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November 2026 Issue



Highlights

ACW Winter Wonderland—Saturday, November 7th, 9 am - Noon

ACW Meeting—Monday, November 9th at 10 am

Samaritan's Purse Shoe Boxes Due—Thursday, November 12th

Clergy Retreat—November 16th-19th

Salvation Army Kettle 2026 Poster

Salvation Army Adopt-a-Family/White Gifts—Due back to the office on Thursday, November 26th before Noon.

Advent Holden Evening Prayer– starts on Wednesday, Nov 25th @ 7 pm locations TBD

St. Lenny's Variety Show—Saturday, November 28th from 2-4 pm

Diocesan Advent Reflection Series—Poster attached

ACW Ladies Social: December 12th, 1-3 pm

Nativity Display: December 1st to 5th at St. Leonard's. (See Poster)

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

9:30 am Wednesday Morning Midweek Service for All Saints (with Incense) - **No Service on November 11th**

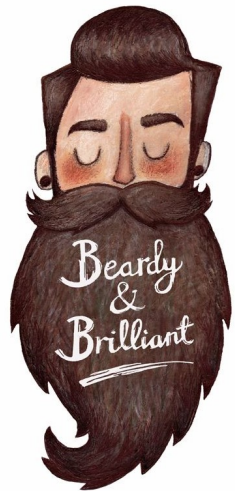
7:00-7:30 pm Sunday Compline Evening Prayer **(No Service on Nov 15th)**

Disciple Night Sunday at 7:30 pm – **(Not on November 15th)**



November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **10:00 am Eucharist Service (All Saints Day)** **7:00-7:30 pm Compline Evening Prayer** **7:30 pm Disciple Night**	2	3	4 **9:30 am Wednesday Morning Midweek Service for All Saints (with Incense)** **1 pm Craft Group**	5 **Choir 10 am** **Aspen Ridge Services 1:30 pm**	6 **Drop off for baking 9:30 am to Noon**	7 **ACW Winter Wonderland 9am-Noon**
8 **10:00 am Eucharist Service** **7:00-7:30 pm Compline Evening Prayer** **7:30 pm Disciple Night**	9 **10:00 am ACW Meeting**	10	11 **Remembrance Day (Church Office closed)**	12 **Choir 10 am** **Aspen Ridge Services 1:30 pm** **Chris away from the Office**	13	14
15 **10:00 am Eucharist Service with Rev. Fergus and Rev. Barb**	16 **Chris away from the Office for Clergy Retreat**	17 **Inglewood Service at 3:15 pm** **6:30 pm Parish Council meets** **Chris away from the office for Clergy Retreat**	18 **9:30 am Wednesday Morning Midweek Service for All Saints (with Incense)** **1 pm Craft Group** **Chris away from the Office for Clergy Retreat**	19 **10 am Choir** **1:30 pm Aspen Ridge Services** **Chris away from the Office for Clergy Retreat**	20	21 **Men's Breakfast at 8:30 am** **Rental Group 10 am-8 pm**
22 **10:00 am Eucharist Service** **7:00-7:30 pm Compline Evening Prayer** **7:30 pm Disciple Night**	23 **Link Articles Due—23rd**	24	25 **9:30 am Wednesday Morning Midweek Service for All Saints (with Incense)** **1 pm Craft Group**	26 **10 am Choir** **1:30 pm Aspen Ridge Services**	27	28 **Variety Show @ 2-4 pm**
29 **10:00 am Eucharist Service (1st Sunday of Advent)** **Start of set up for Nativity** **7:00-7:30 pm Compline Evening Prayer** **7:30 pm Disciple Night**	30 **Rev. Chris is away from the office (Prayer Day)** **Finishing set up for the Nativity Display**	**December 1** **Nativity Display 1– 6 pm**	**2** **9:30 am Wednesday Morning Midweek Service for All Saints (with Incense)** **1 pm Craft Group** **Nativity Display 1– 6 pm**	**3** **10 am Choir** **1:30 pm Aspen Ridge Services** **Nativity Display 1– 6 pm**	**4** **Nativity Display 1– 6 pm**	**5** **Nativity Display Noon-3 pm**



BEHIND THE BEARD

Hello Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I mentioned last month that Parish Council spent quite a bit of time studying the book "Simple Church," which has helped us to develop a new mission statement.

"Reveal Jesus, Encounter Christ, Live His Word"

This month I'd like to look at the first part: **Reveal Jesus**

This answers the question, “Who is Jesus?” This is 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.

In Romans 10:14 St. Paul says, "How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching?”

An essential part of being a Christian is understanding who it is that we are following. Dallas Willard talks about "vision" as being a necessary part of spiritual formation. If we want to be transformed, we need a vision of what we are being transformed into. Vision is about grabbing hold of the kind of goodness that we are after. Vision has to do with a picture of a possible future.

This is true for any form of learning. If you want to learn to play guitar, to be motivated, you will need a vision of what it will look like when you have learned to play guitar well. You will need a hero to look up to, who is living what you are trying to learn.

