

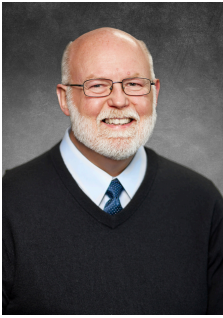
The Vine
November 2026

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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Our Christian Life as Stewardship

In November, we are seeking to underscore our life together as a life shared. The word stewardship has so often in congregational life been equated with monetary giving—which is included but does not exhaust what the word conveys. Sometimes, it is reduced to “things” we need to keep the church going. And what we give move in one direction with no expectations in return. However, that misses the full spiritual potential for what God wishes for us.

Let me see if I can unpack this thought. We often think of God giving his Son as a free gift of grace. Which, certainly, God freely gave. However, he did have expectations in this great transaction (is that even the right word here?). In giving his Son, God was seeking the formation of a people that includes you and me. In the New Testament, giving is seen a reciprocal act between two or more parties (see, for example Philippians 4:14–19). We both benefit when we give and when we receive. (If you want to read more about reciprocity, see John M. G. Barclay, *Paul and the Gift* [Eerdmans, 2017]). So, reciprocity is one side of giving of our talents, time, and money. In giving ourselves to God first, we are a real give-and-take relationship.

Another side of stewardship is that we have what we have for a limited amount of time. In this sense, none of us own anything. What we have is on loan from God, so to speak.

I only have certain roles in life during limited times. For example, I know how ever long God calls me to serve as your pastor that there will be a time when it will end. So, I have learned to hold roles loosely knowing that God has given me this charge for a limited amount of time. In terms of stewardship, we would be more accurate to remember that the church is God’s church, and we have the privilege of serving in any congregational setting for a time. We seek to be faithful with what we have entrusted.

In November, we are providing space for us to reflect on how we participate with God in God’s mission to transform the world. This is no small matter, as we explored last weekend. This is our time to dream again. I hope you have noticed a renewed sense of optimism in our life together. I have.

I have found two ways in which congregations can react to the entrance of a new pastor. One is we can wait and see if the pastor can change the world by him or herself. Or we could partner from this new beginning with God to see if God wants to change the world through all of us with the Pastor working to keep up with what God is already doing among us. I would much prefer the latter so join me in seeking how you might give yourself more fully to the work of the Lord. As Paul said at the end of his first letter to the Corinthians, “Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain.” (1 Corinthians 15:58)

Pastor Stan

Board Report

Peace to you from your Board! As we approach 'All Hallows Eve', Pastor Stan's message on October 25th and the sound of our community singing Martin Luther's "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" is still fresh in my memory. On that date almost 90 attended worship and enjoyed hot dogs with all the trimmings after service. This is always a special time (last Sunday in the month) with opportunity to meet new people, visit with friends and discuss the events of our latest symposium led by Pastor Stan which was a great hit!

On Friday evening Oct, 23rd, 44 folks gathered for a light dinner prepared by Adriana and Kari before moving to the sanctuary for the first of Pastor Stan's three sessions on... "What We Believe" as Lutherans and "What we have always believed." A gifted teacher, Stan quickly engaged the group and encouraged us to consider new ways of thinking about our faith. On Saturday morning, Oct. 24th, the second session explored many topics including the Apostles', Nicene, and Athanasian Creeds. These were 'summaries' of what the early church believed and we agreed to include them more often in worship. Stan also explained that "theology" — is 'what we think about God' and it shapes every part of our lives. He advised that this means following Christ is much more than simply attending Sunday services. Drawing on the words of Jesus in Matthew 22, he showed us that discipleship means 'loving the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength', and 'loving our neighbors as ourselves'. When we intentionally live this way, our actions demonstrate God's love and it invites others to respond. Stan recognized the many ways our community shares God's blessings by meeting needs beyond our doors, and he affirmed God will continue to bless these efforts.

This was very timely as November is also Stewardship month – a time where we consider our commitment to our church and how we might serve with our time, talents and treasure. During November you will hear from some of our members about how they choose to support the ministry of the Lutheran Church of Our Saviour. Pledge cards will be emailed and available at the church during the first 3 weeks of November, with Stewardship Sunday planned for November 22.

The sessions with Pastor Stan included time for questions, reflection, and discussion. After Sunday's hot dog lunch, the final session explored what a "missional church" could look like. Stay tuned for more on this as there will be more discussion soon! Nick and I concluded the sessions by thanking Stan and Pat on behalf of the Board.

