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This last spring as I was meeting with some leaders in the community, one of the things I heard is that there is a mental health epidemic amongst our youth.

Last Saturday at the South West Area gathering of the Lutheran churches, the leaders gathered were invited to discuss the question: *What is the spiritual wound we see in Calgary?* Almost every group included this answer: *Lack of community.*

Today as I write this article, fresh in my mind is the impassioned plea by Greta Thunberg before the UN for world leaders to find a way to work together for the sake of the environment.

These are such big problems, how can I even begin to make a difference?

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We believe in a God who is faithful and who can work miracles. This same God also calls us to and empowers us for a life of love and service to God and our neighbor. Individually, we can each make a little difference, but when we work together, these efforts are multiplied.

Last Spring when the Calgary Alliance for the Common Good was listening to Calgarians to identify the urgent issues facing Calgarians, they heard the same things that

are mentioned above. Together, the Calgary Alliance decided to focus on *Mental Health* and *Social Isolation* as its new foci while continuing to work on Indigenous/Non-indigenous reconciliation and supporting seniors. Additionally, the alliance is supporting the *Climate Hub* in its efforts to gather Calgarians together to talk about the environment AND keeping our economy healthy.

As I participate in our partnership with Jews, Muslims, union workers, ordinary citizens and other Christians through the Calgary Alliance, I continue to experience the hopefulness and possibility that comes from working together for common goals. What I am present to is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness and self-control. Do those sound familiar?

On **Thursday, October 17** at 7pm at Knox United Church, CACG is having its Founding Assembly. This is a celebration of the work that the alliance been doing to give voice to average Calgarians and a launching of what's possible in the future.

I invite you to come and see for yourself what it feels like to work together to make a difference.

Peace,



A glance at October Ministry Happenings....



October 2 - Sandwich Making - 7:30 am

October 3 - Mission Endowment Mtg. - 7 pm

October 5 - Storytelling Workshop led by Pastor Laura at St.

Gerard's RC Church

October 6 - Hearing Assistance demonstration - following worship

2018 Financial Reports Update

Youth Potluck & Laser Tag - following BLAST

October 8 - Mentor Night at Confirmation - 5 pm

October 19 - Women's Ministry - 10 am

October 20 - 2020 Budget Meeting - following Worship

October 22 - Mentor Night at Confirmation - 5 pm

October 25 - Youth Halloween Party

October 27 - Confirmation Sunday

BLAST Showcase

SAVE THE DATE: November 5 - 5 pm - *Growing Up Digital* - a speaker Series presented by the Calgary Pregnancy Care Centre - this is for parents, grandparents,, aunts, uncles - every adult!!! And teens 12 and over!



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Mission

Gathered by God to worship and grow.

Empowered by Spirit to love and care for each other

Living Christ's love by witnessing to all.

Vision

To be a vibrant and growing congregation unified in sharing the love of Christ through words and actions.



CHURCH OF THE CROSS

COVER STORY



Religion and **politics**

By John Milloy

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CAN RELIGION AND POLITICS EVER MIX?

For many Canadians trying to make sense out of the current federal election, adding religion to the mix would only make matters worse. It conjures up images of the latest episode of *The Handmaid's Tale* (2011) or certain American politicians (usually with pronounced Southern drawls) using their supposed love of Jesus to justify reactionary and cruel policies.

They have a point. No one, even the most devout among us, wants to live in a society dominated by a particular religion intent on forcing its views upon believers and non-believers alike.

PEOPLE OF FAITH

At the same time, our Christian faith should help define us. It calls on us to love our neighbour as ourself, make sacrifices for the good of all and be stewards of creation.

Christian principles of love, justice and honesty in our dealings with others are supposed to be guiding principles for everything we do.

Is it fair to ask people of faith to leave this crucial part of their identity behind when they get involved in politics as a voter, activist or even a candidate?

As a person of faith who spent most of my life in politics, including serving as an Ontario cabinet minister, I have struggled with this question. Now, as the director of the Centre for Public Ethics at Martin Luther University College, I have had the opportunity to reflect on the matter from a different perspective.

My conclusion? I firmly believe that faith can play a positive role in our political system while still respecting the secular nature of our society. There is no need to check it at the door.

Indeed, as Christians, we should be proud to bring a faith perspective to the upcoming federal election.

A DISCLAIMER

I must add a disclaimer. I admit that religion doesn't always have the greatest track record when it comes to political involve-

ment. Faith can become weaponized.

Claims of a political endorsement from the Almighty can be used to divide people, exclude or even demonize certain groups and undermine the very values that Christianity is supposed to represent.

The role that our churches played in establishing and operating our nation's residential schools represents a dark hour for the mixture of faith and public policy.

Yes, there is bad religion out there. However the answer to bad religion, to paraphrase American Christian activist James Wallis—isn't no religion—it's better religion.

GOOD RELIGIOUS VOICES

Good religious voices have something to offer our political debates—not as the final word on the subject, because they

There are also lots of us out there. Although church attendance may be dropping in some quarters, there are still many Canadians who either identify with a faith tradition or consider themselves open to God and spirituality.

A DIFFERENT AGENDA

Faith communities are different from other interest groups. While labour unions advocate for their members and the Chamber of Commerce stands up for the business community, people of faith have a much different agenda. It is one that moves the focus away from their personal demands and shines the spotlight on the other—particularly the poor and marginalized.

This is important. We live in a world full of very loud voices whose success often appears tied to their ability to shock

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claim status as God's official spokespeople—but as equal voices in our public discourse.

Faith communities and people of faith have a long history of involvement in progressive issues going back to the fight against slavery, advocating for workers' rights and their central role in the American civil rights movement.

Here in Canada, it was churches that worked alongside Indigenous communities to fight against the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline, developed a system that allows for the private sponsorship of refugees, fought for the preservation of medicare, helped lead Canadian opposition to Apartheid in South Africa and challenged the unfairness of our economic system.

More recently, think of the role that faith communities played in welcoming thousands of Syrian refugees to our nation.

us, entertain us or convince us that the system is ripping us off. In the midst of all this noise, it is often very difficult for those struggling to be heard.

During my time in office I remember when our local newspaper asked a number of high-profile citizens to live on the equivalent of social assistance for several weeks—giving the story of their struggles considerable prominence.

After the series finished, the reporter called to ask whether our office had been inundated with calls demanding reform of the system. As someone concerned with poverty issues, it was my unhappy task to tell her that we had only received two calls—and one of them was hers.

That has real public policy implications.

A politician may feel passionate about social justice issues but if no one is raising it when they knock on voters' doors or in

their constituency office, it is difficult to convince those at the top to make it a focus of activity. Politicians tend to be fairly simple animals. Their constituents' priorities become their priorities.

BELIEFS ENCOURAGE ADVOCACY

That is where people of faith come in. Their beliefs encourage them to advocate for issues that are not receiving the attention they deserve: poverty; the plight of refugees and newcomers; right relations with our Indigenous communities and our responsibility as stewards of creation.

As well as giving a voice to the voiceless, faith can also encourage people to swim against the current—to challenge conventional thinking and stand up against a world that at times seems to have lost its way.

Let's be honest. As a society we do seem to be a little lost these days.

Think of our political parties. What exactly do they stand for?

Oh sure, as we head towards election day we all enjoy debating the strengths and weaknesses of each of the party lead-

ers (with a particular accent on the weaknesses). We make fun of their gaffes, roll our eyes at their overblown rhetoric and study those polling questions that ask, "Which party leader would you most like to have a beer with."

But do we ever reflect upon what values guide them and their party? How do they see the world and their role within it? What do they believe we owe each other and how can government help us to live up to that responsibility?

That kind of crazy talk may seem out of place in our day and age. If you listen to much contemporary political chatter, you get the impression that our ultimate goal as a society is to create a world where everyone is free to do what they want, as long as they are nice about it.

