



Paulin Newsletter

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Message from Reverend Lisa

In the bulb there is a flower, in the seed an apple tree. This well-loved song echoes in my ears as I sit down to write our spring newsletter message. Not only is there a flower hidden in the bulb, it is starting to bloom in my front garden, letting me know that winter is losing its strength. Soon the world will once again overflow with new life, from the grass turning green to the sweet sounds of the birds making their way back from warmer climates.

With the signs of spring popping up all around us each day, we are reminded that the time has come to prepare ourselves for the most wonderful time of the year, Easter. A time that is not only filled with chocolate and candies, but also when we, as the body of Christ, come together to celebrate and give thanks to our Heavenly Father that the tomb was found empty because Christ has risen. Now I know that many of us might be struggling a bit to get into an Easter state of mind as this year it is rather early, but you can blame the moon for that one. Easter is the only Holy day that is not determined by the solar calendar but instead by the lunar calendar. Easter is always the very first Sunday after the first full moon that happens after the spring equinox.

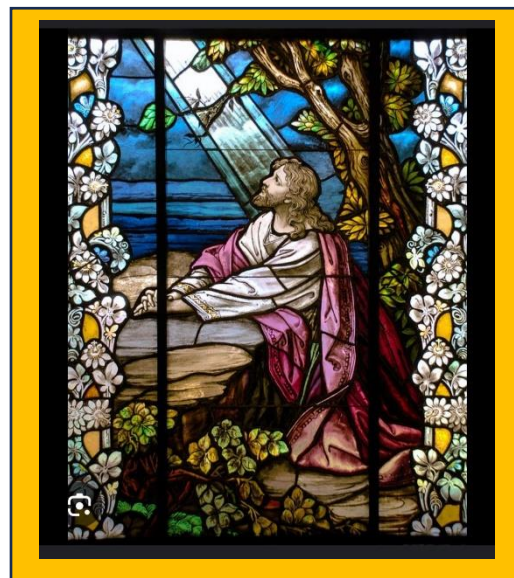
This means depending on the year Easter can be early or late. But no matter when it happens, we, as followers of Jesus, are called to celebrate. Not only did Jesus come back from the dead, but because Christ has risen we are also risen to new life through him. And much like how we can see the signs of new life growing in our gardens, if we look closely, we are able to see signs of new life growing within us and the community where God has planted us. Signs of this new life in Christ can be anything from the hungry being fed, to the child being welcomed, to things like people being lifted up in prayer, and those who mourn being comforted.

Each and every time we dare to become a bit more like Jesus and a little less like the world around us the kingdom of heaven grows, first in our heart and then in the community as we show the world how things have changed because of the promise of the empty tomb. You and I are called to keep our eyes open for these signs of God's coming kingdom, to help them grow with the gift that God has given us, so that one day the world will be able to join us in our Easter celebration. But until then let us make ourselves ready to celebrate with all that we are, for Easter is coming whether we are ready or not.

Thanks be to God.

Reverend Lisa

Editor's Note: Easter is on March 25 in the year 2035



New Elders – What that does mean?

Paulin recently acknowledged the retirement of some ruling elders and the ordination of some new ones. You may be asking “Who is my new elder?” or “Do I have an elder?” We are in the process of reassigning our congregation to ensure everyone does have an elder. To help with this process, please ensure that the church has your current address, phone # and email address. If you need to update the church now or in the future, please contact Deb Naklie at: treasurer@paulin.ca or Margaret at the church office at 519-972-3627 or at office@paulin.ca.

Finance Report

Giving is an opportunity for us to express our generosity, faith and gratitude for all that God has given us! 2024: what does our budget look like? To meet rising costs on the expense side of the budget we must look at the revenue side of the budget as well. One area of our income resources is our receipted offering each week. Our goal is to increase our 2024 revenue in this area by 3% over our donations in 2023. What does that mean to each of us individually, if your personal situation allows? If you gave \$5 a week last year, a 3% increase would be \$5.15 per week. If you gave \$20 per week, this year would be \$20.60 and if you gave \$100 per month, this year would be \$103. Our 2024 monthly goal is \$13,750 per month for receipted donations. January and February donations averaged \$11,636 per month. We reached 85% of our target in what are historically lower attendance months. Well done! Please know, that if you are able to give financially, that any donation is greatly appreciated. These gifts, along with gifts of talent and time, enable us to do God’s work. Your Finance Committee

New Beginnings

Update on New Beginnings - Thanks to the 48 people who participated in the house group meetings from November to January to discern God’s purpose for the future of our congregation. The 5 leaders, Audrey Landon, Janet Brigham-Turowski, Jim Marchand, Nancy Carle, Anne McLachlan, and Rev. Lisa Aide had a Zoom meeting with Rev. Paul Kang on January 16th to discuss the next steps. The group leaders and Rev. Aide met January 29 & Feb 5 to review the results of the house meetings. Based on these discussions, A. McLachlan is writing the report that includes the Future Story and a 21-Day Challenge. A first draft has been reviewed by the house leaders and the report will be finalized on March 4. The report will be presented during worship service on March 17. After the report is received by the congregation, we will be looking for volunteers to be part of the team to implement our future story. Over 6-8 months, the Implementation Team, including Rev. Lisa Aide, will meet and be coached by Rev. Paul Kang for 6 virtual sessions. Respectfully submitted by A. McLachlan

Sunday School News

Junior Sunday Schoolers making bird feeders out of bagels, peanut butter, suet and seeds. Did you see the feeders hanging in the trees outside the Church? You might have missed them. The birds (or squirrels) made quick work of them. We each took a feeder to hang at home too.