November will continue our ministry to "Feed the Hungry" with members bringing food and clothing for those in need. As the temperature drops there is a need for more warm clothing. A reminder to bring your gently used clothing to church. We will offer it to those in need at the Chinook LRT station on the afternoon of the 3rd Friday of each month.

November will continue Bible Study with Brad in the Fireside room and 'budding musicians' will gather in the library on Thursdays to play and learn - led by guitarist, Bob Dunn. Check out these opportunities! In addition, we invite all young musicians to consider participating in a 'praise band'. We encourage those that would like to participate to reach out to Bob Montgomery (mtnind@telusplanet.net), Bob Dunn or Judy in the office as soon as possible. We will have a meeting in the near future to discuss the next steps.

Finally, remember that November is also Noahvember which means donations to the Calgary Human Society are gratefully accepted.

In closing, the Board will meet in retreat on November 7th to assess priorities and begin the budget planning process for the next year.

Once again, thank you for your commitment of time, talent and treasure to LCOS and God's peace be with you as we lead up to the season of advent and celebration of the birth of Christ next month!

Bob Montgomery
Chair – LCOS Board of Directors

NOAHvember



**Donations to Calgary Humane Society
of pet food, used towels/blankets & pet toys
will be collected during November**

Call Committee Report

On our last report we reported that there are a couple items that will be required before Reverend Stan will be eligible for an ELCIC sanctioned call. This includes a mandatory psychological analysis and the completion of the three foundational Lutheran courses. The timing and the details for these are still being worked on. The good news is that it doesn't matter since Reverend Stan will be our full-time pastor starting September 1st.

There has been no communication on these items so we inquired of Bishop Trish if we could get some help. Below is the response from Bishop Trish.

Regarding your questions:

1) When is the psychological assessment slated to be completed?

Unfortunately, the person we were using for this has declined to continue and took considerable time to tell us this. We are in the process of finding new psychological assessment services and I will let Pr Stan know as soon as we have this in place. He may continue to move forward with LCOS.

2) He has contacted the seminary twice with no response regarding the classes he needs. Are you able to help with this connection?

Yes, I can help with this - I myself tried once too on behalf of Pr Stan and so I am frustrated as well. I do know however, that there is a lot going on at the seminary at the moment, so I'm trying to be patient. Still, I will give them a nudge. I also will be at board meetings in November and can speak with president Bill then if I don't hear back soon.

Thank you for your patience and ministry!

*Peace,
Bishop Trish*

Despite these issues we have Pastor Stan as our pastor!!

The Call Committee is extremely excited by the hiring of Reverend Stan and the weekend event that he led with 48 LCOS members. This learning opportunity illustrated the capabilities that Pastor Stan has and the congregation's hunger to increase their spirituality and relationship with God through Jesus.

Yours in Christ

Garry Mihaichuk

Financial Secretary Report



3rd Quarter Giving Statements

The 3rd quarter giving statements were issued on Oct 26, 2026. They were sent via an automated email message to all who have an address email 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 – September 2026:

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

Cash:	2.9%	11 givers
Cheques:	16.5%	14 givers
Interac E-transfer:	42.4%	24 givers
Loose Cash:	4.3%	
Online via Realm:	18.2%	4 givers
Pre-Authorized Remittance Program:	15.7%	15 givers

Year-To- Date Financial Status – September 2026:

Revenue (offering, rentals, investment income)	\$197,600
Expenses	\$235,877
Net income (loss)	(\$38,277)

The Sept. 2026 year-to-date net loss is due to expenditures for the parking lot paving, replacement of the kitchen dishwasher, tree removals, VBS expenditures and higher administrative salaries

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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Friday, November 27 @ 10:00 am

