

Linking St. Leonard's on the Hill

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December 2022

January 2023

*The most important part of
Christmas is the first
6 letters!!*



Highlights

Advent Celebrations (Lighting of Candles)

Parish Council Application Form attached

ACW Ladies' Social—Saturday, December 3rd
at noon.

Annual Reports Due—January 11th, 2023

AGM—Sunday, February 5th, 2023 after the 10 am Service (Bring bagged lunch)

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

St. Leonard's

- November 27** Advent I 10:00 am Eucharist Service
Lighting of Advent Wreath
- December 4** Advent II 10:00 am Eucharist Service
Lighting of Advent Wreath
- December 11** Advent III 10:00 am Eucharist Service
Lighting of Advent Wreath
White Gift (Adopt-a-Family) Sunday Blessing
- December 18** Advent IV 10:00 am Lesson and Carol Service
Lighting of Advent Wreath
- December 24 Christmas Eve**
4 pm St. Paul's Hillsgate Candlelight Service
7 pm St. Leonard's Christmas Eve Service
- December 25** 10:00 am Eucharistic Service



Regular Sunday Service Times:

10:00 am Eucharistic Service

7:00-7:30 pm Sunday Contemplative
Evening Prayer

9 am Morning Prayer—Monday,
Wednesday and Friday

December 2022

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				1 10 am Choir 1:30 pm Aspen Ridge / Inglewood Services 7 pm Small Church Community (Zoom)	2 9 am Morning Prayer	3 12 pm ACW Christmas Social
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11 10:00 am Eucharist Service Blessing of the White Gifts 7:00-7:30 pm Contemplative Prayer 7:30 pm Disciple Night	12 9 am Morning Prayer 1 pm Grief Group	13 1 pm Bible Study 9-3 pm Delivery of the Adopt-A-Family gifts	14 9 am Morning Prayer 1 pm Coffee and Craft Group 1:30 pm Prayer Team meets Youth Confirmation Class 4:00—5 pm	15 10 am Choir 1:30 pm Aspen Ridge / Inglewood Services 7 pm Small Church Community (Zoom) Krista is away from the Office	16 9 am Morning Prayer	17
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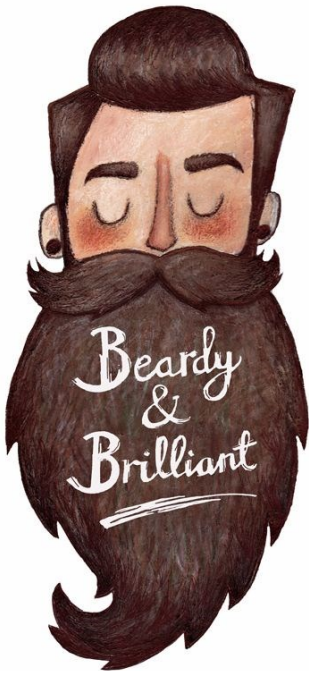
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FROM THE BEARD



Opposing the happy lights and decorations, the traditional themes of Advent are the “four last things”- death, judgment, heaven, and hell. These traditional Advent topics can leave us feeling pretty out of step the rest of our culture. These themes are drawn together in Advent by the expectation of Christ’s Second Coming. The Apostles’ Creed states that when Jesus comes again “he will come to judge the living and the dead.” Thinking about Christ coming to judge us is not a comfortable thought. What we often imagine is an angry Jesus pulling out some kind of naughty and nice list and we are left wonder in which column our name will appear.

Someone who shifted my thinking on this topic is Austin Farrer (1904-1968). Farrer served as Dean of Magdalene College in Oxford, and Warden of Keble College. He was a well known preacher, writer, and poet. In his book *The Crown*

of the Year Farrer wrote these lines:

“The God who saves us is the God who judges us. We are not condemned by his severity and redeemed by his compassion; what judges us is what redeems us, the love of God. What is it that will break our hearts on judgment day? Is it not the vision, suddenly unrolled, of how he has loved the friends we have neglected, of how he has loved us and we have not loved him in return; how, when we come before his altar, he gave us himself, and we gave him half-penitence's, or resolutions too weak to commit our wills? But while love thus judges us by being what it is, the same love redeems us.”

Have you have ever been in the presence of someone so good that you suddenly realize how good, loving, generous, kind, selfless, you could be, but aren't? They don't judge you. In a sense, you judge yourself. Perhaps you see in them someone you could have been, but you find an unwillingness in you. The Roman Catholic nun, Mother Angelica, once said, “I’m scared to death of dying and having the Lord say to me, ‘Angelica, *this* is what you might have done had you trusted more.’” Perhaps we are judged by the image of what we might have been.

Yet, while this love judges us (or, perhaps we judge ourselves by being present to this love) Farrer reminds us that this same love redeems us. The good Christ smiles at us in love and offers his embrace. His desire is not to condemn, but to save. Christ is notorious in overturning expectations of how people think he will act. I suspect his Second Coming and Judgement will be no different.

Peace,

Rev. Chris Roth+

RENTAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Marg Marrett has decided to offer rental accommodations out of her home. The space is fully furnished in the basement.

