

The St. Paul's Page

St. Paul's United Church
11526 76 Avenue NW
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This Ancient Love
December 29th, 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 29 - JANUARY 5

SUN 12.29	10:30 am	Sunday Worship	Daniel Greenways, Marion Brenner, Jim Mullins, Ron Lawson
MON 12.30	7:00 pm	AA Support Group	Bentley Room
TUE 12.31	7:30 pm	Nar Anon Support Group	Bentley Room
WED 01.01			
THU 01.02			
FRI 01.03	1:00 pm	Belgravia Bridge Club	Friendship Room
SAT 01.04			
SUN 01.05	10:30 am	Sunday Worship	Rev. Anna Constantin

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.

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

Where will you find him this week?

Gate-Keeper

Wisdom 6:14

Divine Gate-Keeper, ever present to my soul,
I approach the open gate of the new year
Aware of my vulnerability and mortality,
Recognizing my dependence on your vigilance.
Your wisdom will direct my inner footsteps
As I face the future's unmarked terrain.
Your rapt attentiveness assures me
That you will guide my comings and goings.
This day I join my heart with all living beings
As we walk together toward what lies ahead.
Today: I walk with hope into the new year.

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.**

Annual Congregational Meeting 2025

Save the date! St. Paul's Annual Congregational Meeting is February 2nd, 2025.

New Phone Number for Northern Spirit Office

The United Church Staff phone system will be changing in the new year.

Northern Spirit Office / Chloe Burns' new phone number: 1-587-407-0330

These numbers are already set up and in service. The former 1-800 numbers will still work until **January 15, 2025**. Please spread the word and save our new phone numbers! Many of the tri-Regional and National staff numbers are changing as well: [all staff contact information is available on the website](#).



Chair Stretch and Chat via Zoom

For those who wish to embody their spirituality in the comfort of their own space, guided and supported on ZOOM, with like-minded others. We begin with seated gentle stretching for grounding and centering, followed by a poem and pockets of silence to aid in encountering inner wisdom, then engaging in small group dialogue and listening. Please have available a sturdy chair with no arms. All are welcome.

Tuesdays January 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11, 18, 2025 (1:30pm - 2:30pm)

The cost of this program is \$60. Register by January 7, 2025



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.

Interfaith Outreach for Polarized Times

How do we practice interfaith exchange in challenging times? When communities are polarized? Denominations are splintering? And people lose hope for peace? We use courage, social empathy, self-reflection, and knowledge of best practices. To begin, **Rabbi Laura** will name some of the divisive social and theological issues of our time. Then, she will share a model of interfaith outreach for working across these divides.

*This public lecture is offered both **in-person or online** via Zoom. Early registration ends February 1st.*

<https://www.starofthenorth.ca/register/browse/programs-2/event/interfaith-outreach-for-polarized-times-348/>

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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