

ANNUAL REPORT 2025

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Agenda – Annual Meeting of Parishioners

Sunday, January 25, 2026

1. Opening Prayer & Declaration of Attendees
2. Presenter: Instructions on microphone locations and use
3. Appointment of two scrutineers
4. Call to Order
 - 4.1. To assist with minutes this meeting will be recorded digitally and recording disposed of when minutes are typed.
 - 4.2. Appointment of meeting secretary – Rev. Rob Petkau, Associate Priest
5. Minutes of Previous Annual Meeting on January 26, 2025
 - 5.1. Corrections and approval
 - 5.2. Business arising
6. Report of the Incumbent Priest
7. Reports
 - 7.1. Receiving of reports as circulated
 - 7.2. Discussion
8. Presentation of 2025 Parish Financial Statements
 - 8.1. Report of the Accounts Examiner – Sandra Davenport
 - 8.2. Consideration and adoption of 2026 Budget
 - 8.3. Appointment of Accounts Examiner for 2026 – Sandra Davenport
9. Appointments
10. Elections of Parish Officers
 - 10.1. People's Warden nomination, Hal Anderson
 - 10.2. Assistant People's Warden nomination, Peter Minnema
 - 10.3. Parish council members continuing for 1 more year
 - 10.3.1. Rev. Rob Petkau, Margaret Cull
 - 10.4. Parish council member nominations
 - 10.4.1. Lawrence Boyce, ChiChi Ezeaka
 - 10.5. Lay delegates to Synod
 - 10.6. Alternate lay delegates to Synod
11. Consideration of motions
12. Other business
13. Adjournment & Closing Prayer

Doxology

Closing Song

Luncheon in the Cormack Hall

Incumbent Priest's Report

*Greetings Beloved Children of the Most-High God,
May the peace of Christ be with you.*

Last year I challenged you with the goal of working towards achieving every member ministry in our parish. The results of our progress in 2025 are seen growing and blossoming in our church community. Our Father is blessing each and every contribution you make of your time, talent, and treasure. I praise God for your faithful answer to His call, which brings the Father joy! Let us continue in the good works which we have begun.



“Well done thou good and faithful servants, enter into the joy of your Master.” See Matthew 25:21

Our goal has not changed; we must continue to grow the Kingdom of God. Every member ministry is critical to the success of our future challenges, and I rejoice in all who give themselves in service to the glory of our Lord and King.

Our mission action plan has continued to morph and adapt to our parish life and continues to increase in vitality for our congregation and community. We pray and discuss ideas on how better to reach our community with each ministry and mission we implement. One new one is a monthly coffee house for talents to be shared. Our Sunday school is growing and it is beautiful to behold our children and to see them thriving in their learning. Let us continue to pray for our dear Karen as she steps out of this ministry to look after her health and well-being. The participation of our members in our Vacation Bible School this past summer brought blessings to the children who attended—very well done.

As part of our community outreach we were invited back to serve at St. Martin's in Heritage Park and that has been a blessing to hundreds of visitors who come to receive a touch of Jesus in the midst of the ambience of history. Our mid-week communion services from the Book of Common Prayer have visitors on occasion seeking communion and often a word of prayer with our clergy. Visitors have commented to me on how difficult it is to find a mid-week service in Anglican parishes in Calgary, and we are glad to fill that need. Our Stampede breakfast was a blessed success, and I imagine it will only grow this year—*Yahoo*. How deeply grateful we were to Smile Dental Studio for sponsoring all the costs. I give God praise that our Fall Fair was a rousing success and helped many in our community. We look forward to another one in 2026 as God wills.

Particularly pleasing was our venture into the Alpha course in the fall. Great teaching and deep conversation. Such a great opportunity to learn of, and from, each other in our sharing. We hope to repeat this later this year with enough volunteers with the hope of more community engagement.

Our liturgy is growing and evolving to welcome newcomers; to continue in our faith; and, to honour our Anglican tradition. With Rev. Rob on board our pastoral care ministry has increased; we no longer have parishioners without contact when they need it most: shut-ins at home, long-term care centres, and hospitals.

We welcomed the St. Paul's Dinka congregation into our building for worship and are glad about the opportunity to be a blessing to each other. May God grant them the opportunity to grow and flourish for the sake of His kingdom.

Our corporation and parish council continue to serve with diligence and patience, adapting to all the change that is happening in our parish. They are all a deep encouragement to me. Just a note to say I will truly miss Richard and his faithful service and strong viewpoints that led to great discussions. It is a joy to know he has entered the 'rest' of our Lord.

The stewardship processes the wardens undertook were well executed and a pleasure to see such wonderful results in our mission and ministry. We continue to grow as a parish in our understanding of tithing on our time, talents, and treasures; thank you. I praise God for helping us to bear fruit worthy of His glory. I won't go into great detail on all the work that has been done, instead, I ask you to take the time to read each ministry report that follows and say a thank you to all who serve you so faithfully. Our ministry leaders rise to the opportunities given them which never disappoints me; please accept my deepest gratitude in answering the call of Christ.

I continue serving His Grace in my diocesan activities:

- Chair of the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer (AFP) committee in the diocese.
- Glenmore Deanery (Clericus) meetings.
- Clergy Days.
- Clergy conferences twice per year.
- Serve on Diocesan Council.
- Serve on the Administration and Finance Sub-Committee.
- Serve as the Spiritual Director for The Calgary Cursillo Movement.

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My own journey this year has been rich in the presence of the Lord. I continue to rejoice in His voice and guidance for our congregation and pray that we will all be enriched with his glory, power, and presence in 2026. I know that St. Peter's is a safe place for God to bring newcomers' and my prayers are for continued growth of His kingdom here. Welcome to all who have joined us in our journey to glory in 2025. God has brought you here for His purpose; may He bless you richly.

God bless us all as we continue in our Lord's service.

The LORD bless you, and keep you;

The LORD make His face shine on you, And be gracious to you;

The LORD lift up His countenance on you, And give you peace. (Num. 6:24-26)



The Reverend Bonnie S. Luft

Incumbent Priest

Associate Priest's Report

2025 was my first full year as a priest, and my first full year at St. Peter's. Thanks to our gracious, active and energetic congregation, it was an eventful and fruitful year – God is good! Here are some highlights.

Mid-Week Communion: In addition to preaching and presiding regularly on Sunday mornings, one highlight for 2025 was the launch of our mid-week Communion services on Wednesday mornings. A hardy half-dozen or so gather in our chapels each week for a 45-minute traditional language Communion service using the Book of Common Prayer. It has been a huge blessing to be able to serve and minister in a more succinct and intimate context, and I look forward to continuing this ministry in 2026 and beyond.

Pastoral Care: An important part of my role at St. Peter's is bringing the church to people who can't come to the church – parishioners in hospital, in care homes or people in their own homes who can't make it to church for various reasons. It is an honour and a blessing to help ensure that these members of the St. Peter's family know they are valued, loved and missed. They routinely thank me warmly for my visits, but I think I get more out of these interactions than they do. Home and hospital visits are sacred and essential, and I thank you all for entrusting this responsibility to me.

Transitioning: When a member of our parish family dies, it's a profoundly sad time, and also an opportunity for our community to bear witness to the truth that while we grieve, we grieve with hope: we mourn for ourselves, but we rejoice for our loved ones, who have gone home to be with God. Therefore, it was a humbling privilege to plan and officiate at the funeral for our dear brother **Cornel Chetty** in April, and to minister to **Raju Paul, David McKeown, Joyce Willis and Richard Cunnington** and their families, in their final days. May they rest in peace, and rise in glory.

