

Office of the City Clerk

November 29, 2023

#### RE: NOTICE OF HEARING - SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD

An appeal has been filed against the Stop Order issued by the Development Officer on November 10, 2023 for operating a resource centre, personal service, and medical and health offices (outpatient) without the necessary development permits at 323 4 Street South.

When an appeal is filed with the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB), all persons who own property within 200 feet or 60 meters of the development are notified of the hearing by way of this letter. In addition, the owner of the property will also receive a copy of this letter.

The Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAB) will hold a Public Hearing as follows:

DATE:

Thursday, December 21, 2023

TIME:

5:00 p.m.

LOCATION:

Council Chambers, Main Floor, City Hall

910 - 4 Avenue South

Persons affected by this development have the right to present a written, verbal and/or visual submission to the Board. When making a presentation, keep in mind that in accordance with the legislation that governs the SDAB, the Board can only consider relevant planning matters when rendering its decision. It is recommended that you limit your presentation to five minutes.

If you wish to submit written material to the Board, it should be delivered to the Secretary of the SDAB via email at <a href="mailto:david.sarsfield@lethbridge.ca">david.sarsfield@lethbridge.ca</a>, including your full name and mailing address no later than 12:00 noon on Monday, December 18, 2023. If you are unable to meet this submission deadline, please bring 12 copies of the materials to the Hearing and it will be distributed at the start of the Hearing. Any written and/or visual material received will be made available to the public.

We will be pleased to answer any questions you may have regarding the appeal and can also provide information or advice on Board procedures and how to make presentations to the Board. Please feel free to contact me at 403 329 7329 if you have any questions.

Yours truly.

David Sarsfield Board Secretary,

Subdivision and Development Appeal Board

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November 28, 2023

The Secretary
Subdivision & Development Appeal Board
Office of the City Clerk, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall
910-4<sup>th</sup> Avenue South
Lethbridge, AB T1J 0P6

Dear Sir,

RE: Stop Order File #DEN00704 - Contravention of Section 12 of Land Use Bylaw 6300

In accordance with sections 678 and 686 of the Municipal Government Act and The City of Lethbridge Bylaw 4749, we attach our appeal to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board regarding a Stop Order issued November 10, 2023.

Please advise when we can expect the hearing to be held.

Yours truly, STREETS ALIVE FAMILY SUPPORT ASSOCIATION

Ken Kissick, CFRE Co-Founder/Director



# **NOTICE OF APPEAL**

# **Subdivision & Development Appeal Board**

In accordance with sections 6	78 and 686 of t	he Municipal Government Ac	t and The City of Lethbr	ridge Bylaw 4749, an appeal to		
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Our File #: **DEN00704** 

Date: October 13, 2023

Streets Alive Mission 323 4 St S Lethbridge AB T1J 1Z9 **GATEWAY TO OPPORTUNITY** 

**P.** 403-320-3920

**W.** Lethbridge.ca

E. PlanningandDesign@lethbridge.ca

RE: Contravention of Development Permit DP2000-0383 for Religious Assembly

Subject: 323 4 ST S, Lethbridge, AB (the "Property")

Further to our letter of July 13, 2023, as you are likely aware, numerous site inspections were conducted by City staff between August 3 and September 6, 2023, to determine if the activities taking place at the Property are within the scope of the Development Permit for 'Religious Assembly' that was approved for the Property on May 2, 2000. Information was also requested and provided by your organization during and following the site inspections.

After careful review of the activities observed during these site inspections and the information provided to the City by your organization, it is the opinion of the Development Authority that some of the activities taking place at the Property do not conform with and/or exceed the supplementary activities allowed within the approved Use of 'Religious Assembly'. As such, the activities identified below require further development approvals outlined below. This property is zoned C-D (Downtown Commercial District), and the three additional Uses are permitted and discretionary Uses in this district.

The contravening activities are as follows:

- 1. The weekly attendance of the Community Paramedics;
- 2. The hair care services and Foot Fridays;
- 3. The operation of the Financial Administrator Program, PIN Clothing Bank, the provision of lockers for non-employees/volunteers of your organization, and the allowance of your Property to be used as a mailing address for non-employees/volunteers of your organization.

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Your options to bring this property into compliance are:

- 1. **On or before October 31, 2023,** make a development permit application for the following Uses:
  - a. 'Medical and Health Office (Outpatient)', permitted use, for the weekly attendance of the Community Paramedics to attend the Property;
  - b. 'Personal Service', permitted use, for the hair care and the foot Fridays; and;
  - c. 'Resource Centre', discretionary use, for the PIN Clothing Bank, the Financial Administrator program, the allowance of your location to be used as an address for mailing non-employees/volunteers, and the provision of lockers to non-employees/volunteers of your organization.
- 2. You cease all of the above noted activities that do not comply with the Development Permit for Religious Assembly on or before October 31, 2023.

Failure to apply for a development permit for the identified Uses on or before October 31, 2023, or in the alternative, failure to cease the identified activities that do not comply with the Development Permit for Religious Assembly on or before October 31, 2023, will result in the Development Authority issuing a stop order to cease the applicable activities.

Please contact me at 403-320-4950 or by email at <a href="mailto:Angie.Olsen@lethbridge.ca">Angie.Olsen@lethbridge.ca</a> by October 31, 2023 to advise whether you will be making an application for a development permit for the identified Uses or will be voluntarily ceasing the above noted activities.

Sincerely,

Angela Olsen

Development Manager, Planning and Design

403-320-4950

Angie.Olsen@lethbridge.ca

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cc: Maureen Gaehring

#### **FOIP**



October 30, 2023

Angela Olsen
Development Manager, Planning and Design
910-4<sup>th</sup> Avenue South
Lethbridge, AB T1J 0P6

Dear Ms. Olsen,

#### RE: File #DEN00704 - Contravention of Development Permit DP2000-0383

To your letter of October 13, 2023, and subsequent e-mail correspondence of October 23,2023 and October 26, 2023, we are extremely disappointed that Development Authority has no ability to have discussions regarding opinions developed out of site inspections and information openly and gladly provided by our organization.

We are also disappointed that conclusions regarding certain activities of Streets Alive Mission have been drawn without information or evidence being provided as to how those conclusions were made.

We would like to remind the Development Authority that during the investigation, that was extensive, we continually reminded those conducting the investigation that our position for the past 30 years of which 20 years have been in our current location is that the activities of Streets Alive Mission are more than covered under the definitions of the City of Lethbridge's current land use bylaw. We provide for reference the following definitions from Land Use Bylaw 6300:

**Religious Assembly** means Development for *worship activities* and includes *supplementary religious instruction, philanthropic and social activities*, and staff residences. Amusement, fitness/recreational and community instructional activities may be incorporated as Accessory Uses. This term refers to Uses such as chapels, churches, convents, manses, monasteries, mosques, parish halls, rectories, synagogues, and temples.

Supplementary Use means a Use of land or Buildings which is secondary or subsidiary to, but a part of or integral to, the Principal Use of the same Parcel, Building or Site

Evangelical Christian worship is reverence and awe for our Heavenly Father demonstrated through obedience to His Word and active service. The activities of Streets Alive Mission are conducted firstly as our worship of Heavenly Father through active service. These activities create no harm, are not immoral, and benefit mankind and the community. Even if some were deemed to be secondary, they remain integral.

We provide the following Biblical references, which are not exhaustive but provide foundational truths for our worship and service.

Matthew 25:31-40 "But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit upon his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep at his right hand and the goats at his left. "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me." "Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?" "And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!"

**Deuteronomy 15:11** For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore, I command you, "You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land."

**Psalm 82:3-4** "Give justice to the poor and the orphan; uphold the rights of the oppressed and the destitute. Rescue the poor and helpless; deliver them from the grasp of evil people.

Isaiah 58:6-7 "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and until the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed (broken, crushed, discouraged, struggling) free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter-when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

Further we provide the following exerts from the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, Section 2(a) – Freedom of Religion

#### Purpose

The purpose of section 2(a) is to prevent interference with profoundly held personal beliefs that govern one's perception of oneself, humankind, nature, and, in some cases, a higher or different order of being.

#### **Analysis**

#### 1. Freedom of religion General

Freedom of religion has been defined as "the right to entertain such religious beliefs as a person chooses, the right to declare religious beliefs openly and without fear of hindrance or reprisal, and the right to manifest religious belief by worship and practice or by teaching and dissemination."

That "religion" typically involves: a particular and comprehensive system of faith and worship; a belief in a divine, superhuman or controlling power; and/or a personal conviction or belief that fosters a connection with the divine or with the subject or object of that spiritual faith.

Based on the preceding comments and information we remain resolute that none of our activities are non-conforming or exceed the supplementary activities allowed under the Religious Assembly permit 2000-0383. We also contend that they are protected under Section 2(a) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

We advise that we see no reason to apply for any of the permits suggested in your letter of October 13, 2023.

Yours truly,

STREETS ALIVE FAMILY SUPPORT ASSOCIATION

Ken Kissick, CFRE

Co-Founder/Director

Cc: Maureen Gaehring, Lloyd Brierley, Mayor and Council



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#### STOP ORDER

Our File: **DEN00704** 

Date: November 10, 2023

REGISTERED MAIL

STREETS ALIVE FAMILY SUPPORT ASSOCIATION 323 - 4 STREET SOUTH LETHBRIDGE AB T1J 1Z9

AAROL LEE PENNY PATTENDEN 7 WESTWOOD ROAD CALGARY AB T3Z 3J8

RE: Contravention of Section 12 of Land Use Bylaw 6300

Subject: Resource Centre, Personal Service and Medical and Health Office (outpatient) Located at 323 4 Street South, Lethbridge, AB (the "Property") Plan 4353S Block 31 Lot Twenty nine (29) and the south half of Lot Thirty (30) Current Zoning: C-D, Downtown Commercial District.

The City of Lethbridge's ("City)" Planning and Design department received complaints in July and August of 2023 about activities taking place at the Property, including allegations that the activities of a drop-in service, soup kitchen, clothing bank and public use of common spaces were taking place at the Property.

Our staff conducted an investigation that included scheduled and unscheduled site visits where we observed the following activities and learned of:

- Patrons accessing the People In Need (PIN) clothing bank, located in a large area of your basement, with organizational limits of one visit per week, per patron;
- Patrons attending appointments to access funds with Streets Alive staff administrating funds for patrons;
- Patrons accessing washroom facilities and being provided access to water and coffee;
- The distribution of gender specific hygiene packages upon request;
- Community paramedics attending to patrons' wounds;

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- Patrons collecting mail and using lockers to store their belongings;
- A high volume of patrons attending the Property on certain days;
- Patrons typically attending inside the building for no longer than 15-30 minutes at a time;
- Two hair cutting stations and 1 hair wash station.

Our staff were also provided the following information from members of the Streets Alive Family Support Association ("Streets Alive"):

- Food is only distributed when it is donated and cannot be rerouted to the Food Bank or Soup Kitchen;
- The kitchen located at the Property is used by members of a recovery program for their own consumption;
- Patrons use the lockers to store their belongings when visiting the Court House across the street or when they are accessing the PIN bank;
- An Alberta Health Services ("AHS") mobile community paramedic attends the Property on Monday from 1 pm to 4 pm;
- Volunteers cut patrons' hair and do lice treatments at the hair cutting and wash stations;
- 3-4 retired health professionals volunteer on "Foot Fridays" to provide foot care services to patrons.

The Property was issued Development Permit DP 00-0383 for Religious Assembly Use. At the time the permit was issued, Land Use Bylaw 4100 defined **Religious Assembly** as: development for worship activities, and includes supplementary religious instruction, philanthropic and social activities, and staff residences. Amusement activities may be incorporated as an accessory use. This term refers to uses such a chapels, churches, convents, manses, monasteries, mosques, parish halls, rectories, synagogues and temples.



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The findings of our investigation determined that, due to their intensity and land use impacts, some of the activities occurring at the Property are no longer supplementary in nature to a Religious Assembly and require development approval. The following activities that we find are no longer supplementary, due to their intensity and land use impacts, are:

- i) The operation of the Financial Administrator Program;
- ii) PIN Clothing Bank;
- iii) the provision of lockers for non-employees/volunteers of Streets Alive; and
- iv) the use of the Property as a mailing address for non-employees/volunteers of Streets Alive.

The findings of our investigation further determined that some of the activities occurring at the Property do not conform with the definition of Religious Assembly. Those activities are:

- i) personal care services (haircuts, hair washing, foot care); and
- ii) the regular attendance of AHS mobile community paramedics.

We have determined, according to Section 4 of the City of Lethbridge Land Use Bylaw (6300), that the observed activities conform with the following Land Use definitions:

- the financial administration of funds for patrons, store-style clothing bank; provision of lockers for patrons' daily storage needs; and mail pick-up service for patrons conform with the definition of **Resource Centre** which is defined as: Development that provides various social services aimed at addressing the special needs of people whose well-being is at risk. This Use does not include overnight accommodation. This Use may require provincial approval. Soup Kitchen, Food Bank, Drop-in Centre, Shelter, Supportive Housing, Medical and Health Facility, Medical and Health Office, Education Facility, Office and Government Service are separate Uses.
- the personal care services (haircuts, hair washing, foot care) conform with the definition of **Personal Service** which is defined as: Development providing services for the personal care and appearance and includes the supplementary retail sale of associated products and may include therapeutic massage as an Accessory Use. This term refers to Uses such as beauty salons, barber shops and esthetic services/spas. Medical and Health Office (Outpatient) and Fitness Facility are separate Uses.



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the regular attendance of mobile community paramedics conforms with the definition of **Medical and Health Office (Outpatient)** which is defined as: Development providing medical and health care on an outpatient basis and may incorporate a dispensary which sells pharmaceutical and related medical supplies as an Accessory Use. This term refers to Uses such as medical and dental offices, clinics and health and wellness services such as physiotherapy, counseling, chiropractic, naturopathic and therapeutic massage.

The findings of our investigation also determined that there was no evidence of a Soup Kitchen, Food Bank or Drop-In Centre operating at the Property.

Notification was sent to Streets Alive by mail, email and hand delivery on October 13, 2023, requiring development permit applications for a Resource Centre, Personal Service and Medical and Health Office (Outpatient) be submitted to the City of Lethbridge by October 31, 2023, or, alternatively, that the identified contravening activities cease by October 31, 2023.

The City has received no applications for development permits for the identified uses and has reason to believe that the above identified contravening uses are continuing.

Therefore, the use of the Property for the operation of a Resource Centre, Personal Service and Medical Health Office (Outpatient) is deemed to be in contravention of the City of Lethbridge Land Use Bylaw 6300, Section 12 which states:

Except as provided in Section 13, a person may not commence any Development unless the person has been issued a Development Permit in respect of it pursuant to this Land Use Bylaw.

Further, Section 645 of the Municipal Government Act and Section 40(1) of the City of Lethbridge Land Use Bylaw 6300 allows a Development Authority to issue a Stop Order where a development or use of land or buildings does not comply with the Municipal Government Act, the Land Use Bylaw, or a development permit or subdivision approval.



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Accordingly, Street Alive Family Support Association & Aarol Lee Penny Pattenden are hereby Ordered to:

1. By no later than August 9, 2024, cease the use of the Property as:

**Resource Centre** (financial administration of funds for patrons; store-style clothing bank, provision of lockers for patrons' daily storage needs; mail pick-up service for patrons);

Personal Service (personal care services – haircuts, hair washing, foot care); and

**Medical and Health Office (Outpatient)** (regular attendance of mobile community paramedics).

or bring the uses into compliance by applying for the applicable Development Permits.

We are hereby providing notice pursuant to Sections 542 and 646 of the Municipal Government Act, that a site inspection will be requested by the Development Authority, on or around August 12, 2024, to assess compliance with this Order.

Failure to comply with this Order may result in a caveat being registered against the property, in addition to other remedies available to the Development Authority, including injunctive relief from the Courts, or other remedies available under applicable legislation.

Additionally, failing to comply with this Order may also result in an offence ticket, pursuant to Land Use Bylaw 6300, and the Provincial Offences Procedure Act of Alberta, which may result in a fine of up to \$10,000.00.

You have the right to appeal this Order to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board within 21 days from the date of this Order.

Sincerely,

Maureen Gaehring

General Manager Planning & Design

cc: Secretary - Subdivision and Development Appeal Board

Director of Infrastructure Services, Development Manager and City Solicitor

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# City of Lethbridge

**Development Services** 

Permit No. 00-0383

# **DEVELOPMENT PERMIT**

Address 323 4 ST S

Legal Description 4353S

Block:

Lot: 29

Applicant

REV. DARRIN PARKIN/EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE

SACRED HEART

PO BOX 555

LETHBRIDGE

\_\_ T1J 3Z

T1J 3Z4 Phone317-9541

Work Ph. 327-9715

Development To establish 5120 sq ft for the purpose of a religious assembly.

Proposed

District C-D

Land Use

Religious Assembly

**Duration of Approval** 

Permanent \_\_

**Discretionary Use** 

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Off-street Parking: any existing spaces shall be maintained for this use.

Signs: prior to the installation of any exterior signs, a sign permit must be approved by the Development Officer.

Note: emergency overnight accommodation is not permitted in this facility.

Development shall commence within 1 year of the date of release.

Date of Decision May 2, 2000

Signature

David Cronkhite Development Officer

Date of Release \_\_\_

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Date of Advertising......May 6, 2000

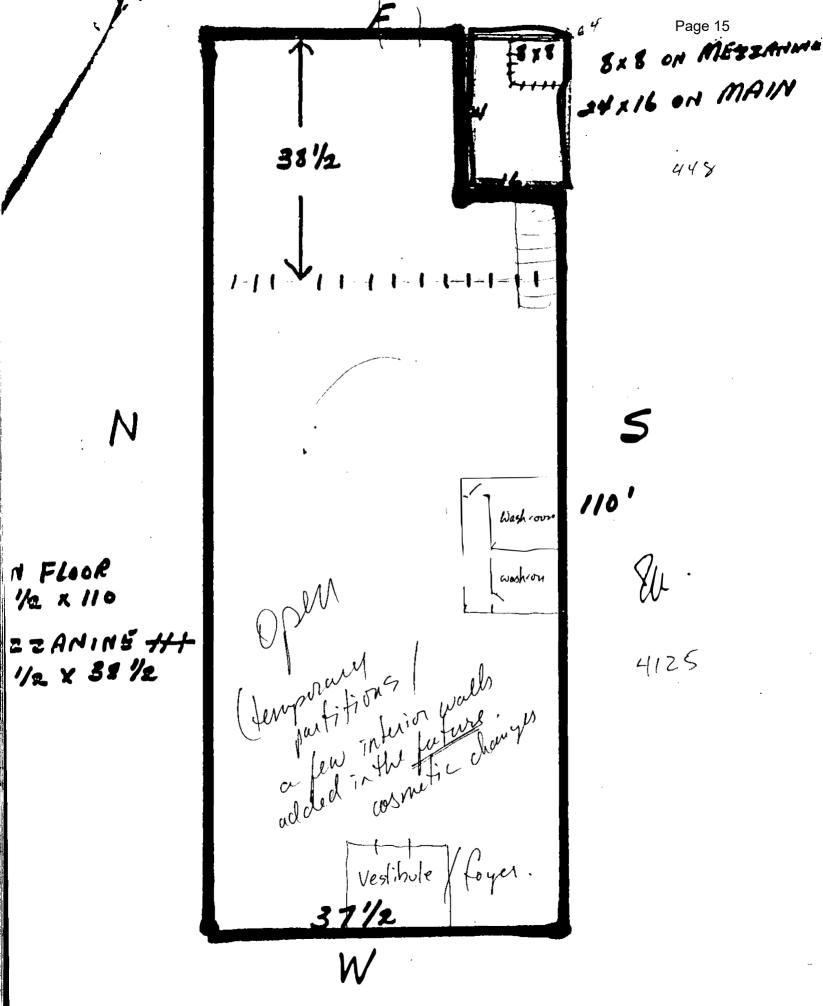
#### **APPEALS**

The Land Use By-law provides that any person affected by a decision of the Development Officer or Municipal Planning Commission made under the By-law may appeal such decision to the Development Appeal Board. Such an appeal to the Development Appeal Board shall contain a statement of the grounds of appeal and shall be delivered either personally or by Registered Mail so as to reach the Secretary of the Development Appeal Board not later than fourteen (14) days after the notice of the decision is deemed to have been received by the applicant. The notice is deemed to have been received 5 days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) after the date it is released. Should an appeal be made, the Development Permit shall be null and void.

If a decision is not made within forty (40) days from the date of the receipt of the application in its complete and final form or within such longer period as the applicant may approve in writing, the application shall be deemed to be refused and the applicant may exercise the right of appeal as though a written notice of refusal had been received.

Permit No.

00-0383



SCHEDULE "A"



**Development Services** 

Permit No. 06-0794

Address 323 4 ST S

# DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

Plan:

Block: Lot: 31

Legal Description 4353S

29

**Applicant** 

DOWNTOWN LETHBRIDGE BRZ/TED STILSON

LETHBRIDGE AB Phone

Work Ph. 327-9002

Development To complete exterior building alterations or improvements for the purpose of a wall mural.

**Proposed** 

District C-D

Land Use

exterior building alterations or improvements

**Duration of Approval** 

Permanent ...

**Discretionary Use** 

#### CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

The development shall be in accordance with the plans submitted August 2, 2006. Any change to these plans requires the approval of the Development Officer.

Informative:

It is the opinion of the Development Officer that the proposed exterior building changes constitutes a wall mural and not a fascia sign as the content is not being used to identify or advertise a business or activity.

Development shall commence within 1 year of the date of release

Date of Decision......August 2, 2006

Signature.

Jason Price Development Officer

Date of Release \_\_\_

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Date of Advertising......August 5, 2006

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If a decision is not made within forty (40) days from the date of the receipt of the application in its complete and final form or within such longer period as the applicant may approve in writing, the application shall be deemed to be refused and the applicant may exercise the right of appeal as though a written notice of refusal had been received.

> Permit No. 06-0794



Permit No. 07-0874

#### **Development Services**

# **DEVELOPMENT PERMIT**

Plan:

Block:

Lot:

Address 323 4 ST S

Legal Description 4353S

3S

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**Applicant** 

KEN KISSICK/STREETS ALIVE FAMILY SUPPORT

**ASSOCIATION** 

T1J 1Z9 Phone

Work Ph. 320-1159

323 4 ST S

LETHBRIDGE AB

**Development** To establish 300 sq.ft. for the purpose of an office for janitorial and maintenance service. 4 parking stalls. **Proposed** 

**District** 

C-D

Land Use Office

**Duration of Approval** Permanent --

**Permitted Use** 

#### **CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL**

1. Off-street Parking: any existing spaces shall be provided and maintained for this use.

Signs: prior to the installation of any exterior signs, a sign permit must be approved by the Development Officer.

cc. George Kuhl, Downtown Coordinator (320-3926)

Development shall commence within 1 year of the date of release.

Date of Decision......July 11, 2007

Signature.

ason Price Development Officer

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Date of Release -

Date of Advertising......

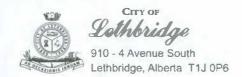
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If a decision is not made within forty (40) days from the date of the receipt of the application in its complete and final form or within such longer period as the applicant may approve in writing, the application shall be deemed to be refused and the applicant may exercise the right of appeal as though a written notice of refusal had been received.

Permit No. 07-0874





# CITY OF LETHBRIDGE **Development Services** DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

PERMIT NO. **DEV03034** 

Address:

323 4 ST S

Legal:

4353S:31:29

District: C-D

Applicant:

STREETS ALIVE WORK FORCE

Address:

323 4 ST S LETHBRIDGE AB T1J 1Z9

Phone: 403 330-5695

Development Proposed To erect a Fascia Sign for Streets Alive

Wall Area = 63.54 m2, Sign = 1.49 m2, Total Parcel Coverage = 2.34 %

District

C-D DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL

Land Use

SIGN - DISCRETIONARY

#### CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

The fascia sign(s) shall be developed in accordance with the plans submitted February 2, 2011. Any change to these plans requires the approval of the Development Officer.

#### NOTE:

- a) An electrical permit is required for all illuminated signs and an inspection may be required.
- b) An electrical inspection is required for all field-assembled "through wall" neon installations.
- c) All illuminated signs excepting field-assembled "through wall" neon must be CSA or comparably certified by the manufacturer with the certification sticker clearly visible on the exterior of each sign.

cc: George Kuhl, Downtown Revitilization Manager

#### Development shall commence within 1 year of the date of release.

Date of Decision.....Feb 03, 2011

Date of Release......Feb 03, 2011

Date of Advertising.....Feb 12, 2011

Appeal Period Expiry Date..... Feb 28, 2011

Signature

PAM COLLING, DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

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#### FOIPP

The personal information provided as part of this permit is collected under the Alberta Municipal Government Act and in accordance with section 33(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. The information is required and will be used for issuing permits, Land Use By-law 4100 compliance, verification and monitoring, and property assessment purposes. The name of the permit holder and the nature of the permit is available to the public upon request.

If you have any questions about the collection or use of the personal information provided, please contact the Customer Service Manager of Development Services at 910 4 Ave S, Lethbridge, AB, T1J 0P6 or phone at (403) 320-3105.

> Permit No. **DEV03034**

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**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES** CITY OF LETHBRIDGE



CITY OF Lethbridge

APPROVED PLANS
AS PER DEVELOPMENT

FEB - 3 2011

APPROVAL # DEV 03034

SIGNATURE:

APPROVED PLANS LETHBRIDGE MAIN STREET PROJECT



Ph:403-329-8901 Fax:403-328-6766 Email: graphics@aacleth.com

DATE Feb 1/2011	ADDRESS	Page 20
JOB Streets Alive	CELL_	
NAME Ken Kissick	FAX	
PHONE 403.330.5695	e-mail	

STREETS
ALIVE 40.5"
MISSION
46.5"

Alupanal Backing cut to shape Komacel ½" Routered Dementional letters.\$965.00 To Produce Only Not installed on building.

Quantity needed: 1

	APPROVED PLANS LETHBRIDGE MAIN STREET PROJECT	r
	DATE: Feb. 2/2011	
	SIGNATURE: CITY OF Lethuridge	
	APPROVED PLANS AS PER DEVELOPMENT	
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PROOF
QUOTATION
WORK ORDER

ALL ARTWORK IS THE PROPERTY OF AUTO APPEARANCE

This quote is only good for 30 days

**CUSTOMERS AUTHORIZATION** 

DATE



# Lethbridge

# Land Use Bylaw 5700 DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

PERMIT NO. DEV11793

Address: 323 4 ST S District: C-D

Legal: 4353S;31;29,30

Applicant: WESTCO CONSTRUCTION LTD Phone: (403)380-4084

Address: 214 31 ST N LETHBRIDGE AB T1H 3Z3

**Development Proposed** A request to replace the existing stairs exiting the front of the building onto 4th Street South.

Stairs will encroach onto City property and an encroachment agreement will be prepared.

**District** C-D DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL

Land Use OTHER - PERMITTED

#### CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

1. Compliance with the Plans:

The development shall be in accordance with the plans submitted November 26, 2019. Any change to these plans requires the approval of the Development Officer and may, at the discretion of the Development Officer, require a new Development application.

#### 2. Encroachment Agreement:

That an encroachment agreement be entered into with the City of Lethbridge.

#### 3. Mobility & Accessibility:

A detectable warning surface shall be used to identify the potential hazard of the stairs. The detectable warning surface shall use a change in texture and color and be: cane detectable, visually contrasting with the surrounding area and be placed on the full width of the bottom step to aid the visually impaired.

#### 4. Repair of Existing Sidewalk:

The sidewalk shall be repaired upon removal of the existing steps and landing. The design and materials to be used for the sidewalk repair must be to the satisfaction of the City of Lethbridge Transportation Department. See Informative (i).

#### Informative:

(i) Please contact Richard Brummund or Stan Maier in the City of Lethbridge's Transportation Department to obtain approval of the design and materials to be used for the sidewalk repair. They can be reached through the 311 Information line.

**Decision Date** 

**Development Commencement** 

Dec 02, 2019

Provided this decision is not appealed, development shall commence:

**Valid Date** 

on or after the valid date, andwithin one year of the valid date.

Dec 02, 2019

Development may commence before the valid date only if the applicant has signed the

"Voluntary Waiver of Claims" and is in receipt of this signed permit.



# Land Use Bylaw 5700 DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

# PERMIT NO. DEV11793

**Development. Authority** 

PAM COLLING, DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

#### STATUTORY PLANS

The SSRP and applicable municipal statutory plans were considered in rendering this decision.

#### **APPEALS**

The applicant has the right to appeal this decision to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board. An appeal shall contain a statement of the grounds of appeal and shall be delivered either personally or by Registered Mail so as to reach the Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board not later than twenty-one (21) days after the decision date indicated on the Development Permit or 'Development Permit Application - Refused' letter.

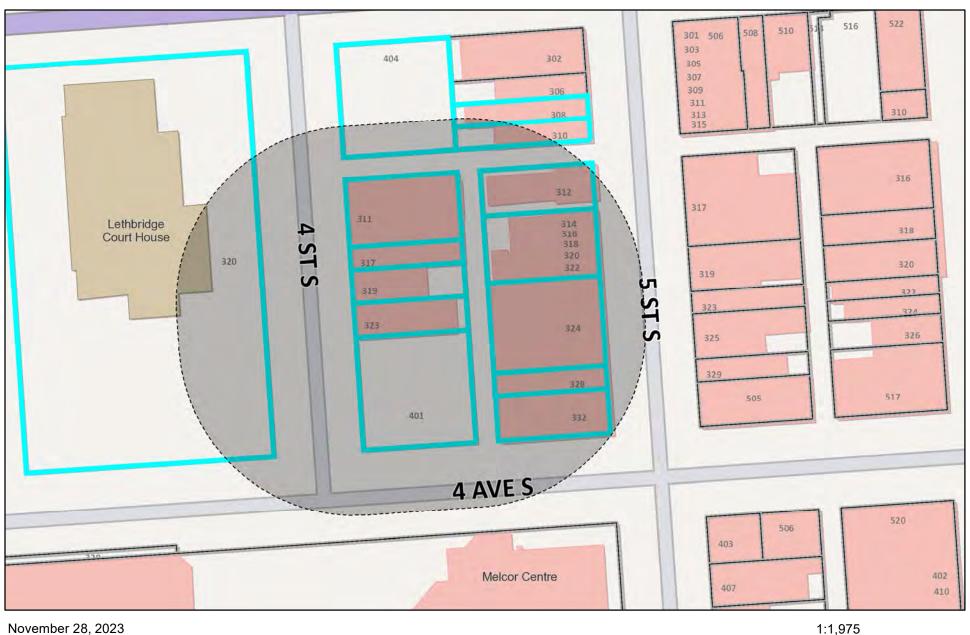
#### **FOIP**

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If you have questions about the collection or use of the personal information provided, please contact Information Management at 910 4 Ave S Lethbridge, AB, T1J 0P6 or phone at (403) 329-7329, or email developmentservices@lethbridge.ca.

Permit No. DEV11793

# Parcel Locator WebMAP



Parcels

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Sources: Esri, HERE, Garmin, Intermap, increment P Corp., GEBCO, USGS, FAO, NPS, NRCAN, GeoBase, IGN, Kadaster NL, Ordnance Survey, Esri

 From:
 Karl Airey

 To:
 David Sarsfield

 Subject:
 [External] Streets Alive

**Date:** Monday, December 11, 2023 4:26:06 PM

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December 11, 2023

The Secretary Subdivision & Development Appeal Board Office of the City Clerk, 2nd Floor, City Hall 910-4 th Avenue South Lethbridge, AB T1J 0P6

Dear Sir,

RE: Stop Order – Streets Alive Mission I wish to register my support of the appeal by Streets Alive Mission of the stop order that demands that new permits be obtained for the activities of weekly paramedic attendance, weekly free haircuts, week free foot care, provision of clothing, provision of financial administrator services, provision of lockers, and provision of mail drop services. These activities are all activities that I agree are met under the current definition of Religious Assembly as contained in the City of Lethbridge's Land Use Bylaw 6300.

Yours truly,

Karl Airey 124 Mt Blakiston Bay W Lethbridge, AB T1K6K9 December 8, 2023

The Secretary Subdivision & Development Appeal Board Office of the City Clerk, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall 910-4<sup>th</sup> Avenue South Lethbridge, AB T1J 0P6

Dear Sir,

#### **RE: Stop Order – Streets Alive Mission**

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Yours truly,
Nicole Andrews
9 Cougar Bay North
Lethbridge, AB T1H 6H3

From: <u>Lucretia Apperloo</u>
To: <u>David Sarsfield</u>

Subject: [External] Re: Stop Order - Streets Alive Mission

Date: Friday, December 8, 2023 10:31:09 AM

#### Dear Sir,

I wish to register my support of the appeal by Streets Alive Mission of the stop order that demands that new permits be obtained for the activities of weekly paramedic attendance, weekly free haircuts, weekly free foot care, provision of clothing, provision of financial administration services, provision of lockers, and provision of mail drop services. These activities, from my understanding, are all met under the current definition of Religious Assembly as contained in the City of Lethbridge's Land Use Bylaw 6300.

Streets Alive Mission provides important services to the homeless in our city and they are an amazing, giving, generous organization that has helped thousands over the years. Without them, the less fortunate in Lethbridge would be even worse off! We have supported Streets Alive for many years and believe in what they are doing.

Please have a heart and reconsider this decision! Christmas is a time for giving, not taking away! Sincerely,

Lucretia Apperloo 403-359-0784 2732 McKillop Place North Lethbridge, AB T1H3Y3 From: Avery

To: <u>David Sarsfield</u>
Subject: [External] Stop order

Date: Friday, December 8, 2023 6:34:06 PM

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I need streets Alive Mission to be stay open because my trustee is there to help me with my Finances and I am pleaded you not to think about the homeless population within Lethbridge.

Yours truly

Avrey Brown 4, 1021 27A Street North Lethbridge, AB From: Pastor Mark Noonan

To: David Sarsfield

Subject: [External] Streets Alive order

**Date:** Tuesday, December 12, 2023 10:15:40 AM

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To: The Secretary Subdivision & Development Appeal Board Office of the City Clerk

2nd Floor, City Hall 910-4th Avenue South Lethbridge, AB T1J 0P6

RE: Stop Order – Streets Alive Mission

#### Dear sir,

I send this email to register my support of the appeal by Streets Alive Mission of the stop order that demands that new permits be obtained for the activities of weekly paramedic attendance, weekly free haircuts, week free foot care, provision of clothing, provision of financial administrator services, provision of lockers, and provision of mail drop services. These activities are all activities that I agree are met under the current definition of Religious Assembly as contained in the City of Lethbridge's Land Use Bylaw 6300. They are an integral service to our homeless community and have been able to help many over the 30 plus years they have been here.

Yours truly,
Pastor Mark Noonan
Bridge Community Church of the Nazarene
355 Stafford Drive North
Lethbridge, AB T1H 2A7

December 12, 2023

The Secretary
Subdivision & Social Development Appeal Board
Office of the City Clerk, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall
910 – 4 Avenue South
Lethbridge, Alberta
T1J 0P6

Dear Sir,

#### RE: Stop Order - Streets Alive Mission

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1229-13 AVENUE NOETH LETHBRUCE, AB TIH-158

Yours Truly,

Denise Buesink

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Murray Buesink

From: <u>Earle Covert</u>
To: <u>David Sarsfield</u>

Subject: [External] STREET"S ALIVE

Date: Friday, December 8, 2023 5:37:06 PM

#### Hello

I am a now retired Physician who for 12 years worked as a volunteer at Foot Friday. We did Professional Footcare - soaking feet, cutting nails and treating callouses etc.on Friday evening for 1 1/2 to 3 hoursfor people who could not afford the \$50. service.

We had as few as 6 or as many as 35 clients each evening. We also had the help of Nurses at least one whose Regular job was Footcare at \$45 to \$52 a person.

On occasions we saw people referred to us by the Emergency Department of the Regional Hospital.

Foot Friday was only one of the many services supplied by Streets Alive.

I understand that because of complaints from an unknown source the City of Lethbridge is trying to use Zoning to close Streets Alive down.

Lethbridge has problems with the homeless and the poor.

Streets Alive is not the only solution to the problem. However, closing Streets Alive down will certainly increase the problem by putting more people on the street and causing many more complaints

Earle L. Covert, MD Retired 15 years Campbell Clinic - Coaldale and Lethbridge 101-75 Fairmont Blvd S Lethbridge AB T1K 8H5 The Secretary Subdivision & Development Appeal Bard Office of the City Clerk, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall 910 – 4 Avenue South Lethbridge, AB T1J 0P6

Dear Sir:

I wish to register my support for the Streets Alive Mission appeal regarding the Stop Order demanding new permits be obtained for the activities of weekly paramedic attendance, free weekly haircuts, free weekly foot care, clothing provision, financial administrator services provision, provision of lockers and mail drop services. I agree that all these activities were met under the current definition of Religious Assembly as contained in the City of Lethbridge's Land Use Bylaw 6300.

Yours truly,

Sharon Croissant 263 Mt Crandell Crescent W Lethbridge

Phone: 403-320-2713

I pray that God may capture your hearts and minds with the truth that *He desires Mercy* for those who don't deserve it, which includes all of us.

As Christians, human law cannot be our ultimate moral guide. Slavery was lawful. The holocaust was legal. Segregation and apartheid were legally sanctioned. Many of today's laws are created to protect corporations or businesses rather the actual citizens in a community. Simply put, the law does not dictate our ethics as Christians — GOD DOES. HIS WORD is our standard and we are called to obey it above all others. God is our RESOURCE everything else is just a means of sharing HIS love and obeying His directions towards our treatment of others.

Every Christian church which celebrates Communion, as Christ required, the partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ does it in remembrance of HIM. What are we remembering is HIS LIFE, HIS SUFFERING, HIS DEATH, HIS RESURRECTION and HIS TEACHINGS which clearly require acts of mercy to the needs of the poor and down trodden and other citizens in our community.

<u>Do you presume</u> that the churches and individuals whom support Streets Alive would not provide the very services Streets Mission now does for the street citizens? In fact aren't the services **now** being supplied by such supporters?

City of Lethbridge Bylaw 6300 definition of Religious Assembly means Development for worship activities and includes supplementary religious instruction, <a href="mailto:philanthropic and social activities">philanthropic and social activities</a> and staff residences. Amusement, fitness/recreational and community instructional activities may be incorporated as Accessory Uses. This term refers to users such as chapels, churches, convents, manses, monasteries, mosques, parish halls, rectories, synagogues and temples.

Consider the meaning of PHILANTHROPIC: (of an organization or activity) officially recognized as devoted to the assistance of those in need, (of a person or organization) seeking to promote the welfare of others,

- it's not just about money, it is about action

Just to clarify, the word Mission as defined by Merriam Webster dictionary is a ministry commissioned by a religious organization to promote its faith or carry on humanitarian work.

By virtue of its very name Streets Alive Mission is not only a religious worship center but a Mission of Hope and good works. God is the Resource, and the mission is the source. It is well recognized in our Lethbridge community as a Christian religious facility.

According to the Scripture righteousness (right standing with God) is moral excellence, the essence of which is self-sacrifice, which is also the <u>essence of good works</u> (action of love). While virtuous behavior does not guarantee absolute purity and innocence, it shows itself in the attitudes that drive a successfully righteous, Christian walk.

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#### 2 Peter 1: 5 - 8

- $\underline{5}$  In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge,
- $\underline{6}$  and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness,
- $\underline{7}$  and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with  $\underline{love\ for\ everyone.}$
- $\underline{8}$  The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## Micah 6:8 English Standard Version

8 He has told you, 0 man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you

but to do justice, and to love kindness, [a]

and to walk humbly with your God?

## <u>Matthew 25 vs 31 - 46</u> The Final Judgment

- $^{31}$  "But when the Son of Man<sup>[a]</sup> comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit upon his glorious throne.  $^{32}$  All the nations<sup>[b]</sup> will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.  $^{33}$  He will place the sheep at his right hand and the goats at his left.
- $^{34}$  "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world.  $^{35}$  For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home.  $^{36}$  I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.'
- $^{37}$  "Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink?  $^{38}$  Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing?  $^{39}$  When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?'
- $^{40}$  "And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters,  $^{[\underline{o}]}$  you were doing it to me!'
- $^{41}$  "Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, 'Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons.  $^{[\underline{d}]}$   $^{42}$  For I was hungry, and you didn't feed me. I was thirsty, and you didn't give me a drink.  $^{43}$  I was a stranger, and you didn't invite me into your home. I was naked, and you didn't give me clothing. I was sick and in prison, and you didn't visit me.'

- 44 "Then they will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and not help you?'
- 45 "And he will answer, 'I tell you the truth, when you refused to help the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were refusing to help me.
- $^{46}$  "And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous will go into eternal life."

Wikipedia states "In Christian theology, good works, or simply works, are a person's (exterior) actions or deeds, in contrast to inner qualities such as grace or faith."

Together grace and faith as well as actions or deeds formulate a Christian's belief and are inclusive to the Freedom of Religion.

Consider Mother Theresa as an example of Christian Love In Action, she was awarded the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize, as she dedicated her life to the sick and hungry. Her simple message was "the poor must know that we love them". Her followers regarded her as a saint, but Mother Teresa believed she was only doing God's work.

Just to remind everyone we are talking about people, at Streets they are known by their stories, and their names and these people know they matter.

Did your review considered or speak to these citizens of Lethbridge? Their input is of equal value to that of others.

See attached jurisprudence (which means literally and traditionally "Practical wisdom about law') Supreme Court Judgment Case number 2922, 2923

NOTE: THESE ARE THE VERY ISSUES THAT ARE BEING USED IN YOUR ORDER WITH INTENTION TO STOP SUCH SERVICES TO THE VULRERABLE WHO WOULD ENDURE FURTHER HARDSHIP WITH THE CEASE AND DESIST ORDER.

Municipalities are bound by the Charter and, therefore, each must ensure the bylaws it passes do not infringe upon the rights and freedoms guaranteed by the Charter.

#### Consider the four rights Canadian citizens have:

Freedom of conscience and religion. Freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression, including freedom of speech and of the press.

Freedom of peaceful assembly.

Freedom of association.

Consider the Charter Rights of the citizens, who know they are attending a religious facility, and choose to do good charitable works or those who receive mercy from others.

Also consider this, which of these rights are being violated by Streets Alive mission and its philanthropic and social activities? Which are being violated by the actions of the City of Lethbridge?

## **JURI SPRUDENCE**

Syndicat Northcrest v. Amselem

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Collection Supreme Court Judgments

Date 2004-06-30

Neutral citation 2004 SCC 47

Report [2004] 2 SCR 551

Case number 29252, 29253

Judges McLachlin, Beverley; Iacobucci, Frank; Major, John C.; Bastarache, Mic William Ian Corneil; Arbour, Louise; LeBel, Louis; Deschamps, Marie; I On appeal from Quebec

Subjects Constitutional law

Notes SCC Case Information: 29253, 29252
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Freedom of religion is subject to such limitations as are necessary to protect public safety, order, health or morals and the fundamental rights and freedoms of others" (Ross, supra at paragraph 72; B. (R.), supra) at page 385; Big M, supra at page 337; Amselem, supra at paragraph 62).

#### (ii) Nature of the interference

All coercive burdens on the exercise of religious beliefs are potentially within the ambit of section 2(a), whether a coercive burden is direct or indirect, intentional or unintentional, foreseeable or unforeseeable and may also include psychological pressure (*Edwards Books*, *supra* at paragraph 96). Directly compelling religious belief or practice clearly infringes section 2(a), as compelling religious practice deprives the individual of the fundamental right to choose their mode of religious experience, or lack thereof (*Hutterian Brethren*, *supra* at paragraph 92). Religious freedom is also inevitably abridged by legislation which has the effect of impeding conduct integral to the practice of a person's religion (*Edwards Books*, *supra* at paragraph 99).

However, the Constitution shelters individuals and groups only to the extent that religious beliefs or conduct might reasonably or actually be threatened. Claimants must provide objective proof of interference, not just cite subjective belief of interference (S. L., supra at paragraphs 2 and 24). Not every effect of legislation on religious beliefs or practices is offensive to the guarantee of freedom of religion. Section 2(a) does not require the legislature to refrain from imposing any burdens on the practice of religion. Legislative or administrative action which has a trivial or insubstantial effect on religion is not a breach of freedom of religion, yet there is no requirement to demonstrate actual harm, only that the freedom is infringed

Rather, as I have stated above, regardless of the position taken by religious officials and in religious texts, provided that an individual demonstrates that he or she sincerely believes that a certain practice or belief is experientially religious in nature in that it is either objectively required by the religion, or that he or she subjectively believes that it is required by the religion, or that he or she sincerely believes that the practice engenders a personal, subjective connection to the divine or to the subject or object of his or her spiritual faith, and as long as that practice has a nexus with religion, it should trigger the protection of s. 3 of the Quebec Charter or that Analytical framework

The Supreme Court has adopted the following test for determining whether there has been an infringement of section 2(a) (Hutterian Brethren, supra at paragraph 32; Amselem, supra at paragraphs 56-57; Multani, supra at paragraph 34; Law Society of British Columbia v. Trinity Western University, supra at paragraph 63):

An **infringement** of section 2(a) of the Charter will be made out where:

- 1. the claimant **sincerely believe**s in a belief or practice that has a nexus with religion; and
- 2. the impugned measure interferes with the claimant's **ability to act in accordance with his or her religious beliefs** in a manner that is more than trivial or insubstantial.

#### (i) Nature of the belief or practice

Under the first step, as stated above, freedom of religion will only be triggered where the claimant shows that he or she has a **sincere practice or belief that** has a nexus with religion, "which calls for a particular line of conduct, either by being objectively or subjectively obligatory or customary, or by, in general, subjectively engendering a personal connection with the divine or with the subject or object of an individual's spiritual faith" (Amselem, supra at paragraph 56).

Sincerity of belief is a question of fact. To establish sincerity, an individual must show that he or she sincerely believes that a certain belief or practice is required by his or her religion. The **religious belief must be asserted in good faith** and must not be fictitious, capricious or an artifice. In assessing the sincerity of the belief, a court will take into account, *inter alia*, the credibility of the testimony of the person asserting the particular belief and the consistency of the belief with his or her other current religious practices (*Multani*, *supra* at paragraph 35; *Amselem*, *supra* at paragraphs 52-53). **It is the sincerity of the belief at the time of the interference**, not its strength or absolute consistency over time, that is relevant at this stage of the analysis (*R. v. N. S.*, [2012] 3 S. C. R. 726 at paragraph 13).

The Court does not want to engage in theological debates when examining the practice or belief in question. The practice or belief in question need not be required by official religious dogma nor need it be in conformity with the position of religious officials. Freedom of religion extends beyond obligatory doctrine to voluntary expressions of faith and is not restricted to major and recognizable religions (Amselem, supra at paragraphs 46-50, 53, and 56). A protected religious practice need not be part of an established belief system or even a belief shared by others. An individual need only demonstrate a sincere belief that the practice is of religious significance to him or her (Little v. R., 2009 NBCA 53, leave to appeal dismissed, [2009] S. C. C. A. No. 417 at paragraph 7). It is not appropriate to adduce expert evidence showing sincerity or lack thereof (Amselem, supra at paragraph 54).

Assuming the sincerity of an asserted religious belief, **it is not then open to the court to question its validity**. It is sufficient to trigger constitutional scrutiny if the effect of the impugned act or provision interferes with an individual's religious activities or convictions (*Ross*, *supra* at paragraph 71; *R. v. Jones*, [1986] 2 S. C. R. 284 at page 295).

In *Ktunaxa*, *supra* at paragraphs 71-72, a majority of the Supreme Court declined to extend the scope of section 2(a) to include the protection of the object of beliefs or the spiritual focus of worship, and the subjective meaning derived from them, on the basis that it would put the contents and merits of deeply held personal beliefs under judicial scrutiny, contrary to *Amselem*, *supra*.

# (ii) Nature of the interference

All coercive burdens on the exercise of religious beliefs are potentially within the ambit of section 2(a), whether a coercive burden is direct or indirect, intentional or unintentional, foreseeable or unforeseeable and may also include psychological pressure (Edwards Books, supra at paragraph 96). Directly compelling religious belief or practice clearly infringes section 2(a), as compelling religious practice deprives the individual of the fundamental right to choose their mode of religious experience, or lack thereof (Hutterian Brethren, supra at paragraph 92). Religious freedom is also inevitably abridged by legislation which has the effect of impeding conduct integral to the practice of a person's religion (Edwards Books, supra at paragraph 99).

However, the Constitution shelters individuals and groups only to the extent that religious beliefs or conduct might reasonably or actually be threatened. Claimants must provide objective proof of interference, not just cite subjective belief of interference (\$\overline{S}.L.\$, supra at paragraphs 2 and 24). Not every effect of legislation on religious beliefs or practices is offensive to the guarantee of freedom of religion. Section 2(a) does not require the legislature to refrain from imposing any burdens on the practice of religion. Legislative or administrative action which has a trivial or insubstantial effect on religion is not a breach of freedom of religion, yet there is no requirement to demonstrate actual harm, only that the **freedom is infringed** (Ross, supra at page 870; Edwards Books, supra at page 759; Little, supra at paragraph 17). Trivial or insubstantial interference has been described as interference that does not threaten actual religious beliefs or conduct (Hutterian Brethren, supra at paragraph 32). The oath to the Queen, as a requirement of becoming a Canadian citizen, has been found to be secular and thus not to constitute a more than trivial or insubstantial interference with the sincerely held religious beliefs of non-Anglicans (McAteer v. Canada (Attorney General), 2014 ONCA 578, leave to appeal dismissed, [2014] S.C.C.A. No. 444).

It is unclear whether the effect of any breach of the state's duty of religious neutrality could be considered trivial or insubstantial so as not to unjustifiably limit freedom of religion (see *Saguenay*, *supra*).

The state is normally under no duty under section 2(a) to take affirmative action to eliminate the natural costs of religious practices or to otherwise provide positive assistance such as public funding. The Charter guarantees freedom of religion but does not indemnify practitioners against all costs incidental to the practice of religion (*Edwards Books, supra* at paragraphs 97 and 114; *Hutterian Brethren, supra* at paragraph 95). Accommodation or differential treatment may be necessary, nonetheless, to avoid indirect coercion arising from state action (*Edwards Books, supra*). Note, also, that several Supreme Court justices have suggested that, in exceptional circumstances, positive government action may be required to make the right to freedom of religion meaningful, according to the test set out in *Dunmore v. Ontario (Attorney General)*, [2001] 3 S.C.R. 1016 (see the dissenting judgment in *Congrégation des témoins de Jéhovah de St-Jérôme-Lafontaine v. Lafontaine (Village)*, [2004] 2 S.C.R. 650 at paragraphs 73-79).

t of s. 2(a) of the Canadian Charter, or both, depending on the context.

To summarize, the courts have set out several important principles in determining what is protected:

- 1) It is the rights claimant's personal or subjective understanding of his or her religion or creed that is the focus, not the actual obligations of the faith or what others of the same faith believe or practice.
- 2) The sincerity or the honesty of the belief or practice is what needs to be demonstrated.
- 3) Not everything related to religion or creed is protected. There must be a link to religion "in that it is either objectively required by the religion, or [the person] subjectively believes that it is required by the religion, or ... sincerely believes that the practice engenders a personal, subjective connection to the divine or to the subject or object of [the person's] spiritual faith. "56 Social or cultural activities will generally not meet this requirement.

