

The Vine

August 2026



Lutheran Church of Our Saviour

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

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

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



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Call Committee Report

The Call Committee has not provided an update in the last couple months. This wasn't because we were not working hard on the search for a pastor candidate. The real reason was that the committee was re-searching two high potential candidates. This included evaluating the candidates, viewing their sermons and working with Bishop Trish on the candidate qualifications and requirements.

Once the research was completed the Call Committee members had several discussions on the two candidates. This was followed by the committee member's unanimous approval for one of the candidates to be the recommended preferred candidate to be submitted to the LCOS Board and Bishop Trish.

On July 21st the Call Committee officially recommended the preferred candidate to the LCOS Board. There was a good discussion on the candidate and the next steps in the Call process. This was followed by unanimous approval of the Call Committee's recommendation of the candidate.

On Jul 23rd the Call Committee provided Bishop Trish with the evaluation of the two candidates and the Call Committee recommendation of the preferred candidate. Bishop Trish agreed to stop searching for further pastor candidates for LCOS and committed with providing assistance to complete the necessary candidate call requirements for the preferred candidate.

Once Bishop Trish completes these requirements with the preferred candidate then the congregation will be informed of the name of recommended candidate and the date for the congregational vote. Only the congregation can approve the Call of the pastor to become LCOS's Senior Pastor.

This has been quite a journey for the Call Committee and the congregation. We appreciate all of the patience and support that we have received during this time from the congregation, the LCOS Board and Bishop Trish.

We firmly believe that this candidate will meet all of the congregation's needs and is an excellent fit with the congregation in all ways (spiritually, pastor care, personally and through the messages in their sermons).

Thanks to all of the Call Committee members for your diligent work in representing the congregation's interest during this three-year search: Carolyn Anderson; Brent Anderson; Kathy Gibson; Dale Mass; Terrylee McKay; Bob Montgomery and Keith Rude.

Yours in Christ

Garry Mihaichuk
Call Committee Chair

Board Report

Greetings from Waskesiu!

I hope you've been enjoying summer? I certainly have, this year perhaps more than other summers because great things have been happening around LCOS! Many of you have been praying for God to send us a full-time Pastor and, with the able assistance of Pastor Margaret, Pastor Lee and Pastor Stan, we have been able to manage the needs of our community on a 'temporary' basis. All of us have been looking forward to when we might be led to the 'right' full-time Pastor. A few years ago, Alfred - a former Board Chair told me he believed 'our community and leadership were being led by the Holy Spirit' and... *"the future of LCOS is so bright, I'll need to wear shades"*. In communication with Judy, Board members and the Call Committee over the summer months, it's not hard to see how active the Holy Spirit has been. **Most notably, it is my extreme pleasure to advise that God has made it possible for Pastor Stan to become our full-time 'interim' Pastor, effective September 1st!!! Now that's a God sighting!!**

Thanks to the dedication & care of Bishop Trish, Pastor Stan has been accepted into and authorized by the Seminary to complete 3 Lutheran seminary classes needed for him to be ordained within the ELCIC. Now there's a reason for a party! The Bishop will be with us in August to officially appoint Pastor Stan to the ELCIC and ministry at Lutheran Church of Our Saviour. Hallelujah!

The next step is after Pastor Stan completes the 3 courses. The Bishop will be back to oversee his ordination at LCOS. That will be cause for another party! Following that, our congregation will have a vote to "Call him to Full-time ministry at LCOS. His acceptance of that "Call" would remove the 'interim' title in favour of ELCIC congregational Pastor at LCOS. **Our collective prayers have been answered!** Of course, not as early as we had wanted, but God is faithful and He has not forgotten about us.

More good news! Pastor Stan has agreed to lead a weekend study from October 23-25th for those that would like to know more about 'what we believe as Lutheran Christians'. Watch for more details in this edition of the Vine and in further communication at the church. For those that may be new, this will be a great time for you to meet & get to know Pastor Stan & his wife – Pat.

By now, I suspect most of you have met Marilee? She is working alongside Judy to assist with administration of the church. If you haven't met her, stop by to say hello!

Planning of the Fall carnival is progressing and it should be a fun event for everyone. Keep watching the screen on Sunday mornings before service for more details.