Psalms for Guys: Back in Seminary, one of my favourite courses was on the Book of Psalms, and in 2025 I had the honour of sharing some of what I learned with the men of St. Peter's in a Bible study called **Psalms for Guys**. Seven men from our parish, and one guest(!) gathered on Saturday mornings during Lent, to explore what the psalms teach us about praying like a man after God's own heart. They even got the chance to write their own psalms, and through this six-week course they learned about themselves, about the Bible and about God. It was powerful.



Cursillo: Retreat weekends and small-group activities hosted by the Calgary Anglican Cursillo movement played a crucial role in my spiritual formation and in the discernment of my call to the

priesthood, and in 2025 my Cursillo journey entered a new phase. I served as Spiritual Director on the women's fall Cursillo weekend for the first time, and was blessed enormously by the experience. We held a couple of our team meetings, and the first ultreya (Cursillo's monthly worship & fellowship gathering) following the weekend, at St. Peter's – and the members of the parish were immensely supportive and affirming of my involvement. I want to encourage parishioners who haven't experienced Cursillo to put it on their to-do list – it has a well-deserved reputation for being impactful, and even transformational. Thanks to the parish for 'sharing me' with Cursillo this fall – it was a wonderful experience, once again.

Music Ministry: When I resigned from being music director at Holy Trinity in 2022, I thought I was retiring from being a worship music leader. How wrong I was! I put quite a bit of mileage on my guitar and banjo in 2025, as I led music at the **Stampede Breakfast, Heritage Park, Church@7** (See the Outreach section below for more on these ministries) and starting this fall, on monthly **Contemporary Sundays!** (Special thanks to Student Assistant **Liam Getty** for accompanying me on percussion for many of these 'gigs'!) It's been a lot of fun, and I'm really encouraged by how enthusiastically you've responded to my quirky brand of contemporary worship music. I look forward to more, in 2026 and beyond!

Lastly, I want to thank **Rev. Bonnie** for her steadfast leadership, her guidance, mentorship and patience with me this past year, as I found my feet, honed my skills and tried new things – with God's help. The same goes for every member of the St. Peter's family. Your patience and encouragement have provided a wonderful environment for me to hear and answer the call God has placed on me, and I'm humbled and elated by what we have accomplished together this past year. I can't wait to see what God has in store for us in the year ahead!

In Christ,
Rev. Rob Petkan
Associate Priest

Incumbent's Wardens' Report

What a remarkable year we've had at St. Peter's. Tremendous growth in our congregation has invigorated our spirits, (or perhaps it is the other way around!). The return of the Fall Fair was wonderful to behold. Thank you to everyone involved for your dedication and service. The Disciple Depot program has been wonderful and families are feeling more welcome and supported.

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2025 was Peter's first year and first time as the Incumbent's warden, and Patricia's first year as Assistant Incumbent's Warden, and this has been a privilege and honour to fill these positions, especially when we saw the spiritual and physical growth in our St. Peter's Parish family.

We have also been blessed to have so many children joining us on Sundays. Our Disciple Depot Sunday School program, where Pastor Karen did an amazing job of creating a thriving group using her skill sets, as well as Rev. Rob and Karen and their team of volunteers, running the 2025 Vacation Bible School this summer.

We could not have a better leadership team than Rev. Bonnie, and Rev. Rob. teamed with Pastor Karen, contributing their combined and inspiring leadership. And Bonnie's spiritual leadership, as well as her acute business sense, and choosing the right key people to lead in different areas of our parish life. Rev. Bonnie, with a vision of what needed to be done to turn St. Peter's around financially, has produced very impressive results in a relatively short time frame. Two of her star picks, with exactly the right talents, were People's Wardens Hal Anderson and Peter Minnema, and their team who executed the 2025 Stewardship Campaign, which by all accounts was very successful.

Never, in the decades prior to Rev. Bonnie's arrival, have we seen this much optimism at St. Peter's. Attendance continues to increase on a week-to-week basis, and there continues to be enthusiastic engagement with all newcomers by our clergy. This is infectious, and hopefully will continue to make new people stay, and feel like they want to be a part of our St. Peter's family. This is what God wants us to do – to be Christians and involve, grow and nurture our new family members.

Our leadership team needs our continuous enthusiasm and support to keep this momentum going, so let's, all of us, keep getting involved in new things that grow and enhance us all as individuals, as we see opportunities presented to us. Don't wait to be asked, be proactive and ask how you can help in areas of church life that interest you and might benefit from the use of your skill sets and talents.

We pray that we can all continue in our efforts to make 2026 another prosperous year. Thank you to Reverend Bonnie, Reverend Rob, Pastor Karen, and Youth Leader Liam for all of your hard work.

Your Incumbent's Wardens,

Patricia Yuen-Sparrow, Assistant Incumbent's Warden

Peter Leigh, Incumbent's Warden

People's Wardens' Report

Hal Anderson, People's Warden

Based on last years' experience, planning for the stewardship campaign began just after Easter. Peter Minemma acted as chair, with help from Hal Anderson, Ian Lim and others. More below.

A group of parishioners gathered wood, split it and delivered it, raising money for the church in January and for the Fall Fair. It took a lot of organizing and a good amount of Tim Horton's. Other duties included dusting lights and the organ with Cormack's giant ladder, plantings in the courtyard and hanging signs.



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In April, the Feast of St. George normally April 23 was celebrated later because of Easter. It featured a visit by a king, a great dinner and some exceptional entertainment. (Right, Martin?)

The feast was well done and enjoyed by all. There were also several BBQ's, and pot lucks during the year. It's so wonderful to socialize with everyone.



Services at Heritage Park with communion a couple of times and weekly afternoon prayer and song led by Reverend Banjo, as Rev. Rob became known over the summer. Many strangers became acquainted with the Anglican church as well as historic St. Martin's.



To get the attention of all those drivers that whiz down Elbow Drive and maybe some Wisewood students we started a Sign Campaign. Some of the best were:

- LOOKING FOR A SIGN FROM GOD? THIS MAY BE IT
- WE HAVE A PROPHET SHARING PLAN
- ON A ROCKY ROAD? TRY OUR SUNDAE SCHOOL
- FEEL RUN DOWN? COME IN FOR SERVICE



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● FEEL OUR ENERGY, SOULAR POWERED BY THE SON

The campaign continues.



Nametags, firewood and a million little things keep the parish humming along and the family growing. God has blessed St. Peter's this year. Let's keep spreading that blessing.

- Hal

Peter Minnema, Assistant People's Warden

The overall responsibility of the People's Warden being broad in scope covers various aspects of the church by working with the Clergy and focusing on the Church administration, finances, property and providing a conduit of communication for the church community.

The role of the Assistant People's Warden focused largely on the Stewardship Campaign, the planning of which commenced about mid-April 2025 and continued throughout the year up to the actual campaign implementation time. Planning took the form of how to present to and communicate with the parishioners and its implementation. The structure of the campaign relied on the materials provided by The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS) of the United States, with modifications allowing your Wardens to focus on the specific needs of St. Peter's. The title of the 2025 campaign was TELL OUT MY SOUL, its theme a trilogy of TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE. Implementation and communication was done with the help of a number of talented and willing volunteers offering their time.

