



A Message from Bethany Care Society

Former Location of St. Luke's Church — 2951 26 Avenue SE, Calgary

Bethany Care Society wishes to inform our neighbours and the surrounding community of the upcoming demolition to the former St. Luke's Anglican Church.

What Is Happening

Bethany Care Society owns the land at 2951 26 Avenue SE and has been the property owner since 1978, when we entered into a long-term ground lease with St. Luke's Anglican congregation. The congregation gave notice of its plans to vacate in April 2025 and moved out of the building on October 31, 2025.

With the building vacant since November 2025, we have carefully considered the options for its future and we have kept the Anglican Diocese, the former tenant of the Church, informed along the way. Bethany Care Society has applied for a demolition permit and anticipates demolition will begin in mid-November 2026, with completion expected in mid-December 2026. Following demolition, the site will remain fenced, with sprinkler installation and sodding planned for spring 2027. The fencing will remain in place while the grass establishes, with the site expected to reopen by mid-summer 2027. Bethany has not made any decisions regarding future use or development of the land at this time.

Why We Are Making This Decision

A professional building condition assessment completed in 2023 identified significant repair and maintenance work required over the coming decade to keep the structure functional.

Demolishing the structure and restoring the land to green space for the interim is the right next step while Bethany considers longer-term plans for the property.

Acknowledging the History of This Place

St. Luke's Church served this neighbourhood for many years. For those who worshipped here, volunteered here, or simply passed this building as part of their daily lives, we understand this news may carry a sense of loss.

Bethany Care Society was founded on values of faith, compassion, and community. We hold the legacy of this place with respect, and we are committed to handling this process with care.

What to Expect

Please consider this notice of the planned demolition activity, which is expected to begin in November 2026.

Temporary fencing will be installed around designated work areas during the abatement phase and extended around the building during demolition to ensure public safety. Access to the nearby park will be maintained whenever it is safe to do so.

The site will be responsibly maintained throughout the project, with public and worker safety remaining our priority.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact us at info@bethanyseniors.com



Frequently Asked Questions

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These questions and answers are intended to help community members, neighbours, and stakeholders understand Bethany Care Society's plans for the St. Luke's Church property.

Question	Answer
Who owns the property at 2951 26 Avenue SE?	Bethany Care Society owns the property.
Why is the building being demolished?	A professional building condition assessment completed in 2023 identified significant repair and maintenance requirements over the coming decade. Demolition allows Bethany to maintain the site safely while future plans are considered.
When will demolition take place?	Subject to permit approval, demolition is anticipated for mid-November 2026 with completion expected in mid-December 2026.
What will the site look like after demolition?	Following demolition, the site will be leveled and remain fenced until mid-summer 2027, with sprinkler installation and sodding planned for spring 2027.
Does Bethany have plans to develop the site?	No decisions have been made. Bethany's Board of Trustees will consider future use of the land in a thoughtful and deliberate way. Any future plans would go through the appropriate planning and approval processes.
Why wasn't the building leased to another tenant?	Bethany considered several options for the vacant building, including potential alternative uses. Following a review of the building's condition, maintenance requirements, and long-term considerations for the property, the decision was made to proceed with demolition.
Has the Anglican Diocese been involved in this process?	Yes. Bethany has been in regular communication with the Anglican Diocese of Calgary since 2023, including discussions about lease renewal, building condition, and transition options. The Diocese has been informed of the demolition decision.
Will the site be safe and maintained during this process?	Yes. Bethany will work with qualified contractors to ensure the site is safely maintained throughout demolition. Temporary fencing will be installed to restrict access to active work areas, with public safety remaining a priority.
How can I share questions or concerns?	We welcome your feedback. Please email info@bethanyseniors.com