



# Monthly Newsletter of LAKELAND LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## *From the desk of AnnE....*

Dear Friends,

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia.**

Let me share a memory:

The knocks on the door would come at any time of the day or night. When I opened the door he would be standing there with paintings under each arm. With his halting English he would greet me, "It's me, James. Remember me?" That's how every visit began.

As a budding teen artist James would stop by in the afternoon to re-connect and if he was lucky, to earn a little money by selling his paintings. As an increasingly troubled adult his evening visits were to ask for money for his growing baby son. As an addicted adult his middle of the night visits were cries for help or a safe place to sleep. His life was a spiralling series of contradictions.

He had the passionate eye of an artist. The heart of a poet. The imagination of a dreamer. The longing whimsy of a seeker. The tears of an inconsistent parent. The brokenness of one caught between cultures. The scars of abuse. The tormented anger and denial of an abuser. The repentant spirit of a sinner. The faith and hope of a child. The empty stare of an addict. A life searching for peace.

In his contradictions he was every woman and every man. In the midst of the contradictions he was also a child of God. He was my friend.

James is gone now. The scars of abuse the emptiness of addiction overcame his search for peace. Just as the criminal hanging on the cross next to Jesus confidently prayed, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom," I'm sure God has heard my friend. "It's me, James. Remember me?" Jesus' response is the same to him and to us, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise." A promise made on the Cross. A promise kept in the resurrection and new life of Easter's empty tomb. And so we pray, Jesus, remember us when we come into your kingdom. AMEN.





## May 2019 Message for Congregations and Lay and Rostered Leaders

Dear Beloved of God –

One of the joys and life-giving gifts for me as a Synod Bishop is our Synod's relationship with The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia (IELCO).

I have been privileged to journey to Colombia several times facilitating delegation visits for youth, youth and adults, and adults who have sought to begin to experience, embrace and engage the contexts and ministries of IELCO; to build relationships with our siblings in Christ; to explore stronger ties between partner congregations in our Synod and IELCO; and to seek an expanding global understanding of faithful discipleship through the Lutheran Colombian context. I have also been privileged to host on two occasions delegations from Colombia to our Synod.

Our ELCIC global mission accompaniment model is one of walking together in solidarity, side by side, practicing interdependence and mutuality, in service to God's mission. The values of the accompaniment model are interconnected, and include mutuality, inclusivity, sustainability, vulnerability and empowerment. The core purpose of these relationships, this accompaniment, is God's mission.

Relationships and accompaniment are at the heart of our approach to global ministry. We seek to actively listen to our partners and companions, share in their joys and sorrows, and support them in their mission – as they support us in ours.

Recently we have had an opportunity as a Synod to accompany our Global Companion Partner in Colombia in prayer. A car bombing occurred January 17, 2019 in Bogotá, Colombia in an area very familiar for our Synod delegation participants. Upon learning of this violence, I wrote to Bishop Atahualpa Hernandez expressing concern, solidarity and prayer support for Colombia and our Global Companion Partner, IELCO. Bishop Atahualpa sent the following correspondence which I share with his permission:

*"The work of righteousness will be peace; its effect will be quietness and confidence forever."*  
Isaiah 32:17

*To our dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia - IELCO, advocates for the joy of human rights and peace in our country and rejects any act of violence which sows fear and threatens the dignity of people.*



*We are united in solidarity and commitment with the families of the victims of the car bomb on January 17 in "La Escuela de Policía General Santander", which left 21 people dead and 68 injured in Bogotá, among whom were young cadets. We also reject the violent actions that have taken place during recent months towards social leaders and human rights defenders, especially in the most forgotten regions of our country.*

*We call for truth and justice in the face of the serious upsurge of violence, in the regression of the negotiated solution to the armed conflict, and in the proven facts of corruption that permeate the State. Before the militarization of the territory, the restriction of democratic liberties and the escalation of the war, we pray that the negotiations between the national government and the ELN guerrilla will be resumed. We pray for peace, insisting that it is a constitutional right for all and should correspond to everyone. We especially pray for the government to ensure that this peace can become a reality in our country.*