Although many TALENTED parishioners continue to offer their TIME to meet ongoing Church needs, more was desired due the expansion of existing missions and the creation of new missions. TREASURE, the third leg of the theme, was of unique challenge. The 2024 calendar year finished with a deficit nearing \$70,000 with a \$55,798 deficit budgeted for 2025. As a result of cost reduction (approx. 10%), and a combined increase in new parishioners and average Sunday attendance (approx. 13%), we may finish this year with a modest surplus.

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The 2026 budget and with TIME and TALENT donated by a number of volunteers suggests that it is projected that it may be possible to achieve a modest surplus during 2026 as well.

- Peter

Alpha Pastor's Report

At the beginning of 2025, we had just finished a successful first year of building the Alpha Generation Ministry to include a Disciple Depot Sunday-school program with 8-13 children regularly attending from Age 2-youth. Our first Free Family Movie Night (Disney's Frozen) was held in December 2024, and garnered \$31.00 in concession sales) and our second was March 1, 2025 (Moana), which raised \$32.50 in concession sales. The funds were submitted to St. Peter's, with the suggestion of donating the funds to a children's/family charity, such as Highbanks. Attendance at the events ranged from 10-15. However, shortly afterward, the streaming services used to play these movies stopped offering an ad-free format at a discounted price. The low Wi-Fi connectivity in St. Peter's Cormack Hall meant streaming had to be done using a personal hotspot. These two obstacles combined limited future movies.



In early March, I applied for a \$4,000-Missional Grant from the Anglican Diocese of Calgary to fund a vacation Bible school at St. Peter's in July. The grant was approved in May and I commenced planning the Jesus is My Lighthouse VBS. I created signs and banners, curriculum, organized volunteer sign-ups, developed custom-designed decals for the volunteer and participant T-shirts, and a prayer vigil for the July 14-18th half-day, five-day program.

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While the original plan was for us to host 60 children, the final number of participants was 19, which was also the number of volunteers we had for the week. Many of our volunteers came from outside St. Peter's (Holy Trinity Anglican and Holy Cross Anglican churches), including several youth volunteers. Three of the participants came from St. Peter's, with the remaining 16 from the surrounding community, some of whom did not attend church. The



Jesus is My Lighthouse VBS transformed the sanctuary into a seaside with an eight-foot tall lighthouse, multiple blue-painted styrofoam waves atop the altar steps, a four-foot painted cardboard fishing boat adorned with fishing nets, and a painted pallet dock decorated with striped red and white balloon buoys.

Other areas of the church were decorated, as well, including the Bible Campfire Station, which had forested walls and a campfire made of wood and at its centre, a fan blowing red, orange, yellow and blue tissue paper. Children gathered each morning in the sanctuary for a sing-along welcome skit performed by First Mate Rev. Rob and myself, which tied in with each day's Gospel message before heading to their daily themed activity stations: Games Station, Arts and Crafts Station, Bible Campfire, or Snack Station. Much fun was had by all participating children and volunteers!



Leaving room for the Holy Spirit to grow the Disciple Depot Ministry, I began the September with three classes: Junior Builders (Age 3-K, with some two-year-olds); Senior Builders (Gr. 1-6) and Youth Builders (Gr. 7-9) and three new volunteers, all of whom volunteered for VBS—ChiChi Ezeaka, Sheila Leigh and Cheryl Herle. While September was a slow start, we had several new families join in October, which upped our numbers to six Junior Builders, five Senior Builders, and four Youth Builders (15 in total) registered, with a few more pop-in visitors on any given Sunday. In November, newcomer Sholabomi Toye joined me in teaching the Senior Builders. Youth Assistant Liam Getty began teaching Confirmation preparation in Youth Builders, which began meeting during coffee connection time after the service to ensure a smooth youth transition into being part of the congregation and to entertain the possibility of having a youth-run service at a future date. We also have Bev. Tait as a volunteer-teacher fill-in and Lincy Mathews as a Junior Builders' helper. We subscribed to Group.com's Dig In curriculum. Group.com is the preferred supplier of Sunday school

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curriculum and vacation Bible school programs for Anglican churches in the diocese, many of which specifically use Dig In. Moving forward, we will continue using Dig In, as it is customizable to class sizes and various demographics.

In December, we used my previously created Advent curriculum with the children, who sang *Away in a Manger*, accompanied by Rev. Rob on guitar, during the Christmas Eve service, wearing manger-animal headbands and holding battery-operated candles.

I am hopeful Disciple Depot will continue to grow in numbers and in volunteer involvement in 2026!

Blessings,

Karen Petkau

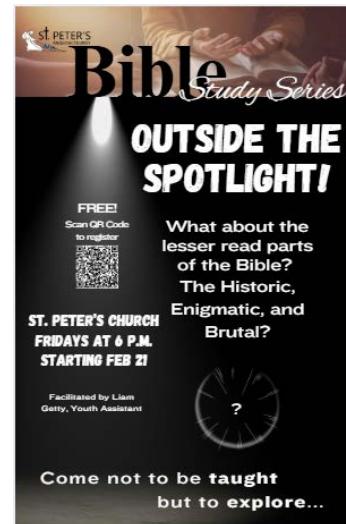
Alpha Generation and Their Families Pastor

Student Assistant's Report

The year started with the continuation of Church@7. This ministry had started just last fall (2024), and had a consistent attendee base. However, this ministry was intended to be an outreach, but was not bringing in new people. Rather, it was an opportunity for current parish members to come to church early when they couldn't make it on Sunday or just an extra service to enjoy. Church@7 was well received, but because it was not fulfilling its intended purpose, it concluded at the beginning of the summer. I participated in the service as a part of the music team, leading prayers, and opening and closing the service.

Beginning February 21, I led a Bible study titled "outside the spotlight." In this Bible study I used lectionary in the Book of Common Prayer for evening prayer to have 2 to 3 passages to choose from. Next, we then prayed for the Holy Spirit's guidance, and then cast a vote to see which passage we would study that night. Majority ruled. Each evening we had a different passage from scripture to talk about and ask questions that we would bring answers to in the next session. From what I gathered, it was a blessing to all who participated.

Over the summer we planned to start a youth Alpha group. In the weeks leading up to the start date, I spent a couple of days handing out advertisement cards to highschoolers during lunch hour. Come the first session, and we unfortunately only had one person show up. We ran the next two sessions, just in case she was willing to do it alone, however, she only came to the one.



I also took it upon myself in the fall to start helping with Disciple Depot in a more independent fashion. Disciple Youth is still associated with the work that Karen started, however, I use my own curriculum. To begin, we started with who God is. Using a quote from Anne of Green Gables as a guideline, we covered that God is spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable; in his being (embodies): wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, truth, and beauty. Once we had completed these, it was advent. Thus, I chose a parable of Jesus that shared a theme with a candle that was lit that Sunday (Hope, Peace, Joy, Love). I intend to continue teaching with Christ parables and other stories to demonstrate who Jesus is. We learned about who God is in his eternal nature, now we will look at his human nature/experience.

Yours in Christ,

Liam Getty

Anglican Church Women (ACW) Ministry Report

ACW stands for Anglican Church Women. All women are always welcome to attend any of our meetings or our outings. The following is an overview of the ACW events at St. Peter's and in the Diocese for 2025.

On January 26, we served a light lunch for the congregation following St Peter's AGM which took place during the church service. We catered 3 funeral receptions over the past year – David Cormack, Cornell Chetty, and Dave McKeown.

Our fund-raising consisted of the sale of Anglican church calendars and one rummage sale in the spring. Our rummage sales are a great community service and a wonderful social time for the workers, as well as a great fundraiser for the church.

