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FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH

Happy Father's Day! After **each of the services today**, you're invited to a delicious brunch in the Great Hall.

This brunch is open to everyone - parents, kids, grandparents, friends and first-time guests.

Come enjoy a steak and egg breakfast sandwich with maple bacon doughnuts and fresh fruit. Vegetarian and gluten-free options will be available. The cost is \$8 per person.



Congratulating Membership and Baptism Candidates



Today, through Baptism and Membership, we come together as a church family to support each other's spiritual journey. Congratulations to the following:

Baptism:

Alexander Kiavani
Margot Martha
Charles Cecily
April Keanna
Olivia Kristen
Immanuel Randy
Reeve Luka
Remington Lucas
Jakob Ghazal
Hendry Maureen
John Charlie

Membership:

Lisa
Dan
Laura
Rob
Sue
Vincente
Duncan
Veda
Janice
Danny

Prayer for Baptism & Membership Sunday: *Lord Jesus, you know our hearts. Help us, by your Holy Spirit, to examine our hearts, to hear you and to follow you. As we gather today to witness and celebrate the steps of faith people are making, help us all to be transformed into your likeness. We give you thanks and praise that we have the opportunity to follow you by faith and in life. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.*

A Special Thanks



First of all—I thank God for the privilege of the ministry that we share at St. Paul’s. As we near the end of the academic year, we want to take a moment to thank God for all of you who have served in various capacities at the church and in our community. Thank you for serving with us to build His kingdom ministry.

This past week we celebrated a great “Thank You Leaders” evening where we thanked the large number of volunteer leaders in our midst. What a great evening! Today is also a great day. To participate in the Baptism of 22 individuals and to see 10 new members affirm their discipleship will be an exciting privilege. Our gratitude to all who will participate on this special day.

Our thanks also extends from Music for Health that reaches seniors, to Little Sunbeams Parents and Tots group volunteers that reach our youngest ones. We are grateful to those who are visible upfront on a Sunday—praying, reading, and serving communion and to the many greeters who welcome everyone in the name of Jesus. Our thanks go to the over fifty weekly volunteers who bless the youngest in our midst through Children’s and Youth ministries. For the faithfulness of our counters and the Chancel Guild who serve behind-the-scenes every weekend, we are grateful. We give thanks for our musicians who offer their gifts to lead and support our worship. From serving coffee to our cookie ministry, thank you for the hospitality extended to all by so many. Have I mentioned? Thank you!

During the summer, we of course don’t shut our doors. We will have a full range of ongoing ministries. This Fall will be another great season as we seek to follow Jesus together. We will have our Annual General Meeting on November 17 where we will focus on God’s vision for St. Paul’s, our ministries and the next steps in our unfolding mission together.

We are Church, because you are the Church. Your care for one another and hospitality to strangers makes St. Paul’s who and what we are. Thank you! - *Barry Parker, Rector*



The countdown is on as the end of June approaches. Summer is almost here! Many of our families head off for summer adventures, but many will be staying right here in the city. Children's Ministry is happening! We will be having fun each Sunday this summer at the **9:30 am & 11 am services.**

This summer we are exploring some 'Big Stories from the Old Testament' and looking at how they point us to Jesus. Our Nursery is staffed and open every Sunday, and children ages 4-11 are welcome to join our Summer Program in the Dalton Room. We will have games, movies and a special craft each week. We will find lions, a whale, and an unlikely queen as we look at the first part of the Bible. There are some amazing true stories to explore.

Bring a friend and come and have some fun, get a little messy, and enjoy the relaxed pace of our summer program. Summer is a great time to invite a friend to church. After a sleepover, join us for fun on Sunday morning. We look forward to welcoming new friends!

Your word is like a lamp for my feet and a light for my way. (Psalm 119:105)

Don't miss out on the latest news in the Parents Facebook Group

Join our NEW Facebook group for parents! It's a group where you can connect with other families and stay updated with what's happening in Children and Youth ministries. Visit our Facebook page, click on the Groups tab and join the Parents – St. Paul's Bloor Street Facebook group.



