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HIGHLIGHTS

National Senior's Day—Thursday, October 1st, 2026

ACW Meeting —Monday, October 12th @ 10 am

Men's Breakfast: Saturday, October 17th @ 8:30 am

Parish Council Meeting—Tuesday, October 20th @ 6:30 pm

Gramma Link (Chili for a Cause)—Wednesday, October 21st at 11:30 am at Gaetz United Church

Men's Cursillo—October 29th to November 1st
Ladies Cursillo—November 5th to 8th

Winter Wonderland Tea and Bake —Saturday, November 7th from 9 am to Noon.

Variety Show —Saturday, November 28th from 2–4 pm

Usual Sunday Service Times:

10:00 am Eucharist Service (BAS)

9:30 am Wednesday Morning

Midweek Service for All Saints (with Incense)

7:00-7:30 pm Sunday Compline

Evening Prayer will start on October 4th, 2026.

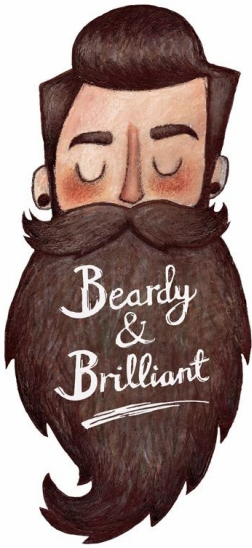
Disciple Night 7:30 pm will start on Sunday, October 4th, 2026.



October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Choir 10 am Aspen Ridge Services 1:30 pm National Seniors Day	2 6:30 pm Sing and Share in Sanctuary with Nadine	3
4 10:00 am Eucharist Service 7:00-7:30 pm Sunday Compline Evening Prayer 7:30 pm Disciple Night Last Sunday of Season of Creation	5	6	7 9:30 am Wednesday Morning Midweek Service for All Saints (with Incense) 1 pm Craft Group	8 Choir 10 am Aspen Ridge Services 1:30 pm	9	10
11  10:00 am Thanksgiving Eucharist Service	12  ACW meeting 10 am Office Closed Happy Thanksgiving Day	13	14 9:30 am Wednesday Morning Midweek Service for All Saints (with Incense) 1 pm Craft Group	15 Choir 10 am Aspen Ridge Services 1:30 pm	16	17  Men's Breakfast 8:30 am
18 10:00 am Eucharist Service 2 pm St. Paul's Anglican Church (Hillsdown) Harvest Thanksgiving Service 7:00-7:30 pm Sunday Compline Evening Prayer 7:30 pm Disciple Night	19	20 Inglewood Service at 3:15 pm 6:30 pm Parish Council meets	21 9:30 am Wednesday Morning Midweek Service for All Saints (with Incense) 1 pm Craft Group	22 Choir 10 am Aspen Ridge Services 1:30 pm	23 80th Synod in Okotoks	24 80th Synod in Okotoks Rental— Sorority Tea 2-4 pm
25 10:00 am Eucharist Service 7:00-7:30 pm Sunday Compline Evening Prayer 7:30 pm Disciple Night	26 Link Articles Due	27 10 am Acorn Meeting in person at St. Leonard's 7pm Acorn Meeting by Zoom Rev. Chris is away from the Office for a Prayer Day	28 9:30 am Wednesday Morning Midweek Service for All Saints (with Incense) 1 pm Craft Group	29 Choir 10 am Aspen Ridge Services 1:30 pm	30	31

BEHIND THE BEARD



Hello brothers and sisters in Christ,
Over the past year, Parish Council has been studying a book called Simple Church by Thom S. Rainer and Eric Geiger. The book encourages churches to have a clear and simple mission- one that everyone can remember, one that guides our decisions, and one that helps us stay focused on what truly matters. When a church knows its mission, it can reduce unnecessary complexity, and give its energy to the things that actually form disciples of Jesus.

After prayer, discussion, and reflection, Parish Council has arrived at our mission statement:

"Reveal Jesus, Encounter Christ, Live His Word"

Here is what we mean by each part:

Reveal Jesus- this answers the question, "Who is Jesus?" This can be symbolized by the head: learning, understanding, seeing Jesus clearly. Who is Jesus and what is the life he invites us into? This is about learning the story of Jesus and the kingdom that he brings to us. It's about the head and the imagination being awakened to Jesus and his

teachings.

We reveal Jesus when we study Scripture, listen to preaching and teaching, and learn about our faith. Jesus is also revealed through the lives of the saints who show us what Christlikeness looks like in real people. Their lives give us a vision of the transformed life that Jesus invites us into a life of holiness, courage, mercy, and joy. This is about catching the vision of a Lord who loves us more than we can imagine and the transformed life He wants for us. This is the vision that captures our imagination and our desire.