Our Board member - Sophia Della Rosa, is working with Judy & Marilee to enhance our social media. Stay tuned for more details on an updated Facebook, Instagram and more!

Board Report

MANY of our community have taken active roles this summer in looking after our building & ensuring our flower beds, grass and shrubbery are well maintained. A big thank you to all those that have participated. Your efforts are noted and highly welcome!

Finally, the members of our Call Committee and Board of Directors deserve a special thank you for their diligence and professionalism. This has been the longest 'term of duty' for a Call Committee in the history of LCOS. Please ensure you take a moment to thank Carolyn Anderson, Brent Anderson, Kathy Gibson, Dale Mass, Terrylee Mckay, Keith Rude, Bob Montgomery and the Chair – Garry Mihaichuk. Finally, your Board of Directors have worked together consistently and are to be congratulated for their faith that as we stay focused on Him, God will provide. Your Board are: Nick Perchthaler, Kari Paul, Isaria Kwayu, Kathy Gibson, Brian Prunkle, Adriana Mass, Carolyne Walker, Sophia Della Rosa and Chair- Bob Montgomery.

Please take a moment to let them know you appreciate their efforts.

"For the Lord is good; His mercy and loving-kindness are everlasting. His faithfulness will endure to all generations" Psalm 100, v.5.

In His Service
Bob Montgomery
Chair LCOS Board of Directors

Congregational "What Do We Believe?" Sessions

Quod ubique, quod semper, quod ab omnibus creditum est
(*"that which has been believed everywhere, always and by all"*)
St. Vincent of Lérins (5th century)

Date: Friday, October 23 - Sunday, October 25

- Friday:** Light Dinner 6:00 - 7:00 pm
Introductory session 7:00 - 9:00 pm: *"What do we believe and ... Why do we believe it?"*
Part 1: Historical orthodoxy and Lutheran distinctives
- Saturday:** Morning Muffins & Coffee 9:00 - 10:00 am
Part 2: Christology & the Sacraments 10:00 am – Noon: *"Why We Do What We Do?"*
- Sunday:** Sunday Service 10:00 am / Light lunch - 11:20 am - 12:30 pm
Part 3: Wrap up session 12:30 - 2:00 pm

Presenter: Pastor Stan Helton

August Worship Services

Sunday, August 2 10:00 am Worship Service (Communion)

Sunday, August 9 10:00 am Worship Service

Sunday, August 16 10:00 am Worship Service (Communion)

Sunday, August 23 10:00 am Worship Service

Sunday, August 30 10:00 am Worship Service

Office Hours: Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Financial Secretary Report

Why is it so important to make a donation pledge to LCOS each year?

Donation pledges allow the LCOS Church Board to forecast what funds will be available each year and to make informed decisions regarding running the church operations. Thank you to those that have already made a donation pledge for 2026. If you have not yet made a donation pledge for 2026, it's not too late. Please consider doing so by e-mailing Janet Perchthaler at financialsecretary@oursaviourchurch.ca.



2nd Quarter Giving Statements

The 2nd quarter giving statements were issued on July 28, 2026. They were sent via an automated email message to all who have an email address on file. For those without an email address or who have requested a paper copy, it was mailed to your home address. Please contact Janet Perchthaler at financialsecretary@oursaviourchurch.ca or 403-702-6671 with any questions.

Giving Methods – June 2026:

The following methods and percentages of giving for June 2026 were:

Cash:	5.2%	- 11 givers
Cheques:	22.2%	- 11 givers
Interac E-transfer:	49.0%	- 24 givers
Loose Cash:	2.1%	
Online via Realm:	2.9%	- 3 givers
Pre-Authorized Remittance Program:	18.6%	- 16 givers

Year-To- Date Financial Status – June 30, 2026:

Revenue (offering, rentals, investment income)	\$132,104
Expenses	<u>\$164,351</u>
Net income (loss)	<u>(\$32,247)</u>

The June 30, 2026 year-to-date net loss is due to May 2026 expenditures for the parking lot paving and replacement of the kitchen dishwasher.

The church operational costs are ongoing during the summer months. Please consider an additional offering to the church prior to leaving on your summer vacation.

