



Monthly Newsletter of LAKELAND LUTHERAN CHURCH

March 2019

Cold Lake, Alberta

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Monday-Thursday: 9:00am-12pm

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Wednesday-Friday 9am-12pm

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From the desk of AnnE....

It seems everyone is giving up something for Lent. Just look at FaceBook. People are sharing advice on what to give up for Lent with no connection to any Christian belief. For instance: *PopSugar's list of unhealthy foods to give up for Lent*. These kinds of ideas may have missed the boat.

[Rev. Mark Buetow at Higher Things, the "Dare to Be Lutheran" blog](#), preached the need for Lenten observances that don't draw attention to the practitioner. He advised people not to use Lent as a time to make themselves feel bad, make themselves suffer because Jesus suffered, or show others they've "got some religion" for a month or so.

I like Pastor Mark's thinking.

Think of words you might have read: *Here's your problem and here's your 40 day plan to get over it*. Sound familiar?

That's a 'you' Lent and doesn't have anything to do with Jesus.

Abstaining can still be meaningful during Lent — as long as it isn't about feeling guilty. Taking away something you like has no purpose if it is so you can feel bad.

Giving up things during Lent isn't about doing something for ourselves. Rather it is about learning about Jesus and from Jesus. Lent allows us to remember what Christ taught - put all of our hope and trust in his word, to love and serve our neighbour in whatever ways they may need us.

What about we give up:

- Rolling our eyes at our parents [or spouse, co-workers, older folks].
- Not smiling at strangers.

- Trolling online.
- Being sarcastic.
- Being embarrassed when that we may need help from a therapist in order to live a happy, full life.

What about we:

- Give away something every single day, be it time, money, or something we own.
- Get help with depression.
- Give away 10 shirts, two pairs of pants and a pair of shoes.
- Use an evening to babysit for free.
- Take someone out for coffee.
- Make a list of 40 people who have touched your life and write one each day with a letter or card of appreciation.

I bet you have your own ideas.

See you in church!

2019 AGM ELECTION RESULTS

The Annual General Meeting was held on February 24th. The following were elected to your church council:

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| • President | This position was not filled and remains vacant. |
| • Vice President | Cheryl Benoit |
| • Secretary | Bill Chernesky |
| • Treasurer | Lisa Wickstrand |
| • Trustee | Jim Kirstein |
| Trustee | Jane Coats |

The following are council members who were elected last year and will continue to serve in 2019:

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| • Trustee | Barb Singleton |
| • Trustee | Ryan Coultis |
| Financial Secretary | Bernie Hartman |

Pastor AnnE is a member of council as well.



Church council will discuss how to proceed without having filled the President's position at their next schedule meeting on March 21st at 7:00.



March 2019 Message for Congregations and Lay and Rostered Leaders

Dear Beloved of God –

On the western slope of the Mount of Olives, just across the Kidron Valley from Jerusalem, sits a small chapel, *Dominus Flevit*, from the Latin: *Dominus* – “the Lord”; *Flevit* – “wept.” The name of the chapel comes from Luke’s Gospel, which contains not one but two accounts (13:31f; 19:41f) of Jesus weeping over Jerusalem. According to tradition, it was here, that Jesus wept over the city.

Inside the chapel, the altar is centered before a high arched window that looks out over the city of Jerusalem. Iron grillwork divides the view into sections, so that on a sunny day the effect is that of a stained-glass window except that what you see through the window is not colored glass, not an artist’s rendering of the holy city, but the city itself, with the Dome of the Rock in the bottom left corner and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in the center (<https://www.seetheholyland.net/church-of-dominus-flevit/>).

Down below, on the front of the altar, is a picture, a mosaic medallion of a white hen with a golden halo around her head. Her red comb resembles a crown, and her wings are spread wide to shelter the pale, yellow chicks that crowd around her feet. There are seven of them, with black dots for eyes and orange dots for beaks. They look happy to be there. The hen looks ready to spit fire if anyone comes near her babies.

And around the edge of the medallion is a Latin text written in red: “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!”

The last phrase of this text is set outside of the circle, in a pool of red underneath the chicks’ feet: *you were not willing*. Jesus’ words of lament: “Jerusalem, Jerusalem...;” of yearning: “How often have I desired to gather your children...;” of rejection: “And you were not willing.”

Lament, yearning, rejection – for the city of Jerusalem, which Jesus sees across the valley, is a city like a chicken coop filled with pale, yellow chicks and at least one fox – Herod.

Jesus weeps over the city seeing that some of the chicks have taken to following the fox around. Others are huddled out in the open where anything with claws can get to them: helpless, unsafe, unprotected.

And Jesus, standing on the hillside, looking across the valley weeping, is like a white hen with a golden halo around her head who is clucking for all she is worth. Most of the chicks cannot hear her, and the ones that do make no response or ignore her clucking call.

Raised on the farm in the days when chickens often roamed freely around the chicken coop I have seen how a mother hen gathers her brood in protection if it began to rain or if the rooster was let loose or if it was dusk and time to settle down for the night or if the dog came to close. The hen's wings were large and seemed to expand to cover a surprisingly large number of chicks. The hen would simply cluck and somehow the chicks would know to gather under her wings. And not once did I see a chick ignore the hen.

But here, Jesus laments because the brood is unwilling to be gathered. This hen clucks and raises her wings but they do not come, they do not gather. And Jesus weeps.

The depth of his love, his lament, is profound – beyond words. Wings spread, breast exposed, he stands open in the most vulnerable posture in the world. Vulnerable to the dangerous, fearful, deathly work of this fox in the chicken coop, for if the fox wants them the fox will have to kill the hen first.

