

# October 2025 EDITION



## ONLINE SERVICE DETAILS

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Connection Details for SUNDAY MORNINGS @ 10:00 a.m.

**ALL SERVICES ARE LIVE-STREAMED THROUGH OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL** which can be found through Hope Lutheran's website: <https://www.hopelutheran.ca/>

Connecting by phone:

1. Dial 587-328-1099
2. Then press 487-603-306 #
3. Press # again.

### Zoom

To watch our service on Zoom, click the button on our home page ([www.hopelutheran.ca](http://www.hopelutheran.ca)).

*ZOOM is ONLY active when the service is in progress.*



### Reclaiming the “M” Word

***For as in one body, we have many members and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.***  
**Romans 12:4-5 (NRSVUE)**

I have been a member of the Lutheran Church for over 60 years. In the catechetical method made famous by Martin Lutheran I will ask, “What does this mean?” What does it mean to be a member of a church?

Church membership is not what most people think when they speak of membership. Often times it means being a part of a group or club, paying dues, and receiving services from those dues. It doesn't include special privileges nor does it have the traditional hierarchy. As a matter of fact, Jesus said to be the greatest we have to be the lowest; to be the first we have to be the last. So, what does it mean to be a member of the church?

The Apostle Paul used a wonderful image to define the true meaning of member-ship: the body of Christ. The church, you and I, are members (parts) of the body of Christ. So, what does that mean? While I believe we could spend a lifetime trying to understand this profound picture, I'd like to suggest a few ideas.

- 1) As members of the church (the body), we are a part of something larger than ourselves. We do not work for ourselves. All members work for the one body. Paul tells us that body is Christ Jesus himself. We do not serve our own needs. We are all servants of Jesus, working to advance his kingdom of love in the world.
- 2) As members of the church (the body), we need each and every member to fully accomplish the work of Christ in the world. If a body is missing some of its parts, say an arm or a leg, it becomes more difficult to accomplish tasks. If most parts are missing, it is nearly impossible. So, it is in the body of Christ. We need everyone in order for the church to function at full capacity.
- 3) As members of the church (the body), we need to work together. Can you imagine how difficult it would be for a body if the left hand was always fighting with the right? Or vice-versa? Not much would be accomplished. So, it is with the body of Christ. The church needs to work together in order to fulfill the desires of the head (Jesus). Conflicts in the body draw the church *into itself* and away from its goal to reach the world with the love of Christ.
- 4) As members of the church (the body), we need to care for each other. When one part of the body hurts, it affects the entire body. When one part rejoices, the entire body rejoices. As one body, we share with each other all that our life journeys bring. We help each other get through the tough times and celebrate the seasons of joy. We need to be healers in the body (church) with our words and deeds.
- 5) And finally, as members of the church (the body), we need to stay connected to the head (Jesus). We have often seen the tragic results of an individual whose mind and body have lost connections due to illness or disease. I remember friends of my parents whose minds were strong and vibrant, but ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) had made their bodies incapable of accomplishing their desires.

The head runs the show and we must stay connected to him in order to fully be the church.  
May we function together as the body of Christ.

Your fellow member in the body of Christ,  
Greg

## MESSAGE FROM CHURCH COUNCIL

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**Next Council Meeting** – Wednesday, October 15 at 6:45pm

### **Congregational Update from Council Chair**

September 21, 2025

Dear friends in Christ,

The last time Council provided an update was back in the spring. Attendance was low for the after-church and Zoom sessions we tried, so today we are returning to a tradition from years past—what some of us remember as a “temple talk.” A spoken update was shared in worship this morning, and this written version is being provided so that everyone in our community can receive the same information, whether you were able to be here or not.

I’ve organized this update around three themes: **what exciting opportunities are before us, what’s changing to help us realize them, and what’s needed from all of us to get there.**

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### **1. Exciting Opportunities**

We are in a hopeful season. Pastor Greg has now been called as our permanent pastor, with a clear call to lead us in transformation while staying rooted in the essence of who we are—a Christ-following, grace-filled Lutheran community.

We’ve also been approached by Unity Lutheran, the mission congregation serving newcomers from Hong Kong who have been worshipping and delivering programming here for the last several years. The leaders of their congregation have expressed a desire to become part of Hope, which could bring new talents, ideas, and energy to help us build connections with newcomers. Council recently passed a motion to invite this community into dialogue about possible opportunities for shared ministry and we’ll continue to share updates on these conversations as they move ahead.

And, building off the Southwest Area Gathering that several of us attended this spring, there is strong energy for more collaboration between Lutheran churches, especially around children and youth ministries. Other congregations are already experimenting, and there is real potential for us to share resources and learn together.

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### **2. What’s Changing to Help Us Realize These Opportunities**

To create space for growth, some things are changing. Beginning this fall, our fourth Sunday worship each month will be less traditional and more free-flowing, in response to the spiritual interests you’ve expressed. This shift also means we’ve moved from having a Director of Music to a “worship team” approach. Please come to me or Pastor Greg with your questions about this.

We've also hired an HR consultant to review roles and responsibilities—volunteer, staff, and contract—so that we are set up for the church we are today and the one we are becoming. The Personnel Committee—Kurt Hanson, James Gattinger, and Rachel Schmidt—will guide this process. It's needed because over the years, people have quietly picked up extra work without adjustments to their roles or compensation, and because our demographics and volunteer base have changed.