Options For Giving: If You wish to contribute to the church, the following are the options for giving:

Interac e-transfer: Donations are made to email address: donate@oursaviourchurch.ca.

PAR Program Giving:

The Pre-Authorized Remittance program (PAR) gives the option to give monthly directly from a bank or credit union account. Please contact the Financial Secretary Janet Perchthaler (403-702-6671 or financialsecretary@oursaviourchurch.ca) to get a PAR sign up form and with any questions.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Painted Wombat Preschool

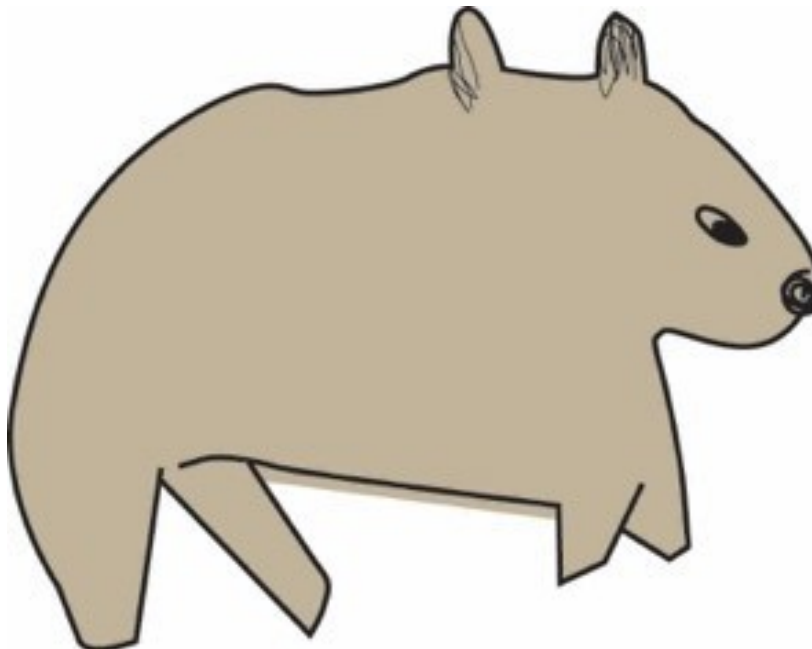
We'd like to send our best wishes to Shauna, Kyle and their family as they begin a new adventure, moving back to Australia for the next few years.

I will miss Shauna's smile and kind, accommodating demeanor. It has been an absolute pleasure working with Shauna Gross, the owner of the Painted Wombat Preschool. Fortunately for us, Shauna will be managing the Painted Wombat Preschool at LCOS from a distance, leaving the day to day operations in the capable hands of her current staff.

Good luck Shauna! We'll miss you but will be anxious to hear all about this exciting new chapter in your life.

Sincerely,

Judy McDonald





FREE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
AUGUST 17 - 21

Contact Judy for details regarding registration
and volunteer opportunities.



**Silent
Baking
Auction!**

**Lutheran Church of Our Saviour
8831 Fairmount Drive SE
Everyone Welcome!**

Games!

GAMES GROUP

**Join us the first and third Tuesday of each
month at 1:00 for fellowship, snacks & fun!**





TO OUR 80+ FRIEND

Linda Trypka

Bob Keith

Ken Farn

Alma Krueger

Monika Adler

Phyllis Gale

Dale Mass



*In order for us to continue serving coffee
after worship on Sundays, volunteers are
needed to help in the kitchen.*

*A sign-up sheet is posted by the kitchen
window. Contact Judy or Marilee for details.*

