

# **St. Luke's News**

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## **ANGLICAN CHURCH**

**of**

**ST. LUKE**

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Over the next while you are going to be hearing a lot about Stewardship'. What is Stewardship? A simple definition given in some dictionaries is "To look after something or someone". The best definitions of steward and stewardship are in a very old edition of the Webster's Dictionary. This dictionary states that a steward is "one called to exercise responsible care over possessions entrusted to him" and that stewardship, in our context, is "the aspect of religious life and church administration dealing with the individual's responsibility for sharing systematically and proportionately his time, talent, and material possessions in the service of God and for the benefit of all mankind." Stewardship is not just about money; it involves time and talent as well as finances. We are fortunate in our parish that a lot of people give of their time and talents in a variety of ways on a regular basis. Our Parish Outreach is also a good example of stewardship. We are all stewards. We are responsible for looking after our homes, whether owned or rented; we look after our families and we must be good stewards of our own finances. We are called to be stewards of the world God gave into our care, and unfortunately it appears that we have not done a very good job of this.

November 27<sup>th</sup> will again be Giving Sunday when we ask parishioners to prayerfully consider if they can make an additional contribution above their regular giving, or perhaps make a small increase in their regular giving. We want to approach this from the view of abundance rather than scarcity. As there have been some questions about the use of our money in building maintenance, Noel has given us a response. More information about Stewardship will be forthcoming.

Submit items for the November Newsletter by October 25th to [mthain@telusplanet.net](mailto:mthain@telusplanet.net)

### **Clergy**

**Incumbent Priest/Pastor:**

**The Ven. Noel Wygiera**

**Vocational Deacon:**

**The Rev. Deacon Tracey Stagg**

**Incumbent's Warden:**

**Eric Nyrose**

**People's Warden:**

**Deb Mann 403-350-4798**

**Pianists:**

**Judy Miller**

**David Blackwell**

**Dorothy Comfort**

**Organist:**

**Jo Wygiera**

### **Service Schedule**

**In person**

**Sunday: 10:00 am**

**Thursday 2:00 pm**

**Online**

**Sunday: 1:00 pm**

**7:00 pm**

**WEBSITE**  
**[www.oldchurchrd.com](http://www.oldchurchrd.com)**

Visit it often to check for news and upcoming events. If anyone has an item they feel might be appropriate for inclusion on the website please send it to [website@oldchurchrd.com](mailto:website@oldchurchrd.com).

**if you change contact information, eg. address, phone number or email address, make sure that you notify the office at: [office@oldchurchrd.com](mailto:office@oldchurchrd.com)**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**WORSHIP SERVICES:**

**Sunday: 8:00 am Eucharist – no decision made yet regarding this service. Please see the website for updates.**

**10:00 am Eucharist**

**1:00 pm On line Service**

**7:00 pm On line Night Prayer/Compline**

If you do not receive an email link to either of these on line services and would like to attend, contact [vicar@oldchurchrd.ca](mailto:vicar@oldchurchrd.ca)

**Thursday: 2:00 pm Eucharist**

**Memorial Service:**

Ed Halverson, a longtime member of the parish, died peacefully on August 25<sup>th</sup>. A Memorial Service will be held at the church on October 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.

**Harvest Thanksgiving:** 10:00 am Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup>

**Parish Tea:** October 13 following the 2:00 pm Eucharist. All are welcome.

**Information regarding in person worship:**

In keeping with Provincial guidelines, all restrictions are now lifted for places of worship. If you are uncomfortable with the 'coffee hour' do not feel that you need to attend. If you prefer to continue to wear a mask in church, that is also fine. If you wish to attend one of the on line services, when they are offered, and do not receive an email invitation, contact [vicar@oldchurchrd.com](mailto:vicar@oldchurchrd.com).

**Altar Guild Notice:** [Church Calendars](#)

The 2023 Anglican Church Calendars should arrive soon and will be available for purchase for \$10 from the Altar Guild. This is our only fundraiser. Thanks in advance for supporting us and we are sure you will enjoy it.