This would include: Bedroom, bathroom, den, shared laundry and kitchen facilities, parking. Great private outdoor space. Mature neighbourhood. On a direct bus route, close to Red Deer Polytechnic, Rec Center, Rotary Park and trails.

Great for a single mature adult, or college student. Anyone interested can contact me at 403-346-9215. Price is negotiable.

Thanks,
Marg



THE MUSTARD SEED

Exciting News - the Mustard Seed will now be open 24/7!!! This is such good news for those community members especially at this cold time of year.



St. Leonard's is always looking for more volunteers to help out at The Mustard Seed. There are many opportunities.

I am always willing to help team up with new people to go to any of the opportunities to help make them feel more comfortable if it is their first time.

Please feel free to contact me at
pearlmfranz@gmail.com
Pearl Franz

School Lunch Program:

Canned Items (soups, pasta, sauces, fruit, vegetables, baked beans, etc.)

Granola Bars

Nut-free Snacks

Carrots

Cucumbers

Celery

Apples

Oranges

Deli Meat

We need help with delivering lunches every Tuesday or Thursday either South route or North route in Red Deer.

For more information, please contact
Barb Bosch (Food Supervisor) at
barbarabosch@theseed.ca.



Memorial Christmas Poinsettias

To order your 2022 Memorial Poinsettias please drop off an envelope containing your \$17 in the Church Mail Box or e-transfer to the Office at stleonardsanglicanchurch@gmail.com before December 7th.

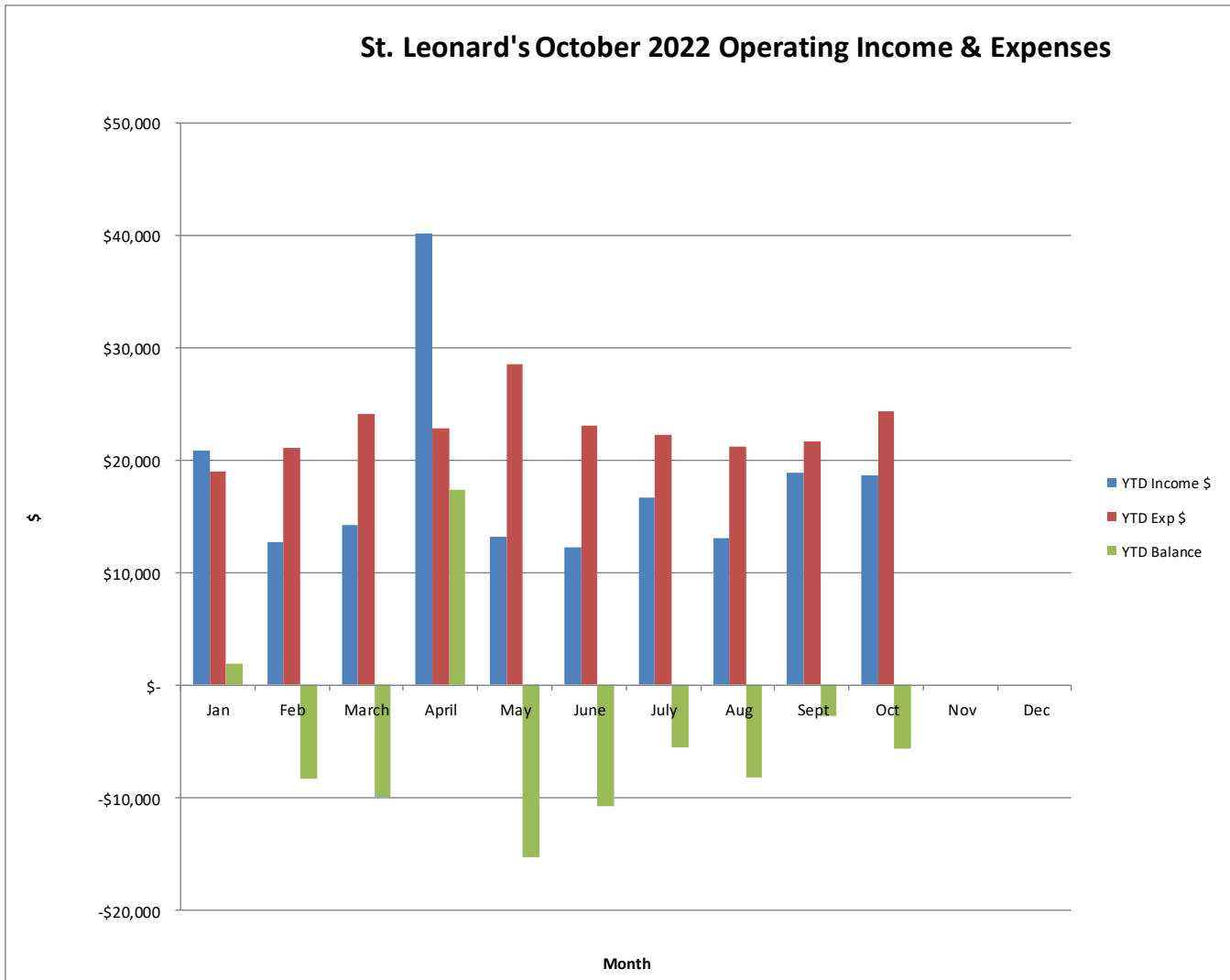
Please include the name of the person/ persons for whom the plant is in memory.