I also need to share that our Office Administrator, Mary, has gone on short-term medical leave. We invite your prayers for her health and wellbeing, and ask your patience as we cover her responsibilities until November.

For our children's ministry, Sunday School in its past form is not continuing. Instead, we'll focus on special events and new approaches. As hard as this is—especially for parents of young children like myself—we trust that new expressions of ministry for our kids will rise. Resurrection always comes after death, and we look forward to seeing what God will bring to life.

Finally, we've launched a visioning process called *Rooted in Hope*. Together we'll name our core identity and discern a vision to guide our decisions and ministries into the future.

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### 3. What's Needed to Help Us Get There

Your participation is vital—join a Rooted in Hope conversation or fill out the [online survey](#), and help us connect with others outside our walls to learn how they see us and where God may be calling us to serve.

We also need your financial investment. We repaired one section of the roof this year, but two more large sections are leaking and need urgent work. We also invested this summer in refreshing the landscaping out front—removing the overgrown juniper bushes and laying new sod—small but important work to keep our building and grounds welcoming. Council has hesitated on big investments post-COVID, but it's time. As we enter budget season, signs of congregational support will help us make responsible choices for both staffing and facilities. To be clear, if you are able to contribute to a healthy financial position in this last part of the year, it will make it easier for us to make responsible choices for our people and our facilities.

To help with making fiscally responsible decisions, we've formed Hope's first Finance Committee—thank you to Dale Ham, Lois Hansen, Cam Runka, Steve Medhurst, and Dave Baer for stepping up. The committee has already begun work, and I want to share a snapshot of our mid-year financials at the end of July:

#### Mid-Year Financial Update (as of July 31, 2025):

- **Revenues:** \$248,000 ( ↑ \$20,000 from last year, ↓ \$4,000 from budget)
  - Higher rental revenues than budgeted
  - Lower offering revenues than budgeted
- **Expenses:** \$265,000
- **Deficit:** \$17,000 on paper (better than the \$40,000 deficit we had budgeted)
- **Next steps:** Beginning in 2026, the Finance Committee will prepare budgets with monthly forecasts to better reflect seasonal giving patterns (e.g. Easter and Christmas).

We also want to grow in understanding why people give, and in showing gratitude. So let me say today: **thank you**. Thank you for your faith, trust, and generosity in supporting this community's mission—to worship God, celebrate the good news of Jesus Christ, share in Christ's community, and witness Jesus' love to the world.

And finally, we need your prayers, patience, and grace. As one of the longest-standing members of Hope—41 years since my baptism—I can say with certainty that who I am today is because this community and the Spirit have held me. You've walked with me through my childhood, those awkward teenage years and confirmation, the questioning years of young adulthood when I played organ for pocket money, my wedding and the birth of my children, and also through grief at the deaths of my mom Judy and my grandma Bessie.

I am deeply grateful for the love and grace this community has shown me across all of those years. And I am committed to helping ensure that this community continues to show love and grace to many more people for decades to come. That will mean change. But through it all, we will hold fast to our essence, our faith, and our mission.

Let's walk together into the future God is calling us to.

With gratitude,  
Anne Harding  
Council Chair

### **Council Update**

*We have recently appointed a finance committee. They would like to remind members that there are several ways to financially contribute to the mission and ministries happening at Hope Lutheran:*

#### PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance)

You can set up an automatic withdrawal from your bank account in the amount of your choosing, so you can ensure that your financial gift makes it to the church even if you aren't there every Sunday. Contact the office ([church@hopelutheran.ca](mailto:church@hopelutheran.ca)) to receive the form to set this up.

#### Charitable Donations of Marketable Securities

Hope Lutheran Church has the ability to accept donations in the form of marketable securities. The direct donation of securities has favourable tax implications for the donor and is also in Hope Lutheran Church's (HLC) interest to be able to accept these kinds of donations with relative ease. Charitable donations of securities in publicly traded companies would be exempt from capital gains but please refer to CRA guidelines for a full explanation.

HLC policy is that a gift of this type is not considered complete until the securities are fully assigned and held by HLC. For marketable securities such as stocks and bonds, the value of the receipt is determined by using the market value of the security at the close of business on the day the security is received. Hope's authorized trading officer is Dale Ham. You may contact him (403-333-4868 or [daleham@shaw.ca](mailto:daleham@shaw.ca)) to find out more about the process. He will work with you and your financial advisor or broker to prepare the transfer forms and coordinate with the banking representatives for the efficient transfer and acceptance of the securities into Hope's trading account. He will also coordinate with the HLC Recording Secretary and the donor as to the valuation of the donation for the annual donations tax form preparation.

#### Estate Planning

Consider naming Hope Lutheran Church as a charitable beneficiary in your will, leaving a legacy contribution to the ministry of our shared faith community.

#### Envelopes in the Offering Plate

As the offering plate is collected on Sunday, we welcome financial gifts in the form of cash or cheques. There is also a box on the ushers' table to receive these gifts. Please note that in 2026 we are moving to envelopes that are not pre-printed with a unique number, so you will need to write your name or number on the envelope to have your gift recorded. Council made this decision to reduce

waste from many envelopes that go unused, and save on the cost of printing envelopes that are not used.

