



# The St. Paul's Page

**St. Paul's United Church**  
11526 76 Avenue NW  
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*This Ancient Love*  
*Advent 3: Joy*  
*December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

**Sunday morning worship services begin at 10:30.** Worship services are also live-streamed and uploaded for later viewing [here](#).

If you are joining us for the Sunday worship online, please see our [service bulletins](#). Alternatively, the QR code can be scanned to view our Sunday bulletin for this week.



## ACTIVITIES AT ST. PAUL'S DECEMBER 15 - 22

<b>SUN</b> <b>12.15</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<b>Susan Farrell &amp; Choir</b>
		<b>Advent 3: Joy</b>	
	<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>75th Anniv. Book Launch</b>	<b>Foote Auditorium</b>
<b>MON</b> <b>12.16</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	Yoga	Foote Auditorium
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	AA Support Group	Bentley Room
<b>TUE</b> <b>12.17</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	Nar Anon Support Group	Bentley Room
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Tai Chi	Foote Auditorium
<b>WED</b> <b>12.18</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Staff Meeting</b>	<b>Anna's Study</b> Upper Hall <b>Sanctuary</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Yoga	
	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	
<b>THU</b> <b>12.19</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Quilting Group</b>	<b>Foote Auditorium</b> Foote Auditorium <b>Sanctuary</b>
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Tai Chi	
	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Longest Night Service</b>	
<b>FRI</b> <b>12.20</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>	Belgravia Bridge Club	Friendship Room
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Youth Group</b>	
<b>SAT</b> <b>12.21</b>			
<b>SUN</b> <b>12.22</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<b>Rev. Anna Constantin</b>
		<b>Advent 4: Love</b>	
	<b>5:00 pm</b>	Piano Recital	Sanctuary

We have cards with information about the Christmas services and general information about St. Paul's available in the Friendship Room. Pick up a couple and give them to friends and neighbours.

### Coffee and Tea served downstairs today

We are having a 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book Launch celebration following the service. Join us in the Foote Auditorium for snacks, coffee and tea.

## Joy of Our Desiring

Martin Jahn

Every creature desires happiness.  
Each one longs for contentment  
And an ongoing sense of well-being.  
You are the true Joy of Our Desiring  
Although we may not recognize this.  
Beneath our longing and yearning  
Your presence of ceaseless delight  
Waits for us to identify what is ours.  
Help us find in our joys and pleasures  
The deeper joy of yourself within them.

*Today: My heart focuses on true Joy.*

*from Fragments of Your Ancient Name by Joyce Rupp*

If you would like to share a minute message on Sunday, **please talk to Rev. Anna Constantin prior to sharing your message.**

### BOOKKEEPER WANTED

The Finance Committee is looking for a bookkeeper (or two) to assist the Treasurer. Duties include: keeping the books, producing month- and year-end reports, banking, and tax filings. Experience with Quickbooks and Excel is expected. Having a connection to St. Paul's is strongly desirable. Must be able to work at the church on a regular basis. Hours fluctuate with the needs, but are typically lighter during the summer and heavier at month- and year-end. This is a volunteer position. Please contact Jim Smythe or the Church Office if you are interested in this opportunity or know someone who might be.

Find Patches in the St. Paul's Page! Can you see a sheep?

Where will you find him this week?

## Christmas Dinner

Members of St. Paul's family who will be alone for Christmas dinner this year are welcome to gather at the church from mid-afternoon to early evening for socializing and a festive supper on December 25th. Jim and Karin Stewart, Lori Stewart and Jack Jervis are cooking the turkeys and organizing this supper. Our plan is to include some traditional Canadian food as well as food familiar to our Newcomers.

There will be a sign up sheet in the Friendship Room after the worship services on December 8 and 15. If you are attending, it is important to sign up because we have a maximum seating capacity and we also need to know how much food is needed. Assistance with set-up, cooking, and clean-up can be noted on the sign up sheet. Whether you are able to attend or not, if you would like to support this event by donating either food or money, that would be appreciated.

For more information, please talk to Jim, Karin, Lori or Jack, or via [jimstewart956@gmail.com](mailto:jimstewart956@gmail.com) or [jackjervis263@gmail.com](mailto:jackjervis263@gmail.com)

## FINANCE UPDATE – OFFERINGS IN 2025

The Finance Committee is busy preparing the operating budget for next year, and we need your help! In order to balance our budget we need a good revenue forecast; about 90% of our revenue comes from offerings. Please take time to review your level of financial support for St. Paul's. **A response by December 23 would be appreciated.** If you are on PAR, please consider raising your monthly amount. If you give by cash or cheque, please let us know how much you are planning to give in 2025 by sending a pledge in to the Church Office. Inflation has impacted our expenditures in recent years and we need our revenues to rise in order to keep up. All gifts to St. Paul's are appreciated, no matter how large or small! Thank-you.

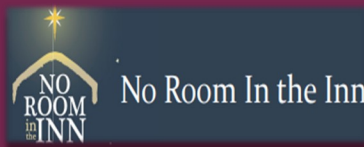
Jim Smythe - Finance Committee

## Day 5 - December 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm



Day 5 this week will be the Longest Night Service, join us in person or on Zoom. Bring your troubles, cares, or concerns; your anger, anguish, or sorrow; your uncertainty or your confusion. You will find a calm and quiet place to set them aside or to examine and consider them.

Day 5 is on Zoom, please scan the QR code or visit the link provided in the Wednesday email.



This year, **No Room in the Inn** is supporting **Youth Empowerment & Support Services. (Y.E.S.S.)**. 2024's **No Room In the Inn Campaign** is supporting **Youth Empowerment & Support Services (YESS)** to replace the roof on their Whyte Ave. facility in Edmonton. YESS's Whyte Avenue Facility houses their Youth Support Centre (YSC). The YSC is an evolution in youth care and crisis management. Materials for this campaign can be found at these links: [2024 No Room In the Inn brochure](#) / [YESS information](#) / [2024 Campaign Invitation](#). **'Special Offering' donation envelopes can be found near the offering plate at the back of the Sanctuary.**

## A Queer Belonging Advent

Wednesday, December 18 @ 6pm

Lodgepole Communitas Alberta Avenue - 11725 93 St NW

A Thrill of Hope, The Weary World Rejoices

A 2SLGBTQ+ Advent Celebration of Joy, Love, Hope, & Worship

Come join us as we share our sorrows and joys, celebrating the warmth of God's love together! Let's fill our queer hearts with joy and let our lights shine bright this holiday season. We can't wait to see you. **All Ways Welcome.**



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