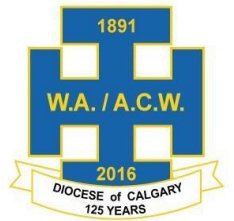


Calgary Diocesan Anglican Church Women February 2024 Newsletter And Annual Conference Registration



The Spirit Calls Us To Bloom



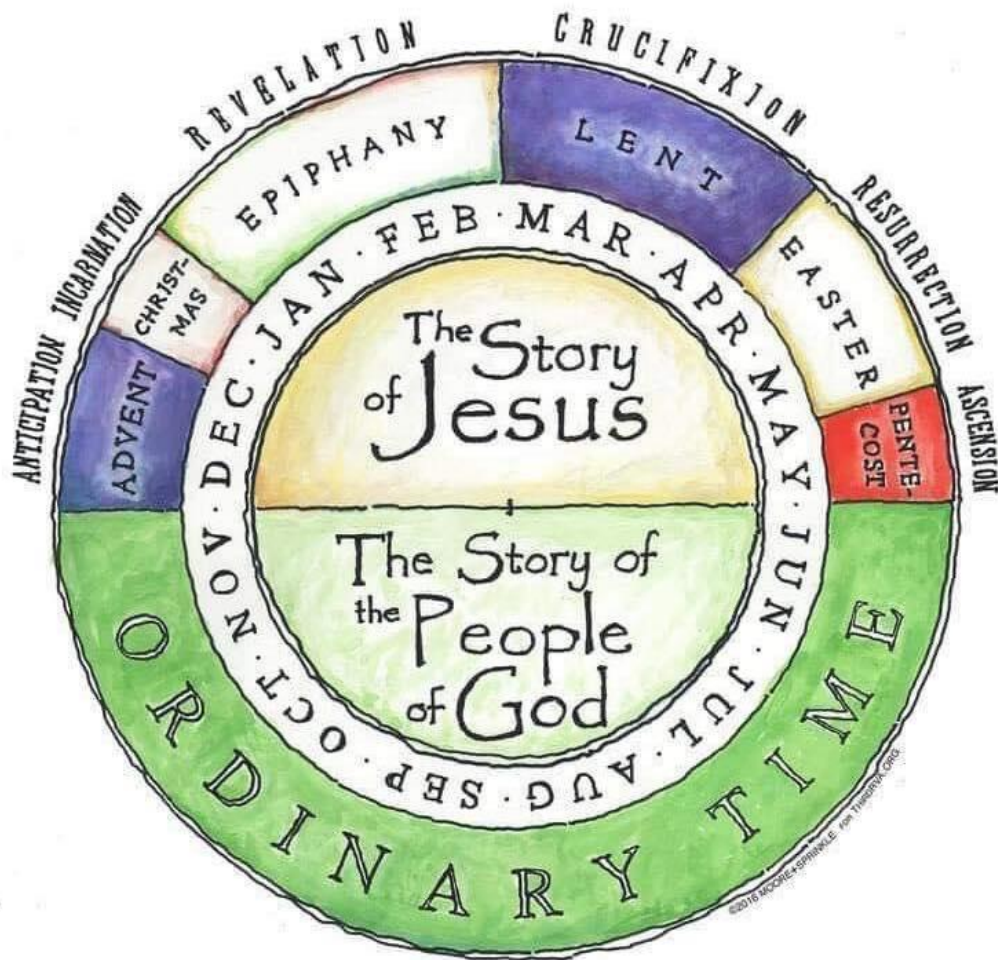
Anglican Church Women Prayer



Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who sent your blessed Son into the world to be the Saviour of all; Grant us a deep sense of gratitude for your grace and mercy towards us. Enable us by your Spirit to reveal your love in prayer and work and stewardship, so that your salvation may become known to all people, and your Name glorified throughout the earth: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

THE STORY OF JESUS



At this point in the story of Jesus we are in the season of Lent - a 40-day season when we revisit the story of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem which ultimately leads to his suffering and death. We Anglicans (and other faiths) observe Lent as a period of prayer, confession, and meditation marking key dates from Ash Wednesday through to the Holy Week of Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. It is a time for looking inward in repentance.

As summarize by Archbishop, The Most Rev Fred Hiltz ...
"It is really a season of the heart. One in which we are called to ponder afresh the heart of God for the world and our heart for living what we pray, "Your kingdom come, your will be done". Lent is a season for the cleansing of the heart, for its refreshment, for resetting its rhythms in accord with the ancient requirement of the Lord that we "do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God" (Micah 6:8).

This is your work and mine in Lent. It is indeed the work of all those baptized in Christ."



