

# Celebration 2010

## *Growing in Ministry*

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### *God's Work at St. Peter's*

Today we have the blessing of an amazing number of ministries serving from our Church.

Time devoted by our Clergy and volunteers is shared among various ministries such as:

- ❖ **Worship**
- ❖ **Outreach**
- ❖ **Pastoral Care**
- ❖ **Fellowship and Communication**
- ❖ **Christian Development and Education**

Each of our ministries is supported by hundreds of hours of volunteer time. Our time is given to activities that support not only members of our church but also those in need in our surrounding community and beyond. For example we minister to those in our own community who are hospitalized or unable to leave their homes to attend church—and we also minister to people who are homeless, hungry, and to children with serious illnesses or disabilities.

This pamphlet contains information about each one of these ministries. Inside are also remarkable testimonies about how lives are changed by the ministries of St. Peter's Anglican Church.

Have a look inside--you may be surprised by all of the activities happening in the life of our church.

In 2010 St. Peter's will celebrate a milestone anniversary. Next year will be the 50th anniversary of the completion of our Church building. Imagine how our church members planned and built our Church in 1960, amid the prairie grasses on the site of an old racetrack. As a result of the foresight, generosity and hard work of those members and clergy in the 1950s and 1960s, a centre of worship and Christian life has faithfully served this community for 50 years.

The building of our church was a remarkable achievement by the leaders of our past. Of course there is so much more to St. Peter's than our facilities. We minister from our building in many ways. We offer a gathering place for many community organizations that share common goals with us.



**ST. PETER'S**  
ANGLICAN CHURCH

*To Share God's Love in All that We Do*

# Our Ministries

## Worship

*“Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.” Psalm 100:2*

**We warmly welcome you and your friends and neighbors as we gather as a community of faith where we celebrate God’s presence and respond to God’s call to service in our world. Our Clergy, working with our Music Director and Worship Committee, prepare the weekly worship services. We have a strong tradition of involving lay people in leadership in our worship. Our worship includes:**

- Sunday morning services at 8 and 10 and special services such as on Good Friday, through Holy Week, All Soul’s and Christmas Eve
- Funerals, weddings and baptisms
- Sidespeople and Greeters
- Thursday morning chapel services
- Monthly Wednesday Seniors’ service
- Music under the direction of our Music Director, Chris Fullerton, including planning and performance of choir, organist, and other music
- Worship resources
- Sermon preparation
- Service planning and development
- Training and development of scripture readers, lay leaders, servers and others

## Fellowship and Communication

*“They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all people.” Acts 2:46b-47a*

**We support one another and keep in touch with our members by social gatherings and written communication, including:**

- Anglican Church Women
- Stampede Breakfast
- Parish Picnic
- Lobster Dinner
- Golf Tournament
- Harvest BBQ
- Bridge Club
- First Friday Club
- Prayer Circle--a confidential prayer ministry of individuals who lift to the love of God a number of prayer requests on a regular basis.
- Web site
- A weekly email –“Setting Sail”
- The newsletter “The Fisherman’s Catch”
- Prayer partner program
- Youth Group
- St. Peter’s Players
- Fall Fair
- Rummage Sale



# Our Ministries

## Christian Development and Education

*“Blessed is the one who finds wisdom, the one who gains understanding, for wisdom is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold....” Proverbs 3:13-14*

**Through Christian Education and Development, we seek to grow in our knowledge of what it means to be people of God in our modern world. We provide education for both adults and children to keep the mystery of God’s presence in our lives as we explore, question and talk together.**

- Thursday morning “Food for Thought” Bible Study
- Hunger for Healing, a program in spiritual growth
- Wednesday evening Christian Education workshops
- Marriage and Baptism preparation
- Weekly Meditation--Wednesday and Monday
- Confirmation classes
- Labyrinth Walking / Meditation
- Our children’s program, “Spirit Zone”; coordinated by Joan Hanna, our Sunday School Director, includes:
  - Nursery
  - Sunday School
  - Summer Vacation Bible School
  - Easter and Christmas pageants
- Education for Ministry Program
- Stephen Ministers—training caregivers to provide emotional and spiritual care to those faced with a crisis or difficulty

## Pastoral Care

*“Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never lack in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer, Share with God’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.” Romans 12: 10-13*

**We offer ongoing care and support to all members and friends of our congregation. We respond to individuals in times of crisis such as illness or bereavement. We keep in touch with members who are housebound or who live in seniors’ residences and can no longer come to church. Our Clergy and volunteer visitors want each person to feel the love of God being shared with one another in pastoral ministries such as:**

