

The background of the entire image is a light cream color, decorated with scattered autumn-themed elements. These include several maple leaves in shades of red and orange, some with green stems. There are also small, round red and green dots scattered throughout. On the left side, there are three stalks of wheat with golden heads. In the lower-left quadrant, there are three pumpkins: one large orange pumpkin at the top, and two smaller yellow pumpkins below it. At the bottom of the pumpkin group are two ears of corn with yellow kernels and green husks. The text is arranged in the upper and middle-right portions of the image.

The Vine

October 2025

*Happy
Thanksgiving*

Lutheran Church of Our Saviour

8831 Fairmount Drive SE, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2H 0Z4

We are an inviting and growing Christian presence, with a passion for living and sharing Jesus Christ!

Our vision is to be a Christ-centered Community that Equips Disciples to Make Disciples!



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Kathy Gibson
Isaria Kwayu
Adriana Mass
Kari Paul



Carolynne



Kathy



Brian



Adriana



Board Report

Happy 'Autumn' everyone!

As I write this, my mind drifts back to the start of previous 'Fall Initiatives'. I fondly remember when Holger Christiansen and Pastor Bill Roesler introduced the 'Small Group' initiative that went on to be an important part of the life of our community. Members of small groups at LCOS have 'lived life' together. They have celebrated momentous occasions and comforted each other in times of pain and loss. They have engaged in Bible study and prayer and built life long friendships. What a beautiful legacy to the vision that Holger and Bill had so many years ago. As we enter another Fall season, your Board of Directors prays that each one of you will find a home in a small group where you feel comfortable. You will be glad you made the effort!

I hope you are enjoying the new carpet in the fellowship hall. A reminder to all that Kool-Aid and similar products should not be brought into this area. Of course, the challenges of building maintenance continue and the latest is another repair to a section of the roof. We anticipate the cost of this to be around \$10,000 and we are hoping to have the repair completed before the snow flies. We are working on a fund raiser and of course all donations to this will be gladly accepted.

Our Carnival was a huge success thanks to 'many hands making lighter work'. A special thank you to Kathy Gibson, Adrianna Mass and Judy McDonald for ensuring donations came in and prizes were awarded to all of the children attending. Of course, where would a carnival be without popcorn! Thank you the Mihaichuk family for making and bagging nearly 100 bags of popcorn! Of course, there were many games and excited faces were everywhere! To all of you that gave of your time or talents, whether overseeing a game, handing out popcorn or ensuring that every child received a gift...THANK YOU! LCOS is thankful and grateful for your time, effort and generosity.

On another note, the Board and Call Committee are highly appreciative of your patience as we continue to search for the one God has chosen to lead our community. We are confident that as we wait upon the Lord, he will direct our paths. In that vein, we all wish Mariette Jessup the best in her future endeavours. We know God has great plans for her wherever that may take her.

We have 3 Bible study opportunities this year. The 'Cover to Cover' Bible study group led by Brad Heberton is studying the Book of Revelations. They began in the spring and have met throughout the summer. They meet Thursday evenings in the Fireside room at 7pm (Contact Brad @ 403-973-5677). The 'Discovery' Bible study group led by Bob Montgomery is working their way through the Old Testament. They also meet on Thursday evenings in the Library at 7pm (Contact Bob @ 403-660-8421). Finally, beginning in November, our own Pastor Lee Woolery will begin a Bible Study on the book of Ephesians. Further details will follow. You are welcome to join in any one of these opportunities. Please contact Bob (403-660-8421) if interested in joining Pastor Lee's study.

Your Board is always eager to hear from you. Please do not hesitate to contact any one of us if you have questions or need more information about any of the activities our church community are involved in.

