




### Confirmation on June 18

**Congratulations to  
Julia and Griffin**

 The Anglican Parish of  
Christ Church Elbow Park, Calgary  
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### Notices for Sunday, June 25

**Parish Lunch** following the 10:30 service today. Join us for some great food. Thank you to Rosemary Baverstock for managing the lunch and to all the volunteers who stepped forward to help out.

**The Choir will be taking a break** until September following today's service. During July and August a number of soloists will be assisting with the worship music at the 10.30 service. Best wishes to the Choir members for a lovely summer and see you in September.

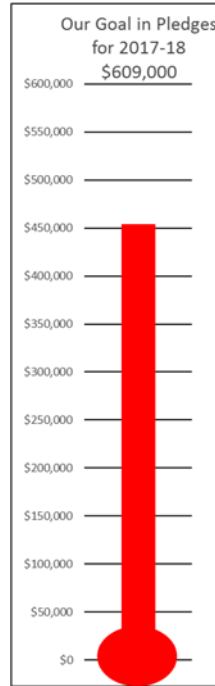
### Stewardship

**Church offerings benefit the community more than you can imagine** – The Cardus Social Cities research group recently released an extensive study on the impact of giving to churches. Using a measurement tool “The Halo Calculator” the research examines over 40 criteria to measure the impact of money “in the offering plate” translates to social good on the streets in major cities across Canada. The bottom line is for every dollar of church spending the net benefit to the community is \$4.77. The Calgary calculation, based on the total 2016 spending of 775 churches of \$452,411,000, shows a benefit to Calgary of \$2,158,000,000. Among the many benefits provided by churches that were included in the research are volunteer hours contributed to such things as social service organizations, seniors housing and seniors care, day cares and pre-schools, providing recreation space and use of facilities for support groups in alcohol and drug rehabilitation, family counselling, community services, social justice issues and many, many more. If you calculate the 50% tax credit for gifts in Alberta, each net dollar you give is leveraged 9.5 times.

**13<sup>th</sup> Month** – To assist us in reaching a balanced year end we are asking parishioners to consider making a "13th month" offering. For example, if you currently give \$100 per month, we are asking you for an additional special offering gift of \$100 over and above your normal giving. This initiative comes as we seek to

end 2016-7 in a financially strong position and to provide the necessary resources to restore our Associate Priest position. Like all of your other charitable giving, you are eligible for a 50% tax credit on this gift. I hope many will join with me and many others in making a 13th month gift!

**Pledge Goal** – We are extremely grateful for the strong and steady response to our annual pledge appeal. We would like to thank the 133 parishioners who have pledged a total of \$455,600 to date. We have now received 75% of our pledge goal for the 2017-8 fiscal year of \$609,000. Watch our “pledge thermometer” rise each week in the bulletin, on the thermometers posted in the Loggia and Crump Room and on our event calendar video screen. Two-thirds of those who pledged to date included an increase to help us reach our goal of restoring the Associate Priest position this fall.



### Spirituality & Worship

**Daily Prayer for the Season of Pentecost**—Prayer booklets and a list of readings for June through to December 2 are available in the Narthex and the Loggia. The daily readings will cover the next 6 months until the Saturday before the first Sunday of Advent.

### From the Rector

**Ministry of Healing:** Have you been involved in this ministry in the past at Christ Church? If so, can you please drop me a note or let know? I am interested in hearing from those who understand how this important ministry has been a part of our community life in the past and whether there is knowledge and support for it to be a part of our future.

### Education & Friendship



**Volunteers needed !!! Teach Sunday School one or many Sundays in July and August.** Our faithful Sunday School Teachers are in much need of respite after teaching since September. All materials are provided. The lesson is never more than 45 minutes. This is a wonderful opportunity to

meet our young parishioners. Please contact Charmaine Evans at 403-243-4680 ext. 125 or by email at [familyministry@christchurchcalgary.org](mailto:familyministry@christchurchcalgary.org)

### Other

**Suzan Pedersen**, our Parish Administrator is on vacation until July 24. Thank you to Bruce and Martha DuPlessis and Betty Craigie for assisting in the office while she is away. They will be covering the front desk between 8:30 and 12:30 weekdays, but please call ahead if you are planning to drop by the office.

### June Dates

June 25	12:00 p.m.	Church Lunch following the 10:30 service
July 9		Stampede Breakfast

### Midweek Services

June 28	12:15 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
	5:00 p.m.	Meditation



**Stampede Breakfast and Service, July 9.** The Stampede Fiddlers will join us once again with some great fiddlin’ and we are blessed to have Doris Daley, the Cowboy Poet, as a special speaker at the 10:30 service. All invited for some great food, great music and great poetry! Breakfast will be served starting around 9:00 a.m. and end by 10:15 a.m.

