

SPACE USE REPORT 2024

Our sacred building, beautiful grounds and quaint annex are busy doing God's work by providing our community with a space to foster ministries, realize personal dreams and fulfill entrepreneurial goals. Here is a list of the small businesses and organizations that tether us to global missions, care for our children, keep our community musical and add spice and flavour to our life! Please, include them in your prayers and show them your support by taking interest in their missions, partaking in their goods and services and recommending them to your family and friends.

Sound Opportunity Choir <i>Adult Drop-in Community Choir</i> (Sanctuary Wed @ 6pm)	Contact: Cheryl Balay (cheryl@sing4me.ca) Info: www.sing4me.ca
Music Together YEG <i>Edmonton's #1 Family Music Program for Children</i> <i>Ages 0-5yrs and the Grown-ups Who Love Them</i> (Annex: Thurs, Fri & Sat @ 9:30am)	Contact: Jodi Howard (admin@musictogetheryeg.com) Info: www.MusicTogetherYEG.com
Ukeclectics <i>An Edmonton based collective of fun and energetic ukulele players</i> (Annex: Tues @ 6:30pm)	Contact: Breanne Coffill (music@ukeclectics.ca) Info: www.facebook.com/ukeclectics.ca
Desperately Seeking Hot Sauce <i>Bold flavourful hot sauces that you'll obsess over!</i> <i>Kitchen as needed</i>	To order: desperatelyseeking.hot@gmail.com www.facebook.com/DesperatelySeekingHotSauce/ www.instagram.com/desperatelyseekinghotsauce/
Sunshine Garden <i>Cultivating community by growing a garden together</i>	Info: www.fpcommunitygarden.net
Edmonton Forestry School <i>Contributing to the health of our natural environments by fostering meaningful connections between children and nature.</i> <i>Annex & Lower Hall when needed</i>	Info: https://edmontonforestschool.com
Grandmothers of Alberta for a New Generation (The GANG) <i>The GANG is committed to raise awareness and financially support African grandmothers, their orphaned grandchildren and their communities as they evolve as a result of HIV & AIDS.</i> <i>Lower Hall 2xs/month</i>	Contact: Judith Mill (jmill@ualberta.ca) or Laurretta Howard (780-466-9510) Info: https://edmgrandmothers.org
FEVER Candlelight Concerts <i>Most Saturday evenings and some Fridays</i>	https://feverup.com/en/edmonton/candlelight?srsId=AfmBOoqZWrsLfnch0kkXEEv9dA7pQbvP4cHR_TxflKvWfqamREBL2vqq
CSI Ascension Church <i>Annex: Sundays @ 10am-2pm</i>	
New International Church <i>Annex: Saturdays @ 2-7pm</i> <i>Sanctuary: Sundays @ 2-5pm</i>	

RENTAL RATES

In September of this year, The Corporation reviewed and updated our space rental rates in order to be more on par with other rental spaces in the area (see attached)

OUR ANNEX

In the Summer of 2023, Jodi Howard and the Music Together YEG team gave the Annex a make-over with a good coat of paint, fixed the exterior wood rotting issues, updated the signage and mitigated the ant infestation. The subsequent spruce up of the Annex basement funded by congregation donations and led by Team Yeo (Rita & Randy) resulted in a coat of paint, funky light fixtures, new tables and a beautiful mural donated by Theo Hryasmiw making the space a beautiful home for our "Wildroots Cafe"

With this new-found spark of life, 2024 was a busy year for our small little Annex!

- In January, it became the home for the St. Olga's Orthodox Church. However - their congregation quickly outgrew the space and while still honouring the financial obligations of their one-year contract, they moved out in October. We now have 2 congregations filling their spot - The New International Church use the space on Saturday afternoons (if you listen closely you'll hear them LOL) and CSI Ascension Church - who used to worship in our sanctuary on Saturday mornings - now worship in our Annex on Sunday mornings
- In May & June of 2024 our Annex hosted a Mâwacihitowin (informal gathering) put on by the Indigenous Artist Market Collective. Both nights opened with a Pow Pow and Circle Dance outside on the grounds in ceremony to bless the potluck dinner, performer's series and artist market that was happening in the building. Two highly successful events that proved to be a true realization of the Annex's mission to be a space that supports community and artist programming.
- The vision of our "Wildroots Cafe" as a community coffee house has experienced a gentle uptake, but its small group of dedicated volunteers have kept it open and running. Special thanks to Amanda McCauley and her team of volunteers for their perseverance. Joanne Hoch is now the Wildroots Cafe new team leader.
- In addition to its weekly cafe hours, Deacon Helen holds her "Death Cafe" meetings at Wildroots, and both the St. Augustine's Book Club and the Rewilding Committee hold their monthly meetings there as well.
- Our weekly renters - Music Together YEG and Ukelectics - continue to fill the Annex with musical joy every week.
- Edmonton Forestry School rental is on an "as needed" basis. Every year they pay a deposit to financially secure a guaranteed space in either the Annex or Church Lower Hall to be their "back-up" classroom when temperatures dip too low or the AQHI is too high, They pay a daily rental for the days they utilize the space. Usually they gather in the Annex, but when it isn't available, they gather in the Lower Hall
- It would be remiss to do an annual report on the Annex without mentioning the 4 break-ins we have experienced over the last year and a bit. First one was in September of 2023 which suffered the most damage and highest losses (office laptop and all of Music Together YEG's sound equipment and instruments); the next 2 were at the end of June 2024 that resulted in another broken window - perpetrator was caught and all the stolen items (mostly belonging to St. Olga's) were returned. The most recent break-in was in October 2024 - another broken window, the Church Office was broken into and the office laptop was once again stolen. Good intel should a discussion about heightening the security of our buildings and grounds arise.