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  Trinity Western University v. British Columbia College of Teachers, [2001] 1
  S. C. R. 772. 55 R. v. Big M, supra note 36 at para. 123.

To establish a violation, there must be **objective proof of interference with the religious rights**. 5) With respect to freedom of religion claims under s. 2(a) of the Charter, interference with religious rights must go beyond the trivial and insubstantial. While this has not been fully developed in the law, some relevant factors may include whether the law, policy or action being challenged completely prohibits the practice or belief or whether it incidentally touches on matters of faith and the nature of the impact on religion (e.g. economic, social etc.). 6) The protection of religious beliefs is broader than the ability to act on those beliefs.

Allana DeAzevedo

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Let the Heart of the city be its people, kind, generous, merciful So the Heart of the city of Lethbridge is not just a physical location. December 12, 2023

The Secretary
Subdivision & Development Appeal Board
Office of the City Clerk, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall
910-4<sup>th</sup> Avenue South
Lethbridge, AB T1J 0P6

Dear Sir,

### RE: Stop Order - Streets Alive Mission

My wife and I wish to register our support of the appeal by Streets Alive Mission of the stop order that demands that new permits be obtained for the activities of weekly paramedic attendance, weekly free haircuts, weekly free foot care, provision of clothing, provision of financial administrator services, provision of free lockers, and provision of mail drop services. These activities are all activities that we agree are met under the current definition of Religious Assembly as contained in the City of Lethbridge's Land Use Bylaw 6300.

Yours Truly,

Craig & Suzanne DeGroot 2118 40 St South

Lethbridge, AB T1K 4Z2

From: <u>brenda dewar</u>
To: <u>David Sarsfield</u>

Subject: [External] RE: Stop Order-Streets Alive Mission

Date: Monday, December 18, 2023 11:06:57 AM

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Dear Board,

We live in a Christian country & our country, Canada in 1867 was founded on Biblical principles which are recorded in the Peace Tower on Parliament Hill. Also, Alberta in 1905 was founded with a Biblical foundation & for years led by Mr. Manning a Pastor as well as a Premier! We, for the first 50 years of my life lived in the "Bible belt".

Both in the Old Testament & the New Testament there are many examples & commands of how we are to be servants, how we are to look after the poor, the widows, the sick. If you recall in Matthew 25 Jesus explained to His disciples that when they feed one who is hungry, give water to one who

is thirsty, welcome one who they didn't know, clothe one who is naked, visit one who is sick you are doing it to Jesus Himself. One more example is the well know Biblical passage of the

"Good Samaritan". (plus many more)

Therefore, to require extra permits to offer the services to care for a life is just NOT Biblical. We are

called & instructed to take care of the peoples' physical needs. So part of the Christian ministry

is to meet these needs; perhaps first, & they will be able to hear and understand and see the love Jesus has for them.

We wish to register our support to the Streets Alive Mission ministry & STOP the demands requiring

new permits to be obtained to administer the weekly activities which are meeting the needs of

the people who come to them!

Yours truly,

Brenda & George Dewar 19 Trent Road Lethbridge, AB T1K 4N1 From: Grace Dick
To: David Sarsfield

Subject: [External] Support of Streets Alive

Date: Sunday, December 17, 2023 12:28:56 PM

## Dear Sir,

It was brought to my attention late last week of the permits Streets Alive is being expected to get to continue their service to the homeless in our city. I fail to understand what has changed with the city when nothing has changed in 20 years with Streets Alive.

I do believe that the care of the homeless in the sense of free foot care, hair care, clothing, provision of lockers, mail drop services, financial administrator services and paramedic attendance do indeed fall under the current definition of Religious Assembly as contained in the City of Lethbridges Bylaw 6300.

I stand in full support of Streets Alive being able to continue to serve the community in the capacity they have been doing for decades without any changes to permits.

What will happen to these people if Streets Alive Mission is no longer there to help with their physical needs? Trench foot for example is a condition that is treatable and preventable but if left untreated can lead to prolonged health problems and ER hospital visits. This puts more weight on the already stretched health care system. Hair care. Uncared for hair also leads to problems that can be spread. Warm clothing can prevent frost bite and death.

We have a reliable and stable organization in our city doing a job amongst the homeless that so many of us would turn our back on. Why is the city wanting to permit them to death? Everyone says they want to deal with the homeless problem - not sure how taking these basic human rights away from them is going to help.

I know the response from the city may be that they aren't shutting Streets Alive down but simply asking for them to apply for permits - as an organization that relies on donations and the red tape that always comes with permit applications we all know how this will end. Please. I ask that the city reconsider what they are asking of Streets Alive Mission.

### Sincerely

Grace Dick 82 Cougar Road North Lethbridge Alberta T1H 6M7 18 December 2023

The Secretary
Subdivision & Development Appeal Board
Office of the City Clerk, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall
910 – 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue South
Lethbridge, AB T1J 0P6

Dear Sir,

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Sincerely,

Luke Watson

Pastor of Community Engagement Evangelical Free Church of Lethbridge Kylie Dubber

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Pastor of Cross-Cultural Engagement Evangelical Free Church of Lethbridge From: <u>Dana Fabbi</u>

To: David Sarsfield; ken@streetsalive.ca

Subject: [External] Streets Alive Mission - Stop Order

Date: Monday, December 18, 2023 12:22:58 AM

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I'm writing this letter in support of Streets Alive retaining their existing religious status in their dealings with the City of Lethbridge.

Streets Alive has been doing the majority of the work in helping and looking after the less fortunate in Lethbridge for many years, and doing a great job in taking care of those who need their help.

They do this because they truly care and want to give dignity to those in need in various ways. The people who work in the various capacities follow the two great commandments:

Love God above all things

Love thy neighbour as thyself

This alone places them right in the center of what they are, a Church for all people!

They are an all welcoming Church, be it that a good percentage of their work is done on the streets or in shelters, they are doing Gods work here where we live. It would be a great travesty to overturn this existing status on them with the City of Lethbridge.

Additionally, please see below.

The Secretary

Subdivision & Development Appeal Board Office of the City Clerk, 2nd Floor, City Hall 910-4th Avenue South Lethbridge, AB T1J 0P6

Dear Sir,

RE: Stop Order – Streets Alive Mission

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Thank you for your time.

Dana Fabbi 1650 Scenic Heights Lethbridge, AB T1K 1N5 From: <u>Josh Fabbi</u>

To: <u>David Sarsfield</u>; <u>ken@streetsalive.ca</u>; <u>julie@streetsalive.ca</u>

Subject: [External] Stop Order - Streets Alive Mission

Date: Monday, December 18, 2023 3:41:34 AM

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The Secretary
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Lethbridge, AB T1J 0P6

To whom it may concern,

This letter is written to express my full support to Streets Alive Mission, here in Lethbridge.

I have had the pleasure of working for and with Streets Alive Mission in my youth, and as an adult, for many years. I have personally witnessed countless lives saved through their organization. Their display and actions of the Heart of Christ, and firm commitment to helping the people of Lethbridge, and around Southern Alberta, is tremendous!

They are the face of Christ helping the helpless and broken, the needy, those who are in harm and hunger for support, Hope, and Love. This is what this organization stands for, and who practices their Faith of following in Christ daily, and constantly!

As a fellow Christian, but of a different denomination, it saddens, and worries me greatly to see how the city is challenging their operations of how they are conducting their faith openly, and constantly throughout their daily lives. This is what it is called to be a Christian! To not just do an hour here or there, but to live a Faith filled life that loves God fully with every moment. They are doing this as a Church, through many many acts of selfless Charity for others, that are at the lowest of the low. We see this constantly in the Bible, where Jesus goes out and takes care of the lame, the needy, the broken, the sinners, and the cast out.

Streets Alive Mission is the face of Jesus in the city that does not want to deal with the broken people who are cast out. They are the courage that is present when people realize they can change their lives after they have hit the lowest of the low. They are a presence of Agape Love in this city! That is to say, a pure willful, sacrificial love, best described in 1st Corinthians 13. "4: Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not

proud. 5: It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs."

It is the same love that Christ displayed for us on The Cross. One that we are called to do. John 13:34 "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another."

Please, do not take away their freedom to express their Religion in this country! This is the Charter right that many other organizations in Canada operate under fully as Charities. Without them, our country would be in so many ways worse off.

We need to stand up and support the Charities that are doing the work of helping people! In today's world, we see such a lack of commitment in Charity. To take away their ability to operate as a Religious Charity would not be good for us, as people, and as a city.

Please also see the below statement:

I wish to register my support of the appeal by Streets Alive Mission of the stop order that demands that new permits be obtained for the activities of weekly paramedic attendance, weekly free haircuts, week free foot care, provision of clothing, provision of financial administrator services, provision of lockers, and provision of mail drop services. These activities are all activities that I agree are met under the current definition of Religious Assembly as contained in the City of Lethbridge's Land Use Bylaw 6300.

Thank you,

Many Blessings,

Josh Fabbi 1650 Scenic Heights Lethbridge, AB T1K 1N5 From: Jayne F
To: David Sarsfield

Subject: [External] Re: Stop Order- Streets Alive Mission

Date: Saturday, December 16, 2023 3:25:27 PM

Saturday, December 16th, 2023

The Secretary Subdivision & Development Appeal Board Office of the City Clerk, 2nd Floor, City Hall 910-4th Avenue South Lethbridge, AB T1J-0P6

Dear Sir,

# **Re: Stop Order - Streets Alive Mission**

My name is Jayne Ferriss and I am a citizen of Lethbridge with over 30 years of church leadership experience. Thank you for the opportunity to share my concerns regarding the Stop Order against Streets Alive Mission. I have stated my concerns and heartfelt thoughts below to register my support of the appeal being made by Streets Alive Mission.

What Constitutes Religious Activity?

The question before us concerning Streets Alive Mission is "What constitutes religious activity?" To begin to answer that question, I want to acknowledge how truly blessed and privileged I am to live in a country that protects our religious freedoms. I found the following definition and analysis for the freedom of religion on justice.gc.ca.

"Freedom of religion has been defined as "the right to entertain such religious beliefs as a person chooses, the right to declare religious beliefs openly and without fear of hindrance or reprisal, and the right to manifest religious belief by worship and practise or by teaching and dissemination".

Clearly as Christians we have been given the right to express our belief in both speech and by putting our faith to action. How do we as Christian's know what actions to do? Our faith action is the product of our belief system. What specific belief drives the faith activities of ministries and churches who like Streets Alive Mission serve the community in many practical ways? In the Bible in Matthew 22:37-39 we are instructed by Jesus to focus on these two main things, loving God and loving our neighbour. This is what it says: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the law?" Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" Matthew 22:36-39 NKJV

For 30 years Streets Alive Mission has been answering the question, "Who is my neighbour?

They took their faith, dressed it in work boots and went to the streets to help those in need. The citizens of Lethbridge who are in need are indeed our neighbours.

Streets Alive became scissors for the homeless person who couldn't afford a haircut. They were bandages for those whose feet were wounded from walking. They were an address for those with no home address. They were a locker to bring security and dignity to a soul on its way to court. They were a warm coat, blanket, boots, toe warmers, mitts and hats to protect those who had no way to protect themselves from the cold. They were more than just practical help though. Their faith practice breathed hope into each human life and into our great city.

Now, just think for a minute about your last great hair cut. How did that make you feel? Imagine with me what a free hair cut means to someone trying to turn their life around and get a job. I am positive that there are many in the city government who are grateful for the faith activities of Streets Alive Mission as well as for all the other churches and ministries who have been working hard to love, value and serve the needy. We as a community of faith are also grateful for our city government and all you do for the needy of Lethbridge. We have been serving the community together for a long time and that is a beautiful thing, especially to those who are in need of help.

So in answering the question about religious activities, I want to ask this question? Is it fair, right or just to deprive those in need who have depended on such services for so long? Can we pause for a moment without the thought of restrictions and bylaws to first consider these homeless citizens of our city, especially in these cold winter months?

In Section 7 of our Canadian charter of rights it states "Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of the person and the right not to be deprived thereof except in accordance with the principles of fundamental justice." How can fundamental justice be applied in this situation? How can we all work together for the good of every citizen? Can and will the city provide the services that they have ordered Streets Alive Mission to cease and desist? If churches and ministries cannot freely express their faith and corresponding actions in Lethbridge who will help the needy?

I respectfully ask for you to consider these thoughts and concerns and if possible allow me to address the City Council this coming Thursday.

Jayne Ferriss Loving Hearts Ministries

> Jayne Ferriss Consulting Changing Hearts, Changing Lives, Changing the World! 1-519-577-4141 546 12 Street North Lethbridge, AB T1H 2G8

Attention: SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD

Re: Appeal from STREETS ALIVE MISSION

Dear Members of the Board:

Since the inception of Streets Alive as a church/ministry/service organization in our city, their purpose and their mission has always been to "serve the poor", often the most marginalized and overlooked members of our community. Their organization has been responsive and inclusive, forward thinking, and innovative as times and needs demand.

Over the years their ministry has grown. Like most of the churches in our city, they have expanded their mission and purpose to best serve their members – whether it's food or clothing or financial support; furniture or referrals or moral and spiritual support; advocacy and collaboration with others/agencies to better meet needs, or creating opportunities for positive life changes. They (both leadership and board and volunteers) have worked tirelessly to fill the gaps that other agencies and groups haven't always been able to accommodate. It is my understanding that all of their work has been done through generous donations and support from individuals and organizations, including other churches. To my (somewhat limited) knowledge, they have never relied on federal, provincial or municipal funding to achieve their goals. This has given them the flexibility to meet needs as they happen and where they happen.

The role of Streets Alive has been and is unique. They have placed themselves and their facility where they can best serve those they want to support. They have never wavered from their purpose or their mission but they have grown and adapted as they've seen needs. I would suggest that this is at the heart of every church and ministry in the city — when a need is identified in the community, churches step up and do what needs doing. Sometimes it's easier for them to do so because they can be fluid and responsive and adaptable.

My only sources of information on the issues cited by the Development Authority are word of mouth as well as the article on the Global News website. Reviewing the three areas of concern, all I see are services being offered at the grassroots level to help the poor of our city. There is nothing nefarious about what's being done; these things have been a part of the mission and mandate of Streets Alive for many years. They have never made a secret of the ways in which they support our citizens nor has it been required by the city. It has just been the focus and function of their ministry, service in action. This is the mandate and goal of most if not all of the churches in our city, I would suggest.

For this reason, please add my voice to those in support of Streets Alive and their Religious Assembly designation. They serve a vital and often overlooked role in our community and need to continue their work unhindered by unnecessary permits and regulations that seem designed to respond to a single formal complaint (at least as it appears in the Global News article) after years of service and good works here in Lethbridge.

I would appreciate a response to know that my email reached the correct department/people and that my expressed concerns have been acknowledged. Thanks in advance for your anticipated cooperation. I really appreciate it!

Sincerely,

Phyllis Furukawa 2102 – 25 Avenue North, Lethbridge, T1H 4V3 403-328-0388 From: IBBAF Holdings

To: <u>David Sarsfield</u>; <u>ken@streetsalive.ca</u>; <u>julie@streetsalive.ca</u>

Subject: [External] Re: Streets Alive Mission: Stop Order

Date: Monday, December 18, 2023 1:41:07 AM

The Secretary
Subdivision & Development Appeal Board
Office of the City Clerk, 2nd Floor, City Hall
910-4 th Avenue South Lethbridge, AB T1J 0P6
Hello,

The intention of writing this letter is to State that IBBAF Holdings Ltd. gives our full support to Streets Alive Mission, here in Lethbridge, Alberta.

Our company was started by Dr. Ron Fabbi back in the 1970's. Dr. Fabbi believed in helping people in many different ways. His way and practice was in Optometry, which he gave the utmost care to his patients until his untimely death this past year.

He also supported many charities in this city that did many works in what he believed to be duties that needed to be done to care for people. Streets Alive Mission was one of these organizations that he supported in the city. He supported these people because they could do the additional work that needed to be done, alongside the other things that needed to be cared for. He, being a Christian, recognized Streets Alive Mission as a vessel for this work. That they did this work purely out of the Love and caring Heart of Jesus the Christ, as The Teachings of the Bible and The Great Commandments say for all to do! Love God above all things, and, Love thy neighbour as thyself!

IBBAF Holdings is a long standing family-owned Christian company here in Lethbridge, and has Holdings in the downtown core.

We fully support, endorse, and hold responsible Streets Alive Mission for the work that they do for and with the homeless and the needy in the city, because they are the ones with the hearts to do it, and have done it for over 33 years without any questioning to their permit of Religious Assembly. The city, its stakeholders, and partners should allow Streets Alive Mission to move forward without blockage, or question, in regard to their Religious Status, or what permit they operate their Charity work under. To challenge this is to challenge all religious charity work done in this country. We are

allowed by our Canadian Charter to perform and express Religious beliefs. To put particularity on this, and challenge a Charity organization such as Streets Alive Mission, that has such a long-standing accomplishment in good works in this city, is not good for a place that is becoming more broken and not able to cope. We need to help those who are helping the needy, especially through Christ's Love and forgiveness, always!

Please additionally see the stated below:

RE: Stop Order – Streets Alive Mission

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Thank you for your time and attention.

Best and Blessings,

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December 18, 2023

David Sarsfield City of Lethbridge

Dear Sir:

RE: Appeal re: Streets Alive

Immanuel Lutheran Church is located on the west side of Lethbridge. We have a congregation of about 500 worshippers; and on behalf of our members and the Church's Council, I want to express our concern regarding your recent decision to bar Streets Alive from providing essential services to the City's most vulnerable.

Our mission at Immanuel is to "share the love of Jesus with all". We see the work that Streets Alive does as supporting those same goals and we are dismayed at the recent decision by the City's bureaucrats and gatekeepers that would have the opposite effect on the City's most vulnerable.

To be clear; denying Streets Alive from providing health care services, personal grooming, access to clothing, access to mail services and other basic needs will NOT cause their clients to obtain these services from commercial enterprises; it will only deny these clients any possibility of being able to access these services at all; thus causing them even greater loss of basic physical and emotional needs.

It seems that you've given information on the appeal process; but no information on the rationale for your decision; specifically: "why the change now; when there have been no apparent problems for the past 20 year?"

Certainly the recent ruling cannot be God's will; as it totally contradicts our prayer which says "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven".

We urge you to reject legalistic interpretations of your bylaws; and to proceed instead with what is best for the most vulnerable in our city.

Merry Christmas!

Baynish Bassett, Treasurer,

Immanuel Lutheran Church Council

Gaynesle Barrell

From: Sarah Lindemann
To: David Sarsfield

Subject: [External] Street"s Alive Appeal

Date: Sunday, December 10, 2023 2:30:34 PM

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Dear Mr. Sarsfield,

I was dismayed to hear of the stop order against vital services Streets Alive Mission offers our homeless population. I support the appeal to allow Street's Alive to continue their work.

We, as Christians, are taught to follow Jesus' example set forth by God.

"He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him" (John 13:1–5).

Jesus took the roll of servant and washed his disciples' feet. How can you then say that foot care and personal care services don't fall under Religious Assembly?

"But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him." (Luke 10: 33-34)

We are called to help those in need, no matter their race, color, beliefs or backgrounds. Preventing basic care, clothing and paramedic services to those less fortunate is inhumane. Why do those caught in unfortunate circumstances have to suffer more than is necessary?

People are gifting their time, talents and knowledge to assist the needy with no financial benefit to themselves or to Street's Alive. Why is a permit needed when these services fall under the teachings of Religious Assemblies? This gifting of their services for Street's Alive to use is what philanthropy is.

Let's consider this scenario:

You have a job, make a decent income and can meet your financial commitments. Through no fault of your own, you lose your job to the company downsizing. You suddenly have no income. You had a bit of savings, but eventually you can't pay your bills. Maybe you are lucky and own your vehicle, allowing you someplace to sleep and stay out of the elements. You manage to get another job, but it will take a few paycheques to save enough money for one month of rent plus the damage deposit. However, you have no address for mail to be forwarded to. Where do you have your paycheques sent to? Now, imagine you also have a family. Schools need to have an address, what address do you use?

Street's Alive is allowing the homeless to maintain some dignity by providing clothing, allowing their address to be used as a home-base for mail, bank

paperwork, job applications, etc. A safe environment allowing everyone a chance to be cared for.

Not all homeless people are the cause of substance abuse. It could be anybody, anywhere, anytime. Street's Alive is providing a safe, friendly, and caring environment where they can be properly looked after as God would have us do.

Lethbridge has a homeless problem and Street's Alive is trying to combat that with their services. Put yourself in the shoes of a homeless person and realize that these services, while they seem small, speak volumes to the care and compassion we are taught to provide to each other. Taught by none-other than Jesus, the true teacher of philanthropy and the heart of many Religious Assemblies.

Sincerely,

Sarah Lindemann

841 11 St S, Lethbridge AB, T1J 2P6

From: ray anne
To: David Sarsfield

Subject: [External] Re:Stop Order - Streets Alive Mission

Date: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 9:10:53 PM

The Secretary Subdivision & Development Appeal Board Office of the City Clerk, 2nd floor, City Hall 910-4 Ave S Lethbridge, AB T1J 0P6

Dear Sir,

Re: Stop Order Streets Alive

I wish to register my support of the appeal by Streets Alive mission of the stop order that demands that new permits be obtained for the activities of weekly paramedic attendance, weekly free haircuts, weekly free foot care, provision of clothing, provision of financial administrator services, provision of lockers, and provision of mail drop services. These activities are all activities that I agree are met under the current definition of religious assembly as contained in the city of lethbridge's land use by law 6300. The free services rendered by Streets Alive Mission are essential facets and care within a

The free services rendered by Streets Alive Mission are essential facets and care within a religious assembly; to care for and meet the needs of those whom assemble there.

Thank you kindly,

### Rayanne Marcinkowski

1419 Saint Basil Road North Lethbridge, AB From: Emily Martin
To: David Sarsfield

Subject: [External] Stop Order- Streets Alive Misson

Date: Saturday, December 9, 2023 1:41:51 PM

Dear Sir,

RE: Stop Order – Streets Alive Mission

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activities that I agree are met under the current definition of Religious Assembly as contained in the City of Lethbridge's Land Use Bylaw 6300.

This organization is doing life changing work for the less fortunate and it would be cruel to end these amazing services they provide. I don't know about you but I can't imagine living on the streets, without a winter coat, without being able to take off your shoes if you don't want them stolen and not being able to have a bank account because you have no address. These are all services you would be stopping Streets Alive Mission from helping these homeless people. Please reconsider these permits.

Thanks, Emily Martin 1710 12 Avenue South Lethbridge, AB T1K 0N2 Mark & Kim McCarthy 1306 Henderson Lake Blvd. Lethbridge. AB. T1K 3B7 Telephone: (403) 892-5805

E-mail: ozman7@telus.net

December 15, 2023

The Secretary
Subdivision & Development Appeal Board
Office of the City Clerk, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall
910 – 4 Ave South
Lethbridge. AB. T1J 0P6

Mchi Carthy Kom Mc Car Huy. By E-mail to: david.sarsfield@lethbridge.ca

Dear Sir:

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Yours truly,

Mark McCarthy

Kim McCarthy

December 8, 2023

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Additionally - and more importantly - I believe these activities are a moral good and of benefit to homeless and disadvantaged people in our city. I am upset that the city would order these activities to stop, and I appeal to the morality and humanity of the applicable decision-makers.

Yours truly,

Ethan McGinnis

66 PIT RUNDLERD W LETHBRIDGE, AB TIK 785 - 
 From:
 jerry mcginnis

 To:
 David Sarsfield

 Cc:
 ethan mcg@me.com

Subject: [External] Streets Alive Mission appeal

Date: Wednesday, December 13, 2023 7:06:46 PM

December 11, 2023

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I would like you to consider the following definition of Christian missionary work.

What is Christian missionary work?

Mission work, also known as missionary work, refers to the act of Christian individuals or groups engaging in outreach activities to share their faith and provide assistance to communities in need. Missionaries dedicate themselves to serving others, often in unfamiliar or challenging environments, with the goal of promoting spiritual growth, offering humanitarian aid and fostering social change.

(From <a href="https://www.jesusfilm.org/blog/what-do-christian-missionaries-do/">https://www.jesusfilm.org/blog/what-do-christian-missionaries-do/</a>)

Considering what missionary work is, the Streets Alive Mission is clearly doing what is described.

I would also like you to consider the cities definition of Religious Assembly,

Religious Assembly means Development for worship activities and includes supplementary religious instruction, <u>philanthropic and social activities</u>, and staff residences. Amusement, fitness/recreational and community instructional activities may be incorporated as Accessory Uses. This term refers to Uses such as chapels, churches, convents, manses, monasteries, mosques, parish halls, rectories, synagogues and temples

The cities definition of Religious Assembly states that Philanthropic and social activities are permitted.

From: George Ney
To: David Sarsfield

**Subject:** [External] Streets Alive Appeal

**Date:** Saturday, December 16, 2023 10:40:45 PM

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## Dear Sir,

We wish to register our support of the appeal by Streets Alive Mission of the stop order which would demand that new permits be obtained for many services that volunteers provide to help with the homeless in our city. These volunteers are supporting the needy, just as Christians are instructed to. The activities that the city would require permits for include weekly paramedic attendance, weekly free haircuts, weekly free foot care, provision of clothing, provision of financial administrator services, provision of lockers, and provision of mail drop services.

Who would provide these services if Streets Alive is forced to discontinue them? The volunteers are providing care that would otherwise have to be paid for by public funding. These services of compassion are all activities that fall under the current definition of Religious Assembly, as contained in the City of Lethbridge's Land Use Bylaw 6300, and guaranteed in our Canadian Charter of Rights.

On the basis of these arguments, please drop the demand for new permits you are requiring of the Streets Alive Mission.

Yours truly,

George and Margaret Ney 27 Kings Road South Lethbridge, AB T1K 5E2 Philanthropy is a form of altruism that consists of "private initiatives for the public good, focusing on quality of life"

Clearly the activities that are being performed at the Streets Alive Mission would be considered Philanthropic. (Which is totally in line with the "Missions" purpose)

Given the amount of social change that has occurred over the 20 years since Streets Alive Mission was granted a Religious Assembly permit. The societal need for services being offered by Streets Alive Mission has increased exponentially.

I believe it would be a considerable mistake to cause the withdrawal of services that improve the quality of life of the most vulnerable people of Lethbridge and surrounding areas.

I also believe that Lethbridge is Truly Blessed to have an organization such as Streets Alive Mission helping to ease the suffering of the less fortunate.

I would ask that you please reconsider your request for Streets Alive Mission to apply for additional permits to perform the very valuable community activities they have been performing for the past 20 years.

Sincerely
Jerry McGinnis

From: Mackenzie Nimmo <mnimmo18@hotmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, December 9, 2023 6:12 PM

**To:** David Sarsfield <David.Sarsfield@lethbridge.ca> **Subject:** [External] Stop Order - Streets Alive Mission

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Mackenzie Nimmo 1710 12 Ave S, Lethbridge, AB From: Patti Pharo
To: David Sarsfield

Subject: [External] Letter of support

Date: Thursday, December 14, 2023 7:20:44 AM

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One of the special traits of our community is the generosity and innovative thinking of our citizens. Streets Alive has adapted services to continually meet the needs of our very vulnerable. This resource has provided so much support and developed resources to accommodate those in need. They have developed relationships which provides a crucial connection.

It would be beyond cruel to this organization to alter the arrangement with Streets Alive at this time. Those who have provided financial support would see their donations go toward appeals and into City accounts. To what end? Please do not change the status of Streets Alive from a church organization. They are providing the same services as many inner city churches around the continent.

I have worked for nonprofit organizations for much of my career and understand the special contributions they make without significant beaurocratic restrictions. I have witnessed the services Streets Alive has provided. I feel desperate that the City is now considering a change in status after benefiting from their resourcefulness all these years.

From Patti Nicol-Pharo (403)331-7493 153 Sherwood Blvd west. Lethbridge, AB Kelly Stickel PO Box 1780 STN Main Lethbridge, AB T1J 4K4

December 21, 2023

To the esteemed member of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, my name is Kelly Stickel and I am the Lead Pastor of Parallel Church and CEO of MyCityCare.

On November 10, the Development Officer of the City of Lethbridge issued a Stop Order to Streets Alive accusing them of violating the Land Use Bylaw Religious Assembly. More specifically, that the following activities were in violation of a Religious Assembly: Paramedic attendance once a week; weekly foot care program; weekly free haircuts; provision of clothing, financial administrator program, provision of lockers while attending court or the clothing bank; and the use of their address as a mail drop for the homeless.

The City of Lethbridge's current Land Use Bylaw Religious Assembly is defined as:

Religious Assembly means Development for worship activities and includes
supplementary religious instruction, philanthropic and social activities, and staff
residences. Amusement, fitness/recreational and community instructional activities may
be incorporated as Accessory Uses. This term refers to Uses such as chapels, churches,
convents, manses, monasteries, mosques, parish halls, rectories, synagogues, and
temples.

I am appealing to this board to define further what is deemed a "worship activity, and a philanthropic and social activity." I am assuming that the City's definition of a worship activity is different than those of us in Christian Worship Assemblies. I make this assumption based on the stop order given to Streets Alive and have grave concern as to its far-reaching effect on other "Religious Assemblies" in our City.

The Bible, from which we as Christians get our instruction, defines worship of our God as much more than just a weekly service within the confines of a building.

The prophet Isaiah wrote:

Isaiah 58:6-7 (NLT)

"No, this is the kind of fasting I want: Free those who are wrongly imprisoned; lighten the burden of those who work for you. Let the oppressed go free, and remove the chains that bind people. Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them, and do not hide from relatives who need your help.

According to God, a weekly worship service is not enough. Being a Christian who pleases God requires justice, treating our employees and co-workers right, helping people get free, feeding the hungry, housing the homeless, and clothing the naked.

Jesus gave his disciples similar instructions, just before He died:

Matthew 25: 34-36 (NIV)

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

By putting Himself in the place of the "least of these," Jesus gave clear instruction that to love and worship Him required looking after the hungry, thirsty, homeless, naked, the sick and imprisoned. His followers took him seriously.

Jesus' brother wrote this to the early church.

James 1:14-17 (NASB)

What use is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone says he has faith, but he has no works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? In the same way, faith also, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself.

And Paul the Apostle wrote this to the 1st-century church in Galatia.

Galatians 5:6 (NIV)

"The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love."

There are many, many more similar instructions in the Bible. You see, our faith, our worship, requires us to take care of the needs around us.

In fact, since the time of Jesus, Christians have made these practices of their religion a part of their "worship activity." That is why Emperor Julian the Apostate, a Roman Caesar in 363 said of the Christians, "Why, then, do we think that this is enough, why do we not observe that it is their benevolence to strangers, their care for the graves of the dead and the pretended holiness of their lives that have done most to increase atheism?" Julian often called Christians atheists because they did not worship the Roman gods. He continued, "I believe that we ought really and truly to practice every one of these virtues. For it is disgraceful that, when no Jew ever has to beg, and the

impious Galileans support not only their own poor but ours as well, all men see that our people lack aid from us." He was writing to the Senate.

He despised Christians, and yet he could not ignore their "benevolence to strangers." It was this "benevolence to strangers," and belief that proper worship of God requires the care for others that led the church to start the first-ever hospital through Bishop Basil in 369. It is also the reason why Martin Luther first introduced public education in the sixteenth century so that every child, not just the wealthy, would receive an education. It is the reason that William Wilberforce, and virtually every abolitionist, fought for the abolition of slavery.

It is the reason that the majority of the agencies in our city have Christian (religious) roots. Agencies like the Salvation Army, the Soup Kitchen, the Inter-faith Food Bank, YWCA, YMCA, the Pregnancy Care Centre, Safe Families, Habitat for Humanity, Bridges of Hope, Youth One, Branches Fine Arts Academy, Wood Homes, Ur Amazing Ministries, Love Lethbridge, Rehoboth Christian Ministries Association, Run Free Counselling Centre, MyCityCare, and yes, Streets Alive.

Does every Christian or church practice their faith in this way? No, of course not. But I would contend that many do. I would also argue, that by this definition, Streets Alive is performing the very "worship activities, and philanthropic and social activities" of a Religious Assembly perfectly; better than most.

It is for this reason, that I am asking this board today to rescind the Stop Order that has been issued to Streets Alive Mission regarding certain activities that have been deemed unapplicable to a Religious Assembly. If you still consider Streets Alive to be in violation of the City's definition of a Religious Assembly, with due respect, I ask this board to consider amending the definition of a Religious Assembly to be more congruent with our actual beliefs and practices.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



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715 - 2nd Avenue South Lethbridge, Alberta T1J 0C4 T 403.328.**PEAK** (7325) F 403.320.1866

Dear Sir,

RE: Stop Order - Streets Alive Mission

I have been made aware that there was a formal complaint lodged against Streets Alive with regards to the many services they offer the most desperate members of our community.

I wish to register my support of the appeal by Streets Alive Mission of the stop order that demands that new permits be obtained for the activities of weekly paramedic attendance, weekly free haircuts, week free foot care, provision of clothing, provision of financial administrator services, provision of lockers, and provision of mail drop services. These activities are all activities that I agree are met under the current definition of Religious Assembly as contained in the City of Lethbridge's Land Use Bylaw 6300.

Throughout history, churches have offered food, shelter and even medical care to those in need. In the early Middle Ages, infirmaries became an established part of every monastery. Looking after the physical needs of a Church's members is part of a church's duty.

The services that Streets Alive has been offering has been a locally well know fact. It is unfortunate that a complaint was registered regarding these vital services. If Streets Alive was not offering these services, these individuals will still be here but in worse shape.

Yours truly,

Elizabeth Sutton

Owner Peak Physical Therapy

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> info@tanyaplonka.com 403-892-3540

Dear Mr. Sarsfield,

I was appalled to hear of the stop order against vital services Streets Alive Mission offers our homeless population. As a business owner in the community, regular visitor to the downtown area, and frequent supporter of Streets Alive Mission I want to offer my voice in favour of the appeal.

There are three main points I would like to call to attention:

### 1. The activities of Streets Alive Mission should fall under religious assembly.

Christianity repeatedly calls to feed, clothe, and help the poor. Doing these activities should be a vital part of religious service.

Isaiah 58:7: Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter-- when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

The Land Use Bylaw itself defines religious assembly as including philanthropic activities and does not provide exceptions as to what does or does not constitute philanthropy. Philanthropy is "the activity of helping the poor" (Cambridge Dictionary) and an "active effort to promote human welfare" (Merriam-Webster). Streets Alive Mission should be well within their designated usage.

#### 2. These activities occur elsewhere.

Some of these activities are frequently performed at other businesses. One that stands out are personal care services, which are also delivered to seniors' group homes and private residences to help serve those who cannot otherwise access them. Unless all hair stylists are banned from working outside of their salons, this specifically feels like an attack targeted against the homeless.

#### 3. There is no alternative for these services.

Let me be clear where I am coming from. I do not belong to a church and would prefer a system in which help for the homeless comes from reliable, publicly funded sources -- help that is guaranteed to all without proselytizing. As it stands, this is not a realty we currently live in. The city is providing no alternative to the services that Streets Alive Mission offers, and most of these are simply not available anywhere else.

It is cruel to remove access to the locker storage service when homeless people are frequently having their tents removed and all belongings thrown into the trash by the city itself. Where else are they supposed to keep their things? Where else do they get access to haircuts? How do they get access to basic medical services when the housed of our city can't even secure a family doctor?

Should Streets Alive Mission need to stop these specific services, the city needs to step to provide an immediate alternative.

I hope these points will be taken into consideration. It is important that the city knows Streets Alive Mission has the support of the community for the very necessary philanthropy work they provide.

Sincerely,

Tanya Plonka

Janya Barka

17 Erminebend Place North Lethbridge T1H 6R8

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Subdivision and Development Appeal Board c/o Lethbridge City Council

Dear Sir/Madam,

Concerning Streets Alive, Lethbridge

I am in support of Streets Alive continuing to do the amazing work they do for marginalized people of our community. As well as a religious organization, Streets Alive care for street people and the less fortunate giving them some dignity in their lives when hope can be lost. Please don't ask Streets Alive to stop what they are doing by putting a paper trail in front of them. If they have to stop their activities, is the City Council going to take over all that will be lost to the marginalized community???

Yours faithfully

**Shona Potts** 

December 8, 2023

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Yours truly,

Shauna Pratt 1601 14 Avenue South Lethbridge, AB T1K 0T6 From: Wendy Redel

To: David Sarsfield

Subject: [External] Subdivision and Development Appeal Board

**Date:** Monday, December 11, 2023 8:48:49 AM

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RE: STOP ORDER - STREETS ALIVE MISSION

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Yours truly, Carolyn Wendy Redel #403-2275-32St. S Lethbridge, Alberta T1K 5A9 Sent from my iPhone Dec. 11, 2023

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Yours truly,

Sua Rowland

1415 ST. BASIL ROAD NORTH LETHBRIDGE, AB TIH 4M2 From: Susanne Sherring
To: David Sarsfield

Subject:[External] streets alive stop orderDate:Friday, December 8, 2023 9:57:12 AM

# Dear Mr. Sarsfield:

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Sincerely, Susanne Sherring 2214 12 Avenue South Lethbridge, AB T1K 0P2

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Yours truly,

D Snow North Side Lethbridge, AB T1H 3M7 From: St. Martha"s Office

To: David Sarsfield

Subject: [External] Stop Order – Streets Alive Mission

Date: Wednesday, December 13, 2023 12:15:56 PM

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Yours truly, Cristiana

# Cristiana Crestani

Administrative Assistant St. Martha's Parish 355 Columbia Blvd. W Lethbridge, AB T1K 5Y8



From: Blaine Stodolka
To: David Sarsfield

Subject: [External] Stop Order - Streets Alive Mission

Date: Friday, December 8, 2023 1:49:45 PM

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Blaine Stodolka 23 Assiniboia Road West Lethbridge, AB T1K6Z1

Jennifer Thomas 37 Rivercrest Court Lethbridge, AB, T1K 7P4

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Jennifer Thomas

37 Rivercrest Court

Lethbridge, AB

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Stuart Thomas 37 Rivercrest Court Lethbridge, AB, T1K 7P4

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Yours truly,

**Stuart Thomas** 

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Yours truly,

Diane Traber
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Richard Traber 15 Grizzly Terrace N

Lethbridge, Ab TIH 655

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Yours truly,

mer & Thurtha Wieber 33043 RR211B LETHERDGE COUNTY, FB

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From: <u>Marge Williams</u>
To: <u>David Sarsfield</u>

Subject: [External] Stop Order – Streets Alive Mission Appeal

**Date:** Monday, December 11, 2023 4:38:01 PM

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RE: Streets Alive Mission Appeal to Stop Order

I am in support of the appeal by Streets Alive Mission of the stop order to be heard December 21, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

City of Lethbridge Land Use By-Law #6300 definition: Religious Assembly means Development for worship activities and includes **supplementary religious instruction, philanthropic and social activities** and staff residences. Amusement, fitness/recreational and community instructional activities may be incorporated as Accessory Uses. This term refers to Uses such as chapels, churches, convents, manses, monasteries, mosques, parish halls, rectories, synagogues and temples.

The City is requiring that new permits be obtained for the activities of weekly paramedic attendance, weekly free haircuts, weekly free foot care, provision of clothing, provision of financial administrator services, provision of lockers, and provision of mail drop services which I regard as part of the ministry of Streets Alive Mission as a Christian organization.

These activities are all activities that I agree are met under the current definition of Religious Assembly as defined in the City of Lethbridge's Land Use Bylaw 6300 and further I feel that by the action taken by the City of Lethbridge to impose the requirement of new permits on an organization that has been operating for the past 20+ years and providing these services is extremely arbitrary and over reaching.

Sincerely Marge Williams #103, 1615 - 13 Street North Lethbridge, AB T1H 2V2 403-329-3025 From: David Wirzba
To: David Sarsfield
Subject: [External] streets alive

**Date:** Thursday, December 14, 2023 10:22:53 AM

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Dear David I have lived my whole life in Lethbridge and when I came to hear what you are wanting to streets alive I was appalled. They have been helping people for 30 years physically, spiritually and in many other ways. I do hope that the permits that have been in place will continue to stay as they are. We need more organizations like them. blessings

David Wirzba Box 1291 Lethbridge, AB T1J 4K1 XXXXXXXXXX 00, 2023 December 10, 2023

The Secretary Subdivision & Development Appeal Board Office of the City Clerk, 2nd Floor, City Hall 910-4th Avenue South Lethbridge, AB T1J 0P6

Dear Sir,

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Yours truly,

Virginia C. Birss (Vbirss eyahoo. ca)

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TIM OB!

From: bclose20@gmail.com <bclose20@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, December 10, 2023 9:41 AM

**To:** David Sarsfield < <u>David.Sarsfield@lethbridge.ca</u>>

**Subject:** [External] Personal Letter of Support - Streets Alive Mission

Dear Mr. Sarsfield:

Please accept the attach letter as our sincere and emotional show of support of everything Streets Alive Mission has done for our family. It is awful to have a child homeless BUT it is so wonderful to know there is a group such as this that will help guide him and help get him back on his feet.

They deserve all the support they can get to do the hard, emotionally draining work of help those who just need a direction.

Respectfully,

**Barry Close** 

We were residences of Lethbridge, but left years ago and our adult son moved back there in 2021.

Our current address is:

1109 Hainstock Green SW Edmonton, Alberta T6W 2T8

Thx!

**Barry Close** 

Marcia Friesen

Box 451

Cardston, AB TOK 0K0

403-715-5244

Member of Park Meadows Baptist Church

The Secretary

Subdivision and Development Appeal Board

Office of the City Clerk, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall

910-4<sup>th</sup> Avenue South

Lethbridge, AB T1J 0P6

December 17, 2023

Dear Sir,

I learned about the 'Stop Order for Streets Alive Mission' recently. This issue concerns me.

I used to be homeless for many years because I was abandoned in the woods as a baby. The animals kept me happy. I lived hither and yon all over the world. The theatres in London, England and Hollywood, California were some of my home bases. The support from the various churches through the years was a lifesaver. In 1966, a Mennonite family in southern Ontario took me in. Then I belonged to a family! Just like that, my opportunities opened for an education, church membership and perks. I taught in a private school. We raised our own family in a church setting. They grew to adulthood and married. My circumstances caused me to support myself. My intelligence enhanced my nurses training. I loved this career until my health declined. I serve on political boards and local committees. Now I write articles. People ask me to write my life story. I began attending Park Meadows Baptist Church, Lethbridge, Alberta, one year ago. This October, I joined in full membership. My life has constant change – quite fascinating, I say.

My testimony of a changed life may help others.

Always be kind to the homeless, especially to those who cannot help themselves. Throughout time, some of the homeless people have snatched their options to change their lives! In turn, we must help more people find possibilities. Real intelligence can care for more Canadians than artificial intelligence.

Thank you for your efforts to allow the care of the homeless. We beg you to continue the current mode.

Sincerely,

Marcia Friesen

Greg and Brenda Harbers Box 121, Monarch, AB, TOL 1M0 December 8, 2023

The Secretary
Subdivision & Development Appeal Board
Office of the City Clerk, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, City Hall
910-4<sup>th</sup> Avenue South
Lethbridge, AB T1J 0P6

Dear Sir,

RE: Stop Order- Streets Alive Mission

You will note that our address is Monarch. Although we do not live in Lethbridge, we own property in Lethbridge and do the majority of our business in Lethbridge. I believe that qualifies us to submit this letter to the board.

We wish to register our support of the appeal by Streets Alive Mission of the stop order that demands that new permits be obtained for the activities of weekly paramedic attendance, weekly free haircuts, weekly free foot care ,provision of financial administrator services, provision of lockers, and provision of mail drop services. These activities are all activities that we agree are met under the current definition of Religious Assembly as contained in the City Of Lethbridge's Land Use Bylaw 6300.

Streets Alive Mission has been operating under the current permits for over 20 years. Providing the above mentioned services to the cities 'poor, mentally ill, addicted, and homeless population. We would like to ask city council and the Appeal board, why the sudden change? Why the sudden need to have new permits? If Streets Alive mission does not provide these services, who will? Since the beginning of time it has been the Church's , charities and religious organizations mission to help and serve the poor and needy. When did that change.

We heard on the news that there were complaints from a minority of people about the activities of the homeless in the area of Streets Alive. We are asking the city to not cater to the voices of the minority in our city.

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The city says that it wants to help the homeless get help and get off the streets. If that is the case, please work along with the organizations like streets Alive and others who are trying to do exactly that,not against them. Be a part of the solution instead of putting up road blocks for those organizations.

We are asking that the Appeal board decide in favor of Streets Alive continuing their mission under the current permits.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Greg and Brenda Harbers

Dec. 9, 2023

The Secretary
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Lethbridge, AB TIJOP6

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The Secretary Subdivision & Development Appeal Board Office of the City Clerk, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall 910-4<sup>th</sup> Avenue South Lethbridge, AB T1J 0P6

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Yours truly,

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BOX 191 MONBERCH, AB TOL IMO

The Secretary Subdivision & Development Appeal Board Office of the City Clerk, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall 910-4th Avenue South Lethbridge, AB T1J 0P6

Dear Sir,

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Yours truly,

RUSSELLTEABER

BOX 191 MONMENT, SB TOL 11910

From: Megan Van Schothorst

To: David Sarsfield

Subject: [External] Streets Alive Stop Order

Date: Sunday, December 10, 2023 8:56:00 PM

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December 10, 2023

The Secretary Subdivision & Development Appeal Board Office of the City Clerk, 2nd Floor, City Hall 910-4th Avenue South Lethbridge, AB T1J 0P6

Dear David and those affiliated with implementing a Stop Order of work on Streets Alive on new construction.

RE: Stop Order – Streets Alive Mission

I wish to register my support of the appeal by Streets Alive Mission of the stop order that demands that new permits be obtained for the activities of weekly paramedic attendance, weekly free haircuts, week free foot care, provision of clothing, provision of financial administrator services, provision of lockers, and provision of mail drop services. These activities are all activities that I agree are met under the current definition of Religious Assembly as contained in the City of Lethbridge's Land Use Bylaw 6300.

I along with my families agribusiness/ farm and our valued employees have been very active in supporting Streets Alive Mission via serving meals, volunteering hours to help the urban community and through food and financial donation. This is a program that we have seen results of peoples lives being changed for the better.

This stop order to a functioning care centre for those who are the most in need and very minimal cost to taxpayers, is a total embarrassment on the City's behalf.

This is callous and dehumanizing and shows the City of Lethbridge's neglect for contributing to actual solutions for homelessness and those suffering with addiction.

Streets Alive is not aiding and abetting addicts as the grossly over funding and under results driven safe consumption site did; it is providing long term recovery and basic necessity's majorly at the cost of donors-not the city.

In the midst of an ongoing opioid and overdose crisis, to have literal "feet on the street" of volunteers who are responding to these situations and lessening the burden on our strained emergency department capacity-what absurdity is it to try dismantle this organization?

This organization is inclusive of anyone and everyone in need. It works. It helps people. It makes Lethbridge a better city.

I sincerely hope the City reconsiders its position and opens it ears to the concerns and long term effects that could be caused by pushing this Stop Work Order.

Sincerely,

Megan Van Schothorst

Box 182 Picture Butte AB T0K 1G0

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Megan Van Schothorst

Kolk Farms Ltd. K3 Seeds.

Cell: 403 382 7230



December 16, 2023

The Secretary Subdivision & Development Appeal Board Office of the City Clerk, 2nd Floor, City Hall 910-4th Avenue South Lethbridge, AB TlJ 0P6

Dear Sir,

# **RE: Stop Order-Streets Alive Mission**

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Yours truly,

Rachel Zanoni

83062 Range Road 205

Lethbridge County, AB

T1J 5N7

From: <u>Thriesa Hubers</u>
To: <u>David Sarsfield</u>

Subject: [External] Regarding Stop Order for Streets Alive

Date: Monday, December 11, 2023 11:24:02 PM

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Thriesa Hubers 9261 W 1300 N DeMotte, IN, 46310 219-406-3150

December 12, 2023

The Secretary Subdivision & Development Appeal Board Office of the City Clerk, 2nd Floor, City Hall 910-4 th Avenue South Lethbridge, AB T1J 0P6

Dear Sir,

I wish to register my support of the appeal by Streets Alive Mission of the stop order that demands that new permits be obtained for their weekly activities.

Streets Alive Mission is serving unmet needs in the community both physically and spiritually, showing compassion and love, and pouring their heart into serving others.

Activities by Streets Alive Mission include: paramedic attendance, weekly free haircuts, weekly free foot care, provision of clothing, provision of financial administrator services, provision of lockers, and provision of mail drop services. These outreach services are part of the mission at Streets Alive: to "bring hope to the hopeless" by serving the disenfranchised.

The above-mentioned activities and other outreach efforts of Streets Alive Mission are functions of a Religious Assembly, as described in the City of Lethbridge's Land Use Bylaw 6300.

Please bolster this community mission by offering support rather than a stop order; join in helping Streets Alive Mission to bring hope in tangible, life-changing ways.

Sincerely,

Thriesa Hubers

A Canadian citizen, living abroad, but shaped by her roots in Southern Alberta

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December 15, 2023

Dear Mr. Sarsfield:

We write this letter to ask the following questions about the process for the upcoming Sub-Division Appeal Board (SDAB) meeting on December 21, 2023. Our questions are as follows:

It is our understanding that Streets Alive has until August 9, 2024, to comply with the order. Can you please provide some information and/ or provide some reasoning as to why a Stop Order would be issued with nine months to comply? How did the Development Authority come to this decision? Is there a precedent for this decision?

Given that the Stop Order does not need to be complied with until August 9, 2024, can you please let us know why the meeting is occurring on December 21, 2023? Many of our members did not find out about the Stop Order and the appeal until it was released in the media on December 6, 2023. The BRZ was provided with no notice at all and learned about it in the local news. We understand that only neighbouring businesses need to be notified directly, however, many of them did not receive notice until December 4, 2023.

The reason we are concerned with having the meeting on December 21, 2023, is because many of our downtown businesses rely on December sales (particularly this year given the disruptive construction that took place downtown in October and November) and do not have time to prepare for this meeting on such short notice. Therefore, we would like to know if it can be postponed into 2024 to give our members time to prepare.

We hope to receive a response from you and/ or the SDAB in writing so we can share it with our members before the December 21, 2023, meeting. However, as you are aware, the deadline for written submissions is December 18, 2023, and, given the short notice, we may not have a response from you prior to submitting our written submission to the SDAB.

Thank you for your time and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely

Sheri Kain, Chair

Downtown Lethbridge Business Revitalization Zone Board of Directors



Dear SDAB Board Members,

We write this letter on behalf of the over 500 businesses and property owners in Downtown Lethbridge who are affected by this development. This is only one letter, but we hope you consider it with the weight of over 500 letters from business owners and property owners in the Downtown Lethbridge Business Revitalization Zone (BRZ). As we prepare this communication we are reminded of the boiling frog metaphor characterizing the failure to act against a problematic situation which then allows for increase in severity until reaching catastrophic proportions and are most concerned that the Streets Alive activities and off-site impact allowed to proceed unmonitored and unregulated under a charitable cover is a clear example of just this condition.

