



Dear CWL Sisters,

Welcome! To all our new members and returning members who joined St. Peter's Catholic Women's League! **The Membership Drive was a huge success!** Thanks to everyone who helped with the membership campaign, 146 returning members and 24 new members!! If you missed joining, please feel welcome to join online: [www.st-peterscwl.ca](http://www.st-peterscwl.ca)

Thinking of our new members, please notice on the Calendar, that our **March General Meeting is on Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm where the Installation Ceremony** for new members and a short business meeting will follow. Deacon Stephen will be hosting a mini retreat the last half hour. Come celebrate with cupcakes and tea. All members are welcome!

There is much to be planned as we settle into 2024. We will again join with other ministries for **Stations of the Cross** and **Friday Soup Nights** beginning Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Stations at 6:30, Social and Soup in the Parish Hall following. **Our CWL night for serving soup is March 22<sup>nd</sup>**. There will be a sign-up sheet for volunteers to lead the Stations of the Cross, help prep soup, serve and cleanup.

What to do for Lent is on my mind these days. Pope Francis challenges us to think about fasting as something more powerful than we normally consider - to go deeper as "learning to change our attitude towards others and all of creation, turning away from the temptation to 'devour' everything to satisfy our voracity and being ready to suffer for love, which can fill the emptiness of our hearts."

A friend once asked me on Easter Sunday if I had a good Lent. A thought to ponder!  
Dear sisters in Christ, may you all have a 'Good Lent'.

Blessings,

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## CWL EVENTS



**\*\* Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> - Lenten Fish Sale closes** so be sure to get your order in:

<https://fundforward.ca/collections/st-peter-cwl-lent-2024>

Pick up orders in St. Peters parking lot Feb 20<sup>th</sup> between 4-5 pm. Sorry we cannot hold any orders.

**Contact Rose - [rose.kastelic@gmail.com](mailto:rose.kastelic@gmail.com)**



**\*\*Feb. 10/11<sup>th</sup> – Delicious Annual Cookie Walk** after all masses! Bakers! It's not too late to bake your favourite batch of cookies! Place in large bag, drop off to Church Hall, Sat 10 am, 11:30 and 1:00 pm. Then come join the fun after Mass! Cookies - \$5.00/bag. Volunteer Bakers and Sellers we need your help. signup link <https://volunteersignup.org/JHC9E> **Please list if nut free or gluten free. No need to list other ingredients.** Thank you for your generosity and talent. **Contact Sue 403-810-7018**



Feb 23 – Mar 22, Friday's Stations of the Cross 6:30 and Lenten Soup to follow in Church Hall.

**CWL NAMETAGS:** Would you like a personal name tag? Go to' <https://www.st-peterscwl.ca/get-involved>);The current order will be going in on Feb 9, so act now if you are interested. They may be purchased for \$20 on the membership page of the website (renew your membership at the same time if you have not done so! Membership contact Denise Coutts – [couttsr@shaw.ca](mailto:couttsr@shaw.ca)

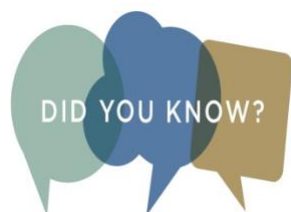
## CWL Calendar February and March 2024

### FEBRUARY

<b><u>Regional Mtg.</u></b>	Mon. 5 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm	St. Mark's Church
<b><u>Executive Mtg.</u></b>	Wed. 7 <sup>th</sup>	7 pm	Mass 7; Mtg. 7:30pm
<b><u>Lenten Fish Sale:</u></b>	Sat. 10 <sup>th</sup>		Lenten Fish Sale Closes
<b><u>Cake Raffle:</u></b>	Sat/Sun 10/11 <sup>th</sup>		All Masses
<b><u>Cookie Walk:</u></b>	Sat/Sun 10/11 <sup>th</sup>		All Masses
<b><u>Lenten Fish Sale:</u></b>	Tues. 20 <sup>th</sup>	4-5 pm	Pick up Orders St. Peters Parking
<b><u>General Mtg.</u></b>	Wed. 21 <sup>st</sup>	7 pm	Mass 7 pm/Mtg. 7:30 pm
<b><u>Stations of the Cross:</u></b>	Fri. 23 <sup>rd</sup> .	6:30 pm	Church
<b><u>Lenten Soup Friday:</u></b>	Fri. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00 pm	Social & Soup Parish Hall