Our Monthly Meetings for 2025:

- February 1: Potluck Lunch and Annual General Meeting.
- March 10: We visited High Banks and contributed ribbons for the making of ribbon skirts. We gave them a donation of \$200.
- April 25, 26: Several ladies attended the ACW Diocesan conference via zoom. Our ACW made a donation of \$200 to the Thank Offering
- May 2, 3: Spring rummage sale.

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- May 26: Reverend Rob talked about his journey into Priesthood. Following his talk, we had a general meeting June 7 Our ACW wind-up lunch at Heartland Cafe in Okotoks.
- June 21: Several of our ladies attended a spring ACW retreat in Canmore.
- July/August: No activities planned.
- September 15: ACW general meeting to plan fall programming.
- September 20: St. Peter's hosted the Diocesan Silver Cross Lunch.
- October 25: ACW looked after the handicraft table at St. Peter's Fall Fair.
- November: We collected items generously donated by the congregation for our Purses of Hope campaign.
- November 30: We got together as a group and stuffed 14 purses with personal items for the Purses of Hope campaign.
- December: Our "Purses of Hope" were delivered for distribution to marginally challenged women on Calgary streets.

ACW provided coffee after our Sunday church services in January, April, July and October. May we with God's help continue with our outreach programs and our work here at St Peter's.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Anne Armstrong
ACW President*



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ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN
FINANCIAL REPORT
YEAR 2025

Designated Funds – St. Peter’s Church December 31, 2025 \$2,802.93

Receipts:

Cormack Funeral Reception	\$ 200.00
Rummage Sales	\$1,852.00
Calendar Sales	<u>\$ 150.00</u>
	<u>\$2,202.00</u>
	\$5,004.93

Disbursements:

Highbanks (Donation)	\$ 200.00
ACW Diocese of Calgary Thankoffering	\$ 200.00
ACW Diocese NewsLetter Subscription	\$ 10.00
Bold Signs re Rummage	\$ 162.75
McKeown Funeral Expenses	\$ 14.53
ACW Diocese – Calendars	\$ 183.75
	(\$ 771.03)

Designated Funds Held by St. Peter's – December 31, 2025 **\$4,233.90**

*Respectfully submitted,
Mary Dymond, Treasurer, ACW*

Chancel Guild Ministry Report

The Chancel Guild consists of a group of seven dedicated active members and three spares who set up for worship services throughout the year. This includes weekly services, special events (weddings, baptisms, ordinations, funerals, Christmas services) and any additional services that are held throughout the week. The Chancel Guild prepares & cleans the traveling communion kits for the clergy's home/hospital visits.

We meet four times a year to plan and prepare for upcoming services and events. Wendy Klotz (flower convenor) and the flower arrangers take care of the flower arrangements every Sunday. Parishioners can make donations to the flower fund in memory of loved ones & other dedications.

President: Cheryl Herle, Past President: Sheila Leigh, Secretary: Marilyn Shaw

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Thank you to all the Chancel Guild members. It is a pleasure to work with such dedicated members. We are always looking for new members (male or female) to join our group. Let any member of the Chancel Guild know if you are interested. We provide training on site!

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Herle
Chancel Guild President

Envelope Secretary's Report

Another year has passed since I volunteered to be Envelope Secretary for St. Peter's Anglican Church. The position involves a commitment of several hours, usually Tuesday mornings at the church, counting the monies that come in, preparing a report and making the deposit at the bank. I am supported by a rotating team of six committed Christian counters. One benefit of this position is I've gotten to know six of our parish members better! One particular counting session this year stands out in my mind and that was counting after the Fall Fair. I had never seen so many quarters in one place in my lifetime and Hal and I had to count them! High fives were in order as Hal and I ended up matching the total amount our very capable Fall Fair Treasurer, Gary and his assistant, Bill, said we should have.

I am happy to continue on as Envelope Secretary.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pearl Murphy, Envelope Secretary

Fall Fair Ministry Report

The St. Peter's Fall Fair was held on October 25th, 2025, after being on hold for six years. This was our 50th Fall Fair, and it was a resounding success. Thanks to both the old and new parishioners, we were able to replicate what seemed like the atmosphere of the old style Fall Fair. Thanks to Rev. Rob for his excellent brochures and advertising materials. Thanks to the St. Paul's band for their riveting performance, and to Wanda for getting them here. Thanks to Barbara-Ruth Dolby, Larry Boyce and Bob and Delores James for securing door prizes. Finally but not least; a hearty thank you to all the volunteers who set up and worked unceasingly to produce the final puzzle – and then six hours later, dismantle and clean up.



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What an amazing feat! Well, that's what we do! So once again I say;
"Thank you, good and faithful servants." See you all next year.

Yours sincerely,
Arnold Williams, Fall Fair Chair



First Friday Social Ministry Report

FIRST FRIDAY SOCIALS provides an opportunity for all adult members of our parish to socialize together, welcome and support each other while taking part in a fun activity. We gather on a Friday or Saturday evening, approximately every second month, from September to June. Occasionally, a Saturday afternoon activity may be planned.

This past year the following activities were held: Our first wine and cheese plus the 3rd annual Jeopardy game was held in February. Played on paper, with most of the Jeopardy questions being multiple-choice, 19 "contestants" braved coming out on a very cold evening and had a lot of fun competing to be the Jeopardy champion! April was a bowling activity with 11 people taking part. In May, a neighbourhood observation walk and pot luck supper was held at Sheila and Peter Leigh's. This activity has become very popular and good fun. We had 23 people looking for various objects, counting rocks or identifying trees, etc. found along the neighbourhood walking route!



In September, 21 people enjoyed a wine and cheese, including a 7th inning-stretch game. November had 17 people at our second bowling event held at the Chinook Bowling Alley. In December, we again had a wonderful evening of singing Christmas carols and enjoying eggnog and Christmas treats at Mary Anne and Mike Armstrong's home. Thirty enthusiastic singers attended this event.



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My thanks and gratitude to all who have helped with these fun social events: Joan Siddall for organizing the bowling evenings; Sheila and Peter Leigh, for planning the walk and hosting the pot luck; and to Mary Anne and Mike Armstrong for the evening of Christmas Carols, along with Marg McCulloch for her piano accompaniment.

If you have a suggestion for activities and/or would like to help with organizing, please let me know. Some possible ideas for 2026 include line dancing and mini-golf. 2026 will be the 48th year that First Friday has been holding social events.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Shaw

Intercessory Prayer Ministry Report

This is a Ministry that offers CONFIDENTIAL intercessory daily Prayers for our clergy, members of the parish and their families. Anyone can request prayers. Presently, the Prayer Ministry consists of Joan Siddall and I. We lost our beloved and faithful Richard this year. He will surely be missed. As you can see, we are desperately in need of new Members. Remember, where two or three are gathered "He" is in the midst. If you feel a calling or a need to be part of this Ministry and you have questions, please talk to Rev. Bonnie, Rev. Rob or myself.

Respectfully submitted,
Eileen Williams

Men's Breakfast Ministry Report

The Men's Breakfast occurs on the third Saturday of the month. We alternate with St. Paul's church on a monthly basis.

Thanks to Hal, Peter, Martin, Gary, Bill and Rev. Rob, for making it happen each month. Bacon, sausage, toast, eggs, hash browns, fruit salad, beans and tons of coffee and even tea: it all comes together. Thanks to our partners at St. Paul's, our average attendance is about 20 men monthly.