The vision we are seeking as a Church is the life that Jesus offers us. It means seeing what God wants my life to look like. This vision is communicated through Sunday worship: the Scripture readings, preaching, the liturgy, the hymns we sing, and the liturgical calendar. Our Eucharist services on Wednesday mornings focus on the lives of the saints. The saints radiate the life of Christ, and so they are a strong image of the life that we are being called into. Bible Study, Sunday School, Disciple Night, and Confirmation Classes, are about helping us to understand this vision. The books in our library should help us to understand this vision as well. As Christians, we constantly need to have this vision renewed in us. It's also important that we help those who are new to Christianity to understand this vision. This is what programs like Alpha and Anglicanism 101 are designed to do.

As Christians, it's important for us to have a strong vision of what we are about. What is our goal? Our goal is to be citizens of the Kingdom of God. Which is the same thing as becoming Christ-like. We see this vision strongly embodied in the lives of the saints who shine with the light of Christ. When we fully grab a hold of this vision, our motivation will be ignited.

Peace,
Rev. Chris Roth



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

Aluminum for the Ronald MacDonald House

Thank you to all who contributed to the collection of clean aluminum items.

Bulldog Metals purchased the lot for $62.20.

The money will be donated to Ronald MacDonald House.

Jim Young



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.



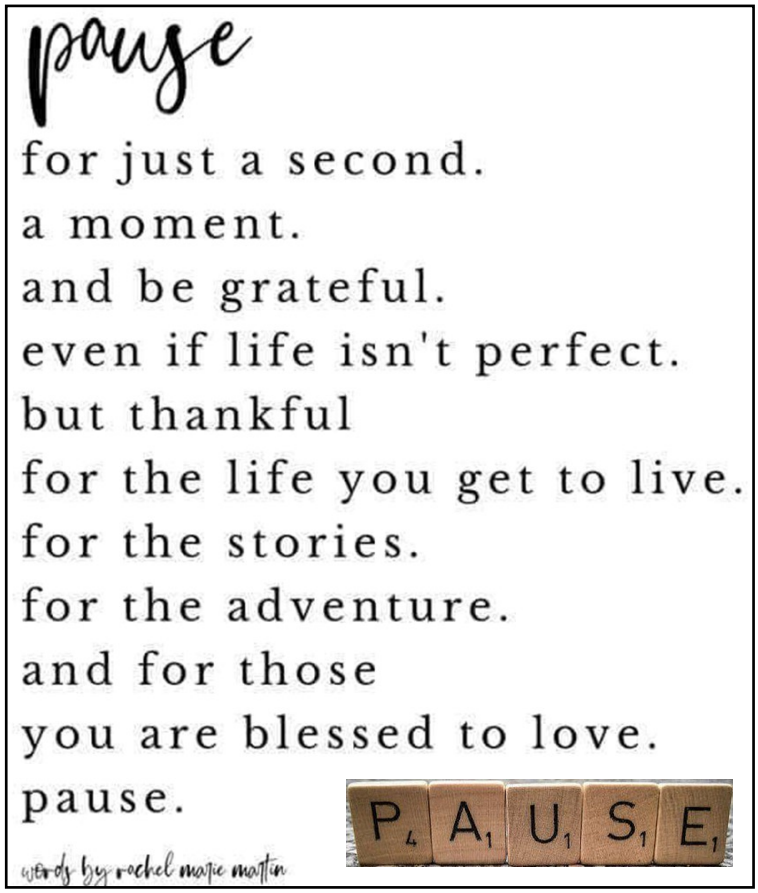
St. Leonard's Prayer Chain
"Sharing Prayers—Can We Help?"

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)

