



CROSSBEAMS

Lutheran Church of the Cross



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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Beloved of God,

As Summer leads into the beautiful season of Autumn, things are getting busy at Church of the Cross! The Holy Spirit, never fails to amaze me and what is accomplished among us, for us and for the greater community. Our annual clothing drive will soon be upon us. We invite you to share your clothing, your time, and your sorting talents with us as we serve the needs of our community. Sign-up sheets are located at the church by the mail boxes.

This September will also see the return of our wonderful small group ministry – which is vibrantly continuing to grow. From learning quilting to playing the ukulele, pub theology to joining the choir you will find something that peaks your interest this fall! Feel free to reach out to me with any questions about our small group ministry. And as always – all are welcome to join us!

We give thanks for your continued support of our congregation through your financial gifts! Over the summer we met our fundraising goal for the Sanctuary furnace project. We give thanks for all of your care in this goal and your regular support of the congregations ministries.

It is through your active participation and contributions that make our community of faith full of life and joy. As we begin this new season together, let us be mindful of the stress and tension that exists in many of our families, communities and the greater world. Let us continue to welcome one another in love and care for one another in service that we would be the body of Christ we are called to share. Peace,

Pastor Lindsey

COUNCIL UPDATE



Council had the pleasure of meeting with Bishop Trish Schmermund in mid- August.

During our meeting, Bishop Trish shared stories of her time in the Synod. She spoke candidly about the financial challenges the Synod faces, as well as the joy and hope she encounters in visiting congregations across the province, where God's people continue to serve faithfully in their own communities.

She also shared a series of resources for council to consider as we prayerfully reflect on the ways in which our financial resources are falling short of what is needed to support the mission of our church. She encouraged us to remain faithful in seeking answers to the questions before us, trusting that through discernment, stewardship, and openness to the Spirit's guidance, we may find faithful ways to evolve and sustain our congregation.

In the midst of this, we were met with the good news that our goal of raising \$80,000 for the furnace fund was achieved! We give thanks for the generosity and commitment of this congregation, whose gifts make it possible for us to fully match funds provided through the Government of Alberta's Community Facility Enhancement Program (CFEP) grant—an important requirement of accepting this generous gift from our provincial government. The Property Administration Committee is responsible for exploring options for replacing the furnace, and they have been working to ascertain the best path forward for this project.

With our furnace fundraiser having been successful met our target, council is asking that all offerings be directed to the General Fund. This will allow council the greatest degree of flexibility as we seek to steward the gifts entrusted to us and work through a year with significant financial constraints.

We look forward to the first Coffee with Council in the fall, and to continuing these conversations together as a community grounded in grace, hope, and shared ministry.

In Christ,
Nadine S.
Council Secretary



FINANCIAL UPDATE

Church of the Cross Financials through July 31, 2026				
	2026 Budget	Budget YTD	Actual YTD	Actual - July
Income	\$273,600.00	\$159,600.00	\$140,945.98	\$20,074.46
Offering Income	\$243,600.00	\$142,100.00	\$123,173.58	\$17,694.46
Rental Income	\$30,000.00	\$17,500.00	\$17,772.40	\$2,380.00
Expenses	\$296,201.00	\$172,783.92	\$183,282.56	\$26,049.39
Balance	(\$22,601.00)	(\$13,183.92)	(\$42,336.58)	(\$5,974.93)
	Current Month Balance			
General Fund	\$3,762.46			
Furnace Fund	\$80,302.93			
Furnace Fund (Gov. Grant)	\$78,789.00			
Building Maintenance Fund	\$47,036.60			
Other Designated/Passthrough Funds	\$7,362.20			

Dear LCOC Members,

Thank you for your continued financial support of the ministry of Lutheran Church of the Cross. As you know, through our Pastor, our Minister of Music, our Office Admin, and so many volunteers, ELCOC provides ministry in so many different and essential ways.

