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This is an interesting month as it is a month that has All Saints' Day (November 1st), Remembrance Day (November 11th), and the First Sunday in Advent (November 29th). These are all occasions when we would normally be having special services in church. But this is not a normal year and things will be different. We will have the opportunity to be in church on November 15th, which we are observing as Remembrance Sunday, transferred from November 8th. This will allow an opportunity for parishioners, who are able to come in the afternoon, to receive communion and spend some time in the church. There is a note regarding this in this Newsletter. It is also a time of year when we begin to think about the observance of Christmas and what it will look like, not only in church, but in our own families. It is very unlikely that we will be able to get together as we normally do. By the time of the December Newsletter we will should have information about our church observance. We will certainly miss the usual round of concerts, recitals and family gatherings. In this Newsletter there is a note regarding "Gift Sunday". As noted there, we have lost some sources of usual income. Please make special note of this information. Further reminders will be sent out in the next few weeks. As winter comes on, with its weather induced isolation, remember to continue to reach out to those around you.

Submit items for the December Newsletter by November 25th.
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

****NOVEMBER 1ST – DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS****

REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR

November 1st: Feast of All Saints

November 15th – Remembrance Sunday. There is an on line Eucharist planned with opportunity for parishioners to go to the church in the afternoon to receive communion. Watch the website and emails for updates.

November 30th: Advent 1 – [GIFT SUNDAY](#) – see note below

Forward Day by Day: The November, December, January edition is available. If you have not had an opportunity to get one and 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

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 September, we have had 55 days covered which is more than the 45 we had at the same time last year. Thank you to all who have continued to support this.

Financial Statement:

	Actual Sept 2020	Year To Date Actual	Year To Date Budget	Year To Date Variance
Income	14,077.13	116,272.52	142,953.75	26,681.23
Expenses	13,747.45	125,357.81	142,953.75	17,595.94
Net	329.68	9,085.29	0	9,085.29

This year our actual income is \$11,000 less than at this point last year. Fortunately, our costs continue to be below budget giving us a net variance of \$9,085.29 compared to \$5,707.46 at this point last year. It is realized that times are financially difficult 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 house-bound 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.

NOVEMBER 30TH — FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT — GIFT SUNDAY

You may remember that last year we designated the first Sunday in Advent as Gift Sunday. We had some discussions in church regarding Stewardship and asked that those who were able make a one-time donation, above their usual giving, as an act of additional stewardship. In this context, “stewardship is a theological belief that humans are responsible for the world, and should take care and look after it. ... In Jewish, Christian and Muslim traditions, **stewardship** refers to the way time, talents, material possessions, or wealth, are used or given for the service of God”. A lot of people in this parish give of their time and talent, and many, as they are able, give financial support. While we have stewardship responsibilities to the community around us, we also have a responsibility for the structure and operation of our church community. This year, with COVID 19, we have lost some income. Things like our recitals and rentals, our fund raisers like the Cow Patti theatre and the spring and fall dinners put on by the Men's Group have not been possible. As we have said before, we appreciate that things have also been difficult for individuals, but we hope that some can look at their resources and give a one-time donation, of any amount, to the church above their usual giving. Last year we had a special collection on Advent Sunday. This year, of course, this will not be possible so the means of giving as outlined above will apply. If paying by cheque, mark the cheque 'Gift Sunday' or if paying by e-transfer put 'Gift Sunday' in the message box. If you prefer to give cash, put it in an envelope marked 'Gift Sunday' and notify the office at office@oldchurchrd.com and arrangements can be made to have it picked up.

Parish Council Profiles:

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



I was born into a traditional Anglican church family in Calgary, where I attended both high church & low church traditions. As a teenager working with the Girl Guides I took part in different denominations, I always came back to my Anglican roots. I taught Sunday School for 7 years.

After marriage & having my girls we moved to Elnora. This is a small rural church, at the time part of a 5-point parish. We were there about 20 years. During this time, I became a licensed Lay Reader in the Diocese of Calgary. I helped lead Morning Prayer as the priest was in Elnora only 2 Sundays a month for services. I also became a Chalice Assistant & did Altar Guild.

I attended Cursillo with my daughter, Denise, where I met Joan Williams, Diane Cingel & Chris Smith. After moving to Red Deer, I started to look for a new parish. Denise suggested I come to St. Luke as I knew these ladies. I felt welcomed & part of a family. My grandsons followed & then Christine came, we have been here close to 10 years.

Having lived in an urban, then rural, & again an urban parish I feel I have an insight into different aspects of ministry. Parish Council is another aspect as it works in the inner workings, business part of the bigger picture. I enjoy working with different members of council with whom we tackle the everyday business part of the whole picture of St. Luke's.

