



# Southminster News

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May 2026

*Office Hours*  
Monday - Friday  
9am to 4pm



Sunday Worship Services  
10:30 a.m.  
*In person or live streamed on Facebook*

## Minister's Message:

I wish to offer an enormous word of thanks to every member of Southminster who assisted with our hosting of the Chinook Winds AGM. Many of the delegates came to me to express how well they had been taken care of by our folks. Special thanks to Taina Arnell, who chaired the Local Arrangements committee, as well as the other members of that committee: *Joan Smith, Janice Ross, Gabrielle Dumont, and Barb Clay*. Many delegates enjoyed a pre-event visit to the Nikka Yuko Japanese Gardens on April 30 and a historical talk presented by *Rev. Dr. Tad Mitsui and Dr. Kathryn Yamashita*, whose contributions are much appreciated. Thank you to *Kade Hogg and Chris Litchfield-Dittmann* for preparing the giant repertoire of music for the Celebration of Ministry. We have set a very high bar for next year's AGM at Summit View United Church in Calgary.

In addition to the tremendous welcome and hospitality people experienced at Southminster, the content of the meeting was also very well received by those who attended. The *Rev. Mitchell Anderson* offered us very practical and thought-provoking theme times to take back with us to our congregations.

Now looking ahead to May, we'll celebrate **Mother's Day** next Sunday, and then two Sunday after that will be **Pentecost on May 24**. We will celebrate several new people joining our congregation as full members, and as is our custom, we'll be having a food truck picnic in the parking lot following worship that day.

Many thanks to every person who makes Southminster the special place that it is, and to God who works through each of us to make a positive change in the lives of everyone who walks through our doors.

- *Rev. Taylor*



Rev. Taylor Croissant, Presiding Officer of the Chinook Winds Regional Council, the Candidate for Ordination William Brook, the Executive Minister of Chinook Winds Region Treena Duncan and Vocational Minister for Chinook Winds Region Cari Copeman-Haynes at the 2026 Celebration of Ministry at Southminster on May 3.



**WOW! Thank you** does not seem to be enough to say to the following amazing people who so willingly donated their time and energy to make the Chinook Winds Regional Gathering move smoothly:

Wanda Henderson, Carol Romses, Roz Morris, Janice Ross, Gabrielle Dumont, Barbara Clay, Brooke Culley, Debbie Argyle, Graham Argyle, Judy Mackenzie, Carole Roberts, Amy Dodic, Linda Horner, Steve Dobay, Dan Bruce, Donna Tait, Brian Ward, Lori O’Leary, Cathy Hann, Hilary Squires, Christopher Collins, Daphne Bassendowski, Ruth Preston Schilk, Marg Chubb, Christina Whittmire, Sheila Braund, Wanda Gibbons, Julie Scholten, Keilan Scholten, Brenda Albrecht, Joyce Boisvenue, Paul Clayton, Ronald DeGagne, Ted Coatham, Kathryn Kuppan, Jette Allen, Megan Allen, Tessa Allen, Barbara Norlin, Trevor Norlin, Taina Arnell, Jack Yaeck, Jeannie Slemko, Ryan Bruce, Sheila Jacobson, Jada Winters; who served on the Local Arrangements Committee!

***They decorated, shopped, did dishes, set up, served, fetched and carried, prepared vegetables, fruit and cheese, made coffee, tea and punch, and “completed other duties as assigned”!***

Because of this awesome team of volunteers, we received so many wonderful comments about our hospitality! Great job, everyone!! Thanks also to McKillop United Church for lending us their soup bowls and to Cornerstone Funeral Home for lending us their Pub Height Tables.