CHALLENGING CONVERSATIONS

Today we conclude our 3-week forum series called “Challenging Conversations: Marriage.” This July, the Anglican Church of Canada will vote for a second time on the understanding of marriage and whether it includes same-sex partners in marriage or keeps the current understanding of marriage as between a man and a woman.

We’re inviting members from all 3 services to take part in this family conversation and discover Jesus’ call to unity in a time of significant change. Our goal for this forum is not to establish St. Paul’s position on marriage, but to provide a theological approach for listening and interpreting difficult issues.

If you’re a member of St. Paul’s, join us **today at 1 pm in Cody Hall**. To supplement last week’s presentation, we welcome Rev. Dr. Jeff Boldt today to offer a contrasting perspective. Following Dr. Bolt, we will share what we have learned and explore:

- A community discussion, clarifications, and sharing learning from what we heard (small group discussions and feedback)
- Primer for future challenging conversations
- A Call to Unity in a time of challenging change

If you have any questions, please contact Mark Regis at **ext. 230** or **mregis@stpaulsbloor.org**.

Advent Ask Update



The Board and staff of The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF), as well as our partner in the Diocese of Masasi, Tanzania, have many reasons to thank you for the highly successful Advent Ask campaign. Your Advent Ask donation supported the Diocese in continuing its work with communities and small-hold farmers by providing education and training in nutrition, improving crop sustainability, and increasing food security.

We received a new report from the Diocese of Masasi, and wanted to share some of the most recent results with you. Significant improvement has been shown in screening children for malnutrition and other health related issues. Through village meetings and home visits, the project team and volunteers were able to educate and encourage mothers and their partners to attend clinics where they could learn more about child health and nutrition practices. Screening has increased from 72% of households to 97% of households. 60% of households report applying good nutrition practices and preparing balanced meals, an increase from 20% in the first year of the project.

Food availability within households has improved, and this has increased the equitable sharing of nutritious food within families for pregnant women, mothers, and young children. 94% of household members report equitable food sharing in their homes, compared to 79% previously.

Farmers received advice and access to medicines to care for their cows, goats, guinea fowl, ducks, pigs, chickens and rabbits. A number of families who have received animals through the program have passed on offspring to new families, including 21 dairy cattle, 43 milking goats, 240 chicken, 102 ducks, 33 rabbits, 15 guinea fowls, and 30 pigs.

Along with Rev. Geoffrey Monjesa, Development Coordinator in the Diocese of Masasi, we are pleased to share these impressive results, made possible by the generous support of donors like you. -Will Postma, Executive Director, PWRDF

Summer Events

at St. Paul's Bloor Street

Sunday Youth Group – Wednesday night Youth Group wrapped up last Wednesday with an end-of-year party at Basecamp Climbing. Sunday morning Youth Group will continue to gather at **9:30 am and 11 am** during the summer. New friends are welcome!

Organ Concert - This summer join us for an organ concert. These free one-hour concerts provide an opportunity to listen to wonderful music and reflect on God. On **July 7 at 3 pm**, we'll be joined by Tom Gonder, Organist and Director of Music St. Matthew's Anglican Church and on **August 11 at 3 pm**, we'll be joined by Alexander Straus-Fausto.

GriefShare - On **July 8 from 5 pm to 6:30 pm**, join us for GriefShare: Loss of a Spouse. There are challenges that a surviving spouse face. Come for an evening and learn what to expect in the days ahead and the possibilities of hope in your new life, going forward. This is a stand-alone session and you can register at stpaulsbloor.org/griefshare.

Sundae Sunday - Sundae Sunday returns **Sunday, July 14!** It's a great reason to invite your family and friends to a Sunday service. Pile your ice cream high with whip cream and colourful toppings. Dairy-free ice cream will also be available. One scoop is \$1, and two scoops are \$2. Sundaes will be served after the **9:30 am and 11 am** services. Mark your calendars – the next Sundae Sunday will happen again on **August 18**.

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