

November 2025



**Clocks fall back Sunday
November 2 at 2am!**

ONLINE SERVICE DETAILS

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

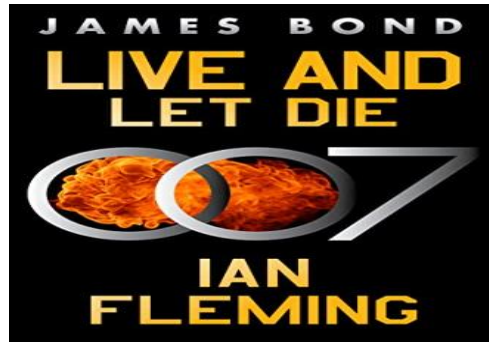
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which can be found through Hope Lutheran's website: <https://www.hopelutheran.ca/>

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



Die and Let Live

Live and Let Die is, by far, one of my favorite Ian Fleming books and James Bond movies. And noted as one of the greatest Bond songs by Paul McCartney and Wings.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NR0UmZcf89E>

The story of this Bond film begins when several British agents are mysteriously killed and James Bond is sent to investigate. His mission takes him to New York, New Orleans, and the Caribbean Island of San Monique. There, Bond uncovers a sinister plot orchestrated by Dr. Kananga, the island's prime minister, who secretly operates as the drug lord, Mr. Big, in the U.S. Kananga's plan is to flood the American market with free heroin to drive out competitors, creating a massive drug empire under his control. Bond allies with Solitaire, a beautiful tarot reader played by Jane Seymour, who possesses psychic powers but becomes disillusioned with Kananga after falling for Bond. Through a mix of espionage, action, and daring escapes—including a famous speedboat chase through the Louisiana bayous—Bond dismantles Kananga's operation. In the climax, Bond kills Kananga in his underground lair and rescues Solitaire.

Live and Let Die is a play on the phrase, live and let live. An idiom that means a person should live as he or she chooses and let others do the same. I must note that, like most James Bond movies (and Ian Fleming novels as a whole), some of the themes don't age well (i.e. -sexism). I, however, want to look at the phrase "live and let die" as a pattern of our faith life. Maybe, better yet, reverse it and say: Die and Let Live! I don't think it is a coincidence that during November, the church year follows this pattern.

We enter November with All Saint's Sunday, and conclude with Christ the King followed by Advent... Death to life. As nature displays this pattern while Autumn takes hold and Winter stares us in the face, we are confronted with the reality of death. We are, however, reminded in the middle of the darkness, a light arrives (Advent), emanating from Bethlehem. Our journey follows this same pattern. We live and let live in this life. We march toward the grave. Nevertheless, we who are people of Hope, know that death is not the end of our journey. Our story continues... And just as the sun transforms the dead of Winter into the new life of Spring, we are transformed into the glories of everlasting life.

The same can be said for the organization of the church. Like creation, the church has seasons. Not just liturgical. Seasons that usher in deaths. Patterns and ways of being sometimes die in order to give birth to what might be. Just like the liturgical calendar, before we embrace the newness of what is to come (Advent), we honour those of the past whose lives and sacrifices have carried us forward (All Saints). As we stand on the shoulders of the great cloud of witnesses who have gone on before us (Hebrews 12:1); we are propelled by their witness to reach for tomorrow. A tomorrow that is filled with possibilities and HOPE!

Dying and living together with you in Christ!

- Pastor Greg

MESSAGE FROM CHURCH COUNCIL

Dear Hope family,

This fall has been a season full of activity and momentum at Hope! From worship and music to building projects, visioning conversations, and children's ministry, we are so grateful for the many people who have come together with energy, creativity, and grace to make it all happen. Council has a few important updates to share as we continue listening, discerning, and organizing for the future.

Organizational Review

Impact8 consultants are helping us look at how work gets done at Hope — both volunteer and paid. They're reviewing documents and speaking with key leaders to understand current roles and needs. Their recommendations, expected later this month, will guide us toward an organizational structure that fits who we are today and where we're going. Council and the Personnel Committee hope to make decisions in early December.

Exploring Shared Ministry with Unity Lutheran

Leaders from Unity Lutheran (the congregation serving newcomers from Hong Kong) have expressed interest in exploring shared ministry with Hope. Bishop Trish joined leaders from both congregations recently to discuss hopes, risks, and possibilities. These conversations are just beginning, and we're approaching them with curiosity and care.