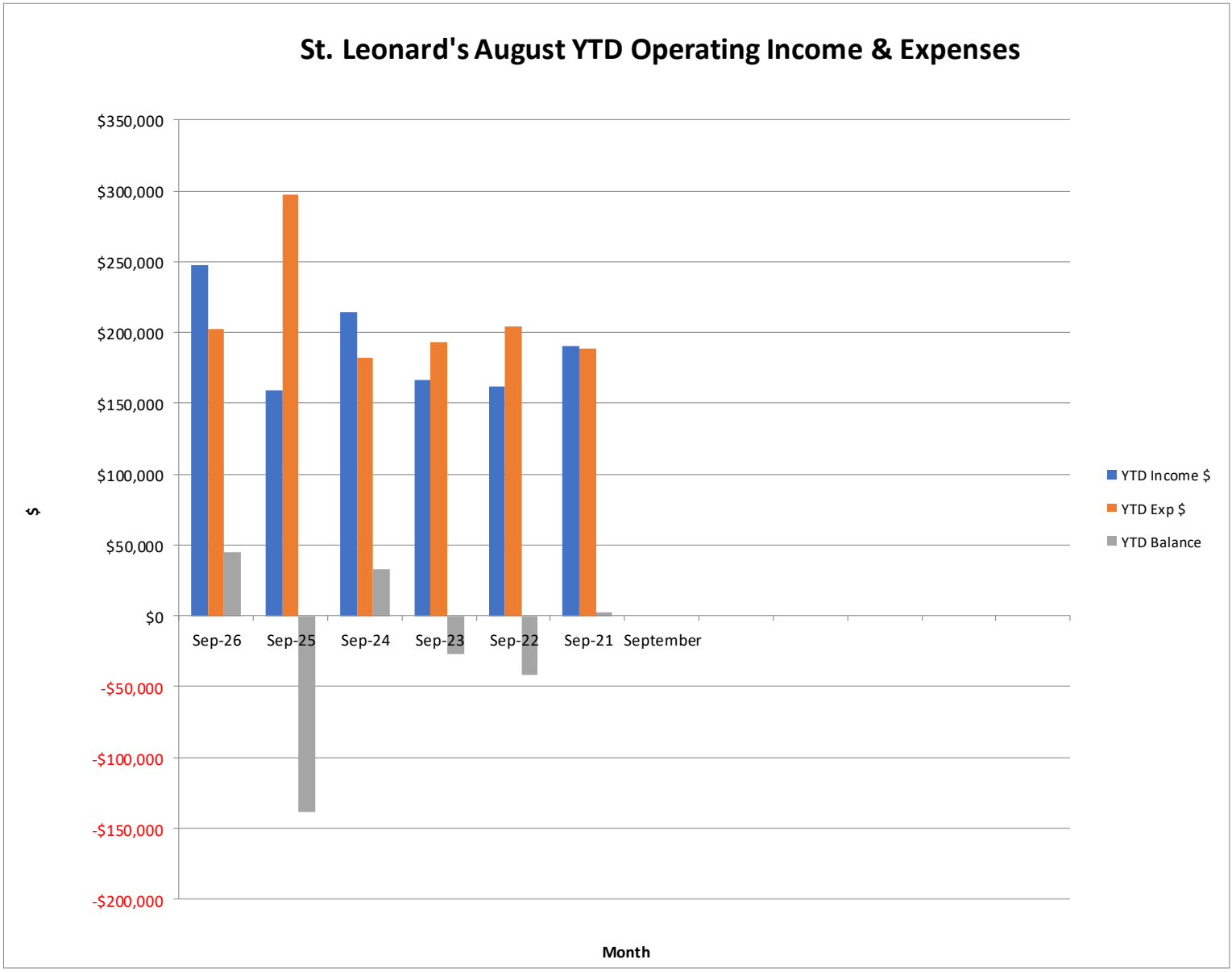
Blessings,
The Prayer Chain Ministry



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).



September YTD	INCOME	EXPENSES	SURPLUS (DEFICIT)
2026	$247,932	$202,812	$45,120
2025	$158,747	$297,687	($138,941)
2024	$214,469	$181,896	$32,574
2023	$166,382	$193,332	($26,950)
2022	$162,130	$203,852	($41,722)
2021	$190,235	$188,141	$2,094

Comments:
Our Year to Date Income for September 2026 shows a surplus of $45,120. The September 2026 Cheque Log was reviewed and approved at the Corporation Meeting. We continue to be good stewards of the gifts received and are still very conscious of the current climate and continue to hold back from completing any unnecessary projects.

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

Marg Marrett
Parish Treasurer

"SNIPPETS" FROM COUNCIL



1. Scams—Concern about scams going around Red Deer. Gio mentioned that there is something called Fraud Week. We could ask the RCMP to come in and put on an Information Session at the Church.

2. Mission Statement—Chris will create a slide that would be a part of the service.
-A Poster will be put up in the Narthex.

3. Entrance Doors Quote—Randy has done a lot of work in providing us 2 quotes. The Council would like to go with the Allmar quote that is "Fire Marshall Friendly".

4. Sound System Upgrade Quote – Greg Burkin, from GB Sound, attended the Meeting to share information regarding our Sound System. Chris shared a bit of background regarding the Sound System. (This system we have doesn't work for what we need as it using a home stereo that was not intended for our current needs. This system does not handle speech very well. We now have a new console system, it would be important to change the speakers to something that will improve the sound clarity). After much discussion we will proceed with GB Sound. Jennifer suggested getting 3 options for the sound system based on the conversations at the Meeting. This would include: Cost, Warranty and longevity of the system. Krista will email Greg with this request.

5. A copy of our Apportionment for 2027 was presented and we have a lesser amount starting in 2027.

6. Funeral Planning Workshop (Bruce MacArthur from Meaningful Memorials) – TBD

7. Synod — Oct 23–24 – Carol, Brent and Chris will be attending this year's Synod in Okotoks.

8. Variety Show — Takes place on Saturday, Nov 28th from 2-4 pm.

9. Legion Poppies—Jim mentioned that he will have poppies from the Legion for this Sunday, October 25th, 2026 until Sunday, November 8th, 2026.

The Calgary Cursillo Movement

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CURSILLO EVENTS

Women's Cursillo Weekend 2026
Thursday, November 5th at 7 pm to Sunday, November 8th at 5 pm. This takes place at the Entheos Retreat & Conference Centre.

