

### Worship – Sunday, July 21, 2024

**Welcome to Pastor Trevor Tristram**, 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/eb-0A9FHk84?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.

### 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.

### Coffee Hour

Our next Coffee Hour is **this Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>** following worship and will be hosted by Marlis Dupuis and her team. Gerry Payne is Captain of the Greeters for the month of July.



## Nametags

We have received a new supply of nametags. There is a new list beside the name tags and if you don't have one already, please add your name to the list and we will prepare one for you.

## Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast will be on **Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.** at Mom's Restaurant. Gather with the guys for some food, fellowship and interesting conversations. All men are welcome.

## Lifelong Learning

**The Lifelong Learning Committee is busy planning for the next year.** We are looking for any ideas/ topics that might be of interest to you so please share your suggestions with Carol MacDonald, John McCullough or Kathy Stewart.

## New Security Cameras

We continue to raise funds towards the cost of the new security cameras. A generous donor has agreed to pay one third of the cost one third will come our Trust Funds and the remaining third will need to be raised by the congregation. **So far, we have raised \$1,250 towards this purchase.** If you're able to help, donations can be made to church office. Please mark your payment "Security Camera Fund".

## 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 28<sup>th</sup>.** 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.

## Save the date

**The Knitting Pilgrim is coming to St. Paul's – Friday November 1, 2024,** from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Come hear Kirk Dunn tell the story of his 15-year artistic and spiritual journey hand knitting this ambitious project while looking at the reasons why the faiths struggle to get along today, the meaning of art, the hell of grant writing and the power of love to overcome major obstacles (and minor mishaps).

Tickets (\$25) will be available for purchase in advance (starting Sept 2024) or by cash at the door. Watch St. Paul's website, Facebook page or the weekly update for further information.



## **This Week's Minute for Mission**



These days, most of us have access to technology that allows us to learn the world's common languages. But countless languages—including many Indigenous languages—can only be learned from their few remaining speakers.

Revitalizing a lost language, as one of our partners in Nunavut is doing, is an important way to preserve not just the language but also the culture that surrounds it.

The Inuinnaqtun language is the cultural foundation of the Inuinait people, who live in the central Canadian Arctic. The literal meaning of the word Inuinnaqtun is "to be like an Inuinnaq (a person)." Today, fewer than 600 people can still speak Inuinnaqtun fluently. Many lost the language when they were removed from their communities and sent to residential schools.

Pitquhirnikkut Ilihautiniq/Kitikmeot Heritage Society in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut, is working hard to keep Inuinnaqtun alive. One-on-one language immersion sessions with mentors inspire reconnection. Through everyday conversations at home and on the land, mentorship is helping to heal the wounds of systemic oppression.

In partnership with Mission and Service, Inuinnaqtun language mentors get resources to allow them to spend 300 hours a year working with their apprentices to begin to restore the language.

Your gifts to Mission and Service help partners continue to restore language and culture. Thank you.

### **Blessings everyone**

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