Our fellowship is very friendly; At some time one can expect to be asked to give witness, as to your personal relationship with Christ. Occasionally there are presentations on various topics, such as, 'My

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trip to the North pole,' and 'Working up north in the oil field.' The year kicked off with a talk by David Gravells about The Tent of Meeting or the Tabernacle and the Ark of the Covenant in ancient Judaism. He showed us how it was constructed with a detailed scale model. God was with the nomadic Jewish people in their Tabernacle.

Breakfast starts at 8:30 AM and lasts until about 10 AM. 2025 has been a banner year. To those who have never been, ask around: you are missing a great breakfast. Hope we will see you in the new year, starting February 21st, at St. Peter's.

Yours sincerely,
Arnold Williams and Hal Anderson on behalf of the St. Peter's Men

Music Ministry Report

The Music Ministry at St. Peters strives to help parishioners and our community connect with God through music- within our weekly services and musical fellowship.

Our Music Ministry Team consists of Music Director Patricia Yuen-Sparrow, Organist & Pianist Margaret McCulloch, and Rev. Rob Petkau.

2025 was a dynamic year for music at St. Peter's. The addition of Contemporary Music Sundays brought a fresh experience for many of us, and has been well received by our growing congregation.

Our former organist George Langley was given an exciting job opportunity in Ontario and thus did not return after his summer away. While we were saddened by his sudden and unexpected departure, challenge turned into opportunity!

Margaret McCulloch has gone above and beyond this year, stepping dutifully into the role of main organist for the time being. We were also blessed to have many incredible guest musicians come and play, including organists Chellan Hoffman, John Bouz, Will Gaskarth, and trumpeter Benson Guinn. For the final Sunday of 2025 our own Evangeline Mably played the piano beautifully, and I hope we will hear more from her in 2026.

The growth in our church this year allowed for the return of our Choir in the fall of 2025. Currently the choir is meeting to prepare and perform for selected Sundays. It is my hope that as we grow we will once again be able to have the choir regularly on Sundays. If you are interested in singing with the choir please reach out to me. No experience necessary!

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There are a number of ways you can help to support our Music Ministry at St. Peter's. Participation is key! If you can play any instrument, or are interested in singing with the choir, please let Patricia know and come give it a try.

- If you are unable to participate, we hope that you will support praying for the growth and enrichment of our Music Ministry.
- Spread the word! If you have any friends or family members who you think would enjoy participating in our music programs – even (or perhaps especially) if they are not regular attendees, please invite them to join us!
- Your attendance at and fundraisers, concerts, or other musical events is also helpful to the growth and success of our Music Ministry.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns regarding our music please reach out.

The growth in St. Peter's has been so exciting for the Music Ministry. Being able to restart the choir is a very encouraging sign. I hope that as we grow, more "Time and Talent" will emerge to support this Ministry!

Patricia Yuen-Sparrow

Music Director

Outreach Ministry Report

When we use the term "outreach" at St. Peter's, we're referring to what we did to bless and serve our **community** and our **neighbours** – and our parish made significant strides in this area in 2025. We welcomed hundreds at our Stampede Breakfast, we shared the Gospel with hundreds at Heritage Park, and we helped to feed hundreds through funds raised for the Veterans' Food Bank on St. George's Night, as examples. There's a vast runway for growth in this area, but we've laid a strong foundation, and we're establishing rhythms and building muscle memory to set the stage for a powerful slate of outreach ministries in 2026 and beyond. Well done, St. Peter's! Remarks on our major outreach activities are below.

Rev. Rob Petkau

Stampede Breakfast

St. Peter's held our Stampede breakfast again this year. Smile Studio Dental, a new neighbour in the shopping centre, sponsored a bigger and better breakfast! The Bouncy Castle returned and was a big hit although again I couldn't jump, something about a weight limit. The turnout was over five hundred but we were too busy cooking to get an accurate count.

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We served 520 sausages, 40 smokies, 30 weiners, and 86 litres of pancake batter. Thanks to Gary Herle, Garth Dymond, Arnold Williams, Richard Cunningham, Lawrence Boyce, Delores Cunningham, Mary Dymond, Cheryl Herle, and a bunch of others that I may have unintentionally missed. Reverend Rob and his band returned this year and played great music. A fantastic feast, we just have to remember to get more sausages next year.

Hal Anderson



St. George's Night

On April 26, 2025, around 100 guests attended our St. George's Day dinner.

Because St. George was a soldier, we decided to collect donations and give the net proceeds from the evening – \$810 in all – to the Veterans Food Bank.

As you can see from the Agenda below, everyone enjoyed a catered dinner and wonderful entertainment and fellowship!



YE OLDE AGENDA

GRACE, FOLLOWED BY DINNER

WHY WE'RE HERE – REV. BONNIE

PLEASE STAND FOR THE KING

A SHORT HISTORY OF ST. GEORGE – HAL ANDERSON

“A POLICEMAN’S LOT” – MARTIN CULL, with HAL, ARNOLD WILLIAMS, PETER LEIGH, GEORGE LANGLEY, ACCOMPANIED BY MARG

TRIVIA TIME – MARGARET CULL

A BIT ABOUT THE BRITS AND THEIR ISLES – MARTIN

A TRIBUTE TO THE ORIGINAL DEFENDER OF THE FAITH, FOLLOWED BY “I AM HENRY VIII” – REV. ROB

“THE HIPPOPOTAMUS SONG” – MARTIN (ACCOMPANIED BY MARG)

Martin Cull

Church@7

In September 2024, we launched a different kind of worship service on Friday nights called Church@7. Contemporary music, powerful prayer and engaging reflections on the psalms and the Gospel of John. These services were an enormous blessing to me and a small but devoted group of regular attendees and helpers, but our efforts haven't produced the kind of fruit we had hoped for – we didn't reach our neighbours in a significant way – so we allowed the sun to set on Church@7 at the end of June. Thanks to all who attended and contributed!

Want to sleep in on Sundays and still make it to church?

TryChurch@7

**Friday nights | 60 minutes
#ComeAsYouAre**

Rev. Rob Petkau

Alpha Course

Alpha is an 11-week series of sessions exploring **life, faith and meaning**. We start with a **meal**, we watch a **video** and have small group **discussions** about God. St. Peter's hosted the course this fall, for the first time in many years, and it was a great beginning. Fourteen people attended at least one of the sessions, and the regulars described the experience as enriching and deepening – it was a watershed moment for several of us. Alpha is intended to introduce non-Christians to

**Does life have a purpose?
Is there a God?**

**Join us this Fall as we explore
life's big questions through Alpha**



Adults: Thursdays starting September 18
Youth: Fridays starting September 26



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Jesus and the Christian faith, but all our 2025 attendees were St. Peter's regulars. This is not unusual for the first time a church hosts Alpha, and it's common for the members of the first cohort to form the core of the team – and also the primary ambassadors – for subsequent Alphas. That's what we pray will happen in this case, so we're ramping up to offer Alpha again in 2026. We'll advertise again, but Alpha attracts newcomers primarily through **invitation**, so please pray and reflect on who God is calling you to invite (and bring) to Alpha!

