

# The South Grey Bruce Lutheran Parish

## THE MESSENGER - NOVEMBER 2022

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### Worship Sundays at 10am

#### Congregations

**St. Matthew, Mildmay**

**St. Paul, Neustadt**

**St. Paul's Normanby**



### Parish Church School

Fridays from 7:00-8:00 pm

**St. Paul's Neustadt**



### From the Pastor's Desk

*Acts 5:42 And every day in the temple and at home they did not cease to **teach** and proclaim Jesus as the Messiah.*

**I DID NOT KNOW ...** The origins of Church School, or Sunday school go back to the 18<sup>th</sup> century in England when children were labourers and Sunday was their day off. School was established on Sunday primarily to keep these children off the streets, but also to give them skills in reading and writing. Holy Scripture was often used as teaching material. The scope of Sunday School has evolved over time, ranging from indoctrination to entertainment to simply sharing our faith stories. Today, there is a low number of children who participate in Sunday School – which in our parish, happens on Friday evening, and includes social time for the grown-ups who bring the kiddos. While the stories of our faith are the primary lessons taught in Church School these days, there are other educational and life skills which are developed as well. Young people are given chances to practice these growing skills in a safe and loving place – no marks or tests:

- being leaders in our community,
- develop skills of public speaking
- practice listening and retaining information,
- asking questions (something not always allowed in some places)
- Discern understanding.
- Develop Art skills
- Develop music gifts,
- Practice stress management,
- care for the elderly and young
- skills to host and participate in special events

Busy lifestyles often put church school on the bottom of the priority list, and families need to do what is best for them. Each of you are treasured by your church community, whether you participate weekly or not.

**This message includes an invitation to let your church know what you need. How can you be supported in sharing faith stories with your children?**

\*The advent devotion which will be emailed to you beginning November 6 might be an opportunity for you to have fun with your children in an "Advent way", and my prayer is that Holy conversation is an inspired and natural happening in your home.

Blessed Advent,

Pastor Pam

**SERVICES ARE NOW IN PERSON**

**You can continue to join us virtually as follows**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89297530585?pwd=MjIYQnlYcW5DSytDMHVvVXJDdXU0Zz09>

Or dial in 1 647 374 4685 or 1 647 558 0588 Canada Meeting ID: 892 9753 0585 Passcode: 145425

## What's Been Happening in the Parish



### The Potatoes Have Been Picked and Packaged

These pictures are of the potato picking this fall. SGBLP members packaged 20 – 75lbs bags and 42 – 50lbs bags. Some of the 50lb bags will be donated to the Food Bank and the rest of the bags are being sold and the money will be donated to the Food Bank. Thank you to everyone who assisted with planting and harvesting!

### A Few Photos From Our Thanksgiving Service

*Hosted by St. Paul's Normanby at the Neustadt Community Center*





# **Congratulations To Scholarship Recipients**

## **Megan Diebel & Mason Teather**

Once again the Parish has been able to assist two of our young students as they begin Post-secondary education. Scholarships were presented on Thanksgiving Sunday at the morning service hosted by St Paul Normanby at the Neustadt Community Center.

Recipients this year were Megan Diebel of St Paul Neustadt, daughter of Mark and Tina Diebel and Mason Teather, son of Eric and Marcia Teather and grandson of John and Gale Polfuss of St. Paul's Normanby.

Any donations to the scholarship fund would be greatly appreciated so that we can continue to help our future leaders. ~Glenn Jacques

Megan Diebel has been accepted to the Mechanical Engineering Degree Program at the University of Guelph. Upon pursuing her Degree she has a career goal of developing technologies to support betterment of the environment.

Mason Teather has been accepted to the Bachelor of Science – Mathematics & Statistics Coop Program at Brock University. Upon pursuing his Degree he wishes to engage in the use of data analysis and research to find ways to better fund programs that support people in our community and support social programs to those most in need.

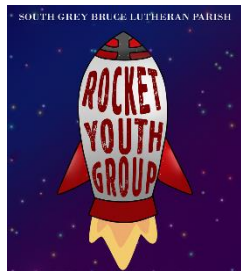


**Glenn Jacques, SGBLP presents Scholarships to recipients Mason Teather & Megan Diebel**

# Upcoming Events

## Rocket Youth Group

The Rocket Youth Group will be meeting every Friday night at 7:00 pm. Check out their Facebook page ...**"The Rocket Youth Group"** for information and details on upcoming events for the Youth Group.



Rocket Youth Group

Enjoy Social Time  
At Our  
Coffee Luncheons  
Join St. Paul's  
Normanby  
after their services,  
at the Neustadt  
Community Center  
We look forward to  
seeing you there!  
Donations welcome in  
support of the Salvation  
Army Food Bank



The Lutheran Community Ministry  
Invites You To Experience

## THE CHRISTMAS GOODIE WALK



Come and enjoy coffee,  
tea and hot chocolate



St. Paul Lutheran Church



379 Adam St.  
Neustadt, ON



Saturday December 3rd, 2022

1pm to 4pm



Proceeds to The Rocket Youth Group  
to attend Clay 2023

## Grey Bruce Singers present CHRISTMAS JOY

November 18 - 20, 2022  
Friday - Saturday - 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday Matinees - 2:00 p.m.

Hanover Civic Theatre  
Adults \$20 Child \$5 (12 and under)

To order tickets online visit our website  
[www.greybrucesingers.ca](http://www.greybrucesingers.ca)



or call the Box Office at 519-506-6902

Tickets go on sale October 18, 2022



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## Noticing the Liturgical Colours

Recently someone asked me "Pastor, are we still in green season?" and yes we are, but soon – SOON – we will move into 'blue season' which is the season of Advent, a time of waiting and longing and hoping.

The colour blue is associated with advent as a symbol of sky – the expansive dome of creation, the - 'beyond earth' - source of the heavenly message of the angels, and the endless frame for the star of Bethlehem.

Peace be with you as we enter into the season of Advent.

*(\*Many churches use colours and symbols to emphasize the themes for the season; to provide a focal point if the hymns or sermon are emotional (or not emotional - <boring>). We are fed in a variety of ways as we participate together in Sunday worship.)*

### Why Seven Weeks?

Advent was originally observed for 7 weeks, and returning to that practice gives us space to explore waiting with the saints for salvation; and examine the times and ways we long for the presence of God in our life. Over seven weeks, Advent becomes more than a commercial countdown to Christmas. May this time be a blessing for us.

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Pastor Pam



## Coming November 6: An Advent Devotion



"From Generation to Generation..." reminds us of the ways our lives, histories, actions and stories are interconnected and woven together. The work of God is always unfolding – in and through us. This Advent, may you remember that you belong – to a story etched into the wrinkles of time, to generations that have come before and will come after, to a love that won't let you go."

Beginning on November 6 an email message will be sent to all parishioners on the mailing list. This is a project created by @Sanctifiedart, and used with permission.

The logo for the series represents a family with arms around each other, as they gathered around the table and around the manger.

The email devotions will be sent on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday over seven weeks and will include things like:

- favorite family recipes for the holidays,
- original works of art,
- poetry and other thought inspiring items
- Meditations with contributions from members of the parish.



... and are designed to gather families around the table and around the manger. May you be blessed in this season of waiting and longing and hope.



There is not a lot of room here for me, so I'll keep it short. I would like to send my personal congratulations to Megan & Mason on their acceptances to U of Guelph & Brock respectively. I do hope you are each enjoying your educational journeys, not just the academics but also the many other new experiences such as, meeting new people, experiencing life on Campus and some of the freedoms that come with living away from home. Make the most of every moment. The SGBLP wishes you every success!

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