

The St. Paul's Page

St. Paul's United Church
11526 76 Avenue NW
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July 7th, 2024

Sunday morning worship services begin at 10:30. Worship services are also live-streamed and uploaded for later viewing to our Youtube channel <https://www.youtube.com/@StpaulsUCYEG/streams>. If you are joining us for the Sunday worship online, please see our [service bulletins](#). Alternatively, the QR code can be scanned to view the bulletin for this week.



ACTIVITIES AT ST. PAUL'S JULY 7 - 14

SUN 07.07	10:30 am 3:00 pm	Sunday Worship Light in the Attic	Rev. Anna Constantin Upper Hall
MON 07.08	9:30 am 6:45 pm 7:00 pm	Iyengar yoga Sew Couture AA Support Group	Foote Auditorium Dunn Room Bentley Room
TUE 07.09	7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Tai Chi Nar Anon Support Group (Vision of Hope)	Foote Auditorium Bentley Room
WED 07.10	5:00 pm	Light in the Attic	Foote Auditorium
THU 07.11	7:00 pm	Tai Chi	Foote Auditorium
FRI 07.12			
SAT 07.13	4:30 pm	Piano Recital	Sanctuary
SUN 07.14	10:30 am 12:00 pm	Sunday Worship Light in the Attic	Rev. Anna Constantin Upper Hall

Pastoral care over the summer will be shared by a number of ministers from across the Northern Spirit Region. Reverends Anna and Candace will be away in August.

Let's have a lawn conversation this summer! Please join us at 1:30 on July 30th, bring your own beverage and enjoy the outdoors! In case of inclement weather, we will meet in the Friendship Room.



Creation Is Very Good

Creation is the result not of destruction, but of God's goodness overflowing. . . . God looks upon creation and says, "It is very good." It's . . . a declaration, over and over, of creation's goodness. . . . If we imagine creation to be something as simplistic as a utopian happy-go-lucky place where nothing ever will go wrong, we disparage the beauty and harmony illustrated in the Genesis stories. God's goodness is not that shallow and neither is God's creation. I wonder if there is not something immature about our desire for the garden to be perfect. . . .

A more appropriate view of creation would be not perfection but potential. God designed the world to develop and function in a certain way, while allowing for creation to live freely into its potential. Sometimes creation will live up to and into its potential, while other times it will renounce it. . . . Potential reminds us once again that goodness is both an origin and a goal. It is given to us as a gift, but it is also given to us as a calling. (Danielle Shroyer, *Original Blessing: Putting Sin in Its Rightful Place* (Fortress: 2016), 66–67)

by Richard Rohr

Adapted from the Reflection from Tuesday, October 26, 2021 Centre for Action and Contemplation

Shorter Office Hours
starting July 1st

Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	9–12
Wednesday	9–12
Thursday	9–12
Friday	9–12

Thin Places – They are not just physical locations; they are also mindful, unhurried, unencumbered, agenda-free moments where we catch a glimpse of God’s heavenly realm.

Do you have a special place or moment that you would be willing to share in a **Tuesday reflection** this summer? It could be a picture, a poem, a story, a reflection or whatever the spirit inspires you to share. Please let Cianna know if you have something you would like to share.

In July and August, we will be uniting in worship with Riverbend United Church, with both congregations worshipping together. This year will be a little different, July worship will be hosted and lead by St. Paul’s, with Riverbend hosting and leading in August. We extend a very warm welcome to members of Riverbend United!

August worship will be hosted by Riverbend United, 14907 45th Ave NW. There will be no Sunday service in our church building in August.

Archives Project

This summer a few of us are hoping to archive church records from 2003, focusing particularly on 2010-18. If you have any committee minutes or records lurking in an old computer or tucked away in your house, please let us know.

We are keen to get through this project in July. The first task is to figure out how many documents we can lay our hands on. So if you have some records, we would like to receive them please before July 12.

Thank you,

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ST. PAUL’S LABYRINTH

MEDITATION IN MOTION

Invitation to Walk the Labyrinth at St. Paul’s United Church on
July 19th from 6:30 - 8 pm

Lower Hall

Fee: \$15 per person

A labyrinth is an ancient contemplative tool. Walking the labyrinth is as simple as taking time to follow the path to the center, to pause there and to walk back out. You are also free to walk out of the labyrinth any time you wish.

For more information please contact the office at
780-436-1555 or at office@stpaulsunity.org

Church in the Woods - I Can Feel You Near

July 29-Aug 1 2024 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. for ages 5 - 12

Gold Bar Park cost: \$75 (or \$25/day)

Let’s experience God’s world by spending time in creation. At Church in the Woods we enter into the beauty of creation through wonder, play, companionship and sacred time to just be led where the spirit leads us. This summer we are offering to you and your children, their friends and neighbours the opportunity to be out of doors exploring and playing games at Gold Bar Park. Our theme this year is "I Can Feel You Near" and each day will explore how we experience different ways of knowing God (through plants, animals and bugs, water, and the seasons.) The cost of the program will be \$75 (or \$25 for each day if not attending the full program). Each day we will have a mid morning snack, an afternoon snack and lunch provided. Please let us know if there are any special dietary restrictions. Extra treats for everyone are always welcome. Contact Persons: Rev. Candace McNeill (St. Paul's) and Susan Carlson (Grace). Subsidies are available on request.



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