Rev. Rob Petkau

Heritage Park



Our partnership with Heritage Park continued to scatter seeds for God's Kingdom in 2025, and also to bless and enrich our St. Peter's family. Every Sunday during the summer months, a team from St. Peter's led a traditional-language mid-day prayer service in St. Martin's church. This year, Pastor Karen and I were joined by a small choir from St. Peter's most summer Sundays. Special thanks to Liam, Hal, Cheryl, Wanda, Bernie and Marilyn for joining "Reverend Banjo" and leading the singing! Also new this year, as part of Heritage Park's **Once Upon a Christmas** event series, a team from St. Peter's and Holy Cross Anglican Church led brief Readings & Carols services on Sundays in December. Congregations in summer and winter ranged from half a dozen to 40+ – with people of all ages, from many countries and a vast range of spiritual beliefs. Whatever brought them to St. Martin's, they encountered the Gospel in Scripture, song, prayer and preaching. We always invited them to join us at St. Peter's on a Sunday, and let the Spirit take things from there! Who knows what seeds were scattered?

Rev. Rob Petkau

Sidespersons Ministry Report

Another year has come to an end, and the Sides People continue to serve faithfully at St. Peter's. Throughout the year, they have supported various functions, and I want to express my heartfelt thanks for their continued dedication.

Sadly, we lost one of our cherished members. We deeply miss you, Richard, and our thoughts and prayers go out to Delores and the family during this difficult time.

If any members of St. Peter's are interested in becoming a Sides Person, please let me know—we would warmly welcome your help.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Siddall

Verger Ministry (Facilities) Report

As of January, 2026, the Rectory house at 919 75th Ave. SW continues to be rented to our Associate Priest priest, the Rev. Rob Petkau and his wife Karen Petkau.

The 2025/2026 parishioner manned snow team is currently made up of congregation members, Gary Herle, Peter Leigh, and Martin Cull as backup on the tractor. Buzz Lawn Care has been hired on a four-month contract to clear the entrance area to the church front doors, as well as 75th Avenue and Elbow Drive sidewalks.

Emmanual Ballantyne and Andrew Zender have expressed interest in joining the team, we need to get them trained on driving the tractor. We can always use an extra team member or two, so please ask any of our team about what is involved, the training is free!

Our heating contractor is ARPI's, and is keeping our heating system reliable through the winter with our heating system preventative maintenance contract which was started in 2022, we have the boilers completely serviced every year and ongoing repairs and maintenance are complete for now. The problem with no heat in the washrooms below Cormack Hall, and in the chapel, was fixed very efficiently by CAON at a very competitive price during the summer of 2025.



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Inside, the next major floor upgrade identified some years ago should probably be the worship space cork floor, which should be done as soon as funds become available.

The kneelers constantly need repairs, please inform Peter Leigh or Gary Herle of any kneelers found to be needing fixes in the pews.

Outside, the women's basement washroom under Cormack Hall needs partial external window frame replacement due to rotten wood around the frames, 2023 quotes obtained by Peter Leigh for this work came in at around \$1,200, as this is technically difficult work to do.

When funds become available, and quotes have been obtained, the eaves on the north side of Cormack Hall need preparation work to be done, and then staining of the eaves and beams.

As well the exterior walls facing the courtyard need painting to prevent further deterioration and to have the colour match the other white painted trim, so quotes for this work will be needed when funds become available.

Grateful thanks for all the enthusiastic volunteer help which the Facilities team has received from many members of the Parish. The pay is zero, but the rewards are huge!

More offers of help with small individual projects from the men and ladies of the Parish are always welcomed.... Peter has a healthy list of large and small indoor and outdoor jobs which need doing for 2026, mostly small, so please let Peter know if you are willing and able, and if you have any special skills – or not, we still can use you.

*Respectfully submitted,
Peter Leigh,
Verger and 2025 Facilities Chair*

Appendix A: Minutes of Annual Meeting of Parishioners

Sunday, January 26, 2025

1. **Opening Prayer & Declaration of Attendees:** Rev. Bonnie S. Luft, Incumbent; 36 signed attendees at time of recording; more coming in: 40.
2. **Presenter: Instructions on microphone locations and use:** sound technician Cheryl Herle provided instructions.
3. **Appointment of two scrutineers:** Rev. Bonnie appointed Richard Cunningham, Sheila Leigh
4. **Call to Order:** 11:35 AM
 - 4.1. **To assist with minutes this meeting will be recorded digitally and recording disposed of when minutes are typed:** Noted.
 - 4.2. **Appointment of meeting secretary:** Rev. Rob Petkau, Associate Priest
5. **Minutes of Previous Annual meeting on January 28, 2024**
 - 5.1. **Corrections and approval:** no errors or omissions noted.
Motion to approve minutes as circulated: Martin Cull, seconded by Garth Dymond.
Carried.
 - 5.2. **No Business arising**
6. **Report of the Incumbent Priest**

Rev. Bonnie: You all have read my report that's in the annual handout, so I think that most of what I would've said is covered. I just want to touch on a verse from Scripture that was in our Gospel reading today. Luke 4:18, and the phrase "to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." I want to encourage you because I believe 2024 for us was a powerful year of the Lord's favour on our congregation. Everything we set out to achieve, we did through God's grace. Everything we planned in our Mission Action Plan took place as our beginning efforts all unfolded. In the process, the sale of 1003 (75th Ave SW – hereafter referred to in these minutes as "1003") was completed. The mission fund was set up. The rectory was renovated, and we have new clergy hired, a new Sunday school Disciple Depot pastor hired – praise God for that – we have a new student youth assistant in place. We have clergy now living in our rectory, and all the processes – the back and forth between all the people involved and all the approvals required – took place with God's favour upon us. And it's been an amazing, exciting year for our parish, and for that I just praise God Almighty. And to understand where we set out a year and a half ago, all the stepping-stones, all the foundational blocks that needed to be put in place, are now in place. And this year is really about invitation and proclamation and building on what God has done. We're starting to even see some interesting, beautiful fruits in the Spirit. We have new families, new children. We have our Church@7 on Friday nights and we're starting to see the Holy Spirit move in that. We've had up to 16 people – some from here, and others from outside and others even from other places in the city. And out of that, we've even had a new lady join the church. We've had a real blessing of starting to connect in our community a little bit more and figuring out what that looks like for us. The work of God in this place has really gone on powerfully, and I want to thank you all for your faithfulness in this time of risk-taking and challenges. I told the Parish Council at our last meeting that the ground is going to shake beneath our feet this year, and I really think it will. The Lord has much more for us to do in our part of the vineyard. I want to say a special thank-you to this team of people you see around me.

- I especially want to thank Sandra Davenport – our accounts examiner. Each month she has looked at our books and made sure that the bank reconciled and ensured that everything you see

in our financial statements is accurate as per our data entry. I praise God and I thank you, Sandra, for being part of our team.

- I want to say a special thank you to Rev. Rob and Pastor Karen. I've had the joy of having them on our team and know that I keep them running in circles a little bit. I say, 'This needs to happen,' and Rob is right there making it happen. He's a wonderful teammate.

- Margaret McCulloch has been my Incumbent's Warden for the past year and a half, and she's finally said she needs a break – I've worn her out. She's been amazing and supportive of me – especially with the loss of Lawrence – Marg has been there every week, several times a week for me. And been such a source of comfort and care, and I just can't say enough good things about your mission and ministry among us. Thank you for your faithful service.

- I have to say the same for Arnold, who greets me constantly and asks how I am, wanting an answer. And he and Eileen have been so supportive of me, and I'm so grateful for that. Arnold has done an awesome job, and he is also concluding his term as the Assistant Incumbent's Warden.

- And that brings me to Hal – he and I have serious fun together. This last year has been a time of great joy and great learning to know each other, to become even greater friends and associates, and I'll tell you: if I ask something, Hal responds almost instantly unless he's skiing. Thank you, Hal, as our People's Warden you have no idea how much work he's had to do this year, and by God's grace, he's stepped up to the task.