President's Message



But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. If we live by the Spirit, let us be guided by the Spirit. "Galatian's 5: 22-23a, 25." This passage was sent to me by our Chaplain, Rev Betty Piwowar, it really sums up our path for the upcoming year. Following our previous couple years of change, we continue with this as we embark on a new year and see how "The Spirit Calls us to Bloom".

We started our year out with a Zoom Book Study, led by our Chaplain, the Rev. Betty Piwowar. She has offered to lead two different times so that more people may be able to join us. Our first session is on Tuesdays at 1:00 pm and the second session is on Wednesdays in the evening at 7:00 pm.

The book club will run for 12 weeks and is a lovely way for us to all join in some extra fellowship with people we may not normally see. The book is called, "An Altar in the World" by Barbara Brown Taylor. (You can see our poster on our Facebook page and in this newsletter)

As the New Year has approached, we are continuing to have our by-monthly Zoom Hymn Sing on Sunday Evenings at 7:00 pm mtn. With the technology of Zoom, it is a great way for us all to get together for a lovely evening of hymns. By being able to do this through zoom we can reach so many more people as all are welcome to join in.

Our Hymn sings run the months of February, April, June, August, October and December is our Service of Lesson and Carols. Our next one will be April 7th, please see the poster on the Facebook page or in this Newsletter for registration details.

Our Annual Spring Renewal Conference will be offered through Zoom on April 19th and 20th. With the weather far too unpredictable at this time of year in Calgary, it is a great option to present it through Zoom. As we continue with our theme of change, the Conference this year is "**The Spirit Calls us to Bloom**" as we get closer to the Conference, perhaps you can think about how the Lord brings you to bloom. Although, the Primate has other obligations at this time, she will not be able to be at the conference, however she will be sending us a video message that I will play on both Friday and Saturday. Our other speakers will be Rev Elizabeth Short on Saturday before lunch and after lunch we will have Rev Joan Schellenberger. I'm sure it will be a wonderful conference and hope to see you all there.

In other business we continue to update our Handbook, Constitution and By Laws, and our Policies and Procedures. When these are completed, they will be posted on our website, sometime in 2025. This will help our new members know what is expected of them. Please stay tuned for our new and upcoming, updated Website to be updated in the next little while.

I want to remind all you ladies that regardless, if you attend ACW meetings or not we are all Anglican Church Women, and you are all welcome to come join in our meetings at our individual churches. If you do not have one at your church or are not sure where to attend and would like to, please contact me and I will see what I can do to find one for you. If there is enough interest, I may start doing zoom meetings with our in-person meetings at Holy Cross Anglican Church Calgary, so let me know if this would be for you.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Boulet,
ACW President

Vice-President's Message



NATIONAL ACW PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE 2023

On October 13 and 14 last year, I was able to attend the National ACW Presidents Conference, by zoom, as our President Lisa was attending the in person Synod for our Diocese. The Conference opened with a church service held at St. Luke's Cathedral, Sault Ste. Marie with the Archbishop Anne Germond giving the sermon. She was very complimentary of the activities of the ACW and her challenge to us was to get more people to church. Her advice to get and keep people in church was to get them to have jobs within the church.

There were then 5 speakers before the Business meeting was held....

1. Dr. Scott Brubacher, the Executive Director of the Anglican Foundation, gave a Power Point presentation explaining the funding changes to their Grant program, asked if we were members of the foundation and if we gave annual donations, talked about the Council of the North Retired Clergy Fund and said that the ACW is a good news story!

For more information go to foundation@anglicanfoundation.org

2. Bishop David Lehman, Chair of the Council of the North, shared stories of the trials of the North. The fires, the heartbreak of evacuation and how the Northern Communities and the churches of Edmonton responded and rallied together to assist those in crisis.

For more information go to <https://www.anglican.ca/cn/>

3. Janice Beihn, Communications and Marketing Coordinator for the PWRDF, gave us information about the workings of the PWRDFs saying there are 76 PWRDF projects in 33 countries in the world. She encouraged us to support the PWRDF in our parishes.

For more information go to <https://pwrdf.org/>

4. Archbishop Anne Germond took us on a tour of her Dioceses and told us of her busy schedule traveling to provide ministry to her people.

5. The Rev. Marian Lucas-Jeffries, coordinator of the Environment Network, Diocese of NS and PEI's topic was a call to action.

What can I do for the Environment?

Do we consider our impact in God's Planet?

How can the ACW make changes in our parishes?

To end our day there was a short message from our Primate talking about being grateful for the love of God, for friendships, and the strength to say no to war.

