

St. Luke's News

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ANGLICAN CHURCH

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ST. LUKE

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On September 20th we had a successful combination of Zoom Eucharist with in church receiving and another is planned for October 18th. There is information about this on the website and there will be emails sent out before the event. It is appropriate as October 18th is our Patronal Festival, honouring St. Luke.

It is felt that Luke was the author of the 3rd Gospel and the Book of Acts. He wrote in a style that identifies him as being a Greek Gentile. He travelled extensively with Paul and in Paul's letter to the Colossians (4:14) he refers to Luke as a friend and physician. Luke gives us the most detailed account of the birth of Jesus and throughout his writing he pays attention to our need to support the poor. There are a number of stories we would not have if it were not for his writing. In Acts he gives a 'you-are-there' realism to his trips. (William Barker: **Everyone in the Bible**) There are a number of speculations about him. It is not known exactly where he was from, or where he died probably at the age of 84. He may have been the unnamed disciple on the road to Emmaus. It is felt he was not married. There is a legend that he painted a picture of Mary in Rome so he is the patron saint of artists as well as physicians. (Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church) He is often pictured with an Ox, a symbol of sacrifice, service and strength.

On page 6 there is a sonnet by Malcolm Guite titled 'Luke'.

Submit items for the November Newsletter by October 26th.
mthain@telusplanet.net

Incumbent Priest/Pastor:
The Ven. Noel Wygiera

Incumbent's Warden:
Eric Nyrose

People's Warden:
Deb Mann 403-350-4798

Pianists:
Dorothy Comfort
Judy Miller

Organist:
Jo Wygiera

Service Schedule

Sunday 10:00 am

[Check website for on line
Services and other meeting
opportunities](http://www.oldchurchrd.com)

www.oldchurchrd.com

WEBSITE **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.

PLEASE NOTE SOME OF THIS MAY CHANGE DEPENDING ON CIRCUMSTANCES WITH COVID-19. UPDATES WILL BE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE

During this time when we are not meeting face to face it is EXTREMELY IMPORTANT if you change contact information, eg. address, phone number or email address, that you notify the office at: office@oldchurchrd.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

WATCH THE WEBSITE AND YOUR EMAILS FOR INFORMATION ABOUT ON LINE WORSHIP AND OTHER MEETING OPPORTUNITIES

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

Ladies' Group Meetings: Watch the Website and emails for further dates
Men's Group Meetings: Watch the Website and emails for further dates
Bible Study: Wednesdays at 10:00 See website regarding access
Sunday Worship: 10:00 – Watch the Website and emails for further information
October 18th. There is another on line Eucharist planned with opportunity for parishioners to go to the church after the service to receive communion. Watch the website and emails for updates.

Forward Day by Day: The November, December, January edition will be available this month. It will be available at the church on October 20th and also available for delivery later in the month. If you wish to have it delivered, notify the office at office@oldchurchrd.com.

SEE THE WEBSITE (UNDER NEWS) FOR INFORMATION ABOUT ON LINE GIVING TO THE PARISH

This information is also included in this Newsletter under Financial Statement

Helping Hands: We have several people willing to run errands for anyone who is housebound during this time. Please email Noel at vicar@oldchurchrd.com if you would like to avail yourself of this service.

Heat the Church--updated:

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 under the donate button on the website or by Direct e transfer as outlined below. To the end of August, we have had 48 days covered which is more than the 44 we had at the same time last year.

Financial Statement:

	Actual	Year To Date	Year To Date	Year To Date
	August 2020	Actual	Budget	Variance
Income	11,337.53	102,195.39	127,070.00	24,874.61
Expenses	14,994.71	111,610.36	127,070.00	15,459.64
Net	3,657.18	9,414.97	0	9,414.97

Fortunately, our costs continue to be below budget. At this point last year our net variance was **\$5,749.47**. It is realized that times are tough for some people and that is accepted. For those who do not have a preauthorized plan it may be difficult to get your offering to the church. These are some suggestions:

1. **Drop Off Days** – on Tuesdays and Thursdays, if you are out and about, offering envelopes can be deposited in the Church mail slot to the right of the hall doors. The mailbox will be checked at the end of the day and offerings will be retrieved for safe keeping. Please do not put cash in the mailbox.
2. **By Mail** – cheques can be mailed to the Church. The address is 4929 – 54 St. Red Deer T4N 2G7. Please do not mail cash.
3. **Helping Hands** – we have several people willing to run errands for anyone who is housebound during this time. We can arrange for your offering to be picked up at your home. Please email Noel at vicar@oldchurchrd.com if you would like to arrange this.
4. **Online Donation** – you can donate through the Church website by clicking on “Donation” in the menu at the top of the main page. This takes you to our Canada Helps page. Canada Helps is a charitable organization that facilitates online donations for other charities. This option requires the use of a credit card.
5. **Interac E-Transfer Direct Deposit** - Using your online banking service, you can do Interac e-transfers and electronically send your offering to St. Luke's. We are registered to receive e-transfers as direct deposits so no passwords are required. It is helpful if you put your name, and if not on our parish list, your address, in the message portion of the transfer. You can also designate if it is a contribution to 'Heat the Church' or any other special fund. When setting up St. Luke's as an e-transfer recipient, use offerings@oldchurchrd.com as the recipient email address.
6. **Pre-Authorized Withdrawal** – many of our regular donors use this option. You can set up a monthly withdrawal from your chequing account for whatever amount you choose. This method is not only convenient, from the Church’s perspective it is consistent and dependable. Should

you be interested in this, the required form is on the last page of this Newsletter and may be mailed to the church: St. Luke's Church, 4929-54th Street, Red Deer, AB, T4N 2G7. This arrangement can be cancelled or changed at any time.