We hope to share some light on a storied path to today. We oppose this appeal for the following reasons:

# The BRZ has expressed its concerns with Streets Alive's activities for over 20 years.

The BRZ has made many efforts over the years to work with Streets Alive to mediate issues and the countless complaints about Streets Alive over the last 20 years and these have not resulted in positive outcomes for the businesses in the Downtown core. While other businesses and properties in the Downtown are held to a high standard and, by and large, follow the rules around permitted use, this year the situation at Streets Alive became so untenable for the surrounding businesses in the area that, on July 12, 2023, the BRZ submitted a formal complaint to the City of Lethbridge to investigate the permitted activities.

Streets Alive is appealing to the SDAB that their activities are within the permitted use for "religious assembly" as per Development Permit 2000-0383, and they are "confused" as to why this has never been an issue until recently. To make an argument that this is something they have done for over 20 years without complaint is, in the opinion of the BRZ, simply not true. Streets Alive should be very aware of the controversy surrounding their activities at the location 323 4<sup>th</sup> Street South, as they have been subject to numerous complaints and have already appeared before the SDAB on a similar matter.

# "Religious Assembly" permit was extended to Streets Alive with specific and clear parameters.

Over twenty years ago, in January 2003, when Streets Alive first moved into their current location of 323 4th Street South, the BRZ wrote to the City to question the activities that would be permitted in that location given that the original development permit for "religious assembly" was approved in May 2000 for Pastor Darrin Parkin of the Church of the Sacred Heart and **NOT** Ken Kissick of Streets Alive.

The BRZ was concerned because, in August 2002, the SDAB ruled that the activities occurring at Streets Alive's then location, 612 3 Avenue South, were not suitable in accordance with the land use bylaw and

revoked Streets Alive's development permit. As such, the BRZ was concerned that Streets Alive would conduct activities not consistent with the land use bylaw under the "religious assembly" permit that was originally granted to Sacred Heart. The City responded on December 8, 2003 indicating that any activities occurring at Streets Alive's new location, 323 4th Street South, would have to be consistent with the August 2002 SDAB ruling.

The City further responded to the BRZ indicating that the Development Officer allowed Streets Alive to operate in that location based on the joint letter from Streets Alive and Sacred Heart. In that letter it is clearly identified that the two organizations are <u>not allowed "to operate a drop-in centre, soup kitchen</u> or a clothing bank. The kitchen, social hall and washrooms are not for public use."

The letter further makes reference to the two groups, <u>specifically Ken Kissick on behalf of Streets Alive</u>, <u>acknowledging that it is NOT their intention</u> "to provide any sort of daily drop-in and soup kitchen type services or store style clothing bank... The kitchen and social hall and on-site bathrooms will not be available for daily public use."

## The lease between Sacred Heart and Streets Alive that formed part of the approval:

Furthermore, when Streets Alive first rented the building from Sacred Heart under the development permit of "religious assembly", the City Development Officer who reviewed the file and interpreted Streets Alive's lease from Sacred Heart included in the Development Permit a copy of the lease between Streets Alive and Sacred Heart which reads:

The demised premises shall only be used for a Church and Sunday School activities... The demised premises shall be used for lawful purposes only, and not at any time during the said term use, exercise or carry on or permit.. any noxious or offensive trade... which shall or may be or grow to the annoyance, nuisance, grievance, damage or disturbance to other persons... or to the owners of adjoining lands and properties.

# **Supporting Documents**

Please find attached the supporting documents which show:

- 1) November 5, 2003 letter from the BRZ expressing concerns with Streets Alive moving into the building located at 323 4<sup>th</sup> Street South.
- 2) December 8, 2003 letter from City Development Officer identifying that the permit was extended to Streets Alive but they are not allowed "to operate a drop-in centre, soup kitchen or a clothing bank. The kitchen, social hall and washrooms are not for public use."
- 3) December 4, 2003 letter from Ken Kissick on behalf of Streets Alive acknowledging that it is NOT their intention "to provide any sort of daily drop-in and soup kitchen type services or store style clothing bank... The kitchen and social hall and on-site bathrooms will not be available for daily public use."
- 4) Copy of Streets Alive's lease identifying that their main activity will be Church and Sunday School, and they may not create an annoyance for other persons or other properties.

- 5) May 4, 2000 Development Permit 2000-0383 originally issued to Darrin Parkin of the Church of Sacred Heart and **NOT** Streets Alive.
- 6) August 2002 SDAB decision revoking Streets Alive's previous permit (which is also referenced in the above December 8, 2003 letter from the City Development Officer).
- 7) July 12, 2023, BRZ letter to Mr. Brierly regarding concerns over continued activities at Streets Alive.

Given the above supporting documents and previous public correspondence from over 20 years ago, it cannot come as a surprise to Streets Alive that the activities they are conducting, which resulted in the Stop Order, are outside of their approved use for the development permit. There also has been a continued escalation of the services and impact on local business, that have tried to be settled via neighbourly discussions. Promises are continually left unfilled.

Considering the above, and the BRZ's sustained objections to the activities, that threaten the safety and security of neighbouring businesses and the community as a whole, and continue to occur at Streets Alive for over twenty years, we ask that the Board not allow this appeal and that you enforce the Stop Order.

In our opinion, not to uphold the Stop Order would seriously undermine the previous decisions and correspondence from the SDAB and the City on the issuance of this permit. And, in our opinion, not to uphold the Stop Order would be unfair to the rest of the downtown businesses and organizations who are held to a different standard and follow the permitted land use bylaws and rules associated with running their businesses and organizations.

We thank you for your careful consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Downtown Lethbridge Business Revitalization Zone Board of Directors



#### Lethbridge Life is hore.



DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
CITY OF LETHBRIDGE

# DOWNTOWN LETHBRIDGE BUSINESS REVITALIZATION ZONE

310 – 6 Street South, Lethbridge, Alberta Phone (403) 327-9002 Fax (403) 380-3501

November 5, 2003

To: Mr. David Cronkhite - City of Lethbridge Senior Development Officer

Re: Streets Alive Mobile Unit & new tenant at 323 – 4th Street South.

Dear Mr. Cronkhite,

Could you please provide the Downtown Lethbridge BRZ Board of Directors with information regarding the Streets Alive Mobile Unit's usage of the Galt Gardens Park. We understand that the Streets Alive Mobile Unit has been operating under a City of Lethbridge permit that allows them to provide food to individuals from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Monday thru Saturday on the east side of the Galt Gardens Park. We feel that such a usage does not fit with the revitalization goals for the Galt Gardens Park and the downtown in general.

We also understand that Pastor Kissick/Streets Alive have recently entered into a lease agreement with the owner of the building located at 323 - 4th Street South. Could you please provide us with information regarding the type of activities that are allowed within that building? The usage by previous tenants such as Fabricland and the Sacred Heart Church had little, if any, impact on neighboring businesses. Although the Downtown Lethbridge BRZ supports religious assembly in the downtown it also wants to ensure that such a usage does not alter or impact the existing business and pedestrian environment.

Yours truly,

Ted Stilson - Managing Coordinator, Downtown Lethbridge BRZ

The VISION

Building a vibrant, safe and economically viable downtown ... a downtown that our community can take pride in.



# City of Lethbridge

December 8, 2003

Ted Stilson Managing Coordinator Downtown Lethbridge BRZ 310-6 Street South Lethbridge, Alberta

Dear Mr. Stilson,

This letter is in response to your letter of November 5, 2003.

## 1. Streets Alive Mobile Unit

The issuance of the permit for the use of Galt Gardens Park is under the jurisdiction of City of Lethbridge Community Services. If you feel that the issuance of the permit is not in accordance with City of Lethbridge policy, or that the policy under which the permit was issued needs review in view of the plans to further invest in the park, please contact Sheila Buelow at 320-3014 or Kathy Hopkins at 320-3015.

# 2. New Tenant at 323-4 Street South

A development permit for "religious assembly" was approved in May, 2000. A copy of the permit is attached.

Any new tenant must operate the religious assembly use in compliance with the development permit. Emergency overnight accommodation is not permitted in this facility.

Attached is a letter co-signed by Pastor Ken Kissick of the Streets Alive Family Support Association and Pastor Darrin Parkin of the Church of the Sacred Heart. In it they explain that Streets Alive has moved into and now shares the facility with the Church of the Sacred Heart. In the second paragraph on page 2 of the attached letter, the two organizations confirm that they do not intend to operate a drop-in centre, soup kitchen or a clothing bank. The kitchen, social hall and washrooms are not for public use.

It has been explained to the two organizations that such uses would require a development permit which would be interpreted as a discretionary use consistent with the ruling of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board in the matter of the Streets Alive application in August, 2002.

## **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

Such a use would require consideration by the Municipal Planning Commission in a public meeting.

I have requested that the Downtown Lethbridge BRZ be directly informed by the two organizations of their plans for the use of the building at 323-4 St S.

I wish to inform you by this letter that the Development Officer has interpreted the intended use of the facility, as described in the attached letter, as conforming to the attached development permit. If you disagree with this interpretation, you have the right to appeal this interpretation to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board pursuant to Section 685 (2) of the Municipal Government Act.

Sincerely, Mronhlite

David Cronkhite

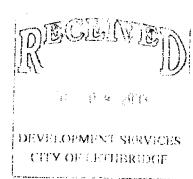
Development Services Manager

Attachments (2):

Development Permit 2000-0383

Streets Alive/Sacred Heart letter dated December 4, 2003

Dave Cronkite, Manager Development Services City of Lethbridge 910 – 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. Lethbridge, Alberta T1J 0P6



Dear Dave:

# Re: Building permit application – renovations to 323-4<sup>th</sup> St. S Church of the Sacred Heart - Streets Alive Family Support Association

With respect to our meeting of Wednesday December 3<sup>rd</sup> (Cronkite, Baines, Mullen, Kissick, Parkin) regarding the above application and concerns raised around the substance of the application we provide the following information as confirmation and clarification.

On August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2002 the subdivision appeal board ruled regarding a granted development permit by Streets Alive Family Support Association for drop-in centre services at 612-3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue S. The ruling indicated that this type of service was not suitable for the location and as such the permit revoked. On August 29<sup>th</sup> Streets Alive closed the drop-in center operation and has not attempted to re-establish that service. Streets Alive did, however continue to operate faith based mission and administrative services to a client base developed over the years from its worship service, children's outreach and housing operations. These services were provided out of offices located firstly at 612-3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. S and for the past year from offices located at 120-8<sup>th</sup> Street S.

Mission and administrative services include but are not totally restricted to: worship services; prayer meetings; children's (12 and under) programs, religious education; crisis and marriage counseling; funerals; addictions support groups; referral services; emergency clothing; free Internet access (LCN member); outreach programs; fund raising; Board meetings; step-up housing. All services are faith based designed to enhance congregational growth.

In January of 2003 out of the relationships that The Church of Sacred Heart had with neighboring businesses felt at liberty to invite Streets Alive to move their worship and children's services to 323-4<sup>th</sup> Street S. allowing better access for Streets Alive's congregation members. This partnership has benefited both organizations that have similar plans for outreach in the downtown area.

In October of 2003 the 323-4<sup>th</sup> Street building changed ownership and the new owner wished to formalize a long-term lease on the building. Negotiations ensued and it was determined that a lease was feasible under a partnership between The Church of the Sacred Heart and Streets Alive. For obvious financial reasons it was prudent that Streets Alive move the mission and administrative operations presently at 120-8<sup>th</sup> Street to 323-4<sup>th</sup> Street S. Neighboring businesses were informed of our intentions and expressed no concerns to us personally.

As stated in our meeting it is **not** the intention of either organization to provide any sort of daily drop-in and soup kitchen type services or store style clothing bank. The existing development permit does **not** allow overnight shelter and the lease with the landlord does **not** allow hostel services. The kitchen and social hall and on site bathrooms will **not** be available for daily public use.

Allowing for the exceptional emergency situation or a private meeting all events and activities occurring in the facility will be schedule with times and dates known to the community in advance.

The purpose for the renovation request is 4 fold.

- 1.) To bring the building to code for is permitted use
- 2.) To change the layouts of the building to better accommodate church congregation growth, ie a proper children's ministry area, social hall, offices and storage
- 3.) To accommodate the congregational and administrative needs of both organizations
- 4.) To take advantage of assistance provided by the Landlord as part of the lease agreement

Yours truly,

Pastor Ken Kissick

Streets Alive Family Support Association

Pastor Darrin Parkin

Church of the Sacred Heart

payment herein provided in respect of which G.S.T. applies.

This Lease is made upon the following charges and conditions to the fulfilment of which the Lessee and Lessor bind themselves.

# MANNER OF USE

3. The demised premises shall only be used for a Church and Sunday School activities. The demised premises will specifically not be used to provide hostel facilities to the members, patrons, or clients of the Lessee.

The demised premises shall be used for lawful purposes only, and not at any time during the said term use, exercise or carry on or permit or suffer to be used, exercised or carried on in or upon the demised premises, or any part thereof, any noxious or offensive art, trade, business, occupation or calling and suffer or permit no act, matter or thing whatsoever at any time during the said term to be done in or upon the demised premises, or any part thereof, which shall or may be or grow to the annoyance, nuisance, grievance, damage or any disturbance to other persons occupying the demised premises, or any other part of the said building, or to the owners of the adjoining lands and properties and, without restricting anything heretofore set out in this clause, not carry on or suffer or permit to be carried on any undertaking which is illegal or in the Lessor's opinion is dangerous or bring or keep anything upon the demised premises which is illegal or in the Lessor's opinion is dangerous, or bring or keep anything in the said building whereby the policy or policies insurance on the said building or contents against fire or otherwise for the time bying subsisting may become void or voidable or which will in any way increase the rate of fire in urance on the said building or on property or contents kept therein, whether swined by the Lassor or any other tenant of the said building; or conflict with the laws solating to fires or with any insurance policy upon the said building, or any part thereof, and to promptly comply with any statutes, or timences, orders or regulations issued by any competent Provincial, Civic, Municipal or Federal Government authorities or by any insurance underwriter's board or association or other insurance organization on account of, or applying to the occupancy of the demised premises.

## PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES AND FIRE INSURANCE

4. From the date of commencement of this Lease the Lessee shall pay all costs associated with property taxes and fire insurance on the building. The yearly property taxes and fire insurance shall be estimated by the Lessor from time to time. The Lessee agrees to pay for the property taxes in equal monthly installments, each on the first day of each month in advance. The Lessee agrees to pay for the fire insurance in equal monthly installments, each on the first day of each month in advance. Payments of estimated property taxes and fire insurance costs shall be adjusted annually, and the Lessee shall pay to the Lessor the amount of the difference between the total property taxes and fire insurance costs actually paid by the Lessee during the preceding calendar year and the actual cost of property taxes and fire insurance.



# City of Lethbridge

Permit No. 00-0383

# Development Services DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

Address	323	4	ST	S

Legal Description 4353S

Block:

Lot: 29

**Applicant** 

REV. DARRIN PARKIN/EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE

SACRED HEART

PO BOX 555

T1J3Z4 P

Phone317-9541

Work Ph. 327-9715

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Development To establish 5120 sq ft for the purpose of a religious assembly.

**Proposed** 

District

C-D

Land Use Religious Assembly

**Duration of Approval** Permanent ...

**Discretionary Use** 

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

Off-street Parking: any existing spaces shall be maintained for this use.

Signs: prior to the installation of any exterior signs, a sign permit must be approved by the Development Officer.

Note: emergency overnight accommodation is not permitted in this facility.

Development shall commence within 1 year of the date of release.

4 2000

Date of Decision....

Date of Release

May 2, 2000

Signature

David Crockhite Development Officer

MAY

Date of Advertising..... May 6, 2000

### **APPEALS**

The Land Use By-law provides that any person affected by a decision of the Development Officer or Municipal Planning Commission made under the By-law may appeal such decision to the Development Appeal Board. Such an appeal to the Development Appeal Board shall contain a statement of the grounds of appeal and shall be delivered either personally or by Registered Mail so as to reach the Secretary of the Development Appeal Board not later than fourteen (14) days after the notice of the decision is deemed to have been received by the applicant. The notice is deemed to have been received 5 days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) after the date it is released. Should an appeal be made, the Development Permit shall be null and void.

If a decision is not made within forty (40) days from the date of the receipt of the application in its complete and final form or within such longer period as the applicant may approve in writing, the application shall be deemed to be refused and the applicant may exercise the right of appeal as though a written notice of refusal had been received.

Permit No.

00-0383



# City of Lethbridge

August 28, 2002

# SCANNED

DATE: aug21/03.

Dear Appellants:

RE: APPEAL HEARING OF DEVELOPMENT PERMIT 2002-0723

REQUEST FOR A DAY FACILTY FOR

612/614 – 3<sup>rd</sup> AVENUE SOUTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF LOCATING STREETS ALIVE FAMILY SUPPORT

ASSOCIATION CLIENT SERVICES

At a meeting of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board held on Thursday, August 22, 2002, the Board adjourned until such time as they had made their decision, which by the Municipal Government Act, must be made in writing to all affected parties within 15 days of hearing the appeal. Accordingly, the Board has made its decision on Wednesday, August 28, 2002 and a copy is attached for your information.

An appeal against this decision may be made to the Alberta Court of Appeal on a question of law or jurisdiction only. Should you wish to do so, it is recommended that you retain legal counsel.

Please contact this office if you have questions regarding the decision.

Yours truly,

City of Lethbridge

Carolyn Coutts, Acting Board Secretary Subdivision & Development Appeal Board

cc Mr. Ken Kissick, Streets Alive

City Solicitor

Development Officer

Neighbouring Property Owners

PHONE: (403) 320-3991 FAX: (403) 320-7575

#### IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT

AND IN THE MATTER OF AN APPEAL MADE TO THE SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD WITH RESPECT TO:

A REQUEST TO APPLY FOR A DAY FACILITY FOR 612/614 - 3<sup>RD</sup> AVENUE SOUTH FOR THE PURPOSE OF LOCATING STREETS ALIVE FAMILY SUPPORT ASSOCIATION CLIENT SERVICES

Development Permit No. 2002-0723

AND UPON HEARING FROM THE Appellants, AND UPON HEARING FROM THE Respondents, AND UPON HEARING from the Development Officer, and other interested parties, AND UPON CONSIDERING the relevant provisions of the *Municipal Government Act*, the *Municipal Development Plan*, the *Land Use By-Law*, any applicable Statutory Plans, AND UPON CONSIDERING the circumstances and merits of this case, the decision of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board is as follows and for the following reasons:

#### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION:**

The Board was asked to make an initial determination as to which of the 47 appeals filed in opposition to the proposed development were valid. The Municipal Government Act of Alberta and amendments thereto cannot be reasonably interpreted such that any person who might utilize services in the Downtown Commercial District or might on occasion pass by the proposed development be characterized as an "affected" person and therefore entitled to appeal. An "affected" person must be a person who is genuinely and relevantly affected and reasonably interpreted to include those persons directly touched by a decision, but not interpreted so broadly as to include all residents of a city who may or may claim to be affected by driving or walking nearby to the proposed development. Accordingly it is the Board's decision that only those persons or businesses entitled to receive notice as prescribed in the City of Lethbridge's Land Use By-Law (hereafter "Land Use Bylaw) as being "affected persons" and those persons or businesses in the area zoned as Commercial-Downtown are valid appellants. Pension Fund Properties Ltd. v. Calgary (City), 1981, (Alta. CA), AJ No. 607; Planning Law and Practice in Alberta, Frederick A. Laux., The Carswell Company Limited, 1990.

The Board heard compelling submissions from the Appellants and from Counsel for the

Appellants. Ms. Julie Kissick on behalf of the Respondent Streets Alive and Mr. Frank de Walle, counsel for Streets Alive made equally compelling arguments. Mr. David Cronkhite, Senior Development Officer, provided the Board with valuable information regarding his decision and approval of the proposed development. Many submissions were made by many neighbours in opposition to the proposed development, in fact of the submissions received only one neighbour spoke in favour of the proposed development. The Board notes that while the concerns and opposition of neighbours are important they are not the determining factor in the approval or disapproval of a development permit. The Board is obliged to consider each development in light of:

- Whether or not the use is allowable under the Land Use By-Law;
- 2. Whether or not it complies with the relevant land use policies and statutory plans; and
- 3. If the proposed use does not comply with the Land Use By-law to what extent if any it might unduly interfere with the amenities of the neighbourhood or materially interfere with or affect their use, enjoyment or value of neighbouring parcels of land.

This was not an easy decision to make.

#### 1. Is the proposed development allowable under the Land Use By-Law?

On July 25, 2002, the Streets Alive Family Support Association made application for a development permit at the location of 612/614 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South for the purpose of relocating the Streets Alive Family Support Association client services. They indicated that the services which were being applied for were independent from the overnight emergency shelter which they had previously operated on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue South. The proposed development would provide service which included the following:

"food services, recreation activities, counselling, education services, casual job pool, fine option referral services for food vouchers and clothing vouchers, transportation service to detox and treatment, society fund raising, office administration, information and direction to appropriate services within the city that can meet specific needs of clients".

The Development Officer issued a permit for the proposed development on July 30, 2002.

Approval for the permit was based upon the Development Officer's opinion that the proposed development would conform to five of the permitted uses for the Downtown Commercial (C-D) District as set out in the City of Lethbridge Land Use Bylaw. Specifically the Land Use By-Law lists the following as permitted uses: "office", "medical and "health office (out patient)", "club", "eating and drinking establishment" and "transportation service".

Although the proposed development is not specifically listed in either the category of "permitted" or "discretionary" uses the Development Officer has advised us that he approved the development based upon his interpretation of Section 4 of the Land Use Bylaw. That particular section indicates that "if a particular use appears to conform with two or more definitions, the particular use may be deemed to conform to the definition which, in the opinion of the Development Officer is most appropriate to issue the permit in this matter." The proposed development does not appear to entirely fit within any of the permitted uses under which the Development Permit was granted and in fact, taking into consideration its intended and actual function it might be better characterized as a Daytime Relief Shelter or Drop-In Centre for the needy and homeless. This characterization was not denied by either Ms. Kissick or the Development Officer and in fact Ms. Kissick referred to the proposed development as a Drop-In Centre during her submissions to the Board. It is the Board's opinion that the proposed development is best characterized as a Drop-In Centre/Daytime Relief Shelter and that it in fact provides the same services that it's predecessor did with the exception that overnight stays are not permitted.

In support of his decision to approve the proposed development the Development Officer advised us that he has granted single permits for developments with multiple uses and gives us as examples strip malls and large retail centres where the permit might include approval for retail outlets, eating and drinking establishments, banking facilities and an automotive shop. Specifically the Development Officer provided us with the Wal-Mart development as an example.

The Board respectfully disagrees with the Development Officer's interpretation of s. 4 of the Land Use By-Law. S.4 clearly indicates that if a particular use "appears to conform with two or more definitions. ..." the Development Officer may deem it to conform with "the definition which, ..." in his opinion is "most appropriate...". The proposed development clearly does not fit into any singular definition under the permitted use category and while

parts of it may fit under different permitted uses it cannot be said that it conforms with any single definition or use. The Development Officer's example of permits with multiple uses does not apply to this situation. The examples provided by the Development Officer are ones where specific uses exist and could exist completely on its own if taken out of the larger centre or development. In the example provided to us it is clear that a retail outlet does exist as do individual facilities for eating and drinking, banking and automotive services. In the case of the proposed development the five uses under which the permit was granted do not and cannot exist independently, and in fact must all co-exist together to make the development what it is, a Drop-In Centre/Day Relief Shelter.

A number of factors must be taken into account including the pre-existing use of the facility in question to determining the type of use applied for. Taking into account all relevant factors the Board is of the opinion that the proposed development is a Drop-In Centre/Day Relief Shelter and is neither a permitted use or discretionary use under the Land Use Bylaw.

If the Board is wrong in it's interpretation of the Development Officer's power under s.4 of the Land Use Bylaw it is the Board's opinion that the power conferred on the Development Officer under s.4 is a discretionary one and is accordingly subject to appeal and review by this Board.

## 2. Should a Development Permit be issued notwithstanding that the proposed development is neither a permitted or discretionary use under the Land Use By-Law?

As stated above, a Drop-in Centre is not listed as either a permitted or discretionary in the Land Use Bylaw; the Board is of the opinion that our decision should not end here. In *Braithwaite Boyle and Associates v. Red Deer (City) Development Appeal Board* 1996 A.J. No. 1039 the Alberta Court of Appeal found that the Development Appeal Board made a fundamental procedural error in refusing to make a decision upon determining that a proposed development was not specifically listed as either a permitted or discretionary use under the land use bylaw. The Court determined that it was incumbent on the Board to proceed further and determine whether or not as a matter of law the proposed use was allowable under the land use bylaw.

Lethbridge's Land Use Bylaw clearly makes provision for the existence of developments similar in nature to the one being proposed in the Downtown Commercial district under discretionary uses, namely "shelter" and "transition house". S. 687 of the *Municipal Government Act* gives the Board the discretion to allow a development under certain conditions notwithstanding that the development does not comply with the land use bylaw. The Board is of the opinion that the proposed development *could* exist in the Downtown Commercial district, it must however determine whether or not a permit should be granted for this particular development in this particular area of the district.

A review of the Land Use Bylaw indicates that when determining whether or not a permit should be granted for a discretionary development consideration must be given to the Downtown Area Redevelopment Plan. In fact the bylaw seems to indicate that the goals and policies of the Plan should be an important and over-riding consideration when considering discretionary uses in this particular district. It is arguable that being 14 years old the Downtown Area Redevelopment Plan is outdated and does not contemplate the type of development being proposed. The Board notes however that the Land Use Bylaw was amended as recently as the fall of 2001 and that the definition of "shelter" was added as recently as 1999. Notwithstanding the relatively recent amendments the bylaw still indicates that the Downtown Area Redevelopment Plan is an important consideration. In fact we were advised by the Development Officer that in his opinion the Downtown Area Redevelopment Plan is still the governing policy when determining the appropriateness of developments in this district.

Based upon the submissions heard and our review of the Downtown Area Redevelopment Plan, it is the opinion of the Board that the proposed development does not conform with the goals and policies of the Plan for this particular area of the Downtown Commercial District. Further having regard to the submissions made by the Appellants and the evidence before this Board, it is the Board's opinion that the proposed development would unduly interfere with the amenities of the neighbourhood as well as materially interfere with and affect the use and enjoyment of the neighbouring parcels of land.

In conclusion it is the Board's opinion that the proposed development is neither a permitted or discretionary use under the Land Use Bylaw. A permit should not have been granted on the basis that development was a permitted use. It is the Board's opinion that the

development better fits under the discretionary uses of "shelter" and "transition house". Further having regard to the relevant land use policies, plans and submissions made on behalf of all parties, it is our opinion that the proposed development is not an appropriate development for this particular area of the Commercial Downtown district.

#### **DECISION:**

The following persons/groups are "affected" persons within the meaning of the relevant sections of the *Municipal Government Act of Alberta and amendments thereto* and therefore valid Appellants:

- Dave McGrath business owner
- Neil Foster business owner
- Levi Cox business owner
- Myrna Mcquarrie business owner
- Glen Campbell business owner
- Dean Plausteiner business owner
- Jim Farrington business owner
- Eileen Abbott business owner
- · Pauline Martin business owner
- Ted Stilson managing co-ordinator of the downtown Lethbridge B.R.Z.
- The Downtown Lethbridge Business Revitalization Zone also known as Downtown LA represented by Cameron D. MacLennan (counsel)
- Any other business or person operating a business within the Downtown Lethbridge Business Revitalization Zone

The Appeal is allowed and the decision of the Development Officer is overturned. The Development Permit is to be revoked immediately.

#### [Signed]

John Hoopfer George Williams Dawn Janecke



July 12, 2023

Dear Mr. Brierley:

Please find attached two documents which express the Downtown Lethbridge Business Revitalization Zone's (BRZ) concerns with the activities offered by Streets Alive at their  $323 - 4^{th}$  Street South location. Twenty years ago, the BRZ expressed very similar concerns about the activities allowed at Streets Alive such as daily drop-in services, soup kitchen and clothing bank activities, and public use of their common space and bathrooms. The two attached documents clearly state that Streets Alive is not allowed to offer the above-mentioned activities, however, it is our understanding that they all currently occur at this location.

The attached letter from the City of Lethbridge Development Services Department (dated December 8, 2003) clearly indicates that Streets Alive would have to apply to the Municipal Planning Commission in a public meeting for a development permit to provide these types of activities, however, it is our understanding that no such development permit has been approved. As well, the attached Subdivision and Development Appeal Board (SDAD) decision (dated August 28, 2002), referenced in the same letter, explains that such a development permit would have to be consistent with the ruling of the SDAD from August 2002. Given this information, we demand that the City of Lethbridge take steps to ensure that the activities occurring at 323 – 4<sup>th</sup> Street South Lethbridge, Alberta immediately cease.

**Yours Sincerely** 

Downtown Lethbridge Business Revitalization Zone Board of Directors

Cc: Mayor B Hyggen and Council BRZ Board of Directors



## Development Authority's Written Submissions

For the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board Hearing on December 21, 2023



FILE NO. LOCATION

**DEN00704** 323 – 4 Street South

**LAND USE DISTRICT** 

C-D Downtown Commercial District

APPELLANT LANDOWNER

Streets Alive Family Support Aarol Lee Penny Pattenden

Association

#### APPROVED DEVELOPMENT

Religious Assembly (DP00-0383), Office (DP07-0874)

#### **OBSERVED DEVELOPMENT**

Religious Assembly, Resource Centre, Personal Service, Medical and Health Office (outpatient)

#### **STOP ORDER**

A stop order was issued to Streets Alive Family Support Association on November 10, 2023, after the Development Authority determined that the property is being used as 'Religious Assembly', 'Resource Centre', 'Personal Service' and 'Medical and Health Office (outpatient)'. The 'Religious Assembly' use was approved by Development Permit on May 2, 2000 (DP00-0383) but the other three uses listed have not been approved. The appellant had until October 31, 2023, to make a development permit application for the three additional uses, however, one was not received therefore that resulted in the issuance of a Stop Order.

#### ADJACENT DEVELOPMENT

North Commercial – Office
South Commercial – Parking lot

**East** Commercial – University of Lethbridge **West** Commercial – Government Services

#### **CONTEXT MAP**



#### **LAND USE BYLAW SUMMARY**

Approved Use: Religious Assembly (00-0383) Discretionary

Office (07-0784) Permitted

Unapproved Use: Resource Centre Discretionary

Personal Service Permitted

Medical and Health Office (outpatient) Permitted

	Required	Requested	Approved
Parking:	If there is no	N/A	N/A
	change in the gross		
	floor area of the		
	Building a change		
	in use does not		
	require additional		
	parking		

#### BACKGROUND

- May 4, 2000, a development permit was issued to Rev. Darrin Parkin/Episcopal Church of the Sacred Heart for 5120 sq ft to allow the discretionary use of 'Religious Assembly'.
- While Streets Alive was not involved or present at the Property when the Development Permit was first issued, sometime in early 2003, Streets Alive moved its "worship and children's services" to the Property, at the invitation of the Church of Sacred Heart. In October of 2003, Streets Alive entered a long-term lease with the Property owner and moved its "mission and administrative operations" to the Property. Streets Alive later expressly represented to the City, as part of a building permit application, that it did not intend "to provide any sort of daily drop-in and soup kitchen type services or store style clothing bank." (see attached Letter dated December 4, 2003 which was provided to the City during the course of the Investigation)
- For context, these representations were made to the City after Streets Alive had unsuccessfully attempted to operate a "drop-in centre" located at 612-3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South. While a development permit was initially issued for 5 different Land Uses, it was understood by those involved that the intention was to operate a drop-in centre, although no land use definition existed for a drop-in centre at the time. The permit was appealed by neighbouring businesses and revoked by the SDAB.
- July 16, 2007 a development permit was issued to Ken Kissick/Streets Alive Family Support Association for the purpose of 'Office", the development application stated that it would occupy 300 sq ft and the purpose of the office was for janitorial and maintenance services.
- There have been other development permits issued to the Property over the years such as signs, murals, replacement of stairs.

#### **COMPLAINTS AND ENFORCEMENT PROCESS**

- City of Lethbridge received complaints on July 12, 2023, and August 25, 2023, in regards to the property being used for drop in services, soup kitchen, clothing bank and public use of common space and bathrooms. There was reference made in the complaint to the above mentioned SDAB decision from August 28, 2002, where what was essentially development approval for a resource-centre was revoked by the SDAB. Upon reviewing the materials submitted as part of the SDAB hearing and decision, the Development Authority determined that this decision was for a different address in the Downtown Commercial District. As land use decisions are specific to the property and not the applicant, it was determined to not apply to the property at issue.
- Timeline of the Investigation:
  - Scheduled visit on August 3, 2023
  - Unannounced site visit on August 4, 2023
  - o Drive by (after hours) on August 24 and August 26, 2023
  - Attended a Sunday Church service on August 27, 2023
  - 6 unannounced visits from August 28 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and September 5 and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023
    - These unannounced visits lasted for approximately one hour
    - Activities were observed, number of patrons and the length of time spent were recorded
  - Social media posts made by Streets Alive were also reviewed which showed live streaming of Sunday services dating back to 2020.
- During these visits staff observed:
  - Patrons using the PIN (People in Need) clothing bank
  - The PIN clothing bank occupies a large area in the basement that has clothing and shoe racks, there are two change rooms as well, there is a large storage/sorting area of shoes and clothing. Streets Alive only allows patrons to utilize this service once a week
  - o Two hair cutting stations and 1 hair washing station

- Patrons who had appointments to access funds (Streets Alive administers funds for their patrons (trusteeship)
- Patrons utilizing the washroom facility and/or getting a beverage (water/coffee)
- Patrons obtaining gender specific hygiene packages which may include single use soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, cleaning sponges and feminine products
- Community paramedics tending to people's wounds
- Patrons typically spent between 15 30 minutes in the building on average
- Patrons collecting their mail
- Patrons using the lockers for personal belongings
- On days that the patrons could book an appointment to access their funds, there are more patrons in the building
- At times, staff had difficulty keeping track of the number of individuals entering and exiting the building due to the volume
- Staff witnessed people on the sidewalks and/or in the parking lot when they visited the building
- On the two occasions when staff drove by after hours, there was little pedestrian activity in the area when Streets Alive Mission is closed
- Staff never observed food being handed out to patrons
- In addition to documents including the 2002 SDAB decision and the December 4, 2003, letter, Photographic and Video footage was provided to the City in support of the complaints
  - It shows a number of individuals gathering on the sidewalk, using illicit substances, appearing to overdose in some instances and other illegal activity occurring on the sidewalk in front of Streets Alive Mission and other businesses.
  - A video from July shows a Streets Alive Mission volunteer or staff member handing out food to individuals outside of the building, and in a video from September 5, 2023, 3 males are seen leaving Streets Alive Mission with containers of what could be food and get into a vehicle parking in front of Streets Alive Mission and drive away.

- The Development Authority emailed Streets Alive to follow up on questions that arose from the inspections. In response, the Development Authority was provided with the following information by Streets Alive:
  - Streets Alive identified the individuals in the September 5<sup>th</sup> video as most likely members of the Men's Recovery Program who make food for their fellow residents each day at this location. Some of them take their food home with them following the completion of their work assignment.
  - Streets Alive also confirmed the only food that is given out would be food that is donated to them. Large donations are taken to the soup kitchen or shelter. If there is not enough food to be donated or is perishable it is distributed to individuals, so it is not wasted
  - Patrons use the lockers when they are in the PIN clothing bank and when they may be visiting the Courthouse across the street.
  - They allow unhoused individuals to use Streets Alive address as their mailing address for the purpose of collecting their mail
  - An Alberta Health Services community paramedic attends the property on Mondays from 1pm – 4 pm.
  - Volunteers cut patrons hair and do lice treatments in the hair cutting and wash stations
  - The Foot Friday program is 3 4 retired health professionals who volunteer to provide foot care services to patrons
  - With respect to the Financial Administration program, an email was received on September 25, 2023, from Ken Kissick in regard to this program. Mr. Kissick stated: "the bulk of the clients are under 'Financial Administrator' responsibilities set out by Income Supports and AISH. A large portion of these are mandatory under the Social Services the rest including those in our program are voluntary".

#### **LEGISLATION & POLICY**

#### Land Use Bylaw 6300

Parcel is zoned C-D Downtown Commercial District.

- Purpose: For the development of a variety of commercial, residential, institutional, cultural and recreational uses that incorporate the Heart of our City Campaign pillars of beauty, livability, sustainability, accessibility, vibrancy and excitement in order to achieve the Vision of the Heart of our City Master Plan.
- Division 1, Section 4 (1): If, in the opinion of the Development Authority, a
  particular use does not conform with any of the following definitions, or if a
  particular use appears to conform with two or more definitions, the particular
  use may be deemed to conform with the definition which, in the opinion of the
  Development Authority, is most appropriate.
- Division 1, Section 4 (3): Definitions:
- 'Religious Assembly' means development for worship activities and includes supplementary religious instruction, philanthropic and social activities and staff residences. Amusement, fitness/recreational and community instructional activities may be incorporated as accessory uses. This term refers to uses such as chapels, churches, convents, manses, monasteries, mosques, parish halls, rectories, synagogues and temples.
- 'Office' means development to accommodate professional, managerial, clerical and consulting services, the administrative needs of businesses, trades, contractors and other organizations and the sale of services of businesses such as travel agents and insurance brokers and may include therapeutic massage. Medical and Health Office (outpatient), Government Services, Business Support Service and Financial Institutions are separate uses.

- 'Resource Centre' means development that provides various social services aimed at addressing the special needs of people whose well-being is at risk. This use does not include overnight accommodation. This use may require provincial approval. Soup Kitchen, Food Bank, Drop-in Centre, Shelter, Supportive Housing, Medical and Health Facility, Medical and Health Office, Education Facility, Office and Government Service are separate uses.
- 'Personal Service' means development providing services for the personal care and appearance and includes supplementary retail sale of associated products and may include therapeutic massage as an Accessory Use. This term refers to uses such as beauty salons, barber shops and esthetic services/spas. Medical and Health Office (outpatient) and Fitness Facility are separate uses.
- 'Medical and Health Office (outpatient)' means development providing medical and health care on an outpatient basis and may incorporate a dispensary which sells pharmaceutical and related medical supplies as an accessory use. This term refers to uses such as medical and dental offices, clinics and health and wellness services such as physiotherapy, counselling, chiropractic, naturopathic and therapeutic massage.
  - Religious Assembly, Office, Resource Centre, Personal Service and Medical and Health Office (outpatient) are all permitted or discretionary uses in the C-D Downtown Commercial District.
  - Religious Assembly and Resource Centre are discretionary uses and Office, Personal Service and Medical and Health Office (outpatient) are permitted uses in the
    - C-D Downtown Commercial District.
- Division 1, Part 3, Section 63 (3) (a) Parking calculation C-D District
- Section 66 C-D District

#### **Municipal Development Plan (MDP)**

There are many policies in the Community Wellbeing section of the MDP that speak to the importance of strengthening the social fabric of the municipality:

- "40 Promote opportunities for connection and understanding between residents to eliminate misconceptions and stereotypes."
- "41 Promote the organization of community activities by residents, community organizations, and City departments in efforts to foster a sense of belonging in the community, by facilitating resources and accommodating group needs when possible."
- "44 Ensure the wellbeing of priority populations, by reviewing and updating the Lethbridge Community Wellbeing & Safety Strategy (CWSS) to ensure Cityfunded initiatives address current and future generations' needs."
- "45 Promote community-focused service and program delivery by strengthening the City's understanding of community needs, trends, and issues impacting wellbeing in Lethbridge."
- "46 Ensure accessibility for community programs and services, preferably close to other services and amenities, by providing opportunities for co-location."
- "49 Support the equitable treatment of all Lethbridge citizens, by considering the social impacts of City initiatives and projects."
- "56 Promote the safety of all residents by strengthening existing and sponsoring new City initiatives and community-based programs that make Lethbridge a safer place to live."

#### South Saskatchewan Regional Plan (SSRP) 2014-2024

As well Section 8, Community Development also speaks to the need within municipalities to consider the social fabric of their communities.

#### **Regional Outcome:**

- Gives people a sense of belonging through shared values
- Contribute to the development of healthy, safe and sustainable communities.

#### **Objectives:**

- Promote healthy and sustainable communities
- Support timely planning and provision of social infrastructure

#### **APPLICATION OF FACTS**

- A Religious Assembly Use is being operated at 323 4<sup>th</sup> street south in compliance with the existing development approval 00-0383 and the definition of Religious Assembly.
- The definition of Religious Assembly does allow worship activities and includes supplementary religious instruction, philanthropic and social activities.
- The Development Authority finds that the provision of beverages and hygiene packages at their current intensity is within the philanthropic activities allowed for a Religious Assembly.
- There are 3 types of activities that were identified that, due to their intensity, are no longer supplementary to, or do not conform with, the definition of Religious Assembly and therefore require development approval if Streets Alive Mission wishes to continue with them:
  - Resource Centre financial administration of funds, store-style clothing bank, provision of lockers for daily storage, mail pick up.
  - Personal care haircuts, hair washing and foot care
  - Medical and Health office mobile AHS paramedic attendance
- Based on the 11 inspections/visits to Streets Alive Mission since August 3, 2023, no evidence was found that there is Soup Kitchen, Food Bank or Drop-In Centre activities occurring based on the lack of consistent provision and/or distribution of food and short-visits of the individuals accessing the building mainly for the trusteeship program and PIN clothing bank.
- The Development Authority has reviewed the SDAB decision of August 28, 2002, and finds the decision was rendered for a completely different property and does not apply to the current Property.
- The Development Authority finds that the negative activity outside the Property is a Police issue and not one of Land Use which is the purview of the Planning and Design Department.

#### **CONCLUSION**

- Due to the intensity and land use impacts, some of the activities occurring at the Property are no longer supplementary in nature to a Religious Assembly and require development approval. The following activities that we find are no longer supplementary, due to their intensity and land use impacts, are:
  - The operation of the Financial Administrator Program;
  - PIN Clothing Bank;
  - The provision of lockers for non-employees/volunteers of Streets Alive;
     and
  - The use of the Property as a mailing address for nonemployees/volunteers of Streets Alive.
- The findings of our investigation further determined that some of the activities occurring at the Property do not conform with the definition of Religious Assembly. Those activities are:
  - o Personal Service, haircuts, hair washing, foot care; and
  - o The regular attendance of AHS mobile community paramedics.
- We have determined, according to Section 4 of the City of Lethbridge Land Use Bylaw 6300, that the observed activities conform with the following Land Use definitions:
  - The financial administration of funds for patrons, store-style clothing bank, provision of lockers for patrons' daily storage needs, and mail pick-up service for patrons conform with the definition of **Resource Centre**.
  - The personal care services (haircuts, hair washing, foot care) conform with the definition of **Personal Service**.
  - The regular attendance of mobile community paramedics conforms with the definition of **Medical and Health Office (outpatient).**
- On October 13, 2023, Planning and Design issued Streets Alive a letter asking for compliance with the Land Use Bylaw 6300 and provided two options, cease the operation of these three uses; or apply for the required development permits by October 31, 2023.
- An application was not received for any of the uses and on November 10, 2023, a Stop Order was issued by the Development Authority to Streets Alive Family Support Association and Aarol Lee Penny Pattenden to cease the use of the

Property as: Resource Centre, Personal Service and Medical and Heath Office (outpatient) by August 9, 2024; or Apply for the applicable development permits.

- The City's MDP and SSRP speak to the need for municipalities to consider and enhance the social fabric of the community. The cited policies however do not remove the need for compliance with the Land Use Bylaw. Development approval is still required.
- The Stop Order is reasonable and appropriate in the circumstances. Ample time to apply for development permits and/or relocate to another property with the appropriate development permits was stated in the Stop Order

Respectfully submitted by:	
Maureen Gaehring, Development Authority	

Attachments below:
DP00-0383
Letter from Streets Alive Dated December 4, 2003
Email from Ken Kissick September 25, 2023



Permit No. 00-0383

#### Development Services

#### **DEVELOPMENT PERMIT**

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Address 323 4 ST S		Lega	al Description	4353S	31	29		
Applicant								
REV. DARRIN PARKIN/EPISCOPAL CHU	JRCH OF THE							
SACRED HEART PO BOX 555	LETHBRIDGE	T1J 3Z4 Phone317-9		541 Work Ph. 327-9715				
Development To establish 5120 sq ft for t	the purpose of a re	eligious assemb	oly.					
Proposed District C-D								
Land Use Religious Assembly		Duration of Approval Permanent						
		Discretionary Use						
CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL								
Off-street Parking: any existing spaces sh	nall be maintained	for this use.						
Signs: prior to the installation of any exterior signs, a sign permit must be approved by the Development Officer.								
Note: emergency overnight accommodation is not permitted in this facility.								
Development shall commence with Date of DecisionMay 2, 2000  MAY 4 20	Sign	nature	David Cronkhite,		fficer			

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Permit No. 00-0383

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December 4, 2003

Dave Cronkite, Manager Development Services City of Lethbridge 910 – 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. Lethbridge, Alberta T1J 0P6



Dear Dave:

#### Re: Building permit application – renovations to 323-4<sup>th</sup> St. S Church of the Sacred Heart - Streets Alive Family Support Association

With respect to our meeting of Wednesday December 3<sup>rd</sup> (Cronkite,Baines, Mullen, Kissick, Parkin) regarding the above application and concerns raised around the substance of the application we provide the following information as confirmation and clarification.

On August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2002 the subdivision appeal board ruled regarding a granted development permit by Streets Alive Family Support Association for drop-in centre services at 612-3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue S. The ruling indicated that this type of service was not suitable for the location and as such the permit revoked. On August 29<sup>th</sup> Streets Alive closed the drop-in center operation and has not attempted to re-establish that service. Streets Alive did, however continue to operate faith based mission and administrative services to a client base developed over the years from its worship service, children's outreach and housing operations. These services were provided out of offices located firstly at 612-3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. S and for the past year from offices located at 120-8<sup>th</sup> Street S.

Mission and administrative services include but are not totally restricted to: worship services; prayer meetings; children's (12 and under) programs; religious education; crisis and marriage counseling; funerals; addictions support groups; referral services; emergency clothing; free Internet access (LCN member); outreach programs; fund raising; Board meetings; step-up housing. All services are faith based designed to enhance congregational growth.

In January of 2003 out of the relationships that The Church of Sacred Heart had with neighboring businesses felt at liberty to invite Streets Alive to move their worship and children's services to 323-4<sup>th</sup> Street S. allowing better access for Streets Alive's congregation members. This partnership has benefited both organizations that have similar plans for outreach in the downtown area.

In October of 2003 the 323-4<sup>th</sup> Street building changed ownership and the new owner wished to formalize a long-term lease on the building. Negotiations ensued and it was determined that a lease was feasible under a partnership between The Church of the Sacred Heart and Streets Alive. For obvious financial reasons it was prudent that Streets Alive move the mission and administrative operations presently at 120-8<sup>th</sup> Street to 323-4<sup>th</sup> Street S. Neighboring businesses were informed of our intentions and expressed no concerns to us personally.

As stated in our meeting it is **not** the intention of either organization to provide any sort of daily drop-in and soup kitchen type services or store style clothing bank. The existing development permit does **not** allow overnight shelter and the lease with the landlord does **not** allow hostel services. The kitchen and social hall and on site bathrooms will **not** be available for daily public use.

Allowing for the exceptional emergency situation or a private meeting all events and activities occurring in the facility will be schedule with times and dates known to the community in advance.

The purpose for the renovation request is 4 fold.

- 1.) To bring the building to code for is permitted use
- 2.) To change the layouts of the building to better accommodate church congregation growth, ie a proper children's ministry area, social hall, offices and storage
- 3.) To accommodate the congregational and administrative needs of both organizations
- 4.) To take advantage of assistance provided by the Landlord as part of the lease agreement

Yours truly,

Pastor Ken Kissick

Streets Alive Family Support Association

Pastor Darrin Parkin

Church of the Sacred Heart

 From:
 Maureen Gaehring

 To:
 Maureen Gaehring

 Subject:
 [External] Trusteeships

Date: Monday, September 25, 2023 12:10:00 PM

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#### Maureen

Just a bit of clarification regarding your inquiry about the trusteeship program in addition to Cam's response. The word "Trusteeship" is actually inaccurate for the program that is actually provided. The bulk of the clients are under "Financial Administrator" responsibilities set out by Income Supports and AISH. A large portion of these are mandatory under the Social Services the rest including those in our program are voluntary. They can withdraw at anytime. This programs is different from the Adult Guardian and Trustee Act. Cam is the "Financial Administrator" for all the clients now and as administrator he can assign those responsibilities to a subordinate.

Ken Kissick CFRE
Founder
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# SUBDIVISION AND DEVELOPMENT APPEAL BOARD

323 – 4 Street South DEN00704 – Stop Order



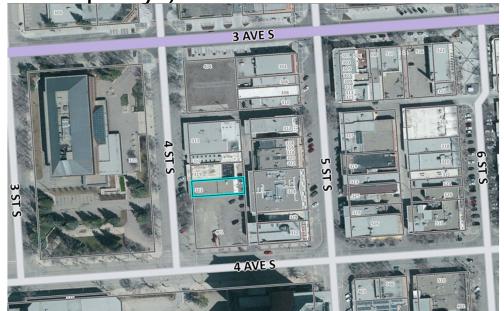
## **Outline**

- Introduction
- Analysis
- Evaluation
- Evaluation Summary
- Conclusion



### Introduction

• A Stop Order was issued in response to three unapproved land uses within the existing Religious Assembly located at 323 4<sup>th</sup> Street South (the "Property").