"Be the people that God asks us to be" and a message from Rev. Catherine Murkin, the ACW Diocesan Chaplain for Algoma reading a beautiful Hymn... "When Long before Time".

Her message was about God's love and that it is never stagnant saying that each season brings us God's love in a different way. She closed with a thanksgiving prayer.

The second day consisted mostly of the Business meeting and to close the Conference, The Rt. Rev, Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop was the guest speaker. He spoke about the Sacred Circle. His theme being Grow, Adapt and Evolve.

We were given 2 questions to think about.....

*How are you pulling your ACW Sisters up?
How are your ACW sisters pulling you up?*

The 2 days closed by the Archbishop blessing us and closing our time together in prayer, leading us as we prayed the Lord's Prayer together.

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Jensen
Vice President
ACW Board Calgary Diocese

From the Chaplain's Desk Greetings:

“The Spirit Calls Us To Bloom”.

I write this while we are still in the season of Epiphany. During it Jesus and the meaning of his ministry are revealed to us. The season was very short this year as Ash Wednesday is February 14. By the time you read this Lent, will have arrived. We will have gone from the star of the Magi to the glow of the transfiguration. On the road the readings will have included “call readings” from both the Hebrew Scriptures and the Gospels. God calls Samuel and Jonah. Jesus calls his disciples. Are we attentive that he might call us? Are we ready with “here am I”.

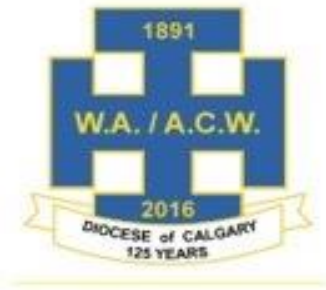
Are we open to hearing God's call and direction in our lives? Even in our latter years God uses us for God's purposes. Or, like Jonah, do we thwart the call?

Like Nathanael under the fig tree, we are known. Our light is needed in this world, as we reflect the light of Christ in our lives.

We are looking forward to our annual conference, taking place on April 19 and 20 via Zoom. The conference theme will be **“The Spirit Calls Us To Bloom”**. The Scripture chosen is Galatian's 5:22-23, the fruits of the Spirit. We will be talking about the Holy Spirit and how it gifts our lives. Without the Spirit our faith will not grow and bloom. With our blooming we are called to our ministries in the church and in the world.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Betty Piwowar,
ACW Chaplain

The Diocese of Calgary ACW Invites you to a Zoom Hymn Sing



Sunday, April 7th at 7:00 pm

Please register at:
dioceseofcalgaryacw@gmail.com
or phone: 403-734-2130



We Do Get Around!



Two of our ACW members were extremely blessed during their 2 ½ month adventure touring around the UK (in a Caravan) to meet up with the Archbishop of Canterbury during *his* many travels. They chose to attend a Remembrance Day Ceremony in the village of Tourquay in Southwest England and to their surprise he was the officiant for the service! Following the service he led the attendees around the quayside and gave 2 wonderful and thought provoking sermons. He graciously greeted the visitors from Canada and commented that he has been to Calgary back in the day when he worked in the Oil & Gas industry. Linda & Laurel are part of the Mission of St Edmunds (previously St Edmund's Anglican Church in Bowness).

ACW DIOCESAN QUILT

Created for our 120th anniversary the ACW Quilt is available for display at your parish for a period of time or for during any special event. Please contact Jennifer to book the quilt for your church 403-948-6463 or email jennjmingram@gmail.com

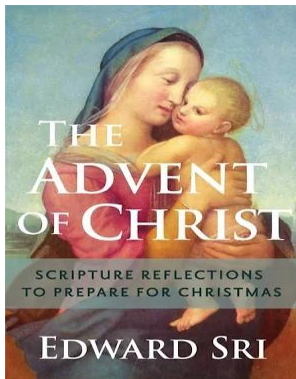


Book Review:



“The Advent of Christ” Scripture Reflections to Prepare For Christmas

By Edward Sri (Vice President of Mission and outreach and professor of theology and Scripture at Augustine Institute in Denver and founding leader with Curtis Martin of FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students))



Although this is an odd time of year to review a book for Advent, I wanted to share it with you in order that you might consider it for next year! We used this book for our Advent readings this year and found it very good. For each day in Advent and for the Christmas season there is a short Scripture reading, a meditation which focuses on the deeper realities of the Christmas story, a question for reflection and a closing prayer.

