

MATTHEW AND LUKE APPROACH THE CHRISTMAS STORY FROM TWO DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES. MATTHEW WANTS US TO SEE JESUS AS THE FINAL OUTPOURING OF THE SAME LOVING-KINDNESS GOD HAS ALWAYS SHOWED THE WORLD. LUKE WANTS US TO SEE JESUS AS THE BRAND NEW THING GOD IS DOING IN THE WORLD.

THE MIRACLE OF THE INCARNATION IS THAT IT IS BOTH THOSE THINGS - BOTH A CELEBRATION OF WHO GOD HAS ALWAYS BEEN, AND WHAT GOD IS DOING HERE AND NOW.

WE HOPE YOU'LL JOIN US THROUGH DECEMBER AS WE CELEBRATE THE GOD WHO IS WITH US.

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GOD IS WITH US.

AND WITH GOD NOTHING SHALL BE IMPOSSIBLE.

3 DECEMBER - 31 DECEMBER

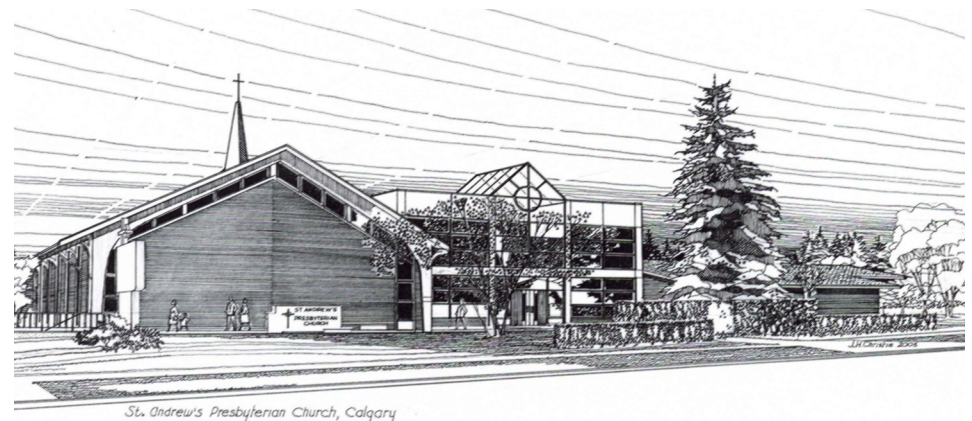
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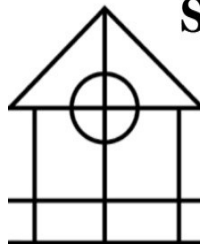
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*Upcoming Sermon Series*



# St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Growing in Faith, Going in Mission

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## HERITAGE SENIORS

(Registration \$20  
September to August)

**WELCOME !!**

### Heritage Senior's Luncheon

**Monday, January 9, 2018 at 12 noon**

*Entertainment—Calgary Fire Department speaks on Fire Safety*

**Tickets available from John or Ron**

**Contact John Y. or Jan K. for further details if required.**

Last day of activities before Christmas is

December 21st



Activities in 2018 begin on Thursday, January 4

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### **Will you be attending any Christmas services this year?**

If so—we could really use **your help**. We are looking for Ushers, Greeters and people for Shepherding for the following dates & times:

Greeter—Christmas Eve 7:00pm service

- Christmas Day Service at 10:30am

Ushers—Christmas Eve 9:00pm service

- Christmas Day Service at 10:30am

Shepherds—Dec. 24th all services, Dec.25 & Dec. 31.

If you can help us out with one or more of the vacant positions, then please sign up at the Volunteer Corner today!

We're glad you came to join with us

In our worship time today,

We hope that you have felt God's love

In a new, refreshing way

For you're so welcomed in this place

And we hope you'll come again,

To join with us in fellowship

And to make some special friends.

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If this is your first visit to St. Andrew's, we welcome you! We hope you enjoy your time with us. Feel free to say hello to whomever is standing at the Welcome Desk. They can provide you with lots of information about the congregation as a whole, as well as the various groups and activities held here. Please don't be shy, that is why the Welcome Desk is there!



We also welcome you to fill out a buff coloured card found in the pew so that we can contact you (if so desired). That way, we can provide you with further information or spiritual care, whatever you are interested in. Just fill the card in, and place it in the collection plate—and we will get back to you!