### E-Transfer

Hope can receive e-transfers through your bank, to the email address [church@hopelutheran.ca](mailto:church@hopelutheran.ca). Please make sure to add your name in the 'message' portion of the e-transfer so your gift can be recorded.

## **ROOTED IN HOPE**

### *A VISIONING PROCESS FOR OUR LUTHERAN CHURCH COMMUNITY*

Throughout October, we will be having conversations to help us discern Hope Lutheran's identity by naming our core values and a vision of what we have to offer as a community of Christ-followers that will guide our ministry, outreach and decision making over the next decade.

Check out the Nurturing Connections board in the Fellowship Hall for more information. You can sign up to attend an upcoming Cottage Meeting with Pastor Greg. You can also add your answers to the following questions:

*What do you get from being part of the Hope Lutheran Church community? What brings you here and keeps you coming back?*

*When have you felt more spiritually alive at Hope? What was happening?*

*What part of this church would you never want to lose?*

*What do you think people at Hope are especially good at doing?*

*What connections would you like to see more intentionally nurtured through Hope? As a faith community, who are we here for?*

## **OFFICE NEWS**

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### **INTERIM OFFICE HOURS MONDAY – THURSDAY, 9AM – 12:00PM**

**Church office is closed Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving.**

Can you please provide the church office with a contact name of family member or a close friend to keep on file at the church? This will help us, especially in situations when we haven't seen or heard from a member in some time. This can be worrisome for church friends.

### **Hospital Visits**

If you find yourself in hospital and you would like a pastoral visit or a visit from Lutheran Hospital Ministries, please tell hospital staff to make note of that on your file. This makes it easier for visitors to connect with patients. If you are unwell or in hospital, please have someone let the church office know. You can request a pastoral visit from Pastor Greg.



**When you go to bed on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> be sure to turn your clocks BACK one hour!**

## WORSHIP NEWS

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In October we will have communion on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

New Worship Experience (more contemporary style of worship) will be held on October 19<sup>th</sup>.



### **Reformation Sunday/New Members Sunday**

We will be celebrating Reformation Sunday on October 26. We will also be welcoming New Members of Hope. Join us afterwards for a post-worship fellowship time with cake in honour of Reformation and our New Members.



### **All Saint's Sunday**

We will be celebrating All Saint's Sunday on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please provide the church office with names of those dearly departed between November 1, 2024 and November 1, 2025 so they may be recognized during this service.





## WHERE ARE WE GOING JESUS? - OCTOBER SERMON SERIES

Living in times of uncertainty can be hard. Fear and anxiety about the unknown can overwhelm and distract us from the mission of Jesus in the world. The gospel readings for September and October can focus us on the plans and priorities Jesus has for us. While we might not know what the ultimate destination looks like for us and Hope Lutheran, we can be guided each step of the way by what Jesus values.

### Sunday

Oct 5  
Oct 12  
Oct 19  
Oct 26

### Text

Luke 17:5-10  
Luke 17:11-19  
Luke 18:1-8  
Luke 18:9-14

### Title

Service Focused  
Abundance Focused  
Prayer Focused  
Humility Focused



## HERE AND NOW - NOVEMBER SERMON SERIES

Often times we are caught up in two distracting directions: the past and the future. It is easy for us to live in the past, thinking of them as glorious or painful. Or we can get too wrapped up in wondering and worrying what the future will hold. In the tension of the past and future, God declares, "I AM." Not "I Was" or "I will be", but "I AM". Present tense. He calls us to be present, Here and Now. That is where we live and where we will find Him. Don't regret or idolize the past. Don't fear the future. For both will paralyze your present. Be...Here...Now!

### Sunday

Nov 2 (All Saints)  
Nov 9  
Nov 16  
Nov 23 (Christ the King)

### Text

Luke 19:1-10  
Luke 20:27-38  
Luke 21:5-19  
Luke 23:33-43

### Title

Salvation: Here and Now  
Easter: Here and Now  
Hope: Here and Now  
Paradise: Here and Now



## WORSHIP AT VARSITY

Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> 1:15pm. We would love to have others join us.



You are invited to the Installation of Pastor Greg Smith at Hope Lutheran Church

**Sunday, November 2 @ 4:00 PM**

*Potluck supper to follow. Please bring a dish to share.*

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Thank you, Maria and Rick for hosting our SS barbeque in September.

This year, our Sunday School children will focus on special events and service projects.



### CONFIRMATION

We will continue our joint venture with Advent and Lutheran Church of the Cross. Classes begin after worship, starting October 5<sup>th</sup> and they will rotate from church to church. Our focus this year is on the Bible. We encourage confirmation families to attend worship service at the host church each Sunday. We will also have two opportunities for Confirmation Camp at Kuriakos. Please pray for our confirmands on their faith journeys.

## BIBLE STUDY



Our study on the book of Mark is in full swing.

Join us each Wednesday at 10:00am

## HOME VISITATION AND COMMUNION TRAINING

Pastor Greg will be leading a home visitation training seminar on Sunday, November 23 @ 11:30am. If you feel led by the Spirit, but feel like you don't know where or how to be a part of this ministry, this seminar is for you. Join Pastor Greg for the training. A light luncheon will be provided. Please sign up on the Nurturing Connections board.