THE MEMORIAL PLAQUE

The Memorial Plaque was dedicated on Sunday, November 6th. The Plaque was Ioney Haye's idea and beautifully crafted by Bob Duce.



St. Leonard's October 2022 Operating Income & Expenses



<u>October YTD</u>	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</u>
2022	\$ 180,780	\$ 228,045	(\$47,266)
2021	\$ 211,700	\$ 205,543	\$ 6,157
2020	\$ 172,905	\$ 174,978	(\$2,073)

Comments:

Our \$ 18,650 income for October was \$ 5,713.91 below our average monthly budget. Our year to date \$47,266 deficit is different than the previous three years average. Over the last 2 years with the Pandemic, St. Leonard's received the Canadian Emergency Wage Subsidy that helped offset our payroll expenditures, we no longer receive this from the Federal Government. With the current economy, it is reasonable to say that our donated givings have been considerably less than previous years. We have been conscious of the current climate and have not completed any unnecessary projects during this time.

Please don't hesitate to contact Krista or myself if you have any questions related to St. Leonard's financial status or any suggestions or comments you may have regarding the LINK financial reports.

Alec Robertson
Parish Treasurer

ST. LUKE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
POPPY PROJECT

HOW BEAUTIFUL!!



**Winter Wonderland Tea, Bake
Sale and Fashion Follies
Saturday, November 19th**



ST. LEONARD'S TALENT SHOW
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH



SO MUCH FUN AND LAUGHTER



PASTORAL CARE TRAINING FOR FEBRUARY/MARCH 2023

Do you have an interest, calling or are just curious about Pastoral Care? Maybe you want to be better equipped to support your church community, friends or your own family. We are all called to care and care deeply, as we are able, for one another. Maybe this is a “brush up” opportunity or time for skill refreshing. Please consider this an invitation to join us. Together we will reflect on who we are as pastoral caregivers and how we can use what we have to perhaps lessen the burden of another. Pastoral care is about listening and the ministry of presence, rooted in our love for each other and our faith in Jesus.

Perhaps you know of someone in your Church community who has taken this Course or other pastoral training. Ask them about what they thought, what they learned, how things changed pastorally for them.

In this Course there will be a bit of reading and/or reflecting as preparation for each of the evenings. There will be learning through new information, sharing and skill development. We will form a pastoral community on our own.

February/March 2023 on Tuesdays. This is a Zoom class and there is no fee.

Pastoral Care course 2023

Tuesdays – February 14, 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28. The time is 6:30 pm – 8:45 pm. Deadline to register will be February 3 or a full class.

There will be a minimum of 6 people and a max of 15.

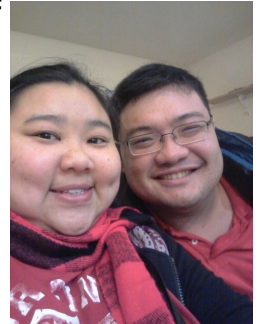
Please register with Rev. Tracey at pastoralcare@calgary.anglican.ca. Questions are also welcome. Indicate which course you would like to attend.

PRAYERS FOR THE JOSEPHS

Please continue to pray for us. Janice gets her 5th dose of chemo this Monday (November 28th), and then in a fortnight we'll have a CT Scan to see how much improvement she's making. We seem to see some positive signs of improvement but we can never tell whether it is a real improvement or not until we see the CT Scan.

Please send Christmas cards to:

Janice and Daniel Joseph
35 Charles Street West
Apt 1902
Toronto, ON M4Y1R6



St. Leonard's on the Hill Mission Statement

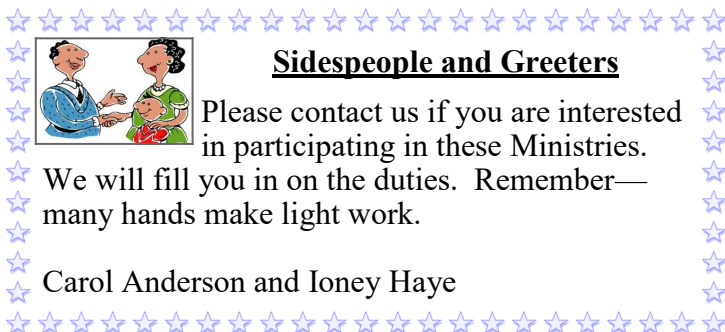
“The Anglican Church of St. Leonard's on-the-Hill is a Christian Community committed to building a Christ-like family of disciples through worship, prayer, study, fellowship and service”.



KIDS ARE FUNNY!

One Christmas Eve we were driving home from Church when my 5 year old son asked me, “Mom, what are heavenly peas?” When I asked him what he meant, he replied, “In the song ‘Silent Night’, how come we sing for Jesus to sleep in heavenly peas?”