Rooted in Hope Visioning

As we explore structure and partnership, we're also asking, Who are we called to be? Through the Rooted in Hope process, please share your reflections by:

- Writing on the Nurturing Connections board
- Completing the online survey (or ask the office for a written copy)
- Attending a Cottage Meeting with Pastor Greg

So far, we're hearing that Hope members value connection, belonging, helping one another, music, and fellowship. We're now moving toward identifying specific directions for our future—if you feel the Spirit nudging you, share your ideas with Pastor Greg or any Council member!

Getting Our House in Order

Council has updated key building contracts (custodial, recycling, electrical, snow removal—thank you Frank Mueller and Marianne Astle!) and engaged a commercial realtor to evaluate options for the preschool space, should the tenant not renew at the end of this year. This will help us consider how the space might serve our broader mission.

Children, Youth, and Shared Ministry in Action

Hope families joined Advent Lutheran in October for "Kids Camp Sunday," and on November 16, Hope will host the next Kids Camp, welcoming children and youth from Advent and Unity congregations. Extra hands for lunch and activities are welcome—contact Kim Harding or Zena to help.

Thank you for your prayers and participation as we listen for where God is leading us.

With gratitude,

Anne Harding

Hope Lutheran Council Chair

The next Church Council is Wednesday, November 12th at 6:45pm. As always, please feel welcome to contact any council members with questions or concerns.

Congregational Life Event – May This Church Be Like a Tree

On October 25, Zena Kuziej, Marianne Astle, and Gretchen Albers travelled to Red Deer to attend a congregational life event called **May This Church Be Like a Tree**, put on by the Synod of Alberta & The Territories.

This event, led by Katja Brittain, offered a chance for congregations from across the province to learn from each other about how to creatively re-approach some of the common building-related issues we face. These challenging trends, as outlined by Brittain, include the soaring costs of insurance, upkeep, and repairs, a declining volunteer base, and shrinking congregations who inhabit spaces that can now seem cavernously large. For far too many congregations, their physical spaces have become downright burdensome. What are we, as Lutherans, to do?!

Katja is a theologian who has walked many congregations through a process of creatively reframing how they view their church properties. She asks us to consider how our so-called “burdens” might instead become opportunities. We can use our imaginations to make sure our buildings function as tools rather than roadblocks for new ministries. The first half of the day featured a talk with many practical tips from Katja. She encouraged us all to closely analyze the use of space—for each hour of the week, room by room—in our church buildings, and to identify gaps and opportunities. She offered many examples of how congregations have found that increasing the level of mission-aligned usage of their buildings has fed into their congregational vitality. Growth and decline, she pointed out, travel both ways. We need to look for ways that our buildings and ministry can support, rather than strain, each other.

Many times, Katja said, a building's potential can outpace the imagination and energy of its congregation. In that case, she recommended, it might be time to look for partners who can breathe more life into our spaces. She urged us not to give our spaces away for free, or cheap, and she gave many practical tips, such as making sure our church's diverse user groups are aligned with our values; looking with an eye towards what our renters experience within our building (i.e., can they tell that we are a worshipping community? How does being within our building “feel” to an outsider?); and making sure that we are visible to our local community (perhaps by doubling up our Facebook presence by posting our events not just on our own Facebook page, but also on the local community groups, which Katja called the modern-day equivalent of the supermarket bulletin board).

After a lunch worship led by Kristian Wold, the second half of the day featured break-out sessions on diverse topics like the practicalities of church amalgamations, a how-to session on increasing building usage, and an exploratory discussion about hybrid/online church. I personally sat in on the latter session, which offered a theological lens on online worship experiences. Katja's toolkit for reviewing and further developing online or hybrid churches asks intriguing questions, such as how can digital spaces and tools connect with the in-person life and building use? How can we bridge the gap between online and in-person experiences? How do we engage with and minister to online worshippers more directly? How can we make hybrid worship more participatory and relational?

Church buildings, like the trees in the hymn, are living things. They live through seasons. As Bishop Trish remarked in her closing comments, though we “own” them, they ultimately belong to God, as do all our gifts! The Synod promised that on their new website (apparently coming soon) some of Katja's toolkits filled with practical tips and exercises will be available for download.

Respectfully submitted,

Gretchen Albers

You may have noted that our building is used more regularly by rental groups. Please be sure to book music rehearsals, meetings, etc. in advance by contacting Zena. It's exciting to see lots of activity at Hope but it does take some organization.

OFFICE NEWS

Interim office hours are Monday – Thursday 9:00am – noon.