As always, we would like to thank you and commend you for your financial support of St. Luke's. Thank you also for your willingness to be flexible as we find our way in these strange times.

Flower Calendar and Memorial Dedications:

While flowers on the altar are on hold during this time of isolation, the opportunity still exists to remember loved ones and special dates as we do when sponsoring flowers. For now, the Flower Calendar is suspended. You are not responsible for sponsoring dates for which you may already signed up. If you have prepaid a flower donation, you will be contacted so that you can let us know how to proceed.

In the absence of the Flower Calendar. Please let us know of people and events that you might like remembered as a **Special Dedication** on a 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. Special Dedications will appear in the announcements on the designated Sunday. **If you wish to make a donation**, please refer to the information above regarding donations. If you are going to send a cheque, please email the office at 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 the fund to which you would like the money designated.

Parish Council Profiles:

This is the continuation of our series of profiles of Parish Council members. By getting to know who are your representatives, and a bit about them, we hope it will be easier for you to approach them if you have any concerns or questions. This month we profile Joan Williams.



When my 10 year old son (Kyle) and I moved to Red Deer in 1976, I left the choice of our new church up to him. After attending services at both Anglican churches in Red Deer he chose St. Luke's, because in his opinion they used 'real wine' in the communion service. It is hard to believe that I have been part of this wonderful Christian family for the past 24 years—and not just because of the wine selection!

God has blessed me with multiple talents and the parish of St. Luke has given me the opportunity to use so many of them – choir singing, church school teaching, youth group leading, Ladies' Group, Cursillo, Parish council, People's Warden, Rector's Warden, leading Morning Prayer services, and the honour of preparing and delivering the homily on occasion.

Being part of the current Parish Council is my way of giving back to God and a Christian family that has given me so much. I hope to honour this privilege by using my experience and love of our church family to help us move positively into our future ministries together.
God Bless!

Around the Parish:

On September 20th, we had our first Eucharist with the service being done via Zoom and then giving the opportunity for parishioners to come to the church to receive the Reserve Sacrament from the morning service. It was all done with the application of the AHS guidelines, including masks and limited access to the pews and cleaning of the pews afterwards. Thanks to all involved in making this happen. This very reminiscent of 1918!

Red Deer News, November 13, 1918



September 20, 2020



On September 24th a special meeting of the congregation was held on line to discuss necessary repairs to the church tower. This meeting endorsed a decision made by Parish Council to proceed with necessary repairs to be done by Ravenstone Masonry and Restoration. The initial work will be done next spring and summer.

Around the Church:

As many of you know, on September 9th, a major flood was discovered in the hall area. It appears that a connection to the toilet upstairs in the hall broke and cascaded water down the walls underneath and down the stairs. Apart from some wet carpet just in the entry to the church, the church itself does not appear to have sustained any damage. It did come through the Altar Guild area and several of the hangings were damaged. The insurance adjuster and a representative of a restoration company came the next morning and a preliminary assessment was done. The altar hangings have been sent for cleaning and dehumidifiers and heaters were put in place. The ceilings in the entry way from the hall to the church came down as did the ceilings in the two washrooms. This disrupted some of the electrical work. An extensive restoration will have to be done. It is probably fortunate that we are not using the building on a regular basis right now.



Luke

His gospel is itself a living creature,
A ground and glory round the throne of God,
Where earth and heaven breathe through human nature
And One upon the throne sees it is good.
Luke is the living pillar of our healing,
A lowly ox, the servant of the four,
We turn his page to find his face revealing
The wonder and the welcome of the poor.
He breathes good news to all who bear a burden,
Good news to all who turn and try again,
The meek rejoice and prodigals find pardon,
A lost thief reaches paradise through pain,
The voiceless find their voice in every word
And, with our Lady, magnify the Lord.

(used with permission)

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



Pre-Authorized Donations Authorization for Bank Withdrawal



Please check one:

- I hereby authorize The Synod of the Diocese of Calgary, Anglican Church of Canada (the "Diocese") to start withdrawing the amount indicated below from my bank account and transfer it to my congregation (which is registered with the Diocese to use this service) on or about the 16th day of each month beginning with the month shown below until I cancel or change my instructions in writing.
- I hereby authorize The Synod of the Diocese of Calgary, Anglican Church of Canada (the "Diocese") to change the monthly withdrawal from my bank account in accordance with the information provided below.
- I hereby cancel my authorization for The Synod of the Diocese of Calgary, Anglican Church of Canada to withdraw a monthly amount from my bank account on behalf of my congregation.

Please return the completed form (signed and dated) and any subsequent instructions to the parish official that is administering this program (usually the Envelope Secretary or Parish Treasurer).

Donor Information:

Name	E-mail Address	
Address	Telephone Number	
City	Province	Postal Code

Bank Information:

Name	Address	
City	Province	Postal Code
Account No.	Branch No.	Institution No.

For verification, please attach a blank cheque, marked "VOID", to the completed Authorization. Thank you.

Withdrawal Information:

Monthly Amount	Starting Month	Starting Year
Parish	Location	

Authorized Signature(s) of Account Holder	Date
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NOTE: 30 days' notice required for changes to the Pre-Authorized Donation service.

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Donor Code:			

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