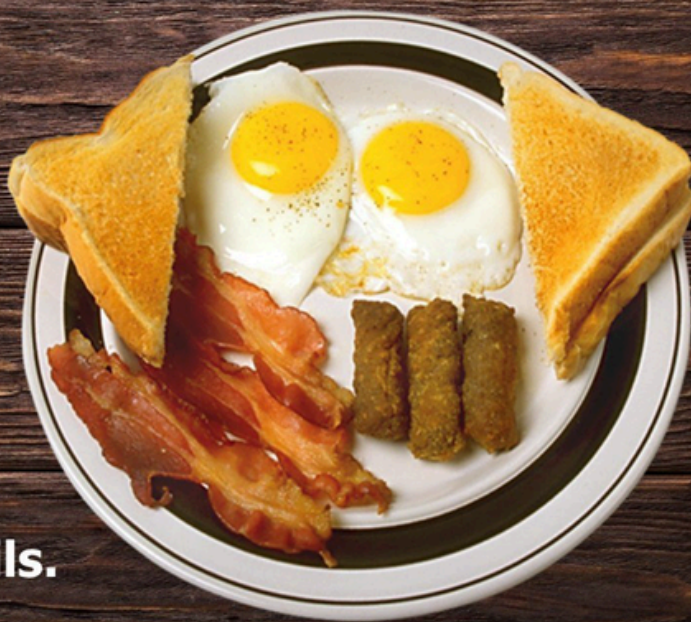
Contact Judy McDonald or Adriana Mass for details.



Men's Breakfast

Join us for
food, faith, and
fellowship

Contact Alfred Forbrich for details.



Saturday, November 28 @ 9:00 am



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***8831 Fairmount Drive SE
403-615-9317***

***Worship Service @ 10:00 am
Sunday School @ 11:00 am (ages 4–12)
We can't wait to see you!!***



The Search

Asking the Big Questions

Youth Grade 8 -12

Meetings every second Thursday at 5:30 pm.

Contact Kari Paul or Isaria Kwayu for details.



Did you know...



*The LCOS Men's Group
meets the fourth Saturday
of each month for breakfast.*

But it doesn't stop there.

*If someone in our community would like some
help to pick up groceries, get to an
appointment, rake leaves, clear snow, move a
piece of furniture or request a drive to church,
the Men's Group may be able to provide that
helping hand. Maybe just a coffee and visit
would be welcomed.*

*Feel free to contact Alfred Forbrich or the
church office with any questions or requests
for help.*





Flock Care
Next Meeting
Monday, November 30
at 10:30 am
New Members Welcome!

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



Cover to Cover Bible Study

Thursdays @ 7:00 pm

Fireside Room



Contact: Brad Hebenton

November Sunday Worship Services

November 1 **10:00 am Service**

November 8 **10:00 am Service (Holy Communion)**

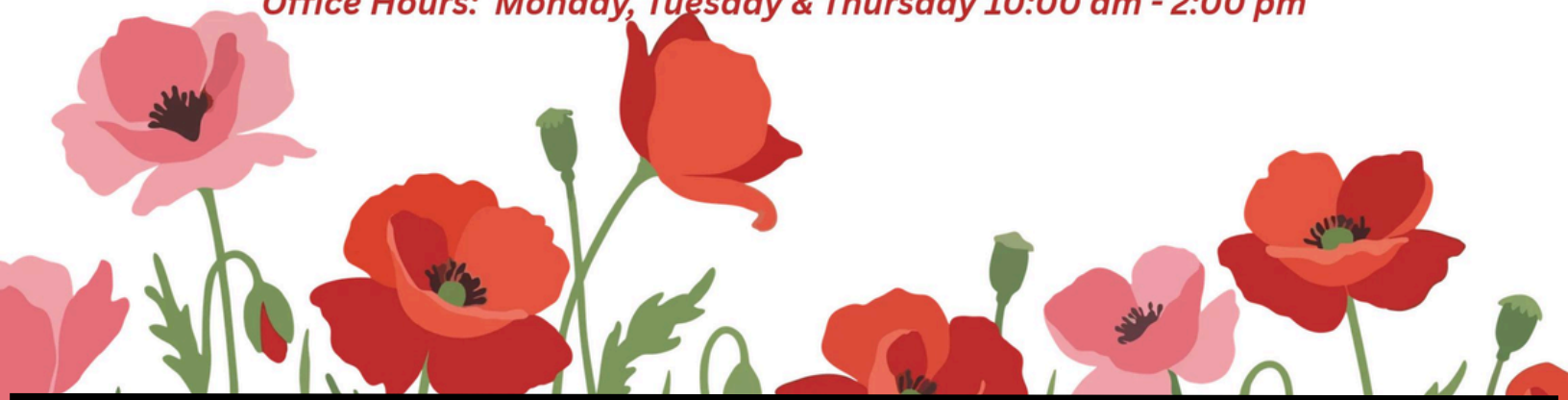
November 15 **10:00 am Service**

November 22 **10:00 am Service (Holy Communion)**

November 29 **10:00 am Service**

Sunday School: 11:00 am

Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm



Veterans Food Drive

Each year at this time LCOS accepts food for our local veterans in need. A donation box will be available in the Place of Welcome during the first few weeks of November.