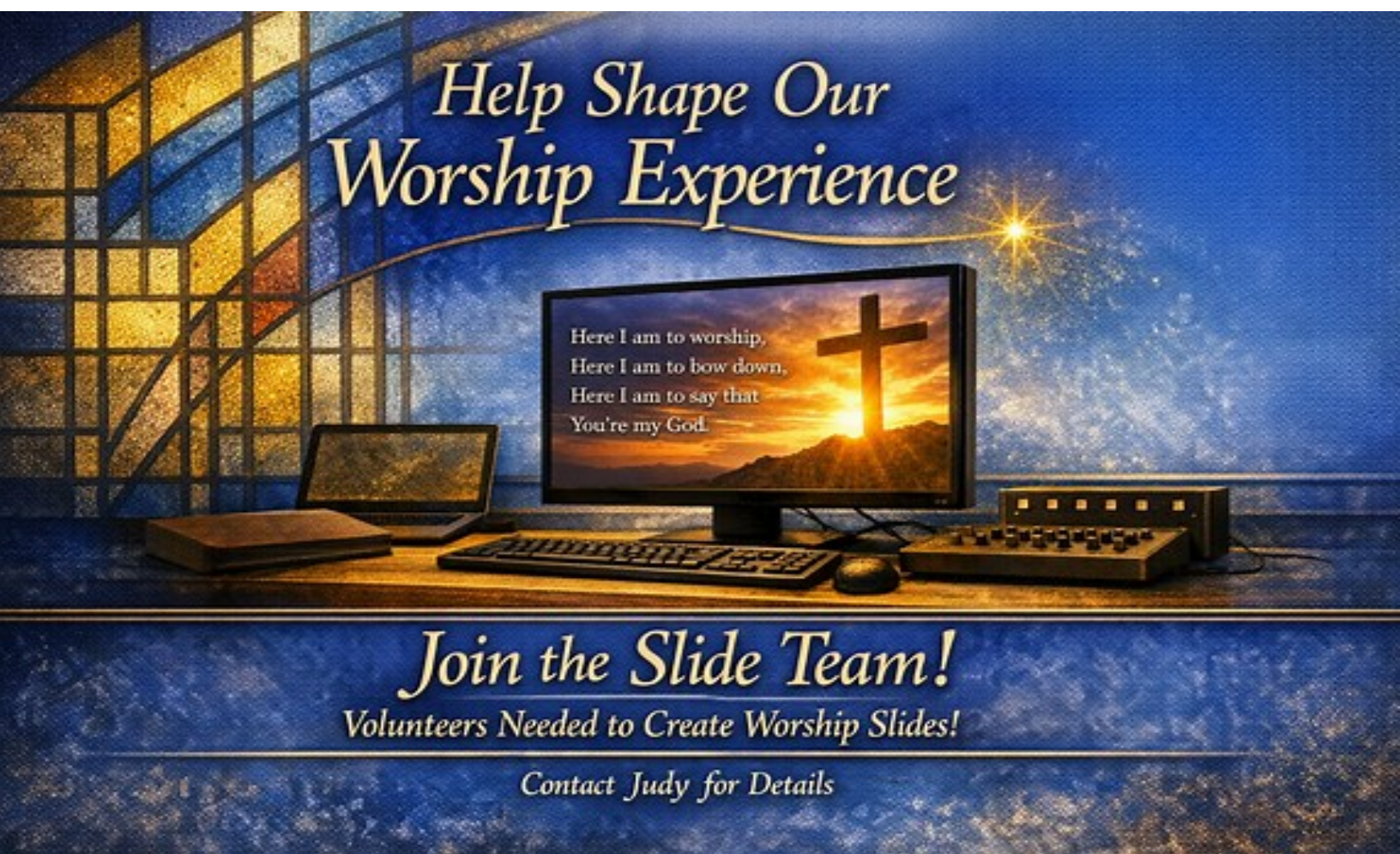
Did you know...

Each week Dorothea Schaab receives the worship outline early in the week, along with the rest of the worship team, so she can begin preparing the slides we all enjoy each Sunday morning at worship. Dorothea did have another volunteer to share this process with her until a year ago, when Lauren Dzikowski resigned as she was accepted to medical school.

The preparation of our slides is an important role and we are looking for another one or two LCOS volunteers to work with Dorothea to ensure our Sunday morning services continue to run smoothly.

Dorothea has worked out a weekly procedure to prepare the slides that is straight forward to follow and she will be happy to provide the necessary training.

If this is something you are interested in please speak to Judy or Dorothea.

