



NEWS LETTER of LAKE LAND LUTHERAN Church

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November 2018



From the desk of AnnE....

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Dear Friends,

To me November 2018 is "Congregation Appreciation" Month. Why?

I am aware of your care, support and prayers. This October was *Clergy Appreciation Month*. Your kind words, prayers and surprises reminded me how true that is -- thank you! Thank you for your care to both Joel and I. We constantly are reminded that we have a 'church home'.

On **Reformation Sunday** I included the following in my sermon -- "There is no such thing as a solitary Christian." Today I add to that by noting that no pastor can serve in a congregation alone. Ministry is shared with a faith community. I recognize we are colleagues and partners in ministry.

An example of this was when I truly needed extra help. I was given the gift of these words, "Pastor, don't you worry about a thing. Everything is going to be all right."

Please know I experience God through you. I experience God through the perseverance that you all model for me.

- Through the mercy and forgiveness that you show me.
- Through seeing your trust in the abundance of God.
- Through your faith in life and faith through death.

You teach me how God works in our world. And...without a community of faith - I would be lost.

So this month...know how much I appreciate you.

"When I pray for you, my heart is full of joy...How natural it is that I should feel as I do about you, for you have a very special place in my heart." Philippians 1:4,7a
(Living New Testament paraphrased)

May the peace of Christ be with you all.

Are you up for the challenge?

Remember the Reformation SUNDAY Worship? You were challenged. The challenge 'for you' is to speak the gospel, the heart of our faith, in ten words or less. Ten words or less. One phrase that is the heart of the good news of Jesus Christ for you.

Now, as you are thinking about it, remember that all theology is lived theology. In other words, what we know about God helps us make sense of the world as it actually exists. Your theology might sound good. Say, for example, "Jesus died for my sins." But if you have no idea of what that means, and it doesn't bring meaning to your own experience, it is not the good news for you.



We all have different experiences. We all see God differently. And that brings richness to our proclamation. Together - we come to know God. Together - we experience the good news of Jesus Christ in many lives, and share that richness of what we believe. Which is simply to say, "Don't cheat." You can't copy off your neighbour. The challenge is, "What is the good news for you?"

Can you do it? I know you can. Leave your ten words or less in my church mailbox. (Your choice whether you put your name on the paper.)

Enjoy your process!



November 2018 Message for Congregations and Lay and Rostered Leaders

Dear Beloved of God –

We have just concluded the season of Area Gatherings: Northern (Sept. 28-29 at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Stony Plain in collaboration with St. John Lutheran of Golden Spike, Spruce Grove and St. Matthew, Spruce Grove), Southwestern (Oct. 13 at First Lutheran, Calgary), Southern (Oct. 13 at Spirit of Grace Lutheran, Brooks via video report and telephone Q&A) and East and West Central (Oct 20 at Zion Lutheran, Bashaw).

Thank you to the Area Leadership Teams for your preparation for and planning of the Area Gatherings. I value these times when we have the opportunity to gather together as God's people for worship, learning, conversation and feasting.

This year we gathered under the theme: "Faith, Hope and Love" which was an extension of our Synod Convention theme and conversation from I Cor. 13. For our Dwelling in the Word we spent time together considering the text of I Thess. 1:2-3: *We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Participants shared in part of the need to see ourselves as "we", as community together; conversation centered around how a spirit of gratefulness might impact our faith community and neighborhood; and of the work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope which they see.

Then most gatherings viewed a brief video (The Synod Convention Interview - All Questions) prepared during the Synod Convention around faith, hope and love. These videos and a summary (all questions) video are available on our synod website for your use:
<http://albertasynod.ca/convention/area-gatherings/area-gathering-videos/>

Much of the rest of our time was spent in conversation around how we might work collaboratively within our Areas and across our Synod in faith, hope and love.

I look forward in the next couple of months to meet with each Area Leadership Team for further conversation, listening and discernment together as we move forward *always giving thanks...constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

In Christ Jesus –
Shalom,
+Bishop Larry Kochendorfer

"The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13)

Synod Convention Report

The Synod of Alberta and the Territories convention was held June 14 to 16 in Camrose. Pastor AnnE, Keith Scheidt and Pastor Doug Giles represented Lakeland Lutheran. The following are convention highlights:

Larry Kochendorfer was re-elected as Bishop for a six year term on the first ballot. Synod Council members were elected.

Delegates were elected for the July 2019 National Convention in Regina. Pastor AnnE was elected as a lay delegate for the northern area.

The Synod of Alberta and the Territories renewed its covenant with The Evangelical Church of Columbia.

The guest speaker Dr. Anna Madsen provided inspiring and thought provoking talks on Faith, Hope and Love.

'Dwelling in the Word' experiences that were completed which we were encouraged to share with our home congregations.

WOULD YOU LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE OUR CHURCH?

Our Church Council is looking for new members to serve. Service would begin (after voting for council members) at the Annual General Meeting this coming February 2019.

Confused what a Church Council Member actually does?

Speak to our Council President Keith Scheidt. He will give you any information you need together with an opportunity to come and see what actually does happen at a Council meeting.

FYI all Church Council meetings are open to all church members.



CHURCH COMMITTEES:

Please begin your budget proposals for 2019.



