
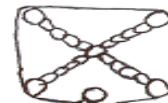
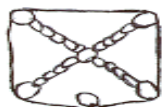


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Lessons in Life #183

ACW Coffee Party—Monday, May 2nd at 10 am
via Zoom

Clergy Retreat—May 2nd to May 4th (Rev. Chris
is away from the office)

Mother's Day—May 8th

Victoria Day—Monday, May 23rd (Office Closed)

Ascension Day Sunday, May 29th

Kingsfold Retreat with Rev. Chris—June 24th to
June 26th

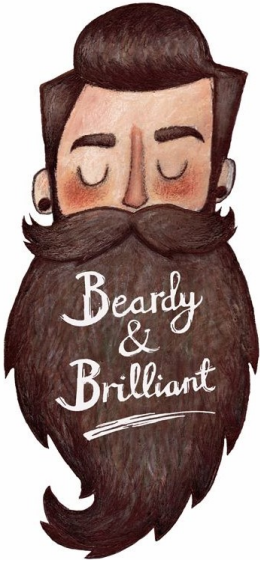
Usual Sunday Service Times:
10:00 am Eucharist Service (BAS)



May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10 am Eucharist Service 7:00 pm Disciple Night via Zoom	2 Clergy Retreat Rev. Chris is away from the Office ACW Coffee Party 10 am via Zoom	3 Clergy Retreat Rev. Chris is away from the Office	4 Clergy Retreat Rev. Chris is away from the Office.	5	6	7
8  Mother's Day 10 am Eucharist Service Rev. Barb Borle's 6th year Anniversary of Ordination	9 10 am ACW Meeting (The last regular meeting until September)	10 Vacation Bible School Meeting at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 6:30 pm	11 10 am Bible Study via Zoom	12	13	14
15 10 am Eucharist Service 7:00 pm Disciple Night via Zoom	16	17 7 pm Parish Council Meets	18 10 am Bible Study via Zoom	19	20	21
22 10 am Eucharist Service 7:00 pm Disciple Night via Zoom	23 Office Closed Victoria Day	24 Link Articles due	25 10 am Bible Study via Zoom	26	27	28
29  ASCENSION OF THE LORD 10 am Eucharist Service 7:00 pm Disciple Night via Zoom	30	31 Rev. Chris' Prayer Day (away from the office)				

BEHIND THE BEARD



Sometimes it feels as if sorrow is more powerful than joy. Sorrow, fear, and offense seem to grab and hold our attention. I suspect that is why advertisers and news groups use these. We are told we need the newest vehicle so that we have the most up to date safety gadgets- air bags, back up alarms, reinforced body, maybe even a GPS system in case of theft. The news holds our attention with horrible atrocities from all over the world- wars, famines, and diseases. Closer to home we are told stories of awful crimes done to the innocent who are just minding their own business. No wonder parents are less likely to let their children play freely in the neighbourhood. Every passing adult might be a kidnapper. Every stranger knocking on your door might be someone trying to get into your home under false pretenses. Perhaps, standing on your doorstep, is someone trying to sell you a security system to protect you from such people.

I'm not saying there is anything wrong with having a safe vehicle, paying attention to the pain of the world, or being aware of predators. I'm just pointing out how much our focus seems to be drawn by sorrow, fear, and offence.

When I was training to be a chaplain in the hospital, there was an underlying assumption that when someone seemed happy, that was just a mask. Under that mask was deep pain. And it felt like our job was to help them remove that mask (which is a false face they are hiding behind) to reveal their true face, which is the face of profound sorrow. Why did we assume that happiness was less real than sorrow? No doubt there are times when we put on a happy face to cover up our pain, but that can't always be true, can it? Yes, there is much pain in the world. People deal with awful things that happen to them. But there is also a lot of beauty and good in the world.

