



***St. Paul's Cathedral***  
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***Message from Dean Mike Sinclair***

There are many questions about when we will reopen for worship, and what this will look like. While the province has allowed for 150 people in places of worship, the restrictions on space, numbers, and activity are substantial. Bishop Hardwick has issued a letter allowing for congregations to gather in numbers no greater than 30, adhering to all provincial and diocesan safety guidelines. These include but are not limited to: the requirement for online pre-registration for church, including a statement of one's health; temperature checks at the door; mandatory masks; arranged and assigned seating; 2 metre distancing; no eucharist; no singing; no contact; separate entrance and exit, with organized entry and exit flow; full sanitization between services.

In light of the current safety and logistical concerns, vestry has agreed to suspend public worship until September. This decision was not arrived at easily or lightly. We thank you for your understanding and patience, and pray for the time that we can again joyfully and safely meet face to face. The situation will undoubtedly continue to evolve and we'll keep you posted via the News Bulletin.

***Message from the Rev. Anne Marie MacNeil, Honorary Assistant***



"Hole in the World" is a song by the Eagles, written by Don Henley and Glenn Frey in response to the September 11, 2001 attacks and released in their 2003 farewell tour. It's about the lack of love and understanding among people. The lyrics go something like this: "There's a hole in the world tonight; there's a cloud of fear and sorrow; they tell me there's a place over yonder, cool water running through the burning sand, until we learn to love one another we will never reach the promised land; there's a hole in the world tonight - don't let there be a hole in the world tomorrow."

Maybe we have always been living with a hole in the world. It is especially brought to our attention by the pandemic and by the focus on how racism is rampant in our world. I see a similarity between the lyrics in this song of the need to have loving concern for one another and the gospel message "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself."

We suffer sorrow when we are away from our family, friends and church community. But it is necessary for us to be apart the sake of the health of our nation. The murder of George Floyd has brought to focus again as a reminder that racism and inequality among people still exists in our world and in our nation and in our communities. People are living in fear because of mistreatment because of their skin colour.

We are called to serve the Lord where we live and work as Christ-bearers living his life, making Jesus present in a world that would otherwise conceal him. We are free to choose to serve the Lord and help close the hole in the world.

## *News of Parishioners*

*Committee member **Jim Melville** reports...*

Former Warden **Basil Pogue** has been keeping himself busy over the past three months. He spends a lot of time as Secretary and Chair for the national PWRDF Governance Committee. Traditionally this committee has met in person twice a year, but Covid-19 has resulted in yet more ZOOM meetings! For mature gentlemen like Basil six hours in front of a computer takes its toll, so other, shorter options are being considered.

Basil has also been busy in the garden with assistance of his new best friend, Callie the kitten, who accepted him into her life in February. The recent rain is a mixed blessing; everything in the garden is growing like crazy but those pesky mosquitoes love feasting on tender English calves when Basil puts on the shorts and Tilley hat! Attention, bake sales organizers, Basil is honing his skills in the kitchen baking muffins and other treats. He is gingerly approaching cookie making and should be full steam ahead just in time for the next parish fundraising event.

*Basil tells us: PWRDF is currently looking for dynamic candidates for its Youth Council – young people between 16 and 30. Those interested can apply at [www.pwrdf.org](http://www.pwrdf.org), clicking the Join the youth movement button.*

On May 15, when golf courses opened, you would think that **Alan Denike** would be the happiest member of his household but, in fact it was **Janice Denike**! Hooray, she bellowed, he will be gone for 3 or 4 hours at least twice a week. Sun, wind or rain, the clubs and a smiling Janice are by the door on golfing days!

Both Janice and Alan have continued with their music students through the pandemic. Lessons are obviously not in person but through mediums like ZOOM, which creates all kinds of special challenges, the greatest being the poor sound quality through the computer. Also, the cancelling of spring recitals was disappointing as they couldn't showcase the musical brilliance they have passed on to their students.