## Introduction

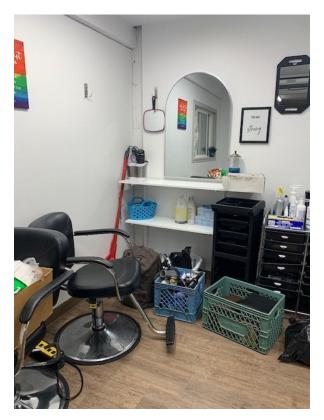
- Complaints were received by the Planning and Design department
- When a written complaint is received the Development Authority has a duty to investigate
- 11 in person daytime inspections were conducted and two drive by inspections conducted after hours between August 3 and September 6, 2023
- It was determined that three additional land uses required development approval for compliance with Land Use Bylaw 6300
  - Resource Centre
  - Personal Service
  - Medical and Health Office (outpatient)



## Pictures from August 3, 2023 Investigation:



View of gathering/congregation space on the main floor



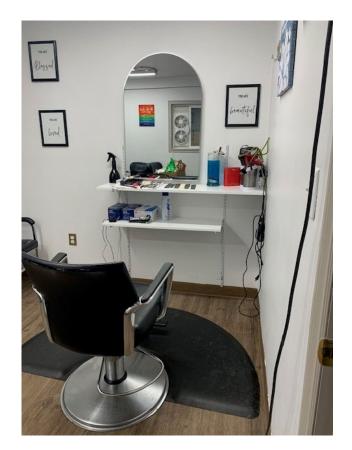
One of the hair stations/also the room for the community paramedic



Hair washing station



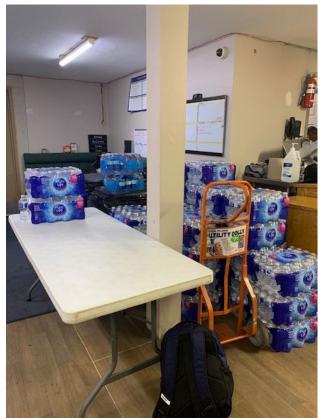
## Pictures – main floor



Second hair cutting station



Staff lounge and Foot Friday location



Storage by the back door



## Pictures Main Floor – Kitchen area



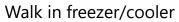






## **Pictures Main Floor**







Cooler



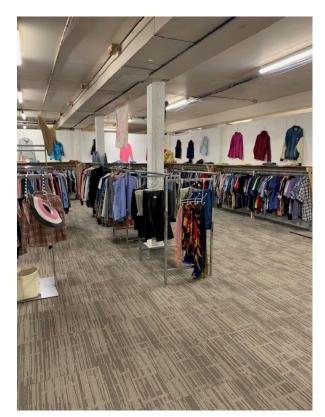
Storage room



## Pictures Basement – PIN Bank



Change rooms in PIN Bank



Display racks in PIN Bank



Staff/Volunteer area PIN Bank



## Pictures Basement Storage/Sorting Area





Sorting/Storage area behind the Staff/Volunteer area of PIN Bank



## **Analysis**

- A review of the both the South Saskatchewan Regional Plan (SSRP) and the Municipal Development Plan (MDP) indicate desired outcomes and policies that support the consideration of strengthening the social fabric within a municipality.
- The Municipal Government Act ("MGA") requires every municipality to have a Land Use Bylaw (LUB). LUBs regulate the uses of property and how development permits are issued
- Section 12 of the City's LUB (Bylaw 6300) indicates **When a permit is required**: "Except as provided in Section 13, a person may not commence any development unless the person has been issued a Development Permit in respect of it pursuant to this Land Use Bylaw"
- The Section 616(b) MGA defines "development" as:
  - (iii) a change of use of land or a building or an act done in relation to land or a building that results in or is likely to result in a change in the use of the land or building, or
  - (iv) a change in the intensity of use of land or a building or an act done in relation to land or a building that results in or is likely to result in a change in the intensity of use of the land or building;
- While there is over-arching policy support for social infrastructure, development approvals are still required.



## **Analysis**

- Land Use Bylaw 6300
- C-D Downtown Commercial District
- Approved land uses for the Property: (definitions)
  - Religious Assembly Discretionary Use (approved)
    - 'Religious Assembly' means development for worship activities and includes supplementary religious instruction, philanthropic and social activities and staff residences. Amusement, fitness/recreational and community instructional activities may be incorporated as accessory uses. This term refers to uses such as chapels, churches, convents, manses, monasteries, mosques, parish halls, rectories, synagogues and temples.
  - Office Permitted Use (approved for 300 sqft)
    - **'Office'** means development to accommodate professional, managerial, clerical and consulting services, the administrative needs of businesses, trades, contractors and other organizations and the sale of services of businesses such as travel agents and insurance brokers and may include therapeutic massage. Medical and Health Office (outpatient), Government Services, Business Support Service and Financial Institutions are separate uses.



# **Analysis**

- Unapproved land uses for the Property:
  - Resource Centre Discretionary Use (unapproved)
    - 'Resource Centre' means development that provides various social services aimed at addressing the special needs of people whose well-being is at risk. This use does not include overnight accommodation. This use may require provincial approval. Soup Kitchen, Food Bank, Drop-in Centre, Shelter, Supportive Housing, Medical and Health Facility, Medical and Health Office, Education Facility, Office and Government Service are separate uses.
  - Personal Service Permitted Use (unapproved)
    - 'Personal Service' means development providing services for the personal care and appearance and includes supplementary retail sale of associated products and may include therapeutic massage as an Accessory Use. This term refers to uses such as beauty salons, barber shops and esthetic services/spas. Medical and Health Office (outpatient) and Fitness Facility are separate uses.
  - Medical and Health Office (outpatient) Permitted Use (unapproved)
    - 'Medical and Health Office (outpatient)' means development providing medical and health care on an outpatient basis and may incorporate a dispensary which sells pharmaceutical and related medical supplies as an accessory use. This term refers to uses such as medical and dental offices, clinics and health and wellness services such as physiotherapy, counselling, chiropractic, naturopathic and therapeutic massage.



# **Analysis**

- LUB 6300 Division 1, Section 4 (1): If, in the opinion of the Development Authority, a particular use does not conform with any of the following definitions, or if a particular use appears to conform with two or more definitions, the particular use may be deemed to conform with the definition which, in the opinion of the Development Authority, is most appropriate
- Changes of use in the C-D District do not require any additional parking spaces. No other standards of development apply
- Cost of development permit for all three unapproved uses \$366.00 application fee plus \$100.00 advertising fee



## **Evaluation**

- Application of Facts
  - There are currently 2 land uses that have development permits:
    - Religious Assembly (5120 sq ft) and Office (300 sq ft)
  - Based on inspections and evidence provided to the Development Authority there are three additional uses that require development approval as the activities, in the Development Authority's opinion, are not considered supplementary philanthropic activities
    - Philanthropic is defined in the Oxford dictionary as connected with the practice of helping the poor and those in need, especially by giving money.
    - Supplementary Use as defined in Land Use Bylaw 6300 means a use of land or buildings which is secondary or subsidiary to, but a part of or integral to, the principal use of the same parcel, building or site.



# **Evaluation Summary**

- Due to the intensity of activity and the land use impacts, the Development Authority determined that the following activities are not supplementary to Religious Assembly and fall within the use of a Resource Centre:
  - administration of funds, PIN Clothing Bank, locker use, mail pick-up
- The Development Authority also determined that the following two uses do not conform to the definition of a 'Religious Assembly' and require development approval:
  - haircuts, hair washing, foot care (Personal Service)
  - Attendance of Community Paramedics (Medical and Health Office (outpatient))
- On October 13, 2023, Planning and Design issued a letter to Streets Alive requiring that it submit development application, or, to cease the three unapproved uses by October 31, 2023, or a Stop Order would be issued



## Conclusion

- In the Development Authority's opinion, the Stop Order is reasonable and appropriate considering the intensity of activity and land use impacts, as well as they types of activities identified as falling outside the scope of the existing development permit
- Streets Alive has been given ample time to comply with the Stop Order (August 9, 2024)
- In the Development Authority's opinion, the cost for applying for a development permit for the identified three uses is not onerous and obtaining a development permit for the three uses would allow Streets Alive to continue the identified activities.



## STREETS ALIVE FAMILY SUPPORT ASSOCIATION STOP ORDER APPEAL INDEX

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## STREETS ALIVE FAMILY SUPPORT ASSOCIATION STOP ORDER APPEAL SECTION 1

1. Written submission – Ken Kissick, Co-Founder, Streets Alive Family Support Association



December 15, 2023

Members of the Subdivision & Development Appeal Board

## RE: Stop Order - Streets Alive Mission - Dated November 10, 2023

Our submission to the Board is extensive and fully supports our position that all the activities that are provided by Streets Alive Mission at 323-4<sup>th</sup> Street fall well within the current permit 2000-0383 Religious Assembly as defined with Bylaw 6300.

Streets Alive Mission was created out of a love for those in our city who struggle with poverty, homelessness, and addictions. It has existed for over 30 years to provide for the physical, emotional, social, and spiritual needs of the less fortunate of our community and to empower them to change their lives through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The activities and services are not illegal and do no harm, rather they are beneficial to those whom they are provided and the community at large.

Our contention is that "worship activities" in the definition of Religious Assembly included in Bylaw 6300, includes all acts of service. Although praising God in song or within a congregation might be considered more traditional forms of worship (they are direct expressions of love for God), since love of God also means love of neighbor, (Jesus said to him, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the first and great commandment. <sup>39</sup> And the second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:37-39) all acts of service done on behalf of our neighbor can also be seen as a type of authentic worship.

Further, "supplementary use" as defined in Bylaw 6300 means a Use of land or Buildings which is secondary or subsidiary to, but a part of or **integral to**, the Principal Use of the same Parcel, Building or site. By Planning and Designs own admission, and we refer to paragraph one on page three of the Stop Order dated November 10, 2023, where they state "...some activities occurring at the Property are **no longer** supplementary in nature ..." would indicate that they had determined that those activities were in fact supplementary in nature at some point. The basis for the change is the declaration that there was a determination of "intensity and land use impact". There is no metric, quantification, or protocol included in Land Use Bylaw 6300 or provided in the Stop Order by which this determination was made. This is of great concern to us and any other permit holder in the city.

I look forward to discussing our submission with you.

Ken Kissick

Co-Founder

Streets Alive Mission

## STREETS ALIVE FAMILY SUPPORT ASSOCIATION STOP ORDER APPEAL SECTION 2

- 1. Copy of letter dated July 13, 2023 from the City of Lethbridge advising that Streets Alive Mission may be in contravention of Section 12 of Land Use Bylaw 6300.
- 2. Copy of Development Permit #00-0383
- 3. Copy of emails dated Aug 15/23 & 16/23 between Angie Olsen and Ken Kissick
- 4. Copy of Certificate of Membership Streets Alive Victory Church with Victory Churches International
- 5. Copy of Certificate of Ordination Ken Kissick Victory Churches International
- 6. Copy of Registration of Clergy Kenneth Kissick Alberta Vital Statistics
- 7. Copy of email dated Aug 21/23 Angie Olsen to Ken Kissick
- 8. Copy of email dated Aug 23/23 Ken Kissick to Angie Olsen
- 9. Copy of emails dated Aug 28/23 Maureen Gaehring and Ken Kissick
- 10. Copy of letter dated October 13/23 from Angela Olsen advising that it was the opinion of Planning and Design that Streets Alive Mission was in contravention of DP2000-0383(2 pages)
- 11. Copy of emails dated Oct 23/23 Ken Kissick and Angie Olsen
- 12. Copy of email dated Oct 26/23 Angie Olsen to Ken Kissick
- 13. Copy of cover email to Angie Olsen regarding letter from Board of Directors
- 14. Copy of letter Streets Alive Family Support Association Board to Angela Olsen (3 pages)
- 15. Copy Stop Order from City of Lethbridge (3 Pages



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Our File #:

**DEN00704** 

Date: July 13, 2023

STREETS ALIVE MISSION 323 4 ST S LETHBRIDGE AB T1J 1Z9

RE: Possible Contravention of Section 12 of Land Use Bylaw 6300

Subject:

323 4 Street S, Lethbridge. Business operating beyond existing approval as

Religious Assembly.

We have reason to believe that the business operating from the above-noted address may be operating outside of their existing development approval as a Religious Assembly, to confirm this an inspection is required to assess compliance with Land Use Bylaw 6300.

In accordance with Section 542 of the Municipal Government Act, please contact me by 4:30 p.m. on July 26th 2023 to set up a date and time for the inspection.

Sincerely,

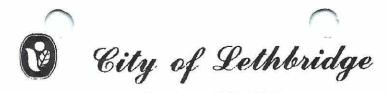
Jason Tillsley

Development Compliance Officer

403-320-4082

Jason.tillsley@lethbridge.ca

1:00 Thursday 3 P.D



Permit No. 00-0383

## **Development Services** DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

Address 323 4 ST S

Plan: Legal Description 4353S Block:

Lot: 29

Applicant

**PO BOX 555** 

REV. DARRIN PARKIN/EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE

SACRED HEART

**LETHBRIDGE** 

T1J 3Z4 Phone317-9541

Work Ph. 327-9715

Development To establish 5120 sq ft for the purpose of a religious assembly.

Proposed

District

C-D

Land Use

Religious Assembly

**Duration of Approval** 

Permanent -

Discretionary Use

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Off-street Parking: any existing spaces shall be maintained for this use.

Signs: prior to the installation of any exterior signs, a sign permit must be approved by the Development Officer.

Note: emergency overnight accommodation is not permitted in this facility.

Development shall commence within 1 year of the date of release.

Date of Decision......May 2, 2000

Signature.

David Cronkhite Development Office

4 2000

Date of Release

Date of Advertising......May 6, 2000

#### APPEALS

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Permit No.

00-0383

From:

ken@streetsalive.ca

Sent:

August 16, 2023 12:16 PM

To:

'Angie Olsen'

Cc:

'Jason Tillsley'; 'Maureen Gaehring'

Subject:

RE: Streets Alive Mission - 323 - 4 Street South

#### Angie

I have the documentation you are needing. I would like to bring it in personally and meet with you over the clarification issues.

**Thanks** 

Ken

From: Angie Olsen <Angie.Olsen@lethbridge.ca>

Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2023 12:58 PM

To: ken@streetsalive.ca

Cc: Jason Tillsley <Jason.Tillsley@lethbridge.ca>; Maureen Gaehring <Maureen.Gaehring@lethbridge.ca>

Subject: FW: Streets Alive Mission - 323 - 4 Street South

Good afternoon Mr. Kissick,

Thank you for meeting with Mr. Tillsley yesterday morning and answering the questions in regards to the Episcopal Church of the Sacred Heart. We understand from your conversation with Mr. Tillsley that the Episcopal Church of the Sacred Heart disbanded in 2008 and Streets Alive Mission has continued to operate in this location under the Religious Assembly development approval.

We do require some further clarification from you in regards to your organization. Is Streets Alive Mission a registered Religious Society within Alberta? Can you please provide us the documentation for the Registration of your organization within Alberta?

As you are aware, we are trying to determine compliance with development permit 00-0383 (attached), that was issued to Episcopal Church of the Sacred Heart for Religious Assembly and the activities that are taking place in this location.

Regards,



## **Angie Olsen**

Development Manager | Planning & Design | City of Lethbridge

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## Certificate of Membership

This agreement certifies that STREETS ALIVE VICTORY CHURCH of Lethbridge, AB is a member of VICTORY CHURCHES INTERNATIONAL

#### OUR UNITED PURPOSE IS:

- To raise the standard of excellence in ministry so as to bring glory to our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 2. To work together as a family of churches with a common purpose to reach the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- 3. To raise up and release 5-fold ministry giftings into Holy Spirit directed service.
- 4. To plant church-planting churches to work together for the purpose of reproducing leaders and churches.
- 5. To give apostolic oversight and direction to churches planted.
- To plant church-planting organizations in as many nations of the world as is possible before the return of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- To prayerfully and financially support the church planting and missions mandate of this movement.

Effective Date: June 1, 1995

George Stanley Hill, D.D. (Rev.)

President

Victory Churches International

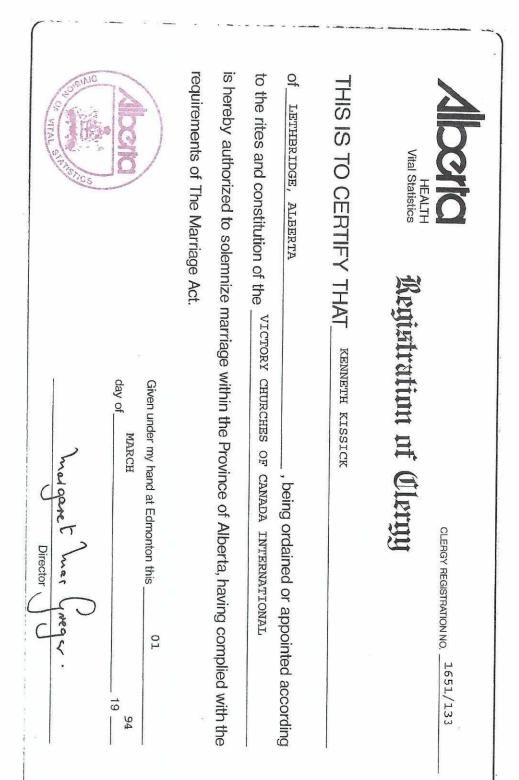
Ken Kissick

Senior Pastor

Streets Alive Victory Church



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Aub 21/23

Thank you for providing the four documents to us on Friday, however, I do have a couple more questions and an ask of you.

Would you please provide us with a copy of the lease for this address? Are there any sub leases to any other entity at this address?

I am having some confusion as there are two entities for Streets Alive, can you please explain to me what the difference is between the two, this being Streets Alive Mission and Streets Alive Family Support Association? I need to clearly understand what Streets Alive Mission does and what Streets Alive Family Support Association does.

We have looked on your website and have a copy of the By-laws and membership for Streets Alive Family Support Association.

We also have viewed the Victory Church website and see that it does list Streets Alive Mission under Churches in Alberta but in brackets it states Streets Alive Mission (Inner Works), can you please explain what this means?

Thank you,



## Angie Olsen (she/her)

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Subject: [External] RE: Streets Alive Mission - 323 - 4 Street South

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## Angie

I have the documentation you are needing. I would like to bring it in personally and meet with you over the clarification issues.

**Thanks** 

Ken

From: Angie Olsen < Angie.Olsen@lethbridge.ca > Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2023 12:58 PM

From:

ken@streetsalive.ca

Sent:

August 23, 2023 3:42 PM

To:

'Angie Olsen'

Cc:

'Jason Tillsley'; 'Maureen Gaehring'

Subject:

RE: [External] RE: Streets Alive Mission - 323 - 4 Street South

**Attachments:** 

Final Draft - New Bylaws.pdf; Lease Assignment -323-4th St. S.pdf; Lease 323-4th Street

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#### Angie

Sorry this got buried. Attached are the latest lease dated March 10, 2022 with Jim Penny and the subsequent assignment of lease to Arrol Pattenden, his daughter whom he gifted the building to. There are no sub leases. The copy of the lease is provided under provisions contained in FOIP.

There is only one entity – Streets Alive Family Support Association – this is the full name of the legal entity. "Streets Alive Mission" is a branding name or an "operating as name". It's purpose is usually to clarify to the public its primary purpose. If you remember back to our 1st Avenue days were known just as "Streets Alive". Lots of people would ask "What is it you do?". By inserting the word "Mission" which is defined "as the vocation or calling of a religious organization, especially a Christian one, to go out into the world and spread its faith" we reduced significantly the number of people who asked the question. So "Streets Alive Family Support Association" operates as "Streets Alive Mission" and there are not different things happening under different names.

Regarding the by-laws I have attached new by-laws that we passed at our AGM on June 27, 2023. These have not yet been posted to our web page as we are waiting on registration confirmation with our annual return.

Regarding our registration with Victory Churches – just as most of our programs have names – Exodus Men's Recovery Program, Genesis Women's Recovery Program, P.I.N. Bank clothing, Re-Purpose Center, Segue Women's Housing, Parkside Men's Home - "Inner Works" refers to the fellowship program that operates on Sundays, that however was changed to "Freedom Church" about 5 months ago and we have not had it changed with Victory Church yet. Again these are names that Streets Alive Family Support Association uses as brands for the public, legally they are all Streets Alive Family Support Association.

A recent local change would be the former Victory Church on the highway to Coaldale which is now called Parallel Church – the legal name remains Victory Christian Fellowship (1983) Inc. They are rebranding. Parallel Church also operates My City Care, which I believe is in the process of becoming its own legally entity.

I hope this helps

Ken

From: Angie Olsen < Angie. Olsen@lethbridge.ca>

Sent: Monday, August 21, 2023 1:40 PM

To: ken@streetsalive.ca

Cc: Jason Tillsley < Jason. Tillsley@lethbridge.ca>; Maureen Gaehring < Maureen. Gaehring@lethbridge.ca>

Subject: RE: [External] RE: Streets Alive Mission - 323 - 4 Street South

Good afternoon Ken,

From:

ken@streetsalive.ca

Sent:

August 28, 2023 9:48 AM

To:

'Maureen Gaehring'

Cc:

'Jason Tillsley'; 'Angie Olsen'; 'Jason Drenth'; 'Cheryl Acheson'

Subject:

RE: Streets Alive follow up visits

#### Maureen

We are pleased that you and Jason attended our service on Sunday. As stated in our conversation after Streets Alive Mission has no problem with unannounced visited from your team over the next several weeks. I have spoken with Cam who will let the staff know.

Please accept this e-mail as acknowledgement of permission granted to your request.

Ken

From: Maureen Gaehring < Maureen. Gaehring@lethbridge.ca>

Sent: Monday, August 28, 2023 9:07 AM

To: ken@streetsalive.ca

Cc: Jason Tillsley <Jason.Tillsley@lethbridge.ca>; Angie Olsen <Angie.Olsen@lethbridge.ca>; Jason Drenth

<Jason.Drenth@lethbridge.ca>; Cheryl Acheson <cheryl.acheson@lethbridge.ca>

Subject: Streets Alive follow up visits

Good morning Ken,

Thank you again for making Jason and I feel welcome at Sunday service yesterday. Following the conclusion of service, Jason and I met with you to request permission to randomly visit Streets Alive throughout the next several weeks to observe the activities occurring inside the building. These visits will be unannounced and at no particular time of day or day of the week. This would be a follow up to our inspection of August 3 and Jason's visit of August 14.

You expressed that you did not have an issue with these unannounced visits. I explained Jason's last day of work will be August 31 and after that date, Angie and/or myself would be conducting the visits.

Please let me know if this is still your position.

I realize you will be away on holidays from Sept 11- Oct 23 and if we have any concerns we would be liaising with Cam Kissick in your absence.

Thank you Ken.



## Maureen Gaehring (she/her)

General Manager | Planning & Design

Infrastructure Services

P: 403-320-3191

Maureen.Gaehring@lethbridge.ca



## **GATEWAY TO OPPORTUNITY**

P. 403-320-3920W. Lethbridge.caE. PlanningandDesign@lethbridge.ca

Our File #:

**DEN00704** 

Date:

October 13, 2023

Streets Alive Mission 323 4 St S Lethbridge AB T1J 1Z9

RE: Contravention of Development Permit DP2000-0383 for Religious Assembly

Subject: 323 4 ST S, Lethbridge, AB (the "Property")

Further to our letter of July 13, 2023, as you are likely aware, numerous site inspections were conducted by City staff between August 3 and September 6, 2023, to determine if the activities taking place at the Property are within the scope of the Development Permit for 'Religious Assembly' that was approved for the Property on May 2, 2000. Information was also requested and provided by your organization during and following the site inspections.

After careful review of the activities observed during these site inspections and the information provided to the City by your organization, it is the opinion of the Development Authority that some of the activities taking place at the Property do not conform with and/or exceed the supplementary activities allowed within the approved Use of 'Religious Assembly'. As such, the activities identified below require further development approvals outlined below. This property is zoned C-D (Downtown Commercial District), and the three additional Uses are permitted and discretionary Uses in this district.

The contravening activities are as follows:

- 1. The weekly attendance of the Community Paramedics;
- 2. The hair care services and Foot Fridays;
- 3. The operation of the Financial Administrator Program, PIN Clothing Bank, the provision of lockers for non-employees/volunteers of your organization, and the allowance of your Property to be used as a mailing address for non-employees/volunteers of your organization.

#### FOIP



## **GATEWAY TO OPPORTUNITY**

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Your options to bring this property into compliance are:

- 1. On or before October 31, 2023, make a development permit application for the following Uses:
  - a. 'Medical and Health Office (Outpatient)', permitted use, for the weekly attendance of the Community Paramedics to attend the Property;
  - b. 'Personal Service', permitted use, for the hair care and the foot Fridays; and;
  - c. 'Resource Centre', discretionary use, for the PIN Clothing Bank, the Financial Administrator program, the allowance of your location to be used as an address for mailing non-employees/volunteers, and the provision of lockers to non-employees/volunteers of your organization.
- You cease all of the above noted activities that do not comply with the Development Permit for Religious Assembly on or before October 31, 2023.

**Failure to apply for a development permit for the identified Uses on or before October 31, 2023**, or in the alternative, failure to cease the identified activities that do not comply with the Development Permit for Religious Assembly on or before October 31, 2023, will result in the Development Authority issuing a stop order to cease the applicable activities.

Please contact me at 403-320-4950 or by email at <a href="mailto:Angie.Olsen@lethbridge.ca">Angie.Olsen@lethbridge.ca</a> by October 31, 2023 to advise whether you will be making an application for a development permit for the identified Uses or will be voluntarily ceasing the above noted activities.

Sincerely,

Angela Olsen

Development Manager, Planning and Design

403-320-4950

Angie.Olsen@lethbridge.ca

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cc: Maureen Gaehring

From:

ken@streetsalive.ca

Sent:

October 23, 2023 4:19 PM

To:

'Angie Olsen'

Cc:

'leightonkolk@gmail.com'

Subject:

RE: 323 4 St S

#### Angie

My Board and our solicitors have asked me to inquire if there is any opportunity to negotiate regarding the findings raised in the compliance letter. I believe it is in everyone's best interest to seek, if possible, a solution that might avoid a public appeal hearing.

Ken

From: Angie Olsen < Angie. Olsen @lethbridge.ca>

Sent: Monday, October 23, 2023 2:59 PM

To: ken@streetsalive.ca Subject: 323 4 St S

Good afternoon Mr. Kissick,

I received your voicemail and would ask that you please direct any questions regarding 323-4th Street South or the compliance letter via email so I can respond to them in writing and so we may both keep a file of our correspondence.

If you have any questions regarding any other properties, I am happy to answer those verbally.

Thank you!



## Angie Olsen (she/her)

Development Manager | Planning & Design | City of Lethbridge

P: 403.320.4950

E: angie.olsen@lethbridge.ca

A: Main Floor, City Hall 910-4th Avenue South, Lethbridge, AB, T1J 0P6

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From:

Angie Olsen <Angie Olsen@lethbridge.ca>

Sent:

October 26, 2023 10:34 AM

To:

ken@streetsalive.ca

Cc:

leightonkolk@gmail.com

Subject:

RE: [External] RE: 323 4 St S

Good morning Mr. Kissick,

I appreciate that you would like a solution to this situation and avoid a Subdivision and Development Appeal Board hearing, however, the findings made by a Development Authority are not negotiable.

If either a development permit or a Stop order is appealed to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, the Board has the authority to alter the development officer's decision and/or a Stop Order issued by the Development Authority.

Regards,



## Angie Olsen (she/her)

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From: ken@streetsalive.ca <ken@streetsalive.ca>

Sent: Monday, October 23, 2023 4:19 PM To: Angie Olsen < Angie. Olsen@lethbridge.ca>

Cc: leightonkolk@gmail.com Subject: [External] RE: 323 4 St S

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Ken

From: Angie Olsen < Angie.Olsen@lethbridge.ca>

Sent: Monday, October 23, 2023 2:59 PM

From:

ken@streetsalive.ca

Sent:

October 30, 2023 3:23 PM

To:

'Angie Olsen'

Cc:

'Maureen Gaehring'; 'Lloyd.brierley@lethbridge.ca'

Subject:

File #DEN00704 - Contravention of Development Permit DP2000-383

Attachments:

Compliance letter response.pdf

#### Angie

Please find attached a response for the Board of Directors to your letter of October 13, 2023 outlining our position. Again we are disappointed there is no opportunity to negotiate.

A copy has also been up loaded to Mayor and Council and a hard copy of the letter will be hand delivered to City Hall.

Ken Kissick CFRE
Founder
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323-4th Street S.
Lethbridge, AB T1J 1Z9
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403-330-5695 - cell
www.streetsalive.ca



October 30, 2023

Angela Olsen
Development Manager, Planning and Design
910-4<sup>th</sup> Avenue South
Lethbridge, AB T1J 0P6

Dear Ms. Olsen,

## RE: File #DEN00704 - Contravention of Development Permit DP2000-0383

To your letter of October 13, 2023, and subsequent e-mail correspondence of October 23,2023 and October 26, 2023, we are extremely disappointed that Development Authority has no ability to have discussions regarding opinions developed out of site inspections and information openly and gladly provided by our organization.

We are also disappointed that conclusions regarding certain activities of Streets Alive Mission have been drawn without information or evidence being provided as to how those conclusions were made.

We would like to remind the Development Authority that during the investigation, that was extensive, we continually reminded those conducting the investigation that our position for the past 30 years of which 20 years have been in our current location is that the activities of Streets Alive Mission are more than covered under the definitions of the City of Lethbridge's current land use bylaw. We provide for reference the following definitions from Land Use Bylaw 6300:

Religious Assembly means Development for worship activities and includes supplementary religious instruction, philanthropic and social activities, and staff residences. Amusement, fitness/recreational and community instructional activities may be incorporated as Accessory Uses. This term refers to Uses such as chapels, churches, convents, manses, monasteries, mosques, parish halls, rectories, synagogues, and temples.

Supplementary Use means a Use of land or Buildings which is secondary or subsidiary to, but a part of or integral to, the Principal Use of the same Parcel, Building or Site

Evangelical Christian worship is reverence and awe for our Heavenly Father demonstrated through obedience to His Word and active service. The activities of Streets Alive Mission are conducted firstly as our worship of Heavenly Father through active service. These activities create no harm, are not immoral, and benefit mankind and the community. Even if some were deemed to be secondary, they remain integral.

We provide the following Biblical references, which are not exhaustive but provide foundational truths for our worship and service.

Matthew 25:31-40 "But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit upon his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep at his right hand and the goats at his left. "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.' "Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?' "And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'

**Deuteronomy 15:11** For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore, I command you, "You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land."

**Psalm 82:3-4** "Give justice to the poor and the orphan; uphold the rights of the oppressed and the destitute. Rescue the poor and helpless; deliver them from the grasp of evil people.

**Isaiah 58:6-7** "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed (broken, crushed, discouraged, struggling) free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter-when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

Further we provide the following exerts from the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, Section 2(a) – Freedom of Religion

## Purpose

The purpose of section 2(a) is to prevent interference with profoundly held personal beliefs that govern one's perception of oneself, humankind, nature, and, in some cases, a higher or different order of being.

## Analysis

## 1. Freedom of religion General

Freedom of religion has been defined as "the right to entertain such religious beliefs as a person chooses, the right to declare religious beliefs openly and without fear of hindrance or reprisal, and the right to manifest religious belief by worship and practice or by teaching and dissemination."

That "religion" typically involves: a particular and comprehensive system of faith and worship; a belief in a divine, superhuman or controlling power; and/or a personal conviction or belief that fosters a connection with the divine or with the subject or object of that spiritual faith.

Based on the preceding comments and information we remain resolute that none of our activities are non-conforming or exceed the supplementary activities allowed under the Religious Assembly permit 2000-0383. We also contend that they are protected under Section 2(a) of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

We advise that we see no reason to apply for any of the permits suggested in your letter of October 13, 2023.

Yours truly, STREETS ALIVE FAMILY SUPPORT ASSOCIATION

Ken Kissick, CFRE Co-Founder/Director

Cc: Maureen Gaehring, Lloyd Brierley, Mayor and Council



#### **GATEWAY TO OPPORTUNITY**

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### STOP ORDER

Our File:

**DEN00704** 

Date:

November 10, 2023

**REGISTERED MAIL** 

STREETS ALIVE FAMILY SUPPORT ASSOCIATION 323 – 4 STREET SOUTH LETHBRIDGE AB T1J 1Z9

AAROL LEE PENNY PATTENDEN 7 WESTWOOD ROAD CALGARY AB T3Z 3J8

RE: Contravention of Section 12 of Land Use Bylaw 6300

Subject: Resource Centre, Personal Service and Medical and Health Office (outpatient)
Located at 323 4 Street South, Lethbridge, AB (the "Property")
Plan 4353S Block 31 Lot Twenty nine (29) and the south half of Lot Thirty (30)
Current Zoning: C-D, Downtown Commercial District.

The City of Lethbridge's ("City)" Planning and Design department received complaints in July and August of 2023 about activities taking place at the Property, including allegations that the activities of a drop-in service, soup kitchen, clothing bank and public use of common spaces were taking place at the Property.

Our staff conducted an investigation that included scheduled and unscheduled site visits where we observed the following activities and learned of:

- Patrons accessing the People In Need (PIN) clothing bank, located in a large area of your basement, with organizational limits of one visit per week, per patron;
- Patrons attending appointments to access funds with Streets Alive staff administrating funds for patrons;
- Patrons accessing washroom facilities and being provided access to water and coffee;
- The distribution of gender specific hygiene packages upon request;
- Community paramedics attending to patrons' wounds;

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The findings of our investigation determined that, due to their intensity and land use impacts, some of the activities occurring at the Property are no longer supplementary in nature to a Religious Assembly and require development approval. The following activities that we find are no longer supplementary, due to their intensity and land use impacts, are:

- i) The operation of the Financial Administrator Program;
- ii) PIN Clothing Bank;
- iii) the provision of lockers for non-employees/volunteers of Streets Alive; and
- iv) the use of the Property as a mailing address for non-employees/volunteers of Streets Alive.

The findings of our investigation further determined that some of the activities occurring at the Property do not conform with the definition of Religious Assembly. Those activities are:

- i) personal care services (haircuts, hair washing, foot care); and
- ii) the regular attendance of AHS mobile community paramedics.

We have determined, according to Section 4 of the City of Lethbridge Land Use Bylaw (6300), that the observed activities conform with the following Land Use definitions:

- the financial administration of funds for patrons, store-style clothing bank; provision of lockers for patrons' daily storage needs; and mail pick-up service for patrons conform with the definition of **Resource Centre** which is defined as: Development that provides various social services aimed at addressing the special needs of people whose well-being is at risk. This Use does not include overnight accommodation. This Use may require provincial approval. Soup Kitchen, Food Bank, Drop-in Centre, Shelter, Supportive Housing, Medical and Health Facility, Medical and Health Office, Education Facility, Office and Government Service are separate Uses.
- the personal care services (haircuts, hair washing, foot care) conform with the definition of **Personal Service** which is defined as: Development providing services for the personal care and appearance and includes the supplementary retail sale of associated products and may include therapeutic massage as an Accessory Use. This term refers to Uses such as beauty salons, barber shops and esthetic services/spas. Medical and Health Office (Outpatient) and Fitness Facility are separate Uses.



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Accordingly, Street Alive Family Support Association & Aarol Lee Penny Pattenden are hereby Ordered to:

1. By no later than August 9, 2024, cease the use of the Property as:

**Resource Centre** (financial administration of funds for patrons; store-style clothing bank, provision of lockers for patrons' daily storage needs; mail pick-up service for patrons);

Personal Service (personal care services - haircuts, hair washing, foot care); and

**Medical and Health Office (Outpatient)** (regular attendance of mobile community paramedics).

or bring the uses into compliance by applying for the applicable Development Permits.

We are hereby providing notice pursuant to Sections 542 and 646 of the Municipal Government Act, that a site inspection will be requested by the Development Authority, on or around August 12, 2024, to assess compliance with this Order.

Failure to comply with this Order may result in a caveat being registered against the property, in addition to other remedies available to the Development Authority, including injunctive relief from the Courts, or other remedies available under applicable legislation.

Additionally, failing to comply with this Order may also result in an offence ticket, pursuant to Land Use Bylaw 6300, and the Provincial Offences Procedure Act of Alberta, which may result in a fine of up to \$10,000.00.

You have the right to appeal this Order to the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board within 21 days from the date of this Order.

Sincerely,

Maureen Gaehring

General Manager Planning & Design

cc: Secretary – Subdivision and Development Appeal Board
Director of Infrastructure Services, Development Manager and City Solicitor

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## STREETS ALIVE FAMILY SUPPORT ASSOCIATION STOP ORDER APPEAL SECTION 3

- 1. Copy of letter dated October 17, 2023 from deWalle and Quan Law Offices to City of Lethbridge Planning and Design (2 pages)
- 2. Copy of letter dated October 24, 2023 from the Office of the City Solicitor to deWalle and Quan Law Offices (2 pages)
- 3. Copy of letter dated October 27, 2023 from deWalle and Quan Law Offices to Office of the City Solicitor (2 pages)
- 4. Copy of letter dated November 2, 2023 from deWalle and Quan Law Offices to Office of the City Solicitor
- Copy of letter dated November 3, 2023 from deWalle and Quan Law Offices to Office of the City Solicitor
- 6. Copy of letter dated November 10, 2023 from the Office of the City Solicitor to deWalle and Quan Law Offices

## de WALLE & QUAN LAW OFFICE

Frank A. de Walle Professional Corporation Irvin W. Quan \* Barristers, Solicitors, Notaries Public

323-7th Street South Lethbridge, Alberta, T1J 2G4 Phone: (403) 328-8800 Fax: (403) 328-8502 e-mail: dewalle@telusplanet.net

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Our File: 2141 Your File:

October 17, 2023

City of Lethbridge Planning & Design 910 4 Avenue South Lethbridge, Alberta T1J 0P6

via email: angie.olsen@lethbridge.ca

Attention: Angela Olsen

Dear Madam:

Re: Streets Alive Family Support Association - Your File DEN00704

Please be advised I represent Streets Alive Family Support Association in respect of your letter of October 13, 2023.

I would appreciate receiving copies of all complaints that have been submitted to the City in respect of the alleged violations.

Secondly, I would advise that Streets Alive has been operating without interruption for approximately 20 years at the present location, with regular activities as part of its religious assemblies and the carrying out of its objects and mission as a religious entity.

Many of the activities receive the full support of the City of Lethbridge, including receipt and distribution of clothing for needy people.

To this end, I would ask for the City's definition of "Religious Assembly", and your advice as to whether the definition is contained in the Land Use Bylaw. Does the City have a comprehensive list of activities that fall within that definition?

I trust you will not be surprised upon learning that Streets Alive's understanding of its religious assembly includes such things as caring for the poor. Such care includes extending helping hands in many facets of need, including foot washing and foot care, and lending of both coats and cloaks.

There is good precedent for such an understanding, going back 2,000 years, and I expect such was in the mind of the drafters of the Land Use Bylaw when they included the category "religious assembly" for discretionary use.

<sup>\*</sup> denotes associate - not a partner or owner

October 17, 2023 Page 2

Note as well Streets Alive does not stand alone. Many religious organizations operate numerous types of activities from their facilities within the City of Lethbridge, apparently without complaint.

It would be surprising if the City suggested it can now discern, after 20 years, that some of these activities stand outside permitted uses.

Accordingly, I would invite you to set out your criteria and your definitions at your earliest convenience.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours truly,

de WALLE & QUAN LAW OFFICE

FRANK de WALLE

FdW/ta



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Via email: dewalle@telusplanet.net

**OFFICE OF: City Solicitor** 

Phone: (403) 320-3903/3826

Fax: (403) 320-4195

OUR FILE NO. 23-0419/DEN00704 YOUR FILE NO. 2141

October 24, 2023

de Walle & Quan Law Office 323 – 7th Street South Lethbridge, Alberta T1J 2G4

Attention: Frank de Walle

Dear Sir.

## Re: Streets Alive Family Support Association – 323 4 St S, Lethbridge, AB (the "Property")

Your letter dated October 17, 2023, and received October 20, 2023, has been forwarded to our department for response.

In response to your letter, we can advise as follows:

- Copies of any complaints that may have been made about the Property can be requested by making a Request to Access Information under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. The request can be completed here: <a href="https://forms.lethbridge.ca/311-Forms/FOIP/Request-to-Access-Information">https://forms.lethbridge.ca/311-Forms/FOIP/Request-to-Access-Information</a>
- 2. Religious Assembly is a defined use in the City's current Land Use Bylaw (6300) and was a defined use in the City's Land Use Bylaw (4100) at the time at the time the development permit was issued in May of 2000. The definition at the time the development permit was issued is as follows:

**Religious Assembly** means development for worship activities, and includes supplementary religious instruction, philanthropic and social activities, and staff residences. Amusement activities may be incorporated as an accessory use. This

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term refers to uses such as chapels, churches, convents, manses, monasteries, mosques, parish halls, rectories, synagogues and temples.

As outlined in Planning & Design's letter of October 13, 2023, following several site inspections and a thorough review of the information provided by your client, the Development Authority determined that the activities outlined in their letter do not conform with and/or exceed the supplementary activities allowed within the above defined land use of Religious Assembly.

Please advise if your client will be applying for the applicable development permits or will be ceasing the contravening activities, as outlined in Planning & Design's aforementioned letter, by October 31, 2023.

Further correspondence from your office on this matter may be directed to Mariko Constable of our Legal Services department. Her contact information is as follows:

Email: mariko.constable@lethbridge.ca

Phone: 403-320-4299

Yours truly,

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October 27, 2023

City of Lethbridge Office of the City Solicitor 910 4 Avenue South Lethbridge, Alberta T1J 0P6

via email: mariko.constable@lethbridge.ca

**Attention: Mariko Constable** 

Dear Madam:

Re: Streets Alive Family Support Association - Your File 23-0419/DEN00704

I am in receipt of Mr. Loewen's letter of October 24, 2023.

I note that you have declined to list a more comprehensive definition of "religious assembly" as set out in the Land Use Bylaw.

I also note that the definition is descriptive only and not definitive.

In addition to the description of "religious assembly", I would refer you to the definition of "supplementary use" in section 1 of the Bylaw, which states:

**Supplementary use** means a use of Land or Buildings which is secondary or subsidiary to, but a part of or integral to, the capital Principal Use of the same Parcel, Building, or Site.

It is the view of Streets Alive Family Support Association that all activities by it on the premises are integral to its purpose as a religious assembly.

The concerns expressed in the City's first letter about foot care and providing clothing to people in need are good examples of Christian service this religious organization feels called to provide.

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As such, given that no activities on Streets Alive's premises can be considered "contravening activities" as suggested by the City's initial correspondence, there would be no need to apply for a Development Permit, as invited.

Yours truly,

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November 2, 2023

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Office of the City Solicitor
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Lethbridge, Alberta T1J 0P6

Attention: Mariko Constable

Dear Madam:

Re: Streets Alive Family Support Association - Your File 23-0419/DEN00704

I confirm our October 31, 2023 telephone conversation where it was agreed that I would follow up and receive copies of the correspondence my client purportedly exchanged with the Planning & Design Department.

I confirm it is my understanding that any deadline currently imposed by the City is arbitrary, and would respectfully suggest you reconsider imposing any deadline until the positions are clearly understood. To date, my client's position is set out in my correspondence dated October 27, 2023. Simply summarized - all activities are within the definition of the Land Use Bylaw's "religious assembly".

Yours truly.

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Our File: 2141 Your File:

November 3, 2023

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via email: mariko.constable@lethbridge.ca

Attention: Mariko Constable

Dear Madam:

Re: Streets Alive Family Support Association - Your File 23-0419/DEN00704

Further to my letter of November 2, 2023, I have now had opportunity to review the correspondence of Streets Alive dated October 30, 2023, to Angela Olsen of the Planning & Design Department of the City of Lethbridge.

I trust there is no confusion. I note the Planning & Design Department used the word "negotiation" and it should perhaps be "discussion" instead.

Streets Alive wishes to maintain all lines of communication at all times, being a significant part of the downtown Lethbridge community.

My client's letter sets out an explanation of some of the activities and how they fall within the definition of "religious assembly". As stated in my client's correspondence:

Based on the preceding comments and information we remain resolute that none of our activities are non-conforming or exceed the supplementary activities allowed under the Religious Assembly permit 2000-0383.

My correspondence to you of October 27, 2023, and Streets Alive's correspondence of October 30, 2023 are consistent in communicating to the City that there is no perceived reason for any of the permits suggested in your letter of October 13, 2023.

I trust this clarifies the City's potential misunderstanding. There is no acknowledgement by Streets Alive that there is any need to apply for a development permit of any sort.

Yours truly,

de WALLE QUAN LAW OFFICE

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OUR FILE NO. 23-0419/DEN00704

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November 10, 2023

de Walle & Quan Law Office 323 – 7th Street South Lethbridge, Alberta T1J 2G4

**Attention: Frank de Walle** 

Dear Sir:

### Re: Streets Alive Family Support Association - 323 4 St S, Lethbridge, AB (the "Property")

We are in receipt of your letters dated November 2, 2023, and November 3, 2023. Our query to your office was with respect to the email dated October 23, 2023, that was sent by Mr. Ken Kissick to Angle Olsen of Planning & Design, inquiring if "there is any opportunity to negotiate regarding the findings raised in the compliance letter".

The use of the word "negotiate" by Planning & Design was in response to your client's initial query if negotiation was possible. Based on your suggestion, contained in your letter of November 3, 2023, that the term "discussion" might be more appropriate, we consider the potential misunderstanding created by the term "negotiation" resolved.

Yours truly,

Mariko Constable Solicitor, Legal Services

cc: Maureen Gaehring and Angie Olsen - Planning & Design

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## STREETS ALIVE FAMILY SUPPORT ASSOCIATION STOP ORDER APPEAL SECTION 4

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- 2. Scriptural reference and commentaries Matthew 25:31-45 (5 pages)
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### From Gotquestions.org

Romans 12:1-2 "I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable, or well pleasing and perfect."

The apostle Paul described true worship perfectly in this passage which contains all the elements of true worship. First, there is the motivation to worship: "the mercies of God." God's mercies are everything He has given us that we don't deserve—eternal love, eternal grace, the Holy Spirit, everlasting peace, eternal joy, saving faith, comfort, strength, wisdom, hope, patience, kindness, honor, glory, righteousness, security, eternal life, forgiveness, reconciliation, justification, sanctification, freedom, intercession and much more. The knowledge and understanding of these incredible gifts motivate us to pour forth praise and thanksgiving—in other words, worship!

Also in the passage is a description of the manner of our worship: "present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice." Presenting our bodies means giving to God all of ourselves. The reference to our bodies here means all our human faculties, all our humanness—our hearts, minds, hands, thoughts, attitudes—are to be presented to God. In other words, we are to give up control of these things and turn them over to Him, just as a literal sacrifice was given totally to God on the altar. But how? Again, the passage is clear: "by the renewing of your mind." We renew our minds daily by cleansing them of the world's wisdom and replacing it with true wisdom that comes from God. We worship Him with our renewed and cleansed minds, not with our emotions. Emotions are wonderful things, but unless they are shaped by a mind saturated in Truth, they can be destructive, out-of-control forces. Where the mind goes, the will follows, and so do the emotions. 1 Corinthians 2:16 tells us we have "the mind of Christ," not the emotions of Christ.

There is only one way to renew our minds, and that is by the Word of God. It is the truth, the knowledge of the Word of God, which is to say the knowledge of the mercies of God, and we're back where we began. To know the truth, to believe the truth, to hold convictions about the truth, and to love the truth will naturally result in true spiritual worship. It is conviction followed by affection, affection that is a response to truth, not to any external stimuli.

True worship is God-centered worship. People tend to get caught up in where they should worship, what music they should sing in worship, and how their worship looks to other people. Focusing on these things misses the point. Jesus tells us that true worshipers will worship God in spirit and in truth (John 4:24). This means we worship from the heart and the way God has designed. Worship can include praying, reading God's Word with an open heart, singing, participating in communion, and <a href="serving others">serving others</a>. It is not limited to one act but is done properly when the heart and attitude of the person are in the right place. Worship can be public praise to God. True worship is felt inwardly and then is expressed through our actions. True worship is not confined to what we do in church or open praise (although these things are both good, and we are told in the Bible to do them). True worship is the acknowledgment of God and all His power and glory in everything we do. The highest form of praise and worship is obedience to Him and His Word.

## Matthew 25:31-45 ...

- <sup>31</sup> "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup> All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.
- <sup>34</sup> "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, <sup>36</sup> I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'
- <sup>37</sup> "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'
- <sup>40</sup> "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'
- <sup>41</sup> "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup> I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'
- <sup>44</sup> "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'
- $^{45}$  "He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'
  - Least [gr] those who are lower in rank and or influence in our society. Esp financially.

# **Matthew 25 from Got Questions**

The word *charity* is found primarily in the King James Version of the Bible, and it nearly always means "love." In the great "love chapter"—1 Corinthians 13—the KJV translates *agape* as "charity" while the modern translations render it more accurately as "love." The only use of the word *charity* to indicate "giving" is Acts 9:36, which refers to Dorcas, a woman "full of good works and charity." The Greek word here means "compassion, as exercised towards the poor; beneficence." The KJV translates it "almsgiving."

The Bible has much to say about this second type of charity and how we are to care for the poor and needy among us. Perhaps one of the most famous passages on caring for those in need is in Jesus' parable of the sheep and the goats. He says, "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me . . . I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me'" (Matthew 25:34-36, 40). Clearly, when we care for someone in need, we do the will of Christ.

John writes, "If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him?" (1 John 3:17-18). Similarly, James says, "What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, 'Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead" (James 2:14-17). The way in which we care for the needy is a reflection of our love for Christ and our position as His children. In other words, it is evidence of our salvation and the presence of the Holy Spirit within us.

### **From Got Questions**

The good works mentioned in the parable are not the *cause* of salvation but the *effect* of salvation. As Christians we become like Christ (see <u>Romans 8:29</u>; <u>2</u> <u>Corinthians 3:18</u>; and <u>Colossians 2:6-7</u>). <u>Galatians 5:22</u> tells us that the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control. Good works in a Christian's life are the direct overflow of these traits, and are only acceptable to God because of the relationship that exists between servant and Master, the saved and their Savior, the sheep and their Shepherd (see <u>Ephesians 2:10</u>).

The core message of the Parable of the Sheep and Goats is that God's people will love others. Good works will result from our relationship to the Shepherd. Followers of Christ will treat others with kindness, serving them as if they were serving Christ Himself. The unregenerate live in the opposite manner. While "goats" can indeed perform acts of kindness and charity, their hearts are not right with God, and their actions are not for the right purpose – to honor and worship God.

Streets Alive has built the entire mission on this scripture, along with Isaiah 58.

### Matthew 25:35

- For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,
  - Streets Alive has had multiple feeding programs in our history
- I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,
  - We installed a water fountain and give constant access to different fluids like coffee, tea, juice etc
- I was a stranger and you invited me in,
  - This speaks to our housing component, which goes way back into our history as the first drop in and shelter in Lethbridge
- I needed clothes and you clothed me,
  - PIN Bank, the people have weekly access to clothing, daily access to gloves, scarves, hats, and socks and shoes when available
- I was sick and you looked after me,
  - The outreach team, plus pastoral team visits in hospital.
  - The community paramedics come in based on this aspect of the scripture as well

- I was in prison and you came to visit me.
  - Chapel service weekly in the jail for the female unit.

# Excerpt from World Council of Churches on Matthew 25:31-46

Following Jesus requires consistency between the proclamation of our faith, liturgy and prayer, and the practice of justice that we develop, since the peace of God is a fruit of that justice. This gospel passage allows us to ask ourselves whether we are followers of Jesus. We are if we practice justice and acts of mercy, starting by contributing to the provision of the most basic needs of our poorer brothers and sisters, which include hunger, thirst, homelessness, insufficient clothing, and prison conditions.

We are followers of Jesus if we commit ourselves to distributive justice, and we are not if we remain indifferent to injustices; this is because Jesus, the Son of Man, is present precisely in those who are most in need. The final verdict on our commitment or lack of commitment to justice is dictated by whether we have been merciful to those in need or not.

These needs have a specific person who suffers from them; and the Judge identifies fully with that person, so much so that what was done or not done in terms of satisfying those basic needs, was done or not done to the Judge himself, to him who is omnipresent and knows all. He knows it, because he has suffered it directly through the people in need, whom he describes as "the little ones." The criterion he judges by is distributive justice, the capacity to distribute goods, but also the possibility of using our time to attend to the needs of others, regardless of the resources available:

- Faced with the hunger suffered by the little ones, the solution is to feed them.
- Faced with the thirst that the thirsty person suffers, the solution is to give them drink.