If you are interested in joining the Women's Cursillo weekend, please let Cheryl Shea know.



HEARING ASSISTANCE

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

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.

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

50th Anniversary of the Priesting of Women in Canada

November 30th, 2026 marks the 50th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women as Priests in the Anglican Church of Canada. Dioceses and Parishes across Canada are holding events to commemorate the occasion, ranging from themed Sunday Eucharist services to a two-day event in Victoria, which organizers say has drawn 140 registrations so far.

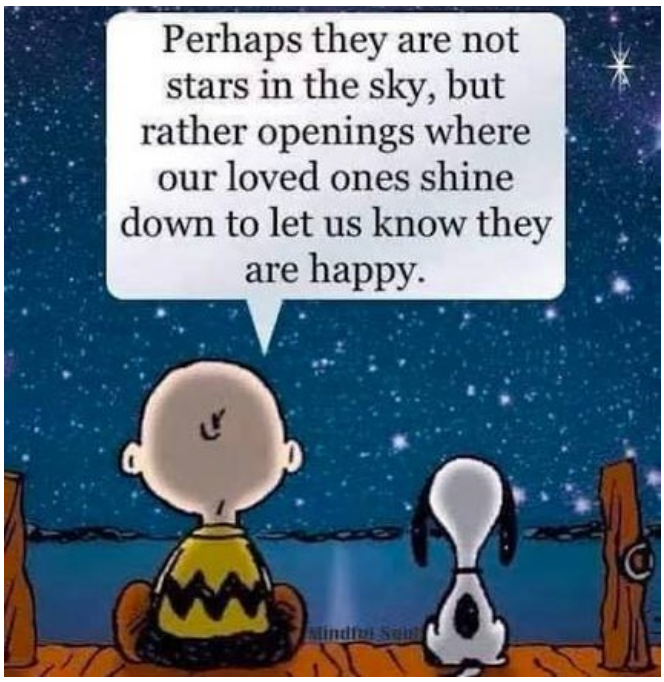
Archbishop Anne Germond, the Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, formerly served as acting Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada—the second female Primate after Archbishop Linda Nicholls. Germond calls the ordination of women a "significant historic event for our Church" and says women's leadership gifts, though present before 1976, have flourished and enriched the Church since that milestone.



"Christians may not see eye-to-eye,

But they can still walk arm-in-arm".







"Lord Jesus, Our hearts are heavy, and words few. You bless those who mourn, so we bring You our sorrow for lives lost and injured. We pray for the men and women of CFB Wainwright, for those who serve, those who lead, and those who carry the weight of what they saw..."

"We offer our prayers for those responding to and devastated by the horrifying October 17th, 2026 grass fire at Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Wainright that tragically killed four soldiers and hospitalized 39 other service members, 19 of those in critical condition.

We're praying for all those affected and praying for the first responders. Everybody involved in the situation is hopefully covered in the mercy of God. It's a very difficult moment for us in the military and who served in the military."

Sgt. Morgan Wong and Privates Shaun Farrell, Aidan Goulding and Hayden Lykkemark were the four young men who tragically lost their lives. All served with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry and were readying for deployment to Latvia in 2027.

Wednesday Morning Eucharist

Due to Remembrance Day being on Wednesday, November 11th, we've cancelled the morning Service in order that people can attend the Remembrance Day Services.

Rev. Chris Roth





ALTAR FLOWERS CALENDAR FOR 2026

There is one Sunday available (November 22nd), if anyone wishes to provide flowers for the Altar.

Please see Hilary Boyd for more information.

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).

COFFEE AND CRAFTS

Coffee & Craft

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

THANK YOU

I would like to thank the anonymous person (s) who were so very kind to me at Thanksgiving. It made me very humble to think that someone thought and cared for me so much.

Thank you.....Susan Robertson



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.







White Gift Program
Adopt-a-Family

St. Leonard's will be reaching out to help our community by taking part in the Salvation Army's Adopt–A-Family Program as in previous years. All tags can be found in the North Hall on the Bulletin Board on Sunday, November 1st.

Changes to the Salvation Army Adopt-a-Family Program took place last year. This is due to Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) regulations. We cannot give one family a direct sponsorship, so your gifts will be put in the options of gifts for parents of multiple families to choose from.

The gifts you donate will go into our Gift Room, where parents will personally select presents for their children. This means your donation may help one or several families, depending on the needs. **PLEASE DO NOT WRAP GIFTS.**

We will not be assigned a specific family. This means we will not receive a designated family number. Instead, we will be provided recommendations on the areas where help is most needed, along with a comprehensive list of toy and gift suggestions based on what parents and children have requested.

In addition, we will be looking after a few families within our own Church community, who we call our White Gift Families. We are asking for Gift Cards for families. This makes it much easier for our sorters and allows our families who are being adopted more freedom to be able to purchase items for themselves. All Gifts and Gift Cards must be returned to the Church by Thursday, November 26th.