A HUGE THANK YOU to all those who helped to make our Fall Supper a great success. From the set-up, the preparation/donating and serving of the food, to the clean up. Without wonderful volunteers like yourselves these events would not be possible.



The Ladies Salad Supper held on the 11th October was a great success with the largest amount of attendees ever. Thank you to all those ladies involved in producing a fun filled, faith based experience in the true meaning of sisterhood.

It was wonderful to see all the lovely pets brought in for our Animal Blessing Service on October 14th. Thankfully there were no CAT vs. DOG issues and every pet was able to receive a blessing from Pastor AnnE.



Upcoming Events

Announcements

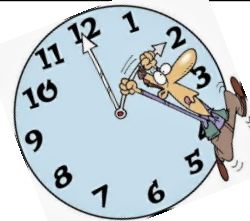


Coffee and a Concert.

On November 25th you are warmly invited to attend our second 'Coffee and a Concert' after church. Please feel free to grab a coffee after the service and join Jo Petterson and her music students in the sanctuary for a performance of classical pieces and joyful Christmas music.

DON'T FORGET! November 4th

is time change! Make sure your clocks "fall back" one hour!



Praise Team

The praise team is meeting again! If you want to be involved, please feel free to come! All are welcome! We will meet at 7 PM every Wednesday!



CHECKOUT THE NOVEMBER 2018 CALENDAR FOR ALL ACTIVITIES.



Are we missing anything in our newsletter? Or is there something you wish we would have in our newsletter on an ongoing basis?

Remember all inclusions for the December newsletter must be to the church office by November 22nd.

Please phone the church office with your ideas or necessary inclusions. Kathy is waiting for your call or email.

Calling all Sunday School Kids! Preparations for the Children's Christmas Program will begin Sunday, November 18, during regular Sunday School time. They will continue each Sunday until the performance on Sunday 9th December at 10am.



HONOURING 100 YEARS OF ARMISTICE



Join the Canadian Legion, and our own Pastor AnnE (Legion Chaplain), for Remembrance Day Service at the Energy Centre on Sunday November 11th 2018. The Legion asks that you be seated by 10.30 AM.

4.25 PM Bells of Peace: 100 Bell tolls — Lest we Forget

Our own faith community of Lakeland Lutheran Church will be at 6PM, November 11th. Our service will be the Holden Evening Prayer. Sunday School will also take place at 6PM.



WATCH FOR THE CATALOGUES ARRIVING
THE FIRST WEEK OF NOVEMBER

COMING SOON: YOUR 2018–2019 GIFT CATALOGUE

Stay tuned to see how your *Gifts from the Heart* will change lives!



Canadian Lutheran
World Relief



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Ordinary Time; 10 AM Worship with Holy Communion REFORMATION SUNDAY <i>"Here I Stand!"</i> <i>Martin Luther</i>	OCT 29 AnnE's Day Off	OCT 30 AnnE's Day Off	OCT 31 7PM – Praise Team <i>7 PM – AA Meeting</i>	1 9.30AM – Service & Care Meeting 7PM – Bible Study (overview of who was John; Book Review)	2	3
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4 Ordinary Time; 10 AM Worship with Holy Communion Youth Leaders Meeting (after Fellowship) All Saints Sunday	5 AnnE's Day Off	6 AnnE's Day Off	7 4.30 PM Worship Committee Meeting 6PM – Witness & Outreach Meeting 7PM - Praise Team <i>7 PM – AA Meeting</i>	8 5 PM – Pub Theology @ TAPS 6 PM – Long Term Care Remembrance Service (PASTOR ANNE) 7PM – Bible Study	9 10 AM - Cold Lake Middle School Remembrance Day Service (PASTOR ANNE) 1.30PM – Caregivers Meeting	10
11 Ordinary Time; 11 AM Remembrance Sunday Service @ the Energy Center 6 PM Worship – Holden Evening Prayer 4.25 PM Bells Of Peace: 100 Bell Tolls – Lest we Forget.	12 STAT DAY OFFICE CLOSED	13 AnnE's Day Off	14 9.30AM – Noon & Noon – 2.30PM Food Bank 7PM – Praise Team <i>7 PM – AA Meeting</i> 7PM – Council Meeting	15 11.30AM – Ministerial Meeting At Lakeland Lutheran Church 7PM - Bible Study	16 5PM – Anglican Community Supper	17
18 Ordinary Time; 10 AM Worship with Holy Communion:	19 AnnE's Day Off	20 AnnE's Day Off	21 7PM – Praise Team <i>7 PM – AA Meeting</i>	22 5PM – Pub Theology 7PM – Bible Study	23	24 3 PM – CLAY Create decorations for Christmas Parade
			AnnE	VACATION	DAYS	
25 Ordinary Time; 10 AM Worship Service of the Word. 11.30 AM Coffee and a Concert	26 AnnE's Day Off	27 AnnE's Day Off	28 4PM – Education Meeting 7PM – Praise Team <i>7 PM - AA Meeting</i>	29 4PM – Long Term Care Worship 7.15 PM – Bible Study. With video of 'Diary of Anne Frank'.	30 5 PM – CLAY members meet at Church for Santa Parade	1 DEC ADVENT 1

Gifts from the Heart - Support Month

REGULAR OFFICE OPEN HOURS – MON – THURS, 9AM –NOON

**All words in italic print are friends in Cold Lake who use our building.*