Easter reminds us that joy, beauty, and peace are more powerful than sorrow. Resurrection will have the last word, not the cross. Mary's tears are overcome by hearing her teacher say her name. Thomas' doubts are overcome by the resurrected Christ inviting Thomas to touch his scars. The ordeal of life is real- we endure much pain in our short years on this planet. We don't want to deny this, but this pain is injected with hope through the reality of the resurrection. Joy is ultimately more powerful than sorrow.

"These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." (Rev 7:14-17).

Peace,

Rev. Chris





SHARING SHELVES



This quiet Ministry has continued to serve our brothers and sisters throughout the pandemic lockdown, primarily through drop-offs.

As we open up again to our new normal, we look forward to the in-person, confidential service to those who need us. Again a reminder that we are here for any members of our Church family needing a hand up...no questions asked.

We have dedicated members of our Church family who come in to stock the shelves with their generous donations...right now our bin is overflowing. Thank you for sharing God's bounty.

I hope to check the Shelves within the next week or so, to see what areas need special attention.

Many thanks to Margaret Roome and Linda Glenfield for sorting the shelves. We are blessed to have these ladies quietly supporting this Ministry

Thank you to our Krista who, amidst ALL her duties as our Office Administrator, keeps a regular eye out for us to keep this ministry viable.

If you know of anyone who needs help please do not hesitate to contact me.



HEARING ASSISTANCE

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

"Link" by Email!

If you are interested in receiving the Link by email please advise the Office. Our email address is: stleonardsanglicanchurch@gmail.com When you receive the "Link" by email, you are able to see the pictures in colour and in greater detail (when colour is available). Thank you for your attention.

Bible Study

Bible Study meets on Wednesday at 10 am via Zoom. We will continue watching the TV series based on the Book of Acts.

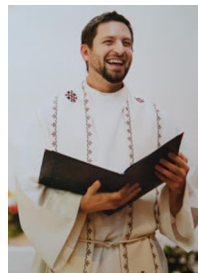
If you would like to join, please contact Krista at stleonardsanglicanchurch@gmail.com

GRATITUDE CIRCLE



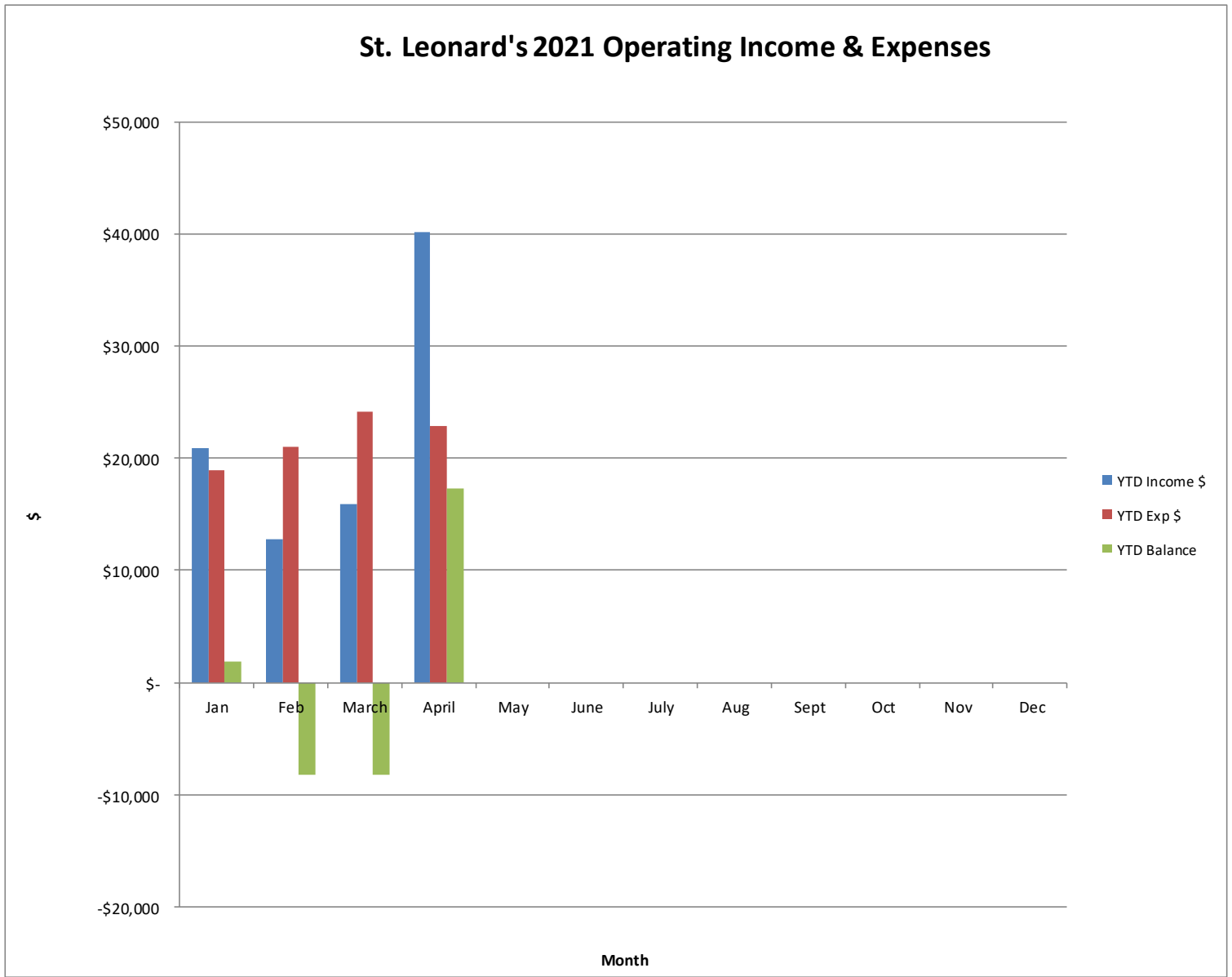
This is an opportunity to meet with others and share a blessing (big or small) we have noticed throughout the week. Date to be determined by those interested. Please contact Rev. Barb at bjseec@hotmail.com if you are interested.

