

**VALLEYVIEW ALLIANCE CHURCH  
Valleyview, Alberta  
LEAD PASTOR PROFILE 2025**

This document has been created to provide prospective pastors a fuller understanding of Valleyview Alliance Church (Valleyview, Alberta) and the type of Lead Pastor the church is seeking to hire. This is the guiding document for the Valleyview Alliance Church Search Team. Interested pastors may contact the Church Development Coach of the Western Canadian District or the Chair of the Valleyview Alliance Church Search Committee.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Valleyview Alliance Church has been without a Lead Pastor since October of 2024. After our lead pastor left we took time as a church to grieve the loss of our Pastor and to see where our church was at in terms of health and what our vision and direction was going to be going forward. We spent time as a body and as a board to reflect and pray about where God was taking us. We used the points that we came up with to develop this document to assist potential candidates in seeing if our church is a good fit for you. Please see the points below to see if we may be a fit for you.

## II. WHO WERE WE? The Story of Valleyview Alliance Church

### Background (Brief History)

The Valleyview Alliance Church history begins with work started in 1959 to 1966 under various leaders. Then there were no services for a number of years. Our current edition of Valleyview Alliance Church began in 1980 with Stan Biggs holding services in schools in town. Below are listed the pastors and years they served.

1980 -	Pastor Stan Biggs (June 30, 1980 Valleyview Alliance Church was officially started as a Developing Church in the Western Canadian District of the Christian & Missionary Alliance)
1982 – 1986	Pastor Ernest Neufeld
1987 – 1989	Pastor Robin Hurlburt
1990 – 1996	Pastor Daren Wride
	*October 18, 1992 Valleyview Alliance Church becomes an Organized Church
1996 – 1999	Pastor Andy Wiebe
2000 – 2002	Pastor Sheldon Strydhorst
2005 – 2008	Pastor Heath Jeffery
2009 – 2021	Pastor Josh Rigby
2021 – 2022	Pastor Andy Wiebe (Transition Pastor)
2022 – 2024	Pastor Vic Koop

## III. WHO ARE WE NOW?

**Purpose:** To raise up disciples in the truth who are equipped to go out and share the gospel with others to the glory of God.

**Vision:** We dream of a church where...

...we see the experience of the Early Church of Acts 2 lived out – being glad together, and people being added to our number regularly.

...revival is expected.

...we encourage each other toward developing strong families.

...we develop a culture of being involved and serving.

...we send people out on mission.

...we continue the community outreach events we have been doing, and look to add more that invite friends to join us for a Sunday Morning service.

...everyone feels we are a place that cares for everyone.

...questions are welcomed and we are equipped to know and give good answers. We dream of a place where the older ones teach the younger ones.

...we learn in discipleship groups.

- ...we are equipped, challenged, and motivated to shape the culture of our community and world.
- ...we have strong bonds, great friendships, within the church.
- ...we anticipate growth, spiritually and by new people joining our church family.
- ...we regularly give back to the community.
- ...we are accountable to the community in serving them in meaningful ways.
- ...we are continually finding new ways to serve our community.
- ...we are gospel-centered, where everything we do is about living out and sharing the gospel
- ...we gain a reputation as a place of health and welcoming of all people.

## Core Values:

1. Family & Relationships
2. Truth & Integrity
3. Friendship
4. Bible Centered Preaching
5. Fellowship/Community
6. Intercessory Prayer
7. Accountability
8. Stewardship
9. Team Work
10. Mission/Outreach

## Resources

1. **Staff:** One full time pastor
2. **Average attendance** last year (Total – A= Adults/ C = Children)  
2024  
44 (32 A/ 12 C)
3. **Ministries:**
  - Sunday Services
  - Sunday AM Sunday School
  - Bible Study
  - Seamless Link – we have a relationship with workers in the Asian Spice Region
  - Outreaches:
    - Bike Rodeo – donate and fix bikes at the town’s Bike Rodeo
    - Fall Carnival – October 31 – games and food and fellowship at the church
    - Christmas Dinner – provide a community Christmas Dinner
  - Community Church Collaboration
    - Valleyview Community Youth Group – leaders and youth involved
    - Awana
    - Sturgeon Lake Bible Camp ([website](#)) – the church is very involved in Sturgeon Lake Bible Camp (campers, board members, volunteers, financial support)
4. **Facilities:**
  - a. Building – Our main floor has a sanctuary that can seat up to 150, along with two offices. Our basement has four classrooms, a fireside room, a kitchen, and dining area.
  - b. Parking – we have adequate parking
5. **Finances:**