## SPIRITUAL LIFE NEWS

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## COTTAGE MEETINGS WITH PASTOR GREG

Pastor Greg will be hosting what he is calling, "Cottage Meetings". It will be a time for him to get to know your individual histories at Hope and your hopes for the future. These meetings will be held at 2:00pm in the Fireside Room on Saturdays – November 1, November 8 & November 22.

We are looking for a maximum of eight per meeting. Light refreshments and drinks will be provided. Sign up on the Nurturing Connections board to reserve your spot.

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS – OCTOBER

**Thursday, October 3, 2024:** Psalm 8; Genesis 20:1-18; Galatians 3:23-29

**Friday, October 4, 2024:** Psalm 8; Genesis 21:22-34; Romans 8:1-11

**Saturday, October 5, 2024:** Psalm 8; Genesis 23:1-20; Luke 16:14-18

**Sunday, October 6, 2024: Proper 22 (27)**

**Monday, October 7, 2024:** Psalm 112; Deuteronomy 22:13-30; 1 Corinthians 7:1-9

**Tuesday, October 8, 2024:** Psalm 112; Deuteronomy 24:1-5; 1 Corinthians 7:10-16

**Wednesday, October 9, 2024:** Psalm 112; Jeremiah 3:6-14; Matthew 5:27-36

**Thursday, October 10, 2024:** Psalm 90:12-17; Deuteronomy 5:1-21; Hebrews 3:7-19

**Friday, October 11, 2024:** Psalm 90:12-17; Deuteronomy 5:22-33; Hebrews 4:1-11

**Saturday, October 12, 2024:** Psalm 90:12-17; Amos 3:13-4:5; Matthew 15:1-9

**Sunday, October 13, 2024: Proper 23 (28)**

**Monday, October 14, 2024: Canadian Thanksgiving Day:** Psalm 26; Obadiah 1:1-9; Revelation 7:9-17

**Tuesday, October 15, 2024:** Psalm 26; Obadiah 1:10-16; Revelation 8:1-5

**Wednesday, October 16, 2024:** Psalm 26; Obadiah 1:17-21; Luke 16:19-31

**Thursday, October 17, 2024:** Psalm 91:9-16; Genesis 14:17-24; Romans 15:7-13

**Friday, October 18, 2024:** Psalm 91:9-16; Isaiah 47:1-9; Revelation 17:1-18

**Saturday, October 19, 2024:** Psalm 91:9-16; Isaiah 47:10-15; Luke 22:24-30

**Sunday, October 20, 2024: Proper 24 (29)**

**Monday, October 21, 2024:** Psalm 37:23-40; 1 Samuel 8:1-18; Hebrews 6:1-12

**Tuesday, October 22, 2024:** Psalm 37:23-40; 1 Samuel 10:17-25; Hebrews 6:13-20

**Wednesday, October 23, 2024:** Psalm 37:23-40; 1 Samuel 12:1-25; John 13:1-17

**Thursday, October 24, 2024:** Psalm 126; Jeremiah 23:9-15; Hebrews 7:1-10

**Friday, October 25, 2024:** Psalm 126; Jeremiah 26:12-24; Hebrews 7:11-22

**Saturday, October 26, 2024:** Psalm 126; Jeremiah 29:24-32; Mark 8:22-26

**Sunday, October 27, 2024: Proper 25 (30)**

**Monday, October 28, 2024:** Psalm 119:17-24; Exodus 4:1-17; 1 Peter 2:1-10

**Tuesday, October 29, 2024:** Psalm 119:17-24; 2 Kings 6:8-23; Acts 9:32-35

**Wednesday, October 30, 2024:** Psalm 119:17-24; Jeremiah 33:1-11; Matthew 20:29-34

## BIRTHDAYS

October 1 – Brigitte Wilhelm

October 3 – Cindy Robinson

October 4 – Joan Pattinson

October 6 – Shelly Mueller

October 10 – Sarah Kuziej

October 14 – Glory Christensen

October 17 – Alfred Bondli

October 22 – Campbell Wood

October 24 – Corinne Kaminski

October 24 – Esther Kang

October 24 – Dennis Sonntag

October 27 – Doris Anderson

October 27 – Laura Ost



## FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

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### MEN'S BREAKFAST

October 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am at Cora Brentwood.

This group meets the first Saturday of each month, so if you can't make this one, hope to see you next time! Please contact Robert: [robert.hiebert@gmail.com](mailto:robert.hiebert@gmail.com) for more details.

### WORK OF ART

Thursday mornings 10am. Do you have an art project at home you just never seem to get to? Bring whatever project you are working on and join in the conversation while to work on your project while enjoying the company of others.

### MINDFUL MOVEMENTS STRETCH AND EXERCISE CLASS

Physiotherapist and Hope member, Tonia Wood will be leading this 5-week class. The participants have so much fun in these classes – check it out if you haven't already!

Wednesdays October 8 – November 5 (5 weeks)

11:30am – 12:15pm in the Fireside Room

Cost \$40.00/ 5 weeks or \$10/ drop in. Bring a friend to try first class for free!