If you are not able to go out and purchase gift cards or gifts, you may donate money and note on the memo line of your envelope or e-transfer. Krista will shop for you, please let her know if you want to purchase an item or gift card for the White Gifts Families or the Salvation Army Families.

Please drop off your Gift Cards in an envelope in the Church mailbox or in the Offertory Plate on Sundays. This will allow Krista time to sort and organize for the blessing on Sunday, November 29th and the delivery of the items on Thursday, December 3rd. Please watch for more information via email, Facebook and the Church Website.

The Salvation Army will issue tax receipts for Gift Cards **over $20** (before GST) in total bought for the Salvation Army families. If you are interested in a tax receipt, please contact Krista.

For further information on this program please contact the Church Office at 403-346-6769 or email stleonardsanglicanchurch@gmail.com

A HUGE **Thank You** to Pearl for putting up the White Gift/Salvation Army Adopt a Family Bulletin Board in the North Hall. A heartfelt **Thank You** to Dayna for her encouragement and guidance with the Bulletin Board. You ladies have a beautiful gifts.



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

Collection Plate

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





HILLSDOWN

Rev. Chris held a Harvest Thanksgiving Service at St. Paul's Hillsdown on Sunday, October 18th at 2 pm. More Seasonal Services will be held. Please watch for more information in upcoming announcements, emails, Facebook, on the Church Website and in the Link.





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.

https://www.samaritanspurse.ca/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/

Mary McCambley

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.



LESSONS IN LIFE #224

AN EVERYDAY SURVIVAL KIT

Toothpick	Pencil	Mint
Rubber band	Eraser	Candy Kiss
Band-Aid	Chewing Gum	Tea Bag

Here is why:



Toothpick to remind you to pick out the good qualities in others.

Rubber Band to remind you to be flexible, things may not always go the way you want, but it will work out.



Band-Aid to remind you to heal hurt feelings, (yours or someone else's).



Pencil to remind you to list your blessings everyday.

Eraser to remind you that everyone makes mistakes and it is okay.



Chewing gum to remind you to stick with it and you can accomplish anything.



Mint to remind you that you are worth a mint to your family and friends.

Candy Kiss to remind you that everyone needs a kiss or a hug everyday

AND A

Tea Bag to remind you to relax daily and go over that list of your blessings!!



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 appreciated.



Legion Remembrance Day 2026

The Red Deer Legion Branch #35 will be hosting a Remembrance Day Service at the Servus Arena in the Pidherney Centre located at 4D, 4725-43 Street on Wednesday, November 11th.

The Legion asks that everyone attending please be seated by 10:30 am.

For any additional inquires please contact the Red Deer Legion at (403) 342-0035.

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 stleaonardsanglicanchurch@gmail.com or by leaving a voicemail on the Church office phone at 403-346-6769.

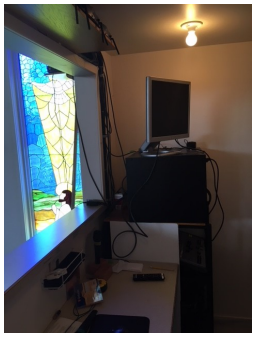
E-Transfers are available as well to donate. You can send an E-Transfer to stleaonardsanglicanchurch@gmail.com



Memorial Christmas Poinsettias

To order your 2026 Memorial Poinsettias please drop off an envelope containing your $17 in the Church Mail Box or e-transfer to the Office at stleonardsanglicanchurch@gmail.com before Monday, December 7th.

Please include the names of those whom you wish to honor.



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 at 403-598-7776 if you are interested in learning how to become an Audio/ Visual Volunteer.

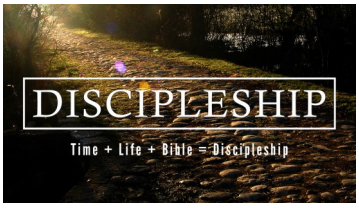


COMPLINE EVENING PRAYER

Takes place on Sunday at 7-7:30 pm, except for Sunday, November 15th.

DISCIPLE NIGHT

Takes place on Sunday at 7:30 pm, except Sunday, November 15th.





Men's Breakfast Group

Our next Breakfast Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 21st at 8:30 am in the North Hall.

All men in our Parish are encouraged to attend. These gatherings provide a great opportunity to get to know one another better and to discuss how we, as a group, can help support St. Leonard's.

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

2026 DIOCESAN CLERGY RETREAT

The Retreat will take place from November 16th to the 19th. Rev. Chris will be away from the Office.



OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2027



Please let Krista know if you would like Offertory Envelopes for 2027. They can be provided upon request.

LITURGY AT HOME

We are nearing the end of the Church Year. November 29th will be the first Sunday of Advent, which begins a new year in the Church Calendar. The Reign of Christ, or Christ the King Sunday, falls on November 22nd, which helps us to complete the season after Pentecost. You may want to consider doing something to mark the Reign of Christ as the liturgical year comes to an end and we remember Christ seated on the throne of the universe.

In Lacey Finn Borgo and Ben Barczi's book "Good Dirt: Kingdomtide", they suggest that this would be a good time for us to do a kind of review of the year. "Where have you seen God at work this year? How have you seen God change you this year? Where have you seen Christ as King this year?"

