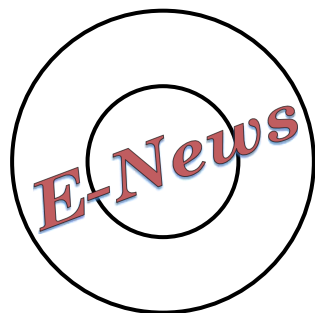


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# Ardrossan United Church



## UPCOMING SERVICES @ 10AM

**September 29, 2024**  
Karen Gusek  
*Food Bank Sunday*  
(remember to bring a donation)

**October 6, 2024**  
Rev. Hugh MacGregor  
*World Communion Sunday*

**October 13, 2024**  
Rev. Hugh MacGregor  
*Thanksgiving*



**October 20, 2024**  
Karen Gusek

### **FROM THE DESK OF REV. HUGH!**

As I sat down to write this today, I realized that I had not filled you in on what our summer holidays had been like. I included that in my report to the Board this past week, but have not told everyone else.

Diana, Caryn, and I left on August 2nd for a trip to Southern Alberta. We drove Highway 21 south. We stopped at a unique restaurant in Trochu. Elvis lives!! Or maybe it was the Fonze!

We zigzagged around Strathmore and ended up in Lethbridge. It was a great time of year to make a trip from north to south. As we drove along 21 the grain fields were still fairly green but as we got further south there were some fields swathed and then down towards Strathmore a lot of harvesting was already done. We passed fields where there were 3 or 4 combines straight combining... no swathing needed. It was great to see and reminded us of the difference that a few hundred kilometres north/south makes...at least three weeks in agriculture -time...maybe four.

We did the touristy things around Lethbridge...Farmer's Market, Japanese Garden, baseball game, RCMP museum in Ft. McLeod, Head Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, and Writing on Stone. Meaghan and the grandkids joined us for most of that time. At the Japanese Garden, there was a storyteller. It turned out to be Tad Mitsui who I met over 40 years ago. He is now 92...born in Tokyo and attended seminary there. Then moved to Canada and the United Church. Pastored in Vancouver, taught seminary in Africa, worked in national office. It was good to get reacquainted briefly.

Diana, Caryn and I headed for Medicine Hat and renewed our memories of the city where we had lived for 9 years (Caryn only 8). It was very interesting to see all the changes that happened in the 26 years since we moved north. We enjoyed exploring the city and checking out the ice cream shops, the lake at Elkwater, all the parks, the school where both girls attended pre-school and kindergarten...now bought and renovated into a private home...the WHOLE school!

It was a different summer trip...not our usual foray into BC. Part of that was due to the BC government changing Airbnb rules. Maybe next summer it will be the time to drive north and see what we have never seen.

*HUGH*

## CONGREGATIONAL CORNER

### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

#### **Blessed Stewards**

Coffee and fellowship every Thursday morning at 9:30am. All are welcome!

#### **Knitting Club**

2nd and 4th—Thursdays monthly;  
10:30am in the Little Church

#### **Band Practice**

Wednesday (September 25th) at 2:00pm



### **MORE WAYS TO GIVE BACK AT AUC!**

- \*\*Used Stamps are being collected to help buy Bibles for prisoners
- \*\*Shoes are being collected for donation to Soles 4 Souls. (Blue Bin outside AUC)
- \*\*Food Bank donations are encouraged every Sunday and are delivered each month to the **Strathcona Food Bank**.

### **KNITTING CLUB NEWS**

**This past month 239 Baby Beanies,  
10 Baby Blankets  
12 Twiddlemuffs and 3 frogs**



**All have been  
delivered to  
Covenant  
Health!  
WOW!**

**Celebrating  
100 Years  
of Deep • Bold • Daring**

**100<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY**

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100 Year Celebration of the United  
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[100 Years of Deep, Bold, Daring | The United  
Church of Canada \(united-church.ca\)](https://www.united-church.ca)

### **FALL IS HERE**

*"O sweet September, the first breezes bring the  
dry leaf's rustle and the squirrel's laughter, the  
cool fresh air whence health and vigor spring  
and promise of exceeding joy hereafter..."*

*George Arnold*

*September! Also known as the first month of Autumn  
season which is sometimes described as a second  
Spring where leaves in their  
brilliant colors are the flowers.*

