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Monthly Newsletter of LAKELAND LUTHERAN CHURCH

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From the desk of AnnE....

Dear Friends, Being that I have been asked by many about - "what is a call to ministry like?", I thought I would share one of the short pieces I shared with our Examining Committee of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. I thought you might be interested.

Marva J. Dawn in her book, "The Sense of the Call" writes:

Why is it SO HARD to serve God these days? Everywhere I go, pastors and lay people tell me how discouraged they are. Congregational budgets are not being met; council leaders or influential members lurk and attack like crocodiles; volunteers are difficult to gather; there is always too much work to do and not enough time to do it, too many needs and not enough saints to meet them all.

I consider and ask why I am now asking the Examining Committee to consider my call to the ordained ministry within the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada?

The answer resides in another understanding. I have come to the point of a timely challenge and a ceaseless invitation that has never ended.

I have indeed known a godly nudge and 'call' to areas of lay ministry which I treasure to this day - youth and outdoor ministry, Christian education, chaplaincy, pastoral counseling, and the many opportunities to walk with our brothers and sisters of First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities. What a thrill and gift all of this has been. To partner together in ecumenical circles has been quite the learning along with a gift of long standing friendships. I have always been humbled at my preconceived notions, learned a great deal through ecumenical partnerships while finding myself in places I considered would never be my reality. And....yet....the itch remained of another call.

What an honour I have had the last three and a half years as the official lay minister at Lakeland Lutheran Church, Cold Lake, Alberta. This time period has cemented my yearning to the ordained ministry.

How horrified my father, an ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, was to learn many years ago of my consideration and desire to contemplate a call to ordained ministry. It was hurtful to receive

that rebuff but yet, even he began to understand and acknowledge that “yes” perhaps there was a true call available to me.

My area of desired ordained ministry of Word and Sacrament leads me to the people I now serve - Lakeland Lutheran Church. I also acknowledge a heavy leaning to a relationship with indigenous people and for the people in the pew to connect in meaningful ways with our neighbours - Cold Lake First Nations and the Elizabeth Métis Settlement. I would appreciate the opportunity to encourage those relationships to occur more fully.

I believe my personal strengths are a deep sense of commitment and faithful action to those I serve. Perhaps at times - too much. Yet this commitment I wish to now nurture within an ordained pastoral role. My weaknesses are that I am not always the best planner, organizer and often steer away from self-care. What a learning curve self-care has been for me. I would guess it will be a continuing one (it certainly also has been). On the positive side, I am much better at acknowledging my struggles with this. I am not fearful to lean on others when I need to do that. My family is very clear when I stray. I am often frustrated but mostly pleased with their persistence that I make healthy choices.

I am blessed to have had the examples of many friends, colleagues and clergy. I have often heard their struggles - ‘why is it SO HARD to serve God these days?’ Yet, by my own sense of call, understanding the life within the organized church (which I am challenged by and love), my local home parish of Holy Spirit Lutheran Church in Edmonton, Alberta and the church where I serve believing this call to be true, I remain ready to step forward trusting in the God ‘who has never let me go.’

So that is a piece of it all friends - thanks for reading!

Want to talk more? Perhaps you are feeling ‘nudged’, ‘pushed’, and encouraged by the Holy One. Perhaps you wonder if you have a call? Calls come in all ways - to serve as a lay person in our congregation, leading as a committee member, serving others outside our congregation, getting involved in our larger church: Synod and the National Church...AND even to ordained ministry.

Do know God continues to be a promise keeper to walk with us all AND is full of surprises. God loves you and wants to celebrate with you all your call(s) too. I am always open to talk about it.

See you in church, AnnE



April 2019 Message for Congregations and Lay and Rostered Leaders

Dear Beloved of God –

Following the meeting of our National Church Council, March 8-10, 2019, the Western Synod's Examining Committee will also meet in Winnipeg. This meeting is one of the highlights of my year as your synod bishop.

The committee, comprised of one member from each of the four Western Synods, a faculty member from Lutheran Theological Seminary and the candidate's bishop, will meet this year with five candidates two of whom are from the Synod of Alberta and the Territories.

In the Lutheran tradition, a person's call from God to public ministry is understood as both internal and external or mediated:

1. through an internal, personal sense of call that God is leading a person to public Christian ministry.
2. through public affirmation that the person has the character, commitment, preparation and ability to serve in a specific public ministry, either ordained or diaconal.
3. through the receipt and acceptance of a letter of call to serve in a particular ministry setting.

The responsibility for approval of candidates for rostered ministry in the ELCIC rests with the synods.

