



St. Albert United Church

an Affirming Ministry within the United Church of Canada

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Good News...

For those of you who were not able to attend the Special General Meeting and the brainstorming session for ways to raise funds for the church, we came out of that meeting with a list of great ideas to pursue. Volunteers have already started to lay the groundwork so we can launch some of these initiatives early in the new year and we will be sharing details after Christmas.

In addition to the long list of fundraising ideas that were highlighted, we're excited to share that following the meeting, a member of the congregation approached us with an extremely generous offer to match donations to the church up to a total of \$20,000! To take part in this offer, you need to simply make a note on your cheque or along with your E-transfer that says, "Matching Donation", and your donation will be matched by our anonymous donor. The deadline for this offer is January 31, 2022.

We are so grateful for this generous offer because with the potential money raised by this program, as well as by the other fundraising initiatives that we will be implementing, St Albert United Church is poised to be on track through this fiscal year and into next year as we go through our church visioning process in 2022.

We are blessed with such a caring, generous and engaged congregation at St Albert United. It is fitting that this great news comes during Advent, one of the most hopeful times of the year.

On behalf of Council, I would like to thank everyone for their participation in our Special Meeting and for your continuous generosity and willingness to volunteer. And we would like to wish all of you a safe, healthy and merry Christmas.

Troy Sartison (Chair)
Susan Waldie
Ann Sargent
Alice Hinds
Mike Anhorn
Ken Hutchinson
Stephen Fitzpatrick
Rev. Mervin Gallant
Rev. Deborah Hoekstra

Our Mission: As followers of Jesus, we cultivate spaces where everyone has room to grow; we share God's hope for the Earth.