### **COFFEE ROSTER:**

**We still need volunteers to sign up on the Coffee Roster. Please consider this if you can. There is no need to supply food. Instructions for making the coffee are available in the kitchen.**

### **OUTREACH:**

#### **GIVING THANKS:**

We are launching our Fall Outreach campaign and in earnest! Now that many of us are gathering in person again at church it is a great time to reflect and give thanks for our many blessings. This year we are asking for non-perishable food items for the Red Deer Food Bank. This campaign runs from September 25th through to October 8th. We are asking for "Thanksgiving" food-related items but we welcome any non-perishable food item. Please drop-off your donations at the back of the church. If you would like items picked up curbside, please email your request to [outreach@oldchurchrd.com](mailto:outreach@oldchurchrd.com).

Monetary donations are also welcome and can be done by: cheque (payable to St. Luke's and make a note that it is for fall outreach), e-payment through the church website (select fall outreach), and grocery gift cards (e.g. Sobeys, Save-On, Superstore and keep your receipt).

### **FINANCES:**

#### **Heat the Church:**

Just as it is important to continue giving our regular donations to the church, those who wish to contribute to this fund can do so by putting an envelope marked Heat the Church in the offering plate on Sunday, under the donate button on the website or by e-transfer as outlined below. Thank you to all who continue to support this. The suggested donation is \$25 for a day.

#### **Financial Statement:**

	<b>Actual Aug 2021</b>	<b>Year to Date Actual</b>	<b>Year to Date Budget</b>	<b>Variance</b>
<b>Income</b>	9,620.03	91,810.79	113,413.33	<b>21,602.54</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	14,488.65	116,329.91	123,838.00	<b>7,508.09</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>4,868.62</b>	<b>24,519.12</b>	<b>10,424.67</b>	<b>14,094.45</b>

This speaks for itself and really needs no further comment. If you are in a position to do so, please give some thought to pre-authorized monthly donations as it provides St. Luke's a more consistent and predictable monthly income to offset our expenses. If you are interested in changing to pre-authorized giving, please contact Barb at the church office and she will provide you with the necessary form. We are also continuing to pick up donations weekly from our mailbox at the church and a number of parishioners are making donations via Interac e-transfer. If you would like to use this method, you can do so by using your online banking; please enter [offerings@oldchurchrd.com](mailto:offerings@oldchurchrd.com) as the

recipient email address. If you are usually an envelope user, you can enter your envelope number in the comments section or if it is for a specific use, such as Heat the Church or Flowers you can mark that in the comments section. This is an automatic deposit so there is no security question.

**Once again, we give thanks for all who, in whatever way possible, contribute to the help cover the expenses of keeping the church building and all its programmes meet their expenses.**

### **Where Does the Money Come From?**

By Archdeacon Wygiera

The church bell tower is in a much better condition than it was two years ago when we made the decision to move ahead with critical work. At the time, we were very concerned with the safety of people entering and exiting the building through the tower doors as stone was breaking away and falling to the ground. The issues that were the cause for concern have been addressed and, although the building still requires much work, the sense of urgency has passed.

Other than one or two pieces of stone, the work that Shawn Thibeault did this summer is not visible from the street. Most of it was done on the interior of the parapet at the top of the bell tower. Before and after pictures, as well as a report on the work done, can be viewed in the September newsletter.

Questions about how this work is paid for continue to arise so I hope to be able to give a satisfactory explanation. Essentially, we have two pools that we draw from. The first pool is what we use to pay for our day to day, or operational, expenses. This includes ministry, outreach, programs, salaries, cleaning and maintenance, utilities, etc. This pool is funded by our regular giving and other gifts that are designated in such a way that we can use them for operational expenses.

