

There will be a **Budget Forum** following worship November 25th. This is an opportunity to ask questions about finances for 2019. Everyone is welcome.

Please mark your calendar, next **“Bacon, Faith and Friends”** Breakfast Sunday **December 2 @ 9:00am** in the Auditorium. Plan to attend!

There will be a **Congregational Meeting following the worship service on Sunday December 2** to receive the proposed budget for 2019. **We require a quorum at this meeting. Please consider attending.** Everyone is welcome.

Thanks to all of you for returning the Commitment Card 2019. Your financial contribution is appreciated. Thanks for always supporting SPUC!

Please feel free to take home or share a copy of *Observer* and/or *Mandate* magazine on the desk in the foyer to home. Hope you enjoy it.

Please Join us with your friends and family for **Community Soup Lunch Wednesdays @ noon**. Everyone is welcome. **Volunteers** are welcome to serve in the Soup Lunch Program.

SPUC Bargain Store is moved to **St Georges Anglican Church, Ave I South**. SPUC will continue to be a **drop off location** for good quality second hand clothing. SPUC is pleased to be liberating this ministry into the world, so that other good folks may take it on. Stay tuned for what new opportunities may exist in this place.

The Visionary Board meets November 22 @6:30pm at Front Lounge.

The Management Team meets November 27 @10:30am at Front Lounge.

Stay Connected: visit our website spuonline.com and “like” us on Facebook at [facebook/stpaulsuc](https://facebook.com/stpaulsuc). Great way to keep current on events!

Christmas is a time of preparation. Consider preparing your mind and heart in a Spiritual Growth Group this season. **Advent** studies begin the week of **November 26** with groups gathering Monday evening, Wednesday afternoon, and Wednesday evening. Gentlemen, don't forget the Men's Group. We will use the resource ***Underdogs and Outsiders*** in a 4-week look at some less prominent biblical women. Contact SGGs' Leader **Cheryl Wilken 306 371-1422** for more information.

Lions Clubs of Saskatoon and POW City Kinsmen Club present the 1st Annual Sutherland Christmas concert for Sutherland School – Sunday December 16, 2018. Doors open 6:00pm, show 7:00pm. Advance tickets \$25, at the door \$30. Sutherland Hall, 1112 Central Ave. **Tickets available at SPUC church office.**

Big thanks to Barry Rutherford and SaskTel pioneers for donating computers to SPUC and four computers to Sutherland school! Your generosity is really appreciated.

Baptism: Today we are pleased to welcome Gemini Wanda-Hazel Tuchak, daughter to Brittany Scott and Austin Tuchak.

A Merry SASK Christmas Sale - Prairie Sky Farmer's Market will have the fourth Annual Christmas & Holiday shopping day on Saturday November 24, 2018 at St. Paul's United Church Hall & Auditorium from 10:am to 6pm. There will be 33 vendors...lunch is available.

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Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 – 3:00pm

We inhabit the land of TREATY 6. May we live in respect.

Turn Guns into Spades

November 18, 2018 @ 10:30 A.M.

Many of us think of the Hebrew Scriptures – the Old Testament- as being filled with violence, and that is not wrong, but all of human history has been a story of violence as well. The narrative of the Kings of Israel, and their battles are rife with bloodshed. The work of the Prophets is to offer a distinct and different history of God. The words of Isaiah speak God's message to a King and a people overwhelmed and ready to give up.

“Do not be afraid because of all those words you have heard.” (Isaiah37) God is held up as a God who seeks peace and justice, who instead of teaching nations how to make war, teaches them how to live together, how to share resources, how to find non-violent solutions in order to arbitrate disputes.

The purpose of these lessons in peace making and peace keeping is that everyone may live well. This vision moreover serves as a counter claim to the emissary of the Assyrian king whose pretend claims of peace according to which everyone will be sitting under their own fig tree and vineyard, drinking from a cistern of their own, does not last much longer than the next empire entering the scene and with force taking people away into exile. Let us be ever mindful and awake to the empty promises of self-serving leaders.

Scripture of today: Isaiah 36,36, 2: 1-4

Core Value: To Grow Spiritually

Seed of Learning: It takes a lot of heat to transform