



Monthly Newsletter of LAKELAND LUTHERAN CHURCH

JUNE 2019

Cold Lake, Alberta

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From the desk of AnnE....

Dear Friends,

I have certainly been thinking about ordination a lot lately. It helps when I consider some of the thoughts that Martin Luther articulated. He used the term "priesthood of all believers". This term names that there is no hierarchy of vocations. One life-calling is no greater, or, of more importance than another. We are called by virtue of our baptism. We all have a calling to be God's people in love to a hurting world.

For Luther, vocation is a horizontal concept - not a vertical one. While everyone belongs, not everyone is intended for or called into pastoral ministry or professional church work. This still does not mean pastors or professional church workers have a "higher" calling. I think that is extremely important for me to consider.

The Augsburg Confession (which you might like to study this fall) asserts that the fact of ordination or sincerity does not guarantee the reliability of a person's message as a Christian statement. The means of grace is what is important: the Gospel given in Word— Proclamation (preaching) & Sacraments (Baptism and Holy Communion). These are the means through which the Holy Spirit works. Through them the Spirit works faith. The Spirit works this faith when and where the Spirit pleases in those who hear the Gospel or receive a form of it (as in the Sacraments). These great gifts of grace need to be rightly administered which is why there is a calling to pastoral ministry. Also, as a pastor shares in Proclamation & Sacraments, it is an obligation of God's people to test what they do hear against the Word of God.

Pastoral ministry is TO AND FOR the congregation; that is, it is directed toward people who in Proclamation and the Sacraments receive Christ as a gift through the Spirit. God's gift - not mine.

I asked one of my confirmation students, "Have you thought of being a pastor?" The response? "Why would I ever do that?" I think I might have responded to the student differently now. Perhaps I will get that chance again. I would have stressed the importance of all of us to know our 'calling' or 'vocation' — and with God's guidance discover where we fit.

Each of us has a 'calling'. Let us continue sharing our 'callings' together.

It is a blessing to be in ministry together. It will continue to be a blessing after June 30th.



June 2019 Message for Congregations and Lay and Rostered Leaders

Dear Beloved of God –

We have gathered at the rural church. Many have journeyed for several hours to be present and to participate in the service of ordination and installation. Once the worship begins and the procession has landed me near the altar, I look out over those whom the Spirit has assembled: farmers, council and call committee members, several children and a handful of youth, family and friends, and seminary professors and staff and colleagues.

It seems as if even the sounds of the building are part of a sacred conversation between congregation, God and the one to be ordained and installed. A yellowed fluorescent light hums its way through the service. The microphone on the lectern squeals when the reader gets too close. The air from the furnace whooshes into the sanctuary causing the banners to wave.

Those to be ordained and installed will spend their years baptizing babies, helping to deliver calves in the middle of the night, burying husbands who died too soon, negotiating debates about how to pay for the new church roof...and then every Sunday, they will stand in the pulpit and try to make holy sense of it all.

Mid-March I prepared this article, originally for the June *Canada Lutheran*, while basking in the glow of participating in the final evaluation of candidates for rostered ministry. It is my favorite time of year, spent reviewing written examination materials and candidate dossiers and participating in the colloquy (the examination interview).

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

The examining committee, comprised of capable, insightful, experienced and compassionate members, considers the following determinants of readiness: theological and academic competence, spirituality and faith commitment, personal integrity and leadership abilities, and call to ministry and ministry gifts.

It is my favorite time of year, for I have walked with the candidates together with the synod candidacy committee, and the seminary, and the internship placement supervisor and congregation, and family and friends and seminary classmates to this point of final evaluation.

And truly, marvellously, wonderfully I have seen God at work in the life of each candidate.

And now, the procession has landed me near the altar where I preside at the service of ordination and the area dean presides over the installation.

The plan of the newly ordained and installed is no strategic plan for “turning this church around.” No, their only ambition—their call—is to be next in a long line of faithful pastors serving with and among this congregation seeking to join God in God’s mission of reconciliation and restoration.

With the service over and the obligatory pictures taken, we make our way to the community hall for a potluck dinner. Everyone plops into metal folding chairs and eats, laughs and gossips. Tables are filled with casseroles, salads and a multitude of homemade desserts. Children squeal as they chase each other around the room and out the doors of the hall.

I overhear a story about snow tires. They could be discussing their anxieties about the future of family farms, the economy or “just where is this country heading?” But there is none of that on this day. Even the small talk has a lilt to it.

I understand why, when their new pastor enters the room, many are simply there to extend a warm welcome. One after another they get up from the tables, wipe their hands and approach the pastor for a handshake or a hug. Many have tears in their eyes.

This is a eucharistic feast. A new pastor has come. To the congregation it is a sign that God knows how to find them. The holiness of the room is so apparent that I almost take off my shoes. No one wants to leave—certainly not me, and certainly not the new pastor.

This is my glimpse into a mystery about our church that is hidden from the statistics and anxiety about its decline.