The second pool is for capital expenses related to the building. It is from this pool that we draw funds for big projects such as renovations, restoration, and potentially, new building projects. It is funds from this pool, coupled with provincial grants, that we use to pay for work such as has been done on the bell tower these past two summers. Most of the money in our capital fund is from the sale of the old building we used to own across the street. Because of the way that our income and expenses are reported to both the Charities Directorate and the Diocese of Calgary, monies designated to the capital fund cannot be used for operational expenses but must be used for capital (building) expenses. This means that we have money set aside for projects such as the bell tower and do not have to allocate funds from our budgeted revenues to pay for such projects. While this might cause a collective sigh of relief, we need to be mindful that this year we are being challenged in our operational budget. We may be able to pay for projects such as the bell tower because of money available for it, but we have fallen behind in when it comes to our day to day obligations. Over the next few weeks we will be having conversations and seeing information about our stewardship program. As we move into this season of Thanksgiving, may we be guided by God's desire that we should be generous with the gifts that he has given us, for it is through this generosity that we are

able to do the ministry to which we are called, and live out our calling in a spirit of abundance.

### **Flower Calendar and Memorial Dedications:**

There is a 'Flower Calendar' up at the back of the church where you can sign up for donations for flowers. **There has been a change in vendor and the suggested donation is now \$55.00. It has been \$50 for a number of years, so this is not a surprise.** These donations can be accompanied by a specific dedication if you wish. Arrangements can be made by contacting the church office at [office@oldchurchrd.com](mailto:office@oldchurchrd.com). Apart from flower donations you can remember people and events as a **Special Dedication** on any particular Sunday. If you so choose, you can make a donation to accompany your memorial and these can be designated to the Memorial Fund, General Fund, or any other Special Fund of your choosing. If you wish to make a donation, either for flowers or as a special dedication, e-transfers can be sent to [offerings@oldchurchrd.com](mailto:offerings@oldchurchrd.com). If you are going to send a cheque, please email the office at [office@oldchurchrd.com](mailto:office@oldchurchrd.com) to let them know about your dedication and the Sunday you would like it to appear. If doing an e-transfer, put in the message section your dedication, the date you would like it to appear and if it is a Special Dedication apart from a flower donation, designate the fund to which you would like to donate the money. Special Dedications, for flowers or otherwise, will appear in the announcements on the designated Sunday.

### **AROUND THE PARISH:**

#### **St. Luke's Hiking Group – 2022**

St Luke's backpackers - Lake of the Falls  
-Submitted by Eric Nyrose

It had been over 25 years since I had last carried a heavy pack a long way down the trail. I used to do it regularly and had acquired some of the best and latest gear to make it easier and more comfortable. On a recent canoe trip, I learned that my nearly 60 year old body could indeed sleep on the ground comfortably, if I had a good mattress and portable pillow. So, I responded to the invitation of the St Luke's backpackers and joined them on a 3 day trip in the Cline River area with a destination of Lake of the Falls.



This group has always been open to both men and women and we almost had some women join us but in the end it was just three of us men - Phil Wright, Mark Stang and me. We left early Saturday morning, September 3 and drove to the trailhead for hiking along the Cline River. On the way it was determined that Eric would ditch his once state of the art tent and share accommodations in a better and much lighter

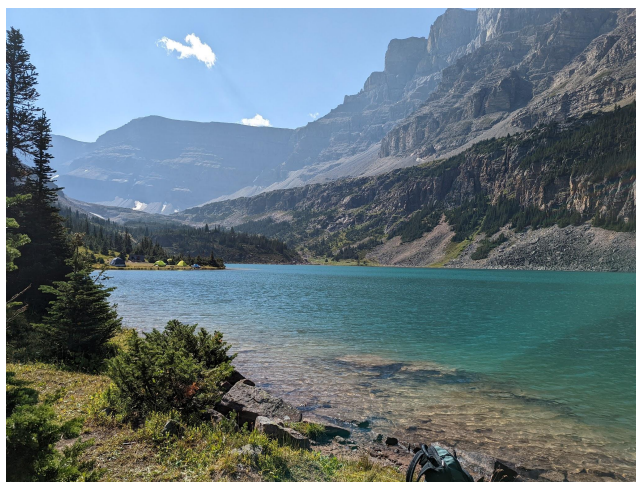


weight tent with one of the others. After sharing the Hiker's Prayer together, we hiked through some beautiful forests, along creeks and rivers in the midst of majestic mountains. We hiked up and down and up and down - more up than down it seemed. We paused for a break every hour or so to refresh and refuel. A longer stop for lunch was made at a junction along the Cline River where we would turn onto a trail that led us along a creek to Lake of the Falls.