Many people associated with St. Paul's do gardening and the Denikes are no exception. Alan worked on improvements to the drainage in their Crescents home and Janice was busy keeping their yard, lush, green and beautiful as always. Janice and Alan are missing their St. Paul's time, especially their contact with other choir members and, of course, those legendary choir parties! Alan is losing sleep about the wrath of **Dorianna Holowachuk**, the choir director, when they all have to sing through cloth masks!

### **Your Financial Support Is Needed**

While we are unable to gather as a community, your continued financial support to St. Paul's Cathedral is still needed. Contributions can be mailed directly to the Cathedral. Donate or contribute through our website address using the *Donate* button and following the instructions provided. These donations are automatically deposited and you will receive a tax receipt immediately. OR consider signing up for the Pre-Authorized Payment plan. Simply call or send an email to make the necessary arrangements. The PAP plan can be changed or cancelled at any time. All contact information is listed below.

*News Bulletin Contributions* We'd be glad to receive contributions and comments for the News Bulletin. Please send them to [dmichaeljackson@sasktel.net](mailto:dmichaeljackson@sasktel.net) Photos are welcome.

## *News of the Servers*

What were our younger servers doing when there was no school?



**Sebastian Marz** (age 14) has been spending his time finishing grade 9 classes by doing online work through LeBoldus. Sebastian has also been enjoying playing video games with his friends, reading, and spending time at the acreage with his family.



**Saleena Jackson** (age 10) has been completing grade 4 online at Connaught School, taking lots of walks with her mom, playing with her cat, and visiting with her grandparents, Deacon Michael and Helen Jackson, in their backyard.



**Zachariah Chase** (age 12) is enjoying working on school at home. He plays on electronics as well as biking and enjoying the warm and sunny spring weather. He misses his friends and the interactions with other kids his age and is looking forward to the return of school and church.



**Patrick Ready** is 8 years old and is going into grade 3 French immersion at Connaught School. He plays hockey, baseball and football, and is learning how to golf. He also enjoys drawing, watching movies, swimming and spending time fishing at the lake. **Owen Ready** is 4 and going into kindergarten at Connaught in September. He also plays hockey and was looking forward to playing football this year too. He loves playing Roblox with his brother, playing outside, swimming and spending weekends at the cabin in Kenosee.

## Patronal Festival 2020



*The team at the Solemn Eucharist for the Conversion of St. Paul on January 26:*

2<sup>nd</sup> row: thurifer **Maeva Markesteyn** and crucifer **Claire Henneberg**.

Front row: four-year-old **Owen Ready** makes his debut as Cathedral boat-boy. He's next to his grandmother, senior sub-deacon **Tannis Patterson**, and junior server **Saleena Jackson**.

*Photo by Margaret Ball*

## Vestry Report

Vestry met online on June 16. **Dean Mike Sinclair** reported on plans for a Cathedral YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrhG6UTVzhMa3ilqaoTcbWA>), which will make it possible to involve more people in leadership of virtual worship. The Facebook broadcast has attracted followers who would not normally attend church. Churchwardens **Pam Kendel-Goodale** and **Ian Yeates** outlined a project for major cleaning and reorganization of storage in the Cathedral buildings this summer. Treasurer **Donna MacIntosh** reported a positive financial situation at the end of May. Associate priest the **Rev. Ed Dunfield** provided an update on the restoration of the wainscoting in the nave, which should be completed by early July, and plans for repairing the frames of the stained glass windows.

Vestry approved terms of reference for the Communications & Welcoming Committee. The committee is to continue publication of the biweekly News Bulletin and will prepare a communications strategy for the Cathedral. Vestry also approved a proposal from warden Pam Kendel-Goodale to share the funds raised for the Bishop's Easter appeal between Carmichael Outreach, the YWCA Shelter, and Qu'Appelle House seniors' residence.

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