Stay for a while after the service, and join us for coffee and fellowship in the Karl English Lounge, which is the room off the foyer, directly across from the Sanctuary.

Welcome to St. Andrew's !!!

*Welcome*



### **Greeters for December**

	9:30am	11:15am
Dec. 3	Clayton & Shirley Howe	Barb English
Dec. 10	Sherrill Allan	Clarence & Pat Lomheim
Dec. 17	John & Joan Davies	Brian Hawco, Shirley Allen
Dec. 24	One Serv. Only 10:30am	Fred & Judie Coleman
Dec. 31	One Serv. Only 10:30am	Roger DeGraff

### **Ushers for December**

Dec. 3	Elders	Elders
Dec. 10	James & Sheila Adams	Rene & Gail Prevost
Dec. 17	George & Maureen Amos	James & Carolyn Jerrard
Dec. 24	One Serv. Only 10:30am	Jim & Suzanne Drennan
Dec. 31	One Serv. Only 10:30am	Hugh & Elspeth McFadzean

### **At the Welcome Desk**

	9:30am	11:15am
Dec. 3	Emma McIntyre	Terry Zimmer
Dec. 10	Carol Olton	Gail Prevost
Dec. 17	Eleanor Art	Shirley Allen
Dec. 24	One Serv. Only 10:30am	Shirley Howe
Dec. 31	One Serv. Only 10:30am	Merle Crawford

### **Shepherds for December**

	9:30am	11:15am
Dec. 3	Joan Rowe	Mark Rowe
Dec. 10	George Amos	Cathy Millar
Dec. 17	Noel White	Charle du Toit
Dec. 24	One Serv. Only 10:30am	
Dec. 31	One Serv. Only 10:30am	

### **WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW'S!**

***We want to get to know you, so please introduce yourself to a minister on the way out of the service.***

**Here is some information that may be helpful**

**Guest Book** – found in the foyer – we appreciate having you sign.

**For children and their parents:**

**Worship Bags** just inside the sanctuary doors contain toys suitable for infants and toddlers. Please put the bag under the Usher's table when leaving.

**Activity Packages** and children's bulletins are available from Ushers or on the back table in the Sanctuary. Please leave the package on the Usher's table when leaving.

**Nursery available during both Services**—Speak to an Usher or the Welcome Desk, or anyone wearing a name tag or a "Shepherd" tag, if you are unsure where the Nursery is located.

**Bible processing and ushering** If your child or youth would like to take part in ushering or processing the bible, please add their names to the sign-up sheet at the sign-up centre in the foyer.

**Sunday Morning Programmes**

**Church School at 9:30 am service:**

Kingdom Kids class for children aged 3-7 is using the Dwell curriculum "Imagine", which is designed for younger children and is published by Faith Alive Christian Resources.

Faith Finders class for children aged 8-12 is using the Dwell curriculum designed for older elementary students, which is published by Faith Alive Christian Resources.

**Church School at 11:15 am service:**

Worship Wonders class for children aged 3-12 is using the Dwell curriculum "Imagine" with adaptations for older elementary children, which is published by Faith Alive Christian Resources.

**Adult bible study** will be held at 9:30 am in the Inner Hall. If you are interested in leading a bible study at 11:15am, please contact the office, or speak to a minister.



**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

*will be observed December 3*

**To take communion:** you will be invited to come to the front to receive communion. Please take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and partake of the two elements together.

**If you would prefer:** gluten free bread and small cups are available. Please signal to the Elder by raising your hand, and they will serve you at your seat.

Everyone is welcome to partake in communion.

**Our next communion will be held on Christmas Eve at the 9pm service, and then on Sunday, January 7, 2018 at both services.** Everyone is welcome to partake in communion.

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**Do You Need Some Information or have a Question?**

Visit the **Welcome Desk** in the foyer,

Ask an **Usher** at the back of the Sanctuary,

Fill out the buff coloured **contact card** in the pew and place it in the offering plate

**Would Large Print be helpful ?**

Large print scripture readings, hymns and hymn books, as well as hearing devices are available from the Ushers standing at the table at the back of the Sanctuary

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Please let the ministers or the office know of anyone who is sick or in the hospital.