Around the Parish:

Noel's Holidays:

Noel will be taking holidays from October 26th to November 9th. For the Sundays he is away, Eric Nyrose will be facilitating and conducting our Zoom services. If there are any emergencies during this time either Eric (rectorswarden@oldchurchrd.com) or Debb Mann (peopleswarden@oldchurchrd.com) can be contacted.



Church Calendars:

The 2021 Church Calendar is now available. If you would like to purchase one, notify either Elizabeth Thain (ethain@telus.net) or Debb Mann (debbmann@telus.net) and arrangements will be made to get it delivered. They will also be available at the church on November 15th. The cost is \$10.00 each. The money made goes towards the work of the Altar Guild. This includes: the decorating of the church

for special occasions like Easter, Harvest and Christmas; outreach to help the incumbent with the Discretionary Fund; purchase of special cleaners and polishes for the silver and brass. While parishioners do donate money during the year, the Altar Guild's sale of calendars is the only fund raiser that is held.

Spiritual Communion:

On October 18th, we had our second Eucharist with the service being done via Zoom and then parishioners were given the opportunity 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. As happened the previous month, Noel took Reserve Sacrament to the homes of those who are concerned about coming to the church or are unable to come. Thanks to all involved in making this happen.

The next opportunity to participate in this will be **November 15th**. At that time we will have our Remembrance Day service and as many that are able are encouraged to attend the Zoom service in the morning and then come to receive communion in the afternoon and spend some quiet time of remembrance in the church. There is information regarding this on the website and further information about registering for this service will be sent out by email in the week prior to that Sunday.

Flood update:

As you will recall, we had a significant flood in the hall from a water leak in the upstairs washroom. This has now been all dried, and the damaged walls and ceilings have been removed. The restoration company are now waiting for the go ahead from the insurance company to proceed with the repairs. Some altar hangings were damaged beyond repair and these will be replaced

Around the Church:

As noted above, our next Spiritual communion service will be on November 15th at which time we will honour Remembrance Day. It is appropriate that we will be able to have some time in the church that afternoon to have some time of remembrance. We have a number of memorials in the church and this month I would like to focus on one for Lance Corporal Colin Ramsay Broughton. His memorial is on the north wall and is in need of some repair, as the coloured lettering is deteriorating, and this makes it a bit difficult to read. (And difficult to photograph).



The inscription reads:



Picture: Red Deer Archives

Sacred to the memory
of
L. Corporal Colin Ramsay Broughton
5th Battalion
1st Canadian Contingency
Killed in action at Zillebeke, Flanders
26th July 1916
Aged 25 years
For Home and Freedom

Colin was the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Broughton. He was born in England in 1891 and came with his parents to Bowden in 1895. The family then moved to Red Deer where his father established a machine shop, where Colin worked prior to enlisting in 1914. He was eventually sent to France in February, 1915. (**Red Deer News**, August 9, 1916) Over the years before his death, he wrote regularly to his parents from the front lines and these letters were published in the **Red Deer News**. They provide a lot of insight into the conditions in the trenches in France. He speaks a lot of his Red Deer comrades. In his last letter to his parents, written from Belgium on July 13th, 1916, he says “I am very sorry to hear of so many casualties among the Red Deer boys, but of course it is inevitable, as there has been so much heavy fighting going on lately.” (**Red Deer News**, August 9, 1916). His military record shows that he is buried in the Burial Grounds at Zillebeke, “1 Mile S. S. E. of Ypres, Belgium Plot 6, Row C, Gr 37”. (References: Peel’s Prairie Provinces, Red Deer News, Canada National Archives, City of Red Deer Archives, National War Graves Commission)

We also have a memorial board for WW 2 on the south wall of the church. It has the names of 92 St. Luke’s parishioners who served.



Those who were killed in action are listed as:

- W M G Dunham
- G R O Langton
- H B Long
- D A MacArthur
- S W Nichols
- E K White

Remembrance Sunday

November pierces with its bleak remembrance
 Of all the bitterness and waste of war;
 Our silence tries but fails to make a semblance
 Of that lost peace they thought worth fighting for,
 Our silence seethes instead with wraiths and whispers
 And all the restless rumour of new wars,
 For shells are falling all around our vespers,
 No moment is unscarred, there is no pause.
 In every instant bloodied innocence
 Falls to the weary earth, and whilst we stand
 Quiescence¹ ends again with acquiescence²,
 And Abel’s blood still cries from every land.
 One silence only might redeem that blood;
 Only the silence of a dying God.

(Malcolm Guite--used with permission of the author)

¹ inactivity

² the reluctant acceptance of something without protest

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

NOTE: 30 days' notice required for changes to the Pre-Authorized Donation service.

For Parish Use:			
Donor Code:			

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