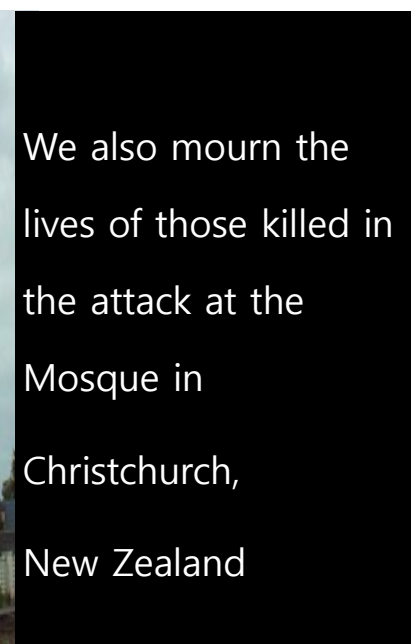
*Your Brother in Christ,  
Atahualpa Hernandez  
Bishop-President of the IELCO*

As we walk together in solidarity, side by side, will you join me in prayer for Colombia and IELCO as sharing in their joys and sorrows, and supporting them in their mission – just as they support us in ours?

*O God, where hearts are fearful and constricted, grant courage and hope. Where anxiety is infectious and widening, grant peace and reassurance. Where impossibilities close every door and window, grant imagination and resistance. Where distrust twists our thinking, grant healing and illumination. Where spirits are daunted and weakened, grant soaring wings and strengthened dreams. All these things we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen (from Time of conflict, crisis and disaster, EvLW p. 76)*

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)*



## Canadian Lutheran World Relief – AFRICAN APPEAL



Maombi Babonye knows too well what it means when a young child is malnourished.

“Most of my fellow mothers have helplessly seen their children waste away and die because they cannot afford adequate food,” says the 29-year-old mother of 4, who has lived in a grass thatched temporary shelter in an internally displaced people’s (IDP) camp in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo) for the last seven years.

She’s among millions of people affected by conflict and political instability in the country. Many were forced to abandon their homes and livelihoods for the relative safety of camps, like the Kaye IDP camp in the North Kivu province of Eastern DR Congo.

Nearly two million children are suffering from severe acute malnutrition.

Tragically, childhood malnutrition has affected Maombi even more closely than watching other mothers lose their children. She lost her own child to malnutrition when she couldn’t access necessary medical support.

That’s why she was terrified when her daughter Dorcas fell ill last year — she thought she would lose another child. And Maombi herself badly needed medical support at the same time.



**Today, with your support, Dorcas is a happy, healthy 4-year-old, and Maombi is not only healthy, but running a small business and providing independently for the whole family.**

Dorcas received nutrition support through a Lutheran World Federation (LWF) project supported by CLWR. The project is supporting vulnerable families whose children suffer from malnutrition, providing emergency medical care and nutritional support for both the children and their parents. Because the project was carried out through CLWR’s partnership with Canadian Foodgrains Bank, donations in support of the project were matched 4:1 by the Government of Canada.

“I was lucky to have been identified by LWF,” Babonye says, reflecting on the experience. Apart from the nutrition support, she also received support from LWF to help her build a livelihood. With it, Babonye purchased food and clothes for her children and started a business selling local vegetables and purchased two young sheep. Through her small business, she is now able to put food on the table for her four children.

Babonye says she can now plan for the future because of these supports.

“I will wait for my sheep to multiply, then sell them and buy a piece of land where I can produce food for my children,” she says.

Babonye feels proud she can help her family, thanks to the assistance she received.

“I am now able to single-handedly raise my children,” she says.

**Your support was life-changing for Maombi and Dorcas. Thank you for your partnership!**

*Photos: LWF DR Congo*

*Donations can be made under CLWR African Appeal in the regular offering envelope.*



# Upcoming Events

## Announcements



**CHECKOUT THE MAY 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 June newsletter must be to the church office by May 27th. Please phone the church office with your ideas or necessary inclusions. Kathy is waiting for your call or email.

### CHURCH SPRING CLEAN – 9AM TO 1PM SATURDAY 25TH MAY



Please come to the church for spring cleaning. Bring rakes, grass trimmers with personal protective equipment but most importantly **ENTHUSIASM**. A sign-up sheet of inside cleaning of the church is on the easel in the Narthex, please initial and check the box for each area cleaned

### SUNDAY SCHOOL WRAP UP – BLESSING OF THE WHEELS

**SUNDAY 12TH MAY**

As part of worship we will help Pastor AnnE bless Kathy's School Bus...Bring your scooters, bikes, skateboards, whatever wheeled transport used for work, school or vacation Let's bless those wheels!