- Faced with the lack of protection of the naked, the solution is to clothe them.
- Faced with lack of shelter, the solution is to receive them.
- Faced the loneliness of a person in prison, the solution is to keep them company.
- Faced with disease, the solution is to accompany those who suffer from it.

What is very powerful is the forcefulness with which Matthew states that the presence of God is precisely in those little ones and that what was done or not done to them was done or not done to God himself. This is in line with New Testament tradition, in which the presence of God lies in others, especially people in need.

### **SDBAB**

Isaiah is one of the key scriptures that Streets Alive lives by, and it is written in God's voice to His people

### Isaiah 58:6-12:

- 6) Is this not the fast that I have chosen:
  - To loose the bonds of wickedness [guilt, violence, wrong doing]
  - To undo the heavy burdens
  - To let the oppressed go free
  - And that you break every yoke? (the yoke refers to all forms of political, economic and social injustice)
  - This fasting is done intentionally, at a cost to ourselves
- 7) <u>Is it not</u> to share your bread with the hungry and that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; when you see the naked that you cover him, and not hide yourself from your own flesh.
  - We have an emergency food bank
  - PIN (people in need) clothing bank
- **8)** <u>THEN</u>, your light shall break forth like the morning, your healing shall spring forth speedily, and your righteousness shall go forth before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard,
- **9)** THEN, you shall call and the Lord will answer. You shall cry, and He will say "Here I am." "If You take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness.
  - "If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, This is why we stand up for the people, before neighbors, before counsel, before governments.
  - One of our roles is to try to "lessen the scorn" of the disenfranchised and broken.
- 10) IF, you extend your soul to the hungry and satisfy the afflicted soul THEN, your light shall dawn in the darkness, and your darkness shall be as the noonday.

- and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
- We work at satisfying the needs of the oppressed.
  - Satisfy... to fill, to have enough, have plenty of, abundance.
  - Afflicted.... Defined.. the ones who are depressed literally and figuratively, hurt, ravished, troubled, downcast, afflicted, humiliated.
- 11) The Lord will guide you continually and satisfy your soul in drought, and strengthen your bones; You shall be like a watered garden and like a spring of water whose waters do not fail.
- **12)** Those from among you shall build the old waste places; You shall raise up the foundations for many generations; and you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach, the Restorer of the Streets to Dwell in.
  - Hence the name, Streets Alive

# This is the same passage in the Message Bible

- V6) "This is the kind of fast day I'm after: to break the chains of injustice, get rid of exploitation in the workplace, free the oppressed, cancel debts.
- V7) What I'm interested in seeing you do is: sharing your food with the hungry, inviting the homeless poor into your homes, putting clothes on the shivering ill-clad, being available to your own families.
- V8) Do this and the lights will turn on, and your lives will turn around at once. Your righteousness will pave your way. The GOD of glory will secure your passage.
- V9) Then when you pray, GOD will answer. You'll call out for help and I'll say, 'Here I am.'

"If you get rid of unfair practices, quit blaming victims, quit gossiping about other people's sins,

V10) If you are generous with the hungry and start giving yourselves to the downand-out,

Your lives will begin to glow in the darkness, your shadowed lives will be bathed in sunlight.

V11) will always show you where to go.
I'll give you a full life in the emptiest of places— firm muscles, strong bones.
You'll be like a well-watered garden, a gurgling spring that never runs dry.

V12) You'll use the old rubble of past lives to build anew, rebuild the foundations from out of your past. You'll be known as those who can fix anything, restore old ruins, rebuild and renovate, make the community livable again.

# **Excerpt from The Enduring Word commentary**

This scripture is the call by God to get out of shallow worship into true worship

1. (6-7) The kind of worship and fasting most acceptable to God.

"Is this not the fast that I have chosen:
To loose the bonds of wickedness,
To undo the heavy burdens,
to let the oppressed go free,
And that you break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
And that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out;
When you see the naked, that you cover him,
And not hide yourself from your own flesh?

- Is this not the fast that I have chosen: To loose the bonds of wickedness:
- God tells His people, "If you want to fast the way that pleases Me, begin
  with getting right with your brothers and sisters. Stop oppressing others
  and reach out to help others."
- 2. Loose the bonds of wickedness...undo the heavy burdens...let the oppressed go free...break every yoke:
  - First, they had to stop acting wickedly towards others. This means that getting right with God begins by stopping the evil we do towards others.

Share your bread with the hungry...cover...not hide yourself from your own flesh:

 Then, they had to start acting lovingly towards others. This means that getting right with God continues by doing loving things for other people.

2. (8-12) The blessings God promises for the true worshipper.

Then your light shall break forth like the morning, Your healing shall spring forth speedily, And your righteousness shall go before you; The glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; You shall cry, and He will say, 'Here I am.' "If you take away the yoke from your midst, The pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, If you extend your soul to the hungry And satisfy the afflicted soul, Then your light shall dawn in the darkness, And your darkness shall be as the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, And satisfy your soul in drought, And strengthen your bones: You shall be like a watered garden, And like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail. Those from among you Shall build the old waste places; You shall raise up the foundations of many generations; And you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach, The Restorer of Streets to Dwell In.

- a. Then your light shall break forth like the morning: If God's people would couple their fasting with lives of righteousness and love, then they would see their prayers answered. They would have lives full of light, full of healing, full of righteousness, full of the glory of the LORD. When they call out to God, then the LORD will answer.
- b. If you take away the yoke from your midst, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness:
  - Again, the LORD gives them three things to stop doing.

- They must stop oppressing others, treating them as animals bound with a **yoke**.
- They must *stop* **pointing...the finger** at others and see where they are to blame.
- They must stop speaking wickedness.
- These are sins of commission. They are sins that we go out and do against the LORD and against others. If we will walk right with God, we must stop and guard against sins of commission.

# If you extend your soul to the hungry and satisfy the afflicted soul:

- The LORD gives them two things to start doing. They needed to minister to the hungry with more than food; they had to extend their soul to the hungry. They had to look for the afflicted soul and seek to satisfy it.
- Failing to do these are sins of omission. They are things that we should have done, yet we have not. If we will walk right with God, we must open our eyes and do what is our loving duty before Him.

# Then your light shall dawn in the darkness, and your darkness shall be as the noonday:

 To the repentant, God promises blessing. Not only will they have light, but even their darkness shall be as the noonday!

The LORD will guide you continually: This is a promise for those who do more than just empty religious rituals. To have the guidance of the LORD, empty religious ritual isn't enough. We need to seek God with both sincere hearts and sincere actions.

And satisfy your soul in drought, and strengthen your bones: Those who serve God with sincere hearts and actions enjoy a health and life of the soul that is impossible for the superficial follower of God to know.

Those from among you shall build the old waste places: Those who serve God with sincere hearts and actions also accomplish things for God's kingdom. They build and are called the Repairer of the Breach, the Restorer of Streets to Dwell in. You can't build anything for God's kingdom on the foundation of a superficial walk with God.

John MacArthur comments on <u>Isaiah 58</u>: "The people complained when God did not recognize their religious actions, but God responded that their fastings had been only half-hearted. Hypocritical fasting resulted in contention, quarreling, and pretense, excluding the possibility of genuine prayer to God. Fasting consisted of more than just an outward ritual and a mock repentance, it involved <u>penitence</u> over sin and consequent humility, disconnecting from sin and oppression of others, feeding the hungry, and acting humanely toward those in need."

### SDBAB part 2

## The parable of the good Samaritan

### Luke 10:25-37.. also Matt 22:34-40 and Mark 12:28-34

And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

- 26) He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?"
- 27) So he answered and said, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.'"
- 28)And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live."
- 29) But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"
- 30) Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead.
- 31) Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.
- 32) Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side.
- 33) But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion.
- 34) So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

- 35) On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.'
- 36) So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?"
- 37) And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

The Parable of the Good Samaritan is precipitated by and in answer to a question posed to Jesus by a lawyer. In this case the lawyer would have been an expert in the Mosaic Law and not a court lawyer of today. The lawyer's question was, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" (Luke 10:25). This question provided Jesus with an opportunity to define what His disciples' relationship should be to their neighbors. The text says that the scribe (lawyer) had put the question to Jesus as a test, but the text does not indicate that there was hostility in the question. He could have simply been seeking information. The wording of the question does, however, give us some insight into where the scribe's heart was spiritually. He was making the assumption that man must do something to obtain eternal life. Although this could have been an opportunity for Jesus to discuss salvation issues, He chose a different course and focuses on our relationships and what it means to love.

By referring to the Law, Jesus is directing the man to an authority they both would accept as truth, the Old Testament. In essence, He is asking the scribe, what does Scripture say about this and how does he interpret it? Jesus thus avoids an argument and puts Himself in the position of evaluating the scribe's answer instead of the scribe evaluating His answer. This directs the discussion towards Jesus' intended lesson. The scribe answers Jesus' question by quoting Deuteronomy 6:5 and Leviticus 19:18. This is virtually the same answer that Jesus had given to the same question in Matthew 22 and Mark 12.

In verse 28, Jesus affirms that the lawyer's answer is correct. Jesus' reply tells the scribe that he has given an orthodox (scripturally proper) answer, but then goes on in verse 28 to tell him that this kind of love requires more than an emotional

feeling; it would also include orthodox practice; <a href="he would need to "practice what he preached." The scribe was an educated man and realized that he could not possibly keep that law, nor would he have necessarily wanted to. There would always be people in his life that he could not love. Thus, he tries to limit the law's command by limiting its parameters and asked the question "who is my neighbor?" The word "neighbor" in the Greek means "someone who is near," and in the Hebrew it means "someone that you have an association with." This interprets the word in a limited sense, referring to a fellow Jew and would have excluded Samaritans, Romans, and other foreigners. Jesus then gives the parable of the Good Samaritan to correct the false understanding that the scribe had of who his neighbor is, and what his duty is to his neighbor.

The Parable of the Good Samaritan tells the story of a man traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho, and while on the way he is robbed of everything he had, including his clothing, and is beaten to within an inch of his life. That road was treacherously winding and was a favorite hideout of robbers and thieves. The next character Jesus introduces into His story is a priest. He spends no time describing the priest and only tells of how he showed no love or compassion for the man by failing to help him and passing on the other side of the road so as not to get involved. If there was anyone who would have known God's law of love, it would have been the priest. By nature of his position, he was to be a person of compassion, desiring to help others. Unfortunately, "love" was not a word for him that required action on the behalf of someone else. The next person to pass by in the Parable of the Good Samaritan is a Levite, and he does exactly what the priest did: he passes by without showing any compassion. Again, he would have known the law, but he also failed to show the injured man compassion.

The next person to come by is the Samaritan, the one least likely to have shown compassion for the man. Samaritans were considered a low class of people by the Jews since they had intermarried with non-Jews and did not keep all the law. Therefore, Jews would have nothing to do with them. We do not know if the injured man was a Jew or Gentile, but it made no difference to the Samaritan; he did not consider the man's race or religion. The "Good Samaritan" saw only a person in dire need of assistance, and assist him he did, above and beyond the minimum required. He dresses the man's wounds with wine (to disinfect) and oil (to sooth the pain). He puts the man on his animal and takes him to an inn for a time of healing and pays the innkeeper with his own money. He then goes beyond

common decency and tells the innkeeper to take good care of the man, and he would pay for any extra expenses on his return trip. The Samaritan saw his neighbor as anyone who was in need.

Because the good man was a Samaritan, Jesus is drawing a strong contrast between those who knew the law and those who actually followed the law in their lifestyle and conduct. Jesus now asks the lawyer if he can apply the lesson to his own life with the question "So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" (Luke 10:36). Once again, the lawyer's answer is telling of his personal hardness of heart. He cannot bring himself to say the word "Samaritan"; he refers to the "good man" as "he who showed mercy." His hate for the Samaritans (his neighbors) was so strong that he couldn't even refer to them in a proper way. Jesus then tells the lawyer to "go and do likewise," meaning that he should start living what the law tells him to do.

By ending the encounter in this manner, Jesus is telling us to follow the Samaritan's example in our own conduct; i.e., we are to show compassion and love for those we encounter in our everyday activities. We are to love others (vs. 27) regardless of their race or religion; the criterion is need. If they need and we have the supply, then we are to give generously and freely, without expectation of return.

The lessons of the Parable of the Good Samaritan are three-fold: (1) we are to set aside our prejudice and show love and compassion for others. (2) Our neighbor is anyone we encounter; we are all creatures of the creator and we are to love all of mankind as Jesus has taught. (3) Keeping the law in its entirety with the intent to save ourselves is an impossible task; we need a savior, and this is Jesus.

Therefore, we must conclude that the teaching of the Parable of the Good Samaritan is simply a lesson on what it means to love one's neighbor.

## Samaritan defined from Got Questions

Many Christians talk about the importance of loving God and loving others, and rightly so. Jesus declared these to be the greatest commandments (Mark 12:28–34; see <u>Deuteronomy 6:4–5</u> and <u>Leviticus 19:18</u>). The idea that we are to love others is sometimes more specifically stated as the call to love one's neighbor as

oneself. "Who is my neighbor?" becomes a natural question to ask.

The command to love one's neighbor as oneself comes originally from <u>Leviticus</u> 19:18, which says, "Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord." The Jews of Jesus' day would largely have understood their "neighbor" to be their fellow Israelites. But God has a broader definition in mind. Loving one's neighbor is more than simply loving those who are like us and who can love us in return.

<u>Luke 10</u> records an incident in which a <u>scribe</u>, an expert on the Jewish law, tested Jesus about what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus turned the question back to the scribe (<u>Luke 10:25–37</u>). The scribe responded with the command to love God with all of one's being and to love one's neighbor as himself. Jesus affirmed the response. But the scribe, wanting to justify himself, asked, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied with the <u>Parable of the Good Samaritan</u>.

In the parable, a man traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho is attacked and left for dead on the side of the road. A priest walking by sees the man but passes on the other side of the road. The same happens when a Levite travels through. In essence, two Jews, both of whom were from the priestly line of Israelites and should have known and followed God's law, failed to show love to their fellow Israelite in need. However, Jesus said, along came a Samaritan, a person generally disdained by the Jews because of cultural and religious differences. And it was the Samaritan who stopped to help the injured man. He cared for the man's wounds and paid for him to stay at an inn. In short, a person whom the Jews would have considered "unclean" and outside of God's covenant demonstrated compassion for one who would have considered him an enemy. Jesus asked the scribe which of the three passersby was a neighbor to the injured man. "The expert in the law replied, 'The one who had mercy on him.' Jesus told him, 'Go and do likewise'" (Luke 10:37).

Our neighbor is thus anyone in our proximity with whom we can share God's love. We are called not only to love those who are similar to us or with whom we are comfortable, but all whom God places in our path

It is important to understand what true love is. We love people by genuinely seeking what is best for them. Loving others does not mean agreeing with

everything they say or do, nor does it mean acting in ways that always gain their approval. Loving our neighbors means attending to their needs—both physical and spiritual. We love our neighbors when we, like the Samaritan in Jesus' parable, have compassion for them and help meet their needs as we are able. We love our neighbors best when we share God's truth with them. Jesus alone can save (John 14:6; Acts 4:12), and He alone can meet people's every need.

We love our neighbors, including our neighbors who seem like enemies to us, when we act toward them with a heart that first loves God. We love our neighbors out of an overflow of God's love for us and as a way of demonstrating our love toward God

Micah 6:8 He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you

But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?

### commentary from **Got Questions**

One of the most popular verses among both Jews and Christians promoting social justice is Micah 6:8. It reads, "He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Many desire to know more about what this inspiring verse teaches on the issues of justice, mercy, and humility.

<u>Micah 6</u> involves an imaginary conversation between the Lord and Israel. In verses 1-5 the Lord introduces His case against the disobedient people of Israel. Verses 6-7 record Israel's response as a series of questions beginning with, "With what shall I come to the Lord?" (<u>Micah 6:6</u>).

Israel's focus is on their external religious rites, and their questions show a progression from lesser to greater. First, they ask if God would be satisfied with burnt offerings of year-old calves (Micah 6:6b), offerings required in the Law of Moses. Second, they ask if they should bring "thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil" (Micah 6:7a). This is the rhetoric of hyperbole; such an offering could only be made by someone extremely wealthy or by the larger community of God's people. Third, they ask whether they should offer their firstborn sons as a sacrifice for God. Would that be enough to cover their sin? Would God be pleased with them then?

**Verse 8** follows with God's answer, rooted in the Law of Moses: "**He has told you, O man, what is good.**" In other words, Israel should already have known the answer to their questions. God then says that He did not need or desire their religious rites, sacrifices, or oblations. Instead, the Lord sought Israel's justice, mercy, and humility.

The answer to Israel's sin problem was not more numerous or more painful sacrifices. The answer was something much deeper than any religious observance: they needed a change of heart. Without the heart, Israel's conformity to the Law was nothing more than hypocrisy. Other prophets tried to

communicate a similar message (<u>Isaiah 1:14</u>; <u>Hosea 6:6</u>; <u>Amos 5:21</u>). Unfortunately, God's people were slow to heed the message (<u>Matthew 12:7</u>).

"Act justly" would have been understood by Micah's audience as living with a sense of right and wrong. In particular, the judicial courts had a responsibility to provide equity and protect the innocent. God is saying do what is right.

"Love mercy" contains the Hebrew word *hesed*, which means "loyal love" or "loving-kindness." Along with justice, Israel was to provide mercy. Both justice and mercy are foundational to God's character (<u>Psalm 89:14</u>). God expected His people to show love to their fellow man and to be loyal in their love toward Him, just as He had been loyal to them (<u>Micah 2:8-9</u>; <u>3:10-11</u>; <u>6:12</u>).

"Walk humbly" is a description of the heart's attitude toward God. God's people depend on Him rather than their own abilities (Micah 2:3). Instead of taking pride in what we bring to God, we humbly recognize that no amount of personal sacrifice can replace a heart committed to justice and love. Israel's rhetorical questions had a three-part progression, and verse 8 contains a similar progression. The response of a godly heart is outward (do justice), inward (love mercy), and upward (walk humbly).

The message of Micah is still pertinent today. Religious rites, no matter how extravagant, can never compensate for a lack of love (1 Corinthians 13:3). External compliance to rules is not as valuable in God's eyes as a humble heart that simply does what is right. God's people today will continue to desire justice, mercy, and humility before the Lord.

## Got questions on poverty and homelessness

## What does the Bible say about being homeless / homelessness?

The Bible acknowledges the fact of homelessness and instructs us to help those who are <u>poor</u> and needy, including those in homeless situations.

Jesus could identify with the homeless in His itinerant ministry. In <u>Matthew 8:20</u>, Jesus states that even animals have a place to call home, but He had nowhere to lay His head. He stayed in the homes of whoever would welcome Him and sometimes outside. He was born in a stable and even spent His last night before His crucifixion outside in a garden. The apostle Paul was also at times in a homeless situation (1 Corinthians 4:11).

God expects His people to help those who are homeless. The Law directly addressed care for those in need. In <u>Leviticus 25:35</u> God commands His people to help support those who have no home and cannot support themselves: "If any of your fellow Israelites become poor and are unable to support themselves among you, help them as you would a foreigner and stranger, so they can continue to live among you" (see also <u>Deuteronomy 15:7–11</u>). The Lord rebuked those who kept the outward form of religion yet did not care for the poor: "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: . . . to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?" (<u>Isaiah 58:6–7</u>).

The book of wisdom, Proverbs, lays down the principle of giving to the poor and attaches it to a blessing: "Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done" (Proverbs 19:17). Those who refuse to help the poor will find themselves on the losing end: "Those who give to the poor will lack nothing, but those who close their eyes to them receive many curses" (Proverbs 28:27).

In the New Testament, Jesus and His disciples regularly gave to the poor (see <u>John 13:29</u>), and Jesus commands that we follow His example and also care for the poor: "Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you" (<u>Matthew 5:42</u>). As James points out, talk is cheap:

our talk (and our faith) must be accompanied by action: "Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?" (James 2:15–16).

The Bible does not shy away from the difficult and unpleasant reality that some people have experienced terrible setbacks and hardships in their lives, even to the point of becoming destitute. The Bible recognizes that poverty, social injustice, and homelessness are real problems that constantly plague society (Mark 14:7). The Bible teaches that we are to be radically different from the world in how we view and treat our neighbors. In fact, we should go out of our way to provide for the homeless and others in need, trusting God to reward us in His time. Our Lord said, "When you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous" (Luke 14:13–14).

Because God created all people in His image (<u>Genesis 1:27</u>), everyone, regardless of social status or economic limitations, has intrinsic worth. Oppressing or exploiting those who are weaker or poorer than we are is wickedness. From cover to cover, Scripture says that we should show generosity, compassion, kindness, and mercy in practical, tangible ways. Even our Lord Jesus "did not come to be served but to serve" (<u>Mark 10:45</u>).

## Feeding the hungry from Got Questions

The Bible says we are to care for the poor, which involves feeding the hungry. God is pictured as feeding the hungry. "He has filled the hungry with good things," Mary sings (<u>Luke 1:53</u>). "He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry," the psalmist sings (<u>Psalm 146:7</u>). If we are to be godly people, then, we must also seek to feed the hungry.

God told the nation of Israel that feeding the hungry was an important part of true religion: "Spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed" (Isaiah 58:10). John the Baptist told the Jews who came to him, "Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same" (Luke 3:11).

The early church made a point of distributing food every day to the needy widows in the church (Acts 6:1). In fact, overseeing the food distribution was the task of the very first deacons. Stephen and the other deacons had the job of feeding the hungry in the church. In 1 Timothy 5 Paul details the requirements a widow must meet in order to receive help from the church. A widow's family bears the primary responsibility to care for her daily needs; godly, older widows without a family become the responsibility of the church.

James has some things to say about feeding the hungry in his practical epistle. "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world" (James 1:27). Part of looking after the <u>orphans and widows</u> "in their distress" surely includes making sure they have food to eat. James later makes the point that our words have to be supported by action: "Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?" (James 2:15–16).

We have a constant opportunity to feed the hungry in our needy world (see <u>Mark 14:7</u>), and we should do what we can to relieve the suffering of others. The New Testament consistently directs us to focus our resources on fellow believers. "As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers" (<u>Galatians 6:10</u>). Our church family is the priority; we

must feed the hungry in our midst.

The only miracle repeated in all four Gospels is the <u>feeding of 5,000</u>—an example of Jesus feeding the hungry. <u>John 6</u> records Jesus' teaching of salvation the day after He performed the miracle. The people had been hungry, so He had fed them; however, Jesus teaches that humanity's greater need is for spiritual food. He explains in verse 27, "Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you." The crowd then asked Him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" (verse 28). Jesus brought the conversation back to faith: "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent" (verse 29). He then declared Himself to be the <u>Bread of Life</u> (verse 35). He pointed the crowd to Himself, saying that physical food will only satisfy temporarily, but salvation through Him is forever.

Should we be feeding the hungry? Yes, "as it is written, 'He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever'" (2 Corinthians 9:9; cf. Psalm 112:9). Jesus said that it is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35). We should give people what they need, and as we meet the physical needs we must not ignore the spiritual need for the gospel. "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4; cf. Deuteronomy 8:3).



### **Assorted Scripture on Poverty**

Proverbs 24:11-12 Deliver those who are drawn toward death, And hold back those stumbling to the slaughter. If you say, "Surely we did not know this," Does not He who weighs the hearts consider it? He who keeps your soul, does He not know it? And will He not render to each man according to his deeds?

Deuteronomy 15:7 If among you, one of your brothers should become poor, in any of your towns within your land that the Lord your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart or shut your hand against your poor brother.

Deuteronomy 15:11 For there will never cease to be poor in the land.

Therefore I command you, "You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land."

Psalm 9:18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten, and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.

Psalm 34:6 This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him and saved him out of all his troubles.

Psalm 37:21The wicked borrows but does not pay back, but the righteous is generous and gives.

Psalm 41:1 Blessed is the one who considers the poor! In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him;

Proverbs 14:21 Whoever despises his neighbor is a sinner, but blessed is he who is generous to the poor.

Proverbs 14:31 Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is generous to the needy honors him.

Proverbs 16:19 It is better to be of a lowly spirit with the poor than to divide the spoil with the proud.

Proverbs 19:17 Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.

Proverbs 22:9 The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.

Mark 10:21 And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."

Luke 6:20 And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

Galatians 2:10 Only, they asked us to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do.

1 Timothy 6:18 They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share.

James 2:14-17 What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace,

be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.



## Spiritual direction regarding religious obligation

Leviticus 25:35-36 "If any of your fellow Israelites become poor and are unable to support themselves among you, help them as you would a foreigner and stranger, so they can continue to live among you. Do not take interest or any profit from them, but fear your God, so that they may continue to live among you."

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**Psalm 41:1** Blessed is the one who considers the poor! In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him;

**▼ Psalm 82:3-4** "Give justice to the poor and the orphan; uphold the rights of the oppressed and the destitute. Rescue the poor and helpless; deliver them from the grasp of evil people.

**Proverbs 14:21** Whoever despises his neighbor is a sinner, but blessed is he who is generous to the poor.

Proverbs 14:31 "Whoever oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker, but whoever is kind to the needy honors God."

**Proverbs 19:17** "Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done."

Proverbs 21:13 "Whoever shuts their ears to the cry of the poor will also cry out and not be answered."

Proverbs 22:9 Blessed are those who are generous, because they feed the poor.

**Proverbs 28:27** He who gives to the poor will not lack, But he who hides his eyes will have many curses.

**Proverbs 29:7** "The righteous care about justice for the poor, but the wicked have no such concern."

**Proverbs 31:8-9** "Speak up for the people who have no voice, for the rights of all the down-and-outers. Speak out for justice! Stand up for the poor and destitute!"

### God does not want hollow worship

\*Isaiah 58:6-7 "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and until the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed (broken, crushed, discouraged, struggling) free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter-when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

**9b** "If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday."

Matt 5:42 Give to those who ask, and don't turn away from those who want to borrow.

✓ Matthew 25:31-40 "But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit upon his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep at his right hand and the goats at his left.

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.' "Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? Or a stranger and show



you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?'

"And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'

Luke 3:11 "If you have two coats, give one away," he said. "Do the same with your food."

Luke 14:12-14 "Then Jesus said to his host, 'When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

1 John 3:17-18 "If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth."

James 1:26-27 26 If anyone thinks he is religious without controlling his tongue, his religion is useless and he deceives himself. 27 Pure and undefiled religion before God the Father is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

- **2 Corinthians 9:11** You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.
- **1 Timothy 6:18** They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share.
- ★ James 2:14-17 What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

## STREETS ALIVE FAMILY SUPPORT ASSOCIATION STOP ORDER APPEAL SECTION 5

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## **MEMORANDUM**

DATE:

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TO:

Ken Kissick, CFRE

Streets Alive

FROM:

Albert Flootman, RPP, MCIP

Principal

SUBJECT:

CONFIDENTIAL - City of Lethbridge Stop Order - Street Alive

### What Constitutes a Religious Assembly?

The current definition of Religious Assembly: means Development for worship activities and includes supplementary religious instruction, philanthropic and social activities and staff residences. Amusement, fitness/recreational and community instructional activities may be incorporated as Accessory Uses. This term refers to Uses such as chapels, churches, convents, manses, monasteries, mosques, parish halls, rectories, synagogues and temples.

This is a broad definition, clearly intended to capture a wide range of activities. Most of these terms, including "philanthropic and social activities" are not defined in the Bylaw; the ordinary meaning of these words can be applied when interpreting the Bylaw.

Merriam-Webster defines philanthropic as: 1. : of, relating to, or characterized by philanthropy : humanitarian. 2. : dispensing or receiving aid from funds set aside for humanitarian purposes.

Oxford Languages defines it as (of a person or organization) seeking to promote the welfare of others, especially by donating money to good causes; generous and benevolent.

In addition to the primary use of "worship activities", Streets Alive's work can obviously be described as philanthropic. Their work also includes what may be described as social activities and community instructional activities. In particular, the Financial Administrator program, the clothing bank, and the provision of temporary lockers are philanthropic activities that are intended to meet the basic needs of the people served.

And of course, churches have, for the last 2000 years, been actively engaged to one degree or another in meeting the needs of disadvantaged people. Jesus promoted it in the Gospels; the book of Acts in the Bible is the narrative of the formation of the early church, and it describes how individuals were chosen by the members specifically to serve the needs of the poor and establishes philanthropy as normative for churches. Prior to the creation of social welfare, nearly all churches sought to serve these needs to one degree or another. Streets Alive appears to continue in this tradition by serving those with the greatest needs.

### Accessory Uses

Further, these activities can be described in land use bylaw terms as "Accessory Uses". These are permitted in virtually every land use district, including the C-D district. According to the City's Land Use Bylaw, Accessory Use means a Use of land or Buildings which is subordinate or incidental to the Principal Use of the same Parcel, Building, Site or Dwelling Unit.

Virtually all use land uses will have accessory uses. A detached garage or shed on a residential property is an accessory building (to the residence). A variety of activities can occur in those accessory buildings. They might be used for storage, for hobbies, or for fixing a car.

This is where things become a bit more complex. Fixing one's own car in a garage is an accessory use, but running an auto service business is generally considered not to be unless the municipal bylaw were to allow it as a home occupation (which might be the case in a rural location). If you ask a planner, you will probably learn that this distinction is made based on land use impacts of traffic, noise, parked cars, and other things that determine the intensity of the use. Also, land use bylaws and zoning bylaws were originally conceived to protect peace and quiet and property values in residential areas, and auto service businesses will generally be viewed as having a negative effect on the character of a residential area.

### Character

The "character" of a community, neighbourhood or a development is difficult to define precisely in words, but is generally readily understood by those with education and experience in disciplines such as planning, architecture, and landscape architecture. In design terms, it generally relates to built form — height, rooflines, window openings, building materials, ornamentation, and placement relative to the street and other buildings. It also refers to how buildings "relate" to each other and public spaces. However, character of an area is also influenced by street design, parking, and affected by the impacts of different land uses, including light, noise, traffic, and parking.

Whether something conforms with the established character of an area is most often a matter of professional opinion – although never beyond thorough questioning to establish the basis of the opinion.

### Analysis

Should Streets Alive's various activities be deemed separate uses requiring additional development permits?

City staff have indicated that personal service and medical uses are defined and listed elsewhere in the Land Use Bylaw, and are relying on this fact to conclude that the current Development Permit does not permit them on this site. However, they are permitted uses within the C-D district.

It is true that hair care, foot care, and a paramedic clinic are not typical activities within a church. However, they make sense in terms of the mission of this particular church organization and the population that is being served. Every population served by a church has unique needs; the activities that are undertaken will vary considerably based on these needs.

Further, they are not being operated by separate entities, but by Streets Alive itself as part of a range of activities designed to serve the needs of a hard-to-serve population. They are clearly subordinate to the main use and appear to serve the same people as the main use.

A related question; does the fact that these uses are defined elsewhere in the Bylaw mean that they cannot be accessory uses? This would be like saying that a hair salon (personal care service use) is not permitted to sell shampoo (a retail sales activity) without getting a separate development permit for retail sales. Clearly, that is not the case.

Land use impact should also be discussed. The definition of Religious Assembly contemplates amusement and fitness facilities. This is an acknowledgement that religious assembly buildings can be used for many types of gatherings. Land use impacts, insofar as others are affected, might include additional traffic and activities later at night. However, the church's accessory activities largely occur during the day, in a downtown area with pedestrian and vehicular traffic and many other uses that draw significant numbers of people.

The impact of personal care and medical clinic activities in and of themselves on the character of this commercial area would be relatively insignificant, and these are uses that can be established "as-of-right" in the downtown area. In fact, the definition of religious assembly contemplates a range of activities including amusement and fitness facilities — an acknowledgement that religious assembly buildings can be used for many types of gatherings with significant amounts of traffic on a daily basis. The users are presumably different, but from a planning perspective, not the definable impact.

### Conclusions:

- The condition of the original Development Permit that forbids an overnight emergency shelter indicates that the Development Authority understood the nature of the proposed land use, and concluded that it fit within the definition of a Religious Assembly. Administrative fairness demands that property owners have certainty about the ability to continue to use their land for lawfully established uses.
- Streets Alive is not a conventional church, but that does not mean that its activities deviate from the historical mission of churches, which includes providing relief and assistance to people in need.
- The provision of services like free clothing, hair care, and basic medical care such as
  paramedic visits and foot care are integral to the Church's mission and accessory to the
  main use. They are not separate uses, nor are they provided by other entities at arms'
- The definable land use impacts of the accessory uses, in terms of traffic, noise, light, and other factors are not different from accessory uses specifically listed in the definition of Religious Assembly.

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I pray that God may capture your hearts and minds with the truth that *He desires Mercy* for those who don't deserve it, which includes all of us.

As Christians, human law cannot be our ultimate moral guide. Slavery was lawful. The holocaust was legal. Segregation and apartheid were legally sanctioned. Many of today's laws are created to protect corporations or businesses rather the actual citizens in a community. Simply put, the law does not dictate our ethics as Christians — GOD DOES. HIS WORD is our standard and we are called to obey it above all others. God is our RESOURCE everything else is just a means of sharing HIS love and obeying His directions towards our treatment of others.

Every Christian church which celebrates Communion, as Christ required, the partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ does it in remembrance of HIM. What are we remembering is HIS LIFE, HIS SUFFERING, HIS DEATH, HIS RESURRECTION and HIS TEACHINGS which clearly require acts of mercy to the needs of the poor and down trodden and other citizens in our community.

<u>Do you presume</u> that the churches and individuals whom support Streets Alive would not provide the very services Streets Mission now does for the street citizens? In fact aren't the services **now** being supplied by such supporters?

City of Lethbridge Bylaw 6300 definition of Religious Assembly means Development for worship activities and includes supplementary religious instruction, <a href="mailto:philanthropic and social activities">philanthropic and social activities</a> and staff residences. Amusement, fitness/recreational and community instructional activities may be incorporated as Accessory Uses. This term refers to users such as chapels, churches, convents, manses, monasteries, mosques, parish halls, rectories, synagogues and temples.

Consider the meaning of PHILANTHROPIC: (of an organization or activity) officially recognized as devoted to the assistance of those in need, (of a person or organization) seeking to promote the welfare of others,

- it's not just about money, it is about action

Just to clarify, the word Mission as defined by Merriam Webster dictionary is a ministry commissioned by a religious organization to promote its faith or carry on humanitarian work.

By virtue of its very name Streets Alive Mission is not only a religious worship center but a Mission of Hope and good works. God is the Resource, and the mission is the source. It is well recognized in our Lethbridge community as a Christian religious facility.

According to the Scripture righteousness (right standing with God) is moral excellence, the essence of which is self-sacrifice, which is also the <u>essence of good works</u> (action of love). While virtuous behavior does not guarantee absolute purity and innocence, it shows itself in the attitudes that drive a successfully righteous, Christian walk.

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## 2 Peter 1: 5 - 8

 $\underline{5}$  In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge,

 $\underline{6}$  and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness,

 $\underline{7}$  and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with  $\underline{\text{love for everyone.}}$ 

 $\underline{8}$  The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

# Micah 6:8 English Standard Version

8 He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness,[a] and to walk humbly with your God?

# Matthew 25 vs 31 - 46 The Final Judgment

"But when the Son of Man[a] comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit upon his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup> All the nations[b] will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> He will place the sheep at his right hand and the goats at his left.

Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. <sup>35</sup> For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. <sup>36</sup> I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.'

<sup>37</sup> "Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? <sup>39</sup> When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?'

40 "And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, [6] you were doing it to me!'

"Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, 'Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons. [d] 42 For I was hungry, and you didn't feed me. I was thirsty, and you didn't give me a drink. 43 I was a stranger, and you didn't invite me into your home. I was naked, and you didn't give me clothing. I was sick and in prison, and you didn't visit me.'

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- 44 "Then they will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and not help you?'
- <sup>45</sup> "And he will answer, 'I tell you the truth, when you refused to help the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were refusing to help me.'
- 46 "And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous will go into eternal life."

Wikipedia states "In Christian theology, good works, or simply works, are a person's (exterior) actions or deeds, in contrast to inner qualities such as grace or faith."

Together grace and faith as well as actions or deeds formulate a Christian's belief and are inclusive to the Freedom of Religion.

Consider Mother Theresa as an example of Christian Love In Action, she was awarded the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize, as she dedicated her life to the sick and hungry. Her simple message was "the poor must know that we love them". Her followers regarded her as a saint, but Mother Teresa believed she was only doing God's work.

Just to remind everyone we are talking about people, at Streets they are known by their stories, and their names and these people know they matter.

Did your review considered or speak to these citizens of Lethbridge? Their input is of equal value to that of others.

See attached jurisprudence (which means literally and traditionally "Practical wisdom about law') Supreme Court Judgment Case number 2922, 2923

NOTE: THESE ARE THE VERY ISSUES THAT ARE BEING USED IN YOUR ORDER WITH INTENTION TO STOP SUCH SERVICES TO THE VULRERABLE WHO WOULD ENDURE FURTHER HARDSHIP WITH THE CEASE AND DESIST ORDER.

Municipalities are bound by the Charter and, therefore, each must ensure the bylaws it passes do not infringe upon the rights and freedoms guaranteed by the Charter.

Consider the four rights Canadian citizens have:

Freedom of conscience and religion.
Freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression, including freedom of speech and of the press.
Freedom of peaceful assembly.
Freedom of association.

Consider the Charter Rights of the citizens, who know they are attending a religious facility, and choose to do good charitable works or those who receive mercy from others.

Also consider this, which of these rights are being violated by Streets Alive mission and its philanthropic and social activities? Which are being violated by the actions of the City of Lethbridge?

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### JURISPRUDENCE

Syndicat Northcrest v. Amselem

Collection Supreme Court Judgments

Date 2004-06-30

Neutral citation 2004 SCC 47

Report [2004] 2 SCR 551

Case number 29252, 29253

Judges McLachlin, Beverley; Iacobucci, Frank; Major, John C.; Bastarache, Mwilliam Ian Corneil; Arbour, Louise; LeBel, Louis; Deschamps, Marie;

On appeal from Quebec

Subjects Constitutional law

Notes SCC Case Information: 29253, 29252

Freedom of religion is subject to such limitations as are necessary to protect public safety, order, health or morals and the fundamental rights and freedoms of others" (Ross, supra at paragraph 72; B.(R.), supra) at page 385; Big M, supra at page 337; Amselem, supra at paragraph 62).

### (ii) Nature of the interference

All coercive burdens on the exercise of religious beliefs are potentially within the ambit of section 2(a), whether a coercive burden is direct or indirect, intentional or unintentional, foreseeable or unforeseeable and may also include psychological pressure (*Edwards Books*, *supra* at paragraph 96). Directly compelling religious belief or practice clearly infringes section 2(a), as compelling religious practice deprives the individual of the fundamental right to choose their mode of religious experience, or lack thereof (*Hutterian Brethren*, *supra* at paragraph 92). Religious freedom is also inevitably abridged by legislation which has the effect of impeding conduct integral to the practice of a person's religion (*Edwards Books*, *supra* at paragraph 99).

However, the Constitution shelters individuals and groups only to the extent that religious beliefs or conduct might reasonably or actually be threatened. Claimants must provide objective proof of interference, not just cite subjective belief of interference (S.L., supra at paragraphs 2 and 24). Not every effect of legislation on religious beliefs or practices is offensive to the guarantee of freedom of religion. Section 2(a) does not require the legislature to refrain from imposing any burdens on the practice of religion. Legislative or administrative action which has a trivial or insubstantial effect on religion is not a breach of freedom of religion, yet there is no requirement to demonstrate actual harm, only that the freedom is infringed

Rather, as I have stated above, regardless of the position taken by religious officials and in religious texts, provided that

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an individual demonstrates that he or she sincerely believes that a certain practice or belief is experientially religious in nature in that it is either objectively required by the religion, or that he or she subjectively believes that it is required by the religion, or that he or she sincerely believes that the practice engenders a personal, subjective connection to the divine or to the subject or object of his or her spiritual faith, and as long as that practice has a nexus with religion, it should trigger the protection of s. 3 of the Quebec Charter or that Analytical framework

The Supreme Court has adopted the following test for determining whether there has been an infringement of section 2(a) (Hutterian Brethren, supra at paragraph 32; Amselem, supra at paragraphs 56-57; Multani, supra at paragraph 34; Law Society of British Columbia v. Trinity Western University, supra at paragraph 63):

An infringement of section 2(a) of the Charter will be made out where:

1. the claimant sincerely believes in a belief or practice that has a nexus with religion; and

2. the impugned measure interferes with the claimant's ability to act in accordance with his or her religious beliefs in a manner that is more than trivial or insubstantial.

### (i) Nature of the belief or practice

Under the first step, as stated above, freedom of religion will only be triggered where the claimant shows that he or she has a sincere practice or belief that has a nexus with religion, "which calls for a particular line of conduct, either by being objectively or subjectively obligatory or customary, or by, in general, subjectively engendering a personal connection with the divine or with the subject or object of an individual's spiritual faith" (Amselem, supra at paragraph 56).

Sincerity of belief is a question of fact. To establish sincerity, an individual must show that he or she sincerely believes that a certain belief or practice is required by his or her religion. The religious belief must be asserted in good faith and must not be fictitious, capricious or an artifice. In assessing the sincerity of the belief, a court will take into account, inter alia, the credibility of the testimony of the person asserting the particular belief and the consistency of the belief with his or her other current religious practices (Multani, supra at paragraph 35; Amselem, supra at paragraphs 52-53). It is the sincerity of the belief at the time of the interference, not its strength or absolute consistency over time, that is relevant at this stage of the analysis (R. V. N.S., [2012] 3 S.C.R. 726 at paragraph 13).

The Court does not want to engage in theological debates when examining the practice or belief in question. The practice or belief in question need not be required by official religious dogma nor need it be in conformity with the position of religious officials. Freedom of religion extends beyond obligatory doctrine to voluntary expressions of faith and is not restricted to major and recognizable religions (Amselem, supra at paragraphs 46-50, 53, and 56). A protected religious practice need not be part of an established belief system or even a belief shared by others. An individual need only demonstrate a sincere belief that the practice is of religious significance to him or her (Little V. R., 2009 NBCA 53, leave to appeal dismissed, [2009] S.C.C.A. No. 417 at paragraph 7). It is not appropriate to adduce expert evidence showing sincerity or lack thereof (Amselem, supra at paragraph 54).

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Assuming the sincerity of an asserted religious belief, it is not then open to the court to question its validity. It is sufficient to trigger constitutional scrutiny if the effect of the impugned act or provision interferes with an individual's religious activities or convictions (Ross, supra at paragraph 71; R. V. Jones, [1986] 2 S.C.R. 284 at page 295).

In *Ktunaxa*, *supra* at paragraphs 71-72, a majority of the Supreme Court declined to extend the scope of section 2(a) to include the protection of the object of beliefs or the spiritual focus of worship, and the subjective meaning derived from them, on the basis that it would put the contents and merits of deeply held personal beliefs under judicial scrutiny, contrary to *Amselem*, *supra*.

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All coercive burdens on the exercise of religious beliefs are potentially within the ambit of section 2(a), whether a coercive burden is direct or indirect, intentional or unintentional, foreseeable or unforeseeable and may also include psychological pressure (Edwards Books, supra at paragraph 96). Directly compelling religious belief or practice clearly infringes section 2(a), as compelling religious practice deprives the individual of the fundamental right to choose their mode of religious experience, or lack thereof (Hutterian Brethren, supra at paragraph 92). Religious freedom is also inevitably abridged by legislation which has the effect of impeding conduct integral to the practice of a person's religion (Edwards Books, supra at paragraph 99).

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It is unclear whether the effect of any breach of the state's duty of religious neutrality could be considered trivial or insubstantial so as not to unjustifiably limit freedom of religion (see *Saguenay*, *supra*).

The state is normally under no duty under section 2(a) to take affirmative action to eliminate the natural costs of religious practices or to otherwise provide positive assistance such as public funding. The Charter guarantees freedom of religion but does not indemnify practitioners against all costs incidental to the practice of religion (*Edwards Books*, *supra* at paragraphs 97 and 114; *Hutterian Brethren*, *supra* at paragraph 95). Accommodation or differential treatment may be necessary, nonetheless, to avoid indirect coercion arising from state action (*Edwards Books*, *supra*). Note, also, that several Supreme Court justices have suggested that, in exceptional circumstances, positive government action may be required to make the right to freedom of religion meaningful, according to the test set out in *Dunmore v. Ontario* (*Attorney General*), [2001] 3 S.C.R. 1016 (see the dissenting judgment in *Congrégation des témoins de Jéhovah de St-Jérôme-Lafontaine v. Lafontaine* (*Village*), [2004] 2 S.C.R. 650 at paragraphs 73-79).

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t of s. 2(a) of the <u>Canadian Charter</u>, or both, depending on the context.

To summarize, the courts have set out several important principles in determining what is protected:

- 1) It is the rights claimant's personal or subjective understanding of his or her religion or creed that is the focus, not the actual obligations of the faith or what others of the same faith believe or practice.
- 2) The sincerity or the honesty of the belief or practice is what needs to be demonstrated.
- 3) Not everything related to religion or creed is protected. There must be a link to religion "in that it is either objectively required by the religion, or [the person] subjectively believes that it is required by the religion, or ... sincerely believes that the practice engenders a personal, subjective connection to the divine or to the subject or object of [the person's] spiritual faith."56 Social or cultural activities will generally not meet this requirement. Trinity Western University v. British Columbia College of Teachers, [2001] 1

S.C.R. 772. 55 R. v. Big M, supra note 36 at para. 123.

To establish a violation, there must be objective proof of interference with the religious rights. 5) With respect to freedom of religion claims under s. 2(a) of the Charter, interference with religious rights must go beyond the trivial and insubstantial. While this has not been fully developed in the law, some relevant factors may include whether the law, policy or action being challenged completely prohibits the practice or belief or whether it incidentally touches on matters of faith and the nature of the impact on religion (e.g. economic, social etc.). 6) The protection of religious beliefs is broader than the ability to act on those beliefs.

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Let the Heart of the city be its people, kind, generous, merciful So the Heart of the city of Lethbridge is not just a physical location. I'm writing in support of Streets Alive Ministry from the perspective of an Albertan and a Canadian citizen.

This ministry is a faith-based and mandated way for a specific denomination of Christian spirituality to fulfill their instructions from scripture.

There are many errors in the request from the City, however I will only list three of my observed problematic areas; what I call "proposed infringements."

The first problem is that the City is sending a message of discrimination towards all other faiths. This permit proposal is unfortunately stating that the public servants of Lethbridge endorse this particular version of Christianity.

That's not the purpose of government.

It discriminates against others that will not receive the same endorsement and were only after-thoughts if approached later.

While I'm sure it's useful to Streets Alive to advertise and market that the government of Lethbridge has licensed and endorses their faith, it takes us backwards to the time when governments usurped the churches for tyrannical purposes.

For example, a public protest by a complimentary indigenous religion would not need to apply for a permit to assemble anywhere in the city and give to the poor if it was an expression of their faith. The message then becomes clear that Lethbridge firstly cares for and pays attention only to this Christian sub-group, while ignoring and neglecting the indigenous faith.

A second problem is the tyranny of turning rights into privileges.

Forcing Streets Alive to apply (basically licensing a right) for permission is a clear violation of religious freedoms by making them pay what Muslim countries call the "Jizyah."

This is where Christians and Jews have to pay an additional tax in order to remain free to worship. Muslims in those countries don't have to pay.

This creates a ruling class and leads to tyrannical net results.

Even if the permits are free at first, the constant time and legal review required is a labour and legal expense and a step towards a change in policy later that will require some form of payment.

It's important that we stop the progression of the infringement at this point.

A example analogy is thay we all have the right to travel. However the use of a car is not a right and has to be licensed (a privilege not a right). So in this respect, the right to travel can never be infringed upon simply because the person does not have a car. It is a violation of human Rights to convert the right of travel into a licensed activity or privilege.

Likewise it is a violation of human Rights to license the ability to express your faith.

Thirdly the original spirit or philosophy of the phrase "separation of church and state" needs to be observed and preserved.

The phrase is for the purpose of keeping the state out of the church and not the other way around. It's understandable that those either new to political service, or haven't had to draw on that section of education (addressing public office and religious assembly), have misunderstood the scope and reach of their role.

The public servant is in fact there to "serve" the civilian population in all of its variety, and with "reasonable limits."

In the Democratic based social systems, the civilian population is the collective body of the king and the political governance is the servant to the king.

A note on reconciliation before remedy:

Although there is room to sue the government based on violations like this, this particular division of Christianity does not believe in going after individuals or the government as a first or even a second reaction to the violations. Rather we believe in good and respectable dialogue first. This is the concept of turning the other cheek which comes from an ancient Middle Eastern culture of saying your peace and allowing the other person to react with a physical slap if offended; but then calmly rephrasing the point without reacting to that initial slap.

However if the point is still not understood or agreed to, then third parties need to be brought in as the next step.

If a third party is not to be found to arbitrate or the point is not understood regardless of their arbitration, then the full use of the law must be imposed at that point for the sake of self defense.

I trust that the public servant(s) leading this action will take on the education and understanding necessary to know the roles and the limits to them.

Hopefully they have the good character to listen to those on their team who have better understanding, expertise or experience in these matters.

#### Final note:

Forgiveness is available, but only on request or retraction of the offense.

We are all constantly learning and growing in heart, mind and labor; It is completely understandable if someone doesn't know that this is a violation. But with a willingness to be teachable and open to retaining the free society (in which we all live together), it is forgivable upon retraction of the infringements proposed.

With respect,
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### Parallel Church

### 1 Mile East of Lethbridge on HWY 3

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# Christmas Eve at Parallel | Parallel Lethbridge | 9:30am

December 24, 2023



#### **Details**

Join us this Christmas Eve at Parallel Church Lethbridge as we embark on a journey to explore the heart of the season. In a world filled with chaos and countless messages, we often find ourselves searching for answers. December 24, we invite you to a special Christmas Eve Experience where we will delve into the mystery of God's unexpected grace and witness the highest love descending upon the humblest of places.

With an uplifting message and inspiring music that will guide us through the hardships, tragedies, and stories of hope that surround us, discover a grace that knows no bounds.

#### Just for Kids:

Do you know the best thing about Kids Church on Christmas Eve? While your parents are busy, you get to PAR-TAY! We've got wild games, songs, and special treats just for you.

#### CATEGORIES

Parallel Lethbridge Services

#### **UPCOMING DATES**

Dec 24, 2023 9:30-10:45am

#### LOCATION

Parallel Lethbridge

1 Mile East of Lethbridge on HWY 3 Lethbridge, AB T1J 4K4

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### **PARALLEL CARE**

We know that, as individuals, parents and couples, we have the greatest influence on the spiritual growth of ourselves, our partners and our children. At Parallel Church, we provide programming that supports our community members in becoming the best people, partners and parents they can be.





### **PARALLEL CARE PROGRAMS**

Parallel Care is an opportunity to come alongside those who are going through a difficult time and require support and services. Our programs are designed to equip you to continue the conversations we began at church and integrate them into your everyday life. Below are some of the many that we offer.