<b>General Fund:</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
	<b>Budget /Actual</b>	<b>Purposed</b>
	<b>119,465/97,118.41</b>	<b>122,065</b>

**Church Health**

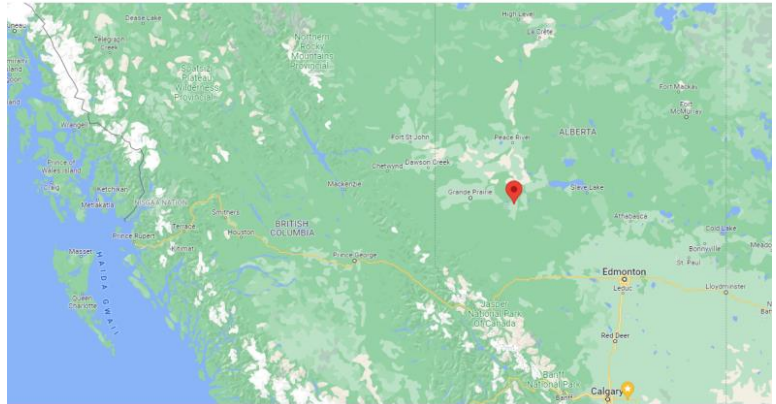
1. Church Assessments:
  - A. Completed Congregational Assessments
    - i. Congregational Health and Vision Assessment
    - ii. Hearing God Congregational Vision meeting

## IV. WHAT IS OUR COMMUNITY CONTEXT?

### Description of our Community

#### Town of Valleyview

Valleyview is a town in northwest Alberta, Canada. Valleyview is located 350 kms north of Edmonton and 115 kms east of the City of Grande Prairie. The Town of Valleyview is strategically located at important crossroads that lead to Canada’s north. Excellent paved Highways lead the traveler to northern adventure via Highway 49 leading to Peace River and the Mackenzie Highway that will take you to the Northwest Territories, and Highway 43 leading to Dawson Creek, the Alaska Highway and adventure in northeastern British Columbia, the Yukon and Alaska.



It is surrounded by the **Municipal District of Greenview No. 16** and in Census Division No. 18. It is at the junction of Highway 43 and Highway 49, between the Little Smoky River and Sturgeon Lake. Its position, in the junction of the two

highways into the Peace Region, has led to the town motto, "Portal to the Peace"

Just a few kilometers to the west of Valleyview is the **Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation**. The reserve has a population of approximately 1,500.

### General Population and Growth

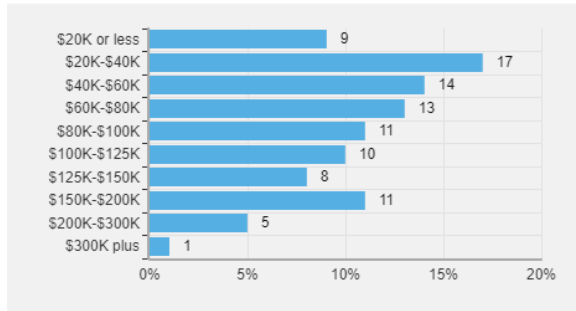
#### Valleyview’s Population

The Town of Valleyview has a population of 1,815, with a trading area of 5000. (2021) (Many of our members live in the M.D. of Greenview.)