### KIDS CAMP

**Volunteer Information Meetings: 1.30pm & 7pm Thursday 23rd May.**



Both adults and youth volunteers will need to attend **one** of these scheduled sessions to fill out the necessary security check forms and also go through the **SPLASH** program details. If you are unable to attend please contact Cheryl Benoit: 780-207-0446, or, Bernie Hartman: 780-207-7155

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!](http://www.facebook.com/lakelandlutheran!)



## CLAY YOUTH BBQ

3 PM - 5.30 PM Sunday 26th May At the Provincial Park (day use area). All are welcome. Come join our youth. Drinks, hotdogs/hamburgers and ice cream provided. If you are coming please bring veggies and/or finger food (no forks available) .



## May Support Month—Brian Rude: In Mission with El Salvador: Who is Brian?



Serving in HIV/AIDS ministry in El Salvador conducting AIDS prevention/awareness and wellness workshops in prisons

Pastoral support for AIDS patients and family members

Regional coordinator for LWF International Youth Program from 2001 to 2003

Theology teacher at Lutheran University of El Salvador

Birthday: August 24

Address: A.P. 05-66, Metro Centro, San Salvador, El Salvador

Brian was commissioned as a missionary of the ELCIC on October 9, 1988, to serve the Fe y Esperanza orphanage of the Lutheran Church in El Salvador and as a liaison between Canadians and Salvadorians.

In 1994, Brian shifted his focus to HIV/AIDS ministry and assisted the Roman Catholic Archdiocesan AIDS team, including their youth drama troupe Luz de Luna, in conducting AIDS prevention/awareness workshops in parishes throughout the country. More recently, with funding from the Lutheran World Federation (LWF), Canadian Lutheran World Relief and the ELCIC, he has helped to develop Quetzalcoatl, a foundation that promotes human well-being, self-esteem and AIDS prevention among prison inmates in EL Salvador. In this work he also provides pastoral support for AIDS patients and family members.

From 2001 to 2003, Brian served as Regional Coordinator (Americas and Caribbean) for the LWF International Youth Program, focusing on globalization and leadership. He is also teaching classes in the theology department of the Lutheran University of El Salvador.

The Salvadoran Lutheran Synod has over 7,000 members in 28 congregations and 18 preaching points. The church is a member of the LWF and is led by Bishop Medardo Gomez. Commenting on Brian's work, Bishop Gomez wrote, "It is a magnificent work he is developing ... It is an honour to have him representing the Lutheran Church."

Born in Grande Prairie, AB in 1956, Brian is the son of Rev Milton and Mrs Gladys Rude. A graduate of the Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute in Outlook, SK, he studied at Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute and Augustana University College in Camrose, AB, receiving his BA degree from the University of Alberta. In May of 1983, he graduated with a MDiv degree from Lutheran Theological Seminary in Saskatoon. Following ordination he served St. John Lutheran Parish in Wapella, SK, and Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Calgary.

Referring to AIDS ministry and marginalized people, Brian writes, "So many have so long since given up on the church, and any good news it might claim to offer, hearing mostly self-righteousness and judgment, and experiencing mostly rejection and condemnation. Hopefully the entire church will open its heart to the broad range of God's creation, so that we can love and be loved, teach and learn, be channels of and receive God's grace, together."

Brian received the Katharine Hockin Award in 2004 from the Canadian Churches Forum for Global Ministries in recognition of his contribution to global mission and ministry for his 15 years in El Salvador.