Encounter Christ- This answers the question, "How do I experience Christ in my life?" This can be symbolized by the heart: formation through experiencing his presence and his power. This is about meeting Jesus personally and communally through the practices that open us to his grace. This is about spiritual formation and the holy habits that lead to this.

The word "Christ" is the Greek translation of the Hebrew "Messiah". To encounter Jesus as Christ means to encounter him as the Lord of my life. This means committing to his teachings. This means saying "yes" to the spiritual formation he invites us into. We encounter Christ through the spiritual disciplines, such as prayer, worship, silence, solitude, confession, scripture meditation, and Christian friendship. These practices open us to his grace and shape Christ-like character within us. We are transformed by encountering Christ in this way.

Live His Word- This answers the question, "How do I live as an apprentice of Jesus Christ in Red Deer?" This is symbolized by the hands: This step is about embodying the teachings of Jesus in daily life. This is the mission step.

Living His word means being a Christian for others. At the end of the service, we hear the words: "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord." How do those around us benefit because we follow Jesus? How does Christ bless others through us? Part of our spiritual formation is learning about our spiritual gifts, which are used to build up the body of Christ and to serve the world. We live His Word through acts of service, pastoral care, mercy, justice, and witness. We live His Word when we serve our church community- greeting at the door, preparing coffee, setting the altar, cleaning the building, caring for one another, and supporting outreach ministries. The blessing that Abraham receives in Genesis 12 says, "In you all the families of the earth shall be blessed". We inherit that blessing through our spiritual father, Abraham. That blessing comes to its climax in Jesus Christ, and we are the body of Christ, filled with the Holy Spirit to carry his blessing in the world.

Our hope is that every member of St. Leonard's will be able to remember this mission and see how their life fits into it. This mission statement is a pathway. It moves from learning about Jesus, to living under his direction, to committing to carry his blessing into the world. It's a pathway that gives our church clarity, unity, and purpose as we seek to follow Jesus together.
Reveal Jesus. Encounter Christ. Live His Word.

Peace,
Rev. Chris Roth

This will be a new Column by our Rev. Chris Roth

"The Liturgy at Home"

I've recently come across two very interesting books. One is called "Dining with the Saints: The Sinner's Guide to a Righteous Feast" by Father Leo Patalinghugh and Michael Foley.

The other is "A Continual Feast: A Cookbook to Celebrate the Joys of Family and Faith Throughout the Christian Year" by Evelyn Birge Vitz. There are a number of resources out there like this that help us to re-enter the daily pattern of the church year.

All Saints' Day is celebrated on November 1st, but we are probably more familiar with the eve of All Saints' Day, known as Halloween or All Hallows' Eve. Since the fifth century, Christians have honoured the memory of many unknown saints: people who have died or lived for Christ but whose names have disappeared into the mists of time and who therefore cannot be honoured as individuals. I think it's worth recovering this original feast. While it is often a creepy and dark time in our society, this is actually a time to remember God's saints who have overcome the darkness. One source says that on All Hallows' Eve, soul cakes were made and offered to the poor in memory of the faithful departed. The intention was to ensure that the poor were fed, and in exchange the recipient would pray for them and their dead loved ones. Eventually, the practice turned into trick-or-treating.

"A core component of All Saints' Day is the 'communion of saints.' This doctrine underscores the unity of all believers, living and deceased, in the body of Christ. It reminds us that our connection with fellow Christians doesn't end with death; it continues in God's holy presence. In Hebrews 11 and 12, St. Paul introduces us to this communion of saints when he reminds us of those who went before us and who faithfully followed God. He encourages us that since we are surrounded by such a "great cloud of witnesses," we should throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles us, and that we should run with perseverance the race marked out for us. We believe that the communion of saints is the spiritual union of all of the members of the Church, both the living, the Church Militant, and those who have died in the faith of Christ, the Church Triumphant." (from The Liturgical Home by Ashley Tumlin Wallace).

Ashley Wallace suggests a few ways we may want to acknowledge this special day:

-Go and visit the grave of a loved one. All around the world, Christians visit the graves of loved ones on All Saints' Day. They bring flowers, clean up the spaces, and spend time reminiscing about and offering thanks to God for the loved ones. If you are unable to visit the grave of a loved one, light a candle in their honor. Have everyone share what they loved about them and offer up a prayer of thanksgiving for them.