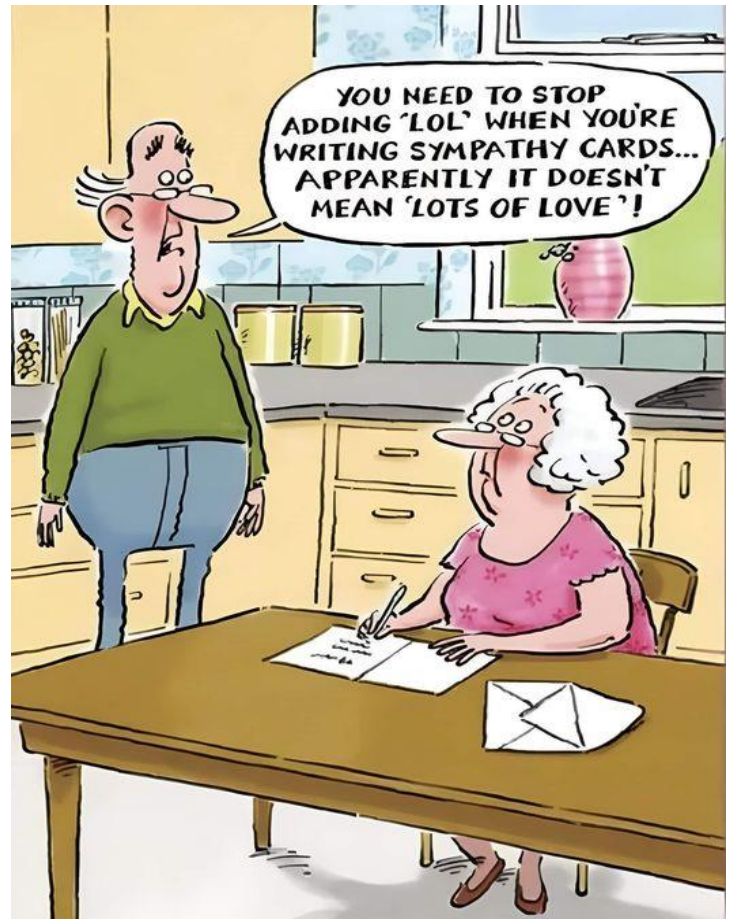
*Amber, Ember, and Rust tell of creation's  
new beginnings each Autumn season.*

*As we thank God for giving us the beauty of this  
season, we can give to others in many colorful ways.*

**Thank you for supporting Ardrossan United  
Church as we focus on the global community's  
needs and challenges.**

*If you would like to send  
your offering by mail:*

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# COMMUNITY CORNER



## OCTOBERFEST DINNER

October 4th, 2024  
6:00pm  
At

St. Johns Lutheran Church  
Ardrossan, AB

Adults: \$20  
Children 7-12: \$12  
Under 6: Free

Call: 780-922-2578—Karen  
Good Food, Fellowship and  
Entertainment!



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October 20-23, 2024

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THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

With

REV. DR. ROB FENNELL

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The United Church of Canada and Associate Professor  
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of Theology in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

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Worship Together • Learn Together • Grow Together

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
October 20th	October 21st	October 22nd	October 23rd
<b>Sherwood Park United</b> *with Ardrossan United "Who are We to the Holy Spirit?" 7 pm	<b>Bethel Lutheran</b> Afternoon Tea & Bible Study 2 pm  <b>Salisbury United</b> "Who is the Holy Spirit to Us?" 7 pm	<b>Glory Lutheran</b> Morning Coffee & Bible Study 10 am  <b>St. Thomas Anglican</b> "Who are We to Each Other?" 7 pm	<b>Mt. Olivet Lutheran</b> Afternoon Tea & Bible Study 2 pm  <b>OLPH Roman Catholic</b> "Who are We to the World?" 7 pm

## Ardrossan Curling Club

Join us this Fall/Winter in a fun and welcoming atmosphere!

### 2024/2025 League Schedule

We have the following options:

- Mondays** Morning Drop-in & Evening 50+
- Tuesdays** Ladies Morning Drop-in & Ladies Evening League
- Wednesday** Afternoon Juniors & Evening Mixed League
- Thursday** Afternoon 50+ & Evening Men's League
- Friday** Evening Open League

Bonspiels - Fun to be found throughout the year

Party/Meeting space – book our ice and/or lounge for your event.

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## TIBB PHARMACY CLINIC

*Please feel free to contact us at:  
780-673-6122 and speak  
directly with our Pharmacist, Joy!*

Email: [Contact@TibbPharmacyClinic.ca](mailto:Contact@TibbPharmacyClinic.ca)  
Address: 115-53073 Range Road 222,  
Ardrossan, AB

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Strathcona County  
A Community Network For Older Adults

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# September 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Karen Gusek	2	3	4 Playschool Open House	5 B.S 9:30 Playschool Setup	6	7
8 Rev. Hugh	9 Playschool Begins	10 UCW 1:30	11	12 B.S 9:30 Knitting 10:30	13	14
15 Rev. Hugh	16	17	18	19 B.S 9:30 Board Mtg 10:30	20	21
22 Jackie St. Goddard	23	24	25 Band 2:00pm	26 B.S 9:30 Knitting 10:30	27	28
29 Karen Gusek	30 	PLAYSCHOOL WILL RUN MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAYS, MORNING AND AFTERNOON CLASSES.				