

WEEK AT A GLANCE: March 19 – March 25, 2023

Sunday	Service – Rev. Mervin Gallant Pie Day after service today Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 16: 1-13 John 9: 1-7	10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.
Monday	Restorative Yoga Genesis U.I.B.	2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Broadview Council	10:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Bible Study Choir	Noon 7:00 p.m.
Friday	M & P Meeting	10:00 a.m.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: March 26 – April 1, 2023

Sunday	Service – Rev. Deborah Hoekstra Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 37: 1-14 John 1: 1-45	10:00 a.m.
Monday	Restorative Yoga Genesis U.I.B.	2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Bible Study Choir	Noon 7:00 p.m.
Saturday	I.D.I.	Noon

SUNDAY SERVICE PARTICIPANTS March 19, 2023

Service: Rev. Mervin Gallant & Rev. Deborah Hoekstra

Music Ministry: Donna Graham, Lorna Walker & United in Bronze; SAUC Choir Members

A.V. Technicians: Wade Hayden, Lionel Larcombe, Ken Hutchinson, Troy Sartison and Luke Sartison

Grapevine: March 19, 2023

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Notice of Special Congregational Meeting at SAUC:

Sunday March 26, 2023 at 11:45 a.m. to approve the Community of Faith Profile; This is the first step of the Search and Selection process.

All are welcome.



Celebrate National Affirming/PIE Day on March 14, 2023!

Why PIE? PIE = *Public. Intentional. Explicit.*

These are the standards we hold ourselves and our welcome to when we become affirming, welcoming, or inclusive communities. March 14 is a chance to celebrate the full inclusion of LGBTQIA+ and Two Spirit people in faith communities and beyond across Canada.

Public: Being out and proud! LGBTQIA+ communities are often invisible, because of safety, and because of the assumption that everyone is cisgendered or heterosexual. When a ministry is Public in its welcome, it gives LGBTQIA+ people more space to be out and proud.

Intentional: Being LGBTQIA+-welcoming should always be an intentional act. An Affirming ministry is deliberate in their process of study, education and dialogue with members of their faith community (both during the Affirming process and as a piece of their ongoing work). They ensure that the history of oppression and discrimination by the Church is both understood and acknowledged, and that continued growth, education, and celebration are part of its ministry.

Explicit: Name us! There is a power in a name, especially when LGBTQIA+ names have for centuries been used as insults, and Two Spirit identities have been violently oppressed and suppressed by Christianity and colonization. An Affirming ministry needs to be loud and proud about whom it welcomes.

Information provided by <https://pieday.ca/materials>





You're Invited to a Farewell Luncheon for Rev. Mervin Gallant!!!

We would like to extend an invitation to SAUC congregation to attend a potluck farewell luncheon on April 23, 2023 at 11:30 a.m. in honor of Rev. Mervin Gallant in the Friendship Hall.

Donations toward a gift may be made in the donation box at the back of the church at coffee time or at the church office. **(Please clearly label as "farewell gift for Rev. Mervin.)** There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex for pot luck.



SEEPETZA

"We practice so much on Sunday afternoons that I sometimes almost fall asleep on my feet, and my whole body aches." If the children are less than perfect in their performance, they feel the wrath of Sister Theo's shillelagh. Worse yet, the children are compelled to smile even when they are tired or afraid: "Sister makes us smile all the time when we are dancing. If we don't, she punches us with her shilayley."

Source: "Taking Back Our Spirits"
by Jo-Ann Episkenew

Living Into Right Relations (LIRR)

Heads up on a change of date for UCW Bake Sale:

New date **May 6th** in time to treat Mom's for Mother's Day. More info to come next month.



The St. Albert Sturgeon Hospice Association is hosting our annual Hike or Bike for Hospice event on May 13, 2023 at Kingswood Park.

This is the first time the event will be held in person and we are hoping for a great turnout! We hope that you will help us spread the word about the event and encourage participation to raise awareness and funds for palliative hospice care in St. Albert and Sturgeon County. All proceeds from this event will support our programs in the community.

Please see attached poster.

To contact the Sunday School:

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Or

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Friendship Dinner and Iftar 2023

April 1, 2023

Saturday 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

St. Albert United Church

20 Green Grove Drive / St. Albert T8N 5H6

- There will be time to mingle.
- Presentation will be ½ hour discussing common qualities between Christianity and Islam.
- Followed by a question & answer period.
- Iftar to begin shortly after 8:00 p.m.

Food will be provided by I.D.I. (Intercultural Dialogue Institute)