-Christians worldwide have a special bread or sweets that they make for All Saints' Day. In Portugal, they make Pão-por-Deus (Bread for God), in Mexico, they make Pan de Muerto (Bread of the Dead), and in France, they call it Pain des Morts (Bread of the Dead). This bread is often shaped like a coffin or a cross. In Spain, they make a sweet called Huesos de Santo (Saint's Bones). In Austria, they make Allerheiligenstriezel, a sweet braided bread that is often enjoyed with a cup of coffee or tea.



PARISH COUNCIL "SNIPPETS"



1. Apportionment Update
Chris reported that our motion was sent for consideration at Synod, but likely will be rerouted to the Diocesan Council following Synod. This Meeting will likely take place in early December. Cheryl shared the experience of St. Paul's apportionment challenges. Despite that discouraging result, Council members are pleased that we followed through on our efforts and await the word that may come from our own inquiry.
2. Mission & Discipleship Team Initiatives (formerly Stewardship) Name change is meant to help us stop tripping over the word "Stewardship".
3. Synod – October 23rd and October 24th
Chris, Carol and Brent are our representatives.
4. Entrance Doors quote. The reasoning behind replacement: Doors were damaged in multiple break-in attempts. Security is compromised.
5. Sound System Upgrade Quote
Agreement by all members that this needs attention. Was strongly suggested that we get a general assessment on the whole system. Ask Pearl and her team to compile a comprehensive list of issues encountered.
6. Upcoming Events and Key Dates—A Funeral Planning Workshop is in early stages.
7. Church Picnic Feedback. Wholeheartedly positive! 64 people attended. Cool weather didn't dampen enjoyment. Many thanks to our fabulous picnic volunteers. Was informed that our Picnic Team is officially retiring and are looking forward to passing the torch onto the next group of volunteers. Team members wondered if perhaps this might be a good time to transition the Picnic back to St. Leonard's.
8. Parish Council Social Sunday Soup and a bun went very well.

THE CLEANING CREW

The Cleaning Crew is **urgently** looking for a few people to help out specifically with cleaning the bathrooms at St. Leonard's. You can choose what day and time works best for you.

Please contact Mary McCambley 403-347-5894 if you are interested.

NATIVITY PROJECT

We plan to present our Nativity Project again beginning December 1st. This will be our fourth year.

We will again ask the Congregation to lend us their Nativity Scenes that they are comfortable putting on public display. They may be brought to the Church in mid November.

Please label your container and pieces well. Last year was a huge success and we had over 100 scenes to display.

There will be more information in the November Link regarding visiting days and times.

Thank you,
Val Duce



Men's Breakfast Group



Our October Men's Breakfast Meeting will be held on Saturday, October 17th at 8:30 am in the North Hall.

We ask the men in our Parish to mark this date in your calendars, especially those of you who haven't attended our gatherings regularly. You not only get to enjoy a great breakfast but you get to know other men in our Parish better and have an opportunity to provide your input into current challenges and initiatives within our Parish.

We had a few items that we talked about at the September Meeting. First was to get a think tank together to get ideas for what repairs we should be planning for over the next 1, 5, & 10 years in the Church, eg. furnace, water heater, upgrades to existing systems in the building.

The second item was the upcoming Men's Group Supper at Ronald McDonald House on Thursday November 5th.

Randy

ACORN GROUP

What is ACORN?



ACORN is a Diocesan prayer initiative started last spring. It originates with Michael Harvey in the UK (also the originator of "Back to Church Sunday").

Each morning we pray, "Lord, today is there someone you want me to connect with outside the church." That's it: fourteen words. Then we pay attention to what happens...

Sometimes nothing happens. That's ok. A spiritual discipline is still being created. Sometimes the most amazing things happen and we share those faith stories in an ACORN group.

We started ACORN groups in the fall of 2025. We took a break over the summer. ACORN groups will begin again on the last Tuesday of the month: one in-person at St. Leonard's at 10am; the other on Zoom at 7pm. The next ACORN meetings will be on Tues., Sept. 29th. Please feel free to join. No experience necessary. This fall, the in-person group will be facilitated by Marg Marrett-Julian and the Zoom group by Rev. Fergus.

What does the acronym stand for:

Ask: "Lord, today is there someone you want me to connect with outside the church."

Call: pay attention throughout the day. Who are you being called to speak to?

Obey: ask a simple question, "How are you?" or "How are you, really?"

Report: share your faith stories in a small group.

Notice: the group's job is to notice and encourage.

Small acorns grow into mighty oaks.