CLERGY CONFERENCE



Rev. Chris will be away from the office for The Diocesan online Clergy Conference. This is scheduled from May 2nd to May 4th. Please pray for Rev. Chris as he joins with other Clergy for their Annual Conference.

St. Leonard's 2021 Operating Income & Expenses



APRIL YTD
2022

INCOME
\$89,759

EXPENSES
\$87,038

SURPLUS (DEFICIT)
\$2,721

Comments:

Our April 2022 income of \$40,184 was \$17,342 above expenses. April surplus was largely due to a significant lump sum donation from one parishioner.

February and March 2022 show a deficit because of an increase in utility costs, and the loss of our Federally funded Canadian Emergency Wage Subsidy program that we benefited from in 2020 and 2021.

Please don't hesitate to contact myself or Krista if you have any questions regarding our Parish finances.

Alec Robertson
Parish Treasurer



Central Alberta
**PREGNANCY
CARE CENTRE**

"Bring Change Now... and into generations to come" - 2022 Baby Bottle Campaign

Each year we host a Baby Bottle Campaign which typically raises over \$40,000 annually for the work of the CAPCC. **We are hosting our annual Baby Bottle Campaign virtually.**

<https://www.pregnancycare.ca/donate>

To learn more about the services we offer, please visit our website at www.pregnancycare.ca.

This event will kick off on Mother's Day and will run until Father's Day.

Thank you for your support!

Readers and Intercessors



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

Marney and Mary

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".



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!



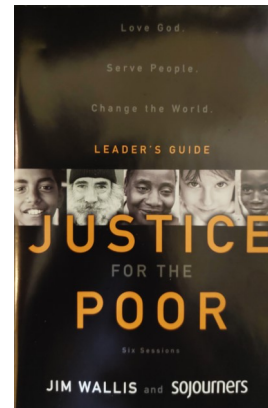
DISCIPLE NIGHT

Disciple Nights take place on Sundays @ 7pm via Zoom.