The office will be closed on Tuesday, November 11th for Remembrance Day.

Pastor Greg will be away from November 7 – 13th. In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Lindsay Jorgensen-Skakum through the office.

Zena will be away November 27 – December 5th.

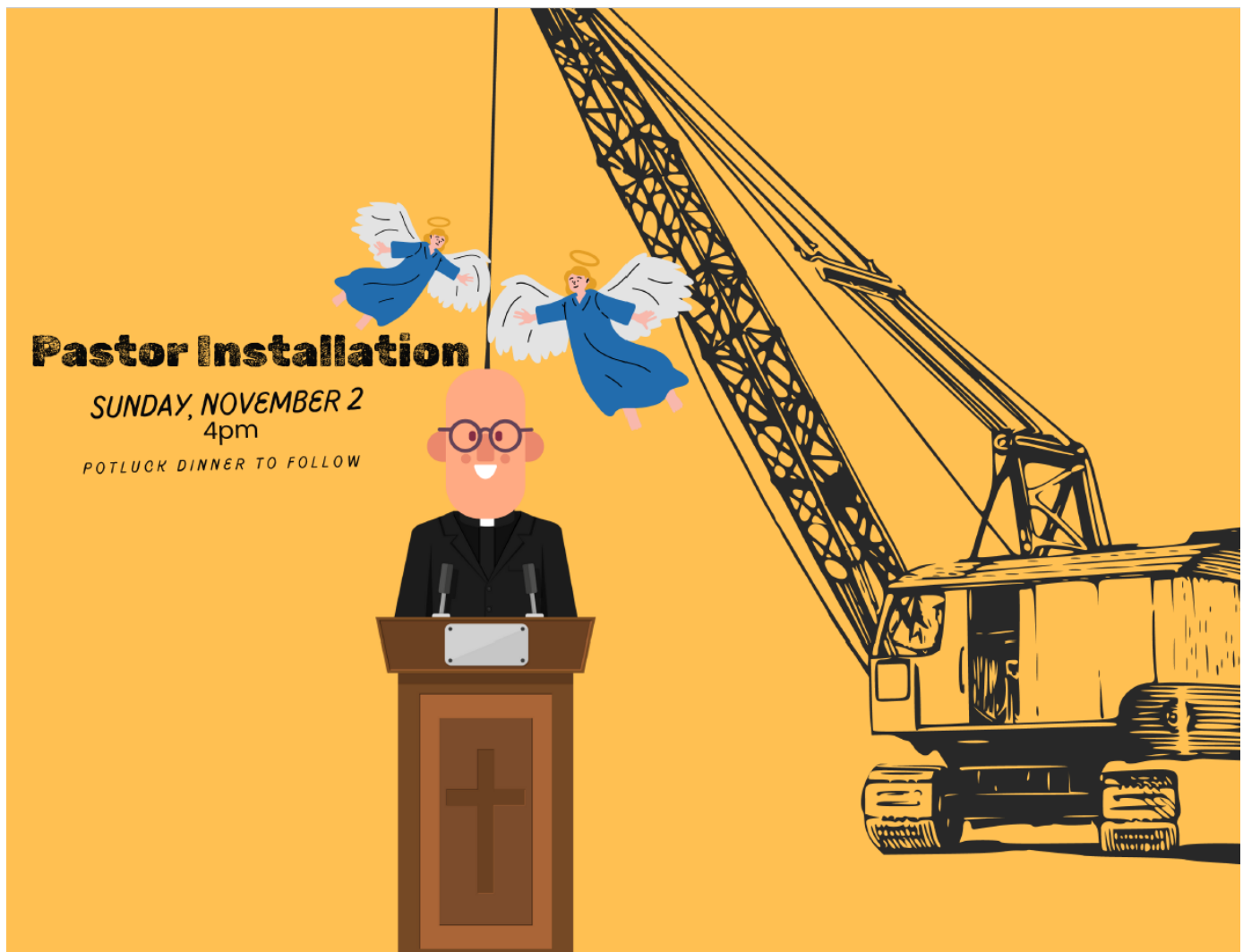
WORSHIP NEWS

Communion Sundays in November will be on November 2, 16 and 30.

Pastor Daranne Harris will lead worship on November 9.

NOVEMBER 23 WILL BE A CONTEMPORARY SERVICE.