-P.L, Antioch, CA



Sidespeople and Greeters

Please contact us if you are interested in participating in these Ministries.

We will fill you in on the duties. Remember—many hands make light work.

Carol Anderson and Ioney Haye



SMALL CHURCH COMMUNITIES

We will be continuing with Small Church Communities. In these Groups we read and discuss the upcoming Sunday Scripture. There are currently Groups running Thursday evenings at 7 pm by Zoom. Please contact Rev. Barb at bjseec@hotmail.com if you are interested.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study takes place on Tuesdays at 1pm.
We will be looking at 1st Corinthians.



THE CHRISTMAS KETTLE CAMPAIGN **RING THE BELLS**

Volunteer for 2 hour shifts
10:00 AM to 6:00 PM
November 12th to
December 24th, 2022

For The Salvation Army Kettle Campaign
Call Bob (403) 304-7426 or email
kettles.reddeer@salvationarmy.ca

Deep Peace

*Of the running wave to you.
Deep peace of the flowing air to you
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.
Deep peace of the shining stars to you
Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you.*

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Like a tiny pebble that, dropped into a pool, spreads its gentle ripples far and wide; like a tiny acorn that, planted in the soil, flourishes into a mighty oak – the Prayer Shawl Ministry at St. Leonard's started as a simple, humble idea. It has grown into a powerful manifestation of God's power, might, love and warmth!

Our dedicated Craft Club at St. Leonard's started knitting prayer shawls years ago– knit three, purl three – as a symbol of the blanket love provided by the Trinity. Each lovingly crafted stitch incorporates our Lord's promise to always take care of us – His children.

These shawls are there for anyone who wishes to remind a loved one of God's promise as they battle illness or any of life's valleys and troughs. This ministry has now spread from the Craft Club and is being supported by other members of our Parish! The ripples continue!

Each Shawl comes with a prayer card. Then they are blessed during a Sunday service .

Our Office Administrator Krista is running low on shawls. For those who are gifted in creating these shawls, it would be a great to have more in the office after they are blessed. This would ensure that some are available when needed. (Monetary donations to purchase wool will be accepted).

May God continue to bless and guide this growing ripple as it continues to cover not only the growing pairs of hands that craft these shawls, but also the growing number of those who receive their warmth and love.





**SNIPPETS FROM
COUNCIL
Tuesday, November
15th at 7 pm**

Below are a few Agenda items that were discussed at the November Parish Council Meeting. Please feel free to contact a Parish Council Rep about any of the items discussed.

1. There was a conversation about sharing the Common Cup during Communion. At this point, we will continue with Priestly Intinction.
2. Chris is hoping to have 50% of the Parish Council members continue for 2023 and invite new members to Council. By having 50% of the Council remain, this would provide consistency to our new members coming on to Council. The AGM is set for February and we would need a new slate by then. For those interested, we will provide a Parish Council guide in addition to a nomination form.
3. The Memorial Plaque upkeep could be done once a year on All Saints Day. The names could be part of the Prayers of the People. This could be a liturgical piece.
4. The Office will be closed from December 26th to January 3rd. This allows Chris some time off after the Christmas Services. Krista will take her 2 remaining weeks off from December 15th to January 9th. There is a bit of overlap with the Office closure during Christmas.
5. The Financials were reported by Alec. We are in a large deficit for 2022. (side note- the cheque log for October 2022 was approved by Corporation).
6. Chris will be on Clergy Retreat next week, November 21st to 24th.



SNOW REMOVAL SCHEDULE

Now that Winter is practically upon us, the Snow Removal Sign Up Sheet will be posted by the door in the North Hall.

All help is greatly appreciated during the Winter months.



Coffee Anyone? (Java Jobs)



The "Java Jobs" Program is back in full swing. "Coffee Makers" and "Clean Up People" are **URGENTLY** needed for the 10:00 am Service.

There's a Sign-Up Book in the Kitchen by the microwave!



**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES
FOR 2023**

Please let Krista know if you would like Offertory Envelopes for 2023. They can be mailed out upon request.

**EPIPHANY
SERMON SERIES**

Epiphany is about darkness being illuminated by light. Write your genuine questions or doubts on the back of this sheet and place it in the offering plate. Or, ask a neighbor, friend, or family member for their questions. The questions will be used to form a sermon series.

New Home for our Choir Pews

"The volunteers and staff at Sunnybrook Farm Museum are so very grateful to the members of St. Leonard's on The Hill Anglican Church for your recent long term loan of your former choir pews to our museum, to be used inside the newly relocated and restored Willowdale Zion Presbyterian Church. Our volunteers arrived at your church about a month ago to move them out of the basement, and they have a lovely new home in our exhibit.

On October 27, 2022, Pastor Dick Duffin and Ruth Ann Sigurdson helped officiate a celebratory service in the building. It was standing-room only as so many members of the original church congregation came out to see our progress on the construction. As you can see from the photos, we're not quite finished but hope to have everything up and running for next May! Originally constructed in 1950 to serve a small rural community just Southeast of Red Deer, we are making sure that the building will last for another 70 years as part of our farm community exhibit. Thank you for being a part of this amazing project."

