



# Paulin Newsletter

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## Message from Reverend Lisa

Summer is fast approaching, as the days are getting longer and warmer and members of our church family are starting to get excited for both schools to end and for vacations to start. Summer is a time when many of us allow ourselves to find rest for both our bodies and minds. We take off to a cottage for the weekend or take the family away for a well-deserved vacation to make memories that will last a lifetime. Even if we don't find ourselves going away, summer represents a time when we are able to stop and catch our breath, and allow ourselves time to do some of the things we wanted to do but never seemed to be able to find the time to get them done.

For me Summer represents a slower time in the church year as many of our groups do not meet in the months of July and August and this allows me the time I need to start planning for the year ahead. I dive into books to get inspired to preach and teach. I know that I am not the only one who loves to read during the hottest months of the year, so I thought that I would take a moment to share with you some great books to read during summer while you're sitting by a pool or hiding from the heat. The coming summer months are a great time for us to dive deeper into our faith life and discover what others have to say about living a life with Christ.

The first author that I would recommend is Adam Hamilton, he is a Methodist preacher in the States. While I would recommend any of his books, I have run several of the women's retreats based on his writing, I would suggest starting with the book "The Way". In it he invites us to walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Another great author to read is Philip Yancy and I would recommend "What's So Amazing About Grace?" and "The Jesus I Never Knew" are great books to read this summer. If you happen to be a musical fan I would suggest "The Grace of Les Misérables" by Matt Rawle or any of his Christmas books if you want to start getting ready early for the coming Christmas season. Or truly any other book that allows you to spend some time with our great creator. Many of us tend to think of Summer as a season of rest and relaxation, it is also a season of growth both for the plants in the field but also for us as followers of Christ. So taking some time to dive into books that speak about our faith in Christ is a great way for us to grow as Christians. Please note that I have only listed off a few of the countless great books there are out in the world that can inspire God's people, but the ones that I have listed I have in the church office and I am happy to lend out if anyone is interested. If you are looking for other suggestions or different topics please feel free to reach out and I can help you discover them.

But above all I wish everyone a happy summer and I look forward to sharing worship with you in the coming months.

Thanks be to God.  
Reverend Lisa



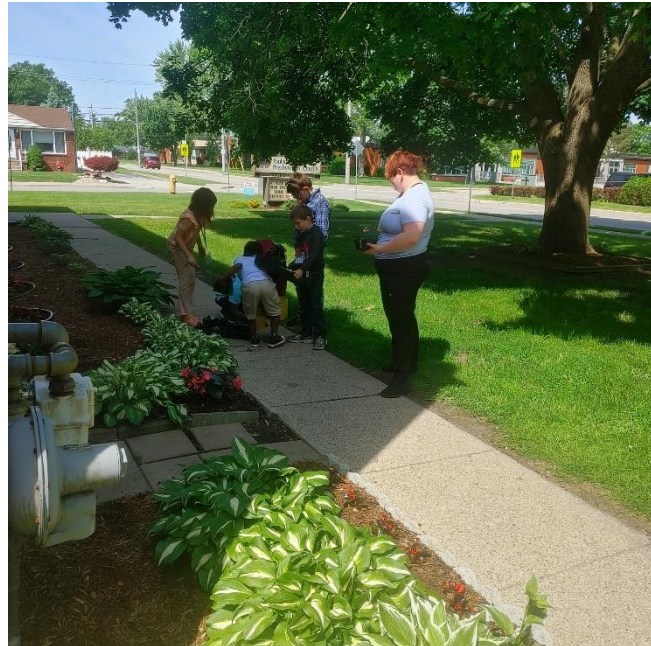
## **Finance Report**

Giving is an opportunity for us to express our generosity, faith & gratitude for all the God has given us! As at the end of May, we have received \$64,300 from receipted donations which is just \$1,077 short of our minimum budgeted target. WELL DONE! Can we maintain this over the upcoming summer months? It is always a challenge. Our expenses are at 48% of our overall annual budget. As you take time over the summer to visit with family & friends, take trips to enjoy the beauty of God's world, or just enjoy a relaxed time in your own backyard, we ask that you also consider maintaining your financial support over this time. 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

### **Sunday School News**

Junior Sunday School class planted 4 beds of flowers on the north side of the church.  
Have a look!

Submitted by A. Landon



### **Choir News**

The Paulin Choir has had another successful season under Heather's capable leadership, and we continue to grow in numbers since the COVID shut-down. This might be a goodtime to share some facts about who we are. Paulin has had a choir since the day the building opened over 60 years ago- and Bonnie has been a member throughout that time! There are currently 12member: sopranos Yvonne, Ann, Mary Ellen, Margaret, Finn and Kristina; altos Jeanmarie, Janelle, Bonnie, Carolyn and Carol- and one solitary bass, myself! So, we continue to welcome new singers in all sections, but a few more men (especially tenors – and some ladies sing tenor) would be a great boost to our ranks. Just like our congregation we are a very diverse group: multigenerational, ranging from students to octogenarian, and from a variety of backgrounds, including healthcare, education, business, and law enforcement. But we are bound together by our love of singing and the desire to enrich our Sunday worship. We also share in the joys and challenges of each other's lives and are always there for each other. Sound like a group you would like to be a part of? To echo a certain TV ad: "See Heather"

Respectfully submitted by Norm Diffey

## Faith Community Action

Our church continues to identify monthly projects in our community, in Canada, and internationally to connect with others, include others, and transform lives as part of our life with God. For the month of April, we heard about the volunteer work that Paulin people do in the community. Don Towsley talked about his volunteer work with Huron Feathers, a summer Presbyterian Church and Day Camp in Sauble Beach. Karolyn Gagnier brought Andrea McLean to talk about feeding the underhoused at the Soup Shack in Downtown Windsor. Ken Vickers shared stories about his volunteer work with Hospice. Many people in Windsor have connections in Michigan through work and family. Beth Stockford talked about how she and her work colleagues at the Children's Hospital of Michigan hold a yearly cereal drive in June to provide children in Michigan with food during the summer months. We also heard from Heather Inksetter about participating in the Windsor City Clean-up as a way to be a good steward of our natural resources. Thanks to everyone in May who donated supplies for the Welcome Centre for Women & Families – menstrual pads, baby wipes, & new or gently used bedding of all kinds. Paulin is a generous congregation.