Your offerings provide the core of that financial support and continue to be essential, but the council recognizes that it's becoming harder and harder to finance all staffing and programs with current income. To keep ELCOC's ministry going, council is looking at many different options.

As has already been communicated to the congregation, note that ELCOC's Council and the newly formed Rental Committee are working hard to make full use of the physical resources God has entrusted to this congregation, working to obtain additional rental income to support the mission of ELCOC. As we go forward, please provide your support and thanks to these individuals.

Finally, thanks to recent generous donations towards the Furnace Fund, we have reached our goal of \$80,000 (along with a matching grant from the Alberta Government) and council can move ahead with approving essential furnace replacement for the sanctuary.

Regards,
Laverne Rude, Financial Secretary

*your
support
means
everything!*

SEASON OF CREATION 2026

We look forward to celebrating the season of creation again this fall. Our Biblical text for this year is drawn from Ezekiel 47: 1- 12, which portrays God's life-giving water flowing from the temple of God. The river grows deeper and deeper restoring barren land, reviving waters, and sustaining flourishing ecosystems. The vision invites human responsibility: recognizing ecological damage, embracing interconnectedness, we are called to immerse ourselves in the water, and actively safeguarding and working for the renewal of creation so that environmental healing and human well-being may flourish together. We will celebrate this season through October 4, 2026.

ELCOC CLOTHING DRIVE

This year our Annual clothing give away will be held on September 19, 2026. We welcome donations of gently used clothing for all. Donations can be dropped off at the church during office hours - please leave them in the creation room. This year we will be sorting and setting up the give away on Friday September 18th. Sign-up sheets are located in the narthex by the mailboxes for set-up and the day of the give away. Thank you for generously sharing your items and your time.

BACKPACK BLESSING

Teachers and Students - bring your backpacks to church on September 13, 2026 to receive a special blessing for the year ahead! We will also have a blessing tag for you to take home.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Do you have a student in your life that is heading back to post secondary education or training this fall? Whether it is their first year or last we would love to support them in their studies with some encouragement this fall from Church of the Cross. Email the office with your students mailing address and Pastor Lindsey will be in contact with them this month.

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION 2027

On September 27, 2026 we look forward to welcoming special guests from the organization *Walk as We* to our worship service. *Walk As We* is an independent, ecumenical and relational urban ministry that supports Indigenous initiatives through education, friendship & community action. We are glad to begin a friendship with Walk as We as we continue our own path of reconciliation and hope together.

SENIORS LUNCHEONS

We are excited to welcome back our popular Seniors Luncheons this fall! We will gather on October 20th at 11:30 am to share in fellowship, food, and fun. Our entertainment for the day will be our very own "Holy Ukes" who will lead us in a Dolly Parton Sing-Along. The dates for upcoming meals will be on December 8, 2026; February 9, 2027, March 9, 2027, and May 11, 2027. All are welcome!

UKULELE GROUP



Join us every Wednesday starting Sept 9, 2026
at 11 AM - North Meeting Room, LCOC.
All skill levels are welcome!

If you need further details, please contact Jean
at jeandacko7@gmail.com

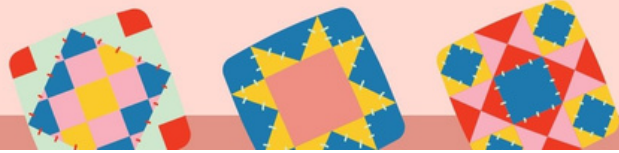


QUILTING GROUP

The Quilting Group is ready to begin meeting on **Thursday, September 11th**. We get together **every Thursday at 9 AM** and usually end around 11:30 - 12:00.

Anyone is welcome to join us, even if you are not an expert sewer! The quilts are given to various charity groups in Calgary, including the Mustard Seed, Women's Shelters, and refugees.

Please note that we will not meet on September 18th, due to the Clothing Giveaway that takes place in the Fellowship Hall.