Everyone is welcome to join us
as we make simple Advent
corsages on Saturday morning,
November 28.

We'll be meeting in the Fireside
Room at the church between 9:30
& 10:00 am.

Come enjoy coffee, snacks and
wonderful fellowship.

Questions can be directed to:
Karen 587-968-4570 or Marg 403-471-1232

Ladies' Potluck Dinner
Tuesday, December 8th @ 6:00 pm



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Watch for sign up sheets mid November



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Through our Friends of Creation campaign, we're working with local partners to help more families receive these life-changing systems, along with climate-smart agriculture training to farm the land we all worked so hard to restore. And all of it is matched by the Government of Canada, making your dollar go even further.

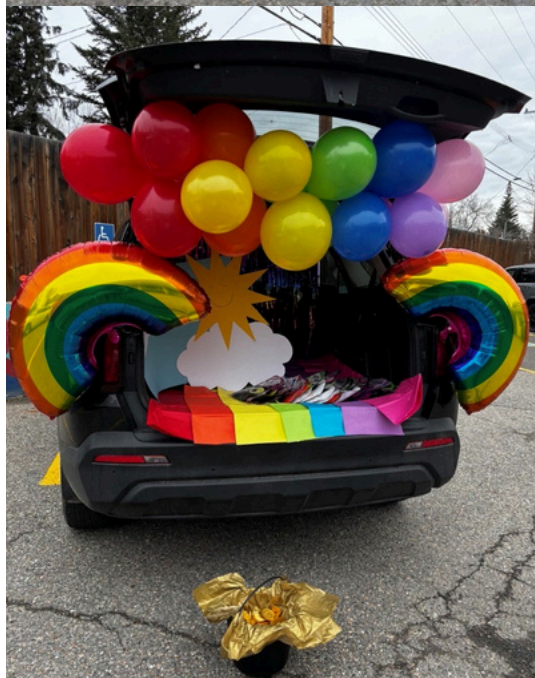
If you would like to support this worthwhile cause along with others from our LCOS community, we will accept donations up until December 15 and forward a cheque from LCOS to Canadian Lutheran World Relief to support this endeavour. Please be sure to note CLWR-Irrigation on your donation.

<https://www.clwr.org/who>





Painted Wombat Preschool



Trunk or Treat



The Library - November 2026

Last month I wrote about giving thanks, the Woolery family's gift of the library, and the gift of books from congregation members to the Library. I'd like to expand on that article a little further.



As many of you know, the Library was a gift to LCOS from the Woolery Family (Pastor Lee, Gretch, and their family). Many of the books on the shelves were lovingly selected by a Woolery family member to share with us. The intention was to share their love of reading with their church family at LCOS, giving people access to faith-based works, as well as books from their favourite Christian bookstores, and hard-to-find books that aren't normally stocked in the average bookstore. Judging by the number of volumes in the library, I think it's pretty safe to say that the love of reading ranks pretty high in the Woolery family.

Because the materials in the library are meant to be shared it should be noted that all of the items need to be in usable condition. In the spring of 2025 Karen Smith and I examined almost every volume in the library (no small feat!) to determine their condition and in which sections they should be located. During this time we came across items that were damaged and in need of repair; some of which we were able to save. Unfortunately, there were also a number of items that were too badly damaged and had to be discarded. For a book lover this is always a difficult decision, made even more difficult because we knew the items were donated with the best of intentions. We also discovered some items that we felt should not stay in our library (a 100 year old bible with family information captured on the inside).

There are different types of libraries: ones dedicated to research, archival libraries that hold rare manuscripts and ancient tomes locked behind glass cases, encyclopaedic libraries that carry all sorts of knowledge about everything and anything.

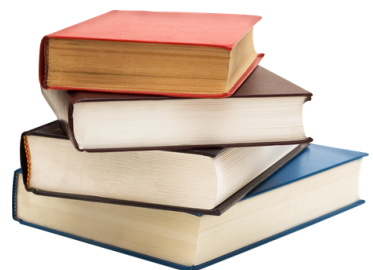
Karen and I looked at each other. “We’re not that kind of a library.”

