

Highlights of Paulin Session Meeting – March 27, 2023

Worship: Upcoming Worship Services- **April 2:** Palm Sunday & New Member Sunday; **April 6:** Maundy Thursday with communion after a simple potluck meal at 6 pm.; **April 7:** Good Friday - Hot-cross buns, Walk with the Cross & Worship service at 11 am; **April 9:** Easter Sunday, with communion at 10:30 am. With trumpeter; **April 16: Bright Sunday.** No Choir robes; everyone encouraged to wear bright colours; **May 7:** Masonic Service with Masonic Quartet; **May 14:** Christian Family Sunday; **May 28** (Minister's vacation): service taken by Rev Nancy Carle; **June 4** (Minister's vacation): service taken by Sarah Stockford

Minister's Report: Rev. Aide focused on reaching out to adherents in our church to see if they would be willing to become full confessing members. 12 people were ready to become members of Paulin – Kristina Garswood, John Garswood, Arnold Eagle, Linda Eagle, Rob Kissau, Margaret Kissau, Elizabeth Rivet, Susan Lucas, Lillian Ridgewell, Nancy Bryan, Lynn Chappell & Betty Ann Michaud. This past month Rev. Aide led a Presbytery visitation team to St. Andrews Dresden which involved meeting with the minister, session, and board & members of the church. She also continues to work with the session at Knox Wallaceburg as interim moderator. She will be on vacation from May 22 to June 5.

Treasurer's Report: **February Operating Income:** \$14,152.91; **Expenses:** \$16,780.07 – **Deficit of \$2,627.16 - Year to date deficit \$9,003.96**

Income Breakdown: Receipted: \$11,085.10; Loose: \$164.45, Facility Rental: \$1,140; Fundraising: \$1,360; Bank Interest \$ 11.00; Insurance Recovery \$392.36

New Beginnings: Rev. Mark Lewis is our Coach. The Introduction to Transformational Ministry Weekend to be held September 8 to 10. The weekend consists of three events; 1) A Friday night open workshop to introduce the whole congregation to the New Beginnings process, 2) A Saturday workshop to train 7 House Group Facilitators, and 3) Sunday worship in which the Coach will preach and take part in a covenanting service. Each of the House Groups will have 8-12 participants with one leader. The House Group Leaders are expected to attend the Friday night open event (90 minutes), the Saturday training session (3.5 hours), and then lead 4 successive house meetings of about 3 hours every 2 weeks. We will be looking for 2 to 3 house leaders from the congregation at large, from the session & from the board. They should be people who are competent, respectful of the ideas of others, and are optimistic.

Mission and Outreach: On March 22nd, 50 people attended the Soup Supper and enjoyed 13 different soups/chilis. \$521.03 was raised for Camp Kintail. Elizabeth Rivet was the winner of the Golden Ladle. Thanks to everyone who cooked and donated soup or helped with set-up/clean-up. Our Faith Outreach Moments continue during worship service. For April, the committee will be collecting donations on behalf of Matthew House Refugee Centre to meet the needs of the over 850 asylum seekers who have been settled in Windsor.

Congregation Life & Fundraising: The Women's Breakfast group continues to meet the 2nd Saturday of the month at 9:00 at the Lumber Jack Restaurant. Louise Dupuis co-ordinates. Congregational Life and Fundraising Committee to host Wednesday night dinners at price of \$10 for the 2nd Wednesday of the month for April, May & June with funds for General Operating Fund. Thanks to the volunteers who host coffee time after worship on Sundays.

Respectfully submitted by Anne McLachlan, Clerk of Session