SEEING THE WORLD IN A BROADER CONTEXT

Faith can help us see the world in a much broader context and gives our presence on earth significant meaning and purpose. As Rabbi Harold Kushner put it in his 1989 book, *Who Needs God*, even if religion "can't change the facts about the world we

live in... it can change the way we see those facts, and that in itself can often make a real difference."

As a result, faith inspires us to demand more from our politicians. We are about to elect the next prime minister of Canada, a person with extraordinary power over the future of our country. They will face crucial decisions that no one can anticipate.

Faith helps us look beyond each party's shopping list of promises and determine whether they have a consistent worldview based on compassion, justice and hope.

When I speak of a role for faith communities in the political process, I realize that things have changed. Churches are no longer part of the establishment. The bishop can't simply have a quiet word with the prime minister to steer the ship of state in a particular direction.

This "outsider" status creates new opportunities to build a more grass roots approach to influencing public policy. When we are all outsiders, interfaith co-operation is much easier, as we work to find common ground and rally troops from a variety of faith traditions to the cause.

So how do you bring your faith to the political process, particularly the upcoming federal election?

BE INFORMED

First, you need to be informed. The lead up to the election is already proving to be nasty and polarizing; full of personal attacks and drive-by smears. Accusations are flying back and forth. Each side would have you believe that their opponent's victory would set our country on a course for disaster.

Tune out the noise. Try to gain a better understanding of the key issues of the election.

Go to an all-candidates meeting and ask questions. Study party platforms and policy statements. They are all online.

And remember, we live in a complex world where there are few easy solutions to the challenges facing our society. Don't be swayed by those claiming they have all the answers.



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Canada's Parliament Buildings.

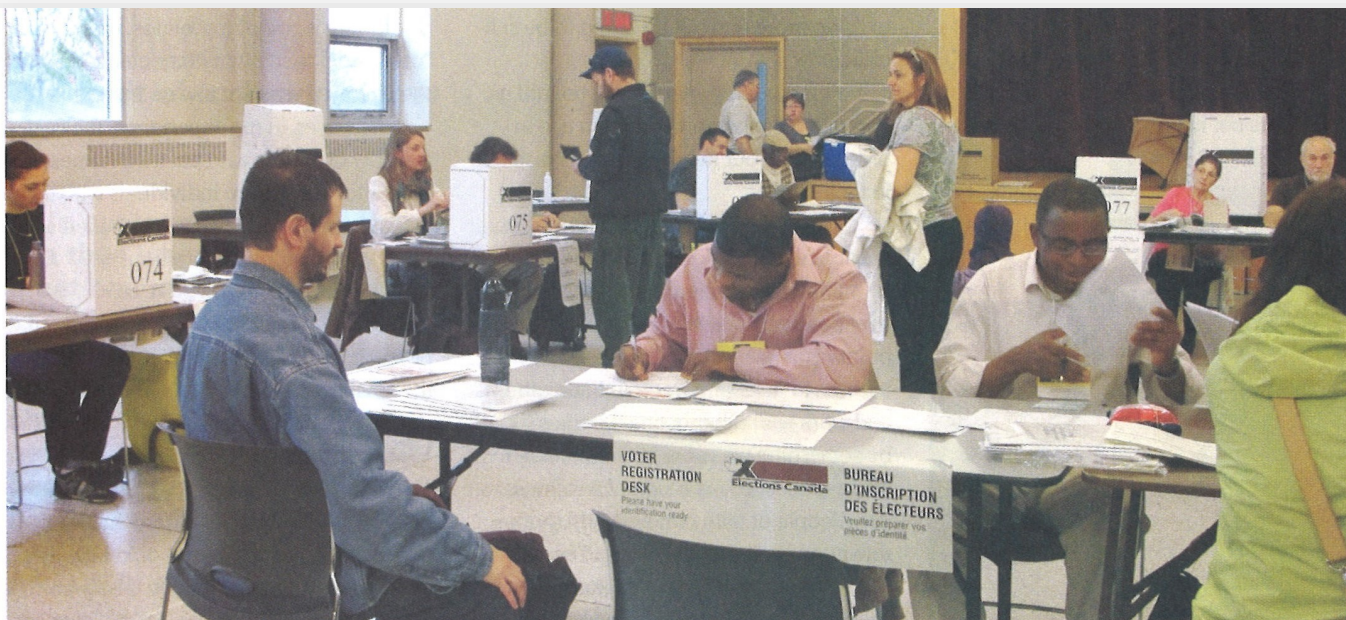


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Realize that it's also not simply about policy positions. Governments have very limited time, resources and energy. Try to understand where some of these crucial issues fall on a party's To-Do List if they were to get elected.

As you become informed, ask yourself an important question. To what extent do the policy positions of various parties align with my faith? I admit this is not an easy exercise.

It involves coming to terms with the way you understand Christ's teachings and their relevancy in our modern world. Although no party or candidate will tick every box, faith provides an important perspective to judge a party or candidate.

GET INVOLVED

Second, get involved. In a world where people are increasingly disengaged from politics, it is crucial that more of us support the best candidate. Knock on doors, deliver flyers and yes, even make a donation.

Get your friends and neighbours involved. Help mobilize your church to hold sessions with candidates, advocate for key issues and raise awareness of all that is at stake in the upcoming vote. Take advantage of the election resources put together

by groups like the Canadian Council of Churches or Citizens for Public Justice.

Work with others to form what my colleague at the Centre for Public Ethics, Lutheran thinker Rev. Dr. David Pfrimmer calls "Publics." He explains that these are "voluntary associations of individuals gathered around an idea, purpose or action and who in the process are changed while at the same time changing their context."

Run for office. Although it may be too late for this election, we need people of faith in elected office. Not only does a faith perspective help give voice to what is important, but it provides an important anchor in a world where you often find yourself hanging on by your fingernails.

While in office I found my faith a great comfort. Praying, studying scripture and reflecting on the teachings of my religion helped me make important policy decisions. In a world where the idea of "winning at all costs" is everywhere, it often established lines of behaviour that I wouldn't cross.

It also reminded me that we are all sisters and brothers in the eyes of God and helped me see the dignity in everyone—the poor, marginalized and those

hurling insults as they protested outside of my office.

USE YOUR FAITH

As the federal election campaign heats up, use your faith in other ways.

In a world that is polarized, frustrated and angry, elections can bring out the worst in our country. Too many of us have built walls to shield ourselves against opposing views. Convinced of the rightness of our cause we seek to vilify the other side and become warriors for a certain set of beliefs.

This is a dangerous way to run elections. Beyond its ugliness, an outcome that leaves smug winners and beaten up losers will make it even more difficult for the party that gets elected to govern.

Faith allows us to breathe—to be thankful for the many blessings we have received. No matter how big the problems facing our country, Canada is a magnificent nation and we have much to celebrate.

You might be pleasantly surprised at what a positive difference a mindset like that makes when thinking about the upcoming election.

Faith calls us to recognize our own failings. Belief in something greater than

ourselves forces us to tone down the self-righteousness and admit that none of us has it all figured out. We realize that our position is not necessarily the last word on the subject.

Faith encourages us to recognize the value in what others have to say. It asks us



BLOC Québécois leader Yves-François Blanchet.



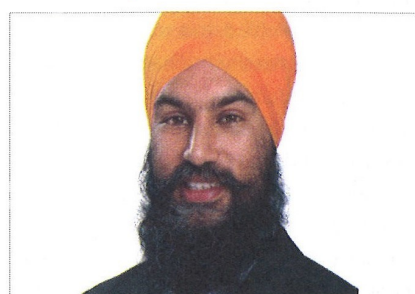
Conservative Party of Canada leader Andrew Scheer.



Green Party of Canada leader Elizabeth May.



Liberal Party of Canada leader Justin Trudeau.



New Democratic Party leader Jagmeet Singh.

to listen more and not be afraid to be self-critical.

Remember, it was Jesus who told us to remove the beam in our own eye in order to help our neighbour see the speck in their eye.