Mens Breakfast

ALL ARE WELCOME

Saturday,
September 26, 2026
North Meeting Room



CONNECTION
COMMUNITY
& BIBLE STUDY

8:00AM - 10:00AM



THEOLOGY ON TAP

With Pastor Lindsey

Join us Sept 30 7-9pm at Bitter Sisters Pub
for our first theology on tap! RSVP with
Pastor Lindsey to save your spot!



SCRABBLE
CLUB

Scrabble Club is back! Join us the first
Wednesday in October at 1:30pm for a
time of fellowship and fun. We can't wait to
have you join us!



Join Us - All are Welcome

Retreats & Gatherings

LOFT
2026
SEPT 11-13

IS THE GOSPEL YOU
PROCLAIM FOR ME?

A THEOLOGICAL
REFLECTION RETREAT
for lay and rostered
learners

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and to Register
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LIVING OUR FAITH TOGETHER

Guest speaker
BISHOP ALI TOTE

Bishop Ali Tote is the
current bishop of the
ELCIC Saskatchewan
Synod.

Ali Tote blends his
pastoral ministry with a
background in public
health, marginalized
community support, and
social advocacy.

**LOFT Retreat is an opportunity to
gather in creation, while taking time
to reflect, laugh, worship, and
live in community.**

Hosted at Kuriakos on Sylvan Lake **KURIAKOS**

**Conversations
Across the Church**

Sunday, September 13, 2026
5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. CST

Please join National Bishop
Larry Kochendorfer and
guests for an hour of devotion,
reflection and conversation.

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER



Save the Date

OCT 3
2026

**SYNOD OF
ALBERTA
+AND THE+
TERRITORIES**

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

**Congregational
Life Event**

October 3, 2026
Red Deer, Alberta

Guest Speaker:
Anna Madsen



Synod of Alberta and the Territories

**National Day for Truth and
Reconciliation Sept. 30, 2026**

We invite you to join us at
"Remembering the Children" 9:00
a.m. - 10:30 a.m. at the Confluence.

The program features keynote
speakers, a moment of silence, and
cultural performances that highlight
Indigenous traditions and youth
voices, culminating in a round dance.

Together, we will reflect on the legacy
of residential schools and reaffirm
our commitment to truth,
reconciliation and shared
understanding.

JOIN US



STEPHEN MINISTRY

CELEBRATING OUR SHARED MINISTRY

Starting in September, Stephen Ministry training will begin!

This is a very exciting time for ELCOC!

Three people have come forward to begin training to become Stephen Ministers, who will provide high-quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to people in the congregation and community experiencing life difficulties.

Hilary Gray, a Stephen Leader, will be facilitating the training for Earl Olson, Wren Achenbach-Magyar, and Sasha Craven.

We anticipate training to be completed before or mid to late January 2027, so if you or someone you know could use care, this team will soon be ready.

Please keep this ministry in your prayers and take time to discern if this too is a calling God is asking you to do!

A gentle tidbit: Stephen Ministers are not counselors. They are trained to be lay Christian caregivers. Their role is to listen and care, not to counsel or advise.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Faces
OF CARE

GIZELLE HENRICKSEN

“

Being a caregiver to others is very fulfilling and humbling. Although we are there to support and listen, God is there to cure.

”

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Faces
OF CARE

HAYDEN STEWART

“

I have been a Stephen Minister for 22 years and during this time I have had the privilege of caring for many people. Each of them was precious to me and I pray that God's love was shown to them through my ministry.

”



September 2026

Grace and peace to you from Jesus! September has always carried with it a welcome back to routine. We're often busy wondering, What do I need to do? What do we have to buy? What must I mark in my schedule? But what if we begin this fall with a different question? What are we here for?

The church in Canada faces significant challenges – financial, volunteers, buildings, spiritually - we know them well. Church is no longer at the centre of community life in the way it once was, and many people have little familiarity with the Christian story. These realities are real and they matter. They demand wisdom, courage, and faithful stewardship.