- Individual counseling
- Home and hospital visits
- Taking Holy Communion to the three care homes in our parish
- Midweek social after Wednesday service
- Prayer shawls knitted by members of St. Peter’s are blessed and given to those in need.
- Prayer group, monthly
- Mayfair Care Home Sunday afternoon service on a rotating basis with other Churches.
- Easter Baskets and Christmas hampers delivered to those unable to come to Church
- Stephen Ministries--Stephen Ministers provide private emotional and spiritual care of a Christian friend to those faced with a crisis or difficulty



# Our Ministries

## Outreach

*"All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had." Acts 4:32*

**As people of God, we are called to work in the world around us. We provide time and money for the work of the church beyond our church walls.**

**We have a strong ministry of outreach in Calgary, in Alberta through the Diocese of Calgary, and nationally and in countries all around the world through the Anglican Church in Canada. Some of the support we provide includes:**

**Diocesan Apportionment**--through the Diocese of Calgary:

- Anglican parishes in remote areas of Southern Alberta
- Aboriginal ministries in our Diocese
- Through our National Church:
  - Partnerships in refugee rights, justice camps, Anglican friends overseas, and healing among Indigenous peoples;
  - Council of the North, assisting Anglican parishes in northern areas of Canada's provinces and territories;
  - Indigenous Ministries—establishing the future of Aboriginal Anglicanism.

**Inn From the Cold**— provides dinner, a bed for the night, breakfast and a bagged lunch to homeless individuals. St. Peter's co-hosts with St. Anthony's Church once a month providing shelter for families, homeless teenagers, the working poor and homeless unemployed.. We alternate cooking and set-up, hosting and cleaning.

**Ronald McDonald House**—dedicated to helping children with serious illnesses or disabilities, and their families, lead happier and healthier lives. Parish members donate time to Ronald McDonald House Charities.

**Mustard Seed Ministries**—a non-profit Christian organization caring for Calgary's homeless. It provides food, clothing, and shelter provisions as well as education and employment training programs, supported housing, arts and recreation programs, and other services.

**Primate's World Relief Development Fund**— an agency for sustainable development, relief, refugees, and global justice, making financial and human resources available for initiatives and actions in Canada and around the world.

## Testimonials

*As a new member of St. Peter's I continue to be utterly amazed at how kind and welcoming everyone is at St. Peter's. Regardless of how I ended up back at St Peter's it has been such a gift. I don't really know what to do with it yet, other than continue to get used to it, but I hope eventually I can start to give back even a fraction of what I have received.—Anonymous*

*When I moved to Calgary a few years ago, it was a big change for me in many ways. I missed my friends a lot. God was a friend who was always with me. He helped me through a difficult transition, and I know He has helped many others too. I've made some wonderful friends here and people have been really kind.—Member of St. Peter's Youth Group*

*Thank you to our church family of St. Peter's for all your prayers, flowers, cards and phone calls during my last stay in the Rockyview Hospital...God Bless you All. You are a great family.—Annis Siddall.*

*"I wish I could have the right words to describe how much gratitude and joy people expressed towards you... for your unfaltering support. Your commitment is making a difference in people's lives."—The Masasi (St. Peter's purchases handmade Palm Crosses made by villagers in the Masasi area of Tanzania, where family income is less than \$100 a year from farming.*

*"I met a couple once who were volunteering together at Inn from the Cold Society. Their love and devotion to the mission of the Inn floored me. I didn't believe that it was going to be "alright" at first, but when I arrived at the church that night, and this couple showed me the meaning of unconditional kindness, I knew that it was actually going to be fine in that moment..."—Guest at Inn From the Cold*

*I just can't stress enough how the Mustard Seed gives you all of the resources you need. When you don't have meds, food and shelter...it's rough. I had no family out here, and you guys gave me that."—Kim, guest at Mustard Seed Shelter*

# A Message from Richard

## To the Community of St. Peter's:

I am delighted to write a word of encouragement among so many examples of the high level of care, thoughtfulness and commitment that the people of St. Peter's bring to the life and ministry of this church.

For most of our marriage Rhonde and I have sought to give around 4% of our after-tax earnings to the non-for-profit sector. We have a son with Type 1 diabetes and hence support the various diabetes associations and research for a cure. We give annual donations to two of the colleges which formed our lives, and there are some smaller donations made to worthy "causes" among the myriad of good causes who solicit our support.