- Divorce Care
- Financial peace
- Grief share
- Hospital visits
- Wellness checks
- Celebrate recovery
- Couples care & coaching
   Individual care & coaching
- More

### https://parallelchurch.com/programs/kids/



## **KIDS PROGRAMS**

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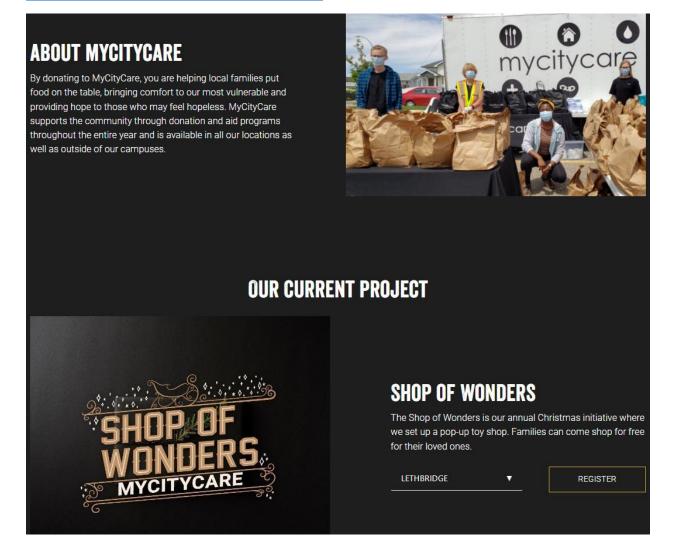
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Parallel Church's experienced Nursery team is perfect for newborns all the way up to toddlers. In our Nursery classroom we provide snacks, playtime and lots of cuddles. From drop-off to pick-up, you can rest assured that your little ones will be well loved and taken care of all day long! (Not all campuses have a nursery at this time.)

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Photography	
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https://parallelchurch.com/programs/mycitycare/







# FOOD IS NON-

**NEGOTIABLE** 



Food insecurity is still a leading need in our communities, both locally and globally. Partnering with existing food banks and agencies, we provide emergency support, food hampers, food programs and community initiatives to assist those with food insecurity.

### **SHELTER IS KEY**



Shelter is one of the most influential factors in moving people out of a life of poverty and risk, and into a sustainable living situation. In partnership with Not4Sale, we create safe homes for those exiting the sex trade and impacted by human trafficking.

# PARALLEL







# CLOTHING IS ESSENTIAL



Clothing is tied to human dignity, often linked to our identity and expression, job placement and careers. We provide access to free clothing stores, pop-up events, giveaways and operate a mobile unit to help alleviate this need in our local communities.

### **WATER IS LIFE**



Did you know there are people in Canada with no access to drinking water? One of the things requested most by those at risk is water. We currently provide clean drinking water through our downtown outreach programs.



# HEALTH IS EVERYTHING

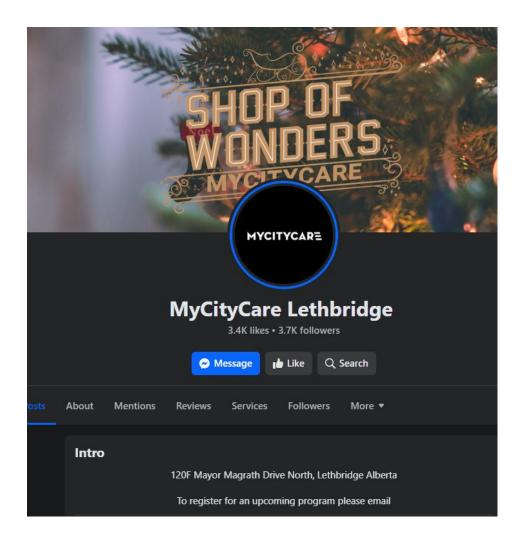


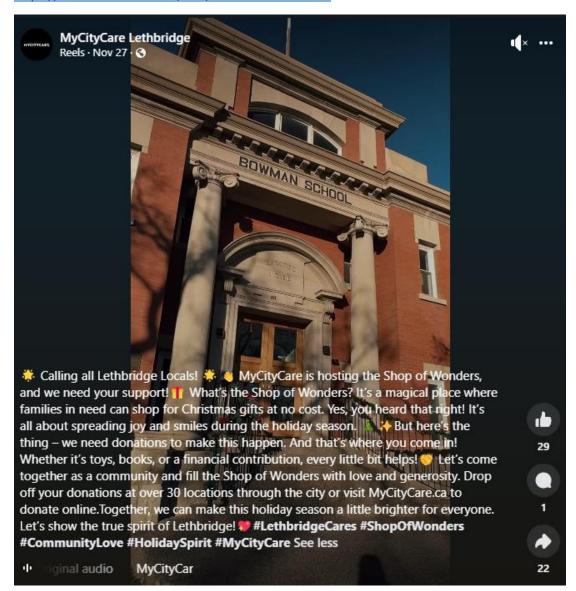
Without good health and hygiene, other supports are insignificant. We actively look for ways to promote healthy communities. From COVID-19 emergency relief to hygiene kits, we provide essentials for good health.

# **JUSTICE IS FREEDOM**

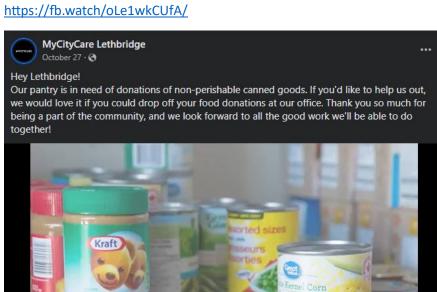


Through our partnership with Not4Sale, we are creating local and global programming and initiatives to help rescue and restore those impacted by human trafficking.





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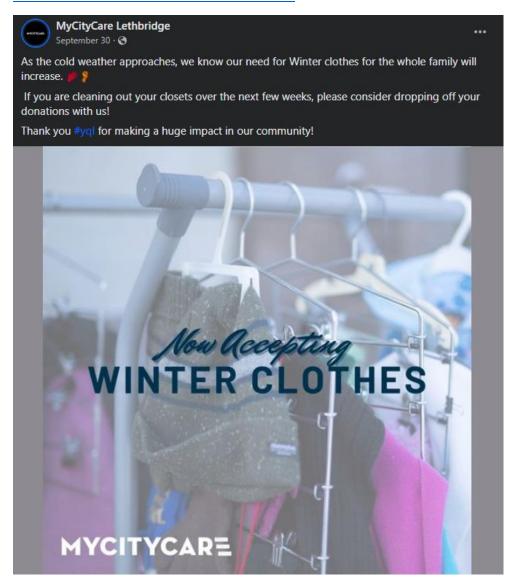
The cold Fall weather is here and we are seeing an increase in the need for cozy pantry items! Pasta and sauce, Kraft dinner, canned soup, veggies, fruit, and tuna.

If you have any of these items to donate please bring them to the office Mon-Thurs 10-4pm and Fridays 9am-12pm. We would greatly appreciate it!

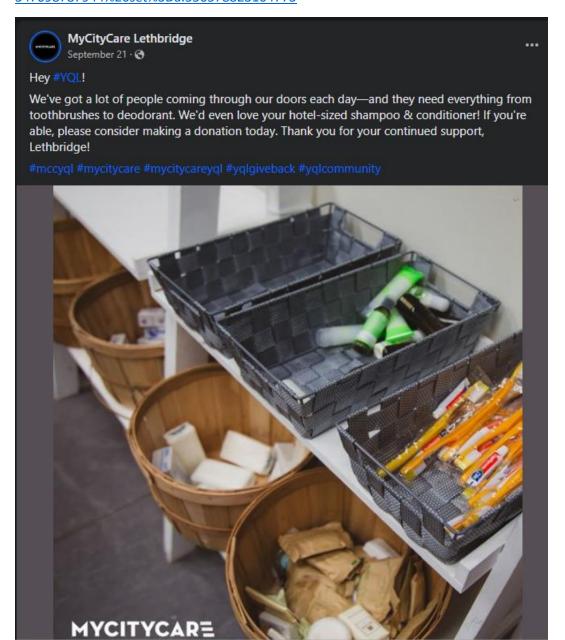
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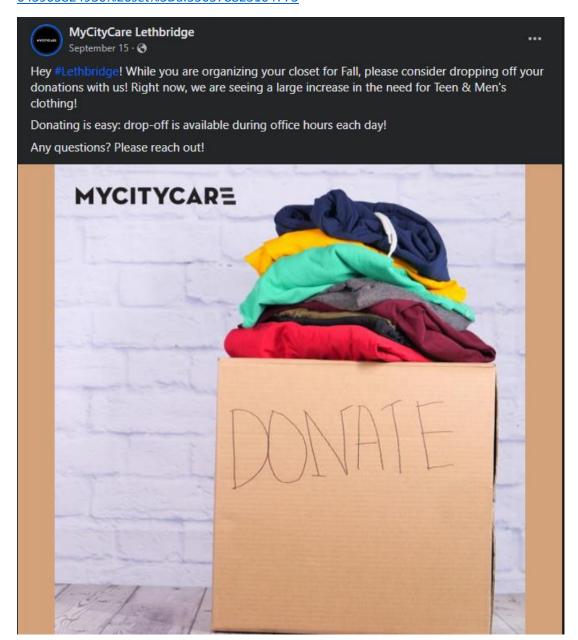
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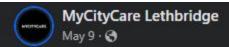
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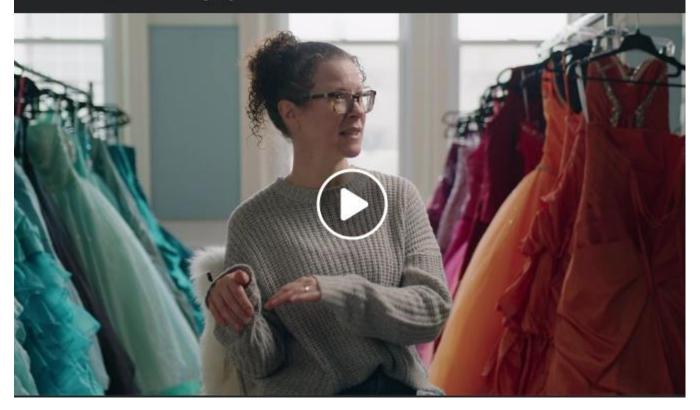


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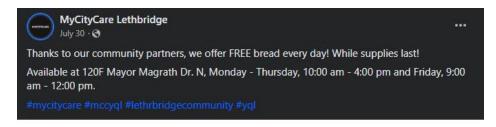
The Cinderella Project & Tux Shop! 🐪

"We have created a warm, safe, and inviting space for anybody to come in and be a part of the program. Each student that comes in not only gets to pick out formal attire, but they also get hair & photography, make-up services, etc. All of these combined provide the experience for our those coming in."

- Jen Tribble, Director of MyCityCare.



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Thank you Lori HP for the Naloxone training with our volunteers. It's always great to keep our volunteers trained up in all aspects of our jobs.













This year alone we have given out over 900 pairs of socks & underwear to our community!

With your donation of men's new socks & underwear, we'll make sure they get to where they need to go. Have any questions at all? Please email lethbridge@mycitycare.ca.

Thank you #lethbridge for your continued support!

### Southminster United

1011 4 Ave S, Lethbridge, AB T1J 0P7

https://southminsterunited.ca/sunday-mornings

#### WORSHIP WITH US

Though our church is buzzing with activity every day of the week, we all gather together on Sundays to worship God. We meet each week on Sunday at 10:30am, as well as <u>live-stream</u> the service on our facebook page, <a href="https://www.facebook.com/SouthminsterUnited/">https://www.facebook.com/SouthminsterUnited/</a>

#### WHAT SHOULD I EXPECT THE FIRST TIME I COME TO CHURCH?

We meet together on Sunday mornings for roughly 60 minutes, and the worship service is structured in three parts:

We Prepare Our Hearts to Worship God. As we gather, we share announcements, prayers to focus our minds on worship, sing hymns, and share a conversation time with children in the congregation.

We Listen for God's Word. We hear scripture passages read from the Bible, the worship leader preaches a sermon reflecting upon the passages we just heard and their meaning for our lives today.

We Respond to God in Prayer and Action. In response to the Good News we have received, we dedicate our offering of money to the work of God through the church. We then pray together to give thanks to God for the blessings in our life, and share concern for others. We sing a hymn and are sent out into the world to live out the Good News.

Once the worship service ends, we enjoy a time of fellowship in the hall, with coffee and other refreshments. We hope that you'd join us for that too.

#### MUSIC

It is perhaps not surprising that music has such a large place in the life of our church.

Southminster houses the Lethbridge Symphony Orchestra office and is the second largest concert venue in the city after ENMAX Centre.

We take both pride and joy in our 4-manual Casavant pipe-organ, one of the largest in Alberta. Dedicated in memory to members of the congregation who made the ultimate sacrifice and did not return home from the First World War, our organ truly elevates our experience of Sunday worship.

Southminster also boasts a large and active choir led by our exceptional music director, Kade. No matter your music background, the choir enthusiastically welcomes all newcomers. Many of its members say that the Wednesday evening practice times are the highlight of their week due to the fun atmosphere Kade cultivates.

Our reputation as a major music venue extends well beyond Sunday mornings, as our building is used almost every day of the week, either hosting concerts, or for rehearsals. You'll hear a wide variety of musical genres in the concerts, which you can receive announcements for by signing up with the office for our weekly email.

At Sunday worship, our church frequently welcomes musical guests to perform, we are so fortunate to have all of these musical connections, many from the symphony, community band, or University of Lethbridge Fine Arts Program. We have been blessed by the talents of many musicians – local and visiting, professional and amateur, fresh-faced, and seasoned – and are so thankful to them all. Please inquire at the office to find out how you can take part.

Christmas Eve and Easter Sunday can be spectacular at Southminster. When Chris pulls all the stops on the organ, you can feel those "hallelujahs" in your bones.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL & NURSERY

During Sunday worship following the first hymn, children are welcomed to come down from the pews where they are sitting with their families to sit in the chairs at the front of the church for Children's Time. After the choir anthem, the children are invited to attend Sunday School with our tremendous Sunday School teachers.

During this time of faith formation and spiritual nurture, grades K-6 children receive a lesson catered to their level of spiritual understanding while the adults are hearing the sermon from the minister. The Sunday School is often having fun making crafts, but also growing in their familiarity with the stories of the Bible, and developing a moral and ethical foundation grounded in the peace and love of Jesus. For new children to Sunday School, we ask parents or guardians to fill out a registration sheet, so that we have emergency contact information and are aware of any allergies.

While wiggly, giggly younger children are most welcome in the sanctuary during Sunday worship services, many caregivers prefer to entrust the care of their babies and toddlers to our able Nursery attendant. The nursery is located across from the office on the west side of the building.

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Every summer, typically the last week before the Labour Day long-weekend, Southminster offers a Vacation Bible School for children grades K-5. During this week of fun and spiritual discovery, kids learn about our faith in Jesus. We hear stories, play games, eat snacks, watch videos, and make crafts.

This year's VBS is called Stellar - Shine Jesus' Light. It's a space-based adventure that helps kids discover what it means to shine Jesus' light in the world. Stellar VBS will run from Monday August 28th to Thursday August 31st, 2023 from 9am - 12pm at Southminster United Church. Registration is open for anyone who has completed Kindergarten all the way up to Grade 5.

We welcome all children from the community to join us, no matter their church background or connection to Southminster. The program fee is \$20 for the 4 days per child.

For more information, or to register a child, please contact the church at (403) 327 3404 or <a href="mailto:smunited@shaw.ca">smunited@shaw.ca</a>

VBS is a lot of fun - but it wouldn't be possible without adult and teen volunteers. We need people who are willing to prepare and lead some of our space stations. So if you want to be a part of games, crafts, singing, videos and skits - please consider joining us this August.

#### **BIBLE STUDY**

For adults looking to deepen their faith formation, Southminster offers Bible study in two forms:

Our beloved Minister Emeritus, The Rev. Tad Mitsui, has led Bible Study once a month for our *Saturday at Ten-Thirty* faith formation events, discussing a topic chosen by the group at the previous month's gathering. These can be serious topics, like, "what does the Bible say about death?" or more light-hearted topics, like, "what does the Bible say about wine?" Rev. Tad asks those planning to attend to contact the office, as he prepares a short study paper for everyone to read and discuss when they meet, usually the third Saturday of the month. This program takes a break for the summer, and resumes in September. Rev. Taylor also leads periodical Book studies, typically just a 4-to-6-week commitment reading a single book, meeting for an hour after worship on Sundays. Both Rev. Tad and Rev. Taylor love leading these engaging discussions with members of the congregation.

#### https://southminsterunited.ca/book-club

# **BOOK CLUB**

Join us on Tuesdays from 4pm to 5pm as we read one or two chapters of our current book and hold a discussion. For more information, call Joan at 403-328-4771. The group will begin a new book in September. Everyone is welcome to join the discussions.

https://southminsterunited.ca/calendar

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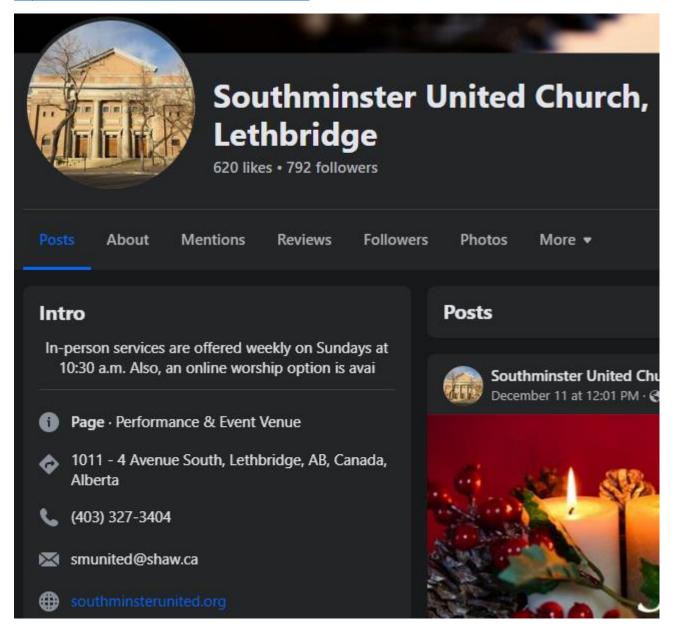
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Every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the Lounge

# **COFFEE & CONVERSATION**

Join us for a lively and open conversation - topics vary weekly, but coffee is always on the house!



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## Southminster United Church, Lethbridge

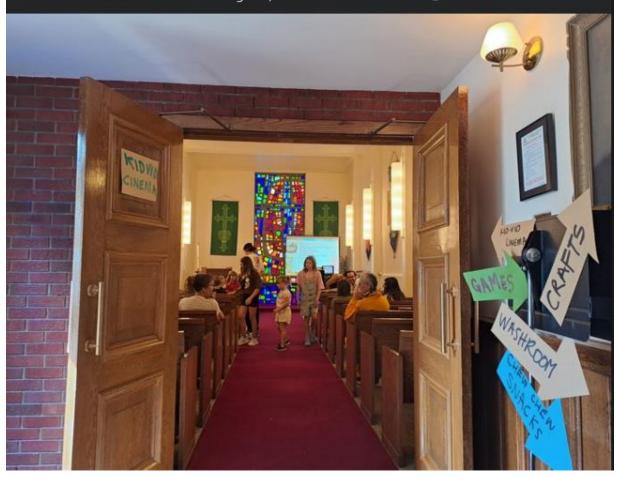
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There's still spots available at Southminster's Kids Summer Camp, taking place August 28-31.

The program runs Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 12 noon. All children aged 5-12 are welcome to join.

This year's theme is Stellar, taking the kids on some "out of this world" space adventures. Vacation Bible School activities include crafts, games, stories, music and snacks with fun leaders. Cost is only \$20 for the week.

Please contact the church office to register, 403.327.3404 or smunited@shaw.ca



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023 AT 2 PM

# **Annual Christmas Tea and Bazaar at Southminster**

Southminster United Church, Lethbridge

About

Discussion

#### **Details**

- 40 people responded
- Event by Southminster United Church, Lethbridge
- Southminster United Church, Lethbridge
- Public · Anyone on or off Facebook

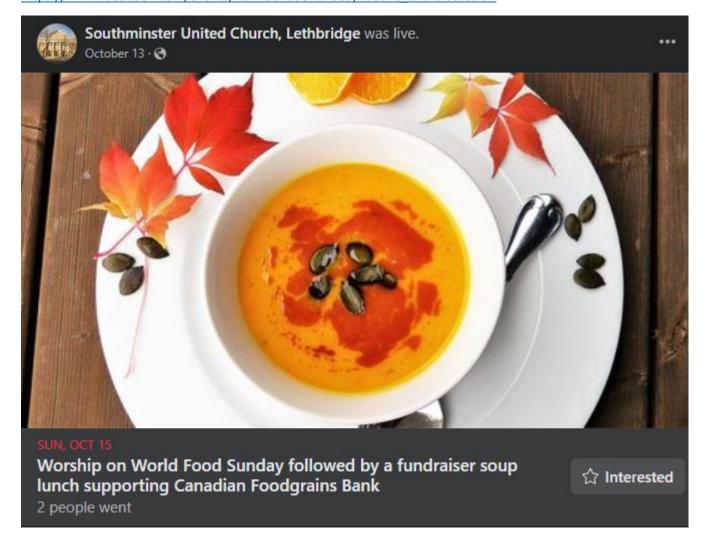
Our Annual Christmas Tea and Bazaar will take place this Saturday, November 18 from 2pm to 4pm. Tickets at the door \$12 (cash or debit). Please enter the 11th Street doors (Southminster Hall).

Lethbridge, Alberta



Do you have dinner plans for this Saturday? Southminster's Men's Club is hosting a Roast Beef Dinner on October 28th at 6pm, and you are invited! Tickets \$25 available at the church office, or by calling 403.327.3404 Program includes Live music and a great selection of Silent Auction items, too.

All proceeds will support our youth programs, Lethbridge Soup Kitchen and other community programs.



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We at Southminster were honoured to host Lethbridge Fire & Emergency Services 2023 Fallen Firefighter Memorial today. This annual event is a touching ceremony and open to the public. Memorial wreaths were laid by MP Rachel Thomas, MLA Nathan Neudorf, Deputy Mayor Ryan Parker, City Manager Lloyd Brierley, LPS Chief Shahin Mehdizadeh, and families of the fallen firefighters.



#### The Gate Christian Church

522 3 Ave S, Lethbridge, AB T1J 0H3

http://www.thegate.org/

http://www.thegate.org/what-s-happening.html

We have regular worship services every Sunday morning at 10:00am.

Join us in person, or online from wherever you are through Facebook live.

KidsGate is our children's program for kids age three to grade five.

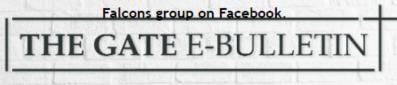
KidsGate is offered during a portion of our regular Sunday services. Different types of fun and learning invite kids to celebrate Jesus!

YouthGate is our group for anyone grades six through twelve.

YouthGate normally meets Thursday nights at 7:00pm. Please see our e-bulletin (below) for current events.

#### Young Adults ages 18-30 meet for meals and events on a rotating basis.

Current information about Young Adults meetings can be found in the e-bulletin, or on our Millennial



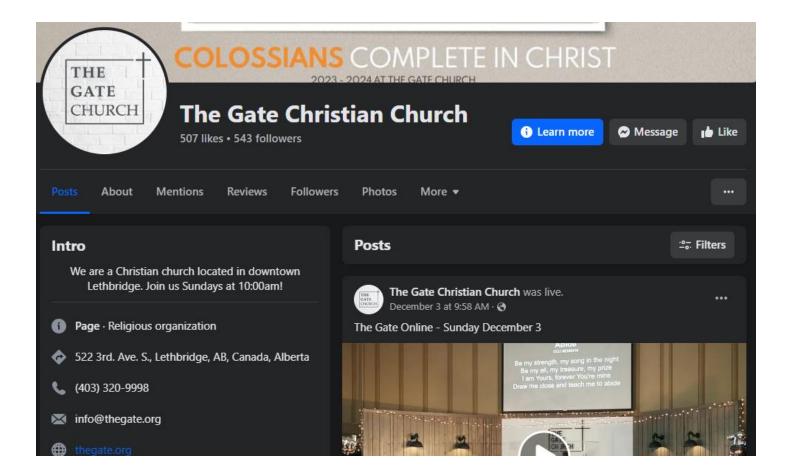
We hope you will join us this Sunday for coffee and fellowship at 9:45am and worship starting at 10:00am. Anyone unable to make it in person is invited to <u>tune in online</u>.

Christmas Potluck - Dec. 10: We're excited to celebrate the season over a meal together at 5:30pm on Sunday December 10th. Bring some food to share, and look forward to singing Christmas carols!

Christmas Eve - Dec. 24: As this year's Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday, we invite you to join us at 10:00am as we rejoice at the birth of Christ with a special Christmas Eve service. Bring family and friends as we enjoy warm drinks, Christmas music, a KidsGate song performance, and more.

1 King 1 Kingdom - Dec. 31: Looking forward to the annual 1K1K city-wide worship service at Westside Community Church on Sunday December 31st. The Gate will be joining this Winter Donation Items: December is a great time to offer support to our neighbours through local organizations like Streets Alive Mission and MyCityCare. The Gate will have bins for collecting items for both of these amazing groups. If you have warm clothing or non-perishable food to donate, bring them with you on a Sunday morning! Thank you for your generosity as we consider those in need in our community.

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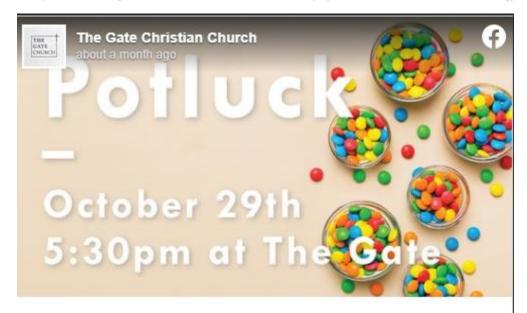


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We have a great service planned this weekend including our Family Sunday which includes all ages in the service to learn and worship together while our kids ministries pause. Join us at 9:45am for coffee, and the service start at 10:00am.

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We are excited for our upcoming potluck, which is not only a great chance to share good food and company, but we are also handing out candy for the kids! Join us Sunday night at The Gate starting at 5:30pm.

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YouthGate our weekly ministry for anyone grades 6-12 and will officially begin with an awesome multi-church event at Legacy Park on Friday the 15th from 6:00-9:00pm. Come, bring a friend, and look forward to live music, food trucks, archery tag, obstacle courses, and much more!

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As promised - we are thrilled to be hosting a BBQ and worship night with our good friends Lethbridge Christian Tabernacle next Wednesday starting here at 6:00pm! Come and enjoy the opportunity to eat and worship God together.

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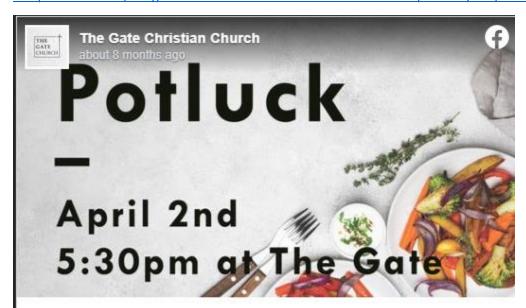


Our Missions & Outreach team are hosting a delicious fundraiser on Sunday May 28th at 6:00pm for our Poland missions trip.

This is the perfect chance to support the team as they prepare to serve at Elim Christian Centre in housing and relief for Ukrainian refugees.

\$25 suggested donation per plate. Childcare will be offered during the fundraiser. Please sign up for the dinner by emailing brad@thegate.org. Thank you for your support!

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Our next potluck is on Sunday and we are planning for a conversation around the dinner table. All are encouraged to message us with ideas or questions that you've learned throughout our time in the book of 1 Corinthians. Then, we will select some questions to present (anonymously) and discuss at the potluck. This is a different opportunity to respond to God's word together; we hope you'll join us for supper and discussion starting at 5:30pm.

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Good Friday is an invitation to focus on the cross of Jesus. We are blessed to partner with Lethbridge Christian Tabernacle for a special Good Friday service on April 7th at 7:00pm at The Gate. Please join us for a time of reflection and praise, with refreshments to follow.

### Miz City Church

502 13 St N, Lethbridge, AB T1H 2S4

https://www.mizcitychurch.com/

https://www.mizcitychurch.com/ministries



# **Men's Ministry**

Meets Tuesdays at 7pm in the Upper Hall. Contact Jim for more info: 403 360-0001.

# **Women's Ministry**

Meets Tuesdays at Bridges of Hope (2825F - 2nd Ave S).

Doors open at 6:30pm. Study begins at 7:00pm. No
meeting on October 31st.





# **Young Adults**

Our Young Adults group meets on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 - 9:00 pm typically at the Miz, however, location varies.

This group prioritizes community, engaging scripture, deepening our relationships with and understanding of God, and service to the community.

Email janette@themizcitychurch.org to join the young adults' email list or follow the group on Instagram @morethantwelve to stay up to date.

# Youth

Miz Youth is for students in grades 8-12 and runs weekly on Monday evenings at the Miz from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. This group is a place for students to learn and grow in their relationships with God, each other, and leaders.

Email youth@themizcitychurch.org to be added to the parent email list, or follow the group on Instagram @themizcityyouth to stay informed.





# **Kidz Ministry**

Kids ministry is available during our 11am worship service. Sign in starts at 10:45.

> MizLittlez: 18 months - 5 years MizKidz: Kindergarten to Grade 4 The Bridge: Grades 5-7

If you're interested in volunteering in this ministry, contact Kaila: <u>kidzmin@themizcitychurch.org</u>

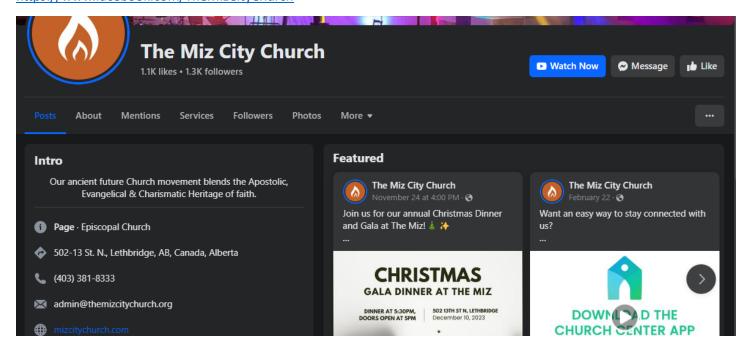
# Oasis 55+

Our newest ministry here at The Miz for all those over the age of 55:

Join us every 1st Saturday of the month for a delightful evening of fellowship and food. We will have a potluck dinner together starting at 5:30 pm. For more information reach out to admin@themizcitychurch.org.



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# JOIN THE MIZ CHOIR

We're practicing on Sunday at 1pm in the Upper Hall at the Miz!

Calling all voices to join in harmony! Our church choir practice is happening this Sunday at 1PM, and you are invited! Whether you've sung in a choir before or it's your first time, come share the joy of singing with us. Let's lift our voices together in worship!

See you Sunday in the Upper Hall 🎶

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This Sunday, come hungry and bring your appetite for both breakfast and spiritual growth!

In between the 9 & 11AM services, we will be serving breakfast! We'll also be setting up tables with information about our different ministries, so you can explore opportunities to get involved in the community.

See you on Sunday!



Attention Miz Youth 🌽

The annual Lip Sync Competition is back!

Join us on August 29th from 6-8:30pm at the Miz building for a fun night, pizza will be provided!

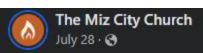
Submit your songs to Janette before August 27th. Solos, duets, and group numbers are all welcome.

There may even be some prizes for the top performers... See you then!

The Miz City Youth



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Join us for a special "Church in the Park" experience this Sunday! 🧆

We're excited to host our Sunday service outdoors at Rotary Park North. Let's come together as a community to worship, rejoice, and celebrate our faith!

July 30th

11AM

Rotary Park North, behind Walmart

Bring your own chairs, and joyful hearts for service, and bring an empty stomach for afterwards, as we will be having a BBQ all together as a church family.

This is no ordinary Sunday – it's also Family Sunday! Kids and youth will be an integral part of the service, sharing their love for God through scripture readings and worship songs.

\*Please note there will not be service at our building on this day\* We can't wait to see you all there!



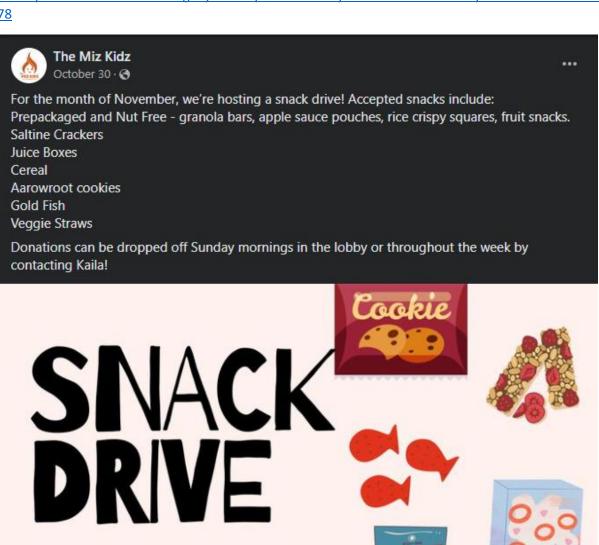
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A big thank you to Dairy Queen North for the Dilly Bars for Dads 🙌 It's great to have great neighbours.

We hope everyone had a great Father's day celebrating all the amazing dads out there!

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NOVEMBER 1-30, 2023

#### Hosted by the MizKidz

Every week our children's ministry programs provides snacks to approximately 50-60 children! The purchasing of these snacks is one of our largest expenses each month. So for the month of November we will be hosting a Snack Drive - to help us be able to continue providing snacks to each child who comes in. Our goal is to fill the large box in the lobby by the end of November!







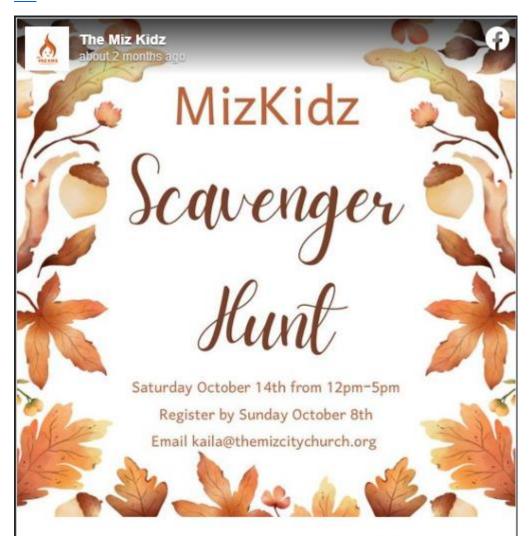






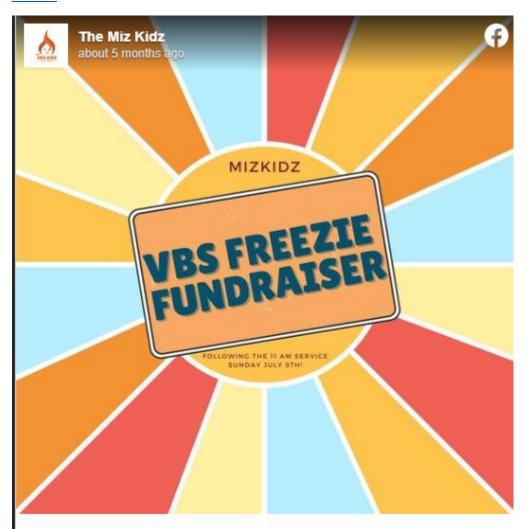


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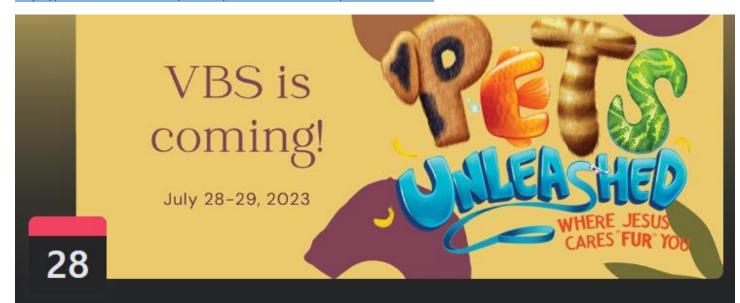


Register today for our upcoming fall family event! This scavenger hunt will take you to a few different parks near the church, with challenges along the way. Then we'll all gather at the church for food and fellowship. You don't want to miss this!

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This Sunday we'll be selling giant freezies, after the 11am service, for \$2 each to help raise money for our upcoming VBS!



JUL 28 AT 5:30 PM - JUL 29 AT 2 PM

## Pets Unleashed Weekend VBS

The Miz City Church

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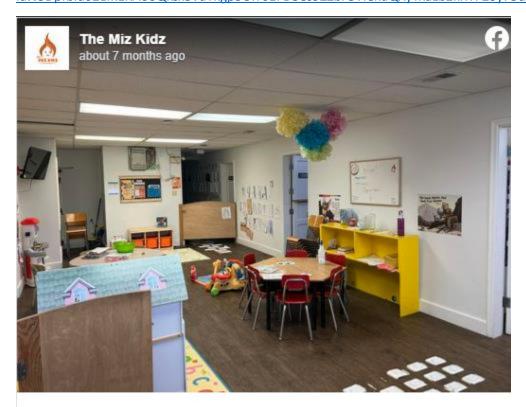
### **Details**

- 4 people responded
- Event by The Miz Kidz
- The Miz City Church
- Duration: 20 hr 30 min
- Public · Anyone on or off Facebook

Join us Friday July 28th and Saturday July 29th for VBS! Throughout the two days children will engage in worship, learn about Jesus, and make new friends!

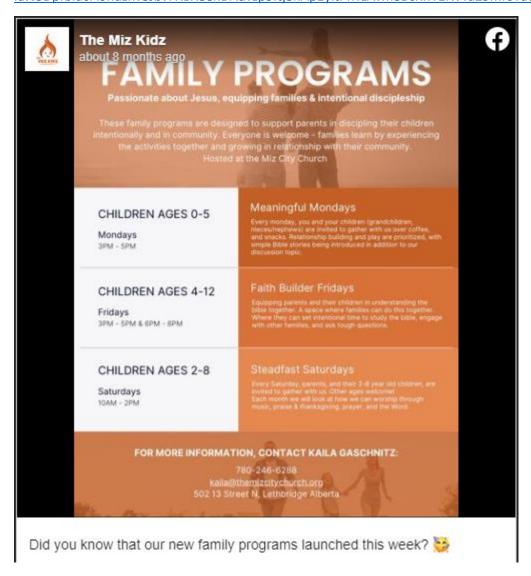
For children ages 3-11; Only \$20 per child - message us to register! See less

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Have you visited our family programs yet? Their held down here in the MizLittlez Area! You can join us Mondays, Fridays & Saturdays for time spent playing, creating, and growing in community.

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#### All Saints Roman Catholic Parish

Assumption 2405 - 12 Avenue South St. Basil's 604 - 13 Street North St. Patrick's 917 - 4 Avenue South

https://www.allsaintslethbridge.org/ola-prayer-community.html

### Our Lady of the Assumption Prayer Community

Our Lady of the Assumption Charismatic Prayer Community has begun *LIVE* meetings each Wednesday night beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Assumption Hall. *All are welcome!* 

If you would like to receive information about these events call Ken Fabbi at 403-331-8923 or email healing-workshops-subscribe@googlegroups.com

**Thursday Dialogue will continue in September with a new vision.** Through prayer and discussion, a weekly small group (AKA cenacle) will be adopted

A cenacle is a small community building and faith-sharing group. The cenacle is as old as the Church itself. The idea contained in the word cenacle is derived from the meeting of our Lord's followers in the upper room where He celebrated the Last Supper. .

The focus will be the upcoming Sunday gospel reading.

This is not the same as a study.

- We will learn as we go
- · Attendees are encouraged to share their faith and pray together
- The content will strengthen our spiritual walk through discussion, reflection and supportive communal prayer
- · In the process, we develop our gifts and talents and are encouraged in reaching out to others to do the same.

Everyone is invited!... Please spread the word and invite anyone you feel would like to be a part of this.

All you need is your bible.

A regular weekly commitment is not required.

Join us whenever you can as your schedule allows.

Missed sessions do not make you fall behind.

Stayed tuned for the new link and more details on the weekly plan.

We will be creating a new email distribution list in order to have weekly reminders. Get back to us at <a href="judybober1946@gmail.com">judybober1946@gmail.com</a> if you wish to join and get your name on the email list.

Please consider joining our organizing committee.

We thank every DIALOGUE member for their support in the past and we ask that you continue to keep DIALOGUE in your prayers.

The DIALOGUE Organizing Committee

# St. Francis Xavier Chaplaincy

Young Adult Group



### **Eucharistic Adoration**

Every Friday during Advent 7-8 pm. Assumption Church

#### SFXC Lethbridge Advent Open Mic & Karaoke Night

When: Sat., Dec 3rd 7:00pm-9:00pm
Where: KofC Hall at St. Martha's Parish (355 Columbia Blvd W)

Celebrate Advent with a night of talent and fun with one hour of open mic performances (singing, instruments, poetry, etc.) followed by one hour of Karaoke. Share your skills or just enjoy! Snacks and beverages provided.

If you would like to help or sign up to perform, contact Cameron: camtenpin@gmail.com or 587-220-5300.

Please consider bringing a donation to help support SFXC Lethbridge

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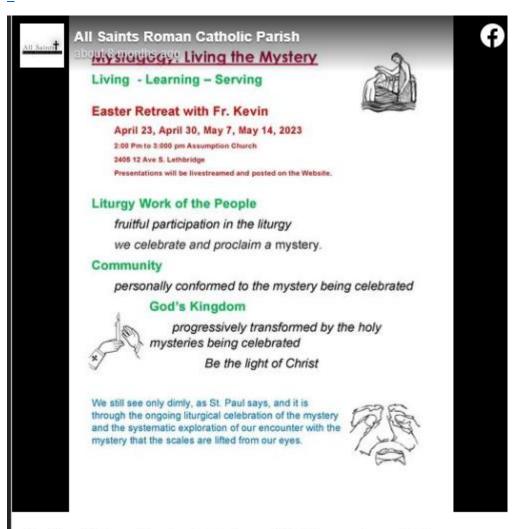


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A day for the whole family. Talks, games, prayer, crafts and ends with a BBQ. Please register with Laura in the office.

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So after 40 days of Lent, what to do now? Let the mystery unfold!

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A little break in the midst of Lent, or an act of giving alms to those in need.

### St Martha's Roman Catholic Parish

355 Columbia Blvd W, Lethbridge, AB T1K 5Y8

https://www.stmarthasparish.ca/

# **Mass Times**

### **Sunday Mass**

Saturday Mass - 5:00 PM Sunday - 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

### Daily Mass

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday - 9:00 AM

Tuesday - 7:00 PM

Please check bulletin/calendar to confirm as changes can occur for special occasions.

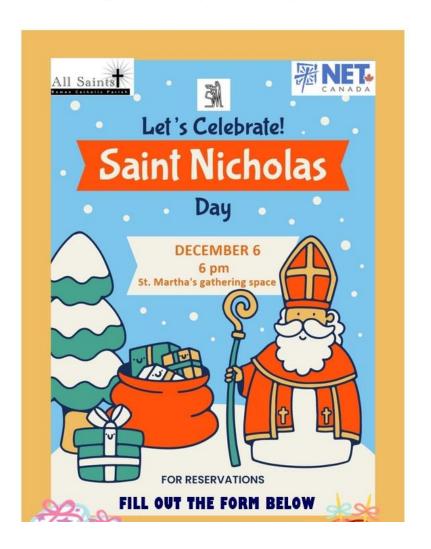
Reconciliation: 4 PM on Saturdays or by appointment. Check bulletin/calendar to confirm any changes.

**Eucharistic Adoration**: after Friday Mass, from 9:30 AM to 8 PM. Check bulletin to confirm as changes can occur for special occasions.

Rosary: half hour before daily Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Fridays 3pm in adoration chapel

Sign up for an evening filled with fun for both families and children: hear the story of Saint Nicholas, meet the TRUE Santa, have a great time with your friends, enjoy delicious food!!!





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Thursday	, 7 December		
9:00am	mass with CStM		
Friday, 8	December		
Feast of th	ne Immaculate Conception		
9:00am	Mass		
9:30am	Adoration		
12:00pm	Spanish Lessons		
Saturday,	9 December		
10:00am	Legion of Mary		
4:00pm	Confession		
5:00pm	Mass		
Sunday, 1	0 December		
9:00am	Mass		
10:00am	Coffee service after 9am mass - CWL		
11:00am	Mass		
Monday,	11 December		
9:00am	Mass		
1:30pm	Hobby Prayer Group		
6:00pm	Simbang Gabi Filipino Novena Mass		
Tuesday,	12 December		
Feast of C	Our Lady of Guadalupe		
10:30am	Catechism in a year meeting		
5:30nm	CWI Christmas potluck		

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Wednesda	ay, 13 December	
9:00am	Mass	
9:30am		
	Mothers' rosary group	
10:30am	Age Care Columbia Mass	
7:00pm	Finance Council Meeting	
Thursday,	14 December	
9:00am	mass	
10:30am	Good Samaritan's Mass	
7:00pm	Penitential Service	
Friday, 15 December		
9:00am	Mass	
9:30am	Adoration	
Saturday,	16 December	
10:00am	Legion of Mary	
4:00pm	Confession	
5:00pm	Mass	
Sunday, 1	7 December	
9:00am	Mass	
9:00am	Mass	
11:00am	Mass	
Monday, 18 December		
9:00am	Mass	
1:30pm	Hobby Prayer Group	

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1:30pm	Hobby Prayer Group		
6:00pm	Simbang Gabi Filipino Mass		
Tuesday,	Tuesday, 19 December		
10:30am	Catechism in a year meeting		
1:00pm	Bereavement Group		
5:30pm	KoC membership meeting		
7:00pm	Mass		
Wednesda	Wednesday, 20 December		
9:00am	Mass		
9:30am	Mothers' rosary group		
1:30pm	Season's Gardens Mass		
7:00pm	STM Advent retreat with Adoration		
Thursday,	, 21 December		
9:00am	Mass with all school CSM		
7:00pm	STM Advent retreat with Adoration		
Friday, 22	? December		
9:00am	Mass		
9:30am	Adoration		
Saturday, 23 December			
10:00am	Legion of Mary		
4:00pm	Confession		
5:00pm	Mass		

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Sunday, 2	4 December	
Christmas	Eve	
10:00am	Mass	
5:00pm	Mass	
7:00pm	Mass	
10:00pm	Mass	
Monday,	25 December	
Christmas	Day	
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10:00am	10 am Mass	
Tuesday,	26 December	
OFFICE C	LOSED	
10:30am	Catechism in a year meeting	
7:00pm	No Mass	
Wednesd	ay, 27 December	
9:00am	No Mass	
7:00pm	Simbang Gabi Filipino Novena Mass	
Thursday	28 December	
9:00am	No Mass	
Friday, 29	December	
9:00am	Mass	
9:30am	Adoration	
Saturday	30 December	

Saturday,	30 December
10:00am	Legion of Mary
3:00pm	Confession
4:00pm	Adoration
5:00pm	Mass
Sunday, 3	1 December
9:00am	Mass
11:00am	Mass
5:30pm	Adoration
6:00pm	Mass
Monday, 1 January 2024	
OFFICE CLOSED	
10:00am	Mass
Tuesday, 2	2 January 2024
10:30am	Catechism in a year meeting
5:30pm	KoC Executive meeting
7:00pm	Mass
Wednesday, 3 January 2024	
9:00am	Mass
9:30am	Mothers' rosary group
7:00pm	Simbang Gabi Filipino Novena Mass

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Sunday, 7	January 2024	_
9:00am	Mass	
9:00am	Mass - CWL serve in all Mass Ministries	
10:00am	Coffee service after 9am mass - CWL	
11:00am	Mass	
Monday, 8	3 January 2024	
9:00am	Mass	
1:30pm	Hobby Prayer Group	
Tuesday, 9 January 2024		
10:30am	Catechism in a year meeting	
6:30pm	CWL Meeting	
7:00pm	Mass	
Wednesda	ay, 10 January 2024	
9:00am	Mass	
9:30am	Mothers' rosary group	
10:30am	Age Care Columbia Mass	
7:00pm	Simbang Gabi Filipino Novena Mass	
Thursday, 11 January 2024		
9:00am	mass with CStM	
10:30am	Good Samaritan's Mass	
Friday, 12	January 2024	
9:00am	Mass	

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# St. Martha's Roman Catholic Parish



### Hobby Prayer group & KofC outreach program

The Hobby Prayer group is teaming up with our KofC to support the less fortunate; we'll be knitting/crocheting scarves, toques, blankets, mittens, while KofC will be going out in our community to help those in need. There is a box in the gathering space labeled "KofC outreach" for anyone who wishes to help by donating any of those items and/or leftover yarns that can be used in this new undertaking. THANK YOU!



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The "Hobby Prayer Group" will be meeting weekly in the gathering space of St Martha's for prayer, pursuit of hobbies and fellowship, every Monday from 1:30 to 3:30. Please join us!

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Abiding Together Podcast group for adult woman will be Thursdays from 6:30pm - 8:00pm in the Gathering Space at St. Martha's. Come and join in the share group! Bring your bibles and a notebook. For more information on this group check the website: www.abidingtogetherpodcast.com

If you have any questions, you can email Shanice Charchun at scharchun@gmail.com

Hope to see you there!

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### St. Martha's Roman Catholic Parish



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Shout out loud to CCH Ambassador Club: what a GREAT team!!!!!!

They prepared and served pancake breakfast for our parishioners yesterday and they were fantastic Way to go guys!!! 

Thank you Catholic Central High School, Lethbridge









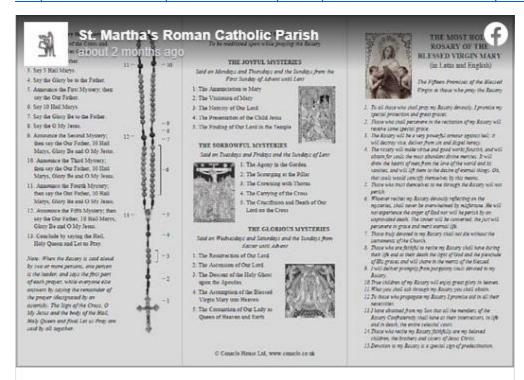


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The Mother's #Rosary group will be meeting weekly downstairs at St. Martha's for prayer and fellowship, every Wednesday from 9:30-11:30. Babysitting is provided. Please join us! We are looking for babysitters. If anyone is interested in this paid position, please contact the office.

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Please join us for the Latin Rosary Thursday's in the Chapel at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome. For more information please contact Chris Robinson at 403-393-0400 or by email at rosariumlatinum@outlook.com.

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### St. Martha's Roman Catholic Parish

about 3 months ago



Our #picnic!!!!! We are grateful to God for the beautiful weather, for Bruce, Teresa, Myra, Rick and Chris, the Knights of Columbus and all the FANTASTIC VOLUNTEERS that made this "koinonia" possible!



