



Paulin Newsletter

June 2023



Message from Reverend Lisa

With the weather getting warmer, more and more people are getting ready to plant their summer gardens. I know that those who take care of the Paulin gardens are already hard at work creating something beautiful for all of us to enjoy each Sunday. But this also got me thinking about what will soon be happening at Paulin itself. I know that Summer can often be seen as a low time in the life of the church as people are heading off on vacation. This is also a great opportunity for us to start planning and preparing ourselves for a great season of spiritual growth. This coming September we are going to be starting our work with the New Beginnings program which is a program that is centered on helping churches to grow in all aspects of ministry and mission after a time of transition. Our church has undergone many changes since Covid and we will be looking for people to take on both leadership roles in this program and to join house groups to help us discover, and at times rediscover, what God is calling Paulin to become. But in order to do this we need our members to ready themselves to dive into this program, to be ready to use their God given gifts to help us become the church that God knows that we can be. So, I would like to encourage everyone to take these coming summer months to spend some time praying and thinking about where you might be called to serve the church and the community around us. We have all been given a great mission to share the good news of the gospel with the world around us and we need your help to prepare the way for the coming kingdom of heaven. I pray that all of us will be willing to take some time to think about where God is calling you to become active in the life of Paulin. Because all of us have a place to serve and to celebrate the good news that we worship a God who not only believes in new beginnings but one that is always at work making them happen.

Thanks be to God, amen.

Reverend Lisa

Stewardship Moment

**Love cannot remain
by itself—
it has no meaning.
Love has to be put
into action
and that action
is service.**
Mother Teresa

The Presbyterian Church in Canada presbyterian.ca

Our May Community Dinner was a huge success. We fed approximately 66 people and raised \$541.68 for the General Fund.

Upcoming Dinners

Hamburger Dinner: Sat. July 22, 2023, 6:00pm

Annual Steak Dinner: Sat. Aug. 26, 2023, 6:00pm

See bulletin for further information.

A Few Words from your Board of Managers

We hope that everyone has taken time to notice and appreciate the beautiful garden areas surrounding our church building and enhancing the beauty of our community. We all owe a great big THANK YOU to our garden angels who once again have provided us with new flowers and continue to volunteer their time and share their gardening talents by maintaining these beautiful gardens. Two of our garden angels have retired this year so we would like to formally thank George and Anne Boden for their past years of shared talents and time. George and Anne cared for our rose gardens. We do need HELP with the care of one of the rose bushes. So, if you have a desire to share your time and talent, please reach out to Don Adams at 519-252-3508!

Something new is happening at Paulin this summer! The Board has signed a new rental agreement with Windsor Day Camps operated by Linda Jung. Linda will run a day camp for children ages 5-12. Our halls will be filled with the sounds of children's laughter & excitement starting July 3rd !

Our Finance Committee has a special request for everyone. Our current operating account shortfall is \$12,925 as of May 31. With the summer months upon us, we typically have a reduction in financial support during the same period. Some of us will be up at the cottage, some will be on a family vacation, some will be enjoying a lazy morning with coffee on the back patio. Please consider your giving practice to financially support Paulin as we continue to provide ministry and fellowship to our congregation and community during this time.

Respectfully submitted by Deborah Naklie



On February 25, 2023 some 'Paulinites' raised awareness in the Coldest Night of the Year walk.

Mission & Outreach Committee

Mission & Outreach: Thanks to everyone who supported our May Mission Project of collecting snacks for Street Help. Our Second Annual Indoor Yard Sale is Saturday, June 24th from 9:00 am to 1:00 p.m. with proceeds going to Presbyterian World Service & Development. A great opportunity to declutter and donate gently used household goods, clothing, books, or kids' toys. Please drop off all donations to sell either Friday, June 23rd from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. or after 8:00a.m. on Saturday morning. Volunteers are needed to set-up Friday evening and to sell on Saturday. Please sign up in the narthex.

The Mission & Outreach committee meets again on September 12th & new members are welcome.

New Beginnings – Discerning God’s Vision for Paulin. In the Fall of 2021, the congregation of Paulin agreed to participate in the Presbyterian Church in Canada’s New Beginnings program in order to embark on a journey to a new era of ministry. Supported by a \$4,500 Grant from the Presbyterian Church in Canada (PCC), we have already completed Phase 1 & 2 of this process when Rev. Mavis Curie visited us in December 2021. The process was put on hold due to the pandemic but we are now able to resume it. Rev. Mark Lewis has been appointed as our Coach. He will be leading us in a Transformational Ministry Weekend from Friday, September 8 to Sunday, September 10, 2023.

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 7-8 House Group Facilitators, and
- 3) Sunday worship in which the Coach will preach and take part in a covenanting service.

We are excited to invite Members & Adherents to participate in House Groups of 8-12 participants with a leader every 2 weeks for approximately 3 hours. These meetings will be offered during the day, in the evening or on weekends to meet the needs of our congregation.

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 each of the congregation at large, the session & the board. Is God calling you to develop your leadership skills? We are looking for people who are competent, respectful of the ideas of others, and are optimistic. Please sign up in the narthex or contact Rev. Aide or Anne McLachlan by June 25, 2023.

New Members of Paulin

On April 2, 2023, we rejoiced and welcomed 12 new members who make their public profession of faith: Kristina Garswood, John Garswood, Arnold Eagle, Linda Eagle, Rob Kissau, Margaret Kissau, Elizabeth Rivet, Susan Lucas, Lillian Ridgewell, Nancy Bryan, Betty Ann Michaud & Lynn Chappell. Profession of faith and becoming a member of the congregation is an important step in a person's faith journey. It signals a commitment to God, to the congregation of Paulin and to teachings of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. All are welcome to worship at Paulin but If you are interested in being a member, please contact Rev. Lisa Aide.

Choir

The choir anthems will stop at the end of June and be replaced by soloists over the summer. Members of the congregation are welcome to join the “pick-up” choir to lead the hymns during July and August.

Worship Committee News

We are very grateful for the many years that Norm Diffey has led the Worship Committee as the Chairperson. Job well done! We welcome Mike Golab as the new Chairperson starting at the end of August.

Our Annual Mother's Day Tea was well attended. A good time was had by all. We raised \$1367 for the General Fund.



Vacation Bible School



Calling all children! Grandchildren, Nieces, Nephews, Neighbours, we would love to meet them all. Mark your calendars for this year's Vacation Bible School. We are looking forward to having our church filled with laughter, activity, and wonderful Bible stories as we learn about various people in the bible and how they used their Armor of God. It will be held from Monday, August 21st until Friday August 25th . Participants must be school age (4 to 12) and anyone going into or attending high school can volunteer and get credit for their volunteer hours. The program runs from 9:00 am (can be dropped off any time after 8:30) until 3:30 (pick up no later than 4:00). Two snacks will be provided, with children bringing their own lunch.

Cost is only \$75.00 per child for the week, families \$200.00 maximum. Registration will open soon. Watch the bulletin and bulletin board for more details.

We are also looking for adult volunteers to help prepare and clean up snacks and to share their story of how their faith helped shape their life or specific activities. Talk to Reverend Lisa for more information. Sign-up sheets will be on the bulletin board.

Let's all put on our armor of God, this summer.

Bereavements

We are saddened by the following deaths: **Ken Havens**, **Jon Landon** and **Dorothy Lake**. Please keep these members families in your thoughts.