If you are aware of someone that you feel needs our prayers, please place them on the 'prayer chain', one of our active and important ministries. This is a group who actively pray for others who are going to hospital, having surgery, lost a job, who may be home-bound, have had an accident, or even someone just going through some tough times. If you have a prayer request to pass on to the prayer chain, please contact the minister, the Church Office at [office@standrewscalgary.ca](mailto:office@standrewscalgary.ca) or directly to Judie Coleman @ [judieco@yahoo.ca](mailto:judieco@yahoo.ca).



**ADVENTure 2017 Intergenerational Musical**

Please join us and experience

**How The GROUCH Found Christmas**

Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> (both services)

EVERYONE is invited to join the Christian Education Team downstairs in Trinity Hall at 10:30 to decorate and consume cookies!

**Family Ministry**

**The Advent Project** - This December, Family Ministry is presenting a new type of Advent calendar for kids of all ages. The Advent Project is asking everyone to look for some way to think of or help others each day of Advent. Beginning December 3rd, we will have The Advent Project calendars available to take home and work on throughout the week. Every day, you (families work on this together) will write down one thing you did to help someone else, such as buying someone coffee, shoveling a neighbour's sidewalk, donating to charity, baking muffins for someone, or as simple as holding the door open for someone else. The give doesn't have to be big, it just has to be about actively thinking of others and making someone else smile. Each Sunday, you will be invited to write down one thing you did for someone else that week. These will serve as inspiration for the many ways our church family is spreading God's love. The Advent Project is inspired by the blog Give 365. The Ted Talk can be found at <http://blog.365give.ca> - Check it out and pick up your Advent Project Calendar starting December 3<sup>rd</sup>!



## Family Ministry



**Surge Youth Group – The Bible Project**  
Youth meets **Thursday evenings from 6:30-9pm in the upstairs small youth room.** We will meet every Thursday, with the exception of holidays. This fall we are using a video series through the group The Bible Project, [www.thebibleproject.com](http://www.thebibleproject.com). There will be a few Friday night fun events through the year as well, watch for those in upcoming bulletins.

## Parent/Adult Study – The Apostles Creed

Rev. Jared has put together an amazing study on the Apostles Creed that he will be offering on the first and fourth Thursday evenings of the month from October to April in the Karl English Lounge. This study is geared towards parents, but open to anyone, to take the Apostles Creed and break it down to explain Christianity and our faith. Each night covers two different topics and can be taken independently so if you can't make them all or stay so late, that's okay! Check out the list and come out to what works for you. The nursery will be open with a movie playing for little kids and the youth group study will still be happening upstairs. If you are dropping off your youth feel free to come visit with other parents from 6:30-7pm. on Thursday, December 7



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## Ladies Guild Christmas Luncheon

The Ladies Guild's Christmas luncheon will be held on Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at Smugglers Inn, 6920 Macleod Trail South at 11:30am. All ladies of the congregation are welcome! Carpooling will be available. Please sign up at the Volunteer Corner today!



## SIGN UP AT THE VOLUNTEER CENTRE

*Current needs are for:*

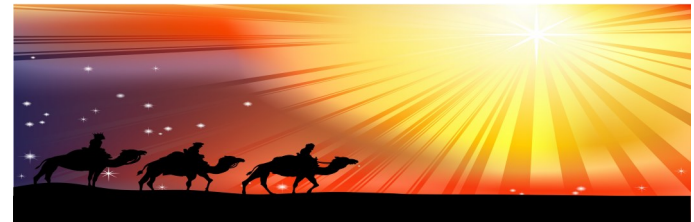
- Nursery Volunteers
- Side by Side Bakers-Muffins
- Stephen Ministry
- Children & Youth Bible Processors & Ushers
- CareShare Update Signup
- Aboriginal Awareness Committee
- Coffee Hosts
- Side by Side Bakers-Cookies



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## Christmas Services for 2017

- ADVENTure Sunday (both services) December 10**
- Music Sunday (both services) December 17**
- Christmas Eve Morning—10:30 am (one service only)**
- Christmas Eve Afternoon—Family—4:30 pm**
- Evening: Candlelight Service—7:00 pm & Candlelight & Communion Service—9:00 pm**
- Christmas Day Dec. 25 —One Service Only 10:30 am**
- New Year's Eve Day Dec. 31—One Service Only 10:30 am**
- January 7, 2018—One Service Only at 10:30am**
- (Joy to the World has been cancelled this year)**



**Deadlines - please mark this very important date**

**December 20 for January's Monthly Bulletin**

Get your information in to the office early! If anything you feel is important gets missed somehow, we will put the information on the announcement loop that plays before the service, and if possible, on the back of the Order of Service.