Ian Warwick,
Executive
Director
Sunnybrook Farm
Museum



News from the Pews

Randy and Shirley Cole of Anders congratulate their daughter Tera Rogers and her business partner Tamara Read of Bean Counters Bookkeeping Ltd. They have been recognized as Canada's top new firm of the year at the Certified Professional Bookkeepers of Canada Conference in Calgary.



Congratulations to Chris Shapka, a Colonel in the Canadian Air Force and a CFL referee. Chris is the newest Lindsay Thurber Hall of Fame Inductee. He is the son of Sandy Moeller (a former Parishioner of St. Leonard's).



P.S. JUST A THOUGHT

Why is it we seldom have time to sit down and pray or meditate?

We are never too busy to go for coffee or lunch dates, and always have time for many other things. We seem to put God on hold most of the time.

**Maybe it's time this year
to get our priorities in order
and put God first.**



PRAYER FOR ADVENT

Almighty and eternal God,
You became one of us that we might have the
light of Christ forever.
Through this season of Advent,
Rekindle in us a desire for the coming of Your
kingdom.
Knowing how much the world needs Your grace
and truth,
We ask You to guide us in the way of
compassion that we might help Your suffering
ones.
Fill us with every grace and blessing as we wait
in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour.
Amen.



Check us out at St. Leonard's on the Hill
Anglican Church.



PARISH COUNCIL APPLICATION FOR THE NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Parish Council meets on the
3rd Tuesday of the month. If
you are contemplating joining the Parish
Council, please take time to pray on it
before submitting your application form.
(The application form can be found in this
Link.)

Parish Council Handbooks can be found in
the Narthex of the Church or Krista can
email you a copy.

Names to be submitted by Thursday,
January 12th, 2023 to the Church Office by
email stleonardsanglicanchurch@gmail.com
or drop off the Application Form in the
Church mail box.

DISCIPLE NIGHT

Disciple Nights take
place on Sundays at
7:30 pm at the
Church.



We began with a
movie about Ignatius of Loyola.

<https://youtu.be/buL2q3SUZnE>

St. Ignatius was wounded in battle and was
converted to a deeper faith. He started the
society of Jesus, also known as the Jesuits.
Spiritual practices he is particularly known for
using are the Spiritual Exercises.

Traditionally, this was a 30 day intensive
retreat. The Examen, where one prayerfully
discerns the events of the day to see where
God's presence and absence were felt. He is
also known for imaginatively entering into
Scripture using all the senses.

We are studying the book called the "Good
and Beautiful You" by James Bryan Smith, on
November 13th. The Hardcover is \$32 and
the kindlebook is \$18. Krista has ordered 6
hard copies of the book. If you are interested
in purchasing a copy, please let her know.

Please advise us if you would like to take part
or have any questions.

Peace,

Rev. Chris

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023

Recipe for Happiness

Take a cup of kindness
Add a dash of charity
Mix with understanding
Add a bit of courtesy
Top it off with patience
Sprinkle it liberally with cheer
Serve generously to everyone you meet
throughout the coming year.

(Babe Harmon, Bentley Alberta)



Our Diocese has a new Archdeacon of Indigenous Ministries! Please join us in praying for Ven. Jacqui Durand as she begins serving in this way.



Newcomers to St. Leonard's

If you are a newcomer to St. Leonard's and would like your name added to the Parish List, please email stleonardsanglicanchurch@gmail.com or call the Office (403-346-6769).

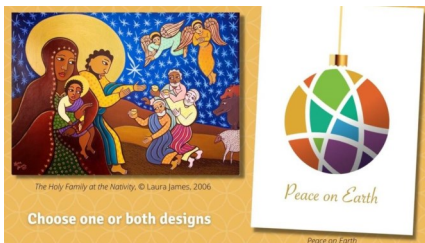


PWRDF NEWS

The World of Gifts is on-line for the giving season upon us. Here is the link: <https://pwrdf.org/world-of-gifts/>

PWRDF is now accepting donations to Hurricane Fiona relief. Donate to pwrdf.org/give today and click on Hurricane Fiona.

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund Christmas Cards have arrived. There are 2 different styles of cards.



These cards support the work of PWRDF. Through your prayers, actions and gifts, PWRDF has supported partners in Canada and around the world for more than 60 years, making a world of difference. Cards are \$25 (12 in a pack). If paying by cheque, please make it out to St. Leonard's on the Hill Church. Thank you!

Please contact Susan (susn381@gmail.com) to order your Christmas cards for 2022.

Susan will update the PWRDF bulletin board in the North Hall for upcoming events and information.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ORGANIZATION

This is a Catholic Organization that sets up housing for families from the Women's Shelter. They also have set up a couple homes for refugees from Ukraine.

They are need of the following items:

Basic household items

Bedding for twin, double & queen size as well as beds

Kitchen: pots, cutlery, kettles, toasters, coffee makers

Please Contact Carol Purves directly at 403-588-2416 to set up times for dropping off items. Items will not be collected at the Church.