Yes, there are hate mongers and extremists who should not be tolerated and by all means call them out.

But that still leaves many other viewpoints that need to be considered. A willingness to put some water in their wine and work with other political parties should be something we value in a candidate for office—not see it as a sign of weakness.

People of faith can perform another role in our political discourse. They can hold others who claim a religious perspective to account. We have all witnessed the ease in which people can twist the teachings of Christ to divide people, feed prejudice and foment hate. Ironically, it is often other religious voices who are best positioned to call these people out. They have the credibility to point out the true nature of Jesus' teachings.

Finally, faith demands that we be civil to each other. I don't simply mean polite. Civility is much more than refraining from name calling.

It involves the recognition that we are all in this together. No matter how much we may disagree with our political foes, they are God's creation and we have an obligation to treat them with respect and fellowship.

When it comes to politics, where the "other side" is so often characterized as the enemy, that is not always easy.

However, in my experience, the vast majority of people who put their names on the ballot are sincere individuals who truly want to see our country strengthened and are willing to make tremendous personal sacrifices.

I cringe when I hear people arrogantly proclaim that elections are about "choosing the least-worst candidate."

VOTE

This brings us to voting. This is the ultimate expression of citizenship and an important responsibility we should take as Christians. Make your choice wisely and find the time to mark your ballot. There is little excuse for missing the vote.

Maybe try something different this election. Instead of seeing your choice as the lesser of all the evils, why not think about it as choosing the best among a group of good individuals who want to make a better country?

None of them may be perfect. But neither are we.

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LEAD ... love God with all your heart

Creating Peaceful Change By Richard Rohr

The following is the daily devotion for Sunday, August 18, 2019 from the Center for Action and Contemplation. It is part of that week's theme, "Nonviolence." As we head into another election cycle, it is good to contemplate how to relate to those who have differences of opinion with us.

cac.org/category/daily-meditations/

The root of violence is the illusion of separation—from God, from being one with oneself and everything else, and from Being Itself. When we don't know how to consciously live out of union (which is called love), we resort to violence, fighting anything that is not like us and that we cannot control. Contemplative practice teaches us to honor differences and also realize that we are all much more than our nationality, skin color, gender, or other labels which are all aspects of the passing and thus false self. Contemplation brings us back to our True Self, who we are in God.

When we can become little enough, naked enough, and honest enough, then we will, ironically, find that we are more than enough. This is the wisdom of the Gospel that is especially emphasized in Franciscan spirituality. At this place of both poverty and freedom we have nothing to prove or protect. Here we can connect with everything and everyone. Everything belongs. This cuts violence at its very roots before there is any basis for fear, anger, vengeance, or self-promotion—the things that often cause violence.

One of the reasons I founded the Center for Action and Contemplation thirty-two years ago was to give activists some grounding in spirituality (their True Self) so they could continue working for social change, but from a stance much different than anger, ideology, or oppositional willpower. Many activists I knew in the 1960s loved the nonviolent teachings of Jesus, Mohandas Gandhi (1869–1948), and Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929–1968). But it became clear to me that theirs was often a mere intellectual appreciation rather than a participation in the much deeper mystery.

Gateway to Presence:

If you want to go deeper with today's meditation, take note of what word or phrase stands out to you. Come back to that word or phrase throughout the day, being present to its impact and invitation.

To create peaceful change, we first have to get the "Who" right. *Who are you?* Most of us, particularly pragmatic Americans, lead with strategic questions—what, how, when. These are secondary questions. Before we act or react, we need to wait—wait for communion, wait until we're reconnected to the Ground of Being and even in our "enemies," wait until we're conscious, wait until a "yes" appears within us.

When we begin by connecting with our inner experience of communion, our actions can be pure, clear, and firm. This kind of action, rooted in one's True Self, comes from a deeper knowing of what is real, good, true, and beautiful—beyond labels and dualistic judgments of right or wrong. From this place, our energy is positive and has the most potential to create change for the good. This stance is precisely what we mean by "being in prayer" and why we must pray always to maintain this state of constant prayer.

I'm not telling you *not* to act. The Gospel offers a way to make our action sustainable and lasting over the long haul. People on the Right tend to be perpetually angry, fearful, and overly defensive, and people on the Left tend to be perpetually cynical, morally righteous, and outraged. The Gospel calls forth a refined instrument beyond these two falsehoods that can really make a difference because it is a new level of consciousness altogether. Such activists are themselves "a new creation" (Galatians 6:15) and the lightning rods of God's transformative energy into the world.

Adapted from Richard Rohr, *Healing Our Violence Through the Journey of Centering Prayer*, discs 1 and 2 (Franciscan Media: 2002), CD.

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Pray for a young person



Praying the Proverbs is a great opportunity to pray for a young person. This simple program encourages every adult at Church of the Cross to select a young person affiliated with the congregation and pray for their needs and their character development every day for an entire year. The supplied guide offers a virtue, Bible verse, and suggested short prayer to include in your daily devotional time as you consider the life, opportunities, and character development of a young person.

Pastor Laura reflects, *"The first time I saw this program, I thought it was great. I started praying for a young person, but what quickly developed were more inclusive and expansive prayers for my own children, myself, my friends and family, my civic leaders, and all the people of the world."*

This is a no-stress opportunity to pray! If you miss a day, or a week, simply begin again with the prayer focus that matches the day's date and you're on your way again. **Prayer opportunities are available in the narthex.**

Faith Experiments for Younger Adults

This fall, Pastor Laura is organizing fields trips to experience the spiritual practices of other faith communities. We will participate in a drumming circle (*Drum, Dine, and Discuss*) at U of C, an aboriginal sweat lodge, and other opportunities as they present themselves. **If you would like to participate, please let Pastor Laura know by texting 403-540-0053 or emailing lauraholck@gmail.com.** All field trips will be coordinated by doodle polling.



LEAD ... love God with all your soul

Cause of the month for October

Sandwiches for the Calgary Drop In Centre



We continue to make Sandwiches for the Calgary Drop-In Center on the **1st WEDNESDAY** of each month. Costco (Okotoks) is now the source of bread and/or buns that we require each month for this project.

We are sad to say that **BILL RUECKER** has retired as one of our long standing volunteer drivers. Each month Bill would collect day old donuts and baked goods from 3 Tim Horton outlets, and these were also included with our Sandwiches for delivery to the Drop-In Center. **Thank You so much, Bill, for your many, many years of service!**

Do we have any volunteers who could do this pick-up from Tim Hortons the first Wednesday of each month?? Talk to Doug Normandin or Dane Bridge for more info.

**Notice of Meeting – Oct. 6th following worship –
a review of the 2018 Financial reports. (*reports will be
available in the church office Mon. Sept. 30*)**



Re: Revised 2018 Financial Statements

While I understand most of the issues pertaining to required changes to the 2018 financials, there are several that I need more time to finalize. Accordingly, I do not wish to create further confusion by issuing a draft set of financials at this time. **As a Special Congregational Meeting has been noticed for October 6, 2019 to address these statements**, I will endeavor to circulate approval documents as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience.

