City of God: St. Augustine's - Parkland

NEWSLETTER

October 5, 2026

Well done everyone! Not only were we the first church to ever sign up for the Corporate Challenge in support of the Parkland Food Bank; but we won our category which was of course, dry sides! Thanks to Bill & Debbie for receiving the award on our behalf!

Bible Study!

Every Monday at 10:00 a.m. our weekly bible study will continue in the church hall. Each Monday the focus will be on the readings scheduled for the following Sunday. Upcoming readings that will be focussed on are:

- *Oct. 4th - Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20, Psalm 19, Philippians 3: 4b-14, Matthew 21: 33-46*
- *Oct. 11th - Deuteronomy 8: 7-18, Psalm 65, 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15, Luke 17: 11-19*
- *Oct. 18th - Exodus 33: 12-23, Psalm 99, 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10, Matthew 22: 15-22*

Strategic Planning

Our parish mission statement:

> Rooted in the Word and in worship, we strive to be a vibrant community,
> shining the light of Christ into the world around us.

The roof on our building is nearing the end of its useful life, and repairing it will be costly. As vestry was discussing different options, it became clear that this situation could be an excellent opportunity to prayerfully consider what we love about this church (both the parish and the building), assess some of the challenges we have, and where we would like to direct our energies going forward. What ministries do we want to encourage and see flourish? Once we have worked together to discuss what we want to see our parish go in the future, then we can more thoughtfully, strategically, and practically make decisions about the roof.

It is crucial that *every* member of St. Augustine's contributes. Your voice matters and you honour our congregation by taking time to prayerfully share your thoughts no matter how big or how small.

This week's question:

What do you love about our parish?

It can be anything from "I love the quilt hanging on the wall" to "I feel welcome here" to "I feel that Auggie's is a valuable outreach to our community," to "Games night is a great way to connect with other people in the church," to "I like the Question and Answer part of the newsletter." Please share anything and everything that you love about our parish.

How to share your thoughts:

- In person after the service: Over the next 6 weeks we'll have paper at the coffee tables so you can add your thoughts after the service.

- By email. Please send emails to *Planning.StAugustines@gmail.com*

Please speak to Suzanna Wagner (who is leading our strategic planning process) or any other members of vestry with any questions.

The **Altar Guild** is looking for your help to donate **flowers, plants, and garden produce** to decorate the church to the Glory of God and to give thanks at the Thanksgiving service on Sunday, October 11. Donations can be brought to the church anytime in the week of October 4. As well, the **Altar Guild will be at the church on Saturday, October 10, from 9:30 a.m. to noon to receive your gifts.**

Please remember in your prayers this week:

- We pray for Primate Shane, Metropolitan Greg, and Bishop Stephen. We also pray for our clergy, Rev. Kevin and Rev. Lesley. We pray for our Lay Readers Bill, Hazel, and Randy.
- We pray for the Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh; for the Diocese of Edmonton Cursillo Secretariay; for the Kobero Parish in Buyé; for Saddle Lake Cree Nation; and for the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.
- We pray for those who are ill, injured, or bereaved; and for all who need God's healing presence, especially remembering Oliver, Lenora, Gloria, Beata, Tony, Megan, Tom, Nick, Wendy, Lilly, Isabel, Carol, and Thelma.
- In our own parish this week, we pray for Peter & Renee, Sun, Kristi, Winnie, Bill & Judy; and their families.

Please note: Submitted names will be kept on the prayer list for a period of two weeks unless intentionally renewed.

Thank you to the few who have signed up to be added to our rosters and to those who have remained! Currently we have 55 people signed up to help out, 24 of those people are signed up for more than one position. As I've mentioned before, every service has 15 roles to be filled not including coffee and Sunday School. Currently with 55 people filling 15 roles per service, we can only get through 3 full services before we have to utilize the same people again. For one final time this year, below is the list of roles we need to fill. The number in brackets is how many people are currently signed up to help out in the role; it's not hard to see we need more help! **Please prayerfully consider what gifts you could be sharing with us.** We do not expect perfection, all ministries do come with training, work around your availability, and most are incredibly easy and enjoyable.

Greeters (12): greet people at the door
Sides people (10): take up the collection, count the number of people present & direct people through communion
Servers (5-6): carry the cross, put out candles, etc
Readers (13): simply read the designated reading which are sent out to you in advance
Intercessions (5): prepare and lead us through the prayers of the people
Chalice (8): distribute the wine during communion
Projection (4-6): sit in the booth and advance the slides through the service, click the camera view numbers on the remote, start & stop the YouTube stream
Sound Board (just 3): make minor adjustments to the sound board to keep everything sounding good
Coffee (4 teams): make coffee, provide a treat, and clean up as part of a team
Counters (11): count and record the offerings, prepare the bank deposit
Altar Guild (5): prepare the altar for services
Musician: play and/or sing! Rehearsal runs every Thursday at 1pm for the upcoming service and 9am Sunday
Prayer Ministry: provide healing prayer for others
Sunday School: help teach
Hospitality: help with special events (set up, clean up, kitchen help, etc)
Auggie's Cafe: set up, cooks, dishwashers, servers, bussers, clean up
Property Management Team: do odd jobs and oversee the maintenance of our building & grounds
Other: if you have a gift to share that's not listed, please let us know!

