



CATHEDRAL CALLING
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From the Dean



One of my brothers is an artist. He's amazingly gifted and it's always astounded me to witness him creating the things he has and does. He's a sculptor. He's an inventor. He's a musician, primarily a virtuoso percussionist who sings as well. He's taught himself to play guitar, bass and piano, each at a level of proficiency that makes me burst with pride and wonder and admittedly a small amount of jealousy. He's also a woodworker, having found work in post Hurricane-Juan Halifax free hand-carving replacement corbels and restoring the wooden interiors of All Saints Anglican Cathedral in Halifax and St. John's Anglican Church in historic Lunenburg. He is teaching his children to appreciate the detailed beauty of the world around them, and helping them to create beauty in response. His artistic spirit is who he has been, who he is, and who he will always be. His being an artist never changes. Only the medium does.

Now about Christmas:

The love of God is at the heart of creation itself, in all of its complexity and astounding layers of interconnectedness. The love of God is in every sunset, flower petal, or moment of wonder at beauty. The love of God is in every fleck of cosmic dust and every bright burning gaseous giant that make up the millions upon millions of galaxies of which we are a part. The love of God is in every moment we share with another human being. And just so we would have one more astounding way to know all of this, God's love was shown for us in a different way in the person of Jesus, whose birth we celebrate in this holy season. That's the whole point. God's love never changes. Only the medium does. May you know God's love this day, present in everything and revealed beautifully and perfectly in Jesus.

Dean Mike Sinclair

In-person services at the Cathedral are suspended but are LIVEstreamed on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsAnglicanCathedralRegina>

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 20, at 10:30 a.m. – Morning Prayer

Christmas Eve, December 24, at 7 p.m. – Liturgy of the Word

Christmas Day, December 25, at 10 a.m. – Morning Prayer

All from the Book of Alternative Services

From the Deacon



Normally at this time of year the Cathedral community would be buzzing with activity as we participated in the great liturgical events of Advent and Christmas. The Advent Carol Service would have filled our hearts with joy, thanks to the talents of our director of music, organists and choir. The Service of Light & Solemn Evensong – one of my favourite services – would have graphically brought home to us the imminence of the Nativity of the Lord. Our liturgical team, ranging from the five-year-old boat-boy through junior servers, teen-age and adult sub-deacons, to greeters, readers, intercessors and communion ministers – and yes, the clergy too! – would have been preparing for the Christmas Eve services: the Blessing of the Crèche & Family Eucharist and the Solemn Eucharist of Christmas.

“Normally” and “would have” are the operative words. Like so much else in this strange pandemic period, nothing is “normal” for Advent and Christmas 2020. Instead of gathering around the Lord’s Table for the eucharistic banquet, our Christian community must worship “virtually.” But then, there has always been a “virtual” dimension of the Church in worship. In the words of Eucharistic Prayer 1, “with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.” Or, as the Proper Preface for All Saints puts it, “in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses ...” This Christmas let us join together as an “i-Cloud of witnesses” to celebrate, virtually indeed, but truly in heart and mind, the coming of the Messiah.

Canon Michael Jackson

Vestry Report

by Dave Hedlund, Chair of Vestry



Vestry held a virtual meeting on December 15. With so much uncertainty surrounding the pandemic, it has been difficult to develop a budget for 2021. At the meeting Vestry approved an interim budget for St. Paul’s Cathedral which will be reviewed and adjusted in March of next year. The annual meeting will take place by Zoom in late February or early March.

Since we began streaming our services live on Facebook, many people, in addition to our own parishioners, have tuned in or viewed the videos later. Vestry has approved the purchase and installation (hopefully in January) of equipment that will allow for more reliable broadcasting of Cathedral services throughout the pandemic and beyond.

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News of the Diocese



In-person worship in all churches of the Diocese of Qu’Appelle is suspended until January 15, 2021. Similar measures have been taken by the two other Anglican dioceses in Saskatchewan and by the Saskatchewan Synod of our ecumenical partner, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

Our Vestry

Jim Melville, Vestry Member



Jim Melville was rector's warden for ten years, the first chair of the Columbarium Board of Management, and Chair of the Building in Faith Management Committee throughout the design and construction of the Cathedral Community Centre. After a 31-year career with PFRA, Jim had an eight-year assignment with a local engineering firm. Between Jim and his wife Michael, they have five grandchildren, ranging in age from 15 to 2. The youngest, Noah Doyon, was baptised at St. Paul's in the summer of 2019 in a bilingual service. Jim can be reached by phone at 306-520-8658 or by email at melville.regina@gmail.com

Doris Covey Lazecki, Vestry Member



Doris Covey Lazecki joined St. Paul's Cathedral and the Cathedral Choir in 1985. She was the executive director of the Saskatchewan Music Festival Association for over thirty years. Doris was a founding member of the Elizabethan Singers and performed as a soloist with the Regina and Saskatoon Symphony Orchestras. Doris and her husband Morris have three children, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Bill Stahl, Vestry Member



Bill taught sociology at Luther College, University of Regina, for 35 years. He was a sociologist of religion and of science and won awards from the Templeton Foundation for his work. He is the author of three books and has another near completion. His wife, Ruth Heinrichs, is a Mennonite and is active in helping refugees. His son Martin is a scientist in Vancouver. Bill and Ruth have a three-year-old granddaughter. Bill helps at the Cathedral Lunch Program and builds model railroads in his spare time.

Catherine Arthur-MacDonald, Vestry Member



Catherine has attended St. Paul's for thirty years. She has served on Vestry several times, including terms as Vestry Chair and People's Warden. She is a long-serving member of the Altar Guild and a sub-deacon. Catherine retired from Regina Public Schools where she worked for 33 years as a teacher, consultant, and coordinator. She is married to Alex MacDonald, who teaches English and Humanities at Campion College, University of Regina. Their two sons and grandson live in Regina. Catherine can be reached at acmacdonald@accesscomm.ca

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Elvira Beday, Administrative Assistant



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