



# Paulin Newsletter

## September 2023

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### Message from Reverend Lisa

I have always loved the back-to-school season. Yes, even as a child I loved being able to look at all the supplies from pens to binders and allowing them to represent a new possibility for the upcoming school year. Telling myself that perhaps if I get the blue binder instead of the red one this will be the year when I do not forget to turn in an assignment, or if I buy those colour pens this will be the year when I remember everything I need to start off the new year on the right foot. Even today I will often find myself walking through the shelves picking up a few small things for the office, because September marks the start of a new season of worship and I still want to be ready for all that God sends my way.

I know that I am not the only one who feels this way. For many of us September does mark the start of something new. People move away from the summer lifestyle of long weekends and time off, to get back into the daily grind of the rest of the year, as much as we might hate to leave behind the lazy days of summer. Each September we're given a great chance to start anew on the right foot, in our workplace, but also in our faith journey. Now is a great time to add something new to your life this fall season. September is a great time to try something new. Groups and committees are just starting back up from summer off. Is now the time to dare to join the choir? Or perhaps you have always wanted to join a bible study but were afraid of jumping in mid study. These too are starting up anew this month. Perhaps you want to find a way to start your day with the word of God. If that is the case, then now might be the time to sign up to get Paulin Daily devotions to help you prepare yourself for the coming Sunday worship. Maybe your heart is telling you that this is the year you're called to become more active in the life at Paulin and you want to sign up to read scripture or to serve on a committee that you are passionate about. It could be sharing your love of cooking or baking during fellowship or a potluck.

September offers us numerous chances to try something new. Try something different in our life and in our worship life. I pray that you will take this opportunity that God has given us and challenge yourself to try something new this fall season. There are many opportunities to grow in your faith, to serve your community and support the mission and ministry at Paulin Memorial. It is just up to you to find that place where God is calling you and to jump in and make this fall a great season of spiritual growth for you and for our church family.

Thanks be to God, amen.

Reverend Lisa

### Bereavements

We are saddened by the following deaths : **Geraldine McAuslan , Pat Leary and Jack McMillan.**  
Please keep these members' families in your thoughts.



They sing because they can.

### Choir

The choir will begin to have its weekly practices in the Sanctuary on Thursday nights at 7:00pm. New members are always welcome. We are in need of all voices, but particularly male!

## **New Beginnings New Beginnings – Discovering God’s Vision for Paulin**

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go Lord if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.*

Supported by a \$4,500 Grant from the Presbyterian Church in Canada (PCC), we are in the next phase of discovering where God is leading our congregation. Unfortunately, our Coach, Rev. Ian Fraser, recently had health issues so he is unable to fulfill this roll. We heard from the PCC Canadian Ministries early in September & Rev. Paul Kang is our coach. The **Transformational Ministry Weekend** is on hold until November. **On Friday, September 8 at 6:00 pm**, everyone in our church community was invited to gather for a potluck supper in the Upper Hall to meet the House Leaders and learn about volunteer opportunities at Paulin. Stay tuned as we reschedule our Transformational Ministry Weekend. When the Weekend is rescheduled, we will have a Friday night potluck followed by an information session. On the Saturday, from 10:00 to 1:00, the 8 House Leaders together with Rev. Lisa Aide and Anne McLachlan (clerk of session) will attend a workshop led by the coach. Thanks to **Nancy Blair, Crys Stammer, Kristina Garswood, Janet Brigham-Turowski, Nancy Carle, Audrey Landon, Carla Johnson-Hicks, & Jim Marchand** for taking on these leadership roles. On the **Sunday, of that weekend**, the coach will lead worship at **10:30 am** as our congregation makes a covenant to complete the process. Everyone is encouraged to sign up to attend four sessions with a House Leader over 8-9 weeks as we work together to discover where God is leading us.

(A. McLachlan)



## **A Few Words from your Board of Managers**

We have been blessed this summer to have a new rental arrangement with Windsor Day Camp. This has brought us much needed revenue for the summer as well as the sounds of very happy children in our building! During the summer months you may have noticed some changes to our stage area. Riverfront Theatre has been busy transforming the area to meet their needs to utilize our upper hall for their performances. The hope is that we can offer this to the community in the upcoming months as well. In July, Paulin was able to reduce the deficit slightly (to \$11,336), due to the increased rental income and fundraising efforts. At this time, the August numbers are unavailable.

August storms brought havoc to the church building with some flooding. Many thanks to those who assisted in the clean-up! Thank you to Don Adams, Bill Kunsch and Jim Marchand for the parking lot refresh! We hope everyone has noticed the painted lines and handicap markings! As well, we acknowledge with a very big thank you, our Garden Angels, for their continued efforts to maintain our beautiful gardens. Our "curb appeal" gives a great first impression to those visiting us and our community for the first time!

Respectfully submitted by Deborah Naklie



### **DID YOU KNOW???**

Paulin is fortunate to have a full-time minister as many churches today, do not. Did you know that we are responsible for 100% of Rev Lisa's compensation? Compensation includes stipend, housing allowance, pension, health benefits, CPP, Employment Insurance and Workman's Compensation. For the first 7 months of 2023, our average monthly offerings have been \$12,700; we have needed 60% of this to cover our minister's compensation.

### **DID YOU KNOW???**

The main expenses to ensure we have our Church Building in good standing are our mortgage payment, property insurance and utilities. For the first 7 months of 2023, this averaged \$4,470 per month. It took 35% of our average monthly offering to cover these expenses.