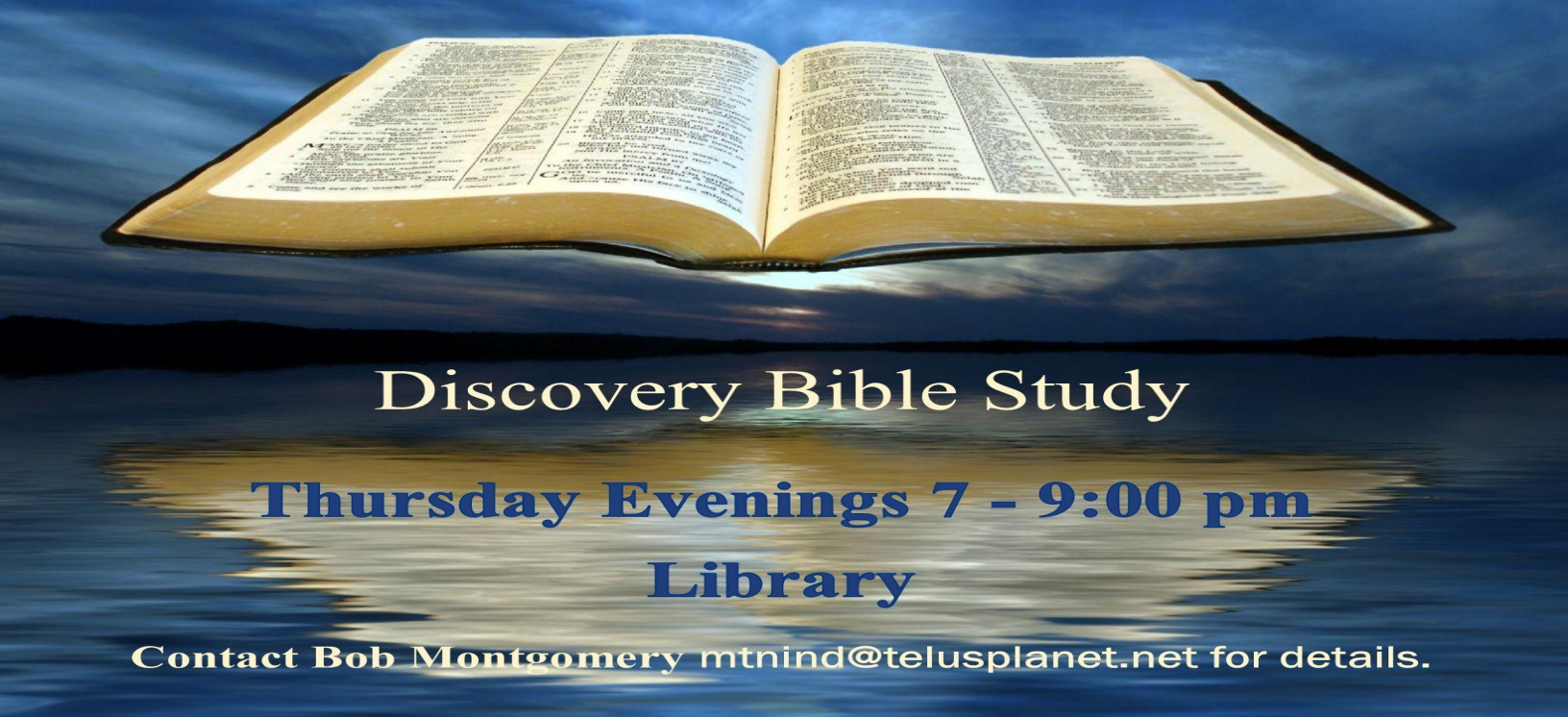
In His Service

Bob Montgomery

Chair – LCOS Board of Directors

Cover to Cover Bible Study

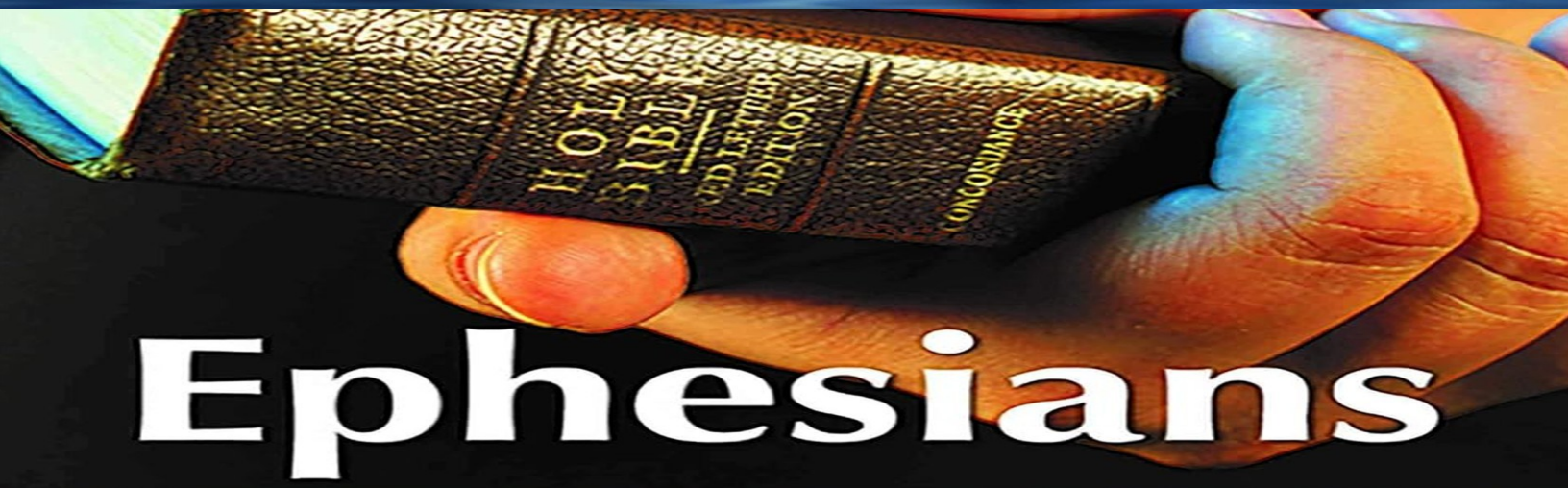
*Thursdays @ 7:00 pm
Fireside Room*



Discovery Bible Study

Thursday Evenings 7 - 9:00 pm
Library

Contact Bob Montgomery mtmind@telusplanet.net for details.



BIBLE STUDY WITH PASTOR LEE
Details to follow..

Call Committee Report

The Call Committee continued its evaluation of the 980 congregations in Minnesota to provide a short list of potential candidates to Bishop Trish. The goal is to have the short list prepared and sent in October.

The following note was sent to Bishop Trish.

We hope that this finds you in good health and spirit.

The Call Committee had a meeting on August 27th and after much discussion and discernment has unanimously determined that we will not pursue any further investigations into considering Pastor M as a pastoral candidate for LCOS. The committee's decision was based solely on our concerns for the congregation not being able to understand his sermon messages due to his English. His credentials and beliefs were very satisfactory and we feel that he would make an excellent pastor in Canada. Please ensure that Pastor M knows that we appreciate his conversations with our LCOS Board member while she was in country and LCOS wishes him well in his search in Canada.

There were several questions that the committee requested that I ask you. First, are there any further potential pastor candidates that have come to your attention within the Alberta Synod or outside of the AB Synod? Second, is there any leads on a potential interim pastor. It was the committee's thought that if the Bishop thought that an interim candidate would fit LCOS's criteria then an interim posting would give the congregation a chance to witness the pastor which could lead to an eventual Call (if the candidate was interested). Third, the committee is reviewing all of the congregations in the state of Minnesota to provide you with a list of potential candidates that we would like to have you review with the appropriate Bishop(s) in Minnesota to determine if there were any interests.

Do you have any other suggestions for the Call Committee with regard to how we can assist in generating potential candidates to determine their interest.

Thanks again for all your help and advice.

The following note was received back from Bishop Trish.

Thank you for this update.