Beginning Sunday, April 24th at 7pm, we will be starting a video series called, "Justice for the Poor", by Jim Wallis and the Sojourners. This will be six sessions.

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

Peace,
Rev. Chris



Ascension Sunday, May 29th



GREEN DEER SPRING CLEAN UP

As the snow melts away, grass isn't the only thing revealed. Trash and litter that accumulated over winter also become visible. From **March 21 to May 31**, the Green Deer Spring Cleanup Campaign provides the supplies and resources for all Red Deer residents—of all ages, walks of life, and faiths—to safely pick up litter in their neighborhood.

Of particular importance in 2021 was cleaning up littered pandemic waste—1268 face masks were reported cleaned up by Green Deer volunteers, and the real number is likely many times higher. This trend is sure to continue into 2022, making the Green Deer program more vital than ever.

As a faith community in the Red Deer region, you can put actions to the stewardship and leadership values of your faith by organizing a Green Deer litter cleanup for your congregation and/or by spreading the word and encouraging your community members to participate as individuals and families.

Participating in the Green Deer Spring Cleanup Campaign is free and easy! How to get involved:

Register online: <https://forms.gle/o46uaGKbx6ubNy8K6>

- All registrants are automatically entered to win prizes!
- Pick up free cleanup supplies at one of the following locations:
- Kerry Wood Nature Centre
- Red Deer Recreation Centre
- G.H. Dawe Community Centre
- Collicutt Centre
- Go for a walk and pick up litter in your neighbourhood or a favourite green space.

We're taking a special interest in the number of littered cigarette butts and face masks that are collected this year. Please consider keeping a tally of these items while you clean. Tally-keeping can be a great job for any kids or youth in your group—they may not even realize they're having fun and making a difference, all while doing a bit of math ;)

Submit your litter tally results: <https://forms.gle/odjE2gkxq8Gyqk3Y8>

Other links and dates that may be of interest to your faith community:

- Red Deer River Cleanup: **Saturday, June 4**



Sidespeople and Greeters

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

Carol and Ioney

PRIMATES WORLD RELIEF DEVELOPMENT FUND



PWRDF has announced that it is now working with a new partner - "Initiative E+". Money given to it will be used for Ukrainian civilians injured in the war, as well as Ukrainian military personnel.

Since February 24, at the beginning of the conflict, there has been an acute need for medical equipment and supplies to care for those who have been injured. This situation has gone up tenfold. The reality is, of those wounded, 75% are civilians.

By Friday, April 1, PWRDF has now received nearly \$400,000 for humanitarian relief and aid for our Ukrainian sisters and brothers. In March, \$100,000 was given to ACT Alliance, in partnership with Hungarian Interchurch Aid. Another \$50,000 was further given to HelpAge Canada which is responding to seniors fleeing Ukraine to a safe haven in Moldova. In addition, PWRDF is pleased to announce that it is giving \$62,000 for medical supplies to Initiative E+ who will be providing care to those in the Kyiv region as well as in Eastern Ukraine. The money will be used for the following:

- Medical equipment for those hospitals which are caring for many injured people
- Medicine for people in Eastern Ukraine as well as in Kyiv and in the surrounding areas
- Ukrainian first responders and military personnel who require PPE and medical supplies

Please continue to pray and to engage in almsgiving for the Ukrainian people in the name of Christ. We are His hands and His feet to care for others. May you be blessed to be a blessing to those in need.

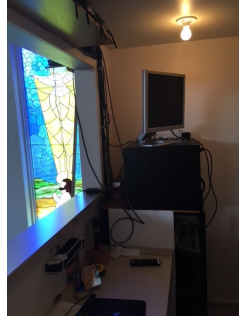


Newcomers to St. Leonard's

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).

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.



"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.

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

KINGSFOLD RETREAT

(JUNE 24TH—JUNE 26TH, 2021)

From time to time Christians are called to take time away from their regular lives in order to devote time to their own spiritual growth. Jesus modelled this by spending time on His own in the wilderness, and also withdrawing from the busyness and demands of the crowds to spend time in prayer.

