

# Narrative Budget 2026

## Anglican Parish of the Holy Spirit, Seaforth



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### OUR MISSION

Welcoming all. Following Jesus. Serving our community with love.

### OUR VISION

We will:

Continue to discern community needs and meet them to the best of our ability.

Ensure we remain an open welcoming place for all.

Grow in our prayer and worship life.

# OUR STORY

This *Narrative Budget* tells the story of the Anglican Parish of the Holy Spirit and how we are investing our resources of time, talent, and treasure in ministries in our community.

This story answers questions such as . . .

- *How are donations used?*
- *How do we support mission and ministry?*
- *What is being accomplished in the parish?*

## INVESTING IN OUR MINISTRIES

Our congregation has six major areas of ministry:

- ✓ Worship and Music
- ✓ Christian Education
- ✓ Pastoral Care
- ✓ Outreach
- ✓ Parish Life
- ✓ Evangelism

Our expenditures include wages and benefits, diocesan maintenance, property costs, etc., but rather than thinking of these as expenditures, we think of them as *investments in ministry*.

When you give, your donations affect in a positive way, the lives and hopes of others through one or more areas of these ministries.

Using a spreadsheet, we've carefully allocated all of our "investments" to our six areas of ministry, and calculated our planned ministry investments for 2026.

# Investments in Ministries

## 2026 Budget

**\$116,000**

Outreach	\$39,128	33%
Music & Worship	\$27,063	23%
Evangelism	\$12,449	11%
Christian Education	\$12,449	11%
Pastoral Care	\$12,449	11%
Parish Life	\$12,462	11%

### Budget Income

Offerings	\$82,550
Offerings (outreach)	\$7,500
Loose offerings	\$250
Fundraising	\$5,300
ACW fundraising	\$4,800
<u>Trust interest</u>	<u>\$15,600</u>
Total Income	\$116,000

Many Anglicans give their time and talent in abundance. But when it comes to escalating heating costs, offering adequate incomes for clergy and supporting a multitude of ministries, their gifts of treasure often fall short of parish needs.

Generous givers experience the spiritual benefits of generosity in their own lives - a deepened trust in God, an abundance providing for their own needs.

## **PROPORTIONAL GIVING**

So how much is enough? We ask you to please consider giving at least 2% of your income or an amount equivalent to 1 hour's pay per week. Please consider increasing your current givings to help meet our Budget needs for 2026.

## **Envelope Givings 2025 (including capital project)**

### **Regular Envelope Contributors 2024 (38)**

**6 people gave up to \$500**

**13 people gave \$ 501 - \$ 1,200**

**7 people gave \$ 1,201 - \$ 2,400**

**4 people gave \$ 2,401 - \$ 5,000**

**2 people gave \$ 5,001 - \$ 7,500**

**1 people gave \$ 7,501 - \$ 10,000**

**2 people gave \$ 10,001- \$ 15,000**

## **.ENVELOPE GIVING AND PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENTS (PAP)**

It is our hope that the number of regular givers will grow along with the number of parishioners who give through Pre-Authorized Payments (PAP). Currently, 24% of our envelope givings is through PAP.

PAP donations are convenient, regular, and can be easily arranged through our Envelope Secretary.

## OUTREACH

**\$39,128**

Outreach accounts for 33% of our total annual dollar investment in ministries, or about \$39,128 plus countless clergy and volunteer hours.

This investment provides for:

- ✓ Direct help for those less fortunate in the community
- ✓ Meeting our Diocesan Apportionment
- ✓ Support for the work of our Church in the community, the diocese, across Canada and around the world
- ✓ Meeting space for community groups
- ✓ Maintenance of meeting rooms
- ✓ Local outreach projects such as Food Bank, Women's Shelter, Out of the Cold
- ✓ Welcoming new members and families and encouraging their involvement
- ✓ Administrative support for all these activities
- ✓ Support to Camp Huron through collections to send campers
- ✓ PWRDF envelope givings
- ✓ Kristen's Fund

*Our Coat Program saw over 100 coats given to individuals.*

*We donated over 32 blankets to the Women's Shelter*

*We constantly support the food bank*

With more funds and time available, we could assist other local outreach initiatives

*Can you help our Outreach Program? You may have just the skills we need!*

## WORSHIP AND MUSIC

**\$27,063**

*“We strive to offer and experience meaningful, joyful and spirit-filled worship on a regular basis.”*

Worship & Music accounts for 23% of our annual dollar investment in ministries, or about \$27,063 plus countless clergy and volunteer hours.

This investment provides for:

- ✓ Maintenance, repair and cleaning of our church, Vestments, linens, Eucharistic elements and other worship supplies for the Eucharist
- ✓ Production of special bulletins as needed
- ✓ Salary for our organist
- ✓ New music
- ✓ Organ maintenance and repair
- ✓ Flowers and decorations in and around the church
- ✓ Adequate time for the preparation of meaningful sermons
- ✓ Supply clergy and lay reader when our priest is absent
- ✓ Special services at Christmas, Easter and Holy Week, Thanksgiving and other special occasions
- ✓ Baptisms, weddings, funerals and the Eucharist
- ✓ Administrative support for all these activities
- ✓ Weekly posting of services on Facebook and webpage

*We are now able to project our services on screen each week*

*We are now accustomed to Eucharist every other week*

*We are grateful to our lay readers*

*If we had more funds and volunteers available, the possibilities of what we could do would be endless!*

## EVANGELISM

**\$12,449**

Evangelism accounts for 11% of our annual dollar investment in ministries or approximately \$12,449 plus countless clergy and volunteer hours.