Contact Tonia to register. Physio receipts will be issued upon payment.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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*We very much enjoy our coffee and fellowship on Sundays. Please check the sign-up list and take a turn! Baking is always appreciated! Thank you for composting cups, napkins and paper plates.*

*Thank you to our amazing landscaping committee – Marcia, Regula, Marianne, Steve and Mark. Special thank you to Mark for the many hours he has spent watering the new sod, fertilizing and weeding! The property is looking great!*

*We are so thankful for the many volunteers who help with Sunday worship. Please contact the office if you are interested in learning more about being a reader, usher, worship assistant, etc.*

*Thank you to the Helping Hands who will be looking after the reception for Kathryn Jamieson's memorial which will be held on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm.*





## FALL FAIR

Join us on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> 10:00am – 2:00pm at Hope Lutheran Church for our Fall Fair!

There will be door prizes every hour! Enjoy some coffee and treats at our café! Cash only please!

**Please contact the office if you can provide baking for our bake sale and for our café. We are looking for puffed wheat cake, rice Krispie cake, muffins or cookies!**

# FALL FAIR

VISIT OUR CAFE FOR  
COFFEE, TEA, AND  
DELICIOUS BAKING!



**SOME OF THE GREAT ITEMS FOR SALE INCLUDE:**

- BAKING
- CHRISTMAS PUDDING
- CUCUMBER RELISH
- SWEET PICKLES
- DILL PICKLES
- PICKLED PEPPERS
- SALSA
- JAMS & JELLIES
- CANNED PEACHES
- STAINED GLASS
- HANDMADE CARDS
- WOODWORKING ITEMS

DATE & TIME	LOCATION	<b>FREE ENTRY</b>
<b>SAT OCT 18</b> FROM 10 AM - 2 PM	<b>HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 3527 BOULTON ROAD NW 403-282-6033	

WWW.HOPELUTHERAN.CA

## PROPERTY CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup> 9am – noon

It's autumn!!! The fallen leaves and pinecones must be raked before the snow flies! Bring your gloves, rakes, leaf blowers, and trimmers. Help of all ages welcome! It's a great morning of fellowship, exercise and donuts 😊 Let Zena know if you can help.

# SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS

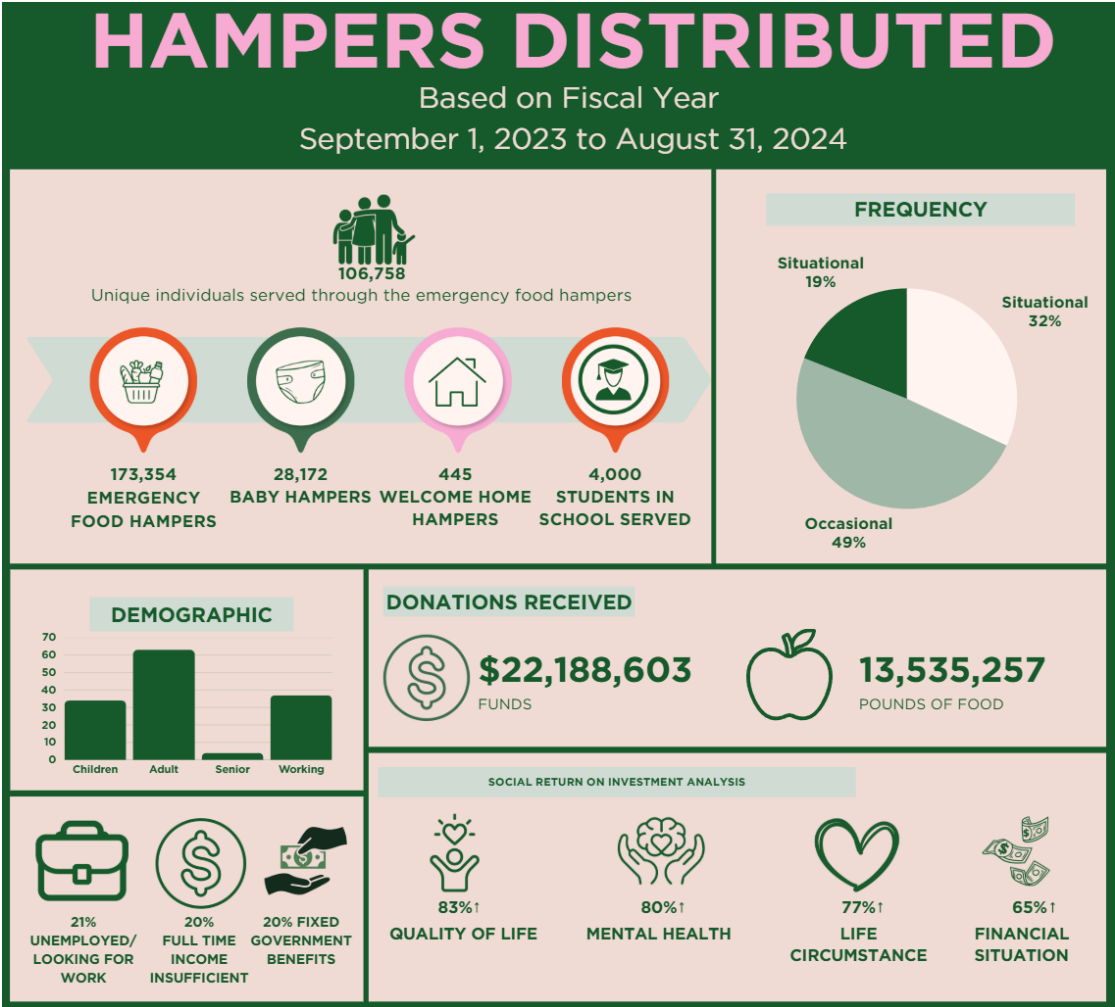
## STITCHING FOR HOPE

A group of stitchers meet at 10 am every Tuesday morning at Hope to work on blankets while enjoying some great fellowship (and often coffee and treats). Can't stitch? No problem, come for the visit!