The Church however, receives at least 70% of our total donations. We do that because we know that while all of the other "causes" draw upon lists of tens of thousands of donors and apply for the vast reserves of Provincial Lottery money, the Church has only a very limited community to enable its life and mission. The Church's life and mission are of paramount importance to us and so we express our strongest commitment to St. Peter's ongoing vitality. Our wish is to see a Church that can always be strident in the name of Jesus Christ, in youth ministry, pastoral care, worship and outreach.

St. Peter's is a strong parish and its strength depends on everyone's on-going commitment. On behalf of every aspect of St. Peter's ministry, may I express sincerest thanks for your commitment, generosity and faithfulness.

May the love of Christ inspire you in all things,

Warmly,




## How We Allocate Our Time and Resources

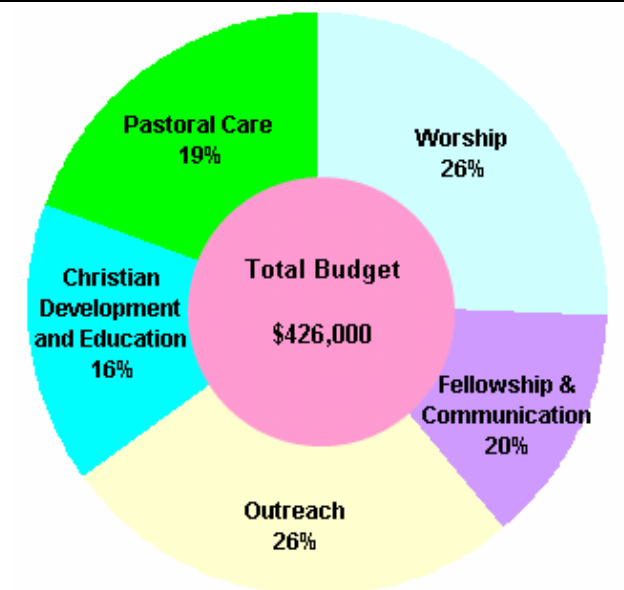
The previous pages describe ministries at St. Peter's. Our ministries are supported by the work of our Clergy team, our Music and Education teams, and countless volunteer hours.

**An estimated allocation of Clergy and Staff time is:**

- ❖ Pastoral Care - 25%
- ❖ Worship - 25%
- ❖ Christian Education and Development - 20%
- ❖ Outreach - 15%
- ❖ Fellowship - 15%

We also support ministries with financial resources, which include the cost of our Clergy and Staff time, the cost of our facilities, program expenses and the portion of our Diocesan Apportionment applicable to each ministry.

**The chart at right illustrates the estimated allocation of our total financial resources.**



# Stewardship at St. Peter's

⚡ Stewardship is not a program.  
⚡ Stewardship is not raising money...

As we celebrate our many vibrant ministries and look forward to their continued growth, we also recognize that resources are required to sustain this work. These ministries are only possible because of the generous amount of time and money our congregation invests in this mission.

This time of year is a time for celebrating what through Christ we have accomplished together and for consideration of our own personal investment of resources.

**There are many ways that St. Peter's members think about the investment of their personal resources in our ministries.**

❖ **One way to think about it is the value we have received or may receive from these ministries** for ourselves and our families, whether in the form of spiritual inspiration; baptisms, weddings or funerals; social fellowship and good cheer; or some aspect of pastoral care.

- ❖ **Some members invest their time and money in St. Peter's** because they view it as a devotional responsibility.
- ❖ **Another reason some give is that they truly feel that the more they invest, the more they flourish** in their own sense of meaning, joy and spiritual growth.
- ❖ For many of us it is some combination of these and other reasons.

The **personal testimonials** of three of our members who spoke to the congregation on how they think about this subject were presented at a recent Sunday service. For those who were not able to attend that service, the written testimonials are enclosed.

As we each consider the resources required to sustain our ministries, and our own personal investment, the information below and on the next page may be helpful.

## To Explore An Investment of Time

*My Father will honour anyone who serves me. John 12:26*

### What Can I Do?

- ❖ **Find a place** at St. Peter's where you are growing spiritually, such as Fellowship, Worship, or Christian Education.
- ❖ **Find a place** at St. Peter's in our church or in the community where you are being empowered to serve others in some way, such as Pastoral Care or Outreach.

**If you would like more information about any of St. Peter's Ministries or wish to volunteer, contact names for each ministry are noted below. Please contact us at 403-252-0393 or through the contacts section of our web site – <http://www.stpeterscalgary.ca/contact.htm>**

Ministry/Program	Contact
Christian Education	Jeff Oneski
Fellowship	Diane Mockridge
Facilities	Glenn Werth
Welcoming	Lois Ellis
Outreach	Claire White
Pastoral Care	Joan Siddall
Worship	Shelagh Innes

# Stewardship at St. Peter's

⚡ Stewardship is a journey.  
⚡ Stewardship is about life; in fact it is a way of life.