I have no idea what hardships lie ahead for this congregation, or how long it will even exist. But I know that its people are filled with expectancy. In their midst is another highly capable pastor who is prepared to bring thousands of years of theological hope to bear on their community — a pastor who finds holiness by sitting in a community hall swapping stories about snow tires, and who every Sunday will stand in the pulpit and try to make holy sense of all of it.

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)



Ordination, Installation and Celebration

for

Pastor AnnE Zimmerman

June 30th @ 4.00pm

Lakeland Lutheran Church

All are welcome **to worship and bear witness to this wonderful event**. There will be special music, Holy Communion, and ministers from other congregations – it will be beautiful. Please make every effort to come and show your support for Pastor AnnE, as she accepts God's call to ordination and continued service with our congregation.

Where is the offering directed?

The offering collected at this service will support the Synod's Support Our Students (SOS) fund

How will we set up?

Set up for this service will take place after morning worship (and fellowship) Sunday 23rd June – we will take down the tables and set up rows of chairs so that on June 30th all we need do is open the wall.

A partially catered **Congregational and Invited Guest Supper** will follow the service (approx. 5.30 – 6.00pm) at the Grand Centre Golf and Country Club (Tournament Building). You will find an invitation in your church mailbox. (RSVP is required by [23rd June](#).)

Why are we serving this dinner off-site?

We decided to do the meal at a different location as we anticipate a full church at the 4.00pm Service. To have the meal at the church would require us to move the chairs after the service, set up, and, decorate the tables. We didn't want our members and invited guests to have to work that hard on this special day. In addition, with our wedding at the church the day before, food preparations would be challenging.

How will this be paid?

The cost is \$10.00 a person. We will have invited guests, family and friends of the Pastor attending. We want everyone to feel welcome, we are not charging anyone to attend. (Instead, we have established an Ordination Fund. This will cover the evening meal, Pastor's gift, worship and other supplies we need for that day).

If you are able to contribute please put your donation in the offering plate. Indicate that it is for the Ordination Fund either in your church envelope or on the memo line of your cheque.

For the meal, after the 4.00pm Service, the golf course will set up the tables, chairs, table cloths, real dishes, water, coffee, tea, turkey, cranberry sauce, gravy and condiments. They will also do the clean up. Wine and other beverages can be purchased at the event.

To complete the meal our church will provide buns, a wide variety of salads and dessert. We already have a volunteer to provide all the buns. We also have a volunteer who is providing fruit trays (one of Pastor AnnE's favourite things for dessert) . To keep things simple we will be making her favourite lemon dessert at the church on Sunday 23rd June.

What can you bring?

What we need from church members is a salad or a raw veggie tray. You can provide any salad you wish . To keep things as simple as possible, please bring your salad in a cooler to the service and keep it in your car. You can just bring it to the supper. This will alleviate having someone at the golf club that day to receive the salads. Please remember to take your container home when you leave.

Anything else?

The last thing we need are people willing to host any overnight guests arriving from outside of our area. If you are able to offer a bed or two in your home, please contact Kathy in our church office: 780-639-4673, or email: lakelandlutheran@telus.net as she is coordinating this.

This is a worship where we give thanks to God for Pastor AnnE. Yet, it is a day when the Church sets her aside for Word and Sacrament ministry and therefore a service of the entire Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church In Canada (ELCIC). Ordinations do not happen often so when they do it is spectacular. If you have never experienced one, I encourage you to attend. The Spirit will be moving through our church so come and participate!!!

Thank you. If there are any further questions please direct them to me,

Cheryl Benoit.

President Church Council



The invitation card features a red border and a central logo of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories, which includes a cross and a heart. The text is centered and reads: "All are invited to the Ordination and Installation Service of Anne Zimmerman as Pastor of Lakeland Lutheran Church, Cold Lake Sunday, June 30, 2019 4:00 pm". Below this, it states: "Rostered Ministers are welcome to vest (red) and process as they are able." and "An offering will be received for the Synod's Support Our Students (SOS) Fund." At the bottom, a red-bordered box contains the text: "Catered Congregational Dinner at the Golf & Country Club follows the service. RSVP to the Church Office by 23rd June."

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San Salvador, El Salvador

17 May 2019

**Lakeland Evangelical Lutheran Church,
Cold Lake, AB**

Dear friends and supporters:

Greetings from El Salvador.

I recently received the list of 2018 donors to "In Mission with El Salvador" / *"En Misión con El Salvador"* from the ABT Synod office. I am not given the amounts, so can't confirm those, but whether it was the widow's mite, or a *Notre Dame*-reconstruction-level corporate gift (well, it seems that one got diverted), I am most grateful, both personally, and on behalf of numerous Salvadoran sisters and brothers who are beneficiaries of your generous gifts, often in urgent need of assistance to cover life's basic needs.