### MARCH:

<b><u>Stations of the Cross:</u></b>	Fri. 1 <sup>st</sup> .	6:30 pm	
<b><u>Lenten Soup Friday:</u></b>	Fri. 1 <sup>st</sup> .	7:00 pm	Parish Hall
<b><u>CWL Ministry Mass:</u></b>	Sun. 3	9:30 am	Parish Hall
<b><u>Stations of the Cross:</u></b>	Fri. 8 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Church
<b><u>Lenten Soup Friday:</u></b>	Fri. 8 <sup>th</sup>	7 pm	Parish Hall
<b><u>Executive Mtg.</u></b>	Wed. 13 <sup>th</sup>	7 pm	Mass 7 pm/Mtg. 7:30 pm
<b><u>Stations of the Cross:</u></b>	Fri. 15 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Church
<b><u>Lenten Soup Friday:</u></b>	Fri. 15 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Parish Hall
<b><u>Stations of the Cross:</u></b>	Fri. 22 <sup>nd</sup> .	6:30 pm	CWL Rosary
<b><u>Lenten Soup Friday:</u></b>	Fri. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7:00 pm	CWL Soup Night
<b><u>General Mtg.</u></b>	Sun. 24 <sup>th</sup>	1 pm	New Member Installation
<b><u>Good Friday Hot Chocolate</u></b>	Fri. 29 <sup>th</sup>	TBA	Gabe Simpson



**The CWL's monthly Cake Raffle, raises money to sponsor two children in Bolivia?**



## SOCIAL JUSTICE UPDATE

Dear CWL Ladies,

With the announcement of Bill C-7 delay until March 2027, a person might think to take a deep breath of relief and sit back. Before you do, think about these statistics:

**Health Canada reports 13,241 assisted deaths in 2022 representing 4.1% of all deaths.**

Health Canada recently released the [Fourth Annual Report on Medical Assistance in Dying](#) (2022). The data is gathered from the reports submitted by the medical or nurse practitioner who carried out the death. There is no requirement that a "third" party or neutral person witness the death or submit the reports to ensure their accuracy.

The rise in medically assisted death in Canada:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
2019	5,665
2020	7,611
2021	10,092
2022	13,241

This is a fight we need to continue. So, no, let’s not sit back in our easy chairs and relax, attached to this email is a MAiD letter template for writing. Let’s send a message to our government officials that delaying one bill will not erase the horror of the bills that went before! **See Letter Template attached!**

Blessings,  
St. Peter’s Social Justice Committee

**Bill C-7** allows medical assistance in dying for those with a mental disorder as the sole underlying condition. It reduces the requirement from two independent witnesses to one witness and it permits a person, who was previously approved for MAiD, to die by MAiD even if that person loses their ability to consent at the time of death.

**\*\*\*On December 15, 2023, Justice Minister Arif Virani announced that the federal government may “pause its plan” to permit euthanasia for mental illness (Bill C-7). \*\*\***

**\*\*\*On January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (National Post): The federal government is again hitting pause on the plan to expand eligibility for assisted death to people whose only medical condition is a mental illness.**

The expansion, already delayed once, was due to take place in March, but Justice Minister Arif Virani said yesterday that more time is needed to address conflicting concerns.\*\*\*

\*\*\* Thursday, **February 1, 2024**. The Federal government plans to delay euthanasia for mental illness until March 2027. \*\*\*