We support Evangelism by:

- ✓ Understanding ourselves as ministers of the Gospel by virtue of our Christian baptism
- ✓ Talking about our faith often and comfortably
- ✓ Encouraging parishioners, clergy, and laity to respond to the challenge of evangelism
- ✓ Being passionate about our own mission as evangelists in the community
- ✓ Seeking opportunities to talk about our faith while being respectful of others
- ✓ Ensuring that our liturgies are alive, relevant, and transforming
- ✓ Striving to be a thriving and financially self-sufficient congregation
- ✓ Our hospitality programs
- ✓ Administrative support for all these activities

*We continue to invite the community to join us for events*

*Did you know that just by coming regularly you are providing a wonderful form of evangelism to your friends and neighbours?*

*Who could you invite to join us next Sunday?*

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**\$12,449**

*“We strive to provide spiritual growth and instruction in faith.”*

Christian Education accounts for 11% of our annual dollar investment in ministries, or about \$12,449 plus countless clergy and volunteer hours.

This investment provides for:

- ✓ Support for ministry, curriculum and supplies as need arises
- ✓ Planning and conducting special events such as Church Picnic
- ✓ Baptism, marriage and confirmation preparation
- ✓ Spiritual advice and counseling by our priest
- ✓ Administrative support for all these activities
- ✓ Christian Study Groups

*We continue to offer group book studies*

*Lay readers have become an integral part of worship*

With more funds and volunteers available we could offer more prayer, exploration, training and development for people in need of spiritual nourishment, refreshment and guidance.

*Would you like to join a Christian study group? You can bring a friend along!*

## **PASTORAL CARE**

**\$12,449**

*“We strive to share in the responsibility of a nurturing, family based, pastoral care ministry.”*

Pastoral Care accounts for 11% of our annual dollar investment in ministries or approximately \$12,449 plus countless clergy and volunteer hours.

This investment provides for:

- ✓ Visits to the sick, infirm and bereaved, by clergy and lay visitors, in hospital, retirement homes or at home
- ✓ Pastoral counseling by our priest
- ✓ Holy Communion for sick and shut-in members at home
- ✓ Spiritual help and guidance
- ✓ Phone calls to parishioners and others in need
- ✓ Lunches and social events
- ✓ Maintenance of an up-to-date parish list
- ✓ Coordination of Prayers of the People requests

With more funds and time available, we could set up opportunities and groups to establish deeper friendships, and to learn and experience more about God

*Have you considered becoming part of our pastoral care ministry?  
Training is provided!*

## PARISH LIFE

**\$12,462**

Parish Life accounts for approximately 11% of our annual dollar investment in ministries or approximately \$12,462 plus countless clergy and volunteer hours.

This investment provides for:

- ✓ Coffee hour after the first Sunday service
- ✓ Hospitality after events
- ✓ Parish events such as community dinners and other fundraising events
- ✓ Publicity about our services and activities
- ✓ Provision of attractive grounds, lighting and signage
- ✓ The ministry of Greeters and Sides persons
- ✓ Administration of tickets, posters, schedules
- ✓ ACW
- ✓ Coffee & Conversation days

*Our Coffee /Conversation group is alive and expanding*

*Our siding project brought out the spirit in us*

*Why not invite a neighbour, relative, or friend to join us next Sunday!*

## PLANNED GIVING

HAVE YOU MADE A PLANNED GIFT? For most of their lives Anglicans give regularly from their income and cash flow through weekly offerings and special appeals. We know that what we give through the church is a gift back to the Creator who is the source of life for each of us.

We also have a Christian responsibility to be good stewards of our assets. A Planned Gift is a way of contributing to the mission and ministry of the church from your accumulated assets. It is a deferred gift – you decide now how you would like your assets to be used later.

The simplest form of Planned Giving is to remember the Church in your will.

There are other ways to plan your response to God's generosity in your life. Some Planned Gifts may provide tax benefits today, others can give you a guaranteed income for life, and some enable you to give a significant future gift at a modest present cost. Decisions on these matters are a very personal and important part of your financial planning.

As a good steward you will want to make sure any gift is well protected, well managed, and used for things you support. Endowment and Trust funds are ways of meeting these goals.

Information is available upon request.

*Thinking of making a planned gift?*

## **WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP?**

The big picture is theological and spiritual in nature. Giving money is one way of expressing our spiritual depth. But we know that Stewardship is bigger than money. In fact, giving money alone, without a true sense of Stewardship behind it, isn't the point at all. What is Stewardship then? Stewardship is about giving ourselves to the purposes of God – our time, our talent our treasure. Stewardship is the use of your time, your gifts of intelligence towards the goal of following Christ's example of goodness, compassion and justice for all people.

## **A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER**

"Lord we pray that we will make stewardship a way of Life. We acknowledge you as the source of all we have and all we are. Help us to place you, our loving Creator, first in our lives by becoming more prayerful, more focused on loving and caring for our families and our neighbours in need, and by becoming less preoccupied with material things."