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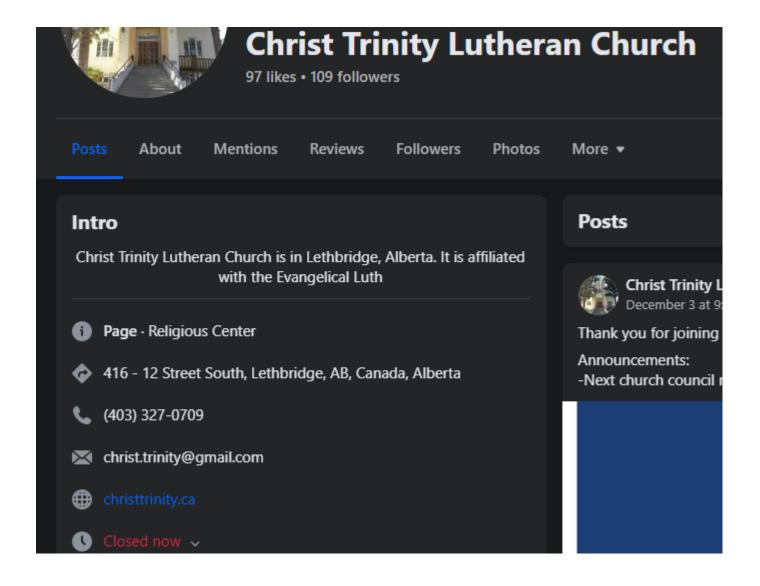
The NET Team will be leaving later this month. This Sunday, come show your appreciation for the great work they did in forming our youth in the Catholic faith!

### Christ Trinity Lutheran Church

416 - 12 Street South

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### Christ Trinity Lutheran Church was live.

December 3 at 9:55 AM · 🚱

Thank you for joining us today for worship.

#### Announcements:

- -Next church council meeting: Wednesday 20th @ 7 PM
- -This Sunday is the last Sunday to purchase a Memory Angel
- -Please see or contact Barb to purchase an angel and give us the memory information.

We will be having a reader exchange with our downtown churches, please see Lori if you would like to participate.

ECM Coffee for sale! The "Bridge Blend" is available in medium, dark, or decaf; \$20 per bag! Order by December 4th.

The Lethbridge Christian Men and Women's Choirs are performing their annual Christmas Concert on Saturday, December 9th @ 7:30 p.m in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church: 1818 - 5 Avenue South Lethbridge. You are invited! Please join us as we celebrate the birth of our Saviour in song.

Pastor Visitation- If you would like pastor to visit yourself or a loved one- please email or call him to make arrangements. A lay person will also accompany him. Thanks.

Big thank you to Velda, Ralph, Leslie, Murray, and Ockert for helping build the walkway at the parsonage. Much appreciated. welda and Leslie also did "fall cleaning" around the church. Great Job.

Thank you for your giving and prayers in this time. There a few external options available to you:

- 1. Sending it via mail to Murray Busch, who's address is in the newsletter
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### Christ Trinity Lutheran Church was live.

🧗 November 19 at 9:57 AM · 🚱

Thank you for joining us today for worship.

#### Announcements:

- -Next church council meeting: Tuesday, November 21st @ 7 PM
- -The Sunday School is doing a fundraiser to raise funds for activities. They will be selling glass angel Christmas ornaments as memory angels for \$3, or 2 angels for \$5. These will be memory angel ornaments that you can remember a loved one who has passed away with a tag will be attached with the information of your loved one who has passed, and one side will be decorated by the Sunday School students.

We will then decorate our small tree at the back of the church with these angels. Congregation members may take them home after Christmas.

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YPT (Young People Praying Together) will be having an event on November 25th, Saturday 10AM - 11:30AM at the church. It will include a bible lesson, craft activity, games, and a snack. All Sunday School children and confirmands are invited to atttend!

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### Christ Trinity Lutheran Church was live.

🧗 November 12 at 9:49 AM · 🚱

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Thanks for joining us... See you next week!



**CONTACT US:** 

PHONE: (403) 327 - 0709

Email: Christ.trinity@gmail.com

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### Christ Trinity Lutheran Church

September 24 · 🚱

Christ Trinity Lutheran and Faith Baptist invite you to a community Thanksgiving Pancake breakfast- Oct.1, Sunday

8:30-10:15 am. No charge.

Located in undeveloped lot beside the church. If the weather is not good it will be in the church basement.

Please join us.



### Via Church

2820 18th Avenue North

https://www.viachurch.ca/

https://www.viachurch.ca/ministry-areas/childrens-chapel



Childrens Chapel will be opening our doors on Sunday, September 10th!

Our programming runs from September to the end of June, Sunday mornings at 10:00 am, after worship.

To register your children, CLICK HERE

https://www.viachurch.ca/ministry-areas/childrens-chapel/pages/pop-in

# Pop In

Ministry Areas / Children's Chapel / Pop In

FALL START DATE: Tuesday September 10th.

Need to get the kids out of the house? Want them to enjoy a safe, warm and fun place to play? Looking for a place to connect with other parents?

Pop In playgoup is a free playgroup open to all caregivers (not just Mommies) and their kids. We meet Tuesdays from 10-12. Kids are provided with a snack and the opportunity to play under their parents supervision and guidance. Supervising parents can enjoy free coffee and tea and visit with other parents. We get together at Via Church for most of the year and then for the months of July and August we "Pop-out" and do different activities outside in our community (parks, trips to Park Lake, Broxburn Gardens etc.).

We look forward to seeing you!



#### Youth (Grade 6-12)

Youth gathers as a group on Friday nights from 7-9pm at the church. Each evening starts with bible teaching and discussion, followed by a time of prayer guided by the Book of Common Prayer. We then get to play some games, these consist of everything from capture the flag to board games. The goal of youth is to have a great time while learning how to engage with Jesus, both in communal and individual life.

If you have any further questions or if you would like to join Youth please contact Pastor Matt:

### College Drive Community Church

2710 College Drive South

https://www.collegedrive.ca/

https://www.collegedrive.ca/children

At College Drive we recognize the unique place of children in the Kingdom of God. Children are not to be restricted, but welcomed to enjoy a relationship with Jesus. In fact, their authenticity and readiness to trust, sets them apart from adults. Our Kids Quest Sunday program is for children Kindergarten to Grade 5 and currently takes place during MOST worship services as kids are dismissed from the worship service and signed in by their parents usually around 11:00 a.m. (There are activity bags available when Kids Quest is not in session).

Kids Quest is designed to encourage children to enter a relationship with Jesus and learn the adventure of knowing and following Him.



JOIN US ON FRIDAY NIGHTS FROM 7PM - 9PM **GRADES 6 - 12** 

MEET OUR STUDENTS WHEREVER THEY'RE AT ON THEIR SPIRITUAL WALK, SOLD OUT FOR JESUS.

### MEET OUR TEAN











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The food is free. The friends are true. The focus is life-changing.

Our motto at Young Adults is, "Everyone has purpose here." Together, we seek that purpose in community with each other.

If you want a place to hang out with other young adults (18 to somethin' somethin) or a place to explore the Christian faith, come see why we might be a great place for you!

PLACE: College Drive Community Church, Fireside Room (in the rear of the building)

TIME/DATE: Sundays @ 6:00 pm

# You are invited to...



Every Wednesday
11:00 am — 1:00 pm
College Drive Community Church
2710 College Drive South

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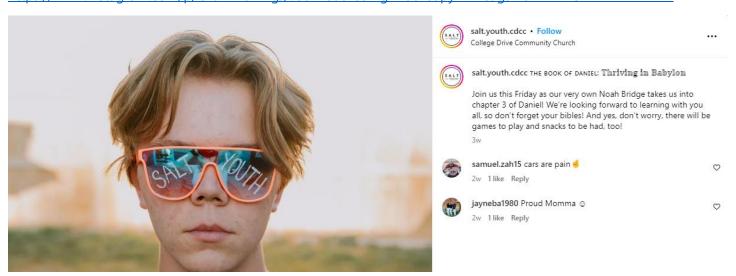
Home made pasta & all the trimmings



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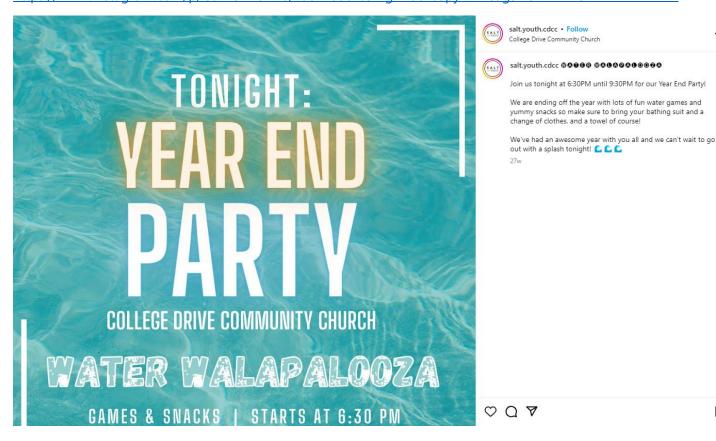
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SALT

salt.youth.cdcc MOVIE NIGHT

This week, we're taking time off our acts series and having a movie night at the church! Movies will be voted on to stream (puss in boots/Jesus Revolution) and we'll watch it here with some snacks, drinks and comfy seating!

See you then! 7pm start time!

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 AT 10:30 AM

### **CDCC Fall Kickoff!**

College Drive Community Church

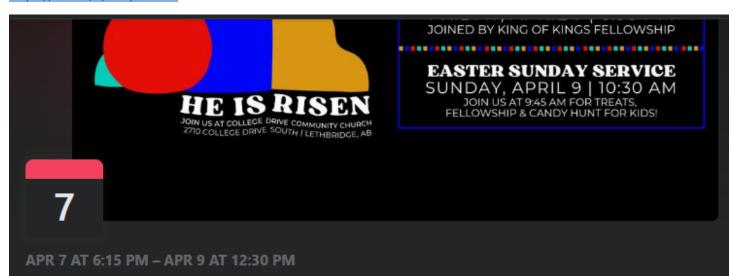
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- Public · Anyone on or off Facebook

Join us this Sunday as we kick off the 2023 Fall season! We will have our regular Worship Celebration Service at 10:30AM, followed by a hot dog lunch and fun activities for the whole family! We would love to have you there! **See less** 



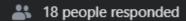
# **Easter Weekend at College Drive**

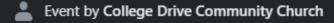
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S Duration: 2 days

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Join us this weekend for our Easter Services!

Good Friday - Friday, April 7th

6:30 PM

Easter Sunday - Sunday, April 9th

10:30 AM

Join us Sunday morning for our worship celebration service beginning at our regular time of 10:30 AM. Come hangout beforehand at 9:45 AM for Easter treats, fellowship, and a candy hunt for the kids! **See less** 

Join us, as well as the congregation from King of Kings Fellowship for our Good Friday Service

### One Life Church

501 40th St. S. Lethbridge, AB T1J 4M1

https://www.onelifechurch.ca/

https://onelifechurch.ca/connect-groups/mens-connect



Men's Connect Groups:

Tuesdays at 6:30 am, led by Pastor Wayne

Thursday at 7:00 pm, led by Mel Wiebe

Saturdays at 9:00 am, led by Stuart Thomas

Men Of War:

Mondays at 7:00 pm, led by Rick LeBaron



Welcome to Deep Roots!

This is our connect group for grades 10 to age 22.

At Deep Roots, we dig a bit deeper into the Bible and what it means, we take time to connect with each other and make long-lasting relationships and help each other get our roots a bit deeper so we can stand against anything the world could throw at us.

We meet every Sunday night here at One Life Church starting at 7:00 p.m.

We hope to see you there!

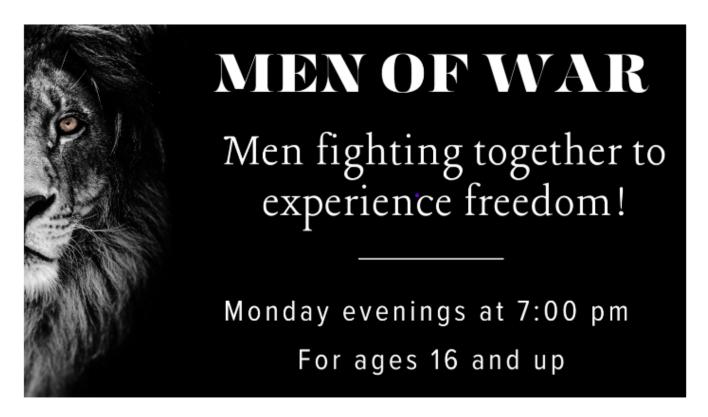


Welcome to New Roots!

This is our connect group for grades 6 - 9.

At New Roots, we have fun playing games, doing worship, listening to great messages from our awesome leaders, and connect with old friends and new ones!

We meet every Thursday night here at One Life Church starting at 6:30 p.m.



This group exists to help give men the knowledge, tools, and skills to fight the way God intended them to. Whether you battle lust, fear, stress, anger, or anything else that is hindering you from the life God has in store for you, we want to provide insight, resources, and a safe place for you to come and share about what you are going through. Together we can fight for our freedom.



### Ladies Connect

Every other Wednesday at 7:00 pm at OLC

Come on out to dive into the "I Am" statements of Jesus through the study "Finding I Am" by Lisa Terkeurst.

Join us for discussion & a video session!

The personal study book (available for purchase on Amazon) is helpful if you want to study further, but not required.

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Saturdays from 5-7:30 pm

This is an opportunity to share your faith! Join us as we go out into Lethbridge to witness to those the Lord leads us to!

Led by Stuart Thomas and Virgil Chizek.



Welcome to One Life Church Kids! We are looking forward to getting to know your kids through good teaching, activities and lots of fun! We believe that anyone can share the gospel and all starts with our kids. That's why our teaching is so important. Proverbs 22:6 says "Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it." Our mornings are more than just a Sunday school, it's a mini church service (just with a bit more fun and games). Your kids will learn about praise, worship and what God wants to do in their life! So join us Sunday mornings at 10:30!

We are members of Plan to Protect® https://www.plantoprotect.com/en/home/



Ladies, come on out for a night of festive fun! Red Night is one of our biggest events each year, and we invite you to join us for a great time of music, speaking, doorprizes, and dessert as we celebrate Christmas and connect with our fellow ladies! And don't forget to wear something red!

Get your tickets for \$15 now in the Connect Hub!

# CLOTHING CLOSET EXCHANGE

-Clothing
-Blankets
-Childrens' Books and Toys
-Small household items
-Christmas Decorations

Drop-off for this event is from November 27th to December 7th at the church.

December 9th from 9am to 4pm the Clothing Closet Exchange will be open
(Downstairs) and everyone is invited to come and fill their bags for free.

For more info talk to Lily Chizek or Deborah-Rae Thompson

#### Save to your Calendar

We're having our first ever clothing exchange here at OLC! Bring any unwanted clothing, shoes, toys, books, or other small household items to OLC up until Dec. 8, and then on Dec. 9th from 9:00 am-4:00pm anyone is welcome to come "shop" for free!

This is a great way to get rid of some stuff and find some new treasures!



Our Seniors Connect is celebrating Christmas with their "Christmas Joy" event happening on Dec. 7 at 2:00 pm! Come out for a time of singing carols and sharing the joy of Christmas together with some Christmas treats!

Please bring a small amount of goodies to share!



Join us as we sing our favorite hymns together led by Pastor Mitchell and Trina!

JOIN US FOR A

### WEEK of PRAYER

as we intercede for our lives, our church, & our city

#### SEPTEMBER 10-15

- Kickoff 6:00-7:30pm on Sunday
- 7:00 8:00pm from Monday Friday

#### Save to your Calendar

Join us at OLC from September 10th-15th as we spend intentional time in prayer for our lives, our church, and our community.

We will start off on Sunday, September 10th from 6:00-7:30 pm, and continue on from Monday to Friday from 7:00-8:00 pm each night.



Have you ever wondered what it's like to be in the circus? Come join us and find out!

We are going to explore some of the amazing people in the Bible, who have inspired us and many others to lead a life of faith! Samson, Esther, Miriam, and Noah all had amazing stories and we can't wait to share them with you!

Registration is now open! The cost is only \$15 per child for all 4 days!

Call the office to register or click on the link to fill out the form. We only have so much space, so make sure you register as soon as possible!



The Canadian Christian band "The Color" is coming to One Life Church on May 25th! For more information and to get your tickets now go to **this link!** 



WHEN: Friday & Saturday, April 28-29

WHERE: Right here at OLC

WHO can come: Anyone ages 18 and up

COST: \$55 for an individual, \$100 per couple

To register, please sign up in the Connect Hub and send payment to events@onelifechurch.ca!

#### Save to your Calendar

The "Set Free! Retreat" is a weekend set aside to meet with Jesus to deal with past hurts, hangups, and struggles that we've all faced. We have seen many people set free from sinful strongholds and hurts in their lives through Christ's power found in confession, forgiveness, and inner healing!

This seminar is open to those who are 18 years and older.

When: Friday, April 28 from 6-9 pm & Saturday, April 29 from 8:30 am-6:30 pm

Lunch & supper will be provided on Saturday!

Cost: \$55 per person or \$100 per couple



Join us for our Good Friday service at 9:00 am followed by a pancake breakfast at 10:00 am!



Join us on March 27th at 7:00 pm for our "family meeting" about where One Life Church is at behind the scenes.



MARK DOWN ON YOUR CALENDARS:

MARCH 24TH @ 7 PM,

FOR THOSE WHO NEED A REFRESHER

AND

MARCH 25TH @ 10 AM

IF YOU HAVEN'T HAD TRAINING

BEFORE(LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED)

TALK TO PASTOR MITCHELL
FOR MORE INFO

#### Save to your Calendar

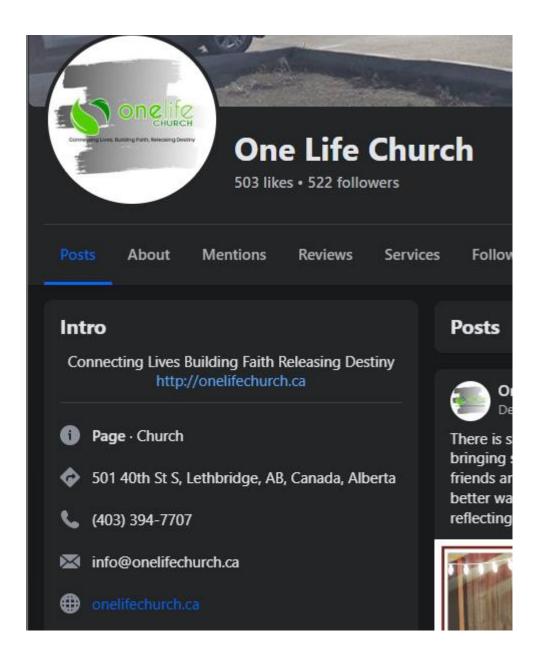
These are our yearly Plan to Protect Training sessions for our volunteers.

There are two sessions:

A refresher course on **Friday**, **March 24th from 7:00-8:30pm** for those who have already taken the course,

and **Saturday**, **March 25th from 10:00am-2:30pm** for those who have never attended a Plan to Protect course! Lunch is included on Saturday.

Please sign up in the Connect Hub.



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There is still time to get tickets everyone! THE COLOR is coming back and bringing some amazing friends with them! Make sure you talk to your friends and neighbours as this will be a great Christmas concert, what better way to kick off the season than gathering with fellow believers and reflecting on what this season is all about. Can't wait to see you all there!

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It was great seeing so many smiling faces at the Pot Bless today! The sounds of laughter and conversation is always such a joy to hear! Thank you to all of you who brought something to share, to all of our helpers in the kitchen and to all of those who stayed after to help cleanup, you are all such a blessing!

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Don't forget that we have our movie night tonight! A dad focused movie (but meant for everyone), with popcorn, and door prizes! It all starts at 6:30, can't wait to see you all there!

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One Life - Whoot Whoot! Pot Bless tomorrow, March 12 following the 10:30 service! Please bring a main and side to share. And remember the time change tonight.



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Hey everyone! Don't forget that we have our bottle drive going on right now! Drop off your bottles from now until Saturday. If you can't bring them by the church we will come to you! Just call us at the office and we swing by and pick them up! All funds are going to Engage Youth for future events and activities!

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#### University Drive Alliance Church

55 Columbia Blvd West, Lethbridge AB, T1K 4B7

https://www.udac.ca/

https://www.udac.ca/kidsministries



#### NURSERY (0-3 YEARS)

KidZone Nursery is helping children develop their first formal impression of their Father God. Parents are encouraged to volunteer in the nursery and help us create a warm and loving first impression of church for our youngest learners.

For those who like a calm place to nurse your infant during the service, we offer a quiet area to breastfeed. Please feel free to use the chairs in the nursery where you can relax and feed your baby.

REGISTER



#### PRESCHOOL (AGES 3 - KINDERGARTEN)

KidZone preschool is a fun and creative environment where kids get to learn about God's love and truths in a hands on way.
Sessions include a variety of elements: music, bible stories, crafts, active games, play and snack time.

We are THE place to be for preschoolers at UDAC on Sundays

REGISTER



#### ELEMENTARY (GRADES 1-5)

KidZone Elementary focuses on three teaching elements: Old Testament, New Testament and special topics (eg. grace, marriage, etc.) that help equip and instill Biblical truths and values into their lives as their leaders disciple and encourage them in their relationship with Jesus. Mornings include a creative large group time and a small group time with a consistent group of peers and leaders.

REGISTER

#### WHO ATTENDS ISC?

Students in grade 6 -12 are invited to attend youth!

Students will be presented with opportunities to build relationships with the entire group of students, but also given opportunity and encouraged to connect with students in their own age demographic as well. We will from time to time have events that are geared directly at Junior High Youth – students in grade 6 to grade 8 – and events that are directed at our Senior High Students – students in grade 9 to grade 12.

#### WHEN DO WE MEET?

**Wednesdays 6:30- 8:30PM** at the church. Youth are asked to sign in at the beginning of the evening. Parents are asked to come in and pick up their student at the close of the evening.

# Connect with REACH:

Are you a young adult in Lethbridge? Want to know more about REACH young adult ministries at UDAC? At REACH, we value personal, face-to-face, person-to-person connection. That is why I want to encourage you, whether you are new or a regular part of our community, to call or send me an email:

Dylan Overdyk, Young Adults Pastor 403-381-7171

EMAIL DYLAN REACH FACEBOOK REACH INSTAGRAM

I would be more than happy to answer any questions on what REACH is all about, and how you can get connected with REACH. Feel free to take a look at the rest of our page to discover more about what we do at our Young Adults Ministry at University Drive Alliance Church.

NOTE During the summer (May-August) we move to Tuesday evening meetings. Click here for details.

# REACH Young Adults

YA meets at UDAC tonight for a lesson in our series called On Purpose. Bring your friends!

Sunday, December 3, 2023 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

University Drive Alliance Church 55 Columbia Boulevard West, Lethbridge AB T1K 4B7, Canada (map)

# Simply Christmas Community Event

Sunday, December 24, 2023 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

University Drive Alliance Church 55 Columbia Boulevard West, Lethbridge AB T1K 4B7, Canada (map)

#### Bringing the Christmas story to life in our community

#### Hay Rides through Bethlehem: A Journey to the Heart of Christmas

Step into a world filled with wonder and awe as we invite you to experience the reality of Christmas like never before! At University Drive Alliance Church, we are passionate about bringing the Christmas story to life and sharing the gospel with our community. This year, we are excited to bring back an event that will transport you back in time to the heart of Bethlehem.

Picture yourself sitting on a cozy hay bale, wrapped in warm blankets, as the sound of jingling bells fills the air. Our hayrides will stir up all the warm feelings as you create memories with your friends and loved ones.

#### Bethlehem Market: An Authentic Encounter

Immerse yourself in the sights, sounds, and aromas of the Bethlehem Market, where the hustle and bustle capture the spirit of the bustling town during the time of Jesus' birth. Stroll through the marketplace and be captivated by the sights of vibrant stalls laden with unique and authentic merchandise. From handcrafted pottery to fragrant spices, there will be treasures to delight every visitor. But what truly sets our Bethlehem Market apart is the presence of live animals. These gentle creatures provide an authentic touch, reminding us of the humble stable where Jesus was born. As you interact with the ducks, sheep, and perhaps even catch a glimpse of a donkey, let the reality of that first Christmas wash over you. Feel the warmth radiating from the manger and experience the profound love that wrapped around a tiny, vulnerable baby.

#### Cookies and Hot Chocolate: Sweet Comfort for the Soul

After your enchanting journey through Bethlehem, indulge your taste buds with delightful treats that warm both your heart and your hands. Filling the air will be the irresistible aroma of freshly baked cookies, meticulously prepared by our talented volunteers. Savor the delicate flavors, each bite unlocking the true meaning of Christmas.

To complement the sweetness of the cookies, we invite you to sip on our signature hot chocolate. In each cup, the warmth and love of our Lord Jesus are poured out, filling you with the peace and joy of the season. Engage in conversations with old friends and make new connections as you gather around, united in the spirit of Christmas.

#### Kid's Activities and Storytelling

We believe that the reality of Christmas should be shared with everyone, including the little ones. As such, we have prepared engaging activities for children to immerse them in the wonders of this special season. From arts and crafts to storytelling sessions, we will captivate their imaginations and allow them to experience the joy and significance of Jesus' birth in a way that is tailored just for them.

#### Music and Candlelight service

At the heart this event is the anticipation of good news. A short, meaningful service will be run three times throughout the evening, giving everyone the opportunity to draw into the real meaning of Christmas.

Join us at University Drive Alliance Church and embark on a journey that brings the reality of Christmas to life. From the hay rides through Bethlehem to the bustling marketplace, and from delightful treats to engaging children's activities, we invite you to join us in celebrating the birth of our Savior. This year, let us renew our commitment to share the life-changing message of the gospel with our community, one heart at a time. See you there, and may the reality of Christmas touch your soul forever.

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# Ladies Craft With Us

Wednesday, December 13, 2023 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM

University Drive Alliance Church 55 Columbia Boulevard West, Lethbridge AB T1K 4B7, Canada (map)

#### This is the last meeting of 2023. We will re-start on Jan 10, 2024

Ladies, bring your projects and we will put on the coffee! Always a fun time together as we tackle those ongoing projects that we all have sitting around!

#### **Ladies Bible Study**

Thursday, December 7, 2023 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

University Drive Alliance Church 55 Columbia Boulevard West, Lethbridge AB T1K 4B7, Canada (map) This will be the final meeting for 2023. Keep an eye out on the January calendar for the return of Ladies Bible Study.

This is a ladies medium sized group that meets in the gym every Thursday. You are welcome to join anytime. If you need assistance with childcare, please connect with Purdy.

**EMAIL PURDY** 

#### https://www.udac.ca/events/2023/10/2/prayer-night-p9n4c-r9g9p

#### **Prayer Night**

Monday, December 4, 2023 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

University Drive Alliance Church 55 Columbia Boulevard West, Lethbridge AB T1K 4B7, Canada (map) A regular monthly rhythm here at UDAC is to gather in prayer. The first Monday of every month, join us in the sanctuary as we pray for eachother, our church, our community and our world. Everyone is welcome.

**EMAIL BRIAN** 

#### https://www.udac.ca/events/2023/12/10/hope-in-a-minor-key-a-gathering-for-those-who-grieve

#### HOPE in a Minor Key: A gathering for those who grieve

Sunday, December 10, 2023 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

University Drive Alliance Church 55 Columbia Boulevard West, Lethbridge AB T1K 4B7, Canada (map) Holidays are challenging when navigating grief. There are many different circumstances in which people experience loss and thus grieve. Whether you are grieving the loss of a loved one due to death or sickness, a relationship, a job, or anything in between, you are invited to join us for: Hope in a Minor Key. A special service of worship, reflection, and encouragement as you grieve this Christmas season.

If you have any questions or want to talk to someone about a loss you are experiencing, we are here.

**LEARN MORE** 

#### GROW Ladies Craft Night

Thursday, November 30, 2023 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

University Drive Alliance Church 55 Columbia Boulevard West, Lethbridge AB T1K 4B7, Canada (map) Ladies, come and create an ornament or wall hanging or both! Please register before November 23 using the link below. Looking forward to a great night creating together.



#### https://www.udac.ca/events/2023/11/7/mobile-food-support

#### Mobile Food Support

Tuesday, November 7, 2023 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

University Drive Alliance Church 55 Columbia Boulevard West, Lethbridge AB T1K 4B7, Canada (map) Mobile Food Support is a service provided by Lethbridge Food Bank that allows community members access to food support at various locations around Lethbridge. It is open to ANYONE who may need a little extra food assistance. All we will ask for is your name and postal code.

Stop by our parking lot after 4:30pm

#### https://www.udac.ca/events/2023/10/15/kids-worship-club-hp879

#### Kid's Worship Club

Sunday, October 29, 2023 10:20 AM – 11:00 AM

University Drive Alliance Church 55 Columbia Boulevard West, Lethbridge AB T1K 4B7, Canada (map) Are you between the ages of 7-12? Do you like to sing? We would love to have you join the Kid's Worship Club. We meet between the services during the month of October and will be leading the main service worship set on November 5th.

Just come to the gym between the services to meet the team!

#### https://www.udac.ca/events/2023/10/15/newcomers-lunch

#### **Newcomer's Lunch**

Sunday, October 15, 2023 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

University Drive Alliance Church 55 Columbia Boulevard West, Lethbridge AB T1K 4B7, Canada (map) Are you new to UDAC in the last year or so? We would love to have lunch with you this coming Sunday after the second service. This is an informal time of meeting together and chatting about what makes UDAC a great place to call your church home. Just let us know you are coming and how many you will be bringing with you!

I'M COMING!

#### https://www.udac.ca/events/2023/10/1/thanksgiving-potluck-and-worship-night

# Thanksgiving Potluck and Worship Night

Sunday, October 1, 2023 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

University Drive Alliance Church 55 Columbia Boulevard West, Lethbridge AB T1K 4B7, Canada (map) Bringing back the Thanksgiving potluck tradition. Bring your friends, family and neighbors for some great food followed by the first worship night of the fall season. We will provide the main course and drinks - please bring the following as you are able:

# Last name A-L Bring appie/salad/side

Last name M-Z Bring Dessert

\*Please bring enough to serve your family plus one more family.

Dinner will begin at 6pm in the gym and the Worship night portion will begin at 7pm in the sanctuary.

#### Men's Breakfast

Saturday, September 30, 2023 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

University Drive Alliance Church 55 Columbia Boulevard West, Lethbridge AB T1K 4B7, Canada (map) Guys, you are invited for breakfast! The cost is only \$5. Please click the link below to let us know you are coming if you haven't already signed up in the lobby.

SIGN UP

#### FREE Whoop Up BBQ

Monday, August 21, 2023 4:30 PM – 7:00 PM

University Drive Alliance Church 55 Columbia Boulevard West, Lethbridge AB T1K 4B7, Canada (map)

# Annual Parking Lot Event at University Drive Alliance Church

Join us for our highly anticipated Annual Parking Lot Event on August 21st, 2023, from 4:30 PM to 7 PM! This event is completely FREE, and everyone is welcome to attend!

We've got a fun-filled evening lined up for you, right here in our parking lot. The evening will be packed with thrilling games and activities that will delight the whole family. We have live music to keep the atmosphere festive and bright.

Gather your loved ones, notify your friends and neighbours, and come along for an exciting day of music, great food and even better company! Our burgers and fixings will keep your taste buds happy and your stomachs full, and there will be gluten free options available as well.

There's something for everyone at our Annual Parking Lot Event, and we can't wait to share the day with you. Bring your kids, and have a blast taking part in all the fun games and activities.

We're eager to see you and your family at this event, so come and pack our parking

#### STELLAR Daycamp 2023

Tuesday, July 25, 2023, 9:00 AM – Friday, July 28, 2023, 12:00 PM

University Drive Alliance Church 55 Columbia Boulevard West, Lethbridge AB T1K 4B7, Canada (map) It's here!!! Daycamp 2023 is going to be out of this world! Running July 25-28 from 9AM-Noon, kids age 3 to Grade 5 are invited to explore how we *Shine Jesus' Light* when life feels dark, people don't get along, good things happen, when people are sad and when people need help. Join in the fun with songs, games, experiments, snacks and adventures all demonstrating how we can shine Jesus' light!

Registration deadline! July 18 2023.

https://www.udac.ca/events/2023/5/5/launch-grade-5-discipleship-etjgl-l8bcs-28dr6-tgjfb-ab842

# LAUNCH Grade 5 Discipleship

Friday, June 16, 2023 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

University Drive Alliance Church 55 Columbia Boulevard West, Lethbridge AB T1K 4B7, Canada (map) Students in Grade 5 this year are invited to participate in this class as part of the transition to middle school. Kassie Enfield will be teaching on topics such as:

- Reading your Bible
- Worship & Prayer
- Going to church/importance of christian friends
- good character/fruit of the spirit
- serving god and people
- evangelism/sharing your faith

The cost for this class is \$25 and includes all supplies needed. Students are asked to bring their bible and journal to each class.

#### Picnic and Worship Night

Everyone is invited to bring a picnic, meet some of the members of the Disciple Christian Motorcycle Club and then we will worship together!

Sunday, June 4, 2023 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

University Drive Alliance Church 55 Columbia Boulevard West, Lethbridge AB T1K 4B7, Canada (map)

https://www.udac.ca/events/2023/6/1/grow-ladies-favourite-things-party

#### GROW Ladies: Favourite Things Party!

Thursday, June 1, 2023 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM

University Drive Alliance Church 55 Columbia Boulevard West, Lethbridge AB T1K 4B7, Canada (map) We are having a party! Bring 3 of your favourite thing to share and go home with 3 new favourite things to try!

Also, during the evening you get to partake in favourite snacks and learn a lot about other ladies' favourite things - a super fun event you won't want to miss! See you there!



# Worship Night and Picnic

Sunday, May 7, 2023 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

University Drive Alliance Church 55 Columbia Boulevard West, Lethbridge AB T1K 4B7, Canada (map) Our monthly worship night is a high energy, focused time of worship together. This is the last one of the season so bring a picnic and come early (530PM) and stay for worship (7PM).

#### https://www.udac.ca/events/2023/4/29/comedy-night-with-matt-falk

#### Comedy Night with Matt Falk

Saturday, April 29, 2023 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

University Drive Alliance Church 55 Columbia Boulevard West, Lethbridge AB T1K 4B7, Canada (map) An excellent comedy and he works clean...funny and original...very easy to like...This is a comic you can bring your friends and family to see and be commended on your comedy tastes.

THE SERIOUS COMEDY SITE

**MATT'S WEBSITE** 

You are in for a treat! Come and meet Matt Falk - declared "effortlessly funny" by the CBC. He will be at University Drive Alliance Church for one night only. Invite your friends and family - tickets are only \$20. Everyone is welcome to this family friendly show. See you there!

# IGNITE Student Community (Grades 6-12): CAMPFIRE NIGHT

IGNITE Students meeting at the church this week for Campfire Night! All students are welcome, invite your friends for a fun evening together!

Thursday, April 27, 2023 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

University Drive Alliance Church 55 Columbia Boulevard West, Lethbridge AB T1K 4B7, Canada (map)

https://www.udac.ca/events/2023/4/20/city-wide-youth-worship-night

### CITY WIDE YOUTH WORSHIP NIGHT

Thursday, April 20, 2023

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

University Drive Alliance Church 55 Columbia Boulevard West, Lethbridge AB T1K 4B7, Canada (map) It's gonna get loud in here! All youth groups are invited to join us as we worship and connect!! Doors open at 6:30PM.

#### https://www.udac.ca/events/2023/3/3/kinderlaunch-discipleship-class-65azw-mb98h-5yhph

# Kinderlaunch Discipleship Class

Friday, March 24, 2023 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

University Drive Alliance Church 55 Columbia Boulevard West, Lethbridge AB T1K 4B7, Canada (map) Kindergarten students participating in this class will receive training in the following areas:

Week 1: God is real and He made me special Week 2: My sin separates me from God

Week 3: Jesus loves me so much he died for me

Week 4: So now I know, what do I choose?

Each week there will be family devotionals to be completed before the next lesson.

Note: If your child does not own a Bible, you can choose the Class + Bible option of \$25 (\$15 Registration and \$10 for a new Bible) and we will have one ready for your child to take home at the first class.

### Pancake Breakfasts for U of L Students

Students! You are all invited for pancakes this week! From 9AM-NOON on Monday to Wednesday this week, you can pop into the lobby for FREE pancakes. Invite your friends and come on over for breakfast! Gluten free option available.

Monday, March 20, 2023, 9:00 AM

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Wednesday, March 22, 2023, 12:00 PM

University Drive Alliance Church 55 Columbia Boulevard West, Lethbridge AB T1K 4B7, Canada (map)

https://www.udac.ca/events/2023/3/3/if-gathering-2023-event

### IF: Gathering 2023 Event

Friday, March 3, 2023, 5:00 PM – Saturday, March 4, 2023, 4:00 PM

University Drive Alliance Church 55 Columbia Boulevard West, Lethbridge AB T1K 4B7, Canada (map)

### LET'S WATCH GOD MOVE

We desperately want to stay faithful in these times, but we know we can't muster up the faith all on our own. IF:2023 matters to us, because for two days we get to gather and remind each other that God is who we need. God is who will provide. We gather for two days of worship, with our Bibles, and we ask God to move. Join us here at UDAC as we participate in this event together!



#### **Newcomers Lunch**

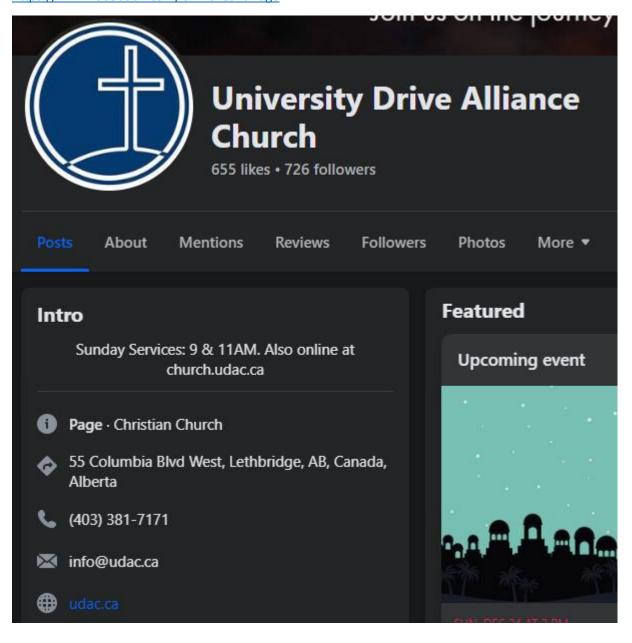
Sunday, February 5, 2023 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

University Drive Alliance Church 55 Columbia Boulevard West, Lethbridge AB T1K 4B7, Canada (map) New to UDAC in the last 6 MONTHS? Interested in connecting into the church more?

Then you are invited to stay for a free lunch on FEBRUARY 5 after the second service in the foyer. Please click below to let us know you are coming!

I'LL ATTEND

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#### Immanuel Lutheran Church

20 Rocky Mountain Blvd West Lethbridge AB Canada

https://www.immanuellutheran.ca/

https://www.immanuellutheran.ca/lego.html

#### WE WELCOME LEGO FANS OF ALL AGES!

Friday, December 8th is going to be the first Lego show in Lethbridge! Join the builders from our afterschool program and let's see just what Lethbridge can build!

#### **REGISTER YOUR BUILD HERE**

FREE LEGO PRIZES for builders with amazing creations

This is a free event! Free to display & Free to see! Just come on out!





# 2024 Lego Programs

Play Based

**AGES 6-10** 





**Presents:** 

Design Based

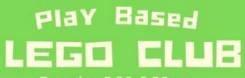
Wednesdays 3:30-5:30 **AGES 8-12** 



For more our more advanced builders ready to follow instructions and design the Lego creations of their imaginations.

Register Today at Immanuellutheran.ca/lego

WHERE LEARNING TAKES SHAPE WITH LEGO SPARKING CREATIVITY, INNOVATION, AND FUN! Welcome to Lethbridge's first LEGO Club, where imagination meets education! Led by LEGO master builder Kris Heidebrecht, we're on a mission to inspire kids and youth in our community. Join us for exciting Wednesday afterschool & evening sessions, where creativity comes to life through hands-on LEGO activities. Let's build, learn, and connect in a fun and educational environment that fosters friendships and growth.



Tuesday 3:30-5:30pm AGES 6-10



January 16th, 23rd, 30th February 6th, 13th, 27th (Not on Reading Week Feb 20th) March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th April 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th (Not on Spring Break April 2nd) Design Based



Wednesdays 3:30-5:30
AGES 8-12



January 17th, 24th, 31st February 7th, 14th, 28th (Not on Reading Week Feb 21st) March 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th April 10th, 17th, 24th (Not on Spring Break 3rd) May 1st

Year End Display May 3rd & 4th

Register Today at Immanuellutheran.ca/lego

#### Mental Health Matters (revised Oct 24 23)

**PURPOSE:** to increase awareness, openness, and acceptance of mental health challenges in our church and community.

#### MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS:

- Mental Health Matters is a program to get our church and our community talking about mental health, breaking down misperceptions while promoting recovery and healthy communities.
- It is to build and increase momentum and comfort about conversations that will increase our knowledge, understanding, and acceptance about mental health challenges.

#### WHO IS THE PROGRAM FOR?

- Mental Health Matters is for anyone who wants to learn about faith and mental health. It requires no
  previous training or expertise—just a willingness to engage in dialogue with others interested in the
  same topics.
- Participants from the community around us and the community within Immanuel Lutheran Church are welcome and encouraged to attend.

#### WHAT TO EXPECT

- Each session will include various combinations of topic related videos, guest speakers, panel
  presentations, small group and large group discussions, and written content with thought-provoking
  discussion questions.
- Each new participant will receive a binder for organizing the written content and any notes they would like to make.

#### SCHEDULE

#### NOTE:

- All sessions will be 7:00 p.m. 8:30 p.m.
- Topics to be determined and will be announced 3-4 weeks before the scheduled date.

#### Sessions are scheduled for the following dates:

SESSION 1	SESSION 5
Wed, Nov. 8, 2023	Thu, Feb 22, 2024
SESSION 2	SESSION 6
Wed, Nov 29, 2023	Thu, Mar 21, 2024
SESSION 3	SESSION 7
Wed, Jan 10, 2024	Wed, Apr 17 2024
SESSION 4	SESSION 8
Wed, Jan 31, 2024	Wed, May 15 2024



JOIN US FOR A WEEK OF DEEP SEA ADVENTURES RIGHT HERE AT IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH!

DUE TO AN OVERWHELMING INTEREST WE HAVE CLOSED REGISTRATION AT THIS TIME.

WE STILL WELCOME EXISTING REGISTRATION FORMS DROPPED OFF AT THE CHURCH OFFICE (MON-FRI 8:30-2:30)
OR EMAIL IT TO VBS@IMMANUELLUTHERAN.CA

https://www.immanuellutheran.ca/bridge-club.html

#### **IMMANUEL BRIDGE CLUB**



Bridge Club is back! Every Thursday at 1:30pm.

There is a strong core of dedicated bridge players who have gathered for years on Thursdays at 1:30pm at Immanuel Lutheran Church. We are hoping to welcome additional new players to spice things up! Bridge lessons will be offered by Baynish Bassett at the church—day and time TBD. Bridge will keep your brain young and your mind alert! However, we have fun, fellowship, and food too. Please join us to see what bridge is about. You don't need a bridge partner to attend. Come on out.





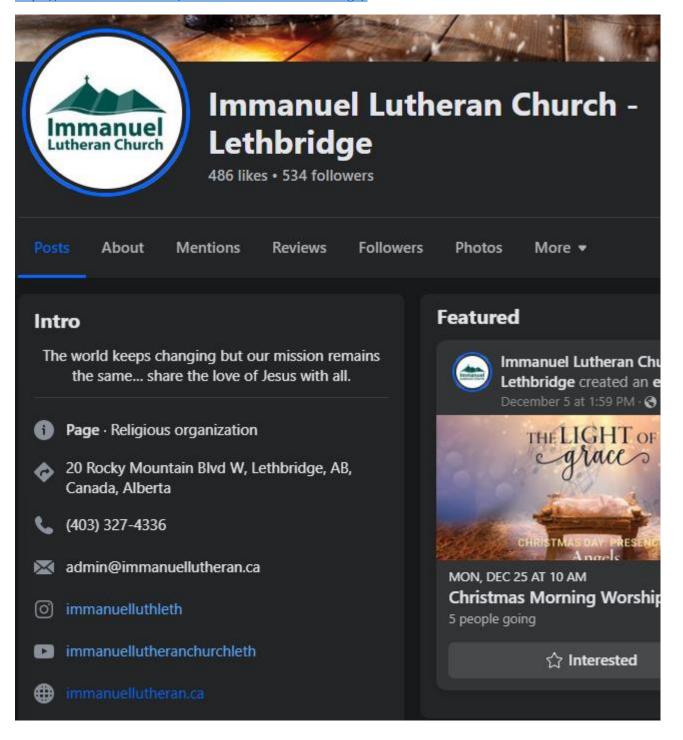
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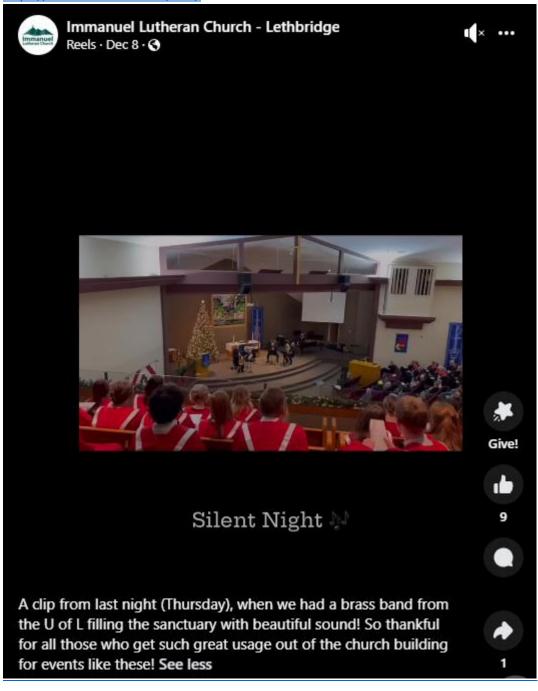
# YOUTH Immanuel Lutheran Church Upcoming Events

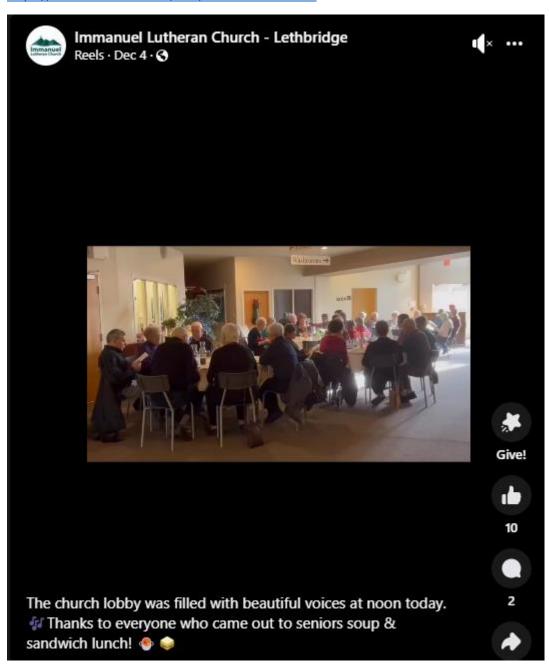
Z	30 November	Youth Vs Seniors Invite your Grandparents or "wise" friends!
لا ا	7 December	Nerf Night Bring your Nerf guns, safety glasses, and friends!
7	14 December	Bob Ross Painting Night
Z	21 December	Gingerbread House Decorating

**THURSDAYS AT 7:30PM** 

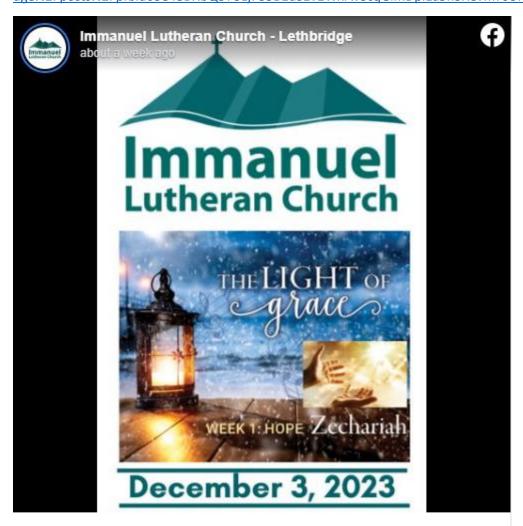








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The "Light of Grace" our Advent theme starts tomorrow with HOPE! Join us! 9:00am Traditional Worship

11:00am Worship

11:15am Sunday School

12:00pm Congregational Meeting with lunch. And a thank you to Pastors Richard and Peter for their contributions to pastoral care at Immanuel. And you know how we say thanks... we say it with cake!

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#### Immanuel Lutheran Church - Lethbridge

about a month ago



It's time for Operation Christmas Child. Youth group at Immanuel is moving to weekly now - Thursday nights for Grade 7-12. We'll meet at 7:30pm this Thursday at the church and then go for a little shopping trip and then head back to the church to fill our shoeboxes. Consider bringing a donation \$\$ to help offset costs of our shopping trip. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world.



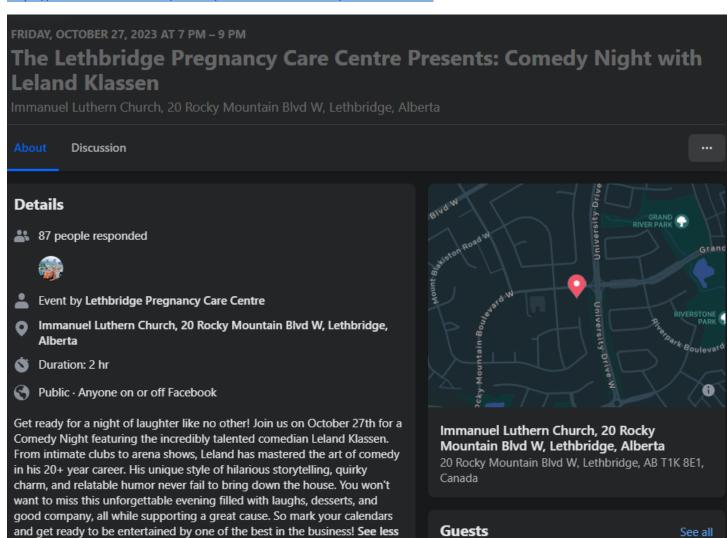
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Let's go! Good food! Good friends!. Good fellowship! Fun for the whole family. This week is the last week to get tickets through the church office 403-327-4336. Saturday, November 25th Doors open at 5:30pm. Dinner is at 6pm. Tickets are \$30 and \$10 for kids 10 years and under. Wine by the glass or by the bottle will be available for purchase. All proceeds will be going to the Inter-faith Foodbank.