Archie Wells

Treasurer



2019 Budget Performance to August 31

The attached spreadsheet details ELCOC's General Revenue and Expenses for the period January 1, 2019 through August 31, 2019. Offerings to designated/pass through funds and special offerings to the mortgage are NOT included in this budget comparison. Please note the following:

- Income and expenses were sourced from monthly income and expense statements generated by our Power Church software.
- With the exception of a minor difference in February the revenue figures quoted here match those reported by the Financial Secretary for the same period.
- The YTD Budget figures were sourced from Power Church and in most cases represent two thirds of the Annual 2019 Budget as we have completed two thirds of the calendar year.
- The 2019 Annual Budget figures were sourced from the 2018 Annual Report.
- I noticed that the TOTAL EXPENSES reported in the 2019 Budget Document is not the exact sum of the estimated expenses - \$401,994 vs my total of \$401,064.
- The 2019 Annual Budget as printed in the 2018 Annual Report does not include allowance for the \$500/month transfer to the Major Maintenance Dedicated Fund.
- The Surplus/(Deficit) quoted in the 2019 Annual Budget is (\$11,994). My calculated 2019 Budget Deficit using the estimated income and expenses plus allowing for the \$500/month transfer is (\$13,064)
- As of the end of August our income to expense imbalance is (\$32,877). Our offering income is some \$39,907 under budget and our expenses are some \$16,975 under budget.
- The General Revenue reported by the Financial Secretary for the September through December period in 2017 and 2018 was \$139,685 and \$158,483 respectively for an average of \$149,084. Projecting 2019 General Revenue using the actual to August 31 and this average yields \$373,247. Assuming 2019 expenses come in as budgeted the projected deficit for 2019 is \$33, 817.
- While our current deficit position is not ideal, over-all the congregation is in a strong financial position. We also have the remaining four months of the calendar year to increase offerings as it appears we have a revenue problem rather than an expense problem.

Archie Wells - Treasurer

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Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Cross
2019 Income and Expense Statement
AJW 20190922

	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	YTD Actual ¹	YTD BUDGET ²	2019 Budget
INCOME											
GENERAL OFFERING											
4000											
4005											
4011	\$21,020	\$23,313	\$31,270	\$22,782	\$23,008	\$26,067	\$22,632	\$21,092	\$191,185	\$221,333	\$330,000
4012	\$770	\$650	\$585	\$850	\$819	\$555	\$555	\$454	\$5,238	\$8,000	\$12,000
4013	\$108	\$195	\$185	\$160	\$200	\$100	\$160	\$0	\$1,108	\$1,000	\$1,000
4014	\$134	\$109	\$265	\$346	\$147	\$208	\$339	\$175	\$1,723	\$2,667	\$4,000
4017	-\$500	-\$500	-\$500	-\$500	-\$500	-\$500	-\$500	-\$500	-\$4,000	-\$4,000	
4005	\$21,532	\$23,767	\$31,806	\$23,638	\$23,674	\$26,430	\$23,186	\$21,221	\$195,254	\$229,000	\$346,500 ³
RENTAL INCOME											
4150											
4155-155	\$3,160	\$3,060	\$3,817	\$3,060	\$3,130	\$4,216	\$1,260	\$3,136	\$24,840	\$27,000	\$40,500
TOTAL INCOME - POWER CHURCH	\$24,692	\$26,827	\$35,623	\$26,698	\$26,804	\$30,647	\$24,446	\$24,357	\$220,093	\$260,000	\$390,000 ³
FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORTED INCOME											
RECONCILE*	\$25,192	\$27,396	\$36,123	\$27,198	\$27,304	\$31,147	\$24,946	\$24,857	\$224,163	\$260,000	\$390,000
	\$25,192	\$27,327	\$36,123	\$27,198	\$27,304	\$31,147	\$24,946	\$24,857	\$224,093		
*add back monthly transfer to Maintenance Fund											
EXPENSES & PAYMENTS											
MINISTRIES											
GIVE - DTMOG											
5000											
5001											
5002											
5006	\$100	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100	\$67	\$100
5008	\$2,102	\$2,331	\$2,625	\$2,278	\$2,300	\$2,606	\$2,263	\$2,109	\$18,614	\$22,800	\$34,200
5010	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$333	\$500
5012	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$0	\$100	\$100	\$700	\$800	\$1,200
5014	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$333	\$500
5016	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$67	\$100
5002	\$2,302	\$2,431	\$2,725	\$2,378	\$2,400	\$2,606	\$2,363	\$2,209	\$19,414	\$24,400	\$36,600
STUDY - ESAN&S											
5030											
5032	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$331	\$331	\$67	\$100
5034-219	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3	\$157	\$0	\$96	\$306	\$467	\$700
5036-546	\$0	\$0	\$116	\$0	\$0	\$124	\$0	\$0	\$240	\$200	\$300
5038	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$51	\$0	\$0	\$51	\$200	\$300
5040	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$22	\$0	\$0	\$22	\$167	\$250
5042	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$267	\$400
5044	\$41	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$41	\$267	\$400
5030	\$41	\$0	\$116	\$0	\$53	\$354	\$0	\$427	\$990	\$1,633	\$2,450
PRAY - F&ESC											
5060											
5062	\$0	\$0	\$342	\$0	\$0	\$16	\$0	\$0	\$358	\$233	\$350
5064-262	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,333	\$2,000
5069	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$67	\$100
5060	\$0	\$0	\$342	\$0	\$0	\$16	\$0	\$0	\$358	\$1,633	\$2,450
INVITE - COFOTDG											
5080											
5082	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$80	\$120
5084	\$299	\$0	\$0	\$200	\$0	\$200	\$0	\$0	\$699	\$667	\$1,000
5088	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$67	\$100
5090	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$150	\$0	\$0	\$150	\$133	\$200
5080	\$299	\$0	\$0	\$200	\$0	\$350	\$0	\$0	\$849	\$947	\$1,420

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ENCOURAGE - SCL&S											
5100 Member Care Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$70 \$0	\$0	\$70	\$0	\$0
5102 Youth Activity & Supply Pmt	\$0	\$94	\$120	\$0	\$259	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$473	\$200	\$300
5104-263 Misc Encourage	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$67	\$100
5100 Subtotal Encourage - SCL&S	\$0	\$94	\$120	\$0	\$259	\$70	\$0	\$0	\$543	\$267	\$400
WORSHIP - PEU&P											
5120 Worship & Music General Pmt	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$18 \$0	\$0	\$108	\$125	\$0	\$0
5122 Communion Element Pmt	\$0	\$0	\$121	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$121	\$183	\$275
5126 Worship & Music Mice Pmt	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$103	\$0	\$0	\$359	\$461	\$1,000	\$1,500
5128 Musician Payment	\$820	\$923	\$1,423	\$1,326	\$820	\$384	\$0	\$250	\$5,946	\$5,600	\$8,400
5130 Music Supply Payment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$933	\$1,400
5132 Minister of Music Payment	\$2,327	\$2,327	\$2,327	\$2,327	\$2,327	\$2,327	\$2,327	\$2,327	\$18,619	\$18,666	\$28,000
5134 Worship Licenses	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$667	\$1,000
5136 Altar Guild	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$133	\$200
5138 Banners/Liturgical Art	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200	\$200
5140 Special Service Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$47	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$47	\$133	\$200
5141 Misc. WORSHIP	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$67	\$100
5120 Subtotal Worship - Peu&p	\$3,147	\$3,250	\$3,918	\$3,654	\$3,250	\$2,729	\$2,327	\$3,044	\$25,319	\$27,516	\$41,275
SERVE - MADITW											
5160 Council Initiative	\$300	\$0	\$489	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$399	\$123	\$1,312	\$67	\$1,000
5162 Cross Service Days	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$883	\$1,025
5164 Convention Payment	\$0	\$495	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$495	\$667	\$1,000
5166 CACG	\$0	\$0	\$1,440	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,440	\$1,440	\$1,440
5172 Community Garden	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$56	\$96	\$0	\$0	\$152	\$100	\$200
5174 Misc SERVE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$50	\$100
5176 Subtotal Serve - Maditw	\$300	\$495	\$1,929	\$2,825	\$56	\$96	\$399	\$123	\$3,398	\$3,007	\$4,765
SUBTOTAL MINISTRIES	5001	\$6,090	\$6,270	\$9,056	\$6,017	\$6,221	\$5,089	\$5,803	\$53,697	\$59,403	\$89,360
PERSONNEL	5200										
CRA PAYMENTS											
5202-001 Sr Pastor CRA Pymnts	\$2,317	\$0	\$4,701	\$2,351	\$2,351	\$2,351	\$2,351	\$2,351	\$18,772	\$18,341	\$27,511
5203-003 Office Admin CRA Pymnts	\$856	\$0	\$909	\$771	\$837	\$705	\$204	\$441	\$4,724	\$6,223	\$9,334
5201 Subtotal Cra Payments	\$3,174	\$0	\$5,611	\$3,122	\$3,188	\$3,056	\$2,555	\$2,792	\$23,496	\$24,563	\$36,845
ELCIC-PENSION/BENEFITS											
5210 Sr Pastor Pens/Ben Pmt	\$2,602	\$2,636	\$2,636	\$2,636	\$2,636	\$2,636	\$2,636	\$2,636	\$21,057	\$21,714	\$32,571
5211-001 Office Admin Pens/Ben Pmt	\$968	\$1,090	\$752	\$1,015	\$1,048	\$1,081	\$1,015	\$752	\$7,721	\$7,522	\$11,283
5212-003 Subtotal Elicic-pension/benefits	\$3,570	\$3,727	\$3,388	\$3,651	\$3,684	\$3,717	\$3,651	\$3,388	\$28,778	\$29,236	\$43,854
PASTORAL SALARY PAYMENTS											
5220 Senior Pastor Net Pay	\$8,299	\$8,348	\$8,348	\$8,348	\$8,348	\$8,348	\$8,348	\$8,348	\$66,735	\$69,787	\$104,680
5221-001 Office Admin Net Pay	\$2,335	\$1,177	\$2,452	\$2,194	\$2,304	\$2,084	\$2,427	\$3,793	\$18,767	\$17,112	\$25,668
5223-003 Subtotal Pastoral Salary Payments	\$10,634	\$9,525	\$10,800	\$10,542	\$10,652	\$10,432	\$10,775	\$12,142	\$85,502	\$86,899	\$130,348
EDUCATION & TRAINING											
5230 Sr Pastor Ed/Training	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$199	\$680	\$1,020
5231 Office Admin Ed/Training	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$133	\$200	\$200
5232-003 Subtotal Education & Training	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$813	\$1,220
IN-HOUSE CONTRACT & SPRT											
5240 Supply Preacher Payment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$175	\$175	\$0	\$0	\$175	\$525	\$667	\$1,000
5241 Subtotal In-house Contract & Spprt	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$175	\$175	\$0	\$0	\$175	\$525	\$667	\$1,000
OTHER HR											
5250 Senior Pastor Vehicle Exp	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$18	\$16	\$0	\$0	\$34	\$1,667	\$2,500
5253-001 Other Vehicle Exp	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$16 \$0	\$0	\$0	\$16	\$0	\$0
5254 Subtotal Other HR	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$18	\$32	\$0	\$0	\$49	\$1,667	\$2,500
SUBTOTAL PERSONNEL	5200	\$17,378	\$13,252	\$17,490	\$17,717	\$17,237	\$16,981	\$18,497	\$138,350	\$143,845	\$215,767