There will be no News from the Pews in January.

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Please watch the Loop of Announcements showing at the front of the Sanctuary before and after service. You can also watch this loop in the foyer on the television set up high in the corner next to the office. This is the place to catch up on anything new, or to find a reminder of upcoming events!

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**The Annual Christmas Bazaar** was a great success again this year.



There were countless hours of volunteers who sewed, crafted, baked, cooked, sorted, organized, advertised, set-up, served and cleaned up. We appreciate your commitment to this wonderful event that brings so many people together in fellowship. To all of you who so generously donated, shopped, bounced and enjoyed the fellowship in the tea room, we are grateful for your

loyalty and support of the work we do at St Andrew's. With this years takings of around \$12000.00, we will wisely use the majority of these funds for St. Andrew's, and for smaller community mission projects beyond the walls of St. Andrew's. If you missed purchasing a delicious Christmas Pudding, you are in luck - there are still a few available from Sylvia Shaw phone # 403-238-3369

**- - - Ladies Afternoon and Evening Guild**

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Prayer Partnership Pamphlets for December now available at the Usher's table at the back of the Sanctuary.

**Stephen Ministry @ St. Andrew's**

At St. Andrew's we think there is a need for special care of people in crises. There is a program called Stephen Ministry that might help us to provide this ministry. This ministry would depend on finding enough people with gifts including listening and faith, to visit one person once a week during a difficult time in their lives. Stephen Ministry is a lay pastoral care program for congregations that equips and empowers lay caregivers - called Stephen Ministers - to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting. The training program provides 50 hours of instruction in pastoral care. The format for Stephen Ministry then provides a way to manage and support you as a care giver in this ministry. Training will be led by a qualified Stephen Leader and will take place at St. Peter's Anglican Church (903 - 75th Avenue SW) beginning on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 1:00 pm. If you would like more information please contact Judie Coleman at 403-281-4605 or [judieco@yahoo.ca](mailto:judieco@yahoo.ca). You can find out more about this ministry on their website: [www.stephenministries.org](http://www.stephenministries.org). If this is something that is of interest to you, please sign up today at the Volunteer Corner.

**CRISIS  
ALERT**

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**Volunteers Needed!!**

Do you get accused at home of "hogging the remote"? Why not volunteer to push buttons at the Audio/Video Desk on Sunday mornings? You can advance the PowerPoint slides or switch the camera positions for the remote broadcasts. If this interests you or if you would like to consider any other service to the A/V group at the soundboard or the video desk, please visit us at the back of the Sanctuary on Sunday morning.



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Calling for Volunteers!!! Needing volunteers to serve on a committee to organize Aboriginal Awareness Events. Sign up at the Volunteer Corner or contact Brian Hawco 403 650 2265





### Christmas Cookie Plates.....

Christmas Cookie plates are a St. Andrew's CareShare mission project, for our members who are in nursing homes, homebound, who have suffered the loss of a spouse this year or for those who are challenged by major health problems or other crises.

This gesture is a hopefully a reminder to the recipient and their family, that we remember and do support them in thought and prayer, at this time of year.

Anyone who is willing to share a batch of Christmas cookies, please deliver to the Karl English Lounge on Friday Dec. 1st, during office hours (9am-noon and 1 to 4pm). Last year 63 plates were delivered, each with a Christmas greeting and message prepared by one of our ministers..

Thank you for your consideration of our request for help with the baking. Judy McVittie 403 279 344

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To ensure that all in attendance and/or members of the congregation are aware of this information, we will be publishing the following key message on a regular basis: ***“If you identify that someone is in need of medical attention during a service, please raise your hand to indicate to the Minister that assistance is needed.”***



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Four (4) new **Assisted Listening System** receivers are now available in the Sanctuary for people with hearing issues. They are located in the cabinet by the entry doors. Speak to a sound board person or Tom Spoering for assistance.