- And I can't say enough to Peter Minnema, who took a risk at last year's Annual Meeting, and he put his hand up to be the Assistant People's Warden. He and Hal have formed an amazing team – they're working constantly to understand our congregation and to connect. The data mining that Peter did from April to September was powerful, and gave us a much better picture of our congregation.

Our Corporation meets once or twice a month depending on the business that needs to be done. Parish Council meets every month. I just want to say thank you to all of you – you've blessed me and blessed our parish. Thank you!

7. Bill Chestnut (at microphone): Bonnie, on behalf of the congregation I would like to suggest that you missed someone in your thanks – and that's to you, Bonnie. You have been a wonderful, warm, spiritual blessing on this entire congregation, and I want to thank you most deeply for coming to St. Peter's and doing what you have done here. You are a blessing to this congregation, and I thank you very deeply. (Enthusiastic applause from attendees followed.)

8. Reports

8.1. Receiving reports as circulated.

Motion to approve: Richard Cunningham, seconded by Margaret Cull. *Carried.*

8.2. Discussion

George Langley (at microphone): Just a couple of things to add to the Music side. We did have the organ maintained and tuned during the year and fixed a couple things that had been needed for a while. Also, Marg has been looking after getting the piano tuned, so thank you to Marg for looking after that. I look forward to the next tuning.

Rev. Bonnie: We also had the piano in the Cormack Hall tuned last year, and have used it more often, which is a real joy.

9. Presentation of 2024 Parish Financial Statements

9.1. Report of the Accounts Examiner – Sandra Davenport

Sandra Davenport: I did my best to anticipate questions and put in notes, so I'm not going to go through everything in detail.

Starting with our Balance Sheet, at the end of the year, we had \$7,000 sitting in our account, but some was ACW money, and some of it was specials money like memorial donations.

That means we're going to have to take money out of our investment funds to continue operating this year. That's something we anticipated doing last year when we set up our financials, and we anticipate having to do it again this year.

In the good news, our diocese investment finally on Friday got the numbers for the year-end investment account, so our diocese investment ended up the year at \$76,633, and the mission fund at \$410,496. We got a return of about 10% last year, which is a wonderful return, and helps us out a lot. Our accounts payable is an Enmax credit, and then we have a security deposit that we're holding on 919.

Garth Dymond (at microphone): On the investment fund of \$410,000: is that the funds that were originally in the account that was around \$600 or \$700,000?

Sandra: No, that's the mission fund from the sale of 1003.

Garth: Thank you.

Sandra: OK, I'm going to move onto the Income Statement.

- We had \$167,000 in donations this year. When I walked in today, the first thing I noticed was how many more people were here a year or two ago, and that's a wonderful thing. It's been reflected in a 32% increase in donations.

- We have rental income from the church building – it did not end up being as much as we had budgeted for because the preschool did not go ahead as we had anticipated. We had rental income from 919 (75th Ave SW – the rectory – hereafter referred to as "919" or "the rectory" in these minute), but that was not as high as we anticipated because we had to do renovations on it, and that took longer before it was possible to move into it.

- Where you see Interest Operating – the \$10,019 – that's 2023 interest. We did not get the diocese statements in 2024 in time to add it to the meeting.

- Salaries are the Incumbent and the office administrator.

- Professional fees are well under the budget – that's because we didn't pay for Sunday school: that came out of the mission fund, and the organist and bookkeeper were below what we had budgeted for.

- Apportionment is what we pay to the diocese. The diocese in turn pays an apportionment to the national church.

- We had increased spending on education, which is a wonderful thing – it means a lot of young people are coming to Sunday school, and I was amazed when I came in today and saw the young people at the end, and how many there are compared to last year: that's real growth.

- Utilities came in slightly over budget, but that's not surprising. Utilities went up all year.

- Office costs came in under budget.

- Hospitality is when we do fellowship for people who are not part of the congregation, so if there's an ordination here and we put on hospitality for that.

- That gave us a net income of -\$82,000. If we'd had preschool, that would've been -\$42,000 and well under what we'd budgeted.

- We had a capital grant from the diocese – the diocese gave us \$30,000 toward the improvements that were made at 919.

- We have directed donations for things like flowers and outreach.

- Outreach is Eric's Love and Ronald McDonald House – those are the two main ones.

- We had capital expenses for the renovation of 919, and then amortization – we wrote off the old repairs that had been done to the kitchen and the floors.

- That gave us current earnings of \$41,345.

Motion to approve the financial reports as presented: Joan Siddall, seconded by Peter

Leigh. *Carried.*

Rev. Bonnie: Well done, Sandra. Thank you for the excellent work! (Applause)

9.2. Consideration and adoption of 2025 Budget

Sandra: This is basically a maintenance budget. Rev. Bonnie has plans for the year, but we don't necessarily require money in a lot of new areas to implement those plans. So, when you look at the budget for 2025, it looks very similar to the budget for 2024.

- We have planned a 10% increase in donations. We're seeing growth in the church, and the cost of living was 3%, so we're hoping people might be able to donate a little bit more than they did last year, and we're going to continue to grow our church as God brings blessing to the fruit of our labour.

- The rental income is 919 – that's the net expenses.

- We didn't anticipate very much interest on our operating account, because we're going to be using some of that interest up this year, and we'll be using up a lot of our operating account. As a result, there's not going to be a lot of money left to have interest on.

- Our apportionment went down, because our income has gone down over the last three years and two years ago – and the diocese uses an average of three-year income.

- We budgeted more for music expenses, so we have a little more money in there.

- We budgeted a lot more money for education, more for community outreach: these are all keeping with the guidelines of what Rev. Bonnie would like to do during the course of the year.

- Utilities increased because nobody trusts utility companies to not put up utilities. - Maintenance and repairs, we also increased, because there are things that need to be done. - Insurance goes up every year, and so we followed the diocese's guidelines on how much insurance is going to go up and budgeted accordingly.

- That gave us net income of -\$60,000 which is \$10,000 less than we budgeted for last year, and \$22,000 less than last year's actuals.

- We then have expenses from the mission fund which are the Associate Priest and the Alpha Pastor. Those expenses come out of the mission fund, which is part of what was intended when we sold 1003.

Rev Bonnie: Presenting a deficit budget is always a challenge. We have the money to cover it, so we're comfortable doing it as your corporation and council. Our goal – our hope – is that we end up at the end of the year, still having the money in our backup fund.

Marg McCulloch: Sandra, I'd like to thank you for the work you've done for us, especially dealing with the diocese and the money you saved us by going through each line of our apportionment. It was a lot of work, and we really appreciate that – thank you. (Applause)

Motion to adopt the budget as presented: Martin Cull, seconded by Barbara Lamoureux.

Carried.

9.3. Appointment of Accounts Examiner for 2025 – Sandra Davenport

Motion: Hal Anderson, seconded by Joan Siddall. *Carried.*

10. Appointments

10.1. Peter Leigh – Incumbent's Warden

Patricia Yuen-Sparrow – Assistant Incumbent's Warden

Rev. Bonnie: Sheila, I will do my best to return Peter to you in good condition at the end of the year. (Laughter)

11. Elections of Parish Officers

11.1. People's Warden nomination, Hal Anderson

Motion: Marg McCulloch, seconded by Garth Dymond.

