

# Northern Spirit Regional Council Prayer Cycle: 2025



# **Northern Spirit Prayer Cycle 2025**

The Northern Spirit Regional Council hopes that communities of faith and individuals will use this prayer cycle as a way to connect with other communities of faith by including them in weekly thoughts and prayers.

Take note of when your own community of faith is included and remember on that day the many others who are holding you in their prayers.

We have tried to have every community of faith and special ministry in Northern Spirit listed once in this prayer cycle. Please contact the Regional Office if your community was missed.

# January 5

# **Epiphany Sunday**

• Northern Spirit Regional Commissions, Committees, and Task Groups

# January 12

# **Baptism of Jesus**

- Spruce Grove Pastoral Charge (St. Andrew's United Church)
- Namao (Morinville) Pastoral Charge (Namao United; Bon Accord United; Morinville United)

# January 19

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18 - 25)

- Fort Saskatchewan Pastoral Charge (First United Church)
- Fairview Pastoral Charge (St. Paul's United)

# January 26

- Edson Pastoral Charge
- Edgerton-Paradise Valley Pastoral Charge (Faith United, Paradise Valley United)

#### February 2

Black History Month (February)

- Strathearn Pastoral Charge, Edmonton
- Devon Pastoral Charge

#### February 9

 Vermilion River Pastoral Charge (First United Church, Vermilion; Wesley United, Kitscoty; St. Andrew's United, Marwayne; McQueen Memorial United, Mannville)

#### February 16

- Fort McMurray: First Pastoral Charge (First United)
- Garneau Pastoral Charge, Edmonton

#### February 23

- Saddle Lake Pastoral Charge
- Highlands Pastoral Charge, Edmonton

#### March 2

# Transfiguration Sunday

Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday (March 4 & 5)

- Barrhead Pastoral Charge (Barrhead United, Agnes Memorial United, Fort Assiniboine United, Swan Hills United)
- Clairmont Pastoral Charge

#### March 9

#### First Sunday in Lent

World Day of Prayer (March 7)
International Woman's Day (March 8)

- Sangudo Pastoral Charge
- Beaverlodge/Wembley/Hythe Pastoral Charge (Beaverlodge United, Wembley United)

#### March 16

# Second Sunday in Lent

National Affirming / PIE Day (March 14)

- Ardrossan Pastoral Charge
- Camrose Pastoral Charge

#### March 23

# Third Sunday in Lent

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (March 21)

- Chalmers-Castle Downs Pastoral Charge, Edmonton
- Fort Nelson: Hillcrest Pastoral Charge (Hillcrest United)

#### March 30

# Fourth Sunday in Lent

- Daysland Pastoral Charge (Knox United), and Killam Pastoral Charge (Knox United)
- St. Paul's Pastoral Charge, Edmonton

# April 6

# Fifth Sunday in Lent

- St. Albert Pastoral Charge
- Telfordville Pastoral Charge (Community United)

# April 13

# Palm / Passion Sunday

- Lesser Slave Pastoral Charge (McLennan United, High Prairie United)
- Living Spirit Pastoral Charge, Drayton Valley

# \*Holy Week: April 14-19 *Maundy Thursday*

Good Friday Holy Saturday

# April 20

# Resurrection Sunday: Easter Sunday Earth Sunday

- Spirit River Pastoral Charge (Spirit of Peace United)
- Pilgrim Pastoral Charge, Edmonton

# April 27

# Camping Sunday

 Northern Spirit Camps: Camp Mackinicholea (Long Island Lake Society); Camp Maskepetoon; Hardisty Lake Camp Council; Surprise Lake Society; Camp Whitney; Moonlight Bay United Church Camp

#### May 4

Mental Health Sunday Asian Heritage Month (May)

- Wainwright: Grace Pastoral Charge (Grace United)
- Winterburn Pastoral Charge, St. Albert

# May 11

Christian Family Sunday Mother's Day Vocation Sunday

- Kirk Community Centre, Edmonton
- St. Stephen's College, University of Alberta
- All church volunteers, in local communities, the Region, and the wider Church

#### May 18

International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, + Biphobia (May 17)

- Stony Plain Pastoral Charge (Stony Plain United; Messawin United, Duffield)
- Bissell Centre, Edmonton

# May 25

Rural Life (Rogation) Sunday

- South Peace Pastoral Charge, Dawson Creek
- Slave Lake (SM) Pastoral Charge (St. Peter's Ecumenical Church)

# June 1

Pride Sunday

**Environment Sunday** 

National Indigenous Peoples Month (June)

- Riverbend Pastoral Charge, Edmonton
- Grande Prairie: St. Paul's Pastoral Charge (St. Paul's United)

#### June 8

#### Pentecost

**Union Sunday** 

100th Anniversary of Church Union (June 10)

- Grimshaw-Peace River Pastoral Charge (St. Paul's United, Peace River; Grace United, Grimshaw)
- Spirit of Hope Pastoral Charge, Edmonton

#### June 15

# **Trinity Sunday**

Indigenous Day of Prayer Father's Day

- Zimbabwe United Methodist, Edmonton
- Woodland Pastoral Charge (Whitecourt United)

