- Ushers will walk attendees in to the pews that are being used for service. It is important that you remain in your seat and not get too close to others for a visit.
- We encourage everyone to give electronically using either tithe.ly, e-transfer or set up PAR. If you want to bring your offering, there will be a basket at the back of the church for you to deposit your envelope as you enter.
- The only washroom available will be the one in the narthex. We ask that you use the wipes provided to wipe down the touch points as you are leaving (handles – sink, toilet, door).
- Please bring a bottle of water if you require something to drink as the drinking fountain will also be unavailable.
- During worship, there will not be a choir at this time. We will have music, possibly a soloist or duet. The congregation will not be singing hymns.
- As we leave the sanctuary after worship, we will begin exiting from the rear and the ushers will assist with this to make sure we keep the appropriate distancing. Anyone requiring assistance or having to wait for a car to be brought around will be asked to exit last.
- We ask that everyone exit the church immediately following the service. If you wish to chat with others, we respectfully request this be done in the parking lot.

There will be some people that may not be comfortable attending in-person worship when the building reopens and that is expected. We will continue our online worship services until such time as they are no longer needed.

The Session is working with the Board of Managers to determine when the church building will reopen for in-person worship. We will be revisiting our possible date for this at the next Session meeting mid-August.

### Have you driven by the church lately?

We have a dedicated team of volunteer gardeners and flower fairies. Even though the church building is closed, these volunteers have been working diligently to keep our gardens looking beautiful. Take a drive by and see their beautiful handiwork.