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GENERAL EXPENSES											
OFFICE											
5260 Office Supply & Equipment	\$124	\$1,493	\$735	\$123	\$1,138	\$1,205	\$176	\$1,406	\$6,401	\$7,000	\$10,500
5271 Telephone & Internet Pay	\$173	\$170	\$170	\$170	\$170	\$170	\$170	\$170	\$1,364	\$1,200	\$1,800
5272-272 Postage & Delivery Payment	\$91	\$0	\$94	\$0	\$92	\$22	\$0	\$134	\$434	\$283	\$425
5270 Subtotal Office	\$388	\$1,664	\$1,000	\$293	\$1,400	\$1,397	\$346	\$1,711	\$8,198	\$8,483	\$12,725
UTILITIES											
5280 Church Utilities Payment	\$1,604	\$1,787	\$1,893	\$2,589	\$1,913	\$0	\$2,505	\$1,324	\$13,615	\$13,333	\$20,000
5281-510 Church Security Sys Pmt	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$967	\$1,450
5283-251 Waste Removal Payment	\$249	\$249	\$249	\$0	\$499	\$249	\$249	\$249	\$1,984	\$1,333	\$2,000
5284-100 Subtotal Utilities	\$1,853	\$2,037	\$2,143	\$2,589	\$2,411	\$249	\$2,754	\$1,573	\$15,609	\$15,633	\$23,450
MAINTENANCE											
5290 Church Maintenance Pmt	\$47	\$0	\$175	\$231	\$243	\$1,175	\$0	\$441	\$2,313	\$6,667	\$10,000
5291-510 Church Grounds Mice Pmt	\$574	\$0	\$1,363	\$431	\$431	\$431	\$620	\$431	\$4,279	\$5,333	\$8,000
5292-510 Janitorial Labour Payment	\$830	\$830	\$830	\$830	\$830	\$830	\$830	\$830	\$6,640	\$7,000	\$10,500
5293-510 Janitorial Supply Payment	\$245	\$0	\$250	\$0	\$0	\$133	\$0	\$0	\$629	\$600	\$900
5294-510 Subtotal Maintenance	\$1,697	\$830	\$2,619	\$1,491	\$1,504	\$2,569	\$1,450	\$1,701	\$13,861	\$19,600	\$29,400
INSURANCE											
5300 Church Property Ins Pmt	\$8,481	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$8,481	\$8,400	\$8,400
5301-510 Accident Insurance Pmt	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$350	\$250	\$375
5302 Subtotal Insurance	\$8,481	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$350	\$8,831	\$8,650	\$8,775
FINANCING											
5320 Bank Charge Payments	\$58	\$59	\$58	\$59	\$59	\$59	\$360	\$58	\$770	\$667	\$1,000
5321 Property Tax	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
5330 Mortgage Payment	\$1,716	\$1,716	\$1,716	\$1,716	\$1,716	\$1,716	\$1,716	\$1,716	\$13,725	\$13,725	\$20,587
5331 Subtotal Financing	\$1,773	\$1,775	\$1,773	\$1,775	\$1,774	\$1,774	\$2,076	\$1,773	\$14,494	\$14,391	\$21,587
SUBTOTAL GENERAL EXPENSES	\$14,191	\$6,305	\$7,535	\$6,148	\$7,089	\$5,989	\$6,626	\$7,109	\$60,993	\$66,758	\$95,937
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$37,659	\$25,827	\$36,484	\$32,695	\$30,824	\$29,448	\$28,696	\$31,408	\$253,040	\$270,005	\$401,064
TRANSFERS TO MAINTENANCE FUND	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$6,000
TOTAL EXPENSES AND TRANSFERS	\$38,159	\$26,327	\$36,984	\$33,195	\$31,324	\$29,948	\$29,196	\$31,908	\$257,040	\$274,005	\$407,064
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	\$25,192	\$27,327	\$36,123	\$27,198	\$27,304	\$31,147	\$24,946	\$24,857	\$224,163	\$264,000	\$394,000
OPERATING INCOME LESS EXPENSES	-\$12,967	\$1,000	-\$861	-\$5,997	-\$4,020	\$1,199	-\$4,250	-\$7,051	-\$32,877	-\$6,005	-\$13,064

Notes:

- 1 checks with Power Church August 2019 except for Account 5170-115
2. from Power Church August 2019 - generally two thirds of budget - eight months out of twelve
3. \$347,000 less \$500 for PAR Costs
4. \$387,500 plus \$3000 Other Income
5. 2019 Budget printed in 2018 Annual Report shows \$401,994 as TOTAL EXPENSES - a difference of \$968
6. Not included in 2019 Budget as either a reduction in income or an expense

Footnote 5
Footnote 6

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AFFIRMING MINISTRY TEAM



For the third year, the LCOC affirming ministry team and friends walked in the Calgary Pride Parade and once again experienced the joy of being in the midst of a community that accepts, includes, and embraces diversity. Over 120 entries in the parade and the low estimate of onlookers was an astonishing 80,000. It was a grey, misty morning but as soon as the parade was underway, the temperature rose, the light rain ceased and nothing dampened the spirits of this huge gathering.