I appreciate the attention given to Pr M in this process and for letting me know that you will not go further with him. While I think his language would improve once here in Canada, I understand it's a big investment of time and energy to bring someone over when there are some concerns lingering.

Call Committee Report, continued

I think it's a good idea to look to the US. It's much easier for us to transfer someone from the ELCA. I fully support this. I can actually check with a new pastor in Edmonton from the ELCA to see if they know of anyone interested to come north. I have another experienced candidate who is being "vetted" right now, coming from another denomination. He lives north of Edmonton, but is willing to relocate. There is one other possibility of a pastor who may be coming to Calgary.

I have one person (retired) who may be available for an interim in November in your area.

To say that I appreciate your patience is an understatement. I want you to know that your situation is an active item for us at the Synod Office and I have been making many inquiries for both ideas to support you in the interim and for a permanent pastor.

I provide these two notes to show that the Call Committee continues to correspond with Bishop Trish and she continues to be very engaged in our search and concerns.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at church or by phone at 403-975-0081 or email at gmihaichuk@me.com or any of the Call Committee members.

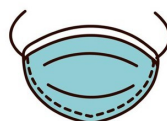
Thanks for all of your prayers and support.

Yours in Christ

Garry Mihaichuk

**It's that time of
year again, and
we are seeing
cases of Covid in
our community.**

Remember...





LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

8831 FAIRMOUNT DRIVE SE
WORSHIP SERVICE @ 10:00 AM
KIDS CHURCH @ 11:00 AM
(PRE-K - GRADE 7)

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!!



The Search

Asking the Big Questions
Youth Grade 8 -12

Meetings every second Thursday at 5:30 pm.

Next meeting - October 9

Currently studying the book of Hebrews.

Contact Kari Paul, Isaria Kwayu or
office2@oursaviourchurch.ca for details.



Financial Secretary Report

Did you know??

If you are wondering why there is little offering in the offering plate at each service, a small percentage of total offering is given via the offering plate. Loose cash, cash, and some cheques are given via the offering plate.



The following methods and percentages of giving for August, 2025 were:

Cash: 3.5% - 12 givers

Cheques: 16.3% - 7 givers

Interac E-transfer: 58.5% - 30 givers

Loose Cash: 1.6%

Online via Realm: 3.4% - 4 givers

Pre-Authorized Remittance Program: 16.7% - 17 givers

Year To Date Financial Status – August 31, 2025:

Revenue (offering, rentals): \$207,628.16

Expenses: \$224,821.52

For a deficit of \$17,193.36

*Give Thanks to the Lord,
for He is good.
Psalm 107:1*



Financial Secretary Report, continued

If you wish to contribute to the church, the following are options for giving:

Interac e-transfer:

Donations are made to email address: donate@oursaviourchurch.ca.

PAR Program Giving:

The Pre-Authorized Remittance program (PAR) gives the option to give monthly directly from a bank or credit union account.

If you sign up by October 01, your monthly donation would begin October 20. Please contact the Financial Secretary Cliff Blumhagen (403-936-0419 or financialsecretary@oursaviourchurch.ca) to get a PAR sign up form and with any questions.

Cheque:

You can mail, bring to a church service, or drop off a cheque at the church.

Online Giving (via credit or debit card **):

Donations are made via the following secure link: <https://onrealm.org/LutheranChurchofOurSaviour/give/now>.

**NOTE: to give via debit card, the card must have a CVV code (on the back of the card). This is like the code on the back of a credit card. **

Text Giving (via credit or debit card):**

Donations are made by texting LCOSGive to 73256 followed by the donation amount.

**NOTE: to give via debit card, the card must have a CVV code (on the back of the card). This is like the code on the back of a credit card. **

Giving via online and text will go to General giving.

General giving and Designated giving can be done via Interac E-transfer, cheque, and cash.

Shares from Investments:

Shares from investments are made by transferring them from your investment account to the church investment account.

Legacy Giving:

Donations are made from your estate by gifting to the church by remembering the church in your will.

4th Annual Fall Carnival

THANK YOU FALL CARNIVAL SPONSORS!