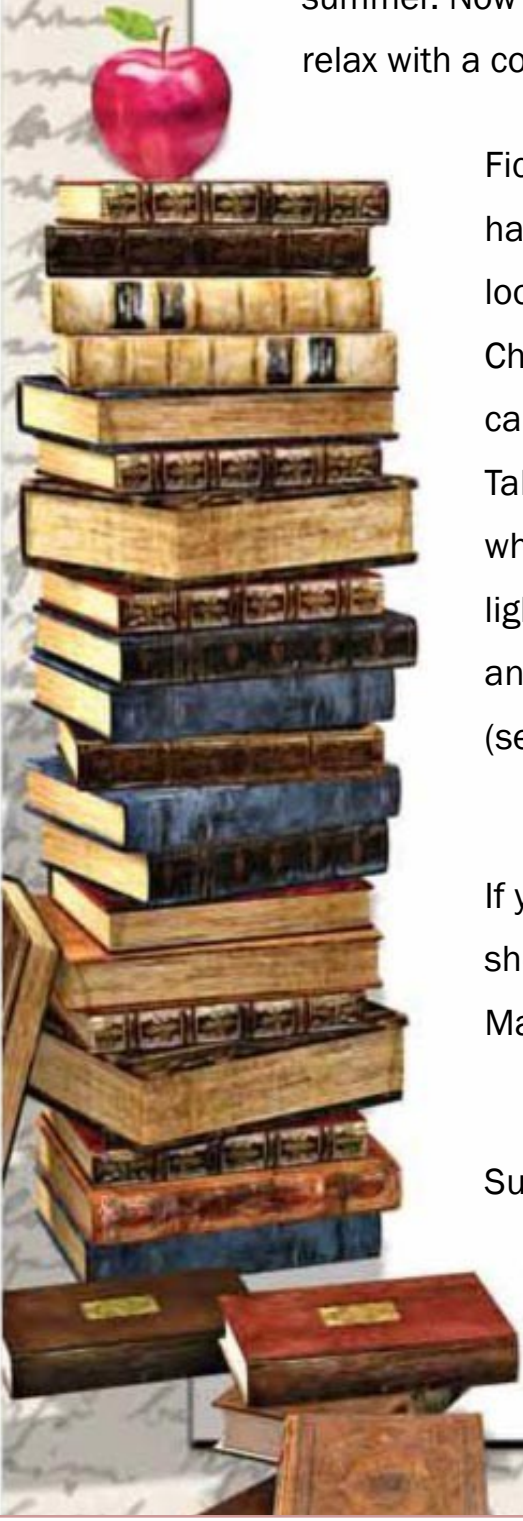


What's Been Happening at LCOS



Library News

August is here, summer is half over and VBS is just around the corner. In my opinion, this is the “relaxation” part of summer. The high energy of Stampede is behind us and we're into the dog days of summer. Now it's time to curl up on a blanket under a shady tree, relax with a cool drink and lose yourself in a good book.

A tall stack of approximately 15 old, leather-bound books of various sizes and colors (brown, tan, blue, red). A single red apple with a green leaf sits on top of the stack. The books are arranged in a slightly irregular manner, with some spines visible and others partially obscured. The background of the entire page is a light beige color with faint, cursive handwriting in a darker shade.

Fiction (section 23) and Christian Living (section 22) have many good reads for adults. For young adults, look in section 4 for the classic series, The Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis. Young readers can search section 5 for some fun reads or Veggie Tales CD's in Movies and Music for Kids (section 1) when it's time to cool off from the heat. For some light-hearted laughs you can poke around in Humour and Trivia (section 11) or General and Family Movies (section 42).

If you have a favourite author you'd like to see on the shelves please leave your recommendations in Mailbox 67.

Submitted with a happy heart and book-filled arms,

Carolyn Walker

ACADIA FOOD PANTRY

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

About Us

- ✓ Serving Acadia and area residents since April 2019.
- ✓ Distributes food on 3rd Tuesday of each month (11:45 am to 12:45 pm), 8516 Athabasca St SE.
- ✓ Provides food for a monthly average of 50 families, 185 individuals.
- ✓ Maintained solely by donations.
- ✓ Recruiting volunteer drivers and those able to lift cases of food.

Recurring and one-time donations can be made at www.mcdunited.com/donate



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Building Neighbourhood Connections

My name is Viviana Reinberg, and I am the community social worker for Acadia & Kingsland. I work with residents to bring neighbours together and create spaces for support, dialogue & sharing. The goal is to increase a sense of cohesion, inclusion and belonging. To register for the following activities, just get in touch with me at the contacts given at the bottom of this page.

