

Paulin Newsletter

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Message from Reverend Lisa



Presbyterian Sharing \$\$\$

We are happy to announce that we are $\frac{2}{3}$ of the way to meeting this year's Presbyterian Sharing goal. As of last month, we have raised \$4,069.26 towards our \$6,000 goal. A donation of \$5 per month per family will help us achieve our goal. So thank you to everyone who donated, and please let's see if we can meet - or exceed - our goal this year. WE CAN DO THIS!

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Faith Community Action Group

Thanks to the support of our congregation, the FCA Group has completed several projects since the November 2025 newsletter. In January 2026, we collected 41 long-underwear items for the **Soup Shack**. On February 21st, Owen from the **Soup Shack** told us more about the work they do and the challenges that their clientele faces as part of our FCA Afternoon in the Parlour series. The Soup Shack was the winner of the **Pew Challenge**, as we were able to donate 302 pairs of socks and 209 pairs of underwear. In April, we had **Paulin Mission Moments** where we heard how Paulin people connect with our community and do the work of God outside of the church: Nancy Blair talked about volunteering at Life after 50, Chuck Stoffle talked about volunteering as a Robotics Coach, and John Garswood spoke about his volunteer work with the Canadian Aviation Museum. May is a slow month for food bank donations, and **Our Lady of Guadalupe R.C. Church Food Bank** was most appreciative of the donations that our congregation provided - a full SUV- load. Our annual **Indoor Yard Sale** on June 6th was a success. The amount of donations was not overwhelming for our volunteers; we had several hundred members of the community attend and leave with bargains, Paulin people connected over coffee and tea in the cafe, and we raised \$683.50 for **Presbyterian World Services and Development**. Piggybacking on the successful Afternoon in the Parlour talks hosted by the Fundraising Committee, an **FCA Afternoon in the Parlour** was held on June 20th (June 21st was **National Indigenous Day**). As we walk the path of reconciliation with our Indigenous brothers and sisters, the Presbyterian Church of Canada (PCC) has set a goal of learning more about Indigenous wellness and spiritual practices. Nick Metivier, Indigenous Peer Support Co-ordinator, told us about how he uses indigenous teachings and spirituality with people recovering from substance use disorders.

We will once again ask everyone to wear their **orange shirts** on Sunday, September 27th, for **National Truth and Reconciliation Day** and to acknowledge the role that our Presbyterian denomination played in operating residential schools. Donations can be made to the **PCC Honouring the Children's** Fund to aide those recovering from the abuses of residential schools. Stay tuned for more information about hosting **College and University students** for **Thanksgiving** in October. We will collect donations for the **Welcome Centre Shelter for Women & Families** in October and November and hear more about their work from Lady Laforet on **October 17, 2026**, at 1:30 pm in the Parlour.

We have 4 ongoing projects that are supported by our congregation. We collect **old prescription eyeglasses** that are donated to the **Lions Club & CNIB**. In 2025, we collected over 148 pairs. **Menstrual Supplies** continue to be provided free in the church bathrooms. Used stamps are collected for the **Canadian Bible Society**. There is a collection box for gently used shoes that are donated to **Soles4Souls**.

We welcome ideas for future outreach projects as we put our faith into action, so please join us for our next meeting on **Wednesday, August 26th**, at 6:30 pm.

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

Always Open to Different Perspectives



Choir News

The Paulin Choir had a successful season. We welcomed baritone John Miller and returning tenor Lex McCrindle into our ranks. Tilibe Moasun has been able to provide us with beautiful descant or high soprano lines in some of our anthems, as his musical talents develop.

I would like to thank Rob Gordon, Margaret and Bob Kissau for gifts that they have given to the choir.

Thursday evening rehearsals will not be held during the summer months. Our first meeting of the new season will be on September 3rd, at 7 pm as usual. Please do consider joining us if you enjoy singing. I usually keep rehearsals to one hour and fifteen minutes in length. Choral singing is a real joy as well as a part of ministry.

The singers support one another in many ways.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Inksetter, Director of Music



Sunday School News

Some of our Sunday Schoolers received their new Bibles on June 28th. They will be graduating to the Senior class in September. They have been wonderful participants in the Junior class over the past years and will be missed. They take with them enthusiasm, insight and a desire to learn, grow and share God's word. They are true ambassadors for Paulin. It has been a joy and privilege to spend time with them.



Board of Managers Report

A BIG THANK YOU to our Custodian, Charlene Charles!!! Charlene has retired from her position as Paulin's custodian as of May 1st. We thank her for her 7 years of service & wish her well in her retirement. Fortunately, Charlene is part of our Paulin family, so she is not leaving us... we just won't see her with a broom or cleaning cloth in hand!

We welcome Cristie Paulton to our Paulin family as our new custodian.

The new Audio and Sound system is up and running! Feedback from our viewers at home is that the sound and visual quality are great! During the summer months, you can look forward to watching our Sunday morning service from your home patio or cottage porch.

Our garden angels have been busy completing the work and purchases needed to provide Paulin with the beautiful gardens we so enjoy. We thank them for their generosity and look forward to seeing God's beauty surround our church building. We also appreciate the hard work that Debbie Henwood and her partner (Two Chicks and a Truck) do to keep our grounds looking neat and tidy.

With regards to finances, as usual for this time of year, we do find ourselves in a small deficit position of (\$3,355). Overall, expenses are in line, and we are meeting our average monthly donation and rental income goals. The Board is hopeful that everyone will keep up their financial commitment to Paulin over the summer months, so that this deficit does not grow larger. Unfortunately, our expenses don't take a holiday!

HELP is NEEDED!!- The Personnel Committee is seeking a volunteer or two to join this committee. You do NOT need to be an Elder or Member of the Board. If this is an area where you can share your talents, please speak to Bob MacVicar, Deb Naklie, or Rev. Lisa

We would like to thank Susan Lucas, Patti Beer, and Janine Krewec for taking on the project of cleaning and organizing the church kitchen this summer!

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Upcoming Events:

Annual Steak BBQ - Sat. Aug. 15, 2026 6:00 pm \$25.00 See Joanne for tickets

An Afternoon in the Parlour - Sat. Aug. 22, 2026 2:00 pm OPERATION MANNA Admission by Donation

Rally Sunday - Sept. 13, 2026 more information to follow

Kintail Women's Retreat - Sept. 18-20, 2026 See Kristina with any questions.

Orange Shirt Day - Sun. Sept. 27, 2026 National Truth and Reconciliation Day