BERVA HUBER

PAT KAACK

DAISY ENG

VAL WINTERS

MIKE WISE

October Worship Services

Sunday, October 5 10:00 am Worship Service

Sunday, October 12 10:00 am Worship Service with Communion

Sunday, October 19 10:00 am Worship Service

Sunday, October 26 10:00 am Worship Service with Communion

Live Stream Available

Kids Church 11:00 am

Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm





Games Group

Meets the First and Third Tuesday
of each month - 1 pm to 3 pm

Good Fun ! Good Food !

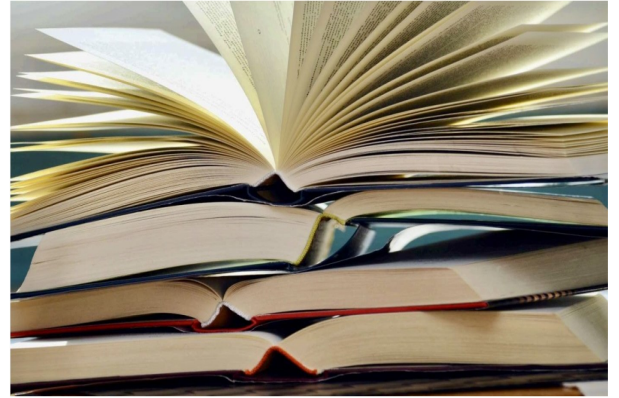
Lutheran Church of Our Saviour
Contact Ruth Peterson or Eleanor Wilson

Happy 90th !!



Library

Like a bear at the end of a long winter's nap, The Library is coming out of hibernation and is ready to get into the spring of things! The dust bunnies have been chased out, the books have been put back in their proper places and the entire collection has been reorganized to be a self-service facility that is more browsable and user-friendly.



The Library was developed, stocked and maintained by Pastor Lee Woolery and his wife, Gretch, and was given as an incredible gift to LCOS. It was intended to be a place where you could find materials from the Woolery's favourite Christian bookstores, books on a variety of faith-based topics, and hard-to-find books not typically stocked in the typical bookstore. It is because of their generosity that we have a unique and wonderful collection of books and materials to enjoy; the best way to show our appreciation of this gift is to use it.

We encourage you to come in and browse. Rediscover a favourite fiction, delve into a book on discipleship, indulge in something inspiring, or find a family-friendly movie that everyone can enjoy!

Submitted with grateful hearts and book-filled arms – Carolyn Walker & Karen Smith



ANNUAL ALTAR CARE MEETING

Tuesday, October 28 @ 7:00 pm in Fireside Room

Everyone Welcome!

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FALL ARTISAN MARKET SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025

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/ ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES



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LUTHERAN HOSPITAL MINISTRIES

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IN SOUTHERN ALBERTA

Worship service will be at
10:00am on Oct 18, 2025
with luncheon to follow!



ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

All are welcome to the worship service
but seating at the luncheon will be limited
to 60 people. Nominal cost for luncheon.