Blessings,
Rev. Grace+



Lessons in Life #223

Some things to remember at Thanksgiving:

A great deal has been written about the virtue of forgetting old grudges, prejudices, unpleasant experiences, and heart-aches. We also need to be reminded of some of the blessings of remembering. Remembering can be a good spiritual exercise. At Thanksgiving we need to:

- Remember our sins that we might confess to God.
- Remember our weaknesses that we may receive strength
- Remember our humanity that we might stop trying to be God.
- Remember God's mercies that we might be merciful to others.
- Remember our joys that we might be humble.
- Remember God's greatness that we might be humble.
- Remember our poverty that we might share our prosperity.
- Remember God's forgiveness that we might forgive others.
- Remember our needs that we might serve the needs of others.
- Remember Jesus Christ that we might grow to be more like Him.



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 are people who will help you learn the prep and clean up process should you decide to sign up.

The Sign-Up Book is by the coffee cups in the North Hall and it is also stored by the microwave in the Kitchen.

Donations of cookies would be greatly





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.

Margaret Day and Linda Glenfield

To all those who have helped cut the Church grass over the Summer months.

They each took turns a month at a time.



St. Leonard's Prayer Chain **"Sharing Prayers—Can We Help?"**

Many people find it helpful to have someone pray with them when they are going through troubling times.

On the 4th Sunday of every month (after you take Communion) there are a group of Parishioners who are ready and willing to pray with you. This would be "one on one" and will be held in either the Prayer Room or the Lounge. Everything is held in confidence!

"Share each other's burdens...."
(Galatians 6:2)

Blessings,
The Prayer Chain Ministry



THE CHURCH DIRECTORY

The Church Directory is complete! Thank you for your involvement, filling out forms, submitting personal photos and allowing me to take portraits as well. And for your patience!

There is no charge this year for the Directory, but feel free to put in another \$10 in your Sunday Offering to support the Church and it's mission.

It has been a real joy working on this project, especially while taking your photos and visiting those that could not travel.

I also want to thank Laura May Doran and Jim Saltvold for their valuable input while putting the form together.

Respectfully Submitted by Pearl Franz

A.C.W. News



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

Our ACW September 14th Meeting was the first one after a great summer.

We are busy planning our November 7th Winter Wonderland Tea and Bake Sale (we will include a Craft Table as well this year) plus our famous "Fashion Follies" Fashion Show.

We are also planning for the catering of the Sorority Tea on October 24th.

Our next Meeting will be held in the North Hall on Monday, October 12th. It is Thanksgiving Day but it was decided to continue to meet on that day many years ago.

All Parish Ladies are most welcome.

Brenda Clark



SENIORS ARE VALUABLE



We have silver in our hair.
We have gold in our teeth.
We have stones in our kidneys.
We have lead in our feet.
And we are loaded with natural gas.

-Anonymous-



SHARING SHELVES

The Sharing Shelves Outreach Ministry has been running for over 16 years.

Please check the dates on the food items before you donate to the Sharing Shelves. A lengthy best before date would be appreciated.

Here is a list of much needed items: canned fruit, plain pasta (spaghetti, penne, etc..) pasta sauce, coffee, plain granola bars, peanut butter, fruit cups, paper towel, toilet paper and cleaning products.

We appreciate all your help. Brent and Carol McAllister continue to sort and keep the shelves organized.

Please contact Marg at 403-373-1648, or Krista at the Church Office, if you are able to help. God Bless, and thank you for your kindness and generosity.

Krista Kusmire and Marg Marrett

*Sometimes when we are waiting for God to speak.
He's waiting for us to listen.*

The Mustard Seed

The Mustard Seed is in need of these donations:

Water Bottles; Bottled Water; Backpacks; Sleeping Bags; Men & Women's Underwear; Warm Socks; Blankets; Winter Coats; Gloves.

Hygiene Items: Travel size Shampoo & Conditioner; Deodorant; Body Soap; Toothpaste; Toothbrush; Feminine Hygiene Products; Individual packs of Tissues; Throat Lozenges

The School Lunch program needs:

Deli meat, canned foods, carrots, celery, cucumbers, oranges, apples, granola bars and other wrapped snacks.

There are many opportunities for volunteering, from baking cookies to washing dishes to serving coffee. Please connect with me on a Sunday if you would like to explore where you could help out, even for just 1 hour a week or month.

Thank you for your prayers, donations and your time to help our most vulnerable citizens.