It is based on Dr. Sri's "Dawn of the Messiah" book. As he points out in his introduction, "perhaps the Christmas story is too familiar ...what if we had never heard the story before!" He invites us to put ourselves in the first-century Jewish world and "discover the spiritual treasures that are packed into practically every line and every detail of the Gospel accounts of Matthew and Luke". The book bridges the gap between unfamiliar ancient Jewish themes and traditions and our contemporary understanding of familiar biblical stories.

Each week opens with a section on "setting the stage". For example, the First Week begins with a comment on the opening passages of the books of Luke and Matthew, (the two Gospels which tell the Christmas story). Luke introduces two minor characters, (like a Shakespearean drama): Zechariah and Elizabeth. There is tension in their relationship, as they are growing older and although very Holy, are childless. (Childlessness was often seen as a punishment in the Jewish world) ...so you are left wondering how this tension will be resolved. Matthew begins his Gospel with the reciting of a long genealogy. Although this may seem dull to us, it was a treasured memory link to all of the Jewish historical signposts of the past. The Jewish listeners of the time would have been caught up in a cherished moment of flashbacks. Matthew uses these beginning passages as the lead up to the climax of Jesus' birth.

The first "day" is, of course, the First Sunday of Advent, and the reading is Luke 1: 13-14. We hear the blessed resolution for Zechariah and Elizabeth, as they will have a child. And not only will they be blessed, but John the Baptist will be one of the greatest Prophets of Israel. The angel shares three amazing things about this child with Zachariah. 1. He will be a Nazirite, (set apart for some special service for the Lord), 2. The child will be filled with the Holy Spirit (he will be a Prophet) and 3. John's Prophetic ministry will prepare the people for the coming of the Lord (and fulfill the Old Testament words in Malachi, which say that a Messiah will come to redeem Israel and that a messenger will be sent to prepare the people for his arrival. He will be like a new Elijah).

And so, just as Elizabeth and Zachariah had been barren, Israel had been barren and waiting for redemption. John will answer the needs of all Jewish people, as “the son sent to prepare the way for the coming of the Lord and the restoration of Israel”.

The first day ends with this question for reflection: “What are some things I can do each day this Advent to prepare spiritually for Christmas? And with this Prayer: *Dear Lord, I pray that I will not take Christ’s birth for granted. In these four weeks of Advent, prepare my heart for your coming this Christmas*”.

This book is short, easy to read and very thought-provoking. It had some really interesting insights and was a great way to focus on Advent. I recommend it to anyone!

Respectfully submitted: Linda Holt

Welcome to the ANGLICAN WOMEN, DIOCESE OF CALGARY Facebook Page.

I am excited to invite you to join our Facebook Page. Please send me any information, pictures, news articles or inspirational memos that you would like to share across Facebook. I am always looking for items of interest to post. Please contact Margaret Newton- margmoore49@gmail.com
You can search in Facebook for Anglican Women, Diocese of Calgary and follow our page -OR-

viewing this newsletter on line click here



and then click to follow our page. By liking our

page it boosts our visibility in Facebook.

PLEASE LIKE US 



“I’m giving up my New Year’s resolutions for lent.”

A BIG THANK YOU!



Going out to **Vera** who took on the responsibility for The Book of Remembrance, years ago and who has now passed the responsibility to myself. This wonderful book, which has been in existence since 1953, has tributes to our deceased members of the WA and the ACW and is on display for all to see at our Annual Conference.

To add someone to the book involves filling in the application form on which you or the ACW member's family pay a very short tribute in the form of an inscription, most have been bible verses that apply to that special lady.

The cost is \$15.00 to be sent to Mary Dymond and the application form is to be sent to me, Valerie Jensen. Both addresses are on the application form. (see next page)

The Book of Remembrance



The Book of Remembrance is a bound book in which the names of the WA and ACW deceased members are recorded in beautiful hand calligraphy.

The book was started and dedicated by Bishop Calvert in 1953 and is kept in a special case in the Cathedral Church of the Redeemer in Calgary. There are over three hundred names entered, and the Book is taken to the Annual Conference each year so that members may have the opportunity to remember past friends.

Application for Book of Remembrance

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Date of application _____
DD/MM/YEAR

FROM (group name or individual) _____ Town or City _____

Name to be inscribed (including Christian Names)

Date of birth (if wished) _____
DD/MM/YEAR

Date of death _____
DD/MM/YEAR

INSCRIPTION:

Please confine inscription to two lines if possible.