- **Joan Smith**

***Thank you to Joan Smith for coordinating the kitchen volunteer shifts, and working from every day from early morning to late night, making sure all beverage, snack, and meal servings went off without a hitch. You are amazing!***





Southminster has joined Instagram! You can find us there at our new page, @southminster.yql (<https://www.instagram.com/southminster.yql>)

**SATT in May  
Saturday at 10:30am**

**May 2** Chinook Winds Regional AGM

**May 9** Clay ornament craft with Amy in the basement Sunday School room. We will make Christmas ornaments for the Sanctuary trees to be used this coming Christmas

**May 16** Spring Walkies with Amy (details in the Friday email)

**May 23** Scratching Post discussion with Ruth and Harold in the Lounge (see below left for details)

**May 30** TBA

**SATT – Saturday at 10:30am**

Join Ruth and Harold for the next **Scratching Post** discussion hour on **Saturday, May 23 at 10:30 a.m. in the Lounge** when we will become (better) acquainted with some of the Psalms in the Bible. Is there a Psalm or parts of a Psalm that has special significance or puzzlement for you? You and your experiences, thoughts and questions are welcome. Please bring your Bible. *(There are some Bibles in the Lounge for borrowing, too).*



*From your Pastoral Care Committee*

- ✓ Do we have your birthday on file? If not, we would love to add you to our annual calendar. The year is not necessary just the day and month. Call Janice at 403-330-4482 or email [Janice.ross@telus.net](mailto:Janice.ross@telus.net)
- ✓ Do you get the **Friday email** from the office? If not call the office at 403-327-3404 and get added. This email updates everything going on at Southminster for the week and the Sunday service information including if we have special guests for music, a baptism etc.
- ✓ Do you ever wonder why so many people don't put an envelope or money in the offering plate? **We are on PAR** (pre-authorized remittance) monthly a preset amount is withdrawn from personal banking and at year end we get a tax receipt for donations. Call the office for more Information. It is so easy!
- ✓ Do you know someone that could use a visit or a call or a card to know we are thinking of them? Pastoral care is about keeping people connected, Rev. Taylor or one of us on our committee would be happy to reach out.



**Yours in Christ,**  
Janice Ross for Pastoral care Committee:

*Linda Horner, Ann Marie McDonald, Sheila Hollihan, Joyce Boisvenue, Sheila Braund*

## The AGM/ ANW Conferences/Chinook Winds Regional Council

Archives Corner  
by Trish Purkis



**The Alberta Northwest Conference was established in 1925.** The Conferences were held in various cities throughout the province of Alberta. The 28th session of the conference was held for the first time in Lethbridge and Southminster Church was the host May 15-21, 1952.

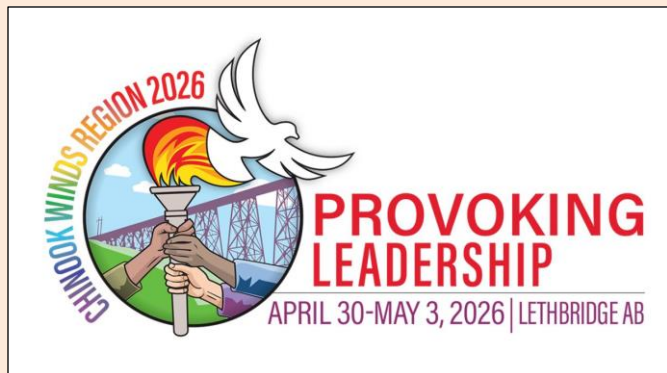
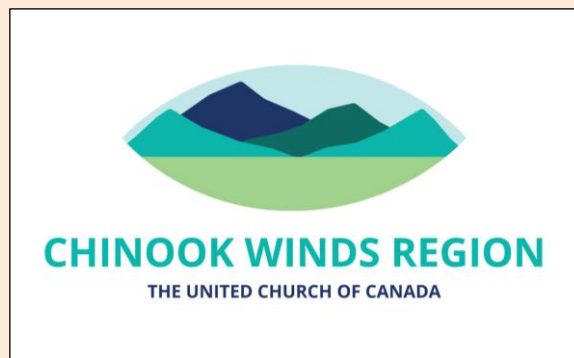
**In the Mother's Day Sunday bulletin on May 11, 1952, the conference week was highlighted:**