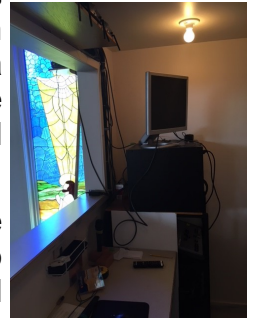
Pearl Franz



Audio/Visual Booth Volunteers URGENTLY 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.



Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Through this project, Samaritan's Purse partners with the local church worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nations.

Boxes can be picked up in the North Hall of the Church. All boxes must be back at St. Leonard's before Thursday, November 12th. Blessing of the Shoeboxes will take place on Sunday, November 15th and from there they will be delivered to Crossroads Church.

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



ALTAR FLOWERS CALENDAR FOR 2026

There are still a few Sundays available if anyone wishes to provide flowers for the Altar.

Available dates are:
October 18th; November 22nd.

Please see Hilary Boyd for more information.



CURSILLO EVENTS

Men's Cursillo Weekend 2026

The Men's weekend is set for Thursday, October 29th until Sunday, November 1st. This takes place at the Entheos Retreat & Conference Centre

Women's Cursillo Weekend 2026

The Women's weekend runs from Thursday, November 5th until Sunday, November 8th. This takes place at the Entheos Retreat & Conference Centre.

If you are interested in joining the Men's or Women's Cursillo weekend, please contact Cheryl Shea.



SCENT FREE CHURCH

Our Church is Attempting to be a Scent Free Space and we continue to try to honor 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.

At the same time, please be conscious about shampoo and conditioners, hairsprays, deodorants, colognes and aftershaves fragrances and perfumes, lotions and creams, potpourri, industrial and household chemicals, soaps cosmetics, air fresheners and deodorizers essential oils, candles, diapers, some types of garbage bags, laundry fragrance enhancers and dryer sheets.

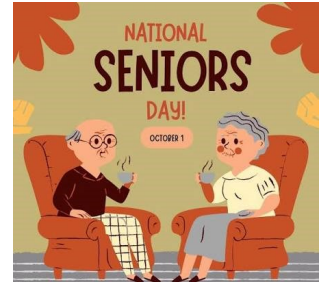
It is important to remember some products which claim to be scent free may have only masked the scent by use of an additional chemical. Be sure to research the product carefully if using scented products around those who are sensitive.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

St. Leonard's Parish Council

National Seniors Day is October 1st

This is an occasion for all Canadians to join in celebrating older adults across Canada—whether a parent, a co-worker, a neighbor or a friend. The Government of Canada is proud to acknowledge the contributions that older adults in Canada have made and continue to make to our families, communities and society. This year is especially significant as we celebrate the 15th anniversary of National Seniors Day. It also coincidentally marks the 60th anniversary of the Canada Pension Plan (CPP), a cornerstone of Canada's retirement income system that has helped provide financial security to Canadians for six decades.



Prayer Ministry at St. Leonard's

The Prayer Chain is looking for people who feel called to pray for those in need. They can pray at home at a time of their choosing. If you are interested, or for more information, please contact Susan Robertson (susn381@gmail.com) or Laura May Doran (ddoran@shaw.ca).

Those requesting prayer for themselves, or for another, may contact the Church Office at 403-346-6769 or at stleonardsanglicanchurch@gmail.com or you can fill out a Prayer Request Slip and place it in the Prayer Box at the back of the Church or on the Offertory Plate.



"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.

ALONGSIDE HOPE



Christmas Cards can be ordered at the November 7th ACW Winter Wonderland Tea. Below are this year's card designs. Christmas Card packages are \$25 each.

A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices
Alongside Hope's 2026 Christmas cards evoke the miracle of Jesus' birth under a dark night sky. Just as the weary world rejoiced 2,000 years ago, we too feel the thrill of hope as we celebrate Christmas. Choose from two watercolour illustrations: In "O Night Divine," a caribou admires the Northern Lights shimmering over a cozy log cabin; in "Our Dear Saviour's Birth," Joseph and Mary admire the infant King.

Your donation toward Alongside Hope Christmas cards supports our partners, and also tells people about our good work. Through your prayers, actions and gifts, Alongside Hope has been able to support partners in Canada and around the world for 67 years, making a world of difference.



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).



Pastoral Care



It is so important for families to pull together and support each other. It is the same with our

St. Leonard's Church family and this became more apparent during the COVID Pandemic.

St. Leonard's has a number of ways of reaching out to each other. Please contact the Office at 403-346- 6769 if you are in need of help or if you are aware of any parishioner needing assistance of some kind.

If you are on St. Leonard's Parish List then your name will be connected to someone on Parish Council. This is the Official Parish List not the ACW List or the Men's Breakfast List but the actual Parish List – if you would like to be on this List please contact the Office.