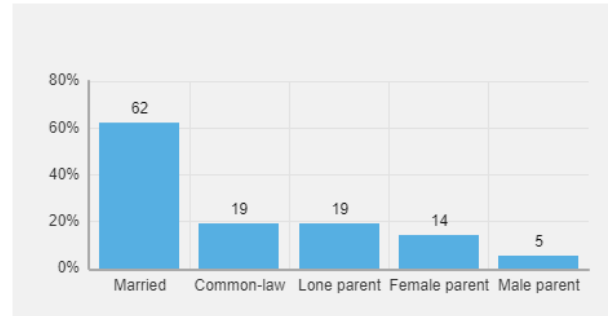
Statistic	Valleyview
Population	1,815
Population density (sq km)	208
Median age	38.8
Male/Female ratio	1.0:1
Married couples	62%
Families w/ kids at home	38%

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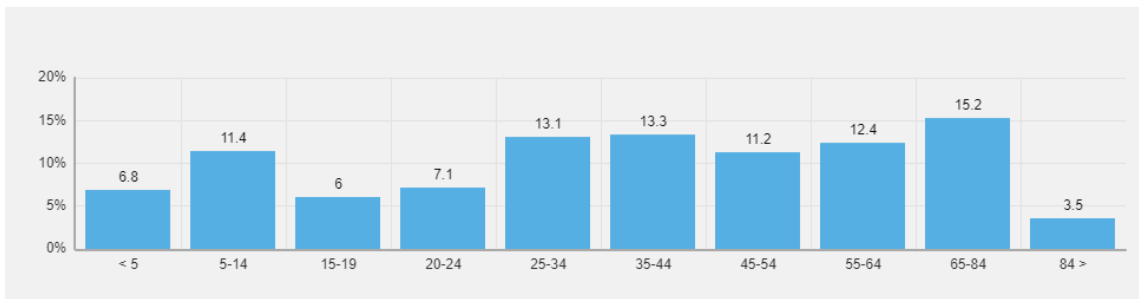
## Household Income Distribution



## Family Breakdown



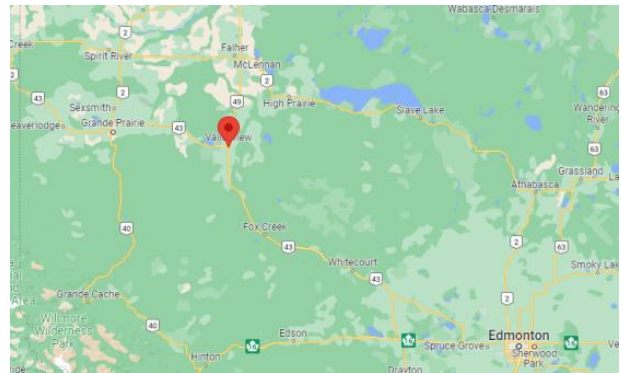
## Valleyview Age Breakdown



Source: The Valleyview, AB data and statistics displayed above are derived from Statistics Canada and updated for 2021 by Environics Analytics.

## How Far is Valleyview from...

Edmonton	349 km (3 hrs. 34 min.)
Grande Prairie	110 km (1 hr. 12 min.)
Whitecourt	171 km (1 hr. 38 min.)
Peace River	141 km (1 hr. 28 min.)



## Education Factors

### NORTHERN GATEWAY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

[Oscar Adolphson Primary School](#)  
Jr. Kindergarten through Grade 3



## [Harry Gray Elementary School](#)

Grades 4-6

## [Hillside Jr./Sr. High School](#)

Grades 7-12



## HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC REGIONAL SCHOOL DIVISION

### [St. Stephen's School](#)

ECS to Grade 9



## NEARBY POST SECONDARY SCHOOLS:

- Northwestern Polytechnic Grande Prairie Campus (120 km)
- University of Alberta (350 km)

## VALLEYVIEW HEALTH CENTRE

Valleyview Health Centre ....

...Includes Continuing Care Facilities.

## RECREATION AND FACILITIES

### Greenview Regional Multiplex

This state-of-the-art family-friendly facility houses a Multi-Pool Aquatic Centre, Fitness Centre, Walking Track, Fieldhouse, Indoor Play Centre, Dance Studio, Party Room, Boardrooms, Commercial Kitchen, and Concession. Located at 4803 56 Ave. in Valleyview, AB, the Greenview Regional Multiplex officially opened its' doors to the public on February 10th, 2018.

### 4H Clubs

Dance clubs

Green Space in abundance (and mud) for all types of outdoor activities Polar Palace Arena

Gun Range

Gymnastics

Library

Little Smoky Ski Hill

Red Willow Curling Club

Red Willow Players (theater group)

Seniors Drop in Centre

Tim Hortons!!