I also encourage you to pray the following collect prayer throughout the final week of the liturgical season from November 22nd to 28th before Advent begins

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Light the candle at this time!

Amen.
Rev. Chris Roth



NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Happy 49th Wedding Anniversary to Janice and Brian Besner.





Happy 102st Birthday to Ruth Moore on November 17th, 2026.

Happy 90th birthday to Beth Ludwig.





Happy 85th birthday to Helen DeBruyckere.

Joan Truckle explaining to the Sorority Tea ladies how the Murals came to be.



NATIVITY PROJECT

We plan to present our Nativity Project again beginning Tuesday, December 1st to Saturday, December 5th.

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.

We will set up the displays following the Church Service on Sunday, November 29th until completed.

The Church will be open for viewing:

Tuesday, December 1st—1-6 pm
Wednesday, December 2nd—1-6 pm
Thursday, December 3rd—1-6 pm
Friday, December 4th—1-6 pm
Saturday, December 5th from Noon—3 pm.

Please bring a friend to share the true meaning of "The Reason for the Season". Last year we had visitors from 8 different Churches.

Thank you,
Val Duce
403-343-3925



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



Remember:

We complement each other with our differences together!

SNOW REMOVAL SCHEDULE



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



All help is greatly appreciated during the Winter months.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Jackie Moore of "Moore Maintenance" for painting the Church parking lines.



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., November 24th. 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+

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

A.C.W. News

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

The Christmas Season is fast approaching and the ACW is busy.

We successfully catered a Sorority Tea, on October 24th.

Our Winter Wonderland Coffee, Tea, Bake Sale, Craft Table and "Fall Follies" is on Saturday, November 7th from 9 am to Noon. This is one of our major fundraisers.

Our Christmas Ladies Social on Saturday, December 12th from 1-3 pm. This is a fun filled afternoon and all Parish Ladies are most welcome. Please see the poster elsewhere in the Link for more information.

The setting up of the Nativity Displays was discussed. (More information on the Poster elsewhere in the Link)

Our next Meeting will be on Monday, November 9th at 10 am in the North Hall.

ADVENT

In our house, Advent begins with the family assembling a Nativity scene on the mantel. We unwrap figurines one by one from their storage box and set them in place while retelling the story of the First Christmas, and we conclude by singing "Away in a Manger."

We had just finished and stood back to admire the angels, shepherds, Wise Men, animals and Holy Family.

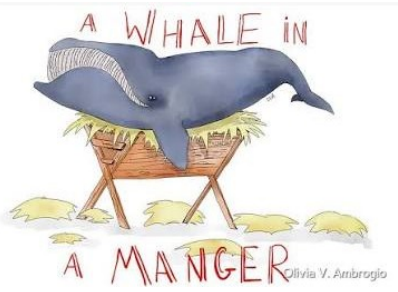
"But, Mummy," Douglas our four year old complained, "you forgot the fish."

"The fish?" I responded.

"What fish?

"You know, Mummy," he said. "A whale in a manger."

-Margaret Hammond, Burlington



THE STAINED GLASS WINDOWS OF ST. LEONARD'S

"May these windows always reflect inward and shine forth outward the Christian fellowship of St. Leonard's Anglican Church (Quote on the Book Mark celebrating our 50th Anniversary."

In 2004 a Church Bulletin Series was produced explaining the message of each stained glass window (plus its picture).

The Linkers felt it was time to reintroduce everyone to these beautiful visual creations and their messages.

We will begin the series with the Advent, Nativity and Epiphany Windows. We hope we can enhance your knowledge and appreciation of our "St. Leonard's Windows"!





THE ADVENT WINDOW

Advent is the first season of the Church year. The Advent Window will be the first window on the South Side in the Nave area (where the congregation sits).

There are four Sundays in Advent. It is a time of preparation for the celebration of Christmas. Each Sunday is represented by a candle. In the window on the right the Blue Candles symbolizes Hope and Peace and Joy. The Red Candle symbolizes Love. In the top right corner is a Rose. The rose (Alberta rose) is a symbol of the Nativity and of the fulfilling of the Messianic prophecy.

This window is a Parish memorial to Gwen Carney. Gwen worked hard to help us receive the stained glass windows which are already in the Church.

Because of the lack of information, we would very much appreciate knowing if you or a family member contributed to any of our stained glass windows. Please let Krista know!

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.

White Gift Families/ Salvation Army Adopt-a-Families

All gifts/gift cards are to be brought in before Thursday, November 26th. Gifts can be placed into the correctly labeled bins. All gifts cards are to be brought directly into the office. Please don't place gift cards in the bins.

Salvation Army Adopt-a-Family receipts need to be brought into the office before Thursday, November 26th.

A Shared Anglican-Lutheran Ministry

Advent Holden Evening Prayer

Mid-week services

Wednesdays @ 7pm

Starting November 25th

St. Leonard's Anglican & Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd - details TBA

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.