Which the fox does, as it turns out. He slides up on her one night in the yard while all the babies are asleep. When her cry wakens them, they scatter. She dies the next day where both fox and chicks can see her – wings spread, breast exposed.

In a few short days, in Jerusalem, this lament, this weeping will echo throughout the city and throughout all time. The compassion of God will be exposed for the entire world to see. For in Jerusalem, Jesus, like a mother hen spreading her wings to gather and protect her chicks, will spread his arms on the cross, spread them wide enough to embrace the world, spread them wide enough to embrace us for all time.

May you be sustained in your Lenten journey knowing this expansive, loving embrace.

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)

Upcoming Events

Announcements



CHECKOUT THE MARCH 2019 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 April newsletter must be to the church office by March 24th. Please phone the church office with your ideas or necessary inclusions. Kathy is waiting for your call or email.



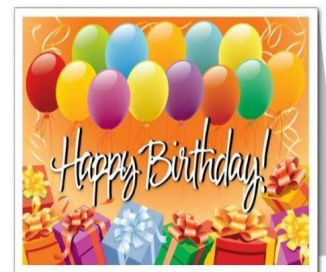
The Cold Lake & District FCSS and the Cold Lake Middle School are partnering to provide a program for Seniors who are socially isolated. It takes place from 10.30am to 2pm each month at the school and provides a meal and interaction with students. Transportation is provided, if required, and there is no charge for this program. If you, or anyone you know who might benefit from this program, wish to register please call the FCSS: 780-594-4495.



An engineering student at the University of Calgary will be an intern at Imperial Oil (Cold Lake) from May 2019 – August 2020, his name is Alexander Schober. Currently he serves at a Calgary church as a youth leader along with his studies. He is trusting that he will find a room or suite to rent while he lives in Cold Lake. If you would like more information OR would like to offer a room or suite for rent, please email Alexander directly at alexander.h.schober3@gmail.com or call/text him on his cell: 587-224-2591.

A Note From The Service & Care Committee

The Service & Care committee members send cards for special birthdays and anniversaries when they are made aware of them. If you are willing, please let Kathy in the office have details of your birth date and anniversary date, so that she can pass this information to the committee members who will be happy to send a card from the church.



If you would like to stay updated on everything going on at Lakeland Lutheran Church and see prayers like the one above, please like and follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/lakelandlutheran!



World Day of Prayer



***7:00 PM on Saturday March 2nd 2019
at Lakeland Lutheran Church***

***Located just south of Cold Lake Energy Center and
about 1km north of Tri-City Mall***

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GAL'S

Morning Out

MARCH 23 2019

Feel free to come on out and bring a friend to this year's annual Gal's Morning Out! It will be on March 23rd from 11:00 PM – 1:00 PM at The Lakeland Inn!

Cost is \$20 per person (this includes tax and tip). Please give your payment to Gail Chernesky, Anne Tucker or Sylvia Armbruster by March 17th and ensure you sign-up at the Lakeland Lutheran Church!

Hosted by the Service & Care Committee





Registration for Summer camps is now open!

We also have a new website!

You are receiving this email, because you are on the camps mailing list. This email is being sent on behalf of Hastings Lake Bible Camp (#135-51268 Range Road 204, Sherwood Park, AB T8G1E9) in an effort to serve you better. For further information, please see HLBC's privacy policy or contact us. If you no longer want to receive emails from us, please indicate this in an email reply. If you are receiving this email in error, please notify andrew@hastingslake.com and delete this email immediately. All attachments are intellectual property of Hastings Lake Bible Camp. Please do not distribute without express permission.

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Lent Project "We Care" Bags

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS: MON – THURS, 9AM - NOON

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 10 AM Transfiguration Sunday with Holy Communion; After Service Parish Group Formation After Service Youth & Leaders prepare for Shrove Tuesday	4 AnnE's Day Off	5 AnnE's Day Off 6 PM Shrove Tuesday Supper (Pancake Supper hosted by Youth & Leaders)	6 4.30PM Worship Committee 6 PM Witness & Outreach Meeting 7 PM ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE @ St John's Anglican Church	7 10 AM Bible Study 4.30 PM Pub Theology	8	9
Pastor Away For						
10 Lent I; 10 AM Lay Led Service of the Word Church Cleaning: Wollmann, Radke, Mann, Heibert.	11	12	13 5.30 PM Soup & Bun Supper Lent Mid-week Service with Holden Evening Prayer. Praise Team following service	14 10 AM Bible Study 9.30 AM Service & Care meeting 11 AM Long Term Care Service 11.30 AM Ministerial Meeting	15	16
Colloquy in Winnipeg						
17 Lent II; 10 AM Worship with Holy Communion After Service Parish Group Formation	18	19	20 9.30 AM – Noon, Noon – 2.30 PM Food Bank 5.30 PM Soup & Bun Supper Lent Mid-week Service with Holden Evening Prayer. Praise Team following service	21 10 AM Bible Study 7 PM Council Meeting 4.30 PM Pub Theology	22	23 11 AM Gal's Morning Out
Pastor Away For Continuing Education						
24 Lent III; 10 AM Lay Led Service of the Word	25	26	27 4 PM Education Meeting 5.30 PM Soup & Bun Supper Lent Mid-week Service with Holden Evening Prayer. Praise Team following service	28 10 AM Bible Study 4 PM Long Term Care	29 5 PM CLAY Youth Group	30
Pastor Away For Continuing Education						
31 Lent IV; 10 AM Worship with Holy Communion						