During retreat we make time for prayer and reflection. There will be times when we gather for prayer in the morning and in the evening. We will eat meals together, and we will gather for times of reflection and teaching on the spiritual life.

There will also be time for you to pray and reflect on your own. This Retreat is held in a beautiful place and there will be time to sit by a fire, or walk in creation. June 24th 10AM to June 26th at 3pm.

<http://www.kingsfoldretreat.com/>

Cost for a shared accommodation is \$310 per person. Spots are limited as we have a lot of interest this year. More information to follow.

Please contact the Church office if you would like to attend Rev. Chris's 2022 Retreat.



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



Our deepest sympathy to Elaine King and family on the death of Elaine's husband, Gary.

Our deepest sympathy to Esther and Ross Smith on the death of Esther's Sister-in-Law, Leila Hill.

Our deepest sympathy to the Haverstock family on the death of Hope.

PARISH COUNCIL "SNIPPETS"

1. Discussion regarding Sunday School.
2. VBS 2022 will take place at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in partnership with St. Leonard's Church from July 4th to July 8th (9 am to Noon).
3. Seminary Student, Daniel Joseph, who attends Wycliffe College (U of Toronto), will be with us from June 16th to August 21st officially. He will be learning about being a priest.
4. Discussion about small groups starting back in person in the Fall of 2022.
5. Loan of the Pews stored in the North Hall to Sunnybrook Farm Museum.



THE PRAYER TEAM

The Prayer Team are continuing to meet on Wednesdays, via Zoom, to pray.

Rev. Chris, Grace, Elsie, Joan, Susan, Laura May, Gail.

CHRISTENING GOWN

I made my grandchildren this christening gown and coat some 29 years ago. The last to wear it was my youngest grandson at 3 months old. I don't want to part with it for sentimental reasons. However, as it just sits on a closet shelf, I would be more than willing, would be absolutely delighted, to lend it to someone who would like to use it for a baby's baptism.



Please call Susan if you are interested.

A.C.W. News



All women who attend St. Leonard's are members of the organization known as Anglican Church Women (ACW). The ACW continues to keep in touch by email. If you would like to be added to the ACW weekly email, please contact Laura May with your email address.

"Between Friends" Ministry: The ACW is interested in starting a "Between Friends" ministry. The idea behind it is sometimes you need a little help with simple tasks. Perhaps you have had surgery and it would be helpful if someone could do some vacuuming for you. Perhaps you need a lightbulb changed and you don't feel steady standing on a chair. Maybe your toilet tank is leaking into the toilet bowl and you could use a new flapper. These are simple, short-term tasks but sometimes it would be nice to have a little help from a friend. At this point we are looking for people who would like to help out from time to time. If you would like to put your name down as a "Friend" then please contact Brenda

Coming soon: June Ladies' Social. In June there will be a get together for the women of the Parish but what that looks like this year is yet undecided. What would YOU like to do? All suggestions welcome.

Upcoming Meetings: Monday May 2nd at 10 am will be our next Zoom Coffee Party. All women of the Parish are invited.

If you would like to attend and are not already on our emailing list, please contact Laura May for a Zoom invitation.

Monday May 9th at 10 am will be our next regular Meeting in the North Hall.

Laura May
ACW President



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



There is a story about a preacher who had very little of this world's goods. Illness came to his home and he was left sorely in debt. Then a destitute family knocked upon his door. He cared for them and prepared to send them on their way with the last money that he had in his pocket.

As the family was leaving the poor preacher said, " I thank God that you came to me so that I might be of some small help. Thank you so much for coming."

In those words the preacher turned the usual attitude which people have about helping others upside down. When people give you the privilege of helping them, they are giving you the privilege of becoming like God and indeed you owe thanks to God for the opportunity.

The opportunity to help others is a gift God gives to us. One person who comes to my mind as being the most gifted in this way is my Mother. Now I do not want to sound overly sentimental, but the greatest calling which a person can have is not to be a president or a rock star or a TV evangelist; it is the call to be a mother.