We have a number of other ways of caring for each other:

We have someone who does hospital visiting. If you or a loved one is hospitalized and would like a pastoral visit, please contact the Office (403-346-6769) or Krista's cell phone number 403-598-7776. That is the only way we can know of this need.

ACW Card Ministry: If you know of someone who could use a little boost of caring please contact the Office and this Ministry will send out an appropriate card (Thinking of you. Glad you're feeling better, or a sympathy card).

Pastoral Care Team: Along with all of these other caring groups, St. Leonard's does have a Pastoral Care Team. This Group will do home visits to parishioners who, for various reasons, need to be personally contacted. If you are aware of someone needing a bit of extra care, please contact the Office.

Krista will direct the information to the right person (it might even be Chris (and/or Barb) as they are very much part of this Team). And again for various reasons it is not always feasible to actually visit some parishioners so they are sent —"Thinking of you" type cards throughout the year.

Thank you for being part of our caring Church family.

Marg Marrett 403-346-9215
and Margaret Roome 403-347-5500



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

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Happy 2nd Birthday to Krista and Darren's Granddaughter, Eveolet on August 28th.



Happy 91st Birthday to Margaret Day on September 14th.



Nelson Clarke shared 2 celebration cakes for the Parish.



The Kiwanis celebrated their 75th Anniversary on September 19th.

Jim Young was recognized for his 41 years of service.



A Note to Marg Marrett from the Papraji's
Dear Marg,

It is so lovely to hear from you. Thank you for always checking in on us and keeping our family in your prayers.

By God's grace, we are settling into our new home and gradually getting accustomed to life in Oshawa. Blessing has started her studies at Ontario Tech and is doing well.

I'm also grateful to share that the job search is beginning to bear fruit. I have secured an opportunity here in Oshawa and will be starting soon, while continuing to work toward the longer-term career opportunities we have been praying for.

Nathaniel is doing very well and has adjusted remarkably well to the move. He keeps us busy and continues to bring so much joy to our home.

We are still exploring churches and praying for God to lead us to the right church family where we can worship, grow, and serve. We certainly miss St. Leonard's and all the familiar faces there.

Thank you again, Marg, for continuing to remember us. Please give our love to everyone at St. Leonard's. We miss you all and will continue to keep in touch.

Much love and blessings,

Godson, Blessing, and Nathaniel



Thanksgiving Service at
St. Paul's, Hillsdown
on October 18th, 2026 at
2:00 pm.

Hospital Stay??? Housebound by Illness???

In order to keep Rev. Chris and our Pastoral Care Visitors in the loop, please advise Krista (Church Administrator 403-346-6769) if this applies to you or a family member.



(FYI—Religious affiliations are no longer asked for at the Hospital Admission. You must also advise them if you wish a visit from Pastoral Care).



Alberta Time Change

Alberta has adopted permanent Alberta Time (previously called Mountain Daylight Time or MDT in Alberta) to eliminate the previous practice of semi-annual clock changes. Its official abbreviation is "ABT."

Previously, Albertans would advance their clocks during the spring to observe Daylight Saving Time. In the fall, clocks would be reset to Mountain Standard Time. Beginning in November 2026, clocks will no longer reset to Mountain Standard Time, and Alberta will remain on Alberta Time year-round.

Benefits of changing to Alberta Time

Permanently adopting Alberta Time will:

- reduce frustrations and disruptions associated with the previous practice of semi-annual clock changes
- improve predictability for families, businesses, schools, and services
- align Alberta with neighbouring jurisdictions that have moved away from seasonal clock changes
- reduce confusion for those who live, work, or do business across borders

Alberta will monitor the transition to permanent Alberta Time closely and will gather feedback after the first full year of operating on permanent Mountain Daylight Time to ensure the change is functioning as intended.

COFFEE AND CRAFTS

We meet in the Church Lounge on Wednesdays at 1 pm. You are invited to join us for coffee, tea and company whether or not a craft project arrives with you.



If, on the other hand, you need a spot of help with a craft project we will do our best to find a way to help.

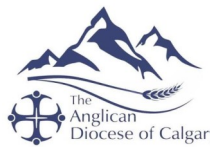
Stephanie Rodger 403-346-2922

Readers and Intercessors



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.

Marney Holmes and Mary McCambley



80th Convention of Synod (Calgary)

Archbishop Greg Kerr-Wilson along with the Diocesan Council have announced that the 80th Convention of Synod has been called for Friday and Saturday, October 23rd and 24th, 2026, to be held at St. Peter Anglican Church, Okotoks.