Life in El Salvador and beyond is undergoing some significant transitions, at personal and national levels:

- i) I completed my ten-year term serving on the Board of Directors for *CRISPAZ*--crispaz.org (Nov., 2018--the maximum term was nine years, supposedly, but the Board requested that I stay on for a year as executive secretary);
- ii) I completed my 5-year DMin challenge (graduation May 8, 2019--it took 10 years . . . due to factors beyond my control);
- iii) The *FMLN* was decisively booted out of the presidency in the Feb. 3 elections, for which I was again an observer, after ten years of leading the executive branch of the nation (June 1 will be the transition to a very new and different party--we're not yet sure what to expect);
- iv) I recently began serving the Salvadoran Lutheran Church in its ministry to migrants / forceably displaced persons / deportees / asylum-seekers / refugees, which involves a lot of networking and meetings for drafting legislation, educating the public and politicians, awareness-raising, and promotion of solidarity, nationally and internationally (my home continues to fill with displaced persons);
- v) Canada is going through significant political shifts, seeming to follow USAn models, requiring an even more prophetic voice and even more pastoral care, in what, to me, is still my primary "mission field."

Some of my e-newsletters have been posted on the ABT Synod website: <http://albertasynod.ca/ministries/global-missions/el-salvador/> . I receive and appreciate a considerable amount of direct communication, especially in response to these newsletters. I try to respond to all who write. Thanks to all who do.

All God's best to you this Easter / spring / new life season. I just planted a roof-top garden yesterday (more sunlight up there), so I shall be watching for new life and anticipating a veggie harvest, a childhood passion long neglected.

Paz,

Brian

The Rev. Brian Rude, DD, DMin,

"In Mission with El Salvador" / *"En Misión con El Salvador"*

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May 7, 2019

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Dear Lakeland Lutheran,

Challenge Yourself. Challenge Others. Challenge the World.

Thank you so much. Your gifts and prayers contribute to the life and well-being of the Seminary in transformative ways. Due to your support, students are provided with the opportunity to study within our internationally recognized faculty. This allows our students to engage their Christian faith more deeply, so that they are able to communicate it in a variety of ministry settings. Students challenge themselves as they develop skills for leadership in the church of today and tomorrow.

Thank you for your donation. We acknowledge that your gifts dated 4/23/2019, have been gratefully received.

**** You now have the option to donate using Pre-Authorized Debit. In this way, LTS receives 100% of your donation. Whatever way you choose to give, we are thankful.**

Yours in Christ,

Glen Sirochuk,
Director of Communications and Development.

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Upcoming Events

Announcements



CHECKOUT THE JUNE 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 Summer newsletter must be to the church office by June 25th. Please phone the church office with your ideas or necessary inclusions. Kathy is waiting for your call or email.



CHURCH SPRING CLEAN

A Huge THANK YOU to everyone that came out on Saturday 25th May to help clean the church facility as well as the outdoors. Your help was very much appreciated.

There are still a few items unchecked so, if you were unable to help, this is your chance to participate.



SUNDAY SCHOOL – GOATS

Our wonderful Sunday School teachers and students raised enough money this year to purchase 8 pairs of goats for CLWR Gifts from the Heart.. They would like to say THANK YOU for the donation from the Service & Care Committee, given on behalf of the congregation which helped them achieve this total.

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK OFF – 8th SEPTEMBER



KIDS CAMP: 15 JULY – 19 JULY

Places still available. Contact Kathy in our office: 780-639-4673 if you would like to register a child.



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CONGRATULATIONS

Well done and best wishes for the future to Carson Ahenakew Jr, who graduates on June 28th 2019.

Good luck with all your future endeavours.



JUNE IS FOOD BANK SUPPORT MONTH

Please give through the church offering or bring in food (to be placed in the **RED** tub in the Narthex) The more who support the Food Bank, the more it can do. With faith and giving we can provide for many.



Support Month – Cold Lake Food Bank

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 7th Sunday of Easter: 10 AM Worship with Holy Communion, Praise Team to meet after Worship	3 AnnE's Day Off	4 AnnE's Day Off	5 4 PM Worship Committee Meeting 6 PM Witness & Outreach Meeting	6 9 AM Service & Care Meeting	7	8
9 DAY OF PENTECOST: 10 AM Service of the Word, Praise Team to meet after Service	10 AnnE's Day Off	11 AnnE's Day Off	12 9.30 AM – Noon, Noon – 2.30 PM Food Bank	13 11 AM Long Term Care Service 11.30 AM Ministerial BBQ @ Provincial Park	14	15
16 HOLY TRINITY: 1 st Sunday after Pentecost 10 AM Worship with Holy Communion Praise Team to meet after Service	17 AnnE's Day Off	18 AnnE's Day Off	19	20 7 PM Council Meeting	21	22
23 Time after Pentecost: 10 AM Service of the Word Praise Team to meet after Service	24 AnnE's Day Off	25 AnnE's Day Off	26	27 AnnE out of the Office 4 PM Long Term Care Worship	28 AnnE out of the Office	29
30 Time after Pentecost: 10 AM Worship with Holy Communion 4 PM Ordination and Installation Service For Pastor Anne	1 OFFICE CLOSED CANADA DAY	2 AnnE's Day Off	3 9.30 AM – Noon, Noon – 2.30 PM Food Bank	4	5	6