#### June 22

World Refugee Day (June 20)
National Indigenous Peoples Day (June 21)

- Trinity Pastoral Charge, Edmonton
- Manning-Deadwood (SM) Pastoral Charge (St. John's United Anglican Shared Ministry)

#### June 29

- Southminster-Steinhauer Pastoral Charge, Edmonton
- Sedgewick Pastoral Charge (Sedgewick United; St. Andrew's United, Lougheed)

# July 6

- Grande Cache Pastoral Charge
- Spirit West Pastoral Charge, Edmonton

# July 13

- Hay River: Grace (SM) Pastoral Charge (St. Andrew's Anglican; Grace United Church, Hay River)
- Lamont Health Care Centre

#### July 20

- Rainbow Pastoral Charge (Pickardville United, Jarvie United)
- St. Paul-Ashmont Pastoral Charge (St. Paul United, Ashmont United)

# July 27

- Provost-Macklin Pastoral Charge (Provost United; Grace United, Macklin SK)
- St. Andrew's Pastoral Charge, Edmonton

# August 3

# **Emancipation Sunday**

- Sherwood Park Pastoral Charge (Sherwood Park United)
- Edmonton and District Council of Churches

#### August 10

- Victoria Trail Pastoral Charge (Waskatenau United)
- Wahstao Pastoral Charge (Smoky Lake United)

#### August 17

 Two Hills Pastoral Charge (Two Hills United, Myrnam and District United)

#### August 24

- Westlock Pastoral Charge (Westlock United; Hazel Bluff United)
- Fort St. John: St. Luke's Pastoral Charge (St. Luke's United)

# August 31

- Yellowknife Pastoral Charge
- Interconnect: Central Alberta Spiritual Circle

# September 7

- Auburndale Pastoral Charge
- Hardisty-Hughenden Pastoral Charge (St. Paul's United, Hardisty; Hughenden United)

# September 14

#### **Creation Time 1**

- Grace Pastoral Charge, Edmonton
- Wetaskiwin: First Pastoral Charge (First United)

# September 21

#### **Creation Time 2**

World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel UN International Day of Peace

- Goodfish Lake Pastoral Charge
- Irma-Viking/Kinsella Pastoral Charge (Viking United, Irma United)

# September 28

#### **Creation Time 3**

Orange Shirt Day / National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Sept 30)

- Hinton Pastoral Charge
- Robertson-Wesley Pastoral Charge, Edmonton

#### October 5

#### **Creation Time 4**

World Communion Sunday

 Bonnyville: St. John's Pastoral Charge (St. John's United), and Cold Lake-Pierceland Pastoral Charge (Trinity United)

#### October 12

Thanksgiving Sunday Creation Time 5

- Athabasca Pastoral Charge
- Jasper Pastoral Charge

#### October 19

World Food Sunday

*International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (October 17)* 

- Chetwynd (SM) Pastoral Charge (Chetwynd Shared Ministry)
- McClure Pastoral Charge, Edmonton

#### October 26

Peace Sunday
Reformation Sunday

- Korean Pastoral Charge, Edmonton
- Ottewell Pastoral Charge, Edmonton

#### November 2

- RSV Pastoral Charge (Vegreville United, Salem United)
- Elk Island Pastoral Charge (Lamont United; Bissell Memorial; Partridge Hill United, Uwin)

#### November 9

Remembrance Sunday
Remembrance Day (November 11)

- McDougall Pastoral Charge, Edmonton
- Northern Spirit Chaplains

#### **November 16**

Children's Sunday

Restorative Justice Week (November 16 - 22)

Transgender Day of Remembrance (November 20)

- Hudson's Hope: St. Peter's (SM) Pastoral Charge (St. Peter's Church)
- Leduc-Beaumont Pastoral Charge (St. David's United)

#### November 23

Reign of Christ Sunday

• Edson Trail Pastoral Charge (Valleyview United)

#### November 30

# First Sunday of Advent

World AIDS Day (December 1)

International Day of Persons with Disabilities (December 3)

• Lloydminster: Grace Pastoral Charge (Grace United)

#### December 7

# **Second Sunday of Advent**

**Human Rights Sunday** 

National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence against Women (Dec 6)

- Onoway Pastoral Charge (Zion United)
- Inner-City Pastoral Ministry (Edmonton)

#### December 14

# Third Sunday of Advent

• Mill Woods Pastoral Charge, Edmonton

#### December 21

# Fourth Sunday of Advent

Tofield Pastoral Charge

# \* Wednesday December 24 / Thursday December 25

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Community Living Homes and Care Facilities in Northern Spirit

#### **December 28**

- Clover Bar: Salisbury Pastoral Charge (Salisbury United, Sherwood Park)
- Sturgeon Valley Pastoral Charge (Coronado Gibbons United)

<sup>\*</sup> SM = Shared Ministry

<sup>\*</sup> If you notice any communities missing, or if you have questions about the prayer cycle, please contact the office: NorthernSpirit@united-church.ca