God has never relied upon abundance or even expertise to accomplish God's purposes. God has always invited faithful people willing to trust, willing to take a chance, willing to foster brave imagination.

So, what are we here for, ABT Synod? I believe the “answer” is more about what we do. Backed by an amazing God, we step out in curiosity to explore where God is and what God is up to. With open hearts we listen to the needs of the poor and oppressed. With generosity of time and talents and money we strive to be persistent in supporting the church and making meaningful changes in our world.

Put “Sunday worship” back in your calendars this fall. Worship is where we are nourished by community, word and sacrament (and perhaps good coffee!) to be ready to encounter a world that needs good news. Every Sunday, Christ gathers us not simply to comfort us, but to send us back into the world as witnesses of grace.

In addition – take advantage to join in learning together at gatherings and events planned by the Synod or in your region. October 3 you are invited to come to the ABT Synod Congregational Life Event in Red Deer. We welcome internationally recognized Anna Madsen to bolster our spirits and Ben and Caitlyn Johnston-Urey to inspire with a new healing liturgy. Such events are times that spark learning, imagination and hope as we meet others just like us and know we are not alone. Watch for more details on this event.

So as September begins, whatever corner or rural route you are on, spend some time in prayer and pondering: What are we here for? May the Holy Spirit continue to lead us, challenge us, and surprise us together!

In Christ,
Bishop Trish Schmermund
Synod of Alberta and the Territories, ELCIC



A Pastoral Letter on the Alberta Referendum

August 14, 2026

The Lutheran Church began in a time of political and religious upheaval. It was a movement that challenged oppression and the misuse of power, while calling people of faith to persevere in lives shaped by Scripture and the teachings of Christ. Today, political ambition, greed, racism, and fear continue to shape the world around us. Recent movements, including the upcoming October referendum, point toward a vision of the future centred on economic expansion at all costs, hoarding of assets, fear of the other, division and exclusion.

Christian theology and all that we have been called to as people of faith give us a different standpoint from which to engage difficult questions. We do not need to be afraid of complexity or disagreement. In all things, we turn to the teachings of Christ to guide our way.

Many of us are concerned about the upcoming Alberta referendum. We may hesitate to speak with others about it because we feel uncertain, divided, or even unsafe raising difficult questions. But I encourage you not to retreat from the conversation. Pray. Listen. Discuss the questions, as challenging as they may be. We learn by listening to one another and by speaking honestly about what we believe and why.

What might God be thinking? That is, of course, a difficult question to answer. But Scripture gives us some solid clues about what God asks of us and how we are called to live together.

Unity: Scripture speaks often about our unity. We are the family of God. Even with all our differences, we are one body (1 Corinthians 12:12-13). Jesus consistently sought to bring people together rather than divide them, welcoming even foreigners into the community of faith and extending the gospel beyond the boundaries people had established. There is strength in community. “Two are better than one,” Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 reminds us, because we can support one another, share one another’s burdens, and accomplish more together than we can alone. Our faith does not call us to build walls between ourselves and others. It calls us to seek the bonds that make us one.

Sharing: Scripture also reminds us of our responsibility to work together for the good of all. When we have been gifted with much, we are given an opportunity for generosity and sharing (1 Corinthians 12:7). We are encouraged to look beyond our own interests and to consider the needs and well-being of others (Philippians 2:3-4). Christian faith asks us to consider not only What is good for me? but What is good for all of us? The common good matters. The well-being of our neighbours matters. The measure of a faithful community is not simply how well it protects what it has, but how generously it shares what it has received.



The Stranger: Hospitality to the stranger is another strong and consistent theme throughout Scripture. God commands the people of Israel to treat foreigners living among them as native-born citizens and to love them as themselves (Leviticus 19:33-34). Jesus takes this teaching even further. In Matthew 25, Jesus tells us that when we feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, and care for those in need, we are doing these things directly for Christ (Matthew 25:35-40). The stranger, then, is not simply someone who is other. The stranger is someone through whom we encounter Christ.