The final evaluation of candidates for rostered ministry is in two parts: the written examination (members of the committee are provided with the candidate's responses to a written examination, as well as all other pertinent material from the candidate's dossier) and the examination interview.

The final evaluation is to review and inquire in depth into the candidate's readiness for rostered ministry, and to determine that the candidate meets the requirements for ministry established by the National Church.

The areas of readiness reviewed during the interview are: theological and academic competence, spirituality and faith commitment, personal integrity and leadership abilities, and, call to ministry and ministry gifts.

By the time you read this April Message the Western Synod's Examining Committee will have met and I am hopeful that I will be in conversation regarding Calls to parish ministry and Services of Ordination.

Thank you for your continuing prayers for all candidates for rostered ministry across the ELCIC and for those prayerfully considering candidacy, for members of our ELCIC's Program Committee for Leadership for Ministry, for our seminaries, and for candidacy committees.

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)

Notice of Lent and Easter Services at Lakeland Lutheran Church

(PLEASE WATCH FOR UPCOMING ACTIVITIES WITH THESE SERVICES)

Wednesday April 3rd – 5.45pm Soup and Bun Supper 6.30pm Service with Holden Evening Prayer.

Sunday April 7th – 10am Worship with Holy Communion

Wednesday April 10th – 5.45pm Soup and Bun Supper
6.30pm Service with Holden Evening Prayer.

Sunday April 14th – 10 am Palm/Passion Sunday Service of the Word.

Thursday April 18th – 6pm Seder Supper with Maundy Thursday Service

Friday April 19th – 10am Way of the Cross Service

Friday April 19th – 10.30am Good Friday Service

Saturday April 20th – 7pm Easter Vigil CLAY event

Sunday April 21st – 7am Easter Sunrise Service (Easter Continental Breakfast to follow)

Sunday April 21st – 10am Easter Worship Service with Holy Communion



Upcoming Events

Announcements

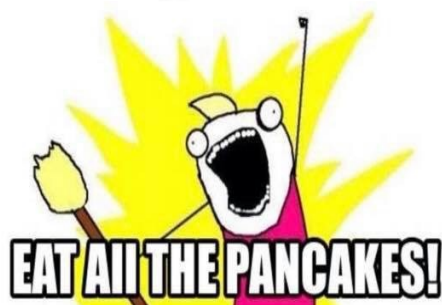


CHECKOUT THE APRIL 2019 CALENDAR FOR ALL ACTIVITIES.

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

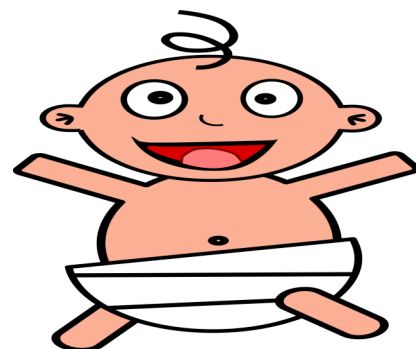
SHROVE TUESDAY!



Thank you to the CLAY youth and leaders for the wonderful pancakes served on Shrove Tuesday and thank you to all those who came to eat.

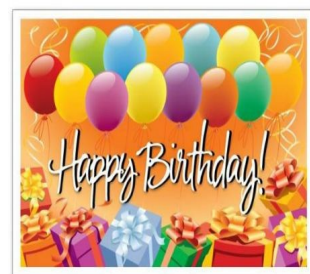


There will be a Baby Welcoming for Owen Kublick at 2pm on Sunday April 28th at the home of Gail and Bill Chernesky. Everyone is invited to come out and welcome our new addition to our church family.



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!



SUNDAY SCHOOL

On Palm Sunday each child will receive a Pop-up Lenten Calendar which takes children on a walk through Holy Week



A BOUQUET OF THANKS

A heartfelt thank you from Helen Flaming to the World Day of Prayer committee, Pastor AnnE, Linda, Keith, Laurie and Kathy for making this year's service so successful. Once the letter arrived with our tracking number and information about Slovenia Kathy was there to lend assistance to the coordinator in getting the ball rolling for the planning of the World Day of Prayer service. Ordering the materials online, making copies of posters and flags, sending emails of recipes to the appropriate people, sending notice to the Respect paper and forwarding WDP emails to the coordinator are just a few of the tasks she did.

Special thanks goes out to Gale Strong, Shirley Kirstein and Linda Klinger for their willingness to attempt the Slovenian recipes for Walnut and raisin Potica (cake) and Belokranjska Pogaca (bread) and heart-shaped cookies. Add some grapes and cheese, the spread was well received at the fellowship after the service.