Installation service for Pastor Greg is Sunday, November 2 at 4:00pm



KIDS CAMP SUNDAY - November 16th at Hope Lutheran Church

All are welcome to come and enjoy a youth and child hosted church service at 10:00 am! Sunday School children and youth are welcome to join us starting at 9:40am in the multipurpose room for a short opening activity and prayer, we will then assist with the church service and have a pizza lunch. Sunday School aged students will have an activity after lunch and Confirmation students will gather for Confirmation class. Please contact coordinator@hopelutheran.ca with any questions.

Registration link: [Kids' Camp Sunday Registration](#)

If your child/youth would like to participate in assisting with the service, here is the link to sign up: [Service Sign-Up Sheet](#) We look forward to welcoming you!

Parents, please return at 1pm for pick up

HERE AND NOW - NOVEMBER WORSHIP AND 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 2 (Pastor Greg's
installation service)

Nov 9

Nov 16

*Hope hosts Kid's Camp Sunday
and confirmation*

Nov 23 (Christ the king)

*New Worship Experience this
Sunday*

TEXT

Luke 19:1-10

4 pm

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

ADVENT BEGINS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30



Advent Worship and Sermon Series – UP

In the midst of the darkness, the Scriptures for Advent invite us to see the “UP” side of what God is doing and about to do. We anticipate the arrival of the Christ child. We also anticipate what God is doing and will be doing through the Jesus community (the church) and what he is UP to in the world.

SUNDAY

Nov 30 (Advent 1)

Dec 7 (Advent 2)

Dec 14 (Advent 3)

Christmas Pageant and Potluck

Dec 21 (Advent 4)

*New Worship Experience this
Sunday*

TEXT

Matthew 24:36-44

Matthew 3:1-12

Matthew 11:2-11

Matthew 1:18-25

TITLE

Wake UP

Suit UP

Listen UP

Look UP



THE GATHERING TABLE RETURNS DURING ADVENT

We are hoping to formulate a list of soup makers and weekly hosts. Please email or call the church to sign up. To prevent volunteer burnout and uncertainty about how much soup we'll have each Wednesday, we will assign folks for these jobs each week.

We also plan to have a soup work bee at Hope - stay tuned.

Our midweek meal and worship experience will be held **Wednesdays December 3, 10 & 17th**. A simple supper will be served at 5:30pm followed by a short service at 6:30pm.

USHERS NEEDED FOR DECEMBER SERVICES

Please contact Zena, especially if you are available to usher either Christmas Eve services 7:00 pm or Christmas Day at 11:00 am.



December 24, 4 and 7 pm (Wednesday)
December 25, 11 am (Thursday)

Christmas Eve Services
Christmas Day Service

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

BIBLE STUDY



Our study of the book of Mark is in full swing. Join us Wednesdays at 10am. We will be wrapping up the series at the end of November. There will be a break during December and then Bible Study will resume in January 2026.

NOTE: There will be no class on November 12th. Pastor Greg will be out of town.

CONFIRMATION

The class of 2025-2026 is in full swing. Once again, we are collaborating with Advent Lutheran and Lutheran Church of the Cross. Below is the schedule going forward.



DATE	LOCATION	TOPIC
November 2, 2025	Church of the Cross	Jacob & Joseph
November 16, 2025	Hope	Samuel
November 23, 2025	Advent	Kings
Nov 28-30 (TBD)	Kuriakos	Fall Retreat
December 7, 2025	Church of the Cross	Prophets
December 14, 2025	Hope	Christmas Party (Potluck lunch)

Confirmation Retreat at Kuriakos – November 21 – 23

Pastor Tim Wray will be leading the Calgary confirmation students at this retreat. Past confirmation students will tell you that some of their best memories are from retreat weekends! Please contact Pastor Greg regarding registration. Hope Lutheran will cover half of the retreat registration fee for each Hope confirmand.



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. The following dates have been scheduled:

Saturday, November 1 @2 pm (full)

Saturday, November 22 @2 pm (full)

Home Visitation Training – Sunday, November 23

11:00am A light lunch will be provided. Please sign up on the Nurturing Connections board and indicate if you have any food intolerances.