The contribution which mothers make cannot be adequately valued. As Anne Taylor wrote:

*"Who ran to help me when I fell,
And would some pretty story tell,
Or kiss the place to make it well.
My Mother."*

How can we put a dollar figure on what our mothers do and have done for us? We can't. All the more reason then that we should fulfill Proverbs 31: 28, "Her children show their appreciation, and her husband praises her."

Even though we mark one special day each year on which to show our appreciation to our mothers, you and I know that to send flowers on Mother's Day and then, during the rest of the year, to neglect the one who nurtured us, is not really doing what Proverbs says. Every day should be a day on which to say thank you to our Mother for all that she is to us.

Cont'd....

Like the young lad who found a lovely crystal earring box at a garage sale. He knew that his Mother would appreciate it. However he was faced with a dilemma: his funds were limited and there were other items which he wanted for himself. Finally he made his decision. His Mother became proud owner of a new earring box.

On Mother's Day we have the opportunity to say thank you for all that our Mother means to us, whether she is here with us or gone to be with the Lord. And Mothers, when you are deluged with the well deserved tokens of affection, remember that your privilege of helping others is a gift to you from God.

Therefore, let us all give thanks to God on Mother's Day.

(Thank you to Jim Young for this "blast from the past" - he found it in one of Barb's files.)

(Thank you also to Bishop Derek for his meaningful words.)

And above all,

Thank you to all those who "Mother"!!

Happy Mother's Day



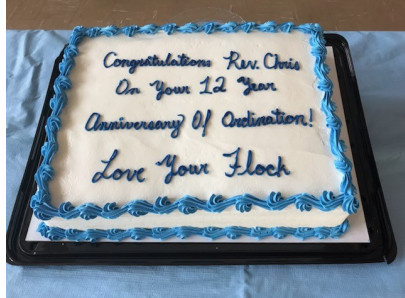
SMALL CHURCH COMMUNITIES

We will be continuing with Small Church Communities. In these Groups we read and discuss the upcoming Sunday Scripture. There are currently Groups running Monday morning and Thursday evening. More Groups will be started if numbers require. Please contact Rev. Barb at bjseec@hotmail.com if you are interested.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

**HAPPY 12TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION
APRIL 25TH, 2022**

Much love from your Church Family, Chris.



**Barb Young Kitchen
Dedication April 3rd, 2022**



The women of St. Leonard's wanted to recognize the contributions of Barb Young over the years in a physical, tangible way and it was suggested that her name somehow be put on the kitchen. In a way it seems too bad to limit Barb to the kitchen because she was all over the place – in the kitchen for certain but also at the garage sales, in the gardens, in the choir, etc. In fact, her fingerprints can be found throughout St. Leonard's.

-Laura May



**HAPPY 6TH ANNIVERSARY
OF ORDINATION
REV. BARB BORLE ON
MAY 8TH**

Much love from your Church Family, Barb.



Two Horses Lesson's In Life #183

Just up the road from my home is a field, with two horses in it. From a distance, each horse looks like any other horse.

But if you get a closer look you will notice something quite interesting...

One of the horses is blind.

His owner has chosen not to have him put down, but has made him a safe and comfortable barn to live in.

This alone is pretty amazing.

But if you stand nearby and listen, you will hear the sound of a bell. It is coming from a smaller horse in the field.

Attached to the horse's halter is a small, copper-colored bell. It lets the blind friend know where the other horse is, so he can follow.

As you stand and watch these two friends you'll see that the horse with the bell is always checking on the blind horse, and that the blind horse will listen for the bell and then slowly walk to where the other horse is, trusting he will not be led astray.

When the horse with the bell returns to the shelter of the barn each evening, he will stop occasionally to look back, making sure that the blind friend isn't too far behind to hear the bell.

Like the owners of these two horses, God does not throw us away just because we are not perfect. Or because we have problems or challenges.

He watches over us and even brings others into our lives to help us when we are in need.

Sometimes we are the blind horse, being guided by the little ringing bell of those who God places in our lives.