The Browsing Library is a working library that was donated by members of our church family, for the benefit of all LCOS family and friends, and maintained by church members. We’re trying to keep material as up to date and current as possible. We welcome your input; if you have a favourite author or title that you’d like to see on our shelves please let us know. If you have questions or concerns please reach out to us. If you’re looking for something specific but don’t know where to look please come and ask. The library has been set up to be as user-friendly as possible, based on a trust system of borrowing. If you’re looking for an item that you know we have but can’t locate, it may be that it’s being borrowed by another member; please be patient.

If you would like to donate something to the library we would welcome your gift. Please keep in mind that the Browsing Library is a working library. If your items are delicate or fragile they might not be suitable for the Browsing Library, and might be safer in the hands of a family member or friend. If you’re donating from an estate please be aware of personal information which is sometimes recorded in bibles, journals or diaries. If you’re thinking of donating a large quantity of books please also consider a used book store or donation center, as we have limited space on our shelves. LCOS is also open to accepting donations to our Little Free Library, located on our front lawn. Please check with Judy or Marilee before placing items inside.

I’m working to ensure that the Browsing Library is maintained as a user-friendly facility that’s accessible to all of LCOS’s family and friends. You can help by ensuring that materials in the library are maintained in good condition. Please bring damaged items to me for repair. If you see something that requires attention please reach out to me; I’d be more than happy to hear from you.

***With a happy heart and book-filled arms,
Carolyn Eng***





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Thursday, November 12

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Thursday, November 19 1:00 PM -

Saturday, November 28 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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A Moment in Calgary History

Adelaide Belcourt about 1884, Mrs. John Glen
From Edwin John Winterbottom Fonds, U of C Digital Archives



Adelaide Belcourt aka Mrs. John Glenn aka Mrs. Leo Slattery was a mother of six living children when John Glenn died on January 9, 1886. Two others died earlier as infants. Patrick was the oldest at 11 and Margaret only 5 days old. James Lougheed was the solicitor for administrators John Lee Bowen and John Lineham, Public Notice April 10, 1886 *Albertan* page 2.

John Glenn's first farm north of Fish Creek became Indian Supply Farm #24 in 1879. They moved to the south side of Fish Creek and farmed SW 3-23-1 W5 east of Macleod Trail. See pg 286 online version of *Sodbusting to Subdivision* published 1978 by the DeWinton and District Historical Committee.

Leo Slattery was a farm instructor at St. Joseph's (Dunbow) Industrial School before he was hired in 1886 to be the manager of John Glenn's farm. Leo and Adelaide were married by Father Lacombe in 1887 and had three children between 1888 and 1892. Their blended family is listed in the 1891 census at Fish Creek. Leo's name was not mentioned in the newspaper after his application for a liquor license for the Albion Hotel (near Mission Bridge) and the Frontier Stable to rent in May 1894.

Adelaide did not read or write according to the 1891 census. She was a midwife for all but one of the McKevitt children born between 1891 and 1911 west of Midnapore.

Mrs. James Lougheed had children in Calgary between 1885 and 1904. Patrick Glenn's children were born between 1896 and 1906. Adelaide met Jane Livingston in 1875 and could have been the midwife for her younger children born between 1876 and 1896. Adelaide was a witness for some of the Livingston Metis Scrip applications.

Before the 1901 census, Adelaide moved to a house in Block 10.14 in the Rouleauville/Mission district. The location was the north side of 19 Ave between 4 Street and 2 Street West. The Fire Insurance map of 1908 shows the new block number 184 after 1907 annexation to Calgary.

Patrick and his family moved from the farm at Fish Creek to Calgary about May 1907 according to a newspaper article. Patrick's wife Philomena "Lucy" nee Hodgson died April 17, 1908 in Calgary and a 7-room house at 320 & 322-19 Ave West was advertised "to let" in May and June. This may be the house built by one of Adelaide's sons who was a carpenter. Newer homes including 320 – 19 Ave shown on the 1911 Fire Insurance map were closer to the road and 322 shows a square shape close to the lane. A descendant said Adelaide's house was still standing in 1978 when the book *Sodbusting to Subdivision* was published.