*Just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving. 2 Corinthians 8:7*

## Leadership Guidance on Financial Resources

The Finance Committee and Wardens have determined that to sustain the ministries ongoing at St. Peter's at their current level will require an increase in our giving to Christ's work of:

- **\$200 annually, or \$5 per week, from each household**
- **Households giving \$50 per week or more in 2009 might consider increasing their gift by 10%.**

**The St. Peter's leadership team including Clergy, Finance Committee, Wardens and Vestry, are committed to the above investment** of additional financial resources and will signify their commitments with "Target Donation" cards.

♥ **Worship** ♥ **Pastoral Care** ♥ **Fellowship**  
♥ **Baptism** ♥ **Marriage** ♥ **Funeral Services**  
♥ **Church School** ♥ **Youth Group**

Your parents and grandparents provided the volunteer time and the money to keep their Anglican Church financially sound so that it could offer all of the above ministries to its parishioners. It is now our turn to ensure St. Peter's Anglican Church will be there for the next 50 years for our children and grandchildren.

## Ways of Giving Financially

### Envelopes

You can place cash or cheques in an offering envelope on the collection plate during the service.

### Pre-Authorized Direct Donations

Commonly known as Auto-Debit, a pre-authorized direct donation program automatically debits the account of your choice on a regular basis as determined by you, at an amount you set.

#### Advantages to the church are ...

- Regular donations – especially through the summer.
- Less paperwork for our staff and volunteers.

#### Advantages to you are ...

- **Convenience:** Your donation is withdrawn directly from your account as you determine. Your donation will be made if you are unable to attend church.
- **Safety:** There is no cheque or cash to be lost.
- **Confidentiality:** Information on your account is stored confidentially and sent to your bank.

### Tax Credits

When you give to St. Peter's, you are eligible for a credit against any taxes that you pay.

In Alberta, the credit is very generous. The table below shows the cost of your donation after the tax benefit. Tax receipts are given for both envelope and auto-debit methods.

Total Annual Donations	Total Tax Credit	Cost after Tax Credit
\$500	\$200	\$300
\$1,000	\$450	\$550
\$2,000	\$950	\$1,050
\$5,000	\$2,450	\$2,550
\$10,000	\$4,950	\$5,050

# The Scriptures on Giving

The concept of Giving is expressed beautifully in both the Old and New Testaments

<p>As long as it is day, we must keep on doing the work of the One who sent me. <i>John 9:4</i></p> <p>Those who believed shared all things. <i>Acts 2:44</i></p> <p>Suppose a brother or sister who needs clothes and doesn't have enough to eat...what good is there...if you don't give them the necessities of life? <i>James 2:15</i></p> <p>Whoever has two shirts must give one to those who had none, and whoever has food must share it. <i>Luke 3:11</i></p> <p>Therefore I command you, You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in the land. <i>Deuteronomy 15:11</i></p> <p>Those who confer benefits will be amply enriched, and those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed. <i>Proverbs 11:25</i></p> <p>You can be sure that whoever gives even a drink of cold water to one of the least of my followers, will certainly receive a reward. <i>Matthew 10:42</i></p> <p>I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important of my followers, you did it for me. <i>Matthew 25:40</i></p> <p>Give to others, and God will give to you...the measure you use for others is the one that God will use for you. <i>Luke 6:38</i></p>	<p>Honour the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. <i>Proverbs 3:9-10</i></p> <p>Much is required of the person to whom much is given; much more is required from the person to whom more is given. <i>Luke 12:48</i></p> <p>There is more happiness in giving than in receiving. <i>Acts 20:35</i></p> <p>They have been severely tested by the troubles they went through; but their joy was so great that they were extremely generous in their giving. <i>2 Corinthians 8:2</i></p> <p>Everyone must give according to what they have inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver. <i>2 Corinthians 9:7</i></p> <p>God is able to give you more than you need, so that you will always have all you need for yourselves and more than enough for every good cause. <i>2 Corinthians 9:8</i></p> <p>Command them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share with others. <i>1 Timothy 6:18</i></p> <p>Every one shall give as they are able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God which he has given you. <i>Deuteronomy 16:17</i></p>
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## Contact

Please feel free to contact any of the following about anything in this booklet. To contact via email click here: <http://www.stpeterscalgary.ca/contact.htm>

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