A Faithful Response: I encourage you to vote in the upcoming referendum. But before you vote, take time to pray. Consider carefully the implications of the questions before us. What would it mean to reduce immigration? What would it mean for people who live among us to have limited or no access to healthcare, education, or other essential services? Who would benefit from these changes? Who might bear the greatest burden? And how do our answers reflect the Christian values we proclaim?

These are not simple questions. They deserve more than slogans or political talking points. They deserve prayerful reflection, honest conversation, and a willingness to consider how our decisions affect our neighbours.

Albertans have before us an opportunity to stand for the justice we have studied, proclaimed, sung, prayed, and embodied in every baptism and every holy meal. Our faith tells us that we belong to one another. All are welcome. All are family. All are one. All are God's.

In Matthew 22:37-40, Jesus expresses the heart of our calling: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Dec. Karen Wedman (ABT Synod Chair) notes that "Do not be afraid" is used many times in the Bible and although we acknowledge it [we are] really [experiencing] it." When the world around us is shaped by fear, division, competition, and exclusion, Christians are called to a different way. That is the standpoint from which we enter this difficult conversation. Not fear. Not hostility. Not certainty that we alone have all the answers.

May faith, love and courage bless us as we listen, speak, pray, and act as people who belong to one another and to the wider human community.

In Christ,
Bishop Trish Schmermund
Synod of Alberta and the Territories, ELCIC



**Evangelical Lutheran
Church in Canada**
Living Out God's Grace & Unconditional Love

*The Evangelical Lutheran Church
in Jordan and the Holy Land*



الكنيسة الإنجيلية اللوثرية
في الأردن والأراضي المقدسة

ELCIC National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer is encouraging members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada to contact Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs and their local Member of Parliament in support of Natalie Abudayyeh.

Abudayyeh is a 21-year-old university student and youth member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL) who remains in Israeli detention. In a letter to the church, Bishop Kochendorfer shared an update received from ELCJHL Bishop Dr. Imad Haddad. Natalie has now been held for nearly two months, with Israeli authorities denying requests for her release on bail and refusing to allow her family to visit or contact her. A military court has ordered that she remain in prison until her next court appearance on September 23.

"As your bishop, I continue to be deeply shocked and heartbroken by this news," writes Bishop Kochendorfer. "Each update weighs heavily on me. The thought that Natalie has now spent two months without being able to see or even speak with her family is profoundly distressing."

The bishop is inviting members across the ELCIC to join in advocating for Natalie's safe release by writing to Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Hon. Anita Anand, and to their local Member of Parliament. A letter template has been prepared to help members share their concerns and encourage the Government of Canada to continue its diplomatic engagement on Natalie's behalf. "We cannot allow this situation to fade from our attention," Bishop Kochendorfer writes. "Our voices matter. When Members of Parliament and the Minister of Foreign Affairs hear from constituents across the country, it reinforces the urgency of Canada's diplomatic engagement and advocacy for Natalie and the others who remain detained."

Members are encouraged to join National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer in advocating for Natalie Abudayyeh's safe release by contacting Canada's Minister of Foreign Affairs and their local Member of Parliament. Bishop Kochendorfer's letter, an advocacy letter template and additional resources are available on the ELCIC Holy Land webpage.

<https://elcic.ca/holy-land/>

The ELCIC also continues to invite prayers for Natalie, her family, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and all those affected by the ongoing violence in the region.



Nepal: LWF responding to needs of flood survivors

LWF is distributing emergency shelter and household items, with plans to scale up support for food security, cash assistance, safe water, sanitation, protection and psychosocial care.

The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) is responding to the needs of those affected by flash floods that tore through the Bhote Koshi and Trishuli river systems in northern Nepal, triggered by an avalanche and landslide upstream in Tibet/China. The surge of water, ice, rock, and debris on 26 August devastated communities across several districts, destroying homes, roads, bridges and livelihoods and leaving many people dead, missing or displaced.