- Thu May 15 8 p.m. Official Opening, *President's Address and Holy Communion*
- Fri May 16 6 p.m. Conference Banquet – *speaker – Senator W.A. Buchanan speaking on the responsibility of layman to work in the Church. Cost of banquet \$1.25*
- Sat May 17 afternoon Some delegates free from conference duties, *tour Lethbridge and District.*  
6 p.m. Buffet supper for delegates and hosts at *Marquis Hotel*
- Sun May 18 11 a.m. *Worship Service with The Rev. M.A. MacKinnon speaking*  
7.30 p.m. *Worship Service with The Rev. E.J. Thompson speaking*  
8:45 p.m. Religious Drama 'Revolt' *presented by the church's Teen Club and Young People's Society.*
- Mon May 19 8 p.m. *Missionary Night – speaker The Rev. K. J. Beaton*
- Tue May 20 8 p.m. *Memorial & Ordination Services*
- Wed May 21 10 a.m. *Installation of President*  
5 p.m. *Official Closing*

At the end of the six-day gathering, Conference Alberta expressed great appreciation for the welcome and hospitality its members received while in the city. Many declared 'this conference was the best ever.'

**Lethbridge has hosted three other conferences in which the worship services on conference Sunday were held at Southminster.** In 1982 [the 58th Session] the conference venue was the University of Lethbridge. Reverend Nelson Mercer, former minister of the church was the special guest. In 1991 [67th Session], the conference was held at the [then called] Community College. In 2003 [79th Session] on Sunday June 1st, the church hosted the conference – Celebration of Ministries Worship Service with the service beginning at 9:30 a.m. where Ned Garstad, ministry candidate from Southminster, was ordained.

In 2019, was the first session of the conference meeting under the **new name of Chinook Winds Regional Council.** It convened June 7-8 at McKillop United Church.



In 2026, the Chinook Winds Regional AGM was held at Southminster on April 30 – May 3 with about 140 delegates from congregations all across Southern Alberta.

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# NEWSLETTER

## Registration is Open for All Camps!

Join us for one of our amazing camps! We are offering 6 weeks of youth camps, as well as other weekend camps! See the dates below and register at [www.campcanyon.ca](http://www.campcanyon.ca).

### Youth Camps:

Discovery Camp: August 4-7th (3 nights) - Ages 6-9

Explorer Camps: Multiple Dates and Ages (see below-5 nights each)

- July 5-10: Ages 8-11
- July 12-17: Ages 10-12
- July 19-24: Ages 12-14

Youth Adventure Camp: August 9th-14th (5 nights) - Ages 13-15

Multi-Faith Youth Adventure Camp: August 16th-21st (5 nights) - Ages 14-19

### Other Camps:

Family Camps: June 19-21, Jul 17-19, Aug 7-9

Women's Retreat: Sep 11-13

Alumni Weekend: Sep 25-27



## Be A Volunteer!

There are many ways to help Canyon Church Camp!

Check out our "Work Bees" coming up: May 9th, May 16th, May 23rd, May 30<sup>th</sup>, June 6th

## Miss Camp? Be a Volunteer this 2026 Season!

## Presenting Our 2026 Logo!



Want To Get Involved? Contact us!

Have Questions? Visit our Website!



[info@campcanyon.ca](mailto:info@campcanyon.ca)

[www.campcanyon.ca](http://www.campcanyon.ca)



**Songs of Inspiration**  
 Saturday, May 9, 2026  
 at 7:00 pm  
 Southminster United Church  
 1011 4<sup>th</sup> Ave South, Lethbridge, AB

**Featuring:**  
**LCBS Brass Band**  
**Ken Rogers, Conductor**

**Musical Guests:**  
**The 5 Singing Guys**  
 George Evelyn, Juran Greene, Kade Hogg, Devin Law,  
 David Mikuliak, Peter Monaghan, Ken Rogers, Greg Sheen  
 Pianist: Don Ponech


Tickets \$20 (Students, 18 and under free)  
 Available at [LCBS.YAPSODY.COM](http://LCBS.YAPSODY.COM),  
 Band Members or at the door

The Lethbridge Community Band Society  
 Foundation for the Arts

## Food Truck Sunday May 24

Once again, on a Pentecost Sunday, we will enjoy a Picnic in the north parking lot after Worship with the following **Food Trucks:**

The Hawaiian Burger Truck,  
 The Super Cheesy Truck,  
 Two Guys and a Pizza Place  
 Mel's Pop Shop.