## Indoor Yard Sale

**Saturday, June 22nd** is our Indoor Yard Sale from 9 am to 1 pm with all proceeds going to PWS&D. We are looking for volunteers to help with the drop-off on Friday night from 6-8 pm as well as sales and clean-up on Saturday. This fun event is an opportunity to reuse and recycle household objects and connect with our community. We will be serving coffee, tea and muffins by donation so please stop by even if you are not a bargain hunter. We will have a table with flyers about upcoming church events as well as information about the community groups that rent space at our church. submitted by Anne McLachlan.

## PAULIN IS MORTGAGE FREE!!!!





## Vacation Bible Day Camp

Join us for an unforgettable journey at Paulin Memorial's Camp Firelight Vacation Bible Day Camp! From August 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>, children from Junior Kindergarten to 8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to embark on a spiritual adventure like no other.

Each day, from 9am-4pm, campers will dive into a world of faith filled activities, including Bible stories, a focus on how we can trust God, uplifting music, engaging crafts, fascinating science experiments, exciting games, and delicious snacks. For just \$65 per child, or \$170 for families with three or more children, your little ones can participate in this four-day extravaganza of Faith and Fun!

See Bulletin board for more information and registration forms.



## Few Words from our Board of Managers

Have you noticed our beautiful gardens? We want to thank our Garden Angels, not only for their donations of flowers, but for sharing their valuable time & talents to maintain the gardens. Here are but a few of the things that have kept our Property Committee busy over the last few months – our handrails from the basement to the upper hall will be replaced on June 18 & 19. The church will be closed on those days for safety reasons. During an annual inspection, the Parlour roof heating & cooling unit was found to have a hole in the heat exchanger & this has been repaired. The organ loft water tray can now be filled from the floor rather than climbing a ladder to access it. The two offices have been painted and our Pie Ladies have replaced the blinds. The Library & Sunday School room have been spruced up with creative wall art by John Garswood.

One area of troubling concern to us is our increased Hydro expenses. It is noticed that our monthly wattage usage has increased considerably when we compare to the same time period last year. In an effort to minimize energy costs, we are asking all who utilize our facilities to be mindful of energy usage & we are taking a study of this over the next few months. We are asking users to notice that some lighting fixtures are taped off. The air conditioning will also be monitored. We ask for your support & patience while we try to reduce kWh and overall energy costs. Our hope is that we will not have to consider passing along this significant increase to our outside groups.



## 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

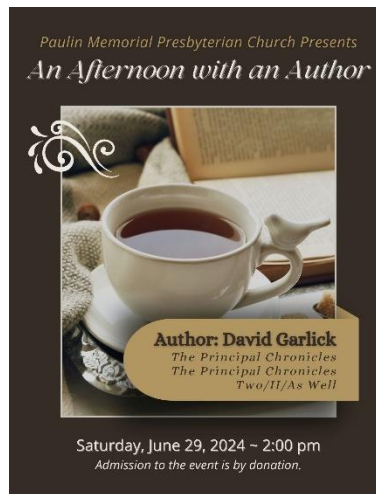
## Worship Announcements

CONGRATULATIONS to Sarah Stockford on her recent graduation from Knox College.

CONGRATULATIONS to Riverfront Theatre Company on their 20<sup>th</sup> season. Keep up the great productions

Worship Committee wants to know 'What is your favourite Hymn?'

Please let us know what your favourite Hymn is by signing it up on the sheet outside the parlour.



### Men's Breakfast

**Saturday June 29<sup>th</sup> 2024**

**8:30 am**

**Lumberjack Restaurant**

475 Tecumseh Rd E.

Please sign up on Men's Breakfast sheet in Narthex

A green poster for an audition notice. At the top, it says "AUDITION NOTICE" in white. Below that, "Tuesday, July 9th" and "6:30 - 9:00 pm". On the right is a circular logo for "RtC" with "ESTABLISHED 2004" around it. Below the logo is the title "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" in white. At the bottom right, it says "Paulin Memorial Church" and "3200 Woodland Avenue". On the left, there is a photograph of a group of people on a stage in a church setting, some sitting on the floor and some standing.

### OPEN AUDITION NOTICE!

We are thrilled to announce that Riverfront Theatre Company and Paulin Memorial Church are jointly producing our upcoming show, "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" by Barbara Robinson. This heartwarming and hilarious holiday classic tells the story of the unruly Herdman siblings who shake up the annual Christmas pageant and teach everyone the true meaning of the holiday season.

Kristina Garswood will be directing this production.

OPEN Auditions for both adult and child lead roles will be on Tuesday July 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 9:00 pm at Paulin Memorial Church.

Please see Kristina Garwood for more information.

A blue and white graphic for a youth group announcement. The text reads: "PAULIN MEMORIAL YOUTH", "New Group Tuesday evenings starting in July", and "Contact a member of the Christian Education Committee for details". The background features a grid of various sized rectangles and a cracked texture.