Spanish Speaking Gathering

Convivencia Para Inmigrantes Latin@s

Una vez al mes

Lutheran Church of Our Saviour, 8831 Fairmount Dr SE

Un encuentro para compartir, conocer nuestros vecinos, crear espacios de apoyo, y convivencia.

Together We Thrive: Artists & Artisans Market

Sunday June 7th, 12 noon to 4 pm

Kingsland Community Center, 505 78th Ave SW

Designed to uplift and support local artisans, makers & creative individuals. Meet the creators behind the work.

Organized by The City of Calgary, Kingsland Community Association, Glenmore Temple, St Andrew's Presbyterian Church.

Do you like Singing? You Can Learn in a Community Choir!

Experience the joy of singing in a relaxed, no pressure, family environment. For ages 6 - 96

Build community through singing with the opportunity to perform at local events and bring joy to local spaces.

**If you can sing "Happy Birthday", you can join the choir!
Even people with limited English fluency can sing!**

Sessions will be once a week on a weekday evening when enough people express interest

Led by a volunteer resident with extensive experience teaching music and leading choirs.

Learn & Chat with a knowledge Keeper

A spring community building initiative!

A different thing each session for example, making a dream catcher, mini-moccasins, beading, or just having a land-based story.

- Learn something new while sipping a cup of tea, chatting and having some Bannock.
- Led by a knowledge keeper from Siksika experienced in leading groups and bringing teachings to both Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

Probably a weekday, evening, once/week or every 2 weeks

This is a series of 4 – 6 sessions to start when enough people express interest.

Building Community Through Sports Family Day Sports Day: Try a New Sport!

Saturday May 30th, 1:45 – 4 pm

At the CKE community centre, 1015 – 73 Ave SW

For all ages

This is an opportunity to try a new sport!
So far, we have Zumba & Martial Arts. Let me know other sport you would like to try.

For beginners. Limited space, registration is required.

Led by coaches from Sport Calgary.

Volunteer Leading a Community Project.

Up to \$ 1,000 to organize an activity!

Examples:

A film & conversation, a book club, Indigenous storytelling, healing circles, making care packages for unhoused folks, Elder talks, a sewing group, canning vegetables, bicycle maintenance.

We can chat about your ideas, and I can support you in the process!

Viviana Reinberg, Community Social Worker, The City of Calgary
viviana.reinberg@calgary.ca, (403) 651-1629. (I prefer texting).

VOCES ORIGINARIAS

VIOLENCIAS INVISIBLES: MUJERES INDIGENAS EN MEXICO Y CANADA

Una presentación desde la perspectiva de una mujer inmigrante de Mexico.



Venga a compartir con el grupo Latino de Acadia y Kingsland y escuchar ésta charla por parte de una de sus integrantes, Waleska Cuato.

14 DE AGOSTO, 2026
de 6 a 8 pm

en la iglesia Lutheran Church of Our Saviour
8831 Fairmount Drive SE

Agradeceríamos si se registra con anticipación para poder planificar, pero si no puede, igual es bienvenido. viviana.reinberg@calgary.ca

Calgary





Flock Care
Next Meeting
Monday, August 24
at 10:30 am
New members welcome!

*Feed My Lambs ...
Shepherd My Sheep ...
Feed My Sheep ...*

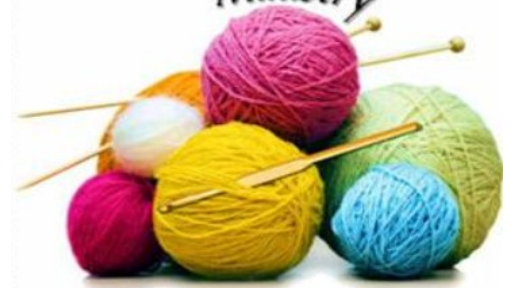


Over the past several months prayer shawls have brought comfort to some of our members experiencing health challenges.

If anyone would like to donate a prayer shawl, or the material that could be used to create more of these lovely gifts from LCOS, your contributions are always welcome.

Please speak to Janice Hawkings for details.

*Prayer Shawl
Ministry*



Men's Breakfast

*Join us for
food, faith, and
fellowship*

Contact Alfred Forbrich for details.



