

Paulin Newsletter

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Message from Reverend Lisa

The weather is getting cooler and things at Paulin are starting to heat up as we prepare ourselves for the coming of Advent. It is a time in which we are called to prepare our hearts for the birth of Jesus, God's love made flesh. Advent is always a special time of the year, our neighbourhoods start to put up lights during the longer nights, and you start to see Christmas trees popping up in peoples' homes. I know that as soon as November hits, my car radio will be turned to the radio station that plays Christmas music nonstop until the big day appears. And I know that I will not be the only one who is ready to sing those wonderful Christmas carols. Advent is also a busy time of the year at Paulin as our Sundays will be full of excitement as we prepare for the birth of Jesus. We will be blessed with another great Christmas Cantata on Sunday December the 21, on the 14th we will be blessed with the brass band coming and playing for our worship service as well as the Children's presentation. Each week will be filled with joy, hope, peace and love as we light our way to Christmas Eve and the child that was found laying in the manger.

I know that each of you will have your own advent traditions that will help you prepare for the coming of the Christ child. Perhaps you have a favorite Christmas cookie that you love to eat, or you have a favorite Christmas movie that you need to watch each year, I know that I do. But have you ever thought about sharing that tradition with someone else? We are blessed with many different families in our congregation and community that might need a little bit of our advent cheer and this gives us an opportunity to share the joy of this season with someone new. Last year the young adults made cookie platters to send to people, who might struggle to get out during the colder months of the year, they were well received. So perhaps it is something that you might feel comfortable doing as we can always find people who could use a reminder that they are not alone during this holy season. Or perhaps you might be willing to donate to Sparky's toy drive to make sure that the children in our community have something under the tree, or you could even get in contact with Matthew house and invite a refugee and their family to share your Christmas feast.

Thanks to be God, Amen

Rev. Lisa

PRESBYTERY SHARING \$\$\$

We have exceeded our \$5000 commitment by 27%!!

As of October 26, our total is \$6,325. What can we achieve by December 31st? Can we do \$7,000?

Men's Breakfast

Sat. November 22

8:30 am

Dominion Golf

Centre

Please sign up on Men's
Breakfast sheet in Narthex

Faith Community Action Group

Thanks to everyone who wore their orange shirts on Sunday, September 28th for National Truth and Reconciliation Day and to acknowledge the role that our Presbyterian Church played in the residential schools. We walk the path of reconciliation with our Indigenous brothers and sisters when we begin our church meetings and church services by acknowledging that our church community is located on the traditional territory of the Three Fires Confederacy of First Nations, comprised of the Ojibwe, including the Caldwell First Nation, the Odawa and the Potawatomie.

This fall, we are asking for donations for Windsor's Matthew House Refugee Centre. A new initiative is providing an education session on the agencies that we support with our donations. On October 25th, we welcomed Heidi from the Centre to learn more about their outreach work and how they support refugees. We also collected donations from their "Urgently Needed" list from October 19th to November 16th and delivered them to the Centre.

The Mitten Tree (co-ordinated by Audrey Landon) will be in the parlour November 30th for the Advent Season. Mittens, hats and headbands (no scarfs, please) will be distributed in the new year to area schools.

Used Eye Glasses – Have some old prescription glasses taking up space in your cupboards? The Lions Club distributes them to people in need of glasses. In 2024, we collected over 130 pairs and so far this year, we have donated 107 pairs of glasses.

Menstrual Supplies continue to be provided free in the bathrooms.

Stay Tuned: From January to March 2026, we will be collecting donations for the Soup Shack. Learn more about the Soup Shack on February 21st at 1:30 p.m. in the parlour. We'll be collecting long underwear in January and the Pew Challenge is back for February/March.

Paulin Faith Community in Action Group: (submitted by A. McLachlan)

Always Open to Different Perspectives

Choir News

The Paulin choir is busy with Advent and Christmas preparations. It's a busy and exciting time of the year.

This year, we will be pleased to present a Cantata by the well-known choral composer Joel Raney. His work combines traditional carols with modern and upbeat original compositions.

Recently we also worked hand in hand with the Vietnamese Alliance Church, in order to have our second combined service on October 26th. It is a pleasure to work with the talented musicians who make up the Vietnamese praise team.

During these busy weeks, it is also good to stop and reflect on what we aspire to do as a choir: to serve Paulin Memorial through worship in song.

Heather Inksetter

Board of Managers Report

With only a few months left of this fiscal year, Paulin has ended September year to date in the BLACK! A big thanks go out to the Fund Raising/Congregational Life volunteers & all who support their endeavours. While we projected a final year profit of \$5000, they have surpassed that already by 52% with four more events to come. Our Sunday donations are also up about 7% year over year. Hopefully, we can keep this up over the next few months as we do have an unexpected expense of a costly roof repair to contend with. Along with regular maintenance, look for our upper hall to be refreshed with a new coat of paint in the upcoming weeks.

We hope that everyone had a chance to enjoy our beautiful landscaping that continued to reflect God's beauty all summer. Thanks to our Garden Angels and Landscapers, Two Ladies & a Truck, for their excellent care. As well, a big thank you to Don, Jim & their helpers for their endless volunteer hours to ensure our parking lot & church building remain in tip top shape!



Upcoming Events:

November 15 Poinsettia Bazaar Doors open at 10 am

November 29 Afternoon with an Author 2:00 pm

November 30 Communion 1st sunday of Advent

December 14 Brass Band presentation

December 21 Choir Cantata 10:30 service

December 24 Christmas Eve service keep eye on Bulletin for time