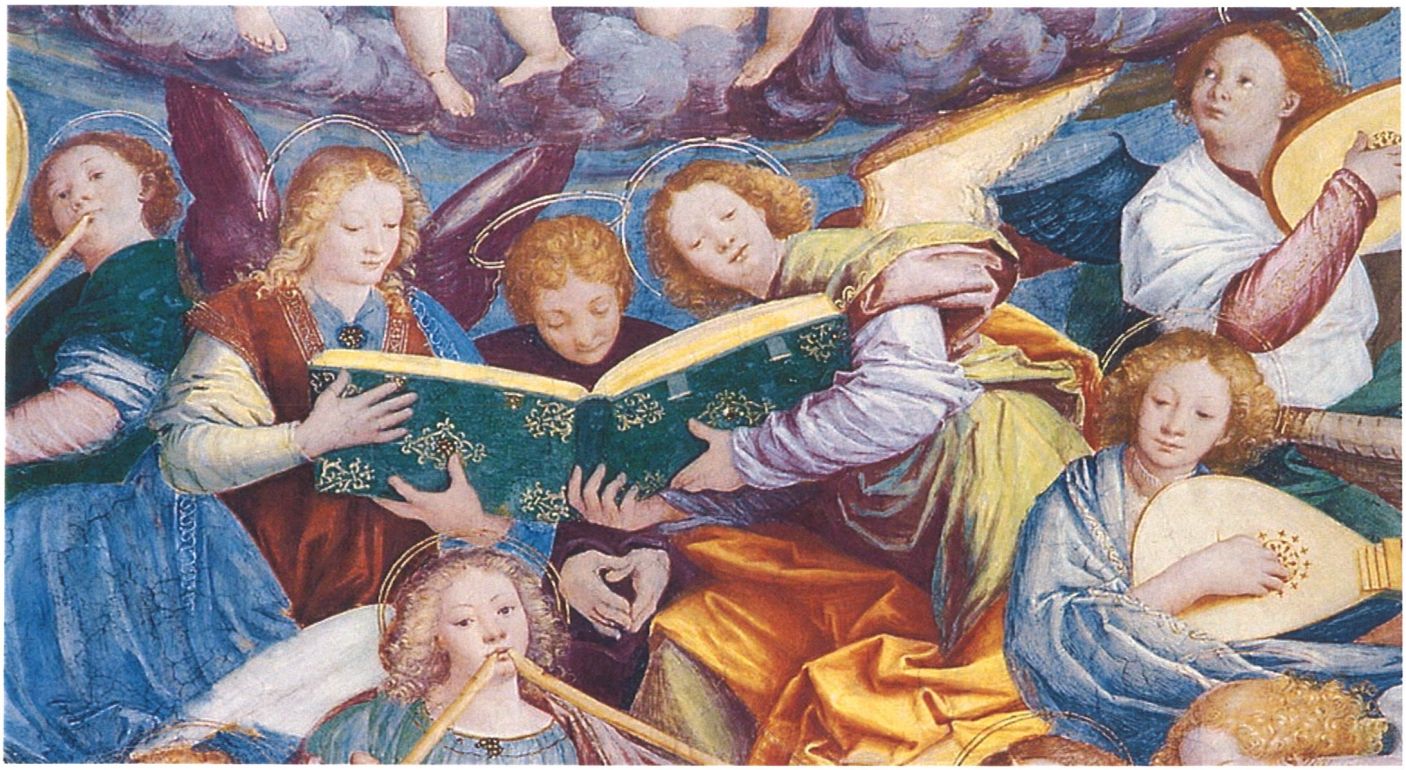
St. Leonard's Anglican Church



THE CHURCH IS OPEN *for a quiet time of reflection,*
with more than 100 Nativity Scenes from around the world.
A wonderful way to add peace to your soul, at this busy time of year.
Please drop by.

HOURS
Dec. 1 to Dec. 4 from 1 to 6 pm
and **Saturday Dec. 5 from noon to 3 pm**

We're in Grandview and wheelchair friendly!
4241 - 44 Street, RED DEER



CALGARY SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP

SONGS FOR THE SEASON

ADVENT REFLECTION 2026

DEC 1, 8, 15 & 22, 2026

TUESDAY EVENINGS @ 7PM

ONLINE VIA ZOOM

COST: FREE

A beloved part of the Advent and Christmas seasons is the long tradition of songs and carols anticipating and celebrating the Incarnation of our Lord.

This year's Advent series will be an opportunity to explore and contemplate the depth of meaning in eight hymns chosen by our presenters. Each week we'll look at two, and there will even be some opportunity for singing!

Please join us for Songs for the Season!

Please register by sending an email to Barbara Labrecque. (blabrecque@calgary.anglican.ca)



ACW CHRISTMAS GATHERING

To all ladies attending St. Leonard's:

You are invited to an afternoon of fun and fellowship on Saturday, December 12th, 2026.