Within days of the disaster, LWF Nepal moved quickly to launch a field assessment in Bidur Municipality, Nuwakot District. Working with community leaders, evacuation center committees, local authorities, and the Nepal Red Cross Society, LWF teams are identifying households facing the greatest risk, including families displaced to informal shelters outside official evacuation centers, where they risk being excluded from relief aid.

The disaster has left large parts of Rasuwa and Nuwakot districts isolated, with roads blocked and bridges destroyed. Many affected communities include indigenous Janajati and Dalit families, and with large numbers of men working abroad, women are disproportionately left to manage displaced households alone, often with limited support and heightened protection risks. LWF's assessment found serious gaps in privacy, sanitation, and safety within crowded evacuation centers, along with rising psychological distress among survivors.

One flood survivor, Bhagwati Pyakurel in the Betrawati locality said: "The destruction has affected us emotionally as much as physically. We are constantly worried about the future and need support to cope with what has happened."

LWF has begun distributing emergency shelter and household relief items to displaced families, with plans to scale up support for food security, cash assistance, safe water and sanitation, protection and psychosocial care in the weeks ahead. Where roads remain impassable, LWF is exploring alternative delivery options, including cargo drones, to reach communities that would otherwise be left without aid.

As the response continues, LWF Nepal aims to support around 4,000 households, or roughly 20,000 people, over the next 11 months, moving from emergency relief into early recovery and helping communities rebuild livelihoods while strengthening resilience to future climate-related disasters.

The needs on the ground in Nepal are urgent and still growing. Your support can help LWF deliver shelter, clean water, food, and protection to families who have lost everything, and help communities recover and rebuild in the months ahead.

To make a donation to these efforts visit Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) at:

<https://www.clwr.org/nepal-floods>



STATEMENT Campaign Launch: Vote No: Vote For the Common Good

On June 3rd, the Calgary Alliance for the Common Good—along with its 29 member organizations and their roughly 100 000 individual members—is launching a campaign to call on all Albertans to vote “no” to the nine questions currently on the ballot in the October referendum.

As an Alliance, we believe that a commitment to the common good is a central Canadian and Albertan value. A belief in the common good means that we want to live in a province where every person—regardless of when or how they came to be here—is a human being worthy of dignity and support.

The provincial government is asking Albertans to reject this central value of the common good. This government is forcing Albertans to vote on a series of referendum questions that are both misleading and dehumanizing. These questions are a political act of scapegoating: blaming immigrants and the rest of Canada for the complex issues our communities and province face. As an Alliance, we believe that it is our collective responsibility as Albertans and as Canadians to address important social issues together, not to scapegoat each other.

These immigration questions ask Albertans to consider kicking refugee children out of school and denying basic health care to newcomers—many of whom came to Canada to provide health care for Albertans in our hospitals and assisted living facilities. Access to education and healthcare must remain a universal right.

An important Canadian value is our commitment to welcoming and supporting refugees and immigrants. With the exception of Indigenous peoples, all Albertans were once immigrants and refugees. We need to remember how our families were once welcomed and given opportunities to build a life here. We have a moral obligation to welcome those who follow in our footsteps. These questions are another attempt at scapegoating—blaming the rest of Canada for complex problems we should work together as Canadians to resolve.

Our Call These referendum questions are not about government policy. They are questions about values. As the Calgary Alliance for the Common Good, we are asking all Albertans to vote no to these referendum questions to show that we value the common good. Vote no to stand up for each other.

Calgary Alliance for the Common Good
Lead Organizer - Ryan Andersen



Please contact our Community Social-worker Sarah if you have any questions about these upcoming events!

sarah.thomas@calgary.ca or via phone at 368-889-5168

Calgary  

SOUTHWOOD S'MORES & GAMES

Bring a friend and a lawn chair and join us for a fun summer evening of games, s'mores, and community! Everyone is welcome!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11
7:00PM - 8:30PM

Lutheran Church of the Cross
10630 Elbow Drive SW North Parking Lot

Kids under 12 must be supervised by an adult



Calgary 

Makers Night

Join us once a month for Makers Night, where each month features a new community-led craft or creative activity. Learn something new, share ideas, and make alongside others. Prefer to work on your own project? Bring it along! All skill levels welcome. Snacks and basic supplies provided. No registration required, just drop in!