## Spiritual Climate

The following churches are found within Valleyview:

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- Emmanuel Baptist Church
- Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
- St. Anne Anglican Church
- St. Rita's Catholic Church
- Valleyview Evangel Tempel
- Valleyview United Church
- Victory Church

## V. WHAT KIND OF LEAD PASTOR DO WE NEED?

- Applicants are required to be licensed with the Christian and Missionary Alliance and ordained or prepared to pursue ordination with the C&MA. ([click here](#))
- A deep commitment to the core values and theology of the Christian and Missionary Alliance and a desire to participate in denominational initiatives, working under the leadership of the Western Canadian District of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada ([click here](#))
- Educational requirements in keeping with C&MA policy (theological training at a Bachelor degree level or higher from an accredited school, or acceptable equivalents.)

## Core Competencies Required

### Character

- Can have fun
- Hospitable
- Down to earth
- Family Oriented
- Safe – listens patiently, prays for the congregation diligently, supports them consistently
- Comfortable in a rural community and can relate to rural life and rural people in a hard-working culture
- Sees potential in people – has ability to get people involved and train them
- Comfortable with the noise of young families in church
- Prefers to get things done by working together collaboratively with others
- Can work well with other pastors and churches.

### Competencies

- Team builder – has ability to find and develop the right people with the right abilities in the right character, and the right chemistry
- Vision Caster – enthusiasm for turning the church's vision into reality
- Sheperd – draws members into a rich community experience
- Helps the church to march intentionally towards the actualization of its mission
- Organized and can organize team members
- Experienced pastor
- Sound and StronBiblical Teacher



- Musical skills would be an asset
- Able to counsel – use people helping skills
- Is comfortable being a Solo Pastor

## VI. Appendix 1 — The Story of Valleyview Alliance Church

### VALLEYVIEW ALLIANCE CHURCH HISTORY

Valleyview Alliance Church had its initial start in 1959, with a few different people coming out to lead Sunday services for a while. In 1980 the church was officially started as a Developing Church with the Western District of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. In August of 1986, a portable chapel was erected for a meeting place. In 1992, the church became organized and the next year they had 21 members. From 1997 to the early 2000s, there was an amazing children’s ministry, lots of people attending services and over 30 members!

Unfortunately, in the early 2000s, there was some problems in the church, some people left and some hurts needed to be dealt with. It was a hard time for the people who stayed, with not having enough people to do everything and people burned out. There was a transition of pastors coming and leaving but God was good in sending a young couple in Josh and Meagan Rigby in 2009.

During the time that the Rigby’s were at Valleyview, the church started engaging more with the local camp, Sturgeon Lake Bible Camp. This camp has become one of the key ministries for the church. People serving in several different capacities as board members, cooks, and staff.

Other ministries started happening and growing as the years went by. Packing shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, hosting a Christmas supper at the Food Bank, fixing bikes in conjunction with the Town of Valleyview Bike Rodeo, having a Fall Carnival at the church on October 31. The church also signed a Seamless Link Agreement with an International Worker family in 2013. Due to where they are at, their name will not be shared here, but that family fits in so well with our church family. The church over the years has been able to send 4 separate missions trips to help and encourage them in their work.

In 2013, one couple in our church started with fostering children. Other families, as God moved in their hearts, after that began to foster kids as well. The church had 5 families involved in fostering kids, and others played an integral supporting role to those families caring for children in crisis.

In 2019, we grew in people and children in the attendance again. Sunday school was able to start up after floundering for almost 10 years, due to the lack of children and people to be able to teach.

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Moving church online in 2020, was good to still connect and chat with each other. Hearing worship music and the preaching was an encouraging way to worship and connect during a hard time. Now thankfully everyone is coming in person to worship and fellowship.

In June 2021, Josh and Meagan Rigby resigned, on good terms, to go do ministry elsewhere. In September 2021, Pastor Andy Wiebe came to do transitional ministry, which runs full circle for both the church and Andy. Andy was pastor at Valleyview Alliance Church 1996-1999, and now he's helping the church move from one pastor to another in a healthy way.

In 2022 after Pastor Andy, the board, and the congregation felt ready to start searching we began our search. It took a little while but eventually we candidated and chose Pastor Victor Koop and his wife Gail. They pastored Valleyview Alliance for two year and chose to retired on October of 2024.