To attend the luncheon...
email: lhmsac@gmail.com
or, call: 403-264-4045

*I was
sick
and
you
visited me*

MATTHEW
25:35



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OCT 18

7 PM



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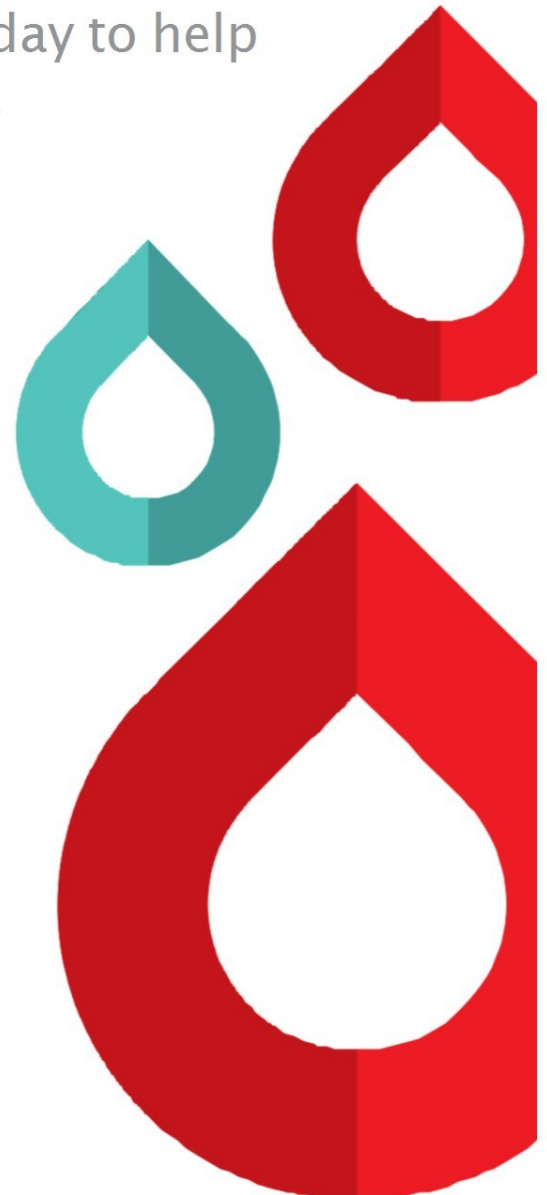
240- 90th Ave SE
Rose Hall

Thursday, October 23
1:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Donor Event - Donors Needed

Join **Canada's Lifeline**

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Time Capsule



Mary Drever Macleod 1852-1933

Macleod Trail is on the west side of Acadia, part of the trail used by traders travelling to Fort Benton, Montana, and in the 1880's used to bring early livestock herds to southern Alberta. Fort Macleod was founded in 1874 with the arrival of the North West Mounted Police, led by Colonel James F. Macleod. He suggested the name for Calgary. Originally named **Fort Brisebois**, the outpost was renamed Fort Calgary in June 1876. It was renamed 'The Confluence' in 2024.

Mary Drever was born in the Red River Settlement near the confluence of the Red and Assiniboine rivers in Manitoba. Her father William Drever came from the Orkney Islands in Scotland in 1821 to work for the Hudson's Bay Company. Her mother Helen Rothney came from Scotland as a nannie with Judge Thom and his family in 1839. William was a clerk at the HBC store. Helen and William married in 1843.

William Drever was one of the four original settlers of Winnipeg. In 1864 the streets that jogged around Rothney Cottage and the Drever Store were named Portage, Main and Notre Dame. Mary was the second youngest of six children. James Drever died of typhoid at 16 in 1861. The older children were educated by their parents and the three younger girls attended Miss Davis's school. Helen Drever died in 1866 at age 46 when her youngest daughter was 12. Three years of grasshoppers ate the crops and the new Holy Trinity Church was wrecked by a twister in 1868 and rebuilt.

In November 1869, Louis Riel and his followers moved into Fort Garry for the winter. William Drever sent his 17 year old daughter Mary with a note to Riel asking him to meet in Rothney Cottage but he refused. In December, Riel's men arrested Mary's older brother Willie. William sent Mary to ask for his release. Riel was intimidated more by an angry woman than a man. Willie Drever and six others were released. Twice in January 1870, Mary and her friends baked files and knives into food delivered to Riel's prisoners. Some of them managed to file prison bars to make an opening and escaped.

Time Capsule, continued

In 1870, James Macleod was appointed brigade major for Colonel Wolseley's expedition. In June, scout William Butler was asked to assess the strength of the 600 rebels guarding Fort Garry and report to Wolseley. Riel's men captured Willie Drever but Butler reached Rev. Gardiner's home at the Lower Fort. Mary offered to take Butler's message 20 miles back to Winnipeg and it reached Col Wolseley. Wolseley and Butler entered Winnipeg on August 24 to find it empty. Riel had withdrawn to become a fugitive.