SPIRITUAL LIFE NEWS

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 - Don Olafson	11 - Patrick Mullrooney	21 – Dennis Myrthu
4 - Jacob Fortna	13 - Marianne Slot	21 – Margaret Kromm
6 – Nickolas Haugen-Svensson	16 - Eleanor Wilson	27 – Bernie Blieske
9 - Frank Mueller	17 - Jitka Gingrich	28 – Bonnie Johnson
	18 - Regula Witschi	

Eternity for Today - church council will cover the cost of Eternity for Today daily devotionals for 2026. If you would like to have a subscription, please let the office know by November 15 so we can estimate how many subscriptions we would need to order.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS – November

Saturday, November 01, 2025: All Saints Day

Saturday, November 01, 2025: Psalm 119:137-144; Habakkuk 2:5-11; John 8:39-47;
Complementary: Psalm 32:1-7; Isaiah 1:1-9; John 8:39-47;

Sunday, November 02, 2025: Proper 26 (31)

Monday, November 03, 2025: Psalm 142; Habakkuk 2:12-20; 1 Corinthians 5:9-13;
Complementary: Psalm 50; Nehemiah 13:1-3, 23-31; 1 Corinthians 5:9-13;

Tuesday, November 04, 2025: Psalm 142; Habakkuk 3:1-16 ; Jude 1:5-21;
Complementary: Psalm 50; Zechariah 7:1-14 ; Jude 1:5-21;

Wednesday, November 05, 2025: Psalm 142; Habakkuk 3:17-19; Luke 19:11-27;
Complementary: Psalm 50; Amos 5:12-24; Luke 19:11-27;

Thursday, November 06, 2025: Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21; Zechariah 1:1-17; Acts 22:22-23:11;
Complementary: Psalm 17:1-9; Deuteronomy 25:5-10; Acts 22:22-23:11;

Friday, November 07, 2025: Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21; Zechariah 6:9-15; Acts 24:10-23;
Complementary: Psalm 17:1-9; Genesis 38:1-26; Acts 24:10-23;

Saturday, November 08, 2025: Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21; Haggai 1:1-15a; Luke 20:1-8;
Complementary: Psalm 17:1-9; Exodus 3:13-20; Luke 20:1-8;

Sunday, November 09, 2025: Proper 27 (32)

Monday, November 10, 2025: Psalm 98; Haggai 2:10-19; 2 Peter 1:16-21;
Complementary: Psalm 123; Job 20:1-11; 2 Peter 1:16-21;

Tuesday, November 11, 2025: Psalm 98; Haggai 2:20-23; 2 John 1:1-13;
Complementary: Psalm 123; Job 21:1, 17-34; 2 John 1:1-13;

Wednesday, November 12, 2025: Psalm 98; Zechariah 8:1-17; John 5:19-29;
Complementary: Psalm 123; Job 25:1-26:14; John 5:19-29;

Thursday, November 13, 2025: Isaiah 12; Isaiah 57:14-21; Romans 1:18-25;
Complementary: Psalm 98; 1 Samuel 28:3-19; Romans 1:18-25;

Friday, November 14, 2025: Isaiah 12; Isaiah 59:1-15a; 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12;
Complementary: Psalm 98; 2 Samuel 21:1-14; 2 Thessalonians 1:3-12;

Saturday, November 15, 2025: Isaiah 12; Isaiah 59:15b-21; Luke 17:20-37;
Complementary: Psalm 98; Ezekiel 10:1-19; Luke 17:20-37;

Sunday, November 16, 2025: Proper 28 (33)

Monday, November 17, 2025: Psalm 76; Isaiah 60:17-22; Ephesians 4:25-5:2;

Complementary: Psalm 141; Ezekiel 11:14-25; Ephesians 4:25-5:2;

Tuesday, November 18, 2025: Psalm 76; Isaiah 66:1-13; 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1;

Complementary: Psalm 141; Ezekiel 39:21-40:4; 1 Corinthians 10:23-11:1;

Wednesday, November 19, 2025: Psalm 76; Isaiah 66:14-24; Matthew 23:37-24:14;

Complementary: Psalm 141; Ezekiel 43:1-12; Matthew 23:37-24:14;

Thursday, November 20, 2025: Luke 1:68-79; Jeremiah 21:1-14; Hebrews 9:23-28;

Complementary: Psalm 46; 2 Chronicles 18:12-22; Hebrews 9:23-28;

Friday, November 21, 2025: Luke 1:68-79; Jeremiah 22:1-17; 1 Peter 1:3-9;

Complementary: Psalm 46; Zechariah 11:1-17; 1 Peter 1:3-9;

Saturday, November 22, 2025: Luke 1:68-79; Jeremiah 22:18-30; Luke 18:15-17;

Complementary: Psalm 46; Jeremiah 22:18-30; Luke 18:15-17;

Sunday, November 23, 2025: Reign of Christ - Proper 29 (34)

Monday, November 24, 2025: Psalm 117; Jeremiah 30:1-17; Revelation 21:5-27;