**Celebration of Ministry Worship on May 3 at  
Southminster United Church**







*Christina Whittmire received a Thank you at the Chinook Region AGM for her tireless work to rebuild Canyon Church Camp after the 2017 Keno Wildfire.*



**The Sunday School of First United** is having a pie fundraiser from "The Pie Store". We will be taking orders until May 17 with delivery in June. Email your order to **First United Church** office at [firstunited.leth@telus.net](mailto:firstunited.leth@telus.net)

	FRUIT PIES						MEAT PIES					
	Apple		Saskatoon		Peach Berry (Peaches, Saskatoons, Strawberries)		Chicken Pot Pie		Chili Pot Pie		Steak & Veggie	
	4"	9"	4"	9"	4"	9"	4"	9"	4"	9"	4"	9"
	\$6.00	\$22.50	\$6.00	\$22.50	\$6.00	\$22.50	\$7.75	\$27.00	\$7.75	\$27.00	\$7.75	\$27.00
Customer Name												

# May 2026 at Southminster

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>3</b></p> <p>9:45-11:45 am Lutherans (Ch)  <b>10:00am</b> Worship (S, SMH)                      1:30-4:30pm Symphony (S)  <b>6:30-8:30 pm</b> Community Band (SMH)</p> 	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>10-11am Sjøkkjøkk (UH)                      4:45-6:45pm Sjøkkjøkk (UH)                      5-6pm Healing Pathways (Ch)                      6:30-11pm Symphony (S, SMH, L)                      7:30-9:30pm Aurora Choral (UH)</p> 	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>9am Jonathan (S)                      9-11am Sjøkkjøkk (UH)                      4:45-6:45pm Sjøkkjøkk (UH)                      5:30-7:30pm It's About Music (Ch)</p> 	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>4:30-5:30 Music Together (UH)                      4:30 Property Comm. Meeting (L)                      7-9pm Choir Practice (S)                      7-8pm Yoga (UH)</p> 	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>9-11am Sjøkkjøkk (UH)  <b>10:30-12 pm</b> Coffee and Conv. (L)                      11 am-1 pm Blankets for Canada                      4:30-5pm Kathy Møller (Ch)                      4:45-6:45pm Sjøkkjøkk (UH)  <b>6-8:30pm</b> It's About Music (S)                      6:45-8:45pm Turb Corda (UH)</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>9-10am Sjøkkjøkk (UH)  <b>10-10:45am</b> Fit for Life (SMH)  <b>6-10pm</b> Cornhole (SMH)</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>8:45-11:45 Sjøkkjøkk (UH)                      9am Men's Club Breakfast (L, K)  <b>10:30</b> SATT Clay with Amy                      2-10pm Community Band (S, L)                      7pm Concert</p>
<p><b>10</b></p> <p>9:45-11:45 am Lutherans (Ch)  <b>10:30 am</b> Worship (S, SMH)  <b>Mother's Day</b></p> 	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>10-11am Sjøkkjøkk (UH)                      4:45-6:45pm Sjøkkjøkk (UH)  <b>6:30-10pm</b> Symphony (S)                      7:30-9:30pm Aurora Choral (UH)</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>9-11am Sjøkkjøkk (UH)                      4:45-6:45pm Sjøkkjøkk (UH)                      5:30-7:30pm It's About Music (Ch)</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>6-10pm</b> Symphony Recording (S)                      4:30-5:30 Music Together (UH)  <b>7-9pm</b> Choir Practice (SMH)                      7-8pm Yoga (UH)</p> 	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>9-11am Sjøkkjøkk (UH)  <b>10:30-12 pm</b> Coffee and Conv. (L)                      11 am-1 pm Blankets for Canada                      4:45-6:45pm Sjøkkjøkk (UH)  <b>6-10pm</b> Symphony Recording (S)                      5pm Symphony (BR)</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>9-10am Sjøkkjøkk (UH)  <b>10-10:45am</b> Fit for Life (SMH)                      10pm-12am Wedding Hall Decorating (SMH)</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>8:45-11:45 Sjøkkjøkk (UH)  <b>10:30 SATT</b> Walkies with Amy  <b>12pm</b> - Jam Wedding Reception (SMH, K)                      12-4pm Wedding (S)</p>