Readers and Intercessors



Please contact us if you are interested in these Ministries. We will fill you in on the duties. Remember—many hands make light work.

Marney Holmes and Mary McCambley

THE PRAYER TEAM

The Prayer Team are continuing to meet on Wednesdays at 1:30 pm.

Rev. Chris, Grace Elgersma, Elsie Howard, Joan Truckle, Susan Robertson (Leader), Laura May Doran, Gail Morrish.



COFFEE AND CRAFTS



We would to encourage men and women to come out even if it's just for a cup of coffee. They could bring their crafts, when they want, or they could

learn a new one or they could sharpen up their current skills.

If anyone would like to learn how to knit, someone will be available. Crochet is upcoming as is making a variety of useful things with duct tape. We are also open too requests for other crafts. We will meet in the North Hall on Wednesday's at 1 pm.

Stephanie Rodgers

The Church Office Administrator will be away from the office starting Thursday December 15th. She will return, Monday January 9th.



Youth Confirmation classes take place on Wednesdays from 4pm-5pm for Youth who are 13 years and older.

Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer will take place at 9 am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Susan Robertson has kindly offered to lead in this Ministry for the Parish of St. Leonard's.

ST. PAUL'S HILLSDOWN CANDLELIT CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Service will take place on Saturday, December 24th at 4 pm. All are welcome to join.



Audio/Visual Booth **Volunteers Needed**



We are in need of volunteers to assist in the Audio/Visual Booth. We are looking for 4 more volunteers who are comfortable working with one another. These volunteers would help out in the booth once or twice a month. Volunteers would be

trained so that they would feel comfortable in the booth.

Please contact Krista if you are interested in learning how to become an Audio/Visual Volunteer.



Lessons in Life #187 **The Christmas Star**

It was a very special night
Awaited throughout time;
An extra-ordinary night,
It was my night to shine!

So I shone upon the stable
To lead men great and small;
Wise Kings and lowly shepherds,
I shone down upon them all.

I shone down upon the mother
As she held her newborn son;
I shone down upon the baby
Who they called the "Chosen One."

But the strangest thing then happened
When next morning I grew dim,
I saw the light was NOT from me,
The light shone out from Him!

I had been but mere reflection
On that great and glorious night,
Of my very own Creator
Whose birth brought all men light.

Yet far from disappointed
No more happy could I be,
Since on that very special night
He shone His light on me.

So when'er you hear the story,
If they tell about my part,
Know the true Star of Christmas
Is the One within your heart!

-Karen Joy Ganon



CONTEMPLATIVE EVENING PRAYER
Sunday evenings from 7-7:30pm, which will
include a significant amount of silence.

Our Deepest Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to
Lindsay and Anna Allen
and Family on the death
of Lindsay's son, Reese.



Our deepest sympathy to Krista Kusmire and
Darren Cabelka on the death of Darren's mom,
Shirley.

FOOD STORAGE

Now that Church Groups are beginning to gather again, we would like to remind everyone about the proper storage of leftovers in the Kitchen refrigerator, the Cooler and the Chest Freezer.

We would certainly hope that any leftovers would be taken home or distributed to others. However, if that's not possible, please ensure that all leftovers are properly wrapped and dated for storage.

Please note that after a reasonable amount of time if necessary items left will be placed in compost.

Thank you for all your attention to this matter.

Kindest regards,

The Kitchen
Refrigerator, the
Cooler and the
Chest Freezer.



THE ADVENT WREATH

Each Advent we light candles to mark the weeks of Advent. The Advent Wreath was originally intended to be used by families at home, but congregations adopted the practice as well. The concept originated with German Lutherans in the 16th century, but really took its present shape in the 19th century. The lighting of the candles symbolizes the darkness of Advent awaiting the light of Christ in the birth of Christ and also in the Second Coming of Jesus. The closer we get to Christ's birth at Christmas the brighter our wreath gets as we light candle after candle. The wreath is a circle, which represents God's infinite love, and is made from evergreen branches, which represents eternal life since evergreen trees stay green in winter when other trees seem to die. The four purple or blue candles represent the four weeks of Advent, while the flame they cradle represents the light of Christ. Each candle is said to indicate Hope, Peace, Joy (sometimes a pink candle), and Love. (Though sometimes these candles are called by other names). There is sometimes a white candle in the middle (the 5th candle), which is the Christ candle and is lit on Christmas Eve to show the Light of the world has arrived in the incarnation.



This is St. Leonard's new Advent Wreath and Stand.

White Gift Program Adopt-a-Family



St. Leonard's will be reaching out to help our community by taking part in the Salvation Army's Adopt-A-Family Program as in previous years.

In addition, we will be looking after a few families within our own Church community, who we call our White Gift Families. This year, we are asking for Gift Cards for families. This makes it much easier for our sorters and allows our families who are being adopted more freedom to be able to purchase items for themselves. All Gift Cards must be returned to the Church by **Thursday, December 8th.**

Please drop off your Gift Cards in an envelope in the Church mailbox or in the Offertory Plate on Sundays. This will allow Krista time to sort and organize for the blessing on Sunday, December 11th and the delivery of the items on Tuesday, December 13th. Please watch for more information via email, Facebook and the Church Website.