What: ACW Christmas Gathering/Potluck Lunch/ Gift Exchange

When: Saturday, December 12th, 2026

Where: St. Leonard's Church - North Hall

Time: 1 pm to 3 pm

Potluck Lunch: If possible please bring a potluck finger food – hot or cold, sweet or savory

Gift Exchange: If possible please bring a wrapped consumable gift of not more than $10.00. A consumable gift would be **something that can be used up**. Some examples are: canning (jams, jellies, etc.) baking, chocolates/candies, sugar/cooking oil, tea/coffee, eggs, soap, even toilet paper.

Remember this is a fun activity. Let's see what great gift ideas we can come up with this year! If, however, you are uncomfortable with this gift exchange please come for the fun and fellowship and let me know and your name will not be put in the gift exchange activity.
Hope to see you on Saturday, December 12th, at 1 pm. Please contact me if you have questions.
Take care,

Margaret Roome
403.347.5500 mroome@shaw.ca



VOLUNTEER BELL RINGERS NEEDED!

Ring a bell...help change a life.

Looking for a way to give back this Christmas season?

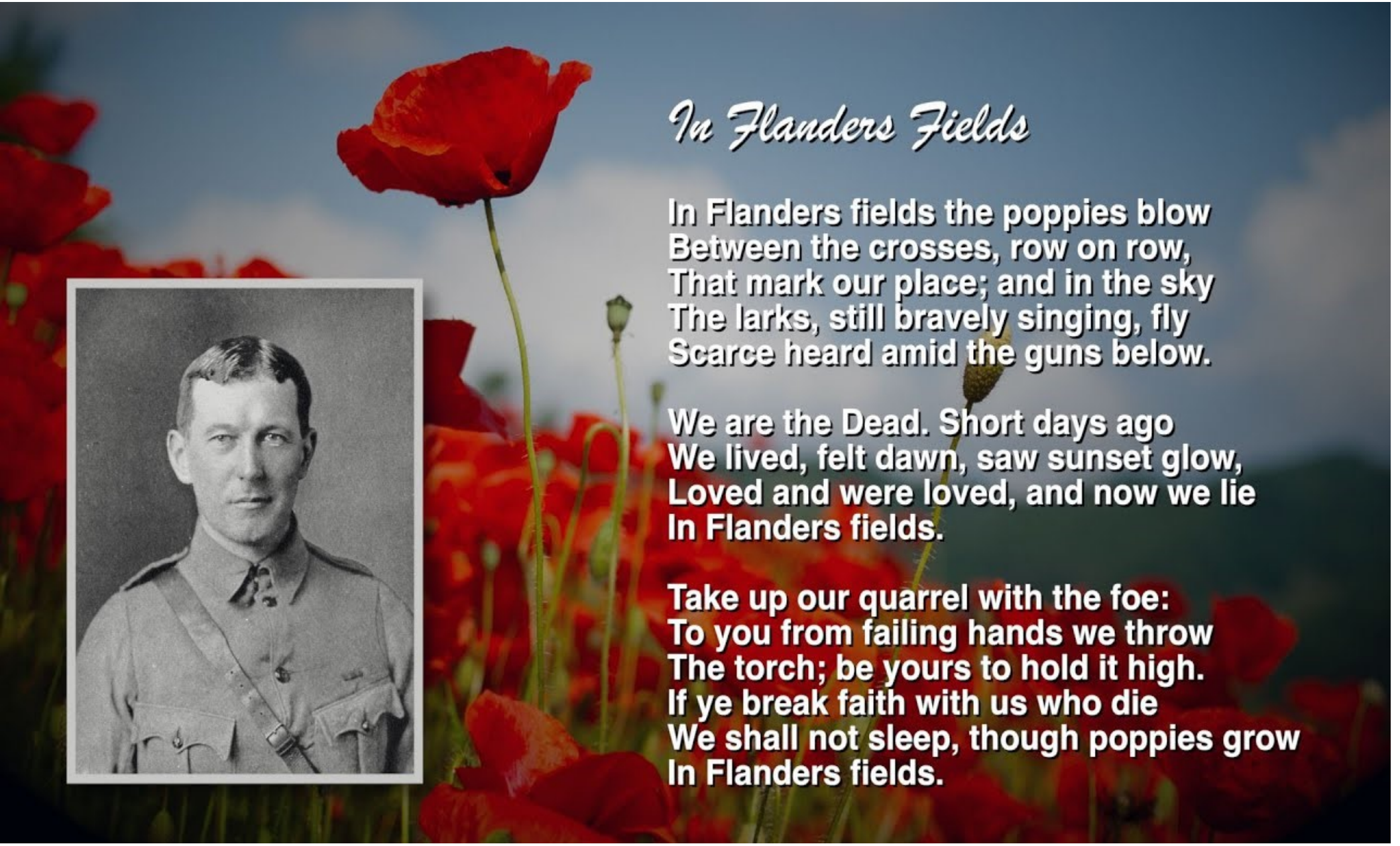
If you are able to help please call the office at

403-346-2251

or

kettles.reddeer@salvationarmy.ca

Your support truly makes a difference


In Flanders Fields
In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.