

November 9, 2020



Dear friends,

As we consider God's blessings, we are in awe of His immense goodness toward us. The greatest gifts to us are His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior and the constant presence of His Holy Spirit working in the Church and in our lives. God endows each of us with gifts, talents and materials. Stewardship is acknowledging that God is the source of all that we have.

We are thankful for your faithfulness during Covid-19 and are excited to share all operations expenditures are being met by the donations, including the envelope assessment expenses received. Sadly, since the lockdown we have struggled to meet our apportionment commitments to the diocese and the diocese has graciously relieved us of half of our apportionment commitment.

Covid-19 is present nearly everywhere, and our community is no exception. We have an important role to play in continuing our mission to best serve our community. Will you join us? [Click here to donate to St. Peter's.](https://stpetesok.church/give) (stpetesok.church/give)

Some of the things we have been doing as we adjust our ministry to fulfil our missional participation in the kingdom of God during Covid are:

- Delivering Sunday School packages to children's homes;
- Calling parishioners and shut-ins more frequently, to keep in touch;
- Increasing our commitment in working with the Okotoks Food Bank;
- Writing and Delivering Pastoral Letters to help people stay informed;
- Visiting parishioners via social distancing;
- Offering weekly online worship; and,
- Encouraging the ministry of the Prayer Chain.

St. Peter's is continuing to prepare our mission facilities for a return to gathered in-person ministry. We are refreshing our facilities to be supportive of fulfilling our mission among our parishioners and community. Since the lockdown began many updates have been completed including:

- Painting of the foyer, back entrance hall, and serving room of Westwing
- Moving the library from back entrance hall to the serving room of Westwing;
- Cleaning and rethinking the nursery to better accommodate children;
- Updating our security system;
- Cleaning and reorganizing the sanctuary and nave;
- Renewing the A/V to facilitate simultaneous gathered and online worship;
- Installing 6 cameras in sanctuary for recording of worship;
- Upgrading computer to facilitate livestreaming;
- Beginning new cleaning and sanitizing protocols; and
- Hopefully soon having High Speed internet installed.

As we strive to follow Jesus, we grow into a way of living revealed in the writings of the Old and New Testament. A biblical understanding of stewardship helps us become aware that God is the true source of all that we possess, personally and corporately; and that these gifts must be shared from our 'first fruits,' not from what we have left over after satisfying all our own wants and needs. As Stewards we are custodians, not owners, of what God has given us: As we embody this way of living we experience obedience which makes glad the heart of God and deepens our relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ as it is a key part of our wholistic understanding of worship.

Looking ahead, as we prepare to address the concerns raised by the engineering Envelope Assessment the Corporation has established a separate account dedicated to Capital Funds; some have already begun giving towards this, thank-you.

As we prepare the budget for 2021 we invite assist us by sending a confidential estimate of your giving pledge to [Envelope Secretary](#). The included form makes this easy.

Yours Sincerely,

the Wardens and Treasurer.

Bernard von Blokland

Sean Busse

Andy Read

Dave Baker

Lorraine Betts

2021 Giving Pledge
St. Peter's Anglican Church, Okotoks



Parishioners are encouraged to support the ministry of St. Peter's by undertaking a regular financial contribution. This response card will be only be viewed by the Envelope Secretary.

The amount of your estimated contribution is confidential and known only by the envelope secretary who issues receipts for donations. Only the total pledge amount is communicated to the Corporation to assist with 2021 budget preparations.

This is my /our estimate of giving for 2021 in support of the ministry of St. Peter's.

I/We wish to support the ministry of St. Peter's Anglican Church and God willing give:

\$ _____ weekly;
\$ _____ monthly; or,
\$ _____ annually.

Is this an increase of your previous support? (optional)

Please circle one Yes No

Please indicate where appropriate:

- _____ Please provide Offering Envelopes for 2021
- _____ Please send me a Direct deposit Form
- _____ Information on other ways to donate

Printed Name _____

Current contact information

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Address _____

Mobile Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

Members of your household

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Please return to the Envelope Secretary by December 6, 2020. susan.torris@stpetesok.church