

Highlights of Paulin Session Meeting – August 14, 2023

New Beginnings: The small group leaders are: Nancy Blair, Crys Stammler, Kristina Garswood, Janet Brigham-Turowski, Nancy Carle, Audrey Landon, Carla Johnson-Hicks & Jim Marchand. At the time of the session meeting the Transformation Weekend was scheduled for September 8-10. On August 26th we found out that unfortunately, Rev. Ian Fraser was no longer able to be our coach due to health reasons. The Transformation Weekend is on hold. The Transformation Weekend consists of: Friday night potluck 6 p.m. with presentation at 7:00 in Upper Hall for the whole congregation. The House Leaders will meet in Parlour on Saturday morning from 10:00 to 1:00. For Sunday worship, there will be covenanting process for the whole Congregation.

Communication: August 25th is the due date for articles for the with distribution for September 7th. Thanks to Mike Golab for editing the newsletter and to Chuck Stoffle for managing the website. A list of the active elders on session and the board of managers will be posted on the church bulletin board and website. A list of church committees is being updated and volunteers from the congregation are encouraged to join a committee. Pictures of the elders and board of managers will also be taken and posted on the church bulletin board. Thanks to Audrey Landon & Carla Johnson-Hicks who will attending Presbytery meetings along with Rev. Aide.

New Members & New Member Sunday – We will welcome new members during a service in November. Rev. Aide will contact potential members and arrange for classes.

Christian Education: VBS Volunteer Meeting was held August 6, 2023 with 7 committee members in attendance. The Theme for VBS: Knights of the North Castle – Armour of God. Leading With Care Training was scheduled for Saturday, August 19th at 2:00. Two of the volunteers are CPR and First Aid trained. There were 5 registrations and 3 possible registrations for VBS which was running August 21-25.

Treasurer's Report: **July Operating Income:** \$20,254.63; **Expenses:** \$16,006.54 – **SURPLUS of \$4,248.09**
Year to date deficit is \$11,336 for general operations.

Income: Received: \$13,386; Loose: \$80, Facility Rental: \$4,850; Bank Interest \$10.53, Fundraising \$1,728
Designated Income: PWS&D \$260; Presbytery Sharing \$130; Capital Repair \$440; Birthday Church \$91.75.

Mission and Outreach: The Yard Sale on June 24th raised \$650 for PWS&D. Several hundred people from the community attended as well as 30 Paulinites. We were able to recycle material goods and provide low-cost items to our community. In August, we are collecting healthy snacks for Westgate Public School with final collection on August 27th. In September, we are asking everyone to wear an orange T-shirt on September 24th for Truth & Reconciliation Sunday. Karolyn Gagnier is putting Rev. Lisa in touch with an Indigenous Elder to see if they can participate in that service. Next meeting is September 12th.

Congregational Life: Coffee Hosts are needed for coffee after church on Sunday in order for this ministry work to continue. The Women's Retreat is September 15-17 at Camp Kintail at a cost of \$210. There will be a Hot Dog lunch on Rally Day – Sunday, September 10.

Fundraising: Thanks to everyone who donated \$558 for the cost of the BBQ. Approximately 56 people attended our Summer Hamburger dinner on Saturday July 22, 2023. Our costs were minimal due to the fact that everything except the meat was donated by members of the fundraising committee and congregation. After expenses, we raised \$1,045.04 for the General Operating Fund. The next event is the Summer Steak BBQ on Saturday, August 26. On November 18, 2023 there will a Dinner Theatre with the play, "Charlie's Aunt." A Pointsettia Bazaar will be held December 8, 2023. Proceeds are for the General Operating Fund.

Respectfully submitted by Anne McLachlan, Clerk of Session