



St. Paul's Cathedral
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Message from the Dean



In church calendar terms, we're now in the middle of the season known as "Ordinary Time." This green-bedecked season is how the Church marks time between major feasts. The focus of the gospel lessons is typically on the sayings and actions of Jesus that might not make the highlight reel. It's a quiet season, intended to line up with and reflect the variant rhythms of our own lives and seasons. While not as flashy as other seasons, Ordinary Time offers the reminder that God's love and promise remain, even in the "in-betweens" of our lives. It is a call to seek and find God in the every day.

I find that comforting right now. While far from feeling ordinary, this is definitely an "in-between" time. Our rhythms are still a long way from being back to ordinary and may look different when we return to them. Patterns have shifted and, in some cases, disappeared, replaced by others that still feel strange. As we continue to sort through and make sense of what was, what is, and what is to come, please be reminded that God is with us, evident in a million small miracles every day. I've heard it said that instances of tangible love are the fragrance of God's presence. Please keep filling the world around you with that fragrance. Throughout years of ministry to those experiencing loss, I've seen over and over again that love also shows its face in the longing we have for those we miss. Within that framework, know that God's love is showing its face to me in the affection I hold each of you in during this time apart. May the instances of God's love, revealed to us in the gift of one another, be lighthouses for us in moments that make up this "in-between," extraordinary Ordinary Time.

Be kind, be loved, and know that you are cherished.

Dean Mike

Virtual Worship

Join us for Sunday services at 10:30 a.m. on our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrhG6UTVzhMa3ilqaoTcbWA>

Click on the link and then click on subscribe. The broadcast will also be available on Facebook.

Your prayers are asked for ... Phyllis, Christine, Sig and Phil

Communications & Welcoming Committee Members

Jim Melville



As a child growing up in British Columbia, I knew of two places in Saskatchewan: Rouleau, where my mother was born in 1909, and St. Paul's Church in Regina, where she and the other girls attending the Qu'Appelle Diocesan School were transported on Sundays in a horse-drawn wagon or sleigh, driven by an RCMP officer. When I moved to Regina in 1979 to try a new job (for two or three years maximum, I thought), it was inevitable I would visit St. Paul's Cathedral, which the church had grown into over the years. That memorable visit occurred in the spring of 1981 and I have been relatively active in the life of St. Paul's since then.

Why did I keep coming back? It wasn't because I really wanted to, but my five-year-old daughter fell in love with Anne Roland's Sunday School and demanded we return. Furthermore, we were so warmly welcomed by a funny little lady with a big bun on her head named Muriel Blundell, how could we not come back! Muriel was the absolute welcoming queen and rarely missed the opportunity for a quick conversation with a new face. I was also warmly welcomed by a fresh-faced young archivist who suggested that I should really get envelopes, and by a deacon who had preached an excellent sermon on Sunday store openings, which was a hot topic in Regina in 1981.

I think back over the last forty years, the church people that have become dear friends, the projects I have been involved in and the countless prayers that came my way through sickness and in health, and realize that the St. Paul's community has done more for me than I could ever hope to give back. When I was asked to become a member of the Communications and Welcoming Committee, I realized that we don't communicate or welcome as effectively as we once did. Welcoming and communications are key to building and maintaining our caring Christian community and I want to be a part of that, along with my committee colleagues, including the slightly less-fresh-faced archivist and that opinionated deacon.

News Bulletin Contributions

We'd be glad to receive contributions, comments and questions for the News Bulletin. Please send them to dmichaeljackson@sasktel.net Photos are welcome.

The next issue will be sent in late August. Details will be provided on the reopening of Cathedral services in September.

Volunteer in Mission
by Margaret Hammond



In 1992, **Donna Hiltz**, daughter of **Edie** and **Doug Hiltz**, became a Volunteer in Mission through a program sponsored by the Anglican Church of Canada. She spent two years teaching at a primary school in Dodoma, Tanzania, in the Diocese of Central Tanganyika. When she returned, she presented a colourful wicker collection basket to St. Paul's. It is deep, light-weight and easy to hold and pass.

Last Christmas Eve, Donna, her husband, Rod Ward, and their children, Keira, Hunter and Sawyer, who live in St. Albert, AB, attended the service and Donna was delighted to see the basket being used.

From the Wardens
by Pam Kendel-Goodale

The Cathedral Lunch Program has not been operating during the COVID 19 lockdown. The coordinators – **Marilyn Hedlund** and **Susan Wahba** – are ending their time with this project. On behalf of the people of St. Paul's Cathedral, we want to thank them for their dedication to this program. Their efforts provided a positive and supportive environment for the members of the community who were involved with it. Marilyn and Susan deserve our gratitude for their hard work and efforts. This program will continue to be in lockdown until government regulations allow it to reopen.

Update from the Building Management Committee

A cleaner has been hired to do a thorough cleaning of the Cathedral facility. Thanks to the St. Paul's groups who have cleaned out their areas in preparation for cleaning. The floors in the Bagnall Hall and the Choir room have been washed, waxed and polished. We request that people using these rooms please take care when moving furniture so as to protect the floors. If anyone is washing these floors, please use cold water and follow the posted instructions to protect the finish.

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 of Choir Members ***by Margaret Ball***

Over the past months while we have been under COVID-19 rules, I have been in touch by phone or email with most of St. Paul's Choir members, who have been observing the isolation rules as much as possible. Many of the members have worked on creative projects which had been set aside for some time, others have been doing volunteer work either virtually or in actual person. Here is some of the information choir members have shared with me.

Susan Gorges, our Choir President, has moved into a new residence and is busy settling into her new surroundings.

Liz McQuarrie has been doing volunteer work with the Regina Cat Rescue and the Amici Choir.

Marjorie Burns has been baking and cooking for neighbours who have been caring for an elderly family member. She has also been keeping safe at home, although hoping soon to be able to visit with her sister-in-law who lives at Craik and whose husband, Marjorie's brother, died during this pandemic period.

Christine Burton, the newest soprano member, indicated that with the "COVID-19 pandemic has seen her caring for [her] parents and completing the final two classes towards a Master of Divinity. In addition, along with Archdeacon Cheryl Toth, [she] has been part of an ecumenical team that, in the spirit of the LAURC Covenant, organized a five-session stewardship webinar series that had participants from across Canada. Christine indicated that the spring series is available on the diocesan website, and [they] are starting work on a fall series." She has, in addition to all of this, finally been unpacking the last of her moving boxes and starting a new garden.

Marian Powell has been working on her family's genealogy and finishing a long-term project of making hand-worked seat covers for their dining room chairs.

Donna Boyle is back in Regina after a trip to Calgary where she was with family at the very beginning of this pandemic for the memorial service for the death of her brother.

Julie and Barbara Shirkie are enjoying their new condo and beginning to see the end of the unpacking and sorting. Julie also has been doing virtual work at home with a commercial shoe company.

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