James Macleod met the Drevs as soon as he arrived in Winnipeg. Willie delivered Col. Wolseley's dispatches to the telegraph in St. Paul Minnesota in six days. James remained at the Lower Fort for the winter and drilled the men three times a day to keep them occupied. Mary Drever and the other girls of Winnipeg watched from the side of the parade ground as the band played for afternoon drills. James and Mary became engaged. Col. Irvine was put in charge of the Fort Garry militia and James was ordered to return to Toronto. Mary wouldn't leave her ill father so they broke their engagement in June 1871. She packed the wedding dress she had ordered from Scotland.

In 1872, James sailed for England and then visited relatives living on the Isle of Mull in Scotland. He spent his time climbing around Castle Calgary. Back in Canada, the North-West Mounted Police was formed on May 23, 1873. Sir John A. Macdonald offered James Macleod a position of superintendent and he sailed back to Canada. James wrote Mary to say he was coming back.

Mary helped organize public functions including the celebration when Winnipeg was incorporated as a city November 3, 1873. In December 1873, James and four other men went on snowshoes to arrest six whiskey traders operating on the shore of Lake Winnipeg. Their return on December 24 was noted in the newspapers as the first patrol of the NWMP.

Mary started planning a wedding for July 1874 but James was appointed Assistant Commissioner under Col. French and joined the troops for the trek west to Fort Whoop-Up. Willie Drever was hired by the NWMP to purchase provisions for the trek. Mary returned her wedding dress to the trunk. To be continued.....

Notes: The book "Braehead" by Sherrill Maclaren published in 1986 has much more detail about the Macleod, Cross and Drever families.

~ Alice

Bishop's Message



October 2025

"If another member of the church sins against you..."
Matthew 18

Matthew 18 feels like Jesus is sitting us down and saying, "Let's talk about what it really means to live together." This whole chapter is about community, and at the center of it is reconciliation—how we deal with hurt, conflict, and forgiveness when things go wrong. And let's be honest: in any community, things do go wrong.

Right in the middle of the chapter is the parable of the lost sheep. This is one of those stories we never get tired of hearing: a shepherd leaves ninety-nine sheep to search for the one that wandered off. Why? Because every single person matters. God doesn't write people off, and that's the same spirit we're supposed to carry into reconciliation.

Jesus then gets super practical: "If someone sins against you, go talk to them directly." (He probably shouldn't have said "if" but "when!") No gossip. No threats. No social media. No letters. Just you and them, face to face. If that doesn't work, bring a couple of others. If that still doesn't work, bring it before the community. It takes a lot of trust when we feel vulnerable or hurt. It's a slow, thoughtful process, and the goal is both accountability and restoration—not shaming, not punishing, not winning an argument.

Reconciliation, according to Matthew 18, isn't optional. It's the heartbeat of Christian community. It means starting with humility, pursuing one another like God pursues the lost, having honest conversations, and practicing forgiveness over and over again.

When Peter asked the question everyone was thinking, "Okay, but how many times do I have to forgive? Seven times?" (He probably thought that was generous.) Jesus replies, "Not seven—seventy times seven." In other words, stop counting. Forgiveness isn't a math problem; it's a way of life.

Our world is quick to cancel, quick to divide, quick to walk away. Jesus calls us to be different. He calls us to do the hard work of mending, forgiving, and restoring. That's what reconciliation looks like, and it's the way God's kin-dom comes alive right here among us.

Thanksgiving blessings to you all,

Bishop Irish



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October

			1 Office Hours 10:00 am - 2:00 pm 10:00 am Lighthouse Prayer Meeting 6:30 pm Fitness Class 7:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting	2 Office Hours 10:00 am - 2:00 pm 8:45 am WW 10:00 am Knit-Chat 7:00 pm Discovery Bible Study 7:00 pm Cover to Cover Bible Study	3 8:00 am WW	4 7:00 am WW 8:30 am TMS Workshop 9:00 am Private Ladies Book Study
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