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Please join us for a Bible Study on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the Inner Hall. We are studying “Walk as Jesus walks—making Disciples” by Ray Vander Laan!

A bible study, “Coffee & Conversation” is held on Tuesdays at 9:30 am in the Karl English Lounge. Everyone is welcome.



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### CareShare Refresh

If you would like to provide an occasional meal, part of a meal, bake, or transport someone to a medical appointment, please contact me by phone or email, so that a brand new CareShare contact list can be created. We are particularly looking for volunteers who regularly check their emails. Please include: your name, address, email address, and phone number(s). If you already are a volunteer, please contact me with the above to reconfirm your interest in continuing to help us and to be on the new CareShare list. (you may also sign up in the foyer)

Joan Rowe, CareShare  
403-281-6243 [mjrowe@telus.net](mailto:mjrowe@telus.net)



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The office will be closed on Monday, December 25, and Tuesday, December 26, and will reopen on Wednesday December 27 at 9:00 am. The office will also be closed on Monday, January 1, 2018.

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### THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH.....

.....is “Nametag Sunday”.

The last Sunday of the month is December 31. On that day, please feel free to bring a name tag from home, or use one of the tags provided on the tables in both the Karl English Lounge, and in the foyer. Wearing the tag helps us all put names to faces, as we the “Pass Peace of Christ” (shake hands). Please remember that there will only be one service at 10:30am that morning!



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

# December



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Bible Study 9:30am / Communion-Sunday Services 9:30 & 11:15am/ Sudanese Serv.1:30pm

Christian Education Team LFS 7pm

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KEL Coffee & Conversation 9:30am  
Welcome & Fellowship 7pm KEL /Facilities Group 7:30pm LFS / ADVENTure practice 7pm

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Side by Side 9:45am KEL / Bible Study Inner Hall 6:30pm  
Worship Team KEL 7pm

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Youth Bible Study YL 7pm  
Chancel Choir 7:30pm TH  
Apostles Creed Bible Study 7pm KEL

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Foodbank Delivery 8:30am TH

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ADVENTure practice 10:00 am  
Cookie Plate assembly 10am  
Foodbank 1pm TH

10 ADVENTure

Sunday Services 9:30 & 11:15am  
Bible Study 9:30am  
Sudanese Serv.1:30pm

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Personnel Team 1:30pm LFS

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KEL Coffee & Conversation 9:30am  
Ladies Afternoon Guild 11:30am Luncheon offsite  
Stewardship LFS 7pm

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Side by Side 9:45am KEL / S&P Team 7pm LFS / Bible Study Inner Hall 6:30pm

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Youth Bible Study YL 7pm  
Chancel Choir 7:30pm TH

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Foodbank Delivery 8:30am TH

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Foodbank 1pm

17 Hymn Sing

Before Services / Bible Study 9:30am / **Music** Sun. Serv. 9:30 & 11:15am/ Sudanese Serv.1:30pm 3pm Sanc-

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KEL Coffee & Conversation 9:30am

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Side by Side 9:45am KEL / Bible Study Inner Hall 6:30pm/ **Deadline for Dec. Bulletin**

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Youth Bible Study YL 7pm  
Chancel Choir 7:30pm TH

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Foodbank Delivery 8:30am TH

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Foodbank 1pm

24 One Service

10:30am/4:30pm Family, 7pm Candle-light/9pm-Candle-light & Communion

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One Service 10:30 am  
Office Closed

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Office Closed

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Side by Side 9:45am KEL  
Bible Study Inner Hall 6:30pm

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Youth Bible Study YL 7pm  
Chancel Choir 7:30pm TH

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Foodbank Delivery 8:30am TH

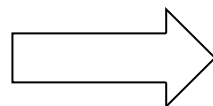
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Foodbank 1pm

31 One morning Serv.10:30am



NOTES:



“KEL” refers to Karl English Lounge  
“LFS” refers to Lower Fireside Room  
“YL” refers to Youth Lounge

This calendar does not show all church bookings. Please call the Office at 403-255-0001 if you wish to book a meeting.

**One Service Only January 7, 2018 at 10:30am**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**