And at other times we are the guide horse, helping others to find their way.

(Author Unknown)



SPRING IS A GIFT

Spring paints the earth with colours fair,
Unlocking doors with gentle care
And taming harsh and bitter cold
Into a web of brilliant gold.

Spring holds life's seeds within her hand,
Then sprinkles them across the land
To magnify the barren earth
With gifts that speak of her rebirth.

Spring weaves her quiet, regal grace
To praise the beauty of God's face.
From land to sea, to sky above,
Spring brings us visions of God's love.



The Grammas are Back!

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MAC & CHEESE FOR A CAUSE

\$18.00 for a Delicious Lunch

Call Jan at 403 348-1239 to reserve take-out orders

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 1, 2022

Gaetz Memorial United Church
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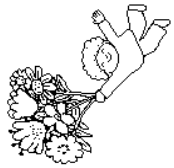
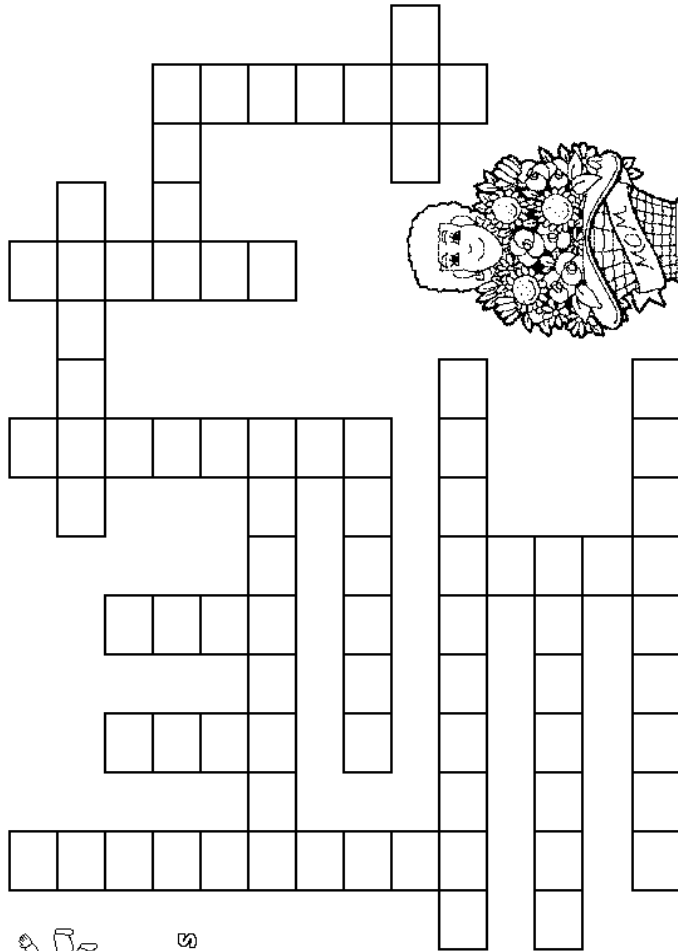
**Gramma-made: Mac & Cheese
Buns, Coleslaw
Goodies
Coffee or Tea sit down only**

Photo by Maurice Henri

Cash , Cheque , Visa , Mastercard accepted at the door

All proceeds donated to the Stephen Lewis Foundation
to support African Grandmothers raising grandchildren orphaned by HIV/AIDS.