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

LUTHERAN CHURCH SOUTHWOOD
10620 ELBOW DRIVE SW
USE EAST ENTRANCE

More info or Questions?
sarah.thomas@calgary.ca
368-889-5168



MONDAY MORNING MEETUPS



Every Second Monday
September 14 & September 28
10am-12pm
Southwood Community Hall - Pioneer Room
(11 Sackville Dr)

**Drop in for a coffee and snacks
and meet your neighbours!**

For more info contact Sarah
sarah.thomas@calgary.ca 368-889-5168

Calgary 

Southwood Community
Calgary's Cooking
Cooking Group

Planning Meeting
First Thursday of the Month, 10 AM - 1 PM

Cook
Second Thursday of the Month, 10 AM - 3 PM

Lutheran Church of the Cross
10620 Elbow Dr. SW Calgary



or more information and to register contact Teresa:
fo@southwoodcc.ca or apply at
www.ckpcalaarv.ca/calaarvs-cooking



Ways to share your gifts

Summer FOOD DRIVE

Share care & nutrition with those in need!

Items needed:

- Canned soup
- Canned veggies
- Canned fruit
- Canned meat
- Peanut butter
- Cereal
- Soy / Almond milk
- Pasta & Sauce
- Ramen
- Kraft Dinner



We Accept

Unexpired and Non-Perishable Items Only



Call for Goodies

We are in need of snacks for coffee time. We invite you to bake, buy, or share a snack to enliven our welcome!



CLOTHING GIVEAWAY>>>>

DONATE CLOTHES, CHANGE LIVES!

**SATURDAY
19 SEPT.
9AM-2PM**

- FREE CLOTHING FOR ALL IN NEED OF EXTRA SUPPORT
- FREE COFFEE AND JUICE
- VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET WILL BE AVAILABLE IN SEPTEMBER

DROP OFF DONATIONS STARTS ON
SEPTEMBER 02 - 19, 9AM-3PM



Creation Room,
Lutheran Church of the Cross
10620 Elbow Drive, SW

PLEASE NOTE:

- Articles of gently-used clothing to be washed please
- Bags/boxes of donation to be marked of contents
- No household items



RENTAL SPACE AVAILABLE

Existing Facilities:

- Accessible building near transit
- Music & Performing Arts Facility
- Meeting Rooms
- Full Kitchen
- Hall for larger gatherings or receptions
- Parking on site

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September 2026



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 Social Committee 10:00am	3	4	5
6 Pentecost 15 Lay led Worship 10:00 am	7 LABOUR DAY Office Closed	8	9 Bible Study 10:00am - 11:00am Ukulele Group 11:00am - 12:00NN	10 Quilting Group 9:00am - 12:00Noon	11 Southwood S'mores & Games 7:00pm-8:30pm	12
13 Pentecost 16 Worship with Communion 10 am Coffee with Council 11:30am - 12Noon	14	15 Caring Connections 1pm - 2pm	16 Ukulele Group 11:00am - 12:00NN ELCOC Council 7pm-9pm	17	18	19 Clothing Give Away 9am-2pm
20 Pentecost 17 Worship with Communion 10 am	21 Southwood Maker's Craft Night 6:30pm- 8:30pm	22	23 Bible Study 10:00am - 11:00am Ukulele Group 11:00am - 12:00NN	24 Quilting Group 9:00am - 12:00Noon	25	26 Mens Breakfast 8:00am - 11:00am
27 Pentecost 18 Pride Worship with Communion 10 am	28	29	30 Pub Theology 7pm-9pm			



"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."
– Margaret Mead



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