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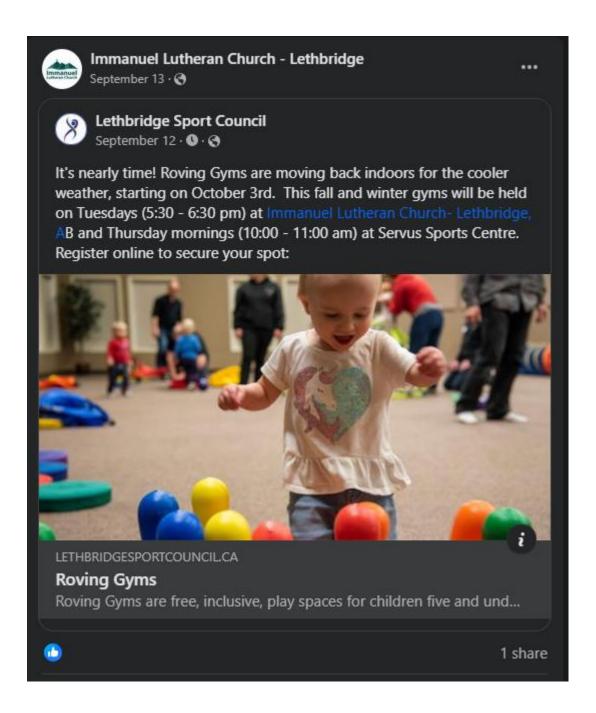






Please share! It's going to be a great sale!

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Snacks and a movie at the church tonight! Are you coming?

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Album VBS 2023 Mission: Deep Sea



# Immanuel Lutheran Church - Lethbridge about 5 months ago



VBS Mission: Deep Sea has been a hit! We've welcomed 120 kids and 40 volunteers this week for our crazy week long adventure jam packed with activities including singing, dancing, building Lego, crafting and so much more!



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Campfire & s'mores at the church tomorrow! Ages 12-18. Guests & Friends are welcome too 💍

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Hey dads! Sunday after the 10am service, we're firing up the grill for a fantastic Father's Day BBQ at our church. Join us for mouthwatering food, fellowship, and quality time with your family. It's the perfect way to honor and appreciate all the amazing fathers out there!

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#### Immanuel Lutheran Church - Lethbridge

about 7 months ago

Want a great last minute Mother's Day gift? Invite the ladies in your life to come out to the Ladies Salad Supper! It's this Saturday, at 6pm here at Immanuel Lutheran Church. The event is free! Just bring a salad to share and register yourself, your friends, and family by clicking the link below.



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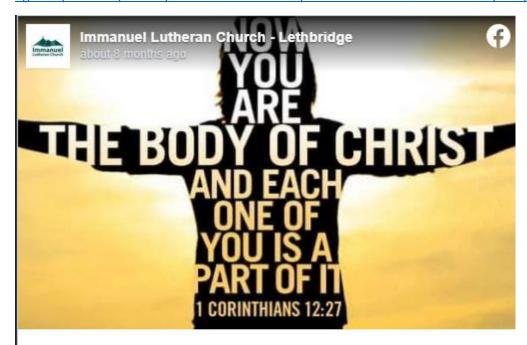
Ladies Salad Supper

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Giving generously of time and talent is really what makes community tick for us. With that in mind... you are invited to attend our Volunteer Appreciation Celebration! Sunday, April 30th 5:00- 7:30pm. You are ALL invited to join us for this relaxed and interactive red carpet event as we celebrate and thank God for all those who serve! Please RSVP by emailing Charlotte at admin@immanuellutheran.ca or calling into the church office 403-327-4336 by Sunday, April 23.

On the menu: BBQ Chicken skewers, baked potato, salad, strawberry cheesecake. No charge for this meal but we will gather a free will offering!

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#### Immanuel Lutheran Church - Lethbridge

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Date Night Childcare @Immanuel Lutheran Church

Parents, this one is for you. On Friday, March 17th, we are offering free ...

#### Lethbridge Islamic Centre

207 13 St N Lethbridge, AB T1H2V9

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http://lethbridgemuslims.ca/services



# DAILY SALAH (PRAYERS)

All 5 obligatory Salahs are offered in congregation in the Masjid on a daily basis.

The timings for the daily Salahs can be found here.

What Is Salah?	•
Why do Muslims perform Salah?	•
How is Salah performed?	0

# WEEKLY JUMU'AH (FRIDAY)

Jumu'ah Salah is offered in congregation in the Masjid on a weekly basis every Friday.

The timing for Jumu'ah Salah can be found here.







# AFTER SALAH HALAQAHS

Short Halaqas of Ahadith, Tafsir, general Islamic knowledge etc. are delivered after the obligatory Salahs.

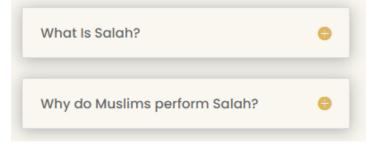
These Halaqas are offered based on the availability of the Imam and timings of Salahs.

What Is Salah?	<b>⊕</b>
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## QUR'AN/ISLAMIC CLASSES

The Masjid offers regular programs and events for the Muslim community on various subjects and topics.

However, if you are interested in learning more about Islam, increasing your Islamic knowledge or learning the Qur'an, please contact us to join an existing class if one is available, or so that we can set up a new class for you.







# SHAHADAH (ACCEPTING ISLAM)

If you are interested in accepting Islam or you have questions you would like answered regarding Islam, or you would simply like to learn more about Islam, we would love to help you.

What Is Islam?	•
How can a person accept Islam?	•
What should I do if I am ready to accept Islam?	•

# CLASSES FOR NEW MUSLIMS

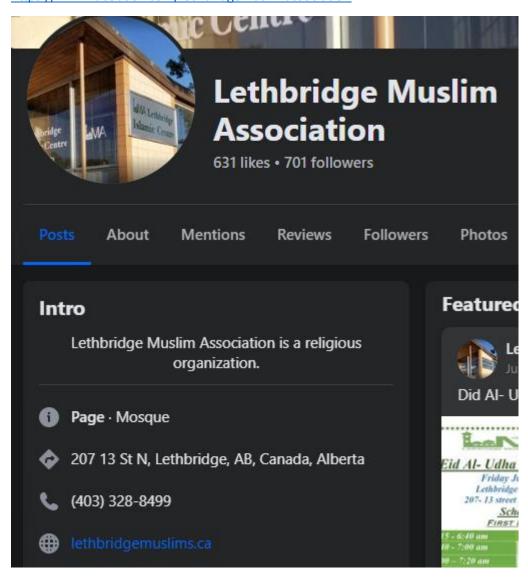
If you have recently accepted Islam and would like to learn more, to increase your Islamic knowledge or learn the Qur'an, please contact us to join an existing class if one is available, or so that we can set up a new class for you.

What can a person who is new to Islam learn?

What kind of classes can I attend?



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Quran reading, memorization of surahs, duaas, Hadith, and Islamic Studies.

> For Registration contact Br. Anas 403-715-4912



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## MEDITATION

### Morning of Mindfulness Wednesdays, 9:30-11 am

Facilitated by Vickie MacArthur of Spirit in Motion. Gatherings are both inperson at the temple and via Zoom.

Email to register vickie@spiritinmotionyoga.ca

Find out more about these sessions at

https://spiritinmotionyoga.com/workshops-events/meditation

## INTRO TO BUDDHISM

Saturdays 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Come and join us. This is a study class to learn the history and fundamentals of Jodo Shinshu Buddhism. You are welcome to an open and free discussion without judgement. Please contact the Temple office by phone at 403-327-1260 if you have any questions.

## MINYO DANCING

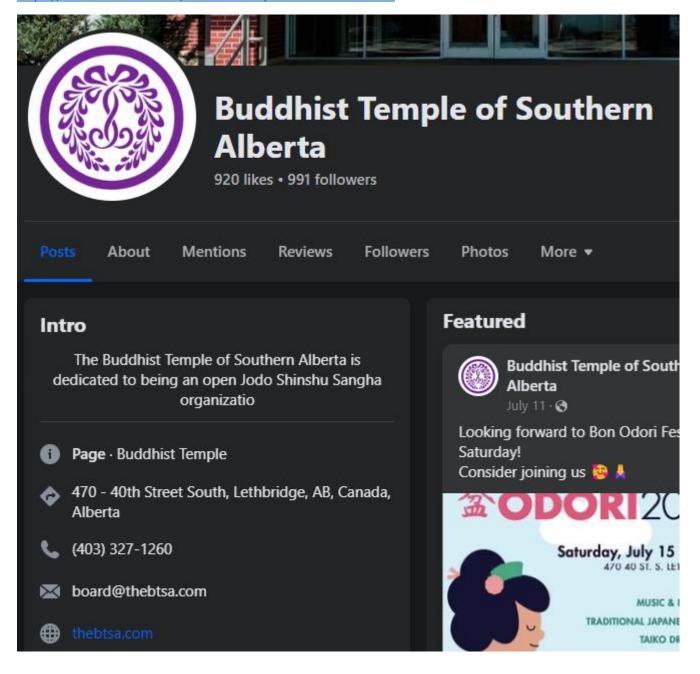
An ancient form of Japanese folk dancing, Minyo dancing is a fun, energetic, and elegant recreation from the Japanese performing arts. Not to be confused with traditional Japanese dancing, Minyo is perfect for anyone wishing to learn a Japanese art form in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

\*This activity is hosted by the NCS

# TAIKO DRUMING

A musical form to some, a martial art to others. Brought to you by the Nikkei Society of Lethbridge, Taiko drumming is a great past time for those who wish to learn an ever growing in popularity Japanese art. Taiko has been practiced in Japan for centuries, and works the entire body while promoting ambidexterity through constant practice and repetition.

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Practice dressing in your yukata: bring your gear and get advice on how to wear it. 6:30-7:00 pm. Monday June 19 at the temple (before Bon Odori practice).

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#### Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta

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Day of Mindfulness: Rest, Reflect, and Awaken to Life April 29, 2023, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Take a day off to slow down and nurture awareness in the peaceful surroundings of the Buddhist Temple of Southern Alberta. Facilitated by Vickie MacArthur.... See more



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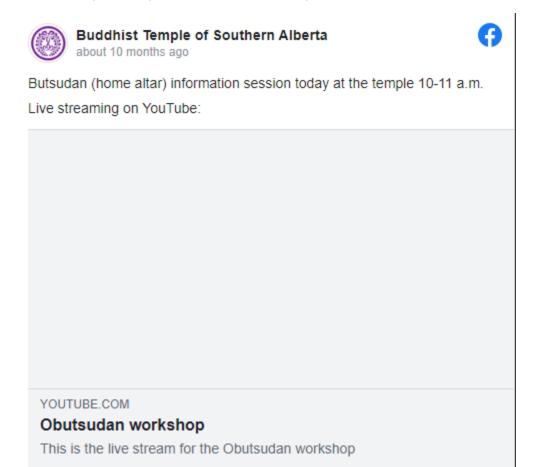
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#### **Loving Our Neighbor**

We strive to follow the example of Jesus Christ to feed the hungry, take in the stranger, and clothe the naked across the globe and in local communities.

Caring for those in need

We care for those in need in our local neighborhoods and abroad.

Explore programs >



## Caring for Those in Need



The Church of Jesus Christ has a mission to care for all of God's children. That includes both people's spiritual health and their physical well-being.

#### Helping ourselves to help others

"The purpose of both temporal and spiritual self-reliance is to get ourselves on higher ground so that we can lift others in need."—Elder Robert D. Hales

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints offers local self-reliance courses, where congregation members with valuable life experience can share what they've learned with others. The things taught in these courses represent a broad spectrum of life skills and helpful programs.

#### Being financially responsible

Managing your money is a crucial part of becoming self-reliant. That includes staying out of unnecessary debt, living within your means, budgeting, and saving for a rainy day. (In other words, don't buy things you can't afford.) Being financially responsible might not mean you get all the nicest things in life, but the stability you'll get instead is priceless.

#### Finding a job

It's hard to provide for your family if you don't have steady employment. Self-reliance courses can help you with job search skills like writing a resume, finding job leads, networking, and preparing for interviews. Learn more <a href="here">here</a>.

#### Addiction Recovery Program

The Lethbridge YSA Stake runs two Addiction Recovery Program (ARP) groups. They are geared towards addressing unwanted sexual acts. One group is men only and the other group is women only.

The men meet <u>Sunday evenings at 8:30 pm</u> at the South Institute Building (2808 28 St S, Lethbridge, AB).

Men's Meeting Zoom Link:

Zoom Meeting ID 95963637610

Passcode 752503

The women meet Wednesday evenings at 8:00 pm, also at the South Institute Building.

Women's Meeting Zoom Link:

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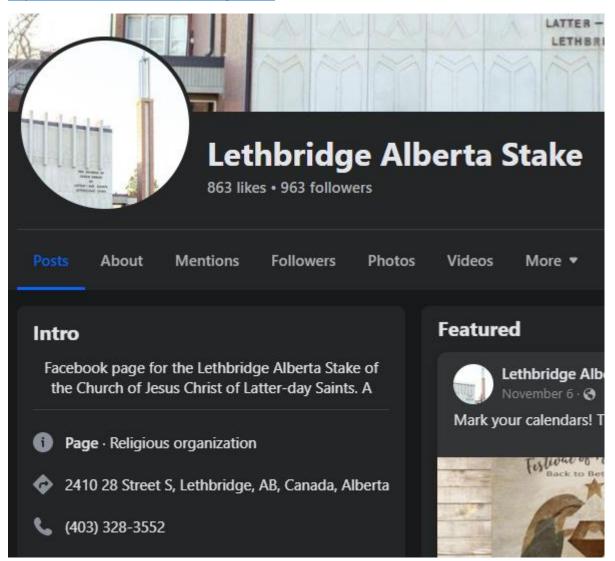
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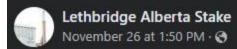
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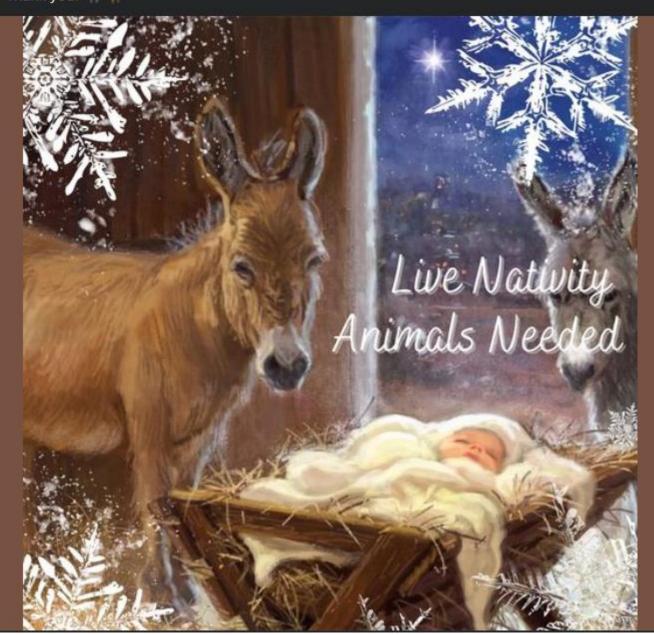
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The Lethbridge East Stake will be doing the Live Nativity again on December 22nd, 23rd & 24th.

The production people are needing to find a donkey or llama that they could use for this. If there is someone willing to have their animals be part of this production please contact Cory Livingstone @ (403) 635-7530.

Thank you! 🐂 🦙



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#### Lethbridge Alberta Stake

November 6 · 🚱

Come and see the Lethbridge Festival of Nativities 2023! This event is for all members of the community and area to attend. Hundreds of Nativities are on indoor display accompanied by concerts and live music. This is a wonderful event to add to your Christmas plans. \*\*

#### Admission:

Free

#### Location:

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (2410 - 28 Street South, Lethbridge, Alberta)

#### When:

Thursday, Dec 7th (1:00pm - 9:00pm); Friday, Dec 8th (1:00pm - 9:00pm); Saturday, Dec 9th (11:00am - 9:00pm); and Sunday, Dec 10th (2:00pm - 9:00pm).

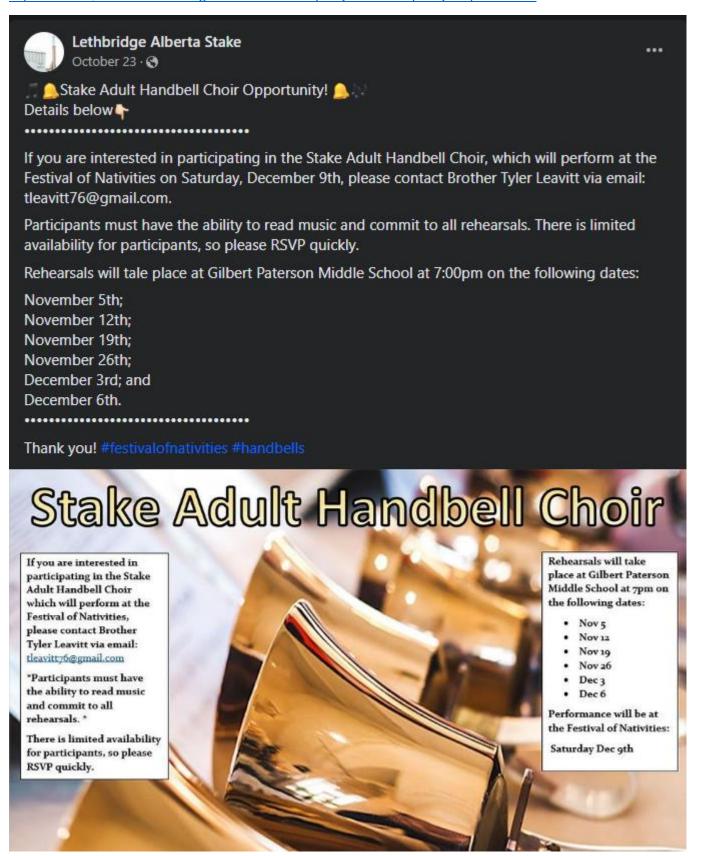
#### Concerts:

Friday at 7:00pm; Saturday at 3:00pm & 7:00pm; and Sunday at 3:00pm & 7:00pm.

Please share this event with your family, friends and all members of the community and area. See you there!



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Please join us tomorrow from 7:00 - 8:30 pm for the Lethbridge Stake Women's Conference! https://www.facebook.com/plugins/post.php?href=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Flethbridgestake%2Fposts%2Fpfbid02S6iHiCTBvA3D8ac5gseVTpbAdLiZTaZMW9VRE55EeSmksBk7iGr94JdTo99iZLrTl



#### Lethbridge Alberta Stake

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#### TARGET HUNGER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Multiple routes left to fill before June 2nd! Target Hunger is an annual food drive done each year on the second Saturday of June. As this is a city wide event, they are urgently looking for the remaining volunteers required to ensure yellow bags are dropped off and picked up throughout the city!

# ROUTE SIGN-UP IS NOW OPEN!

## —ROUTES ARE— FILLING UP QUICK!

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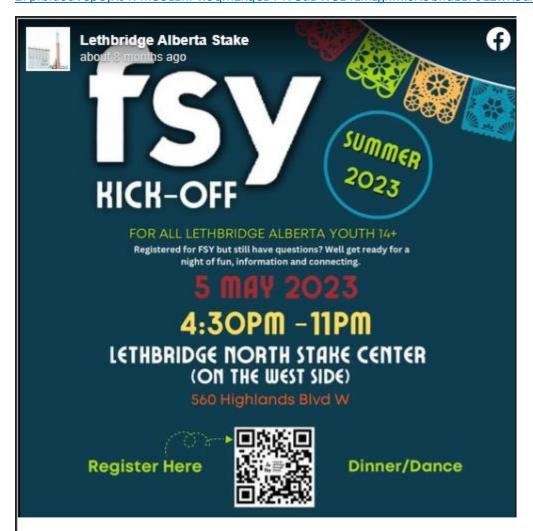
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A huge 'thank you' to the many volunteers and donors that contributed to the Lethbridge Community Clothing Exchange! It was a massive success that had over 500 people in attendance on the first day alone! Mountains of clothing were organized into neat piles. By the end of the event anything that was left was donated to charity. Thanks to all who made this event possible!



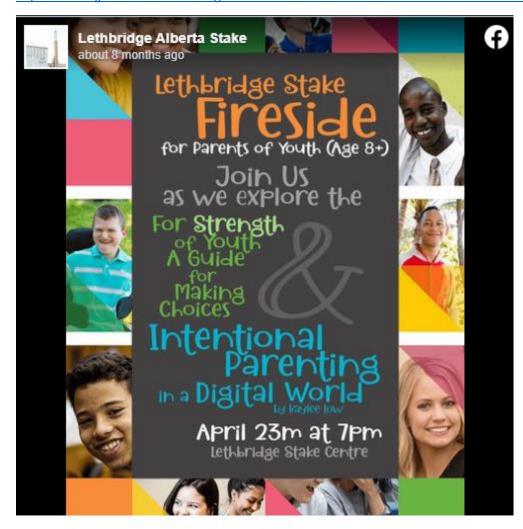
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Hey youth! Have you registered for the FSY kickoff activity? If you're wanting to learn more about what you'll be doing at FSY or meet other youth from Lethbridge who will be in your session. Or maybe you are excited to dance, eat and have fun!...

... Then you won't want to miss this! Please also invite others come with you. There will be fun for everyone!

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Just a friendly reminder about this fireside tomorrow! Hope to see you there.



#### Lethbridge Alberta Stake

March 27 · 3

Tune in for General Conference this weekend! Invite your friends and family or share this post. We hope that all are able to hear a prophet's voice!

#### Saturday, April 1:

10 a.m. Saturday morning session \$2 p.m. Saturday afternoon session \$6 p.m. Saturday evening session

#### Sunday, April 2:

10 a.m. Sunday morning session 2 p.m. Sunday afternoon session

"General conference provides an opportunity to receive personal revelation as general Church leaders give counsel and direction... We encourage members to listen to, study, ponder, and apply the counsel given."

- the First Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

For more information and streaming options please use the following link:

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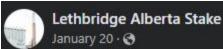
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Come and join us every Monday for Come Follow Me classes at the Lethbridge Stake Centre in the Relief Society room at 7:00pm. This class is intended for the 31+ Singles of the Stake and we look forward to gathering to learn together. 

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Youth Self Reliance Course Information!

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Self Reliance Courses: You can have a better life, and God will help you.

Application Deadline for Youth: Monday, January 23, 2023

Courses Start: Sunday, January 29, 2023

Courses Offered: Personal Finance, Emotional Resilience, Finding a Better Job, and Education for Better Work

Please visit the following links for more information and to sign up:

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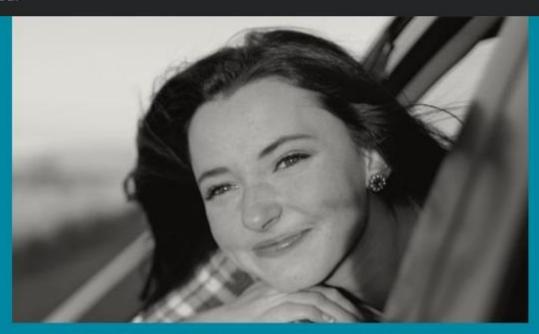
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- No Cost
- Friends of all faiths welcome

Thank you!



## **SELF RELIANCE COURSES**

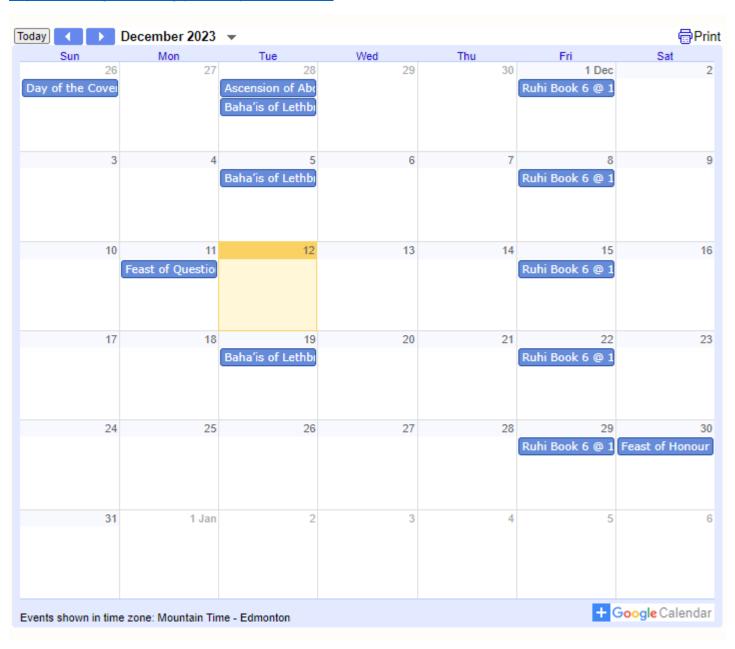
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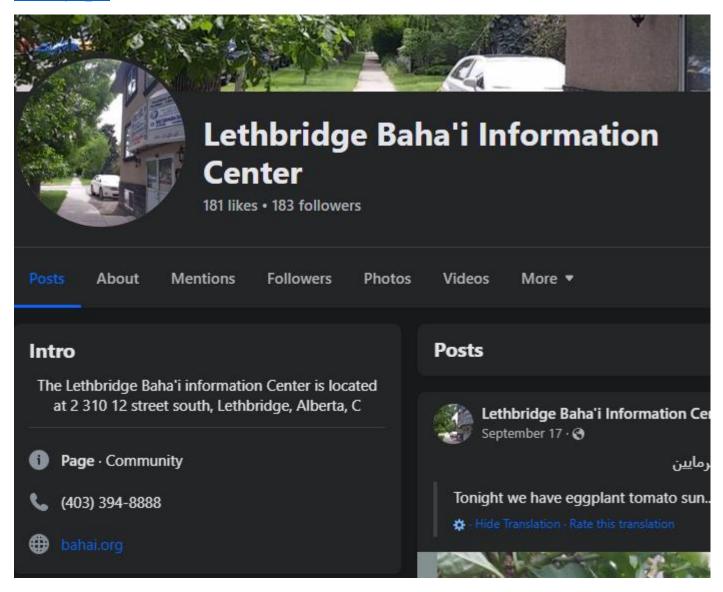
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#### Lethbridge Baha'i Information Center

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Join us for an engaging evening of fun and learning, conversation and Q & A about diversity as a bedrock of unity! We will have presenters from around the globe focusing on family life. Sunday, June 11 | Potluck supper at 6 p.m. Baha'i Information Centre 9-310 12 St. S. RSVP to Mohsen Call or text 403-394-8888 Email chinookhomes@gmail.com

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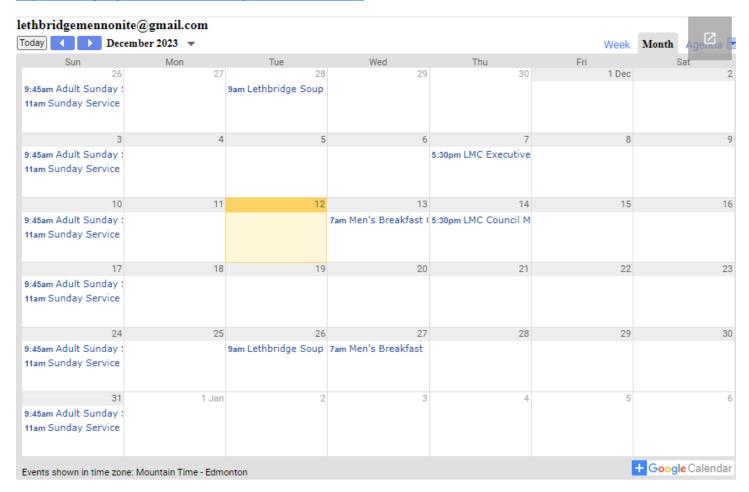


#### Lethbridge Mennonite Church

4303 - 3rd Avenue South Lethbridge, AB T1J 4B3

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#### Volunteer Opportunities 👄

- Give people a ride to Church that have no means of transportation. Contact: Abe F. 403-328-3028
- Help prepare and serve noon meal at the <u>Soup Kitchen</u> Last Tuesday of the Month, 9:00 a.m.approx 1:30 p.m. or whenever cleanup is finished. Come when you can, leave when you have to.
- Work at MCC Thrift Shop 1117 2 Ave. N. 403-329-4808
- Signup to mow the lawn at the church.

#### **Programs**

#### **Worship Services**

Adult Sunday School 9:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. September - June

Sunday Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Summer Worship - 10:00 a.m. followed by fellowship and refreshments, summer schedule runs from July/August.

#### More Programs

Women's Fellowship - 2:00 p.m. Second Monday of Month - September - June

Men's Early Bird Breakfast -7 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the Month at Humpty's Family Restaurant 205 Scenic Drive South.

#### Gurudwara Khalsa Darbar Sahib

Unit 10 & 20 - 420 40th Street South, Lethbridge, Alberta

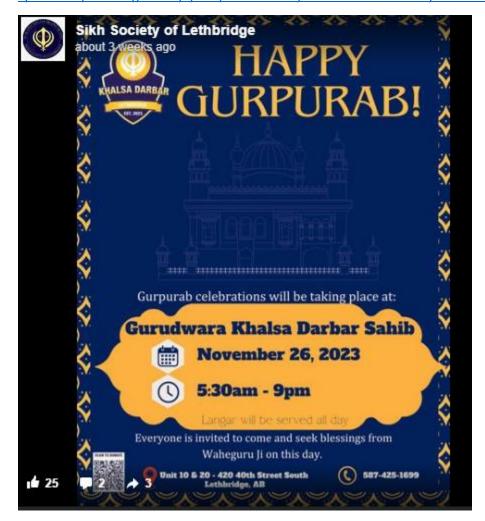
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Langar will be served all day



420 40th Street South

Lethbridge, AB

### Who We Are

We are the Alberta chapter of the national parish nursing association – The Canadian Association for Parish Nursing Ministry – CAPNM.

A specialty practice group for parish nursing was established under the College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta (CARNA) in 2012.

A number of parish nursing ministries are located in Edmonton, Calgary, Lethbridge, Red Deer and numerous other centers. The specific number of parish nursing ministries in Alberta is largely unknown.





Parish nursing is a health and healing ministry of faith communities which emphasizes the wholeness of body, mind and spirit. Rooted in the vision of Christ as Healer, this ministry grows out of the belief that all faith communities are places of health and healing and have a role in promoting wholeness through the integration of faith and health.

A parish nurse is a RN with specialized knowledge, who is called to ministry and affirmed by a faith community to promote health, healing and wholeness. Parish nurses demonstrate competence in a defined set of attitudes, knowledge and skills which are incorporated in the Standards of Practice and Core Competencies of The Canadian Association For Parish Nursing Ministry (CAPNM).

## What is a Faith Community Nurse?

Many Canadian Nurses and churches have used the term Parish Nurse historically however the term Faith Community nurse is now becoming more common and widely used in many faith communities. In this website, we use the term Parish Nurse to represent both Parish Nurse and Faith Community Nurse; both masculine and feminine.

## Roles of The Parish Nurse

- A Parish Nurse is an Integrator of faith and health, reminding people to care for their body, mind and spirit. Examples include: praying with members in need, offering help in a medical/mental crisis.
- A Parish Nurse is a Health Educator. The nurse educates in all formats, one on one to group seminars.
   Examples include: arranging adult forums on various health topics, teaching with school classrooms/small groups, giving classes on diet and/or exercise.
- A Parish Nurse is a Personal Health Counselor. The nurse discusses health problems with parishioners, giving clarity and support. The nurse makes home, hospital and nursing home visits as needed.
- The Parish Nurse is a Referral Agent. The nurse assists with the network of the health care system, making referrals when necessary. The nurse works with community agencies, establishing resources and networks that assist with the well-being of the congregation.
- The Parish Nurse is a Health Advocate. The nurse assists with healthcare assessments and decisions
  when requested or needed. This may include empowering clients or attending appointments.
- The Parish Nurse Supports Volunteers. Christ called all to be his disciples of His ministry. The nurse utilizes volunteers to assist in the ministry of health and wholeness.





## What are other roles of the Parish Nurse?

- provides support to the leadership team within the church especially when they are called upon to help people with health related issues
- meets the Standards of Practices and Core Competencies as outlined by CARNA (College and Association of Registered Nurses of Alberta)
- · conforms to the CAPNM Parish Nurse Core Competencies list
- · integrator of faith and health
- health educator
- personal health counselor
- · referral agent and liaison with congregational and community resources
- · developer of support groups
- · heath advocate
- · responds to the health concerns of the people in her congregation and community

### Professional boundaries for Parish Nurses

- A parish nurse is not a physician. She will not provide medical diagnosis or medical treatment.
- A parish nurse is not a home care nurse. A parish nurse will not dispense medications or provide treatments prescribed by a physician.
- A parish nurse is not a therapist. She will not do physical therapy, occupational therapy, dietary therapy or psychotherapy.
- A parish nurse is not a clergyperson. A parish nurse usually does not hold a degree in theology, although she may have some further education in theology or clinical pastoral education. All parish nurses come to the field with a deep spiritual commitment.
- The Parish nurse is not in competition for roles already in existence in a congregation.

### **David Sarsfield**

From: Jennifer Lepko <jennifer@streetsalive.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, December 13, 2023 11:00 AM

**To:** Ken Kissick; Pieter van Ewijk; Cam Kissick; Julie Kissick

**Subject:** Bible

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From: Family Arinobu
To: David Sarsfield
Subject: [External] Stop Order

**Date:** Monday, December 18, 2023 1:55:53 PM

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Dear Sir,

We wish to register our support of the appeal by Streets Alive Mission of the stop order that demands that new permits be obtained for the activates of weekly paramedic attendance, weekly free haircuts, weekly free foot care, provision of financial administrator services, provision of mail drop services. These Activities are all activities that are met under the current definition of Religious Assembly as contained in the City of Lethbridge's Land Use Bylaw 6300.

Yours truly,

Edward & Chikako Arinobu

144 Laval Blvd. West, Lethbridge, AB

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To: <a href="mailto:David Sarsfield">David Sarsfield</a>

Cc: <u>info@streetsalive.ca</u>

Subject: [External] Speaking on Dec 21st on behalf of streets Alive

**Date:** Monday, December 18, 2023 1:12:55 PM

### Good Morning,

I feel the Lord pushing me to say something on behalf of Streets Alive. 4 days short of 13 months ago today I walked through the door of the Segue House. Segue is the sober/supportive living that is provided when you are going through the Genesis Women's Life Recovery Program. That door opened so many more doors that I never dreamed would open for me. And I had a good reason to think there was nothing more than what I had been living for most my life. I was and addict that had been struggling with, homelessness, and more problems than I could deal with on my own. I was someone that you would look and think I was a waste of time, resources, and money. I was someone that you would consider an abuser of the welfare system, draining resources that I didn't deserve. I was treated badly by government workers, healthcare workers and everyday people that couldn't see that I was a child of God put here for a purpose. I never thought as a child that I would grow up and be an addict that made bad choices, hurt the people I loved the most and destroy any future that may have been possible. I had hopes and dreams, I imagined I would live a great life happy and healthy. But things happen in life that you don't expect to happen, and those things created a detour off the path that God had created for me. I became a broken person, I had no hope for a future, if the drugs didn't kill me the abusive relationship would of. I was a scared girl living in a nasty world that suck the life right out of me. I never thought I would be standing here today using my voice to speak for the broken, vulnerable, addicted, homeless people because I thought that's who I would always be. But I am not, I stand her today free from drugs, happy, healthy, no longer living off government benefits. Walking through that door allowed me to begin healing. Pastor Ken and Pastor Julie have created a place for people like me to go, to feel loved and wanted. Streets Alive put the hope back into my heart. Streets Alive gave a home, they made sure I wasn't hungry, they gave me clothes and an amazing environment to change and grow. After 7 months of attending the programing, church, and other events that Streets Alive provided, I realized what my purpose was, I was ready to step out into the world and start working again. Once again Streets Alive gave me a job that has allowed me to walk out my purpose. I go to work, and I have the ability to reach out to the people that feel like they have been forgotten. I have been able to create so many meaningful and rewarding relationships with the clients that come to Streets Alive and helped them in making the choice to go to detox and treatment so that they can walk out a life free of drugs. Allowing them to find the purpose that God gave them before they

were even born. Every person deserves to be loved and cared for. Streets Alive is a safe place that provides the basic needs for individuals that are not capable of providing for themselves. Every person that walks through that door deserves to be clothed with clean clothing, food to fill their hungry bellies, a space to feel warm and safe and make the phone calls that need to be made, they deserve to be seen by healthcare providers in a place they feel safe and unjudged. If you take away Streets Alive, you take the things every human being has a right too. Being a part of Streets Alive has changed my life, from a broken addicted, homeless individual to a happy, grateful contributing person of society that sees the importance of the Streets Alive Mission in our community. If you shut Streets Alive down you take away human rights, you take away opportunity for change, you take away hope. Thank you for allowing me this time to use my voice, I hope that you hear the importance of my message and The impact Streets Alive has had on so many peoples lives in this city.

Dallas Blasetti 1604 Scenic Heights south Lethbridge, AB T1K 1N5

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December 18, 2023

The Secretary

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To Whom it May Concern,

**RE: STOP ORDER - STREETS ALIVE MISSION** 

As property owners in the City of Lethbridge, we are requesting the immediate "Stop Order" demanding new permits be obtained by Streets Alive Mission be stayed. Certain activities such as: weekly free haircuts, weekly free foot care, weekly paramedic attendance, providing clothing, mail drop services, lockers and financial administration are essential for the homeless population and are met under the current definition of Religious Assembly as contained in the City of Lethbridge's Land Use Bylaw 6300.

When our young son was homeless in Lethbridge (drug use), Streets Alive kept him alive. We live in a harsh climate, so I shouldn't have to explain the necessity of things like the provision of warm clothing. Abruptly ending these activities would be a disservice to a population that is already severely stressed.

Sincerely,

Corrine Blazek

Classification: Protected A

December 18, 2023

The Secretary

Subdivision and Development Appeal Board

Office of the City Clerk

2<sup>nd</sup> Fl. City Hall

910 – 4 Avenue S.

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To Whom it May Concern,

### **RE: STOP ORDER - STREETS ALIVE MISSION**

As a property owner in the City of Lethbridge, I am requesting an immediate withdrawal of the "Stop Order" concerning *Streets Alive* mission. The Christian church and other faiths have long been involved in benevolent activities in the practice of their religion. St. Nicholas distributed to the needy. Religious bodies have harboured needy people in various ways for millennia. Traditional benevolent activities involved feeding, clothing, housing, personal hygiene from the beginning. Activities like: haircuts, foot care, paramedic attendance, clothing, and financial administration are essential for everyone including the homeless. Religious Assembly as contained in the City of Lethbridge's Land Use Bylaw 6300 always includes religious benevolence; including the church I attend.

Abruptly ending *Streets Alive's* activities is a bureaucratic reversal of a well-understood, long-running religious activity, and is an affront to the needy and faith communities both.

Sincerely,

Verle Blazek

1718-13 Ave S.

From: Bella person
To: David Sarsfield

Subject: [External] Streets alive stop order

Date: Monday, December 18, 2023 8:49:57 AM

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#### Dear Mr. Sarsfield

Hello, my name is Bella. I am a 13 year old student here in Lethbridge, Alberta. I'm sending an email regarding the Streets Alive stop order. I very strongly disagree with this. The foot care they offer is a resource that could benefit many people in need and not only could this benefit them physically but it could help someone's emotional and spiritual wellbeing. A small act of kindness can change someone's life and Streets Alive is a spiritually motivated care center that does so much for our city. The recent controversy over their foot Fridays is appalling to me. The people sacrificing there time to do something so important should be well respected the love and kindness being shown could just as well benefit people even more then the service being provided. I have someone extremely important to me who has been and may still be without a home. I don't have the power to do a lot for him, but it is amazing to see people using their power and influence to do what I can't. The argument that states foot Friday is not religious practically contradicts itself as the Bible has so many situations where Jesus, a man of great power and authority, humbles himself and puts himself in a position similar to that of the peasants and slaves of his time. He kneels before his disciples and washes their feet.

John 13 "Jesus rose from supper he laid aside his outer garments and taking a towel tied it around his waist and poured water into a basin and he began to wash the disciples feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him."

Feet are gross and not many people want to touch feet. In the time and setting the verse took place, people often walked on dusty dirty roads with bare feet or sandals, so you can probably imagine what their feet looked like. I would like to note that unless you yourself are religious and study the Bible, you cannot rightly know what is religious. If you do study the Bible, it would obvious that the root of the foot Friday mission was taken directly from the Bible which is why I chose to include this verse. It shows that this service is in fact religious and symbolic of Jesus. If your loved ones were struggling with poverty, homelessness, or substance abuse, I'd assume you would want them to have access to assistive resources like this. It's important to remind ourselves that the people out there are somebody's son/daughter husband/wife and/or close friends. So, as you make your decision there a couple things I hope you can consider. First, the people caring at Streets Alive could one day be caring for your loved ones and you may be taking the privilege away. Second, we should be thanking those who are sacrificing themselves for the people out there. Third, religion should not be your basis for shutting this service down because based on Christianity this act is commendable and kind and doesn't not go against religion in the slightest. Whether religious or not, kindness is something we lack in the world and we should respect help those trying to practice it.

Respectfully, Bella Carroll 331 Caledonia Blvd West Lethbridge, AB T1J5J5

Sent from my iPhone

XXXXXXXXXX 00, 2023

The Secretary Subdivision & Development Appeal Board Office of the City Clerk, 2nd Floor, City Hall 910-4th Avenue South Lethbridge, AB T1J 0P6

Dear Sir,

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Yours truly,

Ruth Lons TErminegten Rd.N. Lethbridge AB TIHSX9

Harvey & Susan Grant 1517 24 St. S. Lethbridge, AB. T1K 2L9

December 15, 2023

The Secretary Subdivision & Development Appeal Board office of the City Clerk, 2nd Floor, City Hall 910 - 4th Avenue South Lethbridge, AB T1J 0P6

Dear Sir,

RE: Stop Order - Streets Alive Mission

We wish to register our support of the appeal by Streets Alive Mission of the stop order that demands that new permits be obtained for activities they provide.

This stop order is a total over reach of City Halls' jurisdiction. At no point does any level of government (municipal, provincial or federal) have the right to stop (or to demand a permit for) offering free services to fellow human beings.

"City Hall" needs to concentrate on improving the services they are mandated to provide and maintain. City Hall needs to celebrate the actions of individuals and/or organizations that see an opportunity to offer a free service when they see a need that they can provide.

Sincerely,

Hearing Grant. Susan Grant.

December 8, 2023

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Yours truly,

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12 December 2023

The Secretary Subdivision & Development Appeal Board Office of the City Clerk, 2nd Floor, City Hall 910-4 th Avenue South Lethbridge, AB T1J 0P6

Dear Sir/Madam:

We wish to register our support by the Streets Alive Mission to appeal the stop order issued by the City of Lethbridge.

It is our desire to have The City of Lethbridge officials and the organization of Streets Alive, come together in an agreement that would allow Streets Alive to continue offering their services to the homeless people and people in need.

There are many churches and other organizations that offer their help and financial support to Streets Alive. If anything, we would love our federal, provincial, and municipal governments work together to provide alternatives to these folks. If we had housing and treatment programs for these people, they would get the help they so desperately need.

We are trying to understand how obtaining the permits the City of Lethbridge is requesting would help in this situation: a) resource center permit; b) personal service permit; and c) medical and health office permit.

If Streets Alive would no longer be able to offer their services, how would the homeless people of Lethbridge be looked after?

It is our desire that all parties come to a bargaining table and work out the differences in this situation. Every human life deserves to be treated respectfully and to be valued as a person of worth. Please advise if we can be of any assistance in helping all parties come to a mutually agreed upon solution where we can work together.

Your sincerely,

Pastor Dwayne Dibben

Lead Pastor

Jacky Ketel

Moderator

**2011 – 15 Ave N, Lethbridge, AB T1H 5J4**Phone: 403-327-4422 office@parkmeadows.ca

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December 14, 2023

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Please reconsider the recently introduced "red tape," or inexplicable rationales put forward to deprive the provision of some basic human needs to homeless people which is presently being provided by Streets Alive Mission. It defies logic to consider approving the removal of the above-described care services (after many years of delivery) when the community is searching, ongoingly, for ways to meet the needs of this population. What major societal threats or concerns exist to justify the withdrawal of these services? And, if they are withdrawn, then who or what fills the gaps that ensue?

Partners in the provision of holistic and wrap-around services are governments, charitable organizations, faith communities, and organizations within the non-profit sector. To underscore the longevity of delivered care within faith communities to meet the needs of diverse populations, history records that faith communities built the first hospitals and care facilities in North America in the 17<sup>th</sup> C, lending undeniable credence to the centuries of holistic care and healing presence offered first and foremost by religious assemblies and churches.

I sincerely request that the Lethbridge Subdivision and Development Appeal Board reconsider the outcomes and resulting difficulties that will emerge if the described services are withdrawn. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Janne Pennew Herran.

Sincerely,

Joanne Penner Herron 241 Canyon Blvd W

Lethbridge, AB

December 15, 2023

The Secretary
Subdivision & Development Appeal Board
Office of the City Clerk, 2nd Floor, City Hall
910-4th Avenue South
Lethbridge, AB TIJ 0P6

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Some of the reasons for leaving Streets Alive under the original permit/permits are as follows:

- 1. The weekly paramedic attendance provides a service for the less fortunate who have no easy access to appointments, clinics and doctors. This may also reduce the visits to our emergency room that is often overloaded.
- 2. Streets Alive has strived to provide clothing to keep the less fortunate and needy, warm and dry.
- 3. The mail service is a way to get mail to those without an address or unable to afford a mail box.
- 4. Lockers are the only safe place the homeless have to store their things while in court, hospital, etc.

5. Last but not least, financial administration services for many of these people is not accessible from other sources, therefore, a supportive service as well.

Considering the issues previously mentioned, we do not agree with the City of Lethbridge changing the rules for Streets Alive Mission or any other organization in the city who have provided such an important role for so many years in our community.

At a time when we have such large numbers of homeless people in Lethbridge, one would think Streets Alive should be encouraged to continue their programs, not challenged by the city to reduce services. Hopefully the permit/permits Streets Alive have been under for the last twenty years, are found to be adequate for the future of their operation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Bernie and Emilie Schell 1925 25 Ave No, Lethbridge, AB T1H 4V5

Yours truly,

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# December 17, 2023

The Secretary
Subdivision & Development Appeal Board
Office of the City Clerk, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall
910-4<sup>th</sup> Avenue South
Lethbridge, AB T1J 0P6

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Yours truly,

1123 7 Street North

Lethbridge, AB T1H1Y8

**From:** Heather Robdrup < <a href="mailto:heatherrobdrup@yahoo.ca">heatherrobdrup@yahoo.ca</a>>

**Sent:** Tuesday, December 19, 2023 12:05 PM

Subject: [External] For file DEN00704 Religious Assembly, Streets Alive

I'd like to speak of "Religious Assembly" please:

And this location being of Christian belief, followers of Christ, there are some things that are under the umbrella of God that this location is doing correctly,

Foot fridays: please read John 13:1-5 as it states the Jesus poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around Him.

Hair cutting: Corinthians 11:14 says "Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair it is a shame unto him"

Clothing: Luke 3:11 'Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none, We follow the call to clothe the naked.

I was a volunteer there a few years ago, I wasn't given a locker at that time, but I think that when people come to help other people, a safe place in that environment would have been welcomed.

These are the things I know about, so I can't speak on things not seen first hand by me.

I understand the uniqueness of this location and what they are trying to do, to help the lost. For about 20 years now is it?

One wonders what the underlying reason really is behind the veil.

Best Regards, Heather Robdrup Box 1192 Raymond, AB, T0K 2S0 XXXXXXXXXX 00, 2023

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Yours truly,

Done Higher Claire Norms Robert & Blake Estelle Jak Milu Barli-

# Setting: Lethbridge 2023

If The story of the "Good Samaritan" was to be enacted in Lethbridge today. . .

A certain man went to Lethbridge and fell among the addicted, leaving him half dead. Now by chance, a certain priest came down the road and when he saw him he passed by. He did not have a permit to do anything in that situation, being a priest he would not break "the law".

Likewise a Levite, when he came and looked, and passed by on the other side. The "levite" is only "Permitted" to "look" and in fact are forbidden to "touch" until after purification.

But another "good Lethbridge man" saw him and had compassion. So he went to him and bandaged his wounds and took him to "Streets Alive" to care for. But Streets Alive could not wash his feet, give him a free haircut, provide clothing, (even though good citizens of Lethbridge had provided clothing for such purpose) nor could Streets Alive allow the wounded man to receive mail at their address, because the

City of Lethbridge has issued a "Stop Order"

Susan Grant 1517 24 St S. Lithburdge TIK 229 Dear Appeal Board and all whom are concerned,

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I am writing this letter to express how the City of Lethbridge Development Authority has deeply disappointed and confused me.

The letter dated October 13, 2023 from Angela Olsen, Development Manager, Planning and Design to Streets Alive reads: "...it is the opinion of the Development Authority that some of the activities taking place at the Property do not conform with and/or exceed the supplementary activities allowed within the approved Use of 'Religious Assembly'.

According to the City of Lethbridge 'Religious Assembly' "means Development for worship activities and includes supplementary religious instruction, philanthropic and social activities and staff residences".

For the Christian, we know that there are two acts of worship. As John Piper explains: "One is the acts of the mouth: acts of praise and repentance in worship services or small groups. The other is acts of love with the body and the hands and the feet: acts of love that show the supreme value of God by what we are willing to sacrifice for the good of others" (https://www.desiringgod.org/interviews/what-is-worship).

You say that Streets Alive is committing contravening activities such as "The weekly attendance of the Community Paramedics" but they are worshiping the Lord by doing as Christ has commanded us in Luke 10:30-37 in the parable of the Good Samaritan. In that story the Samaritan saw the beaten man, felt compassion, came to him, bandaged his wounds, and brought him to an inn and took care of him. That passage of the Bible ends with Jesus saying: "Go and do the same". This parable illustrates the dynamics of the new life that is the fruit of the gospel, in that we are able to see our fellow image bearers as we ought--as neighbours, rather than through the artificial barriers imposed by our fallen nature reinforced by culture. Providing personal care services such as haircuts, hair washing, lice treatments, and foot care is an act of WORSHIP!

You say that Streets Alive is committing contravening activities such as "The operation of the Person in Need Clothing bank" but they are worshiping God by providing clothes to people in need of clothing. Jesus taught his disciples that they are the light of the world in Matthew 5:14. Jesus says in verse 16: "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven." Hebrews 15:16 says: "And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." Providing clothes for people is an act of WORSHIP!

You literally include "philanthropic activities" in your definition of 'Religious Assembly'. The Merriam Webster definition of 'philanthropy' is "goodwill to fellow members of the human race"

and "an act or gift done or made for humanitarian purposes". In my opinion you can't get more philanthropic than providing people with wound care, lice treatments, food and clothing.

I will conclude with the words of John Piper as he explains "Heart of Worship": "The inner essence of worship is to know God truly and then respond from the heart to that knowledge by valuing God, treasuring God, prizing God, enjoying God, being satisfied with God above all earthly things. And then that deep, restful, joyful satisfaction in God overflows in demonstrable acts of praise from the lips AND demonstrable acts of love in serving others for the sake of Christ" (https://www.desiringgod.org/interviews/what-is-worship). And so, I do not think Streets Alive is exceeding activities allowed within the approved Use of 'Religious Assembly'.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Community member,

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Nicole Williams

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