LCOC is a member of the Calgary and area Affirming Ministries network, initiated by the United Church but with doors open to all denominations. Their meetings keep us in touch with affirming events and programs city-wide, and this year we were pleased to be able to walk in the parade as part of their contingent. Members and friends of our congregation marched along with the beautiful float and the other proud congregations following it – 120 people in all. (We have brochures from this network listing all affirming faith communities in the city in the narthex, should you wish to have one) We also chose a corner for people who for any reason were not able to or did not wish to walk, to sit and cheer us on.

Our pastors, our team, other members of the congregation were proud to be seen in that affirming role, but the true show-stoppers were our little Aurora, accompanied of course by her moms, and this year by Victoria's dog and one of her puppies.

Labour Day weekend 2020 – we hope you will plan to join us.

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YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Potluck lunch and laser Tag

Sunday, October 6 after worship/BLAST until 2:45



Bring a lunch dish to share and \$18/person for two games of laser tag.

Pickup will be at 2:45 at Laser Quest (9950 Macleod Trail South).

Please RSVP to Carolyn Larsen.

403-271-3059 (home), 403-370-3420 (cell) or dclarsen@telus.net

Friday, October 25 – Halloween Party!

6:00-9:00 at the church

Wear a costume of your choice (No gore please!)



Sleepover and Underground Church

Saturday, Nov. 9, 7:00 pm – Sunday, Nov. 10, after worship



ST. NICHOLAS PARTY

Friday Dec. 6



You're
invited
to a
St. Nicholas
Day Party!

SUNDAY MORNING YOUTH FAITH LENS

Following Worship

Youth meet together and talk about current events and relate these events to the gospel readings for the day.

All youth welcome!!

Putting Our Gardens to Sleep

The weather during this 2019 gardening season has been full of surprises, but in the end gave us a bountiful harvest from the vegetable patch.

After an initial offering of samples of chard and beans after a worship service at the beginning of August, we went straight into five weekly deliveries to the Food Bank. Our earliest crop—and probably the best producer in the garden—was green beans. We plant a pole bean variety called Emerite that has never failed us.

Our boxes of beans, turnips, onions, carrots, beets, chard, potatoes and zucchini were received with thanks from the Food Bank volunteers who came out to help us unload. Although relatively speaking, a 40 ft x 40 ft garden plot cannot feed a village, it was good to know that each delivery probably provided fresh produce for at least 10 families. Never once have we questioned whether the labour we expend on this garden is worthy.

The vegetable patch is now clear of all but parsnips



which we will leave until a first frost sweetens them.

The roses everywhere in the city appreciated

the early deluges of rain and the warm sun that followed. Our own rose garden which graces the peace poles was at its most exceptional ever.

Some watering issues gave us a less than uniform coverage of bloom in the Remembering Garden, but that heart full of purple and pink blossoms was the same rich honouring of victims of violence that it has been for the past ten years.

Now the clean-up of the flower gardens begins, and with luck those beds will be ready for next spring by the end of September.

We have a group of gardeners who don their gloves and come

not just faithfully but joyfully to the work required to maintain our stewardship of this property with which we are blessed. As always, we give thanks to our God, creator of the beauty around us.

Betty Jane Hegerat



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Volunteers Required

We have a small group of dedicated volunteers who are serving this body of Christ through **communion preparation and subsequent clean-up.**

I am seeking additional volunteers to add to the volunteer roster. If you are willing to serve in this capacity, please contact **Archie Wells** (ajwells@shaw.ca or 403-282-1931) or Dianne in the church office.

Thanks in advance.

We are still collecting for the CLWR

We Care School Kits

- unsharpened pencils with erasers
- metric ruler (*30 centimeters*), pencil sharpener and 1 eraser
- pack of crayons (*or pencil crayons*)
- small and simple toy (*new and not requiring batteries*)
- bar of soap and toothbrush (*new and wrapped*)
- tube of toothpaste



Box for collections will be at the church .

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TEENS

Navigating relationships, communication and boundaries

This workshop talks about healthy relationships and sexual decision-making in the context of the digital world.

Topics discussed:

- Healthy relationships and communication
- Boundaries and consent
- Social media and sexting



PARENTS

Equipping you to raise your kids in the digital age

This workshop provides insight, resources, and tangible tips for raising kids in the digital age.

Topics discussed:

- Building healthy, trusting relationships with your kids
- Pornography and Internet safety
- Safe-proofing your home
- Healthy digital boundaries
- How to talk with your kids about all of the above!



TAKE CHARGE GROWING UP DIGITAL

SPEAKER SERIES

Lutheran Church of the Cross

Tuesday, November 5

Dinner at 5:00

Presentation from 5:30 - 6:30

RSVP to 403-255-4792

churchofthecross@shaw.ca



This workshop is for adults of all ages and for teenagers. It's not recommended for children under the age of 13. Please RSVP to the church office so we can plan for the 5 pm meal! Bring friends, relatives - anyone you want!!!

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Spiritual Writing: Wings for the Soul

Date: October 5, 2019 (Saturday)

When: 10:00 – 3:00 pm

Where: Hope Lutheran Church (Fireside Room)

To register: contact Vivian Hansen: vivipoet@shaw.ca











Heidi Grogan

Heidi Grogan is a writer and teacher, and she and her husband Mike enjoy life with their two children in Calgary's NW. She teaches creative writing through the University of Calgary's continuing education program and offered *Walking, Wrestling, and Waltzing with God: a Spirituality of Writing* at Ambrose University. She has been a regular contributing author to *Weavings*, a US journal of spirituality. Currently, Heidi supervises at Catholic Family Service community programs that are designed to help youth who are struggling as well as low-income adults who have experienced homelessness and addiction challenges. She received her MA in Spiritual Theology from Regent College, with a special focus on the spirituality and social justice orientation of medieval women.

Have you wondered how to "practice the practice" of spiritual writing? In this workshop, we will explore spiritual writing as a creative, contemplative, and cerebral practice through which we nourish relationships with God, others and our very self. Together we will discover how ways of *journaling, devotional writing, poetry, and creative nonfiction essays* can enrich life. There will be much opportunity for discussion and to write!

In this workshop, we will cover:

-  What is a spiritual discipline (or practice), and how is writing rightly understood as part of our relationship with God?
-  Why do we write? Exploring motivation and spiritual posture
-  Honouring Sacred Words: Lectio/Scriptio Divina: tasting and incorporating the words we read and write
-  Journaling: Telling the Truth Changes Everything
-  Sacred Journaling: Writing Our Psalms of Confession, Lament & Gratitude
-  Poetry: Speech of the Spirit
-  Public Sentences: Tending to the Words for the Sake of Social Change (OR, Letters & articles: engaging issues in solidarity)
-  Writing Right Where We Are (i - Vision Divina & Lectio Terra; ii - Writing in community; iii - The spirituality of revision)

"When I am writing I find great joy when I feel that occasional moment of lift-off, that moment when the image or the insight or the intuition takes wings and flies off into the mystery [of God]... I hope that sometimes what I write helps lift another soul into the presence of God, helps another soul hear the Word whose silence sings through all creation."

- Ben Harrison, *Writing as a Help to Prayer: "Scriptio Divina"*

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Thanksgiving at the Lake Oct 11-13, 2019

Join us at camp for Thanksgiving Weekend. This is our semi-annual service weekend, when we will clean up camp and get ready for the winter. We will also join together in worship, campfire, conversation, games...

Volunteers of all abilities are welcome. Instructions and tools are provided. We can find a task to suit any skill set or age group!

THANKSgiving Celebration Oct 13

Worship at 3:30pm,
Dinner at 5pm



Men's Retreat

October 25-27,
2019 | 150 +gst | Age
18+

Men's Spirituality in a Modern Age

Rev. Kevin Powell, Calgary

Arrive 8-8:30pm on Fri-
day Wrap-up 12:30pm on
Sunday

Learn and serve in creation. Kevin will share his reflections on the role of men in the Church, and the powerful way we can live out that role in our community.

