



St. Luke's Leeds

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Welcome to our 'Annual Approach', our yearly opportunity to approach each other in conversation as we discern how God is calling our church community to serve in the year ahead. Even though our 'approach' will keep at least 2m distance, we hope it will be a fruitful time of sharing.

This year, we are joining congregations across the Anglican Church of Canada, accepting our Primate, Linda Nicholls', invitation to 'Surprised by the Spirit' conversation circles. "What surprises do we need to grieve? What surprises do we need to celebrate?" Praying about and discussing questions like these will help us to acknowledge the surprises of the past year; and, listen for what the Spirit is telling us about the path ahead.

We are living through some very difficult times, with much uncertainty about what the future holds. In 1st Thessalonians 5, writing to a community which is also in the midst of difficult times, St. Paul exhorts the people to "encourage one another and build up each other." As Trustees of this congregation, we trust St. Paul's words, and believe it is so important for us to take opportunities such as this to share with each other. Our mutual participation and encouragement is essential to the ministry and mission to which we are called.

In this package you will find

- A resource for a time of grief - End of Life Planning: A Guide to Will Preparation and Funeral Instructions
- A gift for a time of celebration - a candle with a 'Surprised by the Spirit / Spark' firefly holder
- A resource with information on Truth and Reconciliation, the Season of Creation and Climate Care, ways to give in the wider Anglican Church, and related prayers
- Our 2021 Narrative Budget, which is based upon our Ministry Plan for this year and has financial information updated based on the year to date.
- An intention card for 2022, inviting you to pray about and, we hope, indicate how you feel called to support St. Luke's ministry in the year ahead. We fully recognize

that there are a number of factors that make it difficult for all of us to plan both our use of our time and our gifts, and our capacity to provide financial support, but we believe this makes it all the more important for each of us to pray and think about this and communicate that intention for the best possible planning for our congregation as a whole.

- A guide to proportional giving
- Our 2021 Theme bookmark

With our prayers for you in the surprises you are grieving, and our joy with you in those surprises you are celebrating,

St. Luke's Trustees:

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