Name, Address & telephone number of Person Submitting Request

Signed: _____

Please send APPLICATION to: **Valerie Jensen, P.O. Box 40, Aetna, Alberta, T0K 1Y0**
E-mail: vjensen@hotmail.com Phone: 403 653 2066

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ACW Annual Spring Conference

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Galatian's 5:22-23a, 25

"The Spirit Calls us to Bloom"



We will have a Video Greeting from
The Most Rev'd Linda Nicholls Our Primate

Guest Speakers:

Rev Elizabeth Short, Deacon –
All Saints, Cochrane and Diocesan Parish Health Facilitator

Rev Joan Schellenberger, a Retired Priest in the Diocese of Calgary.

For Registration Please Contact: Mary Dymond
212 Lake Moraine Place SE, Calgary, AB T2J 2Y9
Email: dioceseofcalgaryacw@gmail.com Phone 404-512-0155

Friday, April 19th, 2024

and

Saturday April 20th, 2024

Hope to see you there.

The Theme: **The Spirit Calls Us To Bloom.**

Friday, April 19

4:00 PM - Gathering and Greetings. Roll Call

Lisa will play a recording from our Primate, The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls.

4:30 PM - Annual Business Meeting, Election of Officers, and Appointments to the Board

6:00 PM - Dinner Break, Grace by Rev. Betty Nadurak [Zoom will be left open]

7:00 Pm - Talk by Chaplain, Rev. Betty Piwowar followed by Compline.

Saturday, April 20

9:00 AM - Zoom opens: Gathering and Greetings

9:15 AM - Opening Remarks and Roll Call

9:30 AM - Eucharist with Archdeacon Dr. Pilar Gateman and Installation of Officers

10:45 AM Coffee/Comfort Break

11:00 AM - Guest Speaker: Rev. Elizabeth Short

12:00 PM - Lunch Break (Zoom will be left open) (Video from The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls)

1:00 PM - Guest Speaker: Rev. Joan Schellenberger

2:00 PM - Closing Remarks and Thank Yous

2:15 PM - Hymn Sing

About Elizabeth Short...

Elizabeth is the Parish Health Facilitator for the Diocese of Calgary and part of the Ministry Development team along with The Rev. Brother Jason Carroll. As a Deacon she is licensed to All Saints Anglican Church in Cochrane. She has a Master of Theological Studies from St. Stephen's College at the University of Alberta, with a major in the Practice of Ministry and a focus on life transitions. Over the past ten years she has been offering Grief and Loss Support Groups, both through the church and beyond. She is married to Ross Sargent. Between them they have 8 children and eleven grandchildren. Life is never dull!

About Joan Schellenberger

Joan is a retired priest in the Diocese of Calgary. She served in the Diocese of Athabasca before coming to Calgary. Joan has over 30 years of service involved in prayer; and pastoral and palliative care ministry including 19 years of ordained ministry. She has a heart for seeing others empowered in their Christian life, and believes prayer is essential for our walk with Jesus. Joan has volunteered with many different organizations over the years, such as YMCA, AHS, Girl Guides of Canada, just to mention a few. She enjoys learning and takes online courses and workshops. She is thankful for zoom as during the pandemic, Joan was able to attend many retreats, workshops and prayer events; and offer Bible Studies on zoom. She is on the Diocesan Committee for Anglican Fellowship of Prayer (AFP) and is a Chaplain for the Order of St. Luke's.

Introducing our Thank Offering Projects for Inside and Outside the Diocese for 2024

The delegates attending the Annual ACW Conference vote on who will receive the Thank offering that is collected at the Conference. These funds, together with the Thank offering collected at the Silver Cross Annual Meeting and luncheon held in September, as well as any donations that are received during year, are disbursed to the organizations selected by the delegates at the Conference. Three organizations/charities are given in two categories and the top 2 of each category are the designated recipients, i.e. first and second choice in the Diocese and first and second choice outside the Diocese.

2021 ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN – ANNUAL **ZOOM** CONFERENCE
APRIL 19th and 20th, 2024

REGISTRATION FORM

Friday and Saturday: \$10.00 Suggested price (all donations will be given to our Inside and Outside Thank Offering)

(If cost is a factor in not being able to attend the conference, assistance is available.)

Please contact Mary Dymond: 404-512-0155

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

ZOOM ID NAME: _____

PARISH AND LOCATION: _____

Thank offering Donation: \$ _____

Newsletter subscription for 2024 (\$10.00): \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____

Cheques payable to **Anglican Church Women Diocese of Calgary**
Mail your cheque together with Registration Form, Prior to **March 29th deadline** to:

Mary Dymond, 212 Lake Moraine Place, S.E., Calgary, Alberta, T2J 2Y9
Email: mkdymond@gmail.com Phone 404-512-0155 – for E-Transfer please contact Mary directly.

Please note the deadline – we need time to send out your Conference Booklet.

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