Think camp is great in the summer? We've saved the best fall weekend for our Men's Retreat! Come with your friends, sons, father, buddies, or pals to enjoy time with God and each other. We provide great meals, space to relax, time to learn, and opportunities to use power tools.



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Lutheran Campus Ministry



Autumn Dinner



with guest speaker Rev. Daranne Harris

Compassion it!
Living Compassion
Day to Day

- ◆ Catered Syrian meal
- ◆ Silent auction
- ◆ Student stories
- ◆ Fellowship and fun

Friday, October 18, 2019

5:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Advent Lutheran Church
11 Scenic Acres Gate NW
tickets: \$50 (\$15 tax receipt)

more info at lcmcalgary.com



Come and support Chaplain Margaret Propp and this important ministry!



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**MARY & MARTHA GROUP -
WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY All are Welcome!
Saturday, October 19 at 10:00 a.m.
in the north meeting room at Church**



Theme: *Finding Our Voices* – a study in the book of Esther

We learn from Esther that a large part of finding our voice is understanding when and how to use it. God calls us to speak out when we encounter injustice in the world. We must speak out for those who cannot speak out themselves.



Thanks for making the **2019 CLOTHING GIVEAWAY** a success! By so generously donating clothing and time you have made a real difference to many of our neighbours. You are truly appreciated!

You're Invited! Save the date!

ST. GERARD'S PARISH PRESENTS TWO

Lector Enrichment Workshops



With **Laura Holck**, co-Pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Cross and an outstanding proclaimer and storyteller.

All Proclaimers are encouraged to attend one of these inspiring workshops. Two dates are available:

Saturday, September 28

9:00 am – noon

OR Saturday, October 5

9:00 am – noon

RSVP

with your date choice to
Jacqueline Guerin
jacqui.guerin@gmail.com

For additional information visit stgerards.ca



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GOD SAVED US THROUGH THE WATER OF REBIRTH AND RENEWAL BY THE HOLY SPIRIT. TITUS 3:5

CONFIRMATION



All children are invited to wear their baptismal stoles.

EVERYONE WEAR RED!!!

Confirmation Sunday

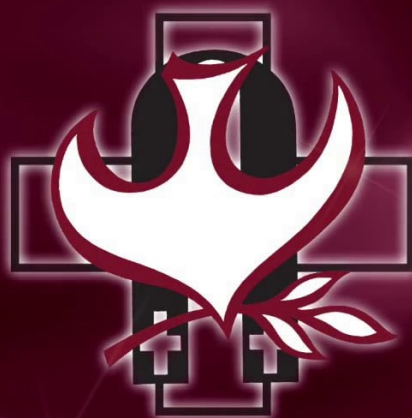
October 27th @ 10 am

Students being confirmed

Jaimie Risse & Kim Reath

All Saints Sunday - November 3rd

Our tradition continues this year with the celebrating and remembering the names of those who have gone before us. Please submit the names of your loved ones that have passed away in the last year (*from November 2018 - now*) to **Dianne by October 28th this year.**



All Saints' Sunday

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Hearing Assistance Available
Asistencia auditiva a su disposición
Aide à l'audition disponible

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN USING OUR NEW HEARING ASSISTANCE EQUIPMENT?

Sunday, October 6th

Grab a coffee after worship and come
to a quick demonstration.

A VERY SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY

A Canadian couple who have been working in Asia for the past 18 years will be giving a presentation at **Advent Lutheran Church**, Nose Hill Dr. and Scenic Acres Gate NW, **on Friday Oct. 4, 8:00 PM**. Come and hear their story of how God has been working in their lives.

Hospital Visitor Training - Would you like to learn more about becoming a Lutheran Visitor in area hospitals and care facilities? Join in an initial training session on **Saturday, October 19, 2019 at St. Matthew Lutheran Church Basement, 66 7th St. NE..** The session is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring a bag lunch. For more information contact Pastor Mark Lobitz at mclobitz@gmail.com or 403-637-2650. Sponsored by Lutheran Hospital Ministries-Southern Alberta.

A BIG THANK YOU

To **Panda Flowers Country Hills** for donating flower arrangements for the altar each week. This is a huge contribution to our worship life. Following worship, the flowers are available to people who could use a little lift in their week. If you know someone who could benefit from this floral ministry, please contact the office during the week to make sure the flowers are still available.

If you would like to provide flowers for worship to mark a special occasion, please contact the office so we can tell Panda Flowers they don't need to provide flowers for the upcoming Sunday.

To those of you who clean up the sanctuary and kitchen: The flower vases are the property of Panda Flowers. Please return them to the recycling area at the east entrance. Panda Flowers picks them up from that spot!



Council's 2019-20 Roadmap

At their retreat in August, the ELCOC Church Council identified its short term values, stakeholders and goals that it will focus on for the next 6-7 months. Below is the product of that retreat.

Waymark #1: Values that will guide our focus for the next year

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Worship nurtures people's faith		Address social concerns (help people in need)		Build strong, healthy relationships		Help members live out their faith in their daily lives
Waymark #2: Stakeholders	Waymark #3: Strengths/ Values	Waymark #4: Opportunities	Waymark #5: Aspirations	Waymark #6:		
				Results	Leadership	Timeline
People who are vulnerable	Love, active response, openness, inclusivity 2 (1,4)	Community kitchen Support the elderly (trsptn) Connect LGBTQ	Companionship/ Accompaniment Hope, Acceptance Help, Assistance Guidance, Advocacy Picturing options	Community Kitchen	Sasha C. Council SWCRC	Late Fall, 2019
Congregational members and groups	Worship, Relationship-building 3 (1,2 & 4)	Communication Group Showcase Onboarding	Depth, Growth Call to Service, Wholeness Effectiveness Faith in Action Love, Courage Know They Matter	Relationship-Building Every-Member Visit	Council (Dean)	Spring 2020
Turkish Community & other faiths	Openness Courage 2,3,4 (1)	Listening Events Blanket Exercise Cross-cultural community building	Understanding Friendship, Acceptance Respect Partnership ("Ubuntu") Mutuality Communication	Conduct Interfaith classes and spiritual fieldtrips	Pastors Tammy	January 2020
Young People & children	Innovation Heart for young people; Integration 1,2,3,4	Nine square or physical activity Alliance Church? Sweat lodge <i>Drum, Dine & Discuss</i> Service projects Care packages Praying for youth	"Volleyball Courts" Peer group interactions Relationship, Meaning, Faith Opportunity, Self-worth A place to belong Skills, Fulfillment Constructive activities Valued, Hope, Confidence Perspective, Safety	Youth Ministry by the Youth	Pastor Phil Carolyn Lisa, Matt, Natalie	Begin Training Sept. 2019
Partner organizations	Networking mindset Generosity Openness, Building & resources	Raise profile of CACG Use CLAY to connect with other cong's, Include partners in Prayers of the People	Leadership Support Safe Place Belonging Exposure to a faith community Mission support Mutuality/shared values	Raise Awareness & participation in CACG	Pastor Phil Ryan A. Gates F. Archie W.	October 2019

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CACG Founding Assembly

7pm, Thursday October 17, 2019

Knox United Church



The Calgary Alliance for the Common Good is a non-partisan and non-profit alliance of congregations, unions, school and community groups in Calgary representing more than 30,000 people. These organizations came together to form the Calgary Alliance for the Common Good in order to organize the power of our communities to shape a just and compassionate city.

The mission of the Calgary Alliance for the Common Good is:

- *To create a broad-based shared organization that is as diverse as Calgary, building relationships among organizations and people from the various community, ethnic, non-profit, labour, and religious groups.*
- *To strengthen our member organizations and their leaders to develop a healthy and effective civic life. To use the principles and techniques of community organizing to effectively address the real issues facing Calgarians and our member organizations.*

Even though the alliance changed its name from the **Metro Alliance for the Common Good** to the **Calgary Alliance for the Common Good** two years ago, the alliance itself has been around for over 10 years. About four years ago, the Calgary Alliance made the decision to hire a community organizer, Ryan Andersen, in order to grow and develop its capacity to fulfil on its mission. Since then, it has grown from a handful of institutions to almost 30 institutions now. Lutheran Church of the Cross is one of them.