<p><b>17</b></p> <p>9:45-11:45 am Lutherans (Ch)  <b>10:30 am</b> Worship (S, SMH)</p> 	<p><b>18</b></p> <p><b>6:30-10pm</b> Symphony (SMH)                      7:30-9:30pm Aurora Choral (UH)</p> <p><b>Victoria Day</b>                      —Office Closed</p> 	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>9-11am Sjøkkjøkk (UH)                      4:45-6:45pm Sjøkkjøkk (UH)                      5:30-7:30pm It's About Music (Ch)</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>4:30-5:30 Music Together (UH)  <b>4:30-8pm</b> Young Lions (S, SMH, L)                      7-9pm Choir Practice (Ch)                      7-8pm Yoga (UH)</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>9-11am Sjøkkjøkk (UH)  <b>10:30-12 pm</b> Coffee and Conv. (L)                      11 am-1 pm Blankets for Canada                      4:30-5pm Kathy Møller (Ch)                      4:30-10pm Aurora Choral (S)                      4:45-6:45pm Sjøkkjøkk (UH)  <b>5pm</b> Symphony (BR)                      6:30pm Council (L)  <b>6-8:30pm</b> It's About Music (S)</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>9-10am Sjøkkjøkk (UH)  <b>10-10:45am</b> Fit for Life (SMH)  <b>12-9:30pm</b> Festival Awards (S)</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>8:45-11:45 Sjøkkjøkk (UH)  <b>10:30 SATT</b> with Harold and Ruth (L)</p>
<p><b>24</b></p> <p>9:45-11:45 am Lutherans (Ch)  <b>10:30 am</b> Worship (S)                      Food Truck Sunday  <b>2pm</b> Hall Rental (SMH)</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>10-11am Sjøkkjøkk (UH)                      4:45-6:45pm Sjøkkjøkk (UH)  <b>6:30-10pm</b> Symphony (SMH)                      7:30-9:30pm Aurora Choral (UH)</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>9-11am Sjøkkjøkk (UH)                      4:45-6:45pm Sjøkkjøkk (UH)                      5:30-7:30pm It's About Music (Ch)</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>4:30-5:30 Music Together (UH)  <b>7-9pm</b> Choir Practice (S)                      7-8pm Yoga (UH)</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>9-11am Sjøkkjøkk (UH)  <b>10:30-12 pm</b> Coffee and Conv. (L)                      11 am-1 pm Blankets for Canada                      4:30-5pm Kathy Møller (Ch)                      4:45-6:45pm Sjøkkjøkk (UH)  <b>6-8:30pm</b> It's About Music (S)</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p><b>10-10:45am</b> Fit for Life (SMH)  <b>10 am</b> Bråte Organ Tuning (S)</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p><b>1-4pm</b> Cornhole (SMH)</p> 
<p><b>31</b></p> <p>9:45-11:45 am Lutherans (Ch)  <b>10:30 am</b> Worship (S, SMH)                      12-1pm Healing Pathways (L)</p>						

**Thank you to the members of the May Discipleship Pod:**

(aka Mayflowers): Janice Ross, Barb & Trevor Norlin, Joyce Boisvenue, Lori O'Leary & Rhedyn, Jack Yaeck, Jeanne Slemko, Jason Stone and Taina Arnell. They will look after greeting, ushering, coffee hour hosting every week, and Communion serving and Scripture readings in March.