OUR SANCTUARY

- In 2024, our Sanctuary served as a place of worship for the congregations of St. Augustine's Anglican Church, New International Church and CSI Ascension Church. CSI Ascension moved into the Annex in January of 2025.
- Our longtime renter "The Sound Opportunity Adult Choir" rehearses in our sanctuary on Wednesday evenings September through mid-May every year
- Thanks to Megan's amazing reputation amongst music pedagogy circles, St. Augustine's has become THE place to host music recitals. In 2024 we were the venue for 5 classical music recitals, plus Aaron Parker's "Tribute to Gordon Lightfoot" concert and Giselle Parker's record release concert
- The most recent and exciting addition to our St. Augustine's family of renters is FEVER Productions and their Candlelight Concerts. They light up our building (both literally with their electric candles and figuratively with their music) almost every Saturday night and some Fridays. With 2 shows a night (6 & 8pm) usually sold out to 150 people, they bring in 300 people to our home every week. It is fantastic exposure for our church and their generous rental is welcomed funds to our parish coffers!

OUR LOWER HALL, LOUNGE & KITCHEN

- Everyone knows that Church basements form the foundation of community in every church, and ours is the pinnacle of this adage! In addition to our regular Church goings-on like After Church Coffee Hour, Simple Supper, Ignation Exercises, Advent and Lenten Retreats, Vision Committee Meetings, Confirmation Preparation Classes, Pancake Suppers, Baptism Celebrations and so much more - our Lower Hall also provides a space for the GANG, the Edmonton Forest School Society, and the Community Garden to hold their board meetings; a "Recovery Group" to hold their weekly meetings; and for Mrs Molyneux's and Mrs. Godard's Retired Librarians Group to gather
- Continuing in our journey towards Truth and Reconciliation, in March & April of this year, we collaborated with the Indigenous Artist Market Collective by lending them our Lower Hall to use as a venue for their series of FREE Indigenous arts workshops
- In 2024, our Lower Hall served as the place of celebration for many of our congregants including birthdays, anniversaries, family dinners and weddings!
- We have 2 renters that utilize our commercial kitchen: "Desperately Seeking Hotsauce" uses our kitchen on a "supply-and-demand" basis (she's usually in there about 2xs/month); and Morning Star staff and residents come in once a month to prepare portioned meals.

Our Sanctuary, Church Basement, Kitchen and Annex - these are the arms of our St. Augustine's body and as you can see - they continue to spread wider and wider to serve Christ in Community

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ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH RENTAL RATES 2025

INSURANCE: All groups that are not directly a church-initiated ministry require separate group insurance. We recommend DUUO online insurance which is very reasonable.							
SERVICE GROUPS: (GEA, GANG, L'ARCHE, etc...) A minimum donation of \$250.00 annually is invited. If an additional donation of \$20-\$50 for single use events is possible, it would be greatly appreciated (especially events involving monetary exchange).							
	Entire Building	Upstairs & Bathroom	Basement (Kitchen facilities included)	Kitchen Only	Annex (Entire Building)	Annex Programming Room	Annex Downstairs (Kitchen facilities included)
Not-for-Profit Groups	\$50/hr	\$25/hr	\$25/hr	\$15/hr	\$50/hr	\$25/hr	\$25/hr
For-Profit Groups	\$60/hr (\$70/hr from 2026)	\$30/hr (\$35/hr from 2026)	\$30/hr (\$35/hr from 2026)	\$20/hr (\$25/hr from 2026)	\$60/hr (\$70/hr from 2026)	\$30/hr (\$35/hr from 2026)	\$30/hr (\$35/hr from 2026)
BIRTHDAYS & EVENTS <small>Small events of under 10 people can be negotiated separately</small>	Church Building (Including kitchen facilities, tables, chairs and dishes)				Annex Building (Including kitchen facilities, tables & chairs) (NOTE: tables need to be transported from and back to main building)		
Under 4 hours	\$125				\$75		
Full day	\$225				\$175		
WEDDINGS	Building	Clergy	Musician				
Parish Members	FREE	\$300	\$150				
Non-Members	\$450	\$300	\$150				
FUNERALS	Building	Clergy	Musician				
No one will be turned away for a funeral if cost is a prohibition	\$200-\$500	\$100-\$300	\$150				
MUSIC RECITALS	Entire Building (Lower Hall & Kitchen Facilities Included for Simple Reception only)						
Student	\$200						
Private	\$300						

New Business 10-A Motion wording

That St. Augustine's form an agreement with the Solar Power Investment Cooperative of Edmonton (SPICE) to design, manage, and finance a solar project on our Annex building whereas we make a down payment of ten thousand dollars, and pending approval of our diocesan Executive Council.

Mover: Steve McAuley

Seconder Mikaela Hanley