



## St. Paul's Weekly Update – July 4, 2024

### Worship – Sunday, June 27, 2024

**Welcome to Glenn Robitaille**, our guest preacher this Sunday. If you are not able to join us in-person on Sunday morning at 10 a.m., please click on the link below and join us on-line any time.



<https://youtube.com/live/GOhkJZRuGI?feature=share>

### St. Paul's website

Want to know what's going on at St. Paul's? Visit our **website** at <https://www.stpaulsmidland.org/>. There is lots of information and worth the look. You can also follow us on **Facebook** at <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=st.%20paul%27s%20united%20church>

### Summer Office Hours

The office is open Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to noon, with Judy in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Louise is working Wednesdays and Thursdays only until mid-September and is in the office on Wednesday mornings only. The balance of Wednesdays and Thursdays she works from home.

### Coffee Hour

Our next Coffee Hour is this Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup> following worship and will be hosted by Joan Lavin and her team. Gerry Payne is Captain of the Greeters for the month of July.



### Connecting Together

Every Thursday from 2:00 -3:00 p.m. we gather in the Atrium at St. Paul's. All are welcome to join us for coffee/tea, good conversation and storytelling. We welcome new folks at any time throughout the year and will continue over the summer months.

## Congregational Life

Our deepest condolences to Bob and Linda Davy, on the passing of Linda's sister. Please keep this family in your thoughts and prayers.

## A message from the Property Committee



**New Security Cameras** - The Official Board authorized the purchase of a new security camera system at its last meeting. The system replaces the existing system which is obsolete and has been nonfunctioning for the past two years. The new system will have 12 cameras, including 3 outside cameras located on the south side, the east (front) side and the north side of the building. The cameras will record 24/7 and will be monitored. The cost of this new system is not to exceed \$15,000. A generous donor has agreed to pay one third of the cost, one third will come from our Trust Funds and the remaining third will need to be raised by the congregation. If you're able to help, donations can be made to church office. Please mark your payment "Security Camera Fund".

## Save the date

**Lifelong Learning Event** - plan to join us on Tuesday July 16th from 2:00 -4:00 p.m. for our Caregiving Session. Our guest speakers are Katie MacDonald from the Ontario Caregiver Organization and Sandy Dupuis from Couchiching Family Health Team. Please leave a message at the church at 705-526-6077 if you plan to attend.

## Camp Awesome

**Camp Awesome** this year is from **August 12-16**. More details will follow but be sure to know it's always an AWESome time.

## UCW Garage Sale

St. Paul's UCW will be holding their **annual Garage Sale on September 28th**. Please set aside any items in your home you don't need/want any longer and we will pass them on for someone else to enjoy while we raise needed funds for our work.



**The UCW would like to thank everyone** who volunteered to prepare and deliver sandwiches to the Gift of Grace Soup Kitchen during the month of August. Your sandwiches can be delivered to the church by 9:30 a.m. Please individually wrap the sandwiches in baggies. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the church office. Thank You!

## This Week's Minute for Mission

Northern United Church ministers are facing a crisis. The number of deaths in northern communities has been immense, and the grief of burying community members, especially young people, has been overwhelming. **The emotional toll of ministering to a grieving community is enormous, and ministers are in dire need of rest and renewal.**



A [ministers' retreat](#) is being planned for October 2024. The retreat will provide rest, training in crisis management, and spiritual renewal, and will allow leaders to return with renewed strength to help those in need. Ministers will participate in a blend of training and respite opportunities, including learning about vicarious trauma and administering Naloxone, and relaxation opportunities through art therapy, beading workshops, and sharing circles. Through your generous support of Mission and Service, this retreat is on its way to being a reality.

If you would like to support the retreat, you can donate at <https://united-church.ca/donate/2024npr>. Every dollar donated will be matched by a contribution from the Healing Fund.

### **Blessings everyone**

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