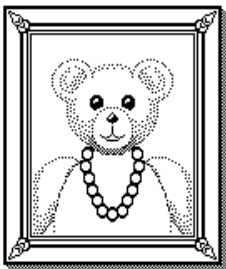
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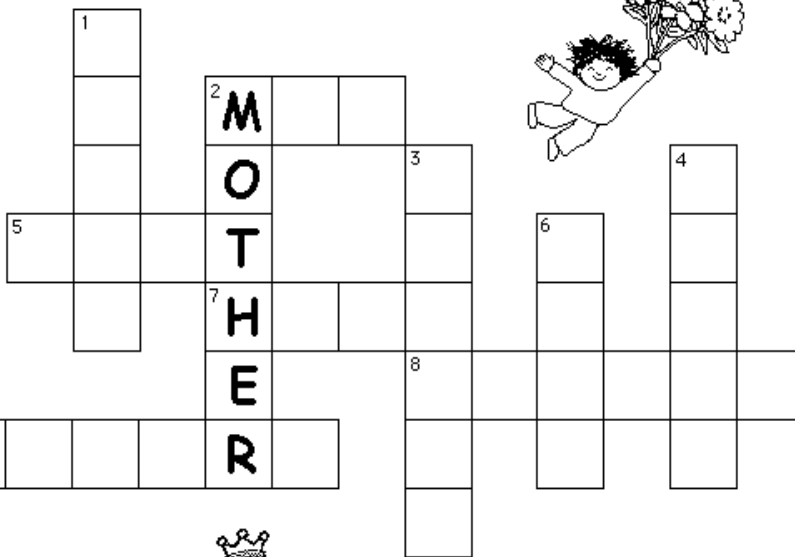
Happy's
Mother's
Day!!

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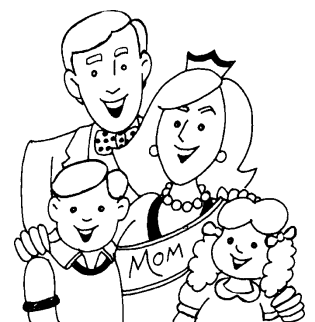
Mother's Day Crossword



Mother



Kids Korner



Across

2. A short name for Mother
5. A present
7. How about some _____ and kisses
8. The season is _____
9. She might plant these in her garden

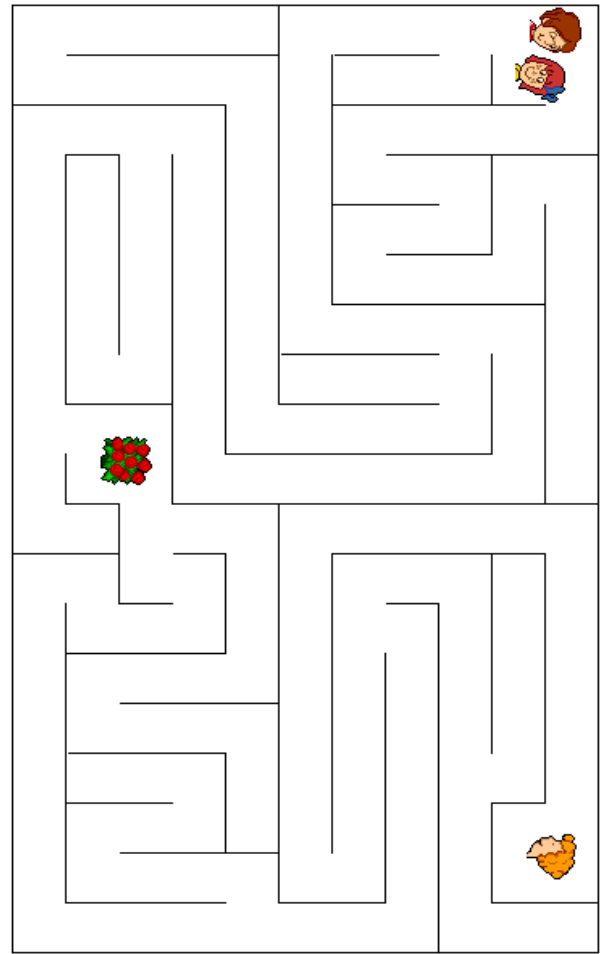


Down

1. We might go _____ Grandma
3. How about some hugs and _____
4. We say _____ you for the gifts
6. Put in an envelope to send to Mom

Help the children find the roses and bring them to Mom

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Will be held at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church from July 4th to July 8th. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Krista (Church Office) at stleonardsanglicanchurch@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer for VBS 2022. More information to come.