This year's Synod will be held over two days to allow for time to consider Missional, Financial, and budget issues, and to avoid rushing the consideration of other issues.

Aluminum for the Ronald MacDonald House

Jim Young is asking for bottle tabs, clean pie plates, clean baking dishes and anything that is clean aluminum to be brought in to the North Hall and placed in the bin to take to the Ronald MacDonald House.

For more information please call Jim at 403-347-1721



SING AND SHARE

Nadine Harshenin will be hosting a "Sing and Share" on Friday, October 2nd at 6:30 pm in the Church.

We will be singing some of Brian Doerksen's songs (and also some others). We will also have a time for some poetry-sharing.

Hope to see you all there!



LAST OUT??

If you are the last one out of the Church, it is very important to make sure that all inside doors are closed. This is due to a Fire Safety Policy. Turn off any lights, set the alarm, lock the door and ensure that the door is firmly closed.





COMPLINE EVENING PRAYER

Will resume on Sunday,
October 4th, 2026
at 7-7:30 pm.

DISCIPLE NIGHT

Will resume on
Sunday, October
4th, 2026 at 7:30
pm



Thanksgiving

Dear God,
Thank you for tiny flashes of joy
On the darkest days.
Thank you for loving faces
And encouraging words.
Thank you for surprising me
With answered prayers when I least
expect it.
Thank you for the wonder
and beauty around me.
Thank you for the peace that calms my
soul.
And thank you for hope
When I have none of my own.
Amen



JIGSAW PUZZLE LIBRARY

The Library is in the South Hall,
puzzles are in the brown shelving
unit. Take one and enjoy, return
and take another.



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Each year, September 30th marks the National
Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

The Day honours the children who never returned
home and Survivors of residential schools, as well
as their families and communities. Public
commemoration of the tragic and painful history
and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a
vital component of the reconciliation process.

This Federal Statutory Holiday was created
through legislative amendments made by
Parliament.

Wear orange!!

Both the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
and Orange Shirt Day take place on September
30th.

Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led grassroots
Commemorative Day intended to raise awareness
of the individual, family and community inter-
generational impacts of residential schools, and to
promote the concept of "Every Child
Matters". The orange shirt is a symbol of the
stripping away of culture, freedom and self-
esteem experienced by Indigenous children over
generations.

On September 30th, we encourage all Canadians
to wear orange to honour the thousands of
Survivors of residential schools.



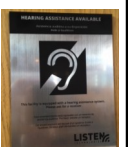
Collection Plate



Please ensure the amount of
your donation is listed clearly on
the front of your Offertory
Envelope. Thank you.

HEARING ASSISTANCE

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



THE BRILLIANCE WILL NOT LINGER

I would keep October brilliance all year long, if I could. It is such a spectacular time.

The leaves, though dying, seem so alive in their reds and oranges and golds.

The air is crisp and invigorating and makes me pause to take deep breaths.

The fields are ripe for the harvest, and all around us we see the bounty of the earth.

How magnificent of God to give us this alive month, right before the fallowness of winter—

This October which energizes not only our bodies, but also our inner selves—

This month which helps us become hearty to face harsher days ahead.

I would keep October brilliance all year long, if I could. But that is not God's way.

God says that after this time of glorious dying, there must come days of quiet waiting and regeneration. And after those days will follow seasons of new birth and growth and strength.

Breathe deeply of October Brilliance for it will not linger. Breathe deeply and give thanks to our God of all the seasons.

-Martha Ward



AND ALL AT ONCE, SUMMER COLLAPSED INTO FALL



COMPLINE PRAYER

This is the description for the book we'll be studying for Disciple Night, called "Anglican Spirituality: An Introduction" by Greg Peters.

"Anglican Spirituality lays out a concise vision for how Anglican Christians can become faithful disciples of Jesus Christ. Emphasizing the importance of the threefold rule of Daily Office, Holy Eucharist, and private devotion, the book shows how Anglican spirituality is rooted in the Book of Common Prayer and the Holy Scriptures.

- In the Daily Office the word of God is read and internalized through the illuminative work of the Holy Spirit as Christ the Teacher enlightens the minds of the ones praying so that the praying of the Scriptures is not for information but formation.

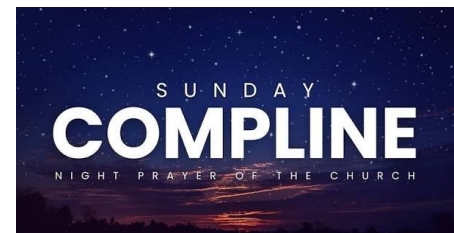
- In the Holy Eucharist the communicant receives the grace necessary to live a spiritual life pleasing to God, allowing God to turn the key to their inner selves, transforming them from the inside out.