## CALGARY FOOD BANK DONATIONS



We are collecting non-perishable items for the Calgary Food Bank. Please consider donating a few items – baby care items such as diapers, wipes are always in great need. We hope to use the collected items for our Thanksgiving display so bring them in early!





## MINISTRY PARTNERS

### CAMP KURIAKOS



SYLVAN LAKE

OCT 9-11 2025

Thursday evening  
to Saturday lunch

Retreat Cost - \$190  
Until Sept 9 - \$160  
Group discount -\$20

## Kuriakos Retreat Centre

### Worship by Heart

a retreat for growing in the companion  
arts of telling scripture by heart  
and leading paperless singing

#### LINNEA GOOD

Composer, Performer,  
Christian Educator  
and Accredited  
Biblical Storyteller



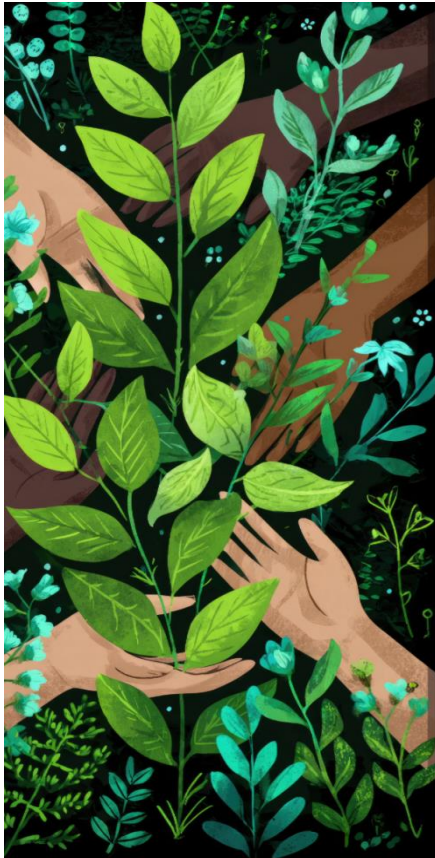
#### KRISTIAN WOLD

Pastor, Musician,  
Paperless Singing  
Practitioner  
and Executive  
Director of Kuriakos



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We ALL belong at Kuriakos!



# Growing Together

*Celebration of Campus Ministry*

with

Holden Evening Prayer

Simple Supper

Fundraising Auction



**Saturday, November 15, 2025**

**3:00 – 5:00 pm**

**Hope Lutheran Church**

Online auction opens November 5



## **Rooted in Faith, Growing Together**

This past summer was a season filled with God's abundance and grace. Through the support of our community, Lutheran Campus Ministry–Calgary was able to hire seven gifted students as Community Engagement Leads for nine weeks of ministry and service.

Their work was a living expression of Christ's call to serve: leading Sunday Schools and Vacation Bible Schools, walking alongside students at the Faith and Spirituality Centre and Women's Resource Centre at the University of Calgary, serving at the SAIT Interfaith Centre, supporting ministry at Camp Kuriakos, tending God's creation at Wray Farms, partnering with local congregations in the Southwest Area, and joining the witness of the church at the CLAY gathering in Saskatoon.

We give thanks to God for Tosin Boyede (Queen's University), Emily Farrer (UofC), Charli Sandford (UofC), Aaralyn Stevenson (UofA), Samantha Tong (UofA), Herman Ng (MRU), and Akira Hesslein (UofVic), whose gifts and energy blessed the church and community this summer.

## **Ministry in This New Season**

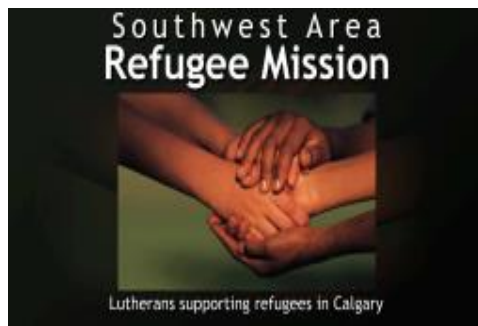
As we step into the fall and winter semesters, we welcome our new student ministry team: Emily, Abrar, Nanimiskam, Nancy, and Herman. Together, they are helping us live into our mission: sharing Christ's love with students and building spaces of welcome and belonging. Already, our year is in full swing: weekly suppers, a women's circle, interfaith conversations, and community-building events. With the support of **Hope Lutheran Church**, we began the semester by making soup together- enough to feed 40–50 students each week at both UofC and MRU. This ministry of hospitality was only possible through the hands and hearts of both students and congregational members working side by side.

## **An Invitation**

We warmly invite you to join us in worship and celebration at our annual fundraising event, Growing Together, on Saturday, November 15th at Hope Lutheran Church. Our students are eager to lead Holden Evening Prayer and share in fellowship with the wider community. We also invite you to visit our online auction and fundraising page at [campusministry.ca](https://campusministry.ca) and, if you feel called, to contribute a donation or an item. Every gift helps us continue this ministry of presence, service, and discipleship among students. Together, by God's grace, we are cultivating faith, hope, and community on campus and beyond.