The Salvation Army will issue tax receipts for Gift Cards over \$20 in total bought for the Salvation Army families. If you are interested in a tax receipt, please contact Krista. For further information on this program please contact the Church Office at 403-346-6769 or email stleonardsanglicanchurch@gmail.com

LAST OUT??

If you are last out of the Church, please remember to set the alarm when you are leaving and turn off any lights.



When entering the Church via the parking lot door, please ensure that the door is firmly closed.



GRIEF GROUP

The Grief Group will continue to run until Monday, December 19th. There will be a fee of \$20 per person per week.

It takes place on Mondays at 1 pm. The group meets for approximately 1 ½ hours.



PASTORAL CARE

With Rev. Chris's blessing, we have 8 wonderful volunteers to actively visit parishioners in their homes.

They will work together in teams of two. We also have 2 volunteers who can fill in when and where needed for these visits.

Roberta Saltvold will continue taking care of Hospital visits and our Church family members at Ville Marie.

Rev. Chris will be advised of any needs uncovered for his attention.

We have a team of two volunteers who will take care of sending cards to those Church family members for whom an actual visit may not be the most reasonable approach.

Our list of visitees currently number 18 church family members. This is a fluid list as names are added or removed as we go along. We ask that the names of any potential visitees be passed on to Krista, who will inform the team.

The frequency and flavor of the visits will be decided between the visiting team members and their visitees.

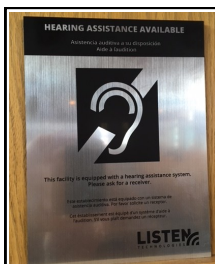
The Pastoral Care team will meet regularly to review and assess the progress of this ministry.

Annual Reports & Annual General Meeting

Attention to all St. Leonard's Groups, Annual Reports will be **due on January 11th, 2023**. Annual Reports will be available to be picked up on Sunday, January 29th.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 5th, 2023 after the 10:00 am Service.

Please bring your wisdom, enthusiasm and a bagged lunch.



HEARING ASSISTANCE

Anyone requiring hearing assistance, please request it at the Audio Booth in the back of the Sanctuary.

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes



Thank you to all who donated to the Samaritan's purse shoe boxes this year.

Mary McCambley

Paperless Donations

Help the environment...go paperless.

St. Leonard's is offering an easy way to donate to the Church. Instead of using envelopes, you can fill out Pre-Authorization forms to donate. Forms can be requested by emailing stleonardsanglicanchurch@gmail.com or by leaving a voicemail on the Church office phone at 403-346-6769.

E-Transfers are available as well to donate. You can send an E-Transfer to stleonardsanglicanchurch@gmail.com

Men's Breakfast

13 men attended the November 12th Breakfast. Many Thanks to our most capable chefs, Bob, Randy and Colin (and an "OOPS" for omitting chef Colin from the October Breakfast).



Our next Breakfast will be held Saturday, January 14th at 8:30 am. More information to come.

FROM YOUR LINKERS

We wish everyone a Blessed Christmas Season and our heartfelt wishes for a **Healthy and Happy** 2023.



A.C.W. News



All women who attend St. Leonard's are members of the Organization known as Anglican Church Women (ACW).

ACW has been busy this last while with catering to teas and funerals. We also had a very successful Welcome Back "Winter Wonderland Muffin & Beverage Morning and Bake Sale" topped off with a hilarious fashion show. A big "Thank You" to all who helped. "Winter Wonderland" has made over \$2,600 so far and there still is a little bit of money to come in.

There are still some 2023 Calendars left for sale. The calendars this year are special because St. Leonard's is the church featured for February.

There are a few copies of our book "The Legends of St. Leonard's" for sale. The cost is \$20. Please contact Brenda Clark if you would like one.

It was decided to have an ACW Christmas Party on December 3rd. We will be ordering in Chinese food at the cost of \$20 per person. This party will also include a Chinese gift exchange of a consumable item. **Please come at noon because the food will be delivered at 12:30 pm.**

The next ACW meeting will be on Monday, January 9th, 2023 at 10 am.

Margaret Roome



The Anglican Church Women
of the Diocese of Calgary

Welcomes you
To a ZOOM
Service of Lessons and Carols

On Sunday, Dec. 4thth at 7:00 pm
Please register at:
dioceseofcalgaryacw@gmail.com
or call 403-734-2130
Everyone Welcome



"BETWEEN FRIENDS" MINISTRY



Are you aware that some small tasks are very difficult or impossible to do for some of our Parish members either because of mobility limitations or recent surgeries?

We are compiling a list of the names of Parish members who would be willing to perform small tasks, either on a one-time or short-term basis, for another Parish member. (e.g. change higher light bulbs, small sewing needs, vacuuming, moving a heavy chair etc., etc., etc.— the list is long for some of our parishioners). If this Ministry is one you feel called to take part in please give your name to Brenda Clark at 403-346-3021 or clarkwbc@telusplanet.net.

