

The St. Paul's Page

St. Paul's United Church
11526 76 Avenue NW
Edmonton, Alberta T6G 0K7

*This Ancient Love
Advent 4: Love
December 22nd, 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 22 - 29

SUN 12.22	10:30 am	Sunday Worship Advent 4: Love	Rev. Anna Constantin
	4:00 pm	Piano Recital	Sanctuary
MON 12.23	7:00 pm	AA Support Group	Bentley Room
TUE 12.24	4:00 pm	Family Christmas Eve	Sanctuary
	7:30 pm	Nar Anon Support Group	Bentley Room
	8:00 pm	Candlelight Service	Sanctuary
WED 12.25	12:00 pm	St. Paul's Christmas Dinner	Foote Auditorium
THU 12.26			
FRI 12.27	1:00 pm	Belgravia Bridge Club	Friendship Room
SAT 12.28	1:30 pm	Tai Chi	Foote Auditorium
SUN 12.29	10:30 am	Sunday Worship Daniel Greenways, Marion Brenner, Jim Mullins, Ron Lawson	

Save a spot for Grandma!

Please be mindful of elderly members and those with mobility challenges when choosing a place to park. If you have the ability to, please consider parking farther away to leave space for those who may not be able to walk far.



Poinsettia Orders

Poinsettias are here! You may take your plant home **after the service on December 22nd or after either of the Christmas Eve services.**

Stream of Enduring Love

Here I am in my small, aging dinghy
Filled with the content of my life,
Moving on the current of your love.
Sometimes I want to get out of the boat,
Doubtful of where I might be going.
Once in a while, I feel the easy flow,
Allow the direction to carry me,
And rest without a care or concern.
These moments are when I glide best,
When the movement of you and I are one.

Today: I glide easily in the Stream of Enduring Love.

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?

Office Hours - Closed for Christmas

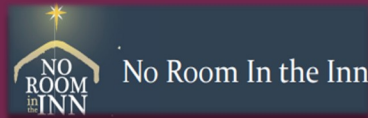
The office will be open until 12 p.m on December 24th, and will be closed until January 2nd. Office hours will be reduced to 9 a.m - 12 p.m on January 2nd and 3rd, resuming regular office hours on January 6th.

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.

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 or jackjervis263@gmail.com



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](#). You can donate by sending an e-transfer to stpaulsaccountant@telus.net indicating 'No Room in the Inn' or by using one of the **'Special Offering' donation envelopes in the pews**.

FINANCE UPDATE – PLEDGE/PAR IN 2025

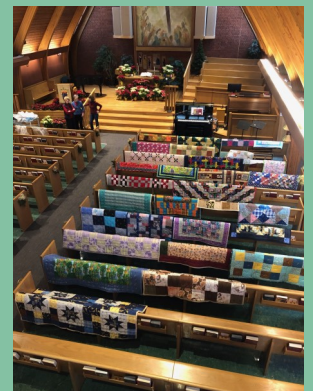
Please take time to review your level of financial support for St. Paul's and help us balance our budget in 2025. **A response by Dec.23 would be appreciated.** PAR sets up an automated monthly transfer from your bank account or credit card to St. Paul's. If you are on PAR, please consider raising your monthly amount. If you are not yet on PAR, please consider signing up. PAR forms are on the side table in the Friendship Room or in the Office; completed forms can be turned into the Office, the Treasurer, or the Offering Plate. Please contact the Treasurer (Heather Peden) at stpaulsaccountant@telus.net or the Office to make a pledge, change your PAR, or for more info. All gifts to St. Paul's are appreciated, no matter how large or small! Thank-you.

Quilting Group News

Earlier in December, the St. Paul's Quilting Group humbly offered 32 quilts for donation to deserving charities.

31 quilts went to the Catholic Social Services program that assists and supports children and families affected by Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder. They are very grateful for our donation of quilts. Lynne Mullen-Wawryk, who works with CSS, explained that there are 4 main branches of this program, and the quilts can be used in any and all of them: First Steps, Step by Step, Coaching Families and McDaniel Youth Program.

Coyote Lake Lodge also received a quilt which will be used on one of the cabin beds and will provide a touch of cottage warmth for visitors. Eleanor Wein was appreciative.



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