***Our mission: “To support refugees in Calgary as they become independent, self-sufficient Canadians.”***

We are Lutherans (and non-Lutherans) from congregations all over Calgary.

**We need volunteers!**

**SWARM Furniture Bank - New!** As of August 2024, we no longer pick up or deliver furniture. However, we can connect furniture to families. If you have pieces of furniture to share with a newcomer family, send photos to our email.

- Tania Patterson will post the photos and try to connect you with someone who needs it.
- We work with several other organizations who deliver furniture to new families in need and may be able to assist in delivery.
- We accept small household goods and these can be dropped off at your home congregation or contact us by email and we can make some arrangements.
- We have assisted over 300 families since May 2022.

Contact Tania Patterson (587-225-8783) or [calgaryswarm@gmail.com](mailto:calgaryswarm@gmail.com).

**Personal Visits to new families** to encourage them and help them know that they are welcome and that there are Canadians who care. They can practice their English, learn about resources and customs, and feel connected.

**Rental accommodations and employment** are always needed.

We need a **communications coordinator** - web presence, congregational updates, etc.

**We continue to accept donations.**

- 100% of all donations go directly to supporting families.
- Tax receipts are available.
- Cheques may be made directly to “SWARM” and sent to Southwest Area Refugee Mission, 8831 Fairmount Drive SE, Calgary, AB, T2H 0Z4.
- Donations may also be made via e-transfer: [calgaryswarm@gmail.com](mailto:calgaryswarm@gmail.com)

**We meet monthly**

Our CORE committee is composed of 18-20 people. We meet monthly in person and on Zoom. You would be welcome to join us and help to serve and support the newcomer community in our city. We usually meet on the second Tuesday of every month at Advent Lutheran Church and on Zoom. You can contact us at [calgaryswarm@gmail.com](mailto:calgaryswarm@gmail.com) for details.

## **PRE-KINDERGARTEN EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

*Did you know that Hope Lutheran Church has a Pre-Kindergarten class who rents space from us? If you know any 3 – 5-year-olds who would love to learn in a Pre-Kindergarten classroom please contact Pre-Kindergarten Educational Services at 403-605-2988 or [Register@PreKindergartenEd.com](mailto:Register@PreKindergartenEd.com)*

# FROM THE WIDER CHURCH

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## Installation of ELCIC Bishop Larry Kochendorfer



The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) gathered on Saturday, September 27 in worship and celebration for the installation of Rev. Dr. Larry Kochendorfer as the church's fifth National Bishop.

Taking place in the afternoon at Faith Lutheran Church, Winnipeg, MB, the installation of the new National Bishop brought together rostered leaders, ELCIC members, staff and ecumenical guests. The service was filled with the beauty of choir and musicians, lifting hearts in joyous song, and with prayers carrying deep meaning and hope.

Lutheran, ecumenical, and interfaith pastors and bishops in attendance robed in red vestments and processed into the sanctuary to the hymn *Soli Deo Gloria*. Scripture readings from Isaiah 43, Psalm 46, and Ephesians 4 were shared, reminding all of God's steadfast love, strength, and the call to unity.

"We do not fully know the future, but we have what we need, dear church," Kochendorfer said. "Jesus is feeding us. We have bread and wine, we have the scriptures, we have each other. We will not get to where we are going without going together and with others. Jesus comes alongside. Love is at our side. Hope, faith and love, these are the tools of our calling. Hope, the ability to hear the melody of the future. Faith the courage to dance to its rhythm. Love, the stubborn and unwavering commitment. And together we seek to live out God's grace and God's unconditional love."

The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls, former Archbishop and Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, preached at the installation, sharing words of encouragement and hope for Kochendorfer's ministry and for the ongoing work and mission of the ELCIC amid current worldly challenges.

"My prayer for the ELCIC and for Bishop Larry is that you will keep singing," Archbishop Nicholls shared. "Singing with joy, hope and passion, and that you do that in partnership with us Anglicans, so that we might together show the world that we are not alone; we do not fear. Jesus lives and we will live together with all the gifts that God has given us."

Those gathered both in-person and online had the opportunity to take the Sacraments through communion shortly after the laying on of hands on Bishop Kochendorfer. The new National Bishop was presented with the gifts of a pectoral cross, a crosier and the Holy scriptures.

Synod Bishops Rev. Trish Schmermund, Rev. Kathy Martin, Rev. Dr. Ali Tote, Rev. Carla Blakley, and Rev. Jason Zinko were all present to offer their blessing and support alongside many rostered leaders and lay representatives from across the wider church.

The service concluded with a blessing, while congregants sung *Hope Everlasting* as the new National Bishop and clergy processed out of the sanctuary.

### **About National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer**

Kochendorfer, 64, most recently served as interim pastor at Our Redeemer, Penticton, B.C., and assistant to the bishop in the British Columbia Synod. He previously served as Bishop of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories (2012–2024) and has been a parish pastor at congregations in Dickson, Lethbridge and Edmonton, Alberta.

He has served the wider church through the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) as a council member from 2017–2023, chair of the LWF's Mutual Responsibility Task Force, and co-chair of the Lutheran portion of the Joint Anglican-Lutheran Commission.

Kochendorfer has been married to his wife Cathy for 42 years; together they have raised four children and are proud grandparents to five grandchildren.