Submitted by A. Landon



Faith Community Action

As we continue to be the hands and feet of God in our community, our group consisting of Kim Burgess, Bonnie Pittock, Sheila Bowyer, Karolyn Gagnier, Anne McLachlan, Carolyn Burgess and Rev. Lisa Aide are excited to share our upcoming mission projects. Rather than assuming that we know best for others in the community, we have adopted a mindset of asking others what they need from us and partnering with other churches and community agencies. Nine people signed up for the Coldest Night of the Year walk in support of the Downtown Mission on February 24, 2024. Thanks to them and their sponsors, we raised \$420. In March, we are again collecting Food Bank donations for our Lady of Guadalupe R.C. Church Food Bank. They are requesting peanut butter, jam, canned meats (tuna, salmon, corned beef), and canned fruit. Easter chocolates will also be accepted so the last collection date will be March 24 to ensure delivery before Easter. In April, we are once again holding our Open Mic Mission moments where people from our congregation talk about the volunteer work they are currently doing outside of the church. On April 14, Karolyn Gagnier is speaking about her volunteer work with the Soup Shack. We are still looking for volunteers for April 7, 21 & 28. Period products are the number 1 requested item at Food Banks which is why we continue to provide free period products in our Paulin washrooms. As you do your spring cleaning, save your excessive household items for our Third Annual Indoor Yard Sale on Saturday, June 22nd from 9:00 to 1:00. A service project for our community to help reuse unwanted items at a bargain price, all proceeds will once again be donated to Presbyterian World Service and Development.



CNOY 2024 Walkers + Chuck (photographer)

Camp Kintail

Camp Kintail is a Presbyterian Church camp located north of Goderich, Ontario.
<https://www.campkintail.ca/summercamp> Registration for summer camps opened February 1st. Paulin has a rich history of supporting families in their faith journey by subsidizing camp registration fees for children and youth whether it is the Leadership in Training program, Family Camp or a Camp week. Please contact Rev. Aide or Audrey Landon, Clerk of Session, for more information about available subsidies through Paulin.

Vacation Bible Day Camp

Please save the date of August 6 to 9 2024 for Vacation Bible Day Camp. More information will follow about registration and volunteer opportunities.

A Few Words from our Board of Managers

The New Year started with the resignation of Jim Aide and the welcoming of two new members. We thank Jim for his participation on the Board. Jim Marchand has decided to formalize his position on the board. As many of you know, Jim is very active in our church building and can always be found assisting our Property Committee but he was not a board member. At our February meeting we were pleased to welcome Arnold Eagle to the Board. He brings a vast knowledge of experience from his previous church. A couple of decisions have been made to enhance the safety of our congregation, visitors and staff. The current stair handrails will be replaced with a single handrail and ramp, scheduled for June installation. We have also installed 3 RING doorbell alarms. These will be monitored by applications on phones. Clean up in the church continues with the focus being on the church office. The old printer has been donated to Habitat for Humanity. Many of you may have noticed that the Carillon has not been working. This has also been a focus in February, and the issue should be resolved in the next few weeks!

Paulin Directory

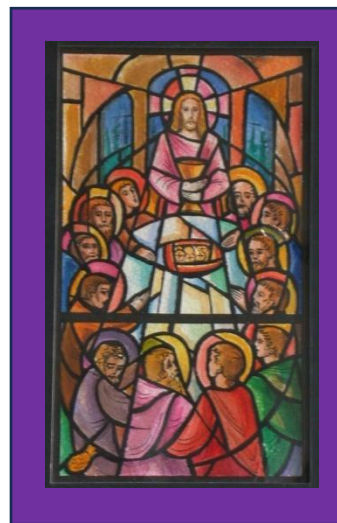
Many people have asked for an updated Paulin Directory. In the near future you will be asked for your consent to put your name, address, phone number and e-mail address in a new Paulin directory. You may choose to put all this information on or just part of this information. Hopefully we can compile the information and have a new directory ready by this summer.

Submitted by Joanne Zuk

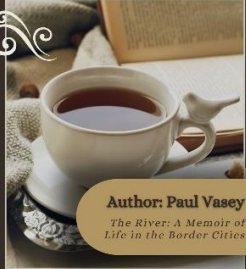
Worship Announcements

Easter is upon us. Just a couple of Dates to Remember:

- March 24th** - Palm Sunday 10:30 worship – new members
- March 28th** - Maundy Thursday 6:00 pm Upper Hall
Christian Passover Meal (Christian Sedar Meal)
- March 29th** - Good Friday 9:30 Hot Cross Buns
10:15 Walk with Cross
11:00 Worship
- March 31st** - Easter Sunday 10:30 Worship



Paulin Memorial Presbyterian Church Presents
An Afternoon with an Author



Author: Paul Vasey
The River: A Memoir of Life in the Border Cities

Saturday, April 6, 2024 ~ 2:00 pm
Admission to the event is by donation.

Paulin Memorial Presbyterian Church

Community Dinner



Wednesday, April 17th at 6PM, in the Upper Hall

Paulin invites you to our community-dinner. Come and enjoy a delicious meal with our community, and get to know your neighbors. Everyone is welcome.

\$15 each - April's Meal will be ham, scalloped potatoes, vegetable and dessert.

Come and have a great time with us. We hope to see you there!

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