It had been decided that we would hike about 10 km on the first day before setting up camp. We decided on a beautiful spot right beside the rushing creek with just enough space for our two tents. I pulled out my newly acquired lightweight camping chair and relaxed a bit before we decided to take a quick dip in the cold waters of the creek. This led to a discussion of the merits of baptism by sprinkling versus full immersion. We each cooked supper and compared our various cook stoves, all very light and effective. Our suppers were water based, requiring only boiled water added to the mix. I felt my Kraft Dinner with several additives was the best. Mark built a small fire and we swapped stories, realizing that the beautiful rushing creek was also very loud and made it hard to hear one another. We all turned in for the night before dark so that we would sleep long and wake refreshed.



We rose shortly after sunrise, and after eating breakfast, hung our food high above and set out for Lake of the Falls with lighter packs on our backs. The trail was again very beautiful albeit with significant elevation gain. We had to watch closely to the small flags or we would wander off the main trail. After hiking past a couple mountain peaks and over ridges, we arrived at the valley with the Lake of the Falls. We enjoyed



a relaxing lunch on the shores of the lake before making the return voyage. While it was more downhill on the way home, it seemed to take longer to get back to our camp. We had hiked 17 km round trip that day and were ready to relax. We had another short dip in the creek, made our suppers and shared some more stories together before resting our weary bodies for the night.

We were up and on the trail by 8:30 and hiked the 10 km back to our vehicles. On our way back we made a stop at the Miner's Cafe in Nordegg where they serve very good pie among other things. It was a good weekend

all in all. While the hike was challenging, it was what someone described to me as type 2 fun.

You have to work hard but you have fun doing it. We enjoyed worshipping the God who was behind creation and we were built up by the fellowship with other believers in Christ.

### The Poppy Project:

The Poppy Project is proceeding wonderfully...we have received donations of poppies not only from St. Luke's but from other parishes in Alberta and from organizations and associations within Red Deer. We thank you all and we feel we have reached our optimum limit ...we hope. We are putting a display of the first hanging in the church for all to see...(it is over 60 feet long with approximately 600 poppies attached to a netting allowing the stonework of the church to show through)....and we think it will look wonderful.

Your help is requested in attaching poppies to the netting. If you can help, there is a work bee in the church hall every Thursday morning from 10:00-12:00.



A work in progress.

### Fall Cleanup:

Many thanks to the 32 attendees to the breakfast and the many who stayed to help inside and out.

Al Evans and Doug Ewart went this past Wednesday to finish off the outside work.

-from Bob Dixon



Scenes from the cleanup

Choir:

We certainly hope to be able to reestablish a choir this fall. Anyone interested in joining the choir please contact [joanwilliams474@gmail.com](mailto:joanwilliams474@gmail.com). There is no need to be able to read music.

Servers:

If you like to be a server, please contact [mthain@telusplanet.net](mailto:mthain@telusplanet.net) or the church office. Training will be provided.

**AROUND THE CHURCH:**

Church Doors:

The new church doors have been installed. Quite a difference!

Before:



After:



The previous two sets of doors have been memorials. The plaques commemorating those memorials will be put back up by these doors. The new doors have been paid for through the Memorial Fund. We thank Charles Meggison of *Fine Craft in Wood* for his suggestions and fine work on this project.



Because many people continue to be affected by the pandemic, and the pandemic is clearly not over, I will continue to post this prayer.

### **Prayer during a Pandemic**

This is from St. Paul's Church in Lexington, Kentucky and was provided by the Primate, Archbishop Linda Nicholls, to PWRDF, who posted it on their website.

May we who are merely inconvenienced

Remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors,

Remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home

Remember those who must choose between preserving their own health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close

Remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips

Remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market

Remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home

Remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country

Let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other,

Let us find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbour.

Amen