Time Capsule, submitted by Alice Rodier

Information from The Lutheran Legacy by Clarence M. Cherland, 1975 Century Calgary Series

WWI 1914-18 was a difficult time for German-speaking people in Calgary. Public services in German were discontinued. German-speaking Lutherans met in private homes and George Luft's hall until 1916. The Jehovah congregation rented the red brick Methodist Church on 7A Street and 1 Ave NE before a church was built on the corner of 6A Street and Murdock Road in 1920. The attempt to join with Immanuel at Marsh Road and 4 St NE in the 1930's was not successful. A manse was purchased in 1942 at 66 - 6 St NE as a residence for the minister.

By the middle of 1945, the Jehovah Lutheran congregation needed a larger building and traded for the brick Moravian Church at 60-7th Street NE. It was valued at \$20,000 and Jehovah congregation paid the difference of \$12,000.



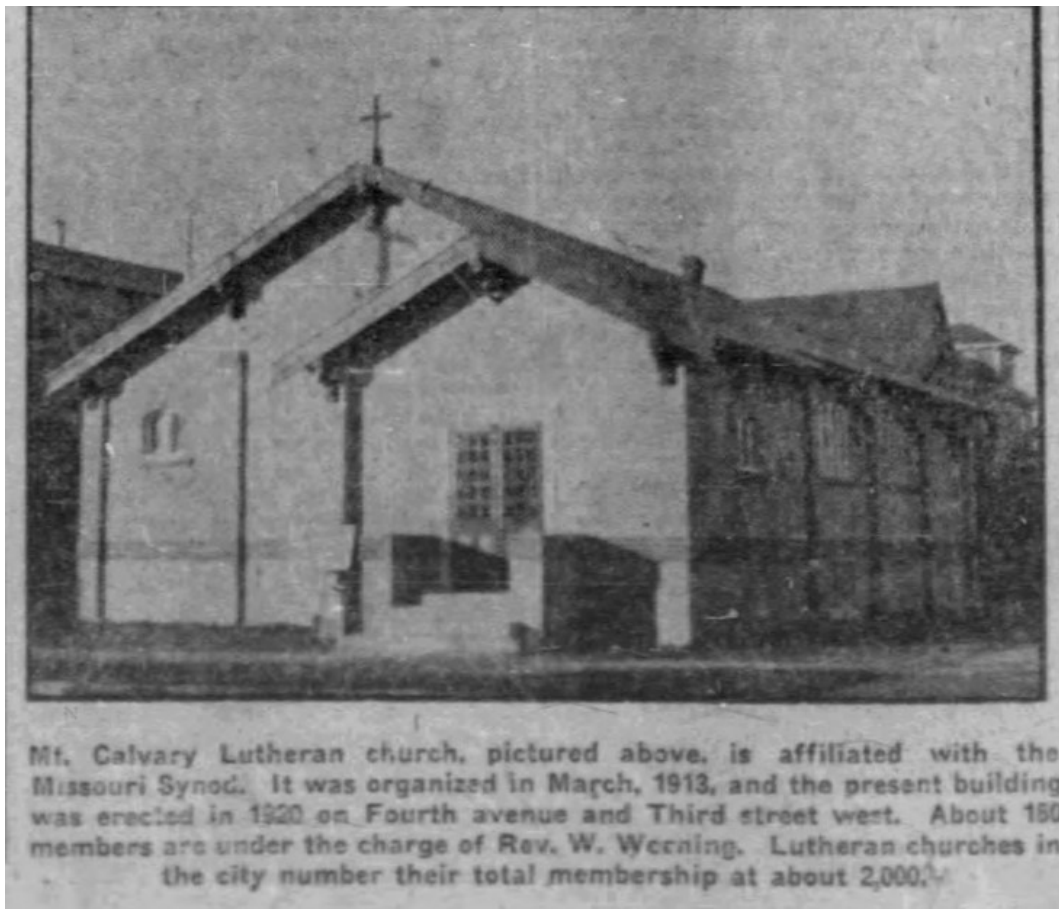
Jehovah Lutheran Church 1955 by Alison Jackson, built in 1913 as the Moravian church. (General Hospital in the background.)