- By personal devotion the disciple adopts those spiritual practices that make prayer effective and prepares for receiving the Holy Eucharist.

In this way, disciples habituate themselves to the work of God. Last, this book demonstrates that Anglican spirituality is not an isolated or individualistic endeavor and that the prayer book's vision for spirituality empowers the church's mission."

Compline is one of three main daily services for traditional Anglicans. (The other two being Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer.) Compline is traditionally said in the late evening, usually just before going to bed. Compline has its roots in the 4th century. It has taken many different forms around the world, in different denominations, and at different times. The service we will be praying is found in the Canadian Book of Common Prayer (BCP), starting on page 722.

If you'd like a more detailed guide to praying Compline, I produced a video guide for this, which you can find at the following link.
<https://youtu.be/0yU6NBwxLis?>



KIDZ KORNER



PAINT AND SIP

Hello Anglican Friends,

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church would love to invite any youth (gr 6-12) from your congregations to join our youth for an event on Saturday, October 17th.

Good Shepherd will be doing a paint & sip (youth appropriate beverages, of course) on Saturday, October 17th, from 1-3pm.

They will need youth to sign up for this event so that they can gather the right amount of supplies, so if you could let them know by Thursday, Oct 15th if any of your young people might be interested in joining them, that would be appreciated.

Blessings,
~ Teri

Teri Craven, Parish Administrator (she/her)
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd,
Red Deer, AB
Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 9am-1pm;
Thurs 1-3pm
Phone: 403-340-1022



The Linkers are asking parents to provide their feedback for the Kidz Korner page.

We are wondering if there are specific things you would like to see for this page.

Please reach out by email at
stleonardsanglicanchurch@gmail.com
or by phone 403-346-6769.

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd - Youth Ministry

Paint & Sip

October 17th @ 1pm

Come get your creative juices flowing

and

enjoy some fun (youth appropriate) beverages!!

Your youth will need to sign up for this event so that Good Shepherd can gather the right amount of supplies, so if you could let Good Shepherd know by Thursday, Oct 15th if any of your young people might be interested in joining.

Blessings,
~ Teri Craven
403-340-1022

An Invitation to Cursillo

What is Cursillo?



An opportunity to grow in your faith
and as a Christian leader



Worship & Prayer



Singing & Fellowship



Study & Discussion

When & Where?

- **Men's Weekend – Oct 29-Nov 01**
- **Women's Weekend – Nov 5-8**
(Thurs evening to Sunday afternoon)
- **Entheos Retreat Centre** (outside of Bragg Creek)
- **Cost** is \$320 (shared room) or \$350 (private room) includes room & board
- **www.Cursillo.ab.ca** for more info

Speak to your Cursillo Rep _____ **Cheryl Shea** for more details

CHILI FOR A CAUSE

\$20.00 for Lunch & a Handmade Pottery Bowl
(takeout available at the door)

11:30 a.m. until chili runs out

Wednesday, October 21, 2026
Gaetz United Church 4758 Ross St.



Chili

Limited Vegetarian Chili Available

Homemade Buns

Pumpkin Cupcakes

Coffee or Tea

*Photo by Sky
Studios Africa*

Tickets at the Door (Visa & Mastercard Accepted)

All proceeds donated to the Stephen Lewis Foundation

www.grammalink.ca

The poster features a dark blue background with a subtle vertical striped pattern. In the top left corner, five gold stars of varying sizes are hanging from thin lines. In the top right corner, a red and gold light trail with glowing yellow circles curves downwards. In the bottom left corner, another red and gold light trail with glowing yellow circles curves upwards. In the bottom right corner, a cluster of small gold stars is scattered. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold sans-serif and elegant script fonts.

ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH

VARIETY

Show!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH
2-4 PM IN THE NORTH HALL

Come one, come all!!!

Bring family and friends to a relaxing afternoon of fun and fellowship, showcasing performances galore by our Church family members and friends. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information please contact Marg @
margmarrett4@gmail.com or 403-373-1648
Sign up sheets will be up in the North Hall.



Winter Wonderland

Coffee, Bake Sale, Craft Table plus
"The Fall Follies" Fashion Show

Saturday, November 7th, 2026
from 9 am to noon

St. Leonard's Anglican Church
(4241-44th St)

Admission by donation.
(This includes muffins and a beverage.)

Gluten Free available.

Wheelchair accessible.