Kochendorfer was elected National Bishop at the 2025 ELCIC National Convention in Winnipeg on July 12. He becomes the fifth National Bishop in the ELCIC, following Donald Sjoberg (1986–1993), Telmor Sartison (1993–2001), Raymond Schultz (2001–2007), and Susan Johnson (2007–2025).

## **REFLECTION & FUN**

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### **OCTOBER FUNNIES**

1. You measure my life in hours and I serve you by expiring. I'm quick when I'm thin and slow when I'm fat. The wind is my enemy. What am I?
2. Which word in the dictionary is always spelled incorrectly?

The distance it takes for  
me to forget a number  
between 1 and 10



## THE BOTANY BOOK BY KATHY LEE

The year is 1924 and a 15-year-old grade nine student is searching the pasture and the roadsides for plant specimens for his botany class at school. Between April 24 and May 8 he collects 30 and he carefully mounts them on the blotter-paper pages his botany book.

Certain criteria must be duly recorded: *Order of Description* and *Order of Family*. Order of Description for a wild onion specimen: *Root*- bulb; *Stem*-erect; *Leaves*-long, slender and round; *Flowers*-pink; *Calyx*-3 and pink; *Sepals*-3 and pink; *Corolla*-3 and pink; *Petals*- 3 and pink; *Stamens*-6; *Anthers*-6; *Pistil*-1 and pink; *Stigma*-1 and white; *Ovary*-3 celled; *Fruit*-3 celled, 3 valved, capsule; *Seed* -many. Remarks: The wild onion is very common. Classification, locality and date are to be recorded as well. *Classification*-Liliacea (Lily), Pasture, April 28, 1924

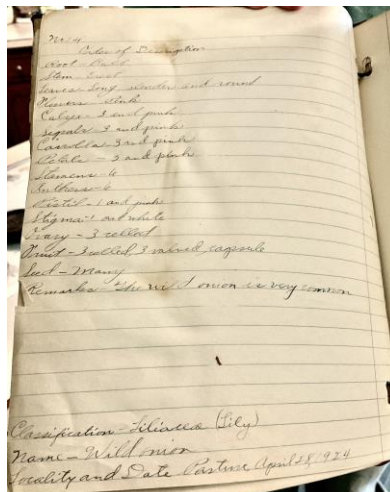
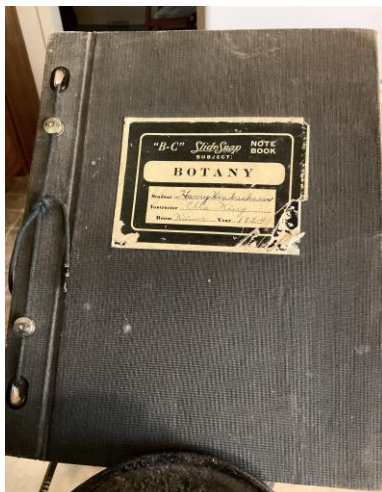
Order of Family: Common name- wild onion; Genus-*Allium*; Species- *A. mutabile* (Michx) Locality and date.

This book belonged to my father, Harry. It is one of my most precious keepsakes. Considering it is over 100 years old it is in remarkable condition. As a child I often looked through the pages to examine the preserved plant specimens. My favourite was Pussy Toes because the root was fuzzy and fun to touch.

My dad's botanical knowledge about native plants carried on throughout his life and he passed the knowledge on to my siblings and me. As a result, we could name quite a few, especially the ones that grew in our pasture: shepherd's purse, wild aster, gum weed, yarrow, goldenrod. We knew all about Dutch clover and sweet clover. Then there were the weeds: dandelions, of course; pig weed, stinkweed, Canada thistle, Russian thistle, bull thistle and sow thistle, as well as mustards- tansy and tumble- and fox tail. Dad was relentless in his quest to eradicate broad-leaf weeds, especially sow thistle on the road allowance. Wind-blown seeds from sow thistles meant weeds in crops and weeds meant competition for nutrients that would reduce the yield of wheat, oats, barley or flax.

When I was in my late teens, I remember his comment about a new weed that arrived on the scene. It was known locally as Mexican fireweed. He mused that if people didn't get on top of it "You've really got something there." Indeed, it was so. It proved to be invasive. Many a fence line was covered from bottom to top with the weed gone out of control, an ugly blemish on the rural landscape. It bothered my dad a great deal that some farmers were so cavalier about weed control. He opined that a weed inspector could come and order them to clean up their property or face a fine. Then they'd have to do something.

Harry was a good steward and a good example. His care and concern for God's good creation still resonates with me to this very day.

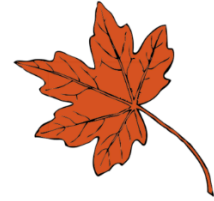




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# Thanksgiving "Pumpkin Pie"

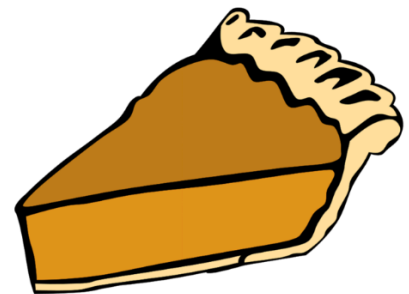


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# Martin Luther and the Reformation

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