Complementary: Psalm 24; Jeremiah 46:18-28; Revelation 21:5-27;

Tuesday, November 25, 2025: Psalm 117; Jeremiah 30:18-24; Revelation 22:8-21;

Complementary: Psalm 24; Isaiah 33:17-22; Revelation 22:8-21;

Wednesday, November 26, 2025: Psalm 117; Jeremiah 31:1-6; Luke 1:1-4;

Complementary: Psalm 24; Isaiah 60:8-16; Luke 1:1-4;

Thursday, November 27, 2025: Psalm 122; Daniel 9:15-19; James 4:1-10;

Friday, November 28, 2025: Psalm 122; Genesis 6:1-10; Hebrews 11:1-7;

Saturday, November 29, 2025: Psalm 122; Genesis 6:11-22; Matthew 24:1-22;

Sunday, November 30, 2025: First Sunday of Advent

FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES



Men's Breakfast Bistro

November 1st, 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 for more details.

MINDFUL MOVEMENTS EXERCISE Class - NEW SESSION!!!

Led by physiotherapist Tonia Wood

November 12 - December 10

11:30am - 12:30pm

5 weeks for only \$40!

Nonagenarians are free!

Try first class for free - guaranteed you will love it!

Physio receipt will be provided for payments.

Be sure to check out our puzzle and book shelf. Donations of current reading material and puzzles (without missing pieces) are always welcome! Please tape the boxes so pieces don't get lost.

Save the Date.....

Under 100 Club Christmas Café will be held at 12:00pm on December 18th.

Stay tuned for details.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

PROPERTY CLEANUP

Thank you to the volunteers who came out for our Property Clean Up Day on Oct. 25th to rake and rake some more!

Please sign up to set up & clean up Sunday coffee. If you sign up for just ONE DAY it will be a huge help!

TREE TRIMMING NIGHT – Monday, November 24th 6:30pm.

Calling all elves, no matter your age!

Join us for an evening of tree trimming and fellowship. Enjoy hot chocolate and cookies while you admire your work! SS children and confirmation students, please bring your parents along - we will need some tall, strong helpers to get those trees together!

REPORT FROM THE FALL FAIR COMMITTEE

Our fall fair was a huge success. We collected \$2631.60. This was made possible through the generous support of members and friends of Hope. To everyone who donated baking, canned goods, handicrafts, and to those who helped at the fair and purchased items, we say a huge THANK YOU!

At the onset, the committee decided that the money raised would be used at Hope, rather than donating the money to a charity. Our first thought was to purchase new light weight tables for the classrooms. The ones we have are very heavy to move and some are quite damaged. They are used by rental groups, small groups at Hope, the fall fair committee 😊, and by Campus Ministry for their fundraiser event.

If you were part of the Fall Fair in any way, we invite your input as we prayerfully decide how to allocate the funds. On Sunday, November 2, please speak with one of the committee members to make a suggestion. We will compile the suggestions and post them the following week on the Nurturing Connections board. We worked together, now let's decide together on how to spend the money raised.

We are already planning for 2026!

Your Fall Fair Committee,

Marcia, Margaret, Marianne and Joanne

SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS

STITCHING FOR HOPE

Tuesday mornings at 10:00 am

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!

No Stitching for Hope on Tuesday, November 11th.



CHARITY OF CHOICE

Thank you for donating non-perishable food items and monetary donations to the Calgary Food Bank throughout October.

Our Charity of Choice for November and December is Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR).



"Inspired by God's love for the world, CLWR challenges and responds to the injustice which causes human suffering and poverty. We are committed to working alongside our partners to build resilience through a continual shared learning approach. As an international relief and development agency of the Lutheran communities, CLWR provides opportunities for Canadians to respond to national and international needs."

By March 2025, CLWR has provided the following advances toward these programs:

- Gender Responsive and Inclusive TVET project, Palestine \$1.1M
- Nature Based Solutions project in Chad & Cameroon \$1.9M
- Humanitarian Assistance project in Amhara, Ethiopia \$1M
- Humanitarian Assistance project in Ethiopia, Somalia and South Sudan \$2.2M
- Humanitarian Assistance project in Colombia and Haiti \$1.6M

Some more specifics of a couple of their programs:

Sudan

- Supporting families who have crossed the border into Chad to escape the violence from the Rapid Support Forces fighting the Sudanese army (began mid- April 2023). At least 30,000 people fled to Chad seeking refuge in the first month.
- CLWR provided emergency assistance to nearly 3,000 people, constructed emergency latrines, handwashing facilities and showers, and rehabilitated damaged community water sources which benefited over 11,000 people

- Vulnerable populations are prioritized and 588 families received cash support for shelter and critical household supplies.