The 1911 census for a household on 2 Street in North Vancouver, BC lists the Glenn household as Adelaide 61, Patrick 38 - teamster, John 37, Edward 26, Joseph 21, Mary 18 – bookkeeper. Adelaide, Joseph and Mary should have been listed with the Slattery surname. Patrick's two youngest children Francis and Edmund were with their Hodgson grandparents near Calgary but the others have not been identified in the 1911 census.

Patrick Glenn 1874-1956 moved to Washington in July 1918. The 1920 census shows him age 46 as a caulker in a shipyard with Cathleen (Kathleen) 19, Matilda 17 and Edmund 12. Patrick lived the rest of his life in the Seattle area. He was the only one of John Glenn's children who married.

John Glenn Junior 1875-1919 died at Adelaide's home in Vancouver of a lingering illness.

Alfred Glenn 1878-1912 died in Calgary after a fight near the Mission Bridge. William Glenn 1880-1958, military service Boer War and WWI, farmed near Edmonton and worked as a carpenter in BC.

Edward Glenn 1884-1926 was a transient when he died in Nelson, BC.

Margaret Glenn 1886-1896 died at age 10 in Calgary.

Adelaide Slattery was living with the Deyell family in 1916 in Edmonton, with William Glenn on his farm near Edmonton in 1921 and in Vancouver with the Plummer family in 1931. She died there in 1941 at the age of 88, survived by two sons of John Glenn and two daughters of Leo Slattery. Joseph Slattery 1890-1938 worked at Lacombe Home in Midnapore and died of pneumonia.

Submitted by Alice Rodier



Beloved in Christ,

November is a time when we take stock of the year that is coming to completion while we begin to plan for the next. Congregations check on spending and budgeting for next year; households take stock too, while Christmas plans begin to take shape.

It's been a stressful year. Costs are rising. Homes are expensive and out of reach for many. Bills can quickly add up – and once you get behind it's challenging to turn things around. Sometimes finances are a taboo subject in relationships. Or, there can be shame if things are not in order.

We are not the first to face such struggles. Throughout history people of faith have wrestled with questions of money, generosity, fairness, and what it means to care for one another and Creation. Scripture speaks honestly about these challenges. The early church shared what they had so that no one among them would be left without what they needed. Jesus spoke often about money, not to shame people, but to remind us that our lives are about more than what we own.

As we approach All Saints Day, we remember those who have shown us what faithful living looks like. Some saints have been recognized throughout the church's history; others are the ordinary people who quietly shape our lives. They are the ones who share a meal, offer practical help, give generously when they can, and make sure their neighbours know they are not alone.

Perhaps this is one of the most important gifts the church can offer in uncertain times: a community where we can speak honestly, ask for help without shame, and discover that generosity is about more than money. It is also about time, compassion, hospitality, and standing alongside one another when life gets difficult.

As congregations prepare their budgets for the coming year, may we look beyond the numbers to the people and ministries those numbers represent. How can our resources reflect our values? How can we care for those who are struggling? How can we practise generosity while being honest about our limitations?

Thank you for the many ways you support ministry right where you are, individually and as faith communities. Thank you for your congregational benevolence in support of the Synod. Thank you for choosing faithfulness and generosity in a world that declares there is never enough.

Bishop Trish Schmermund
Synod of Alberta and the Territories, ELCIC

NOVEMBER

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 10:00 am Worship (Pastor Stan) 11:00 am Sunday School	2 10:00 am Ladies Small Group 6:30 pm TMS Rehearsal	3 Office Open 1:00 pm Games Group 6:00 pm Esso Event	4 Office Open 10:00 am Lighthouse Prayer Mtg 6:30 pm Fitness Class 7:00 pm Al-Anon Mtg 7:00 pm Praise Team	5 Office Open 8:45 am WW 10:00 am Knit-Chat 6:30 pm The Music Spot with Bob Dunn 7:00 pm Bible Study	6 Office Open 8:00 am WW 6:00 pm Latin Families Support Group	7 Office Open 7:00 am WW 9:00 am TMS Workshop 10:00 am Board Meeting
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29 10:00 am Worship (Bob Dunn) 11:00 am Sunday School	30 Office Open 10:00 am Ladies Small Group 10:30 am Flock Care Meeting and Christmas Potluck 6:30 pm TMS Rehearsal	Important Dates to Remember Games Group Christmas Party - December 1 Ladies' Potluck Dinner - December 8 Carols by Candlelight - December 20 Christmas Eve Services - December 24, 4:00 & 6:00 (Communion)				