A data base will be set up and in a few weeks we hope to be able to offer this new St. Leonard's connection of helping one another

"BETWEEN FRIENDS"

Sincerely, Brenda Clark

THE HEART OF CHRISTMAS

May you have the
gladness of Christmas
which hope;
which is peace;
the heart of Christmas
which is love.

-Ada. V. Hendricks

LILIES IN THE CHURCH



Our Church is a scent free space and we continue to try to honour this.

We are asking those who are donating Church Altar floral arrangements on Sunday to refrain from adding lilies. We have several Church family members who react to the scent of lilies. Moving forward, we are going to follow the Hospital Protocol and not have any lilies in our Church space.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Lessons and Carols

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH
AT 10 AM

*Please join us in singing your
favorite Christmas Carols and
listening to the special
Lessons of the season.*

PARISH COUNCIL APPLICATION FORM

NAME:

I wish to let my name stand for the position of

I have read the Parish Council Handbook, and am familiar with the duties and expectations of this position. ☐

I am baptised. ☐

I have been a member of the Parish of St. Leonard's for a full year and have attended Sunday Services regularly (Zoom or in Person). ☐

a) What talents or gifts do you have that you feel would make you a good addition in becoming a Member of Parish Council:

i)

ii)

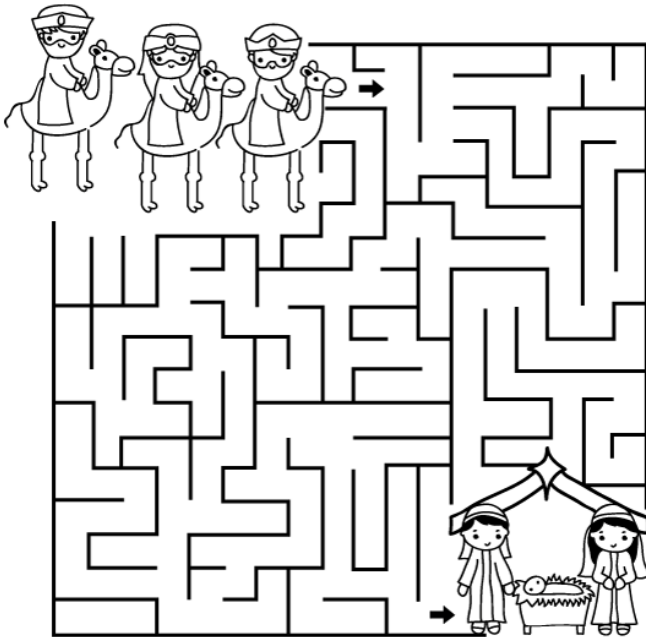
iii)

AND/OR

Why do you feel your experiences would be beneficial for this position?

Nativity Maze

Help the Three Wise Men find the manger.



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O HOLY NIGHT

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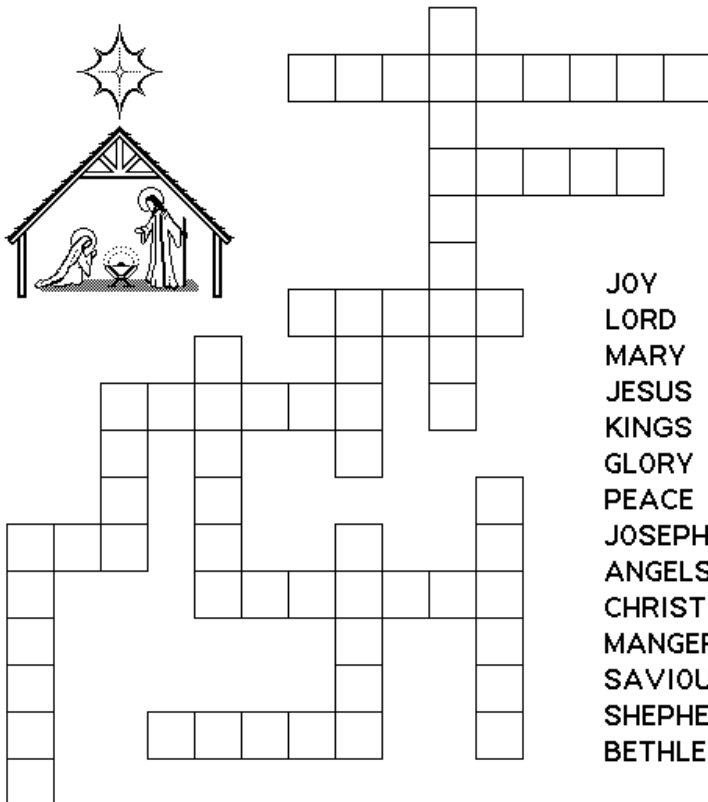
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GOLD
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JOSEPH
MANGER
MARY

MYRRH
PEACE
SAVIOR
SHEPHERD
STAR
WISE MEN



Christmas Crossword

Make all the words fit into this crossword.
Each word is only used once.



JOY
LORD
MARY
JESUS
KINGS
GLORY
PEACE
JOSEPH
ANGELS
CHRIST
MANGER
SAVIOR
SHEPHERDS
BETHLEHEM

KIDZ KORNER



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