Ukraine

- As of February 2024, more than 8 million refugees fled Ukraine and 6 million were internally displaced
- CLWR has delivered 1,631 metric tons of food & non-food items, \$9.8 million worth of medical equipment
- Established Refugee Support Points in Hungary & Ukraine, Child Friendly Spaces in Budapest, transitional shelters in Hungary and Ukraine
- Implemented a winterization action plan

CLWR has a 'Gifts from the Heart' donation catalogue on their website including **Tiny Hearts**, a program for kids to donate from \$4-14 to provide families with gifts of ducklings, seeds, or trees (to name a few) to help families establish ongoing food sources. Check out this page if your kids want to get involved! <https://donate.clwr.org/products/tiny-hearts>

Their **Matched Gift** program matches your donation (3-4x your donation!) and will provide assistance such as emergency food, crop know-how, and garden tools. These gifts range from \$20-250 and can be found here: <https://donate.clwr.org/products/matching-gifts>

The full gift listing can be found here: <https://donate.clwr.org/products/all-gifts> and is chock full of impactful gifts and would make great family Christmas donations, if you are so inclined!

MINISTRY PARTNERS



Upcoming Kuriakos events:

For more information about these events, visit their website - kuriakos.ab.ca

- **ADULT RETREAT (18+) FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE:**

In uncertain times staying grounded with a future and a way to live.

Take a break from the busyness of everyday life and join us for a weekend of learning, fellowship, and renewal. This retreat is open to all adults (ages 18+) and offers a chance to connect with others, grow in faith, and enjoy the peaceful setting of Kuriakos.

Phil and Laura Holck will guide us through meaningful sessions as we explore our faith together—through conversation, worship, and community.

Dates: November 7-9. 2025

Location: Kuriakos, Sylvan Lake

Cost: \$185 (includes meals and accommodation.)

Join Our Team as Program Director at Kuriakos

Kuriakos is seeking an energetic and experienced **Program Director** to lead our year-round ministry of camps, retreats, and outdoor school programs. This full-time, on-site role combines hands-on program development with team leadership and community building. The Program Director works closely with the Executive Director and program staff to design and deliver meaningful experiences for children, youth, and adults, while mentoring seasonal staff and ensuring excellence in safety and operations.

If you're passionate about outdoor ministry, enjoy mentoring others, and thrive in a collaborative environment, we invite you to explore this exciting opportunity to live, work, and serve at Kuriakos.

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRIES

Fundraiser – Saturday, November 15th Doors open at 2:30

Lutheran Campus Ministry–Calgary invites everyone to our annual fundraiser, "Your Story is Our Story," on **November 15 at Hope Lutheran Church**. Join us for **Holden Evening Prayer**, led by Campus Ministry students, followed by a short program describing the great things happening at LCM-Calgary this year.

This year we will again be offering a **Simple Supper** of homemade soup and buns, similar to meals students enjoy at Campus Ministry gatherings. There will be a few other goodies as well, including a special cake from Glamorgan Bakery.

If you have **items that you wish to donate** to the auction, information about doing that is available on the "Donate Item" page of our event website, <https://campusministry.ca> or call Chaplain Margaret Propp at 403.471.9865. Please also plan to **attend the event!**



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 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.

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FROM THE WIDER CHURCH

Bishop Trish's October Message



"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 Trish

Bishop Trish Schmermund

REFLECTIONS

LEST WE FORGET

Remembrance services in Calgary

Remembrance Day services scheduled for Calgary on Nov. 11, 2025:

- **Field of Crosses**, 200 Memorial Dr. NW – Televised is held in the field at 10:30 am
- **The Military Museums**, 4520 Crowchild Trail SW – Outdoor 10:45 am
For those unable to attend the **Remembrance Day** ceremony in person, it will be live-streamed on our YouTube channel starting at 10:25am MT, Tuesday 11 November 2025.
- **Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium** will host a free ceremony that begins at 10:30 a.m.
Doors open at 9am **currently there is no escalator operating in the building**
- **Hangar Flight Museum**, 4629 McCall Way NE – 10:15 am (doors at 9:30am)



REFLECTIONS ON COLLECTIONS

Kathy Lee

Time was when most kids had a hobby of collecting something, whether it be stamps, coins, sticks or stones. My cousin, Shirley, collected paper napkins, or serviettes (her preferred term.) These were not your ordinary, run-of-the mill napkins but ones with neat designs or colourful patterns. She was careful not to use them for wiping her mouth or fingers so they could be preserved in pristine shape. She had dozens of them. Especially prized were wedding napkins printed with the names of the bride and groom and the wedding date.