Linda Klinger and Jo Petterson, you went above and beyond with the Slovenian music, re-writing the English words to fit them better with the music making the songs flow so beautifully. Making copies of the songs and music as inserts to the program also was a big help.

Thank you Laurie for leading the service, to Keith for his muscle in setting up the props (table, chairs, mike & stand) plus making sure the video of Slovenia ran smoothly, Bernie, our photographer, for last minute request by WDP and lastly to all the extended help in cleaning up after socializing and preparing the sanctuary for the next day's communion service. As you can see it also takes a congregation to create a successful project. To help do this we had reps from six other churches to join in the service.

To have 46 people attend our church on a night where so many other special functions were happening was a wonderful sight. Thank you all very much.



SEE YOU IN 2025 WHEN IT IS OUR TURN TO HOST AGAIN!!

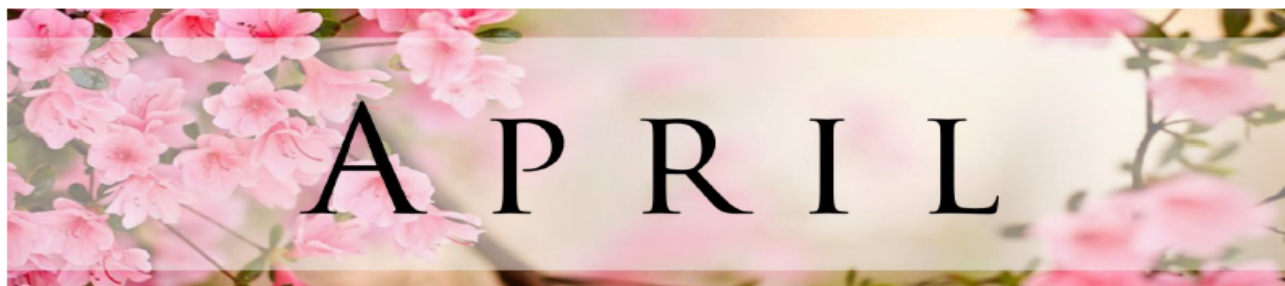
Helen Flaming, WDP coordinator

Gal's Morning Out - Service and Care would like to thank all the women who came out and participated in our event and we look forward to next Spring!



2019 Kids' Camp (July 15-19)

The Education Committee is looking for interested people to plan the 2019 Kids' Camp. Please contact Bernie Hartman for more details (cell: 780-207-7155)



“Lenten Project - We Care” Bags

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Lent IV: 10 AM Worship with Holy Communion	AnnE's Day Off	AnnE's Day Off	4:30 PM Worship Committee 5.45 PM Soup & Bun Supper 6.30 PM Lent Mid- week Service with Holden Evening Prayer 7 PM Praise Team	10 AM Bible Study		
Lent V: 10 AM Worship with Holy Communion	AnnE's Day Off	AnnE's Day Off	9.30 AM – Noon, Noon – 2.30 PM Food Bank 5.45 PM Soup & Bun Supper 6.30 PM Lent Mid- week Service with Holden Evening Prayer 7 PM Praise Team 6 PM Witness & Outreach	9 AM Service & Care 10 AM Bible Study 11.30 AM Ministerial Meeting 4.30 PM Pub Theology		
PALM/PASSION SUNDAY; 10 AM Service of the Word	AnnE's Day Off	AnnE's Day Off	7 PM Praise Team	6 PM Seder Supper with Maundy Thursday Service	10 AM Way of The Cross Walk 10.30 AM Good Friday Service	6 PM CLAY Easter Vigil Event
EASTER SUNDAY; 8 AM Sunrise Service – Youth Led (Continental breakfast to follow) 10 AM Worship with Holy Communion	OFFICE CLOSED (STAT DAY)	AnnE's Day Off	4 PM Education Committee 7 PM Praise Team	10 AM Bible Study 4 PM Long Term Care Worship 4.30 PM Pub Theology 7 PM Council Meeting	AnnE's Day Off 5 PM – 7 PM CLAY	
Second Sunday of Easter; 10 AM Service of the Word Baby Welcoming 2 PM – Chernesky House	AnnE's Day Off	AnnE's Day Off	9.30 AM – Noon, Noon – 2.30 PM Food Bank 4:30 PM Worship Committee 6 PM Witness & Outreach 7 PM Praise Team	9:30 AM Service & Care Meeting 10 AM Bible Study		

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