Bells were purchased in 1956 and a large red neon cross on the spire was placed in 1958. Organist Robert Hooper arranged for a pipe organ from Indiana to be moved and rebuilt. The name was changed to St. Matthew in 1960. The General Hospital was demolished in 1998 but the church is still very active in 2026.

Time Capsule, continued



The Moravian Church occupied the former Lutheran church at 70 - 6A Street NE from 1945 to about 1978 when it was sold to a Baptist congregation. There was a temporary trailer on church property in 1989. The “Little White Church” later became a private home. (Google Streets Jun 2024)



Mt. Calvary Lutheran church, pictured above, is affiliated with the Missouri Synod. It was organized in March, 1913, and the present building was erected in 1920 on Fourth avenue and Third street west. About 150 members are under the charge of Rev. W. Werning. Lutheran churches in the city number their total membership at about 2,000.

The picture of Mt. Calvary church was part of a Herald newspaper article about Calgary Churches, January 26, 1929 page 1.

Bishop's Message



Summer 2026

Grace and peace to you in this summer season.

Summer arrives and with it a change of pace!

In a culture that often measures our worth by productivity, summer can remind us that God also calls us to rest, delight, and attention. Creation itself teaches this rhythm. Seeds grow without hurry. Rivers keep their steady course. Birds sing without agendas or schedules. Even Jesus stepped away to rest, pray, and be renewed.

Be encouraged this summer to live into a gentler pace. Make room for sabbath moments. Sit on a deck with your morning coffee and notice the breeze moving through the trees. Walk beside a lake or river and pray. Watch children play. Share meals slowly. Read Scripture outdoors. Let wonder interrupt your routines.

As you rest and travel, I also encourage you to remain connected to your faith community in creative ways. Summer schedules can scatter us, but community continues to matter deeply. Our congregations are relationships that sustain us, pray for us, and help shape our life together in Christ.

There are many simple ways to stay connected:

- Attend worship when you are in town, even if your summer routines are different. Remember your offerings through the summer,
- When travelling, visit another congregation to experience something new. Send a postcard to your congregation. Congregations could give space on a bulletin board to share summer experiences. Check in on social media,
- Join an outdoor worship service, Bible study, or campfire gathering, • Share dog walking or pet sitting. Share favourite summer recipes,
- Connect by offering child care, yard care, home maintenance,
- Spend time at one of our church camps.

Summer does not ask us to abandon our faith practices. It invites us to carry them differently. A little more barefoot. A little more attentive. A little more alive to grace unfolding around us.

May the steadfast love of God accompany you wherever these summer days lead.

In Christ,

Bishop Trish



Bishop Trish Schmermund Synod of Alberta and the Territories, ELCIC

August

						1 7:00 am WW
2 Holy Communion 10:00 am Worship (Pastor Margaret Koizumi)	3 Office Closed	4 Office Hours 10:00 am - 2:00 pm 1:00 pm Games Group	5 7:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting	6 Office Hours 10:00 am - 2:00 pm 8:45 am WW 10:00 am Knit-Chat	7 8:00 am WW	8 7:00 am WW
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16 Holy Communion 10:00 am Worship (Pastor Stan Helton)	17 Office Hours 9:00 am - 1:00 pm	18 Office Hours 9:00 am - 1:00 pm	19 Office Hours 9:00 am - 1:00 pm	20 Office Hours 9:00 am - 1:00 pm	21 Office Hours 9:00 am - 1:00 pm 3:30 pm Feed the Hungry	22 7:00 am WW
23 10:00 am Worship (Bob Dunn)	24 Office Hours 10:00 am - 2:00 pm 10:30 am Flock Care Meeting	25 Office Hours 10:00 am - 2:00 pm	26 7:00 pm Al-Anon Meeting	27 Office Hours 10:00 am - 2:00 pm 8:45 am WW 10:00 am Knit-Chat	28 8:00 am WW	29 7:00 am WW 9:00 am Men's Breakfast
30 10:00 am Worship (Bob Dunn)	31 Office Hours 10:00 am - 2:00 pm	<i>Important Dates to Remember:</i> <i>Fall Carnival September 20</i> <i>Ladies' Breakfast September 25</i> <i>Men's Breakfast September 26</i>				