

**** September 3, 2017 ****



CORE VALUES: Faith-Integrity-Growth-Excellence-Community
CORE PURPOSE: “Love God, Grow People”



The Messenger



Are you a first-time visitor? Please stop by the Visitor Table at the top of the front stairs after the service. We have a small gift of appreciation for you.

Today we welcome our new home churches!

Beginning today (Sun. Sept 3) we are launching our new home churches so that those who cannot attend here in person can still be part of our worship community. We are doing this by live streaming our second service (Praise! at 10:45 am) and making it accessible through our church website. In future you will be able to join us online any Sunday that you are unable to be here in person. You will notice a few changes as we work out some of the technical details of streaming our services. We are working hard to protect the privacy of those who worship here. When you come forward for communion it is possible that the heads of taller members will appear on the screen. If this is a concern to you, please stay to the left side of the altar area when you come to commune. The video only records as far as the left side of the altar. Thank you for your cooperation as we work through this time of adjustment and seek to serve those worshipping beyond our church building. *See Handout for more details.*



Blessed to Serve Others

Outreach & Servant Events



We are partnering with Cyrus Centre as part of our 500 Acts of Mercy campaign during the 2017 Reformation Anniversary. **Our SEPTEMBER “shopping list” item for Cyrus Centre**

is Underwear for males and females (Ladies Small; Men’s Small boxers)
Leave your gift in the box at the top of the front stairs. Monetary gifts should be designated “Local Relief”



Chilliwack Pro-Life Society is having their annual **Walk-for-Life on September 30, 2017 at Chilliwack Alliance Church.**

Come out and walk with purpose! There will be free hotdogs, car wash, bouncy castle and much more. Check us out and see how you can get involved at walk4lifechwk.ca or call the office at 604-795-3091. For more detailed information please see the poster on the bulletin board in the entranceway.

Blessed to Serve Our Church Community

Coming Events & Notices

Fall Bible Studies Begin:

- **Sunday, Sept. 10th at 9:45 am** ~ “A Man Named Martin”
- **Thursday, Sept. 14th at 2: pm** ~ “Journey from Unbelief to Faith”
- **Saturday, Sept. 16th at 9: am** ~ “Epistle to the Romans”

PLEASE NOTE: *To Register for any of the above studies” or the Ladies’ Morning Studies 9:30 am Wednesdays & 10:00 am Thursdays” please add your name to the Sign-Up sheet on the bulletin board.*

Espresso Yourself Craft Night ~ Come out on **Saturday, September 23, from 6:30 to 9pm** for a fall-themed craft event. Using leaves, mason jars, book pages, paint, and more you can make anything from a candle holder to a welcoming banner or sign. Meet new people and enjoy a pumpkin spice latte or other hot drink, too! Contact Gina at 604-997-1248 for more info or see the poster on the bulletin board.



Sunday School Teachers Needed!

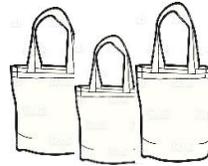
Our St. Paul's Fall Sunday School Program **begins on Sunday, Sept. 10th at 10:45** and we are in need of a least 3 more teachers. It is a once/month commitment. If you are able to help please contact Sarah Slade or the church office.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION: If you have a child attending Sunday School this Fall, Contact Information Sheets are available from the Ushers. Please make sure you get one, fill it out and return it to Sarah or the church office.

The Children's Worship Service Busy Bags are being updated!

Do you have any of the following items?

- Small Christian Books
- Educational Toys
- Numbers and Letters



We will need toys for different age groups. I will be hosting an evening to make new crafts for the bags and to sort and store the present contents. I am looking for 2-4 people to help. Come out and enjoy a night of fellowship. Please speak to Amanda Gervais or the church office if you are interested in helping. *Please place donated items in the box labelled "Children's Worship Service Busy Bag Donations" located on the table at the top of the stairs by the church office.*

MOM'S NIGHT OUT!! Wednesday, September 20th at 7 pm. Moms



with children of all ages and invited to join us every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm as we come together in fellowship to embrace God's comfort and encouragement through a short devotional, and share our joys, struggles, and stories of our journey through parenthood. Refreshments will be provided. Children welcome. For more information please contact Cindy Landrigan.

Ladies' Night Out – All ladies and teen girls are invited to join in an evening of good food and good fellowship at this month's potluck supper and study, **Wed. September 27th at 6:00 pm.** Please add you name to the bulletin board sign-up sheet (or email the church office) if you plan to attend. Guests welcome.





- **October 1st** – Songs of Praise Performance – details to follow
- **October 28th** – 500th Anniversary Celebration of the Reformation-Trinity Lutheran Church, Abbotsford

Please Remember In Your Prayers

- Those evacuated from BC forest fires and for those fighting the fires
- Those dealing with the aftermath of the hurricane in Texas.
- **Hanne Thomsen** (daughter of Tove & Henning) – receiving cancer treatments
- **Family of Wes Wagner** (Wagner Hill Farms) – in their recent bereavement (funeral Sept. 9, 11 am at Bethlehem Lutheran, Vancouver)
- **The Family of Caroline Koehler** (wife of Rev. Lawrence Koehler-former pastor of St. Luke’s) – in their recent bereavement

This Week’s Special Events

Sun. Sept. 3	10:45 am	<i>Communion at Late Service</i>
Sun. Sept. 10	8:45 am	<i>Communion at Early Service</i>
	10:45 am	Sunday School Begins
	2:00 pm	Hope Service



Budget requirements for the Lord’s work at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church

Undesignated Monthly Envelope Offerings to meet our 2017 Budget: \$16,500.00

July Undesignated Envelope Offering: \$14,895.00

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Stewardship Devotion

Godliness with Contentment

“But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it” (1 Timothy 6:6-7).

To live a godly life means that we live with a deep reverence for God. This life should bring us joy because we know, through faith, that we are giving honor and praise to our Lord. We must rely on god’s grace to keep us from envying or coveting what others have. In the same way, we need to hold onto everything loosely. Knowing that God is in control, we can say along with Paul, *“I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through Him Who gives me strength” (Philippians 4:12-13).*



Prayer: Lord, You are the source of everything. Whether You give me much or little, help me to be content with what You entrust to Me. Help me to be a faithful steward of all that You give me. May all that I say and do give You honor and praise. In Jesus’ precious name, I pray. Amen.

Blessings on your stewardship journey!