Jim and his brother, Don, collected pictures of hockey players - any kind of picture from any source. "We had scrapbooks of them," he says. Best of all, though, were the signed photos of Toronto Maple Leaf players. You could get a photo if you sent in a certain number of labels from corn syrup or oatmeal. Jim and Don also tried to collect autographs of their hockey heroes -the Metz brothers and the three Bentley brothers - during the summer because they played baseball in neighbouring towns in the off season.

I myself decided in my pre-teens / early teens to collect handkerchiefs. Again, these were not for use but collected as souvenirs of places we visited. One or two of them actually had the name of the town printed right on them. Mostly they were just fancy hankies, and I lost track of which ones came from which place. Someone (I have no idea who) gifted me with a handkerchief from the Seattle World's Fair. The hobby was short-lived due to the fact that my parents rarely took a vacation anywhere but we did go to Brooks, Medicine Hat or Calgary on shopping trips. I still have several handkerchiefs in a box lid my top dresser drawer, and I don't know why I keep them. They really have no sentimental value anymore.

When we lived in Westport, CT we were once invited out to dinner at the home of a couple who attended the same church as we did. I was awestruck by a huge brandy snifter on the credenza in their front hall. It was filled almost to the top with match books of every colour and description, obviously evidence of many, many vacations and business trips. Neither of them smoked, so these match books were souvenirs only.

After I was given a charm bracelet, I decided that a charm would be an excellent vacation souvenir. Some of the charms: a jade apple from Kelowna, light post with hanging flower basket from Victoria, saguaro cactus charm from Arizona, a charm depicting Mount Rushmore, Dopey of the Seven Dwarfs from Disneyland, charm of Niagara Falls, Bonhomme from Quebec City, Statue of Liberty from New York. I didn't wear the bracelet very often (the jingle jangle of the charms was a bit annoying) but I liked all the memories the charms evoked. Alas, it was among the items in my jewelry box stolen by a break-and-enter thief. I imagine it ended up in a pawn shop somewhere.

I recently received a letter from Hope member, Hannah Isinghood. Many of you know her as the lovely classical guitarist who plays for worship from time to time. Hannah has been living in Scotland and she gave me permission to share her recent email.

Hi Zena,

I hope you and yours are well, and I hope that those at church have been well too. I am glad to keep up with the church family via the Anchor, I'm glad to hear that Pastor Greg is becoming the permanent Pastor, wonderful to have some stability! One thing I didn't realize when I came to St Andrews is how much history there is tied to the Reformation! There are monuments and historically significant sites to martyrs of the Reformation all over the town. It's wonderful to be immersed in so much history tied to the Reformation. One of my favourite activities is to visit different sites in town and take in the history.

I've had a busy summer and early fall to say the least. I went to Wales in late July for a few days to volunteer at the British Women's Open; on our travel day I was in 3 different countries within a time span of 3 hours! Wales is beautiful, it was a wonderful trip and I made lasting connections at the tournament with some of the Championship Agronomists.

It's also been very busy at work. I work out of the sheds that maintain three courses, the New, Jubilee, and storied Old Course. In any given week I spend time on all three courses which certainly keeps things fresh. We had a rather warm and dry summer, but the courses weathered them well and are looking fantastic heading into the cooler months. The heather is just shifting colors from purple to brown; it was stunning for much of the summer. As we get into winter, I'm taking part in some curling games which makes it feel just like home, and there's also plenty of exciting projects starting on the golf courses this winter in preparation for the 2027 Open.

I've enjoyed my time here so much that when positions opened for permanent greenkeepers at the beginning of this month, I applied and was successful! I'll be in Scotland through 2027 and will be on the team working the Open when it's in St Andrews, a true dream come true. I'll be back in Canada from mid-December to the beginning of May to finish up my final in person classes for my golf course management degree, then I'll be headed back to Scotland.

I've attached some photos below, I hope you enjoy them.

Peace and love,

Hannah



A Highland Cow, of course!



Old Course 18th Green



St. Salvator's

Remembrance Day Word Search

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Forgiveness
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peace

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