Motion for nominations to cease: Garth Dymond. *Carried.*

11.2. Assistant People's Warden nomination, Peter Minnema

Motion: Marg McCulloch, seconded by Margaret Cull. *Carried.*

Motion for nominations to cease: Garth Dymond. *Carried.*

11.3. Parish council members continuing for 1 more year

11.3.1. Rev. Rob Petkau, Margaret Cull, and Richard Cunningham

11.4. Parish council member nominations

11.4.1. Jeffrey Hambrook, Karen Petkau, Liam Getty, Ravindra Nair

No nominations from the floor.

Motion: Marg McCulloch, seconded by Peter Leigh. *Carried.*

Motion for nominations to cease: Garth Dymond. *Carried.*

11.5. Lay delegates to Synod

Arnold Williams nominates Cheryl Herle. Declined.

Arnold Williams nominates Bill Chestnut (seconded by Marie Woolsey). Accepted.

Hal Anderson nominates George Boyce (seconded by Arnold Williams). Accepted.

11.6. Alternate lay delegates to Synod

Eileen Williams nominates Sheila Leigh (seconded by Patricia Yuen-Sparrow). Accepted.

Arnold Williams nominates Pearl Murphy. Declined.

Arnold Williams nominates Garth Dymond (seconded by Joan Variyan). Accepted.

12. Consideration of motions

12.1. CIBC Signing Authorities

Motion: to delete Margaret McCulloch, Incumbent's Warden and Arnold Williams, Assistant Incumbent's Warden, as signing authorities, and to add Peter Leigh, Incumbent's Warden and Patricia Yuen-Sparrow, Assistant Incumbent's Warden, as signing authorities on our CIBC account. Moved by Arnold Williams, seconded by Joan Siddall. *Carried.*

13. Other business

13.1. St. Peter's Community Fair

Rev. Bonnie: Is this the year that we could try to do a St. Peter's Community Fair in the fall? Are people ready for that? Is that something the congregation feels they can tackle? I know it's a lot of work, and a lot of involvement. It's a one-day event, but it takes a few days to set up.

Arnold Williams: This used to be called the Fall Fair, just to make sure everyone knows what event we're talking about.

Bill Remmer: Will we still do the spring rummage sale?

Rev. Bonnie: Yes, the spring rummage sale is still on the books for the first weekend in May. Last year, at the rummage sale, we needed more help. The rummage sale takes a lot to set up, so they need a lot of help to do that as well.

Martin Cull: I think it's very important – many years of the Fall Fair growing, to change the name is, I think, crazy. Because everybody knows the Fall Fair. The community knows the Fall Fair at St. Peter's, and people come from all over, and to change the name... People are going to say, "What's that? It's not the Fall Fair." All the signs have been made professionally, and what is the point of changing the name when it's all set up?

Rev. Bonnie: Thanks for that comment, Martin.

Arnold Williams: Can we put it to a vote? It's usually the whole congregation that participates in this fair, so everybody contributes. It's an opportunity for you to get to know, especially new people, about St. Peter's and one of the biggest fundraisers. Remember that from the time we started the Fall Fair in 1970, we donated an average of \$10,000 to St. Peter's each year. Let's keep that in mind.

Rev. Bonnie: I have asked Arnold to consider chairing the fair committee, if we decide to

do one. If the body wants to do a fair, and regardless of what we end up calling it, the point of it being a community fair is that it's not for us, it's for the community. It's for a mission, for us to reach into our community, and that would serve our hope and our goal in the process of doing it. I know it will take a lot of energy and effort. I know that the last Fall Fair has been several years now – 2018. We are six years older, and we've been through a lot. I wanted to bring it here and ask because I don't want to put pressure on the body if they're saying that's too much for them at this point in our journey. We do have several young families, and people have been asking about it over the past year. So, can we have a vote – general – not to tie anyone to it.

Question: would you be in favour of us doing a community fair? (Vote: no one opposed.)

Rev. Bonnie: I will take that as a yes – we'll do the fall fair. I've asked Arnold to be the chair, and we'll organize a meeting in February for anyone who wants to come out. We'll get a committee in place, so we can determine what this is going to look like. So, Arnold, you're still willing to be chairperson?

Arnold Williams: Yes.

Eileen Williams: I'm not willing! (Laughter)

Rev. Bonnie: To be clear, the point is to incorporate a committee that includes our new people and some of our familiar ones for experience, so our new people have the opportunity to build mission and ministry here in this parish, and to have a project to work on throughout the year. Our first meeting will hopefully be able to draw from that – it'll be on a Saturday morning so people who work will be able to be part of it.

13.2. Wood Chopping Ministry

Martin Cull: Thanks to a connection with Peter Leigh and Jagdutt Singh, there is an abundance of logs in the backyard of the rectory that need to be split. When we say wood-splitting, this isn't done with an axe like Dave Cormack used to do, we have hydraulic wood splitters that do the work – we stand there and watch the machine do the splitting. We do load my truck up and deliver the split wood – so anyone who needs wood, let me know. And anyone who wants to be part of the wood-splitting team, let me know.

14. Adjournment & Closing Prayer

14.1. Adjournment: Moved by Garth Dymond

14.2. Closing Prayer: Rev. Bonnie

Appendix B: Update on the Activities of St. Peter's Charitable Foundation

January 2026

St. Peter's Charitable Foundation was established in 1988 to provide a permanent vehicle for outreach and mission objectives of members of St. Peter's Anglican Church. Although there has always been a close and mutually supportive relationship between the Church and the Foundation they are legally separate and independent organizations. The Foundation is overseen by its own Board of Directors and St. Peter's corporation has no responsibility or accountability for the activities of the Foundation, unlike the many other parish groups which fall within the St. Peter's umbrella.

During 2025 the following individuals served as members of the Foundation's Board of Directors: Malcolm MacKay, Richard Bird, Arnold Williams, Gavin Hendrickson, Rev. Bonnie Luft, Meredith Delday, Hal Anderson. Members of the congregation who are interested in serving on the Foundation Board could speak to any Board member.

The mission of the Foundation is to provide a stable source of funding for outreach and mission activities deemed worthy by members of the congregation. The Foundation has accumulated an endowment over the years from donations made by congregation members. The endowment's assets are held in the Diocese of Calgary's Consolidated Investment Fund to provide improved investment administration and higher returns. The endowment currently provides investment income which averages about \$10,000 each year.

The organizations which are supported by the Foundation are based on recommendations by Board members and the parish at large. They are largely local social service agencies with which the St. Peter's sponsor has some knowledge or involvement, or religious education institutions. The Foundation is restricted, with limited exceptions, to supporting programs undertaken by registered charitable organizations. During 2025 the following disbursements were made:

● Diocese of The Arctic – Arthur Turner Training School	\$1,000
● C.U.P.S. Calgary Society – Baby Care Kits	\$1,000
● Veteran's Food Bank	\$1,000
● Calgary Food Bank	\$1,500
● Progressive Alternatives Society of Calgary	\$1,000
● Homes for Heroes Foundation of Calgary	\$1,000
● Bison Clan Bow River	\$1,000

- Ambrose University bursary for seminary candidate Liam Getty \$1,500

Members of the congregation are encouraged to speak with any director about the activities of the Foundation and to make recommendations on worthy programs for consideration by the Foundation.

Having a Foundation which supports parish outreach and mission work is unusual among Anglican parishes where such work is normally situated at a diocese office or at the national church level. It is one of the things accomplished by St. Peter's congregation members which contributes to the special place which is St. Peter's.

Submitted by Richard Bird on behalf of the St. Peter's Charitable Foundation.