*Friends **thank you!***

*To the musicians (pianists and singers) during the **Lent Wednesday Holden Evening Prayer** services -**thank you!** For the cooks providing meals for our Wednesday 'soup/bun' gathering - **thank you!** For all those who set up and took down the cinder blocks for our candle displays - **thank you!** For all who set up and cleaned up after the weekly evening meal - **thank you!***

*For worship planners providing good music opportunities for the Holy Week Services - **thank you!***

*For all pianists and our Praise Team - **thank you!***

*For the preparation of palms (spruce bows) - **thank you!***

*For set up, cleanup, ironers and cooks for the **Maundy Thursday Seder Supper** - **thank you!***

*For all the guests who came to the Seder Supper to learn, took part, eat and enjoy. - **thank you!***

*For all those who set up for Palm/Passion Sunday and the entire Holy Week - worship, the making of the Cross, the maker of the tiny crosses, the ushers, the PowerPoint, communion helpers, Psalm chanters and readers, the provider of flowers, those who carried the Cross, sang and 'walked the way' to the Tenebrae Good Friday Service - **thank you!***

*For all youth and leaders who planned the Easter Sunrise Service and the continental breakfast - **thank you!***

*For all those who jumped-in and helped silently behind the scenes - **thank you!***

*For all donations of the Easter breakfast food - **thank you!***

*For the Easter bunny - **thank you!***

*For all lending necessary dinner equipment - **thank you!***

*For all the cleaners, dish washers, bus boys/girls, ironers, and the huge effort to restore our church belongings to their appropriate places - **thank you!***

*For our children's message provider - **thank you!***

*For children in our midst - **thank you!***

*For musicians at Long Term Care services - **thank you!***

*For all our Sunday School teachers going the extra mile - **thank you!***

*For the farm family providing chicks - **thank you!***

*For the Sunday School children restoring the 'ALLELUIA' - **thank you!***

*For the graphic designer of the framed print of introduction in the narthex - **thank you!***

*For our church administrator for 'too much' extra - **thank you!***

***AND** - For all who made a difference attending worship during this special time - **thank you!***

*It takes a community to provide a place of welcome, hospitality, contemplation and celebration. **Thank you!***

*Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, gives everyone a place in the gatherings of God's people.*

***Thank you for sharing the grace of Christ you have been given!***





## Missionary Month – Brian Rude El Salvador

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>Please note there are timing and date changes for some regular meetings.</div>			<b>1</b> 9.30 AM - Noon, Noon – 2.30 PM Food Bank  4 PM Worship Committee  7 PM Praise Team	<b>2</b> 9 AM Service & Care  10 AM Bible Study  6 PM Witness & Outreach	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER:</b> 10 AM Worship with Holy Communion <b>Installation of            Church Council</b>	<b>6</b> AnnE's Day Off	<b>7</b> AnnE's Day Off	<b>8</b> 7 PM Praise Team	<b>9</b> 10 AM Bible Study 11 AM Long Term Care 5 PM Pub Theology @ TAPS	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> <b>4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER:</b> <b>Wrap Up of            Sunday School            with Blessing            of the Wheels</b> 10 AM Service of the Word <b>Mother's Day</b>	<b>13</b> AnnE's Day Off	<b>14</b> AnnE's Day Off	<b>15</b> 7 PM Praise Team	<b>16</b> 10 AM Bible Study  11.30 AM Ministerial Meeting – Hosted by Lakeland Lutheran Church  7 PM Council Meeting	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER:</b> 10 AM Worship with Holy Communion	<b>20</b> <b>OFFICE            CLOSED            (STAT DAY)</b>  *Victoria Day	<b>21</b> AnnE's Day Off	<b>22</b> 9.30 AM – Noon, Noon – 2.30 PM Food Bank  7 PM Praise Team	<b>23</b> 10 AM Bible Study 11 AM Kids Camp Volunteer Meeting 4 PM Long Term Care Worship 5 PM Pub Theology @ TAPS 7 PM Kids Volunteer Camp Volunteer Meeting	<b>24</b> 5 PM – 7 PM CLAY BBQ at the Church. Bring your family.	<b>25</b> 9AM – 1PM SPRING CLEAN
<b>26</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER:</b> 10 AM Service of the Word <b>Baptism of Owen            Kublik</b>  <b>Youth BBQ –            3PM-5.30PM            @ Provincial Park</b>	<b>27</b> AnnE's Day Off	<b>28</b> AnnE's Day Off	<b>29</b> 4 PM Education Committee  7 PM Praise Team	<b>30</b> 10 AM Bible Study  5 PM Pub Theology – Last meeting of the season. Pot Luck at Pastor's house	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>