Respectfully submitted by Deborah Naklie on behalf of the Finance Committee



## Vacation Bible School/ Day Camp 2023 Update



This year our VBS theme was Knights of the North Castle. Each day they went on a quest to find a piece of “The Armour of God”. They heard various bible stories from Armorer Kristina and Rev. Lisa as well as Cloud Dragon “Sparky”. Campers and their volunteer partners did crafts, played games, and sang songs.

Dr. DNA came every afternoon to do a science activity and we learned about some mission that our church or members have participated in. The Windsor Fire Department sent a crew and truck to learn about fire safety and Sparky’s Toy Drive, we talked about snacks for students who are often hungry, and Amy Vreman shared about her time working in Attawapiskat. Each day we had snack time and large group

activities. Although we had a smaller group this year (7 campers, 6 high school volunteers), we brought the message of The Armour of God to all who were here.

Carla Hicks



### Mission & Outreach Committee

The Yard Sale on June 24<sup>th</sup> raised \$650 for PWS&D. Several hundred people from the community attended as well as many Paulinites.

On Sunday, September 24 we are asking everyone to wear an ORANGE T-shirt for Truth & Reconciliation Sunday.



Yard sale volunteers & display

## Fundraising

Summer Hamburger Dinner: Total raised after costs was \$1,058.94. Thank you to everyone who came out to participate in this event.

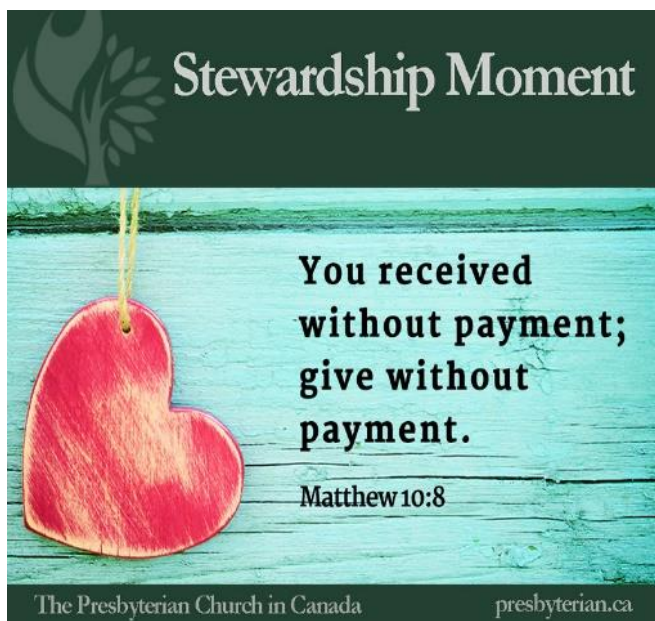
A big thank you to all who donated money and made it possible for us to buy our own Bar B Que.

### Upcoming events

- November 18 - Dinner Theatre "Charley's Aunt"
- December 8 - Poinsettia Bazaar

Proceeds are for the General Operating Fund.

Joanne Zuk

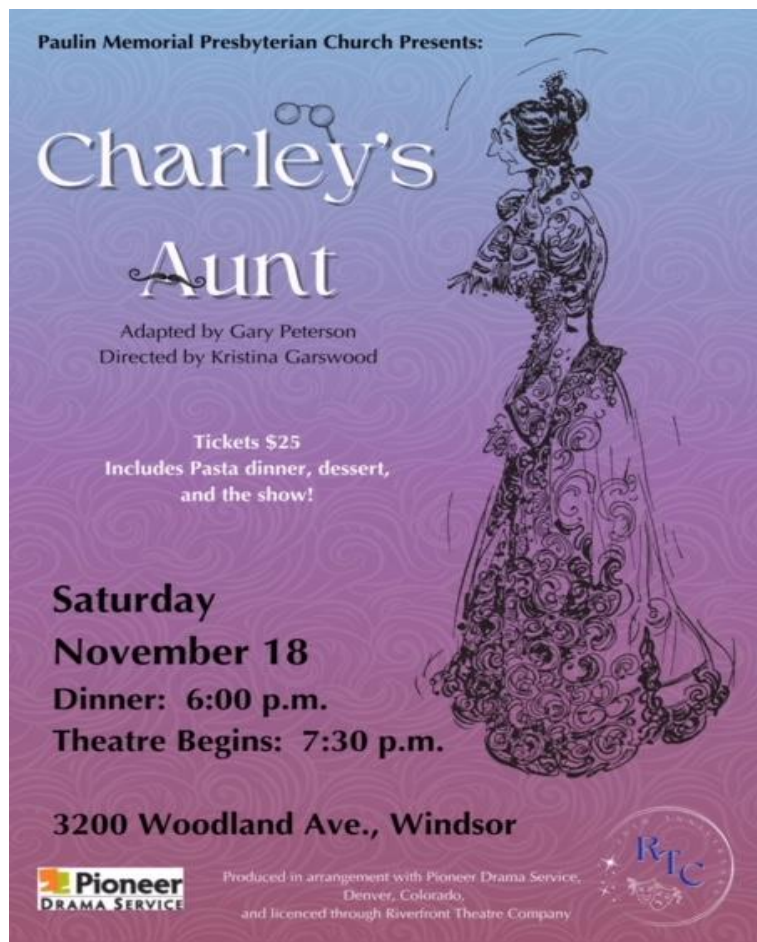


**Stewardship Moment**

**You received  
without payment;  
give without  
payment.**

Matthew 10:8

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Paulin Memorial Presbyterian Church Presents:

# Charley's Aunt

Adapted by Gary Peterson  
Directed by Kristina Garswood

Tickets \$25  
Includes Pasta dinner, dessert,  
and the show!

**Saturday  
November 18**  
Dinner: 6:00 p.m.  
Theatre Begins: 7:30 p.m.

3200 Woodland Ave., Windsor

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