Detailed information is available upon non-committal request! ***Please*** **contact the office to sign up, we would really appreciate you sharing your gifts!**

Ready for a Kick Ass Fundraiser
to Support Our Community

We are now taking orders for these delicious caramels!
For every $10 bag of Caramels sold, Kick Ass Caramels donates $3.00 to the Kinsmen Christmas Hampers. Orders and funds are due Tuesday, October 21st.

Available flavors are:

Salted Caramel	***Classic***
Rum & Butter	***Maple***
Black Licorice	***Mint Chocolate***
Eggnog	***Gingerbread***
London Fog	***Vegan Coconut***

~ All Caramels are gluten free.
~ For large orders over 20 bags, a sticker with your business' name will be attached free of charge.

Michelle & Winnie are taking orders now!

Reminder: We are planning a fire drill for Sunday, October 18 at the end of the service! For those that are not able to participate in the fire drill, that's okay, you can stay behind because it is a drill. But for those that are able, it's good to know what we should be doing in case of a real emergency and how to safely exit the building and gather at the muster point.

Rev. Kev's Agenda:

- Wednesday, October 7: Funeral Planning Meeting
- Wednesday, October 7: Copper Sky Service
- Thursday, October 8: Community Regional Prayer Gathering at Spruce Grove Community Church
- Friday, October 9: Community Games Night
- Wednesday, October 13: St. Michael's, Fenwyck Height Service
- Wednesday, October 14: Corporation Meeting
- Wednesday, October 16: Funeral (June Olsen) at Serenity in Edmonton
- Sunday, October 18: Fire Drill and Vestry Meeting
- Wednesday, October 21: Copper Sky Communion Service
- Thursday, October 22: Dinner with Primate Shane Parker, Bishop Steve, and Archdeacons
- Friday, October 23 – Saturday, October 23: 70th Synod

Rev. Kevin can be contacted by calling the church at 780-962-5131 or by email at parklandpriest@gmail.com. In pastoral emergencies he can be reached at 780-993-9985

During the 6:30pm opening eucharist to start Synod this year; on Friday, October 23rd at All Saints' Cathedral (10035-103 Street, Edmonton) <u>all are welcome</u> to attend the collation of our own Rev. Kev as he is formally seated as The Venerable Kevin Kraglund, Archdeacon of Rural Ministry. Yes, he gets one of those fancy seats at the front of the Cathedral!

Tabernacle Candle:

The candle was sponsored this week by David Dunbar, remembering his beautiful wife Paula on their Oct. 5th Anniversary; and by Bill & Debbie Courtis celebrating their wedding anniversary

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If you would like to sponsor the candle for $10 in memory of a loved one (perhaps on a birthday, anniversary or other important date), please do let us know! We are not limited to one sponsor per week.

Oct. 11th	- Bill & Helen Steinburg celebrating their 60th anniversary - Margaret Whelan in loving memory of Bernie's mother Janet Whelan and son Todd Whelan
Oct. 18th	- Bill & Judy Kesanko remembering David's birthday
Oct. 25th	- open
Nov. 1st	- Bill & Judy Kesanko remembering David

EconoLube Free Tire Changeover Event in support of NeighbourLink

With an Oil Change you get:
✅ FREE On-Rim Tire Changeover OR
✅ $30 OFF your changeover if your tires need to be mounted and balanced
✅ No appointment needed — just have your tires with you when you go in for your oil change.

The tire changeover must be done during the purchased oil change.
This promotion runs from September 21 - October 30

ALL are welcome to come join in the fun so bring all of your friends - Friday, October 9th at 6:30pm!

Participants are encouraged to bring their favorite games, snacks, and beverages.

*Admission is **FREE** but Food Bank donations are encouraged and appreciated.*

Please note: There will be no Sunday School on: Sunday, October 11th & Sunday October 25th

Wasn't that fun?!

Thank you Rev. Lesley for providing such a fun and unique way to participate in the Blessing of the Animals! Huge thanks to all who brought their stuffies in to be blessed in place of their actual animals. *Thanks to Tracy & Debbie for sharing their photos!*

This week we'd like to recognize these Superstars for their contributions to our parish:

- *Marion Coates ~ her dedication to taking care of our flowerbeds and keeping the grounds looking pretty!*
- *Drew & Emma Wilson ~ for sharing a bit of your story last week on the way Makenzie is a true blessing of God. We are so thankful to have her (and you) here with us.*
- *Greg Hanna, Bobbi Thon, & Betty Squance ~ for taking Co-op gift card orders for us helping make this a fantastic fundraiser!*

You (& many others) are greatly appreciated! Thank you!

Upcoming events:

Friday, October 9th - 6:30pm Community Games Night
Tuesday, October 13th - Vestry Reports Due
Sunday, October 18th - Fire Drill!
Sunday, October 18th - Vestry Meeting
Friday, October 23rd - 6:30pm Opening Eucharist to start Synod (Rev. Kevin's collation!)