The **Founding Assembly** on October 17 is an opportunity to claim and celebrate the strides CACG has made and to publicly establish itself as a voice working for the good of all Calgarians. Members of Lutheran Church of the Cross are invited to come and be part of this event. For further information, talk to the pastors, Ryan Andersen, or anyone on Council. Their website is: www.calgarycommongood.org.

You're invited!

Please join us as we
celebrate our
Founding Assembly &
Campaign Launch.

All are welcome.



**CALGARY ALLIANCE
FOR THE COMMON GOOD**
**FOUNDING ASSEMBLY &
CAMPAIGN LAUNCH**

DATE: OCTOBER 17, 2019

MUSICAL PROGRAM @ 6:40 PM
FORMAL PROGRAM @ 7:00 - 9:00 PM

LOCATION: KNOX UNITED CHURCH - 506 4 ST SW, CALGARY, AB

Please Register at: www.calgarycommongood.org/founding_assembly

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Dear Beloved of God –

I give thanks to God for...

In January 2016 I stood with ELCIC and ELCA bishop colleagues at the border between Nogales, Arizona, and Nogales, Mexico. We were silenced by the high, seemingly impenetrable metal wall that separated not only countries, but cities, neighbourhoods, friends and families.

And so I was fascinated this summer when news reported what seemed like an ordinary scene: children and adults playing on bright, hot-pink seesaws, laughing and chatting with each other. But this scene filmed at the end of July was a playground unlike any other, for these custombuilt seesaws had been placed through the slatted steel border fence that separates the United States and Mexico.

The idea for this "Teeter-Totter Wall" came from Ronald Rael, an architecture professor at the University of California, Berkeley, and Virginia San Fratello, a professor of design at San Jose State University – and it was a long time coming. In 2009, the two designed a concept for a binational seesaw at the border, and ten years later, their conceptual drawings became reality. The "Teeter-Totter Wall" featured three pink seesaws installed between the slats on the border fence, allowing people on both sides of the border to see and to play with each other.

The seesaws were fabricated by a group of artists and the project was realized with help from Colectivo Chopeke, which focuses on bringing communities together through design. Rael and his crew transported the colourful seesaws to Sunland Park, New Mexico, which is separated by a steel fence from Ciudad Juárez, Mexico. Sunland Park is also where many migrants have been detained this year.

In an Instagram post (July 29, 2019) Rael wrote that the event was "filled with joy, excitement, and togetherness at the borderwall. The wall became a literal fulcrum for U.S.-Mexico relations and children and adults were connected in meaningful ways on both sides, with the recognition that the actions that take place on one side have a direct consequence on the other side."

Rael and San Fratello, speaking to Forbes Media, said: "The seesaw demonstrates how those immediate relationships between

people can create an environment where happiness and play are also important aspects of life on the border and that our relationships with our neighbors can extend past political relationships but also humanistic relationships."

Word of the installation spread quickly across social media, but as quickly as the seesaws went up, they came down equally fast.

"There is no playground along the U.S.-Mexico border wall in New Mexico," a customs and border patrol official is quoted by Forbes Media as saying. "On the evening of July 28, U.S. Border Patrol agents encountered a small group who identified themselves as local university faculty/staff at the border wall. They had placed boards through the wall and appeared to be playing with residents of Mexico while recording the engagement. The group removed the boards and left the area without incident after it was established that there was no advance coordination."

I remain fascinated by this report, this experience, this play. The wall, which I had seen only as an impenetrable metal barrier, had become a fulcrum to create meaningful connections on both sides as the hot-pink seesaws went up and down.

Though the wall still separates the two countries and their people, the alternate life given it by professors and artists is profound. This was an image of community and relationships, and a striking contrast to the heart-wrenching scenes that now fill the news.

Joy, excitement, togetherness.

I give thanks to God for artists, architects, poets, musicians, playwrights, actors, dancers and theologians who open our eyes to hope and possibility, and to a vision to see beyond the barriers that separate us, creating meaningful connections.

In Christ Jesus – Shalom, +Bishop Larry Kochendorfer

(A brief video of the teeter-totter wall may be viewed at Ronald Rael's instagram feed <https://www.instagram.com/p/B0fY2R6hfKr/>)



Synod of Alberta and the Territories
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada



October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<div>Cause of the Month</div> <div>Sandwiches for the Drop In Centre</div>					
		1 Coffee @ Tim Hortons - 10 am Faith Formation - 5 - 7 pm	2 Sandwich Making - 7:30 Bible Study - 9:30 am AA - noon -1 AHS Caregivers - 1:30 Cantare Children's Choir - 6-9 SWCG—7 pm	3 Quilting - 9 am Kodaly - 10 am - 2:45 pm Mission Endowment Mtg. - 7 pm Choir - 7:15 pm	4 Office Closed SWCG—7 pm	5 Cantare Workshop - 8am-5pm Storytelling Workshop - @ St. Gerard's - 8:30 am
6 Bible Study - 9 am Worship - 10 am Hearing Assis Demo Update on 2018 Fin. BLAST & Youth Youth Potluck & Laser Tag- 5:30 SWCG - 1 - 3 pm Private Rental - 6:30 pm	7 Kodaly - 9:15 am AA - noon Staff Mtg. - 2 pm Kodaly - 4 pm Cantare Children's Choir - 6-9	8 Coffee @ Tim Hortons - 10 am Confirmation - 5 - 7 pm	9 Bible Study - 9:30 am AA - noon -1 Cantare Children's Choir - 6-9 SWCG—7 pm	10 Quilting - 9 am Kodaly - 10 am - 2:45 pm Choir - 7:15 pm	11 Office Closed SWCG—7 pm	12 SWCG - 10:30 am Funeral - 3 pm
13 Worship - 10 am BLAST Youth Faith Lens SWCG - 1 - 3 pm	14 OFFICE CLOSED AA - noon -1 THANKSGIVING	15 Coffee @ Tim Hortons - 10 am Confirmation - 5 - 7 pm	16 Bible Study - 9:30 am AA - noon -1 Cantare Children's Choir - 6-9 SWCG—7 pm Council Mtg. - 7 pm	17 Quilting - 9 am Kodaly - 10 am - 2:45 pm Choir - 7:15 pm	18 Office Closed SWCG—7 pm	19 Men's Breakfast - 8 am Women's Ministry - 10 am SWCG - 10:30 am
20 Bible Study - 9 am Worship - 10 am Budget Mtg. BLAST Youth Faith Lens SWCG - 1 - 3 pm	21 Kodaly - 9:15 am AA - noon -1 Staff Mtg. - 2 pm Kodaly - 4 pm Cantare Children's Choir - 6-9	22 Coffee @ Tim Hortons - 10 am Confirmation - 5 - 7 pm - MENTOR NIGHT	23 Bible Study - 9:30 am AA - noon -1 Cantare Children's Choir - 6-9 SWCG—7 pm	24 Quilting - 9 am Kodaly - 10 am - 2:45 pm Choir - 7:15 pm	25 Office Closed Youth Halloween Event - 6-9 pm	26 SWCG - 10:30 am
27 CONFIRMATION Bible Study - 9 am Worship - 10 am BLAST SHOWCASE Youth Faith Lens SWCG - 1 - 4 pm	28 Kodaly - 9:15 am AA - noon -1 Staff Mtg. - 2 pm Kodaly - 4 pm Cantare Children's Choir - 6-9	29 Coffee @ Tim Hortons - 10 am Confirmation - 5 - 7 pm	30 Bible Study - 9:30 am AA - noon -1 Cantare Children's Choir - 6-9 SWCG—7 pm	31 Quilting - 9 am Kodaly - 9:15 am - 3:15 pm Choir - 7:15 pm		