



NEWSLETTER OF LAKELAND LUTHERAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 2021

Cold Lake, Alberta

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Dear Friends, November is about reflection and thinking of days past and present, even into December. In short, All Saints Day, Remembrance Day and the start of Advent. We even plan to get to church on time since we have a time change (phew! - need to remember that this occurs on the first November Sunday).

All are days to stop - take time and consider what these times mean as a community and individually.

On this Sunday, many faith communities observe "All Saints Day". While the meaning of the day varies between denominations, the core of observance is a celebration of "connection" - how we are joined to those who have gone before us, those around us now, and those who will follow us.

*For all the saints
who went before us
who have spoken to our hearts
and touched us with your fire,
we praise You O God.*

*For all the saints
who live beside us
whose weaknesses and strengths
are woven with our own
we praise You, O God.*

*For all the saints
who live beyond us
who challenge us
to change the world with them,
we praise You, O God.*



November 2021 Message for Congregations and Lay and Rostered Leaders

Dear Beloved of God -

The Sabbath pattern - six days of work, followed by one of rest - is woven deep into the fabric of the Bible - it is seen, fundamentally, as a gift! The root word means to cease, to desist. The idea is not that of relaxation or refreshment, but cessation from activity. The first story of Hebrew and Christian Scriptures climaxes on the seventh day, the first time there was a seventh day. Having created everything, God rests, and blesses this day, and makes it holy.

Later, God teaches the people of Israel to share in the blessing of this day (Exodus 16). After bringing them out of Egyptian slavery into the wilderness, God sends them manna, commanding them to gather enough each morning for that day's food alone. Mistrusting, they gather more than they need, but it rots. On the sixth day, however, they are told to gather enough to last for two days. Miraculously, the extra does not rot, and those mistrustful ones who go out on the seventh morning to gather more food find none. God is teaching them, through their own hunger and nature's provisions, to keep the Sabbath, even before Moses receives the commandments on Sinai.

When those commandments come, the Sabbath commandment is the longest and, in some ways, the most puzzling. Unlike any of the others, it takes quite different forms in the two passages where the Ten Commandments appear (Exodus 20:8-11 and Deuteronomy 5:12-15). Both versions require the same behavior - work on six days, rest on one - but each gives a different reason. What is wonderful is that each reason (remembering and observing) arises from a fundamental truth about God's relationship to humanity. Together, these two renderings of the Sabbath commandment summarize the most fundamental stories and beliefs of the Scriptures: creation and exodus, humanity in God's image and a people liberated from captivity. In both remembering and observing, the Sabbath is understood to be gift.

The Christian community continued to treasure the Sabbath commandment, along with the other nine commandments from Sinai. They also came to believe that its meaning had changed with the new creation God began with Christ's death and resurrection. The holy day from now on, therefore, was not the seventh but the eighth, the day on which the future burst into the present.

As you know, at its September 2021 meeting Synod Council approved my proposal for a sabbatical leave, October 25, 2021 through January 24, 2022 with a few days of holiday preceding the sabbatical and a few days of holiday following the sabbatical. In effect I will be away October 20, 2021 through January 27, 2022...for a time of remembering and of observing.

Those who have served recently on Synod Council will recall that during the March 2020 Bishop's Performance Review I was encouraged by Council to consider taking a sabbatical beginning early winter 2020. However, given the reality of the Covid pandemic, the upcoming 2020 Synod Convention and the reality of planning for an on-line event, and the anticipated hiring of synod staff, Office Administrator, in the summer of 2020, I determined to set aside this encouragement.

I thank the Synod Council, and you, the Synod of Alberta and the Territories, for this gift, and I invite your prayers for The Rev. Prema Samuel, Assistant to the Bishop for Congregational Life, who will serve as Commissary while I am away; Marla Berg, Office Administrator; and other synod staff; Synod Officers – Deacon Karen Wedman, Keith Scheidt and Paul Ellison; and the Area Deans: The Revs. Jeff Decelle, Kevin Powell, Julianna Wehrfritz-Hanson, Matthew Lyseng and Trish Schmermund.

I also welcome your prayers for Cathy and me during this time of sabbatical.

Know that I will continue to uphold you in prayer.

And, as I have shared before, and will continue to do so: Beloved of God, as people of faith, continue to be humble and gentle with one another. Honour each other. Make space for lament. Welcome moments of joy. Help each other live into hope. Learn from this journey in the coronavirus wilderness and let the learning lead us forward. Trust that God is at work in this time and look for the new things God is doing even now.

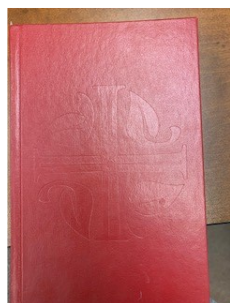
In Christ Jesus –
Shalom,

+Larry

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

HYMNALS



If anyone would like a Hymnal to take home so that you can follow our Sunday Service please contact Kathy in the office 780-639-4673 and she will arrange for you to sign one out.

Changes to The Way We Worship

Please note changes to begin with our gathering:

1. Individual and larger family units will NOT need to call our church office to book their attendance FOR Sunday worship. 60 individuals are allowed in our sanctuary following spacing guidelines.
2. Only parents of Sunday School students are encouraged to call the office so that Sunday School teachers will be aware of a number of students for the planning of class resources.
3. Protocols of arriving in the front door, distancing, wearing of masks, signing in as you enter the church building and to exit the rear door at the end of worship will remain. Please remember to wait for the usher to lead the exit so safe distancing is maintained.
5. Services will continue to begin at 10 am in worship each Sunday after this week unless the AHS and Government of Alberta changes necessary health rules.

Let's all go by these rules so we can be together to worship our God. Exciting time it will be. Thank you.

With peace,

Pastor AnnE Zimmerman and the PROTOCOL COVID-19 COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Worship Guest

We will be welcoming Rev. Anna Thede from Hosanna Lutheran Church, Edmonton to our Worship Service on Sunday 14th November. Many of you will know her from the online Hosanna Lutheran Sunday worship services. Pastor Anna also shared her Confirmation study class with our confirmation students during Pastor AnnE's absence as well as sharing her Bible Study class with us online. It will be great to finally meet her in person and thank her for all her help.



Driver Program

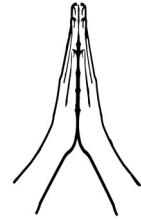


If you require a ride to any Church activity, or can provide a ride, please contact the office 780-639-4673

Worship

Prayer Chain :

We are blessed in our fellowship to have the gift of intercession and people that are willing to pray and praise in circumstances in our daily lives. Prayer requests can be emailed to Anne Tucker at a_tucker@telus.net or you can call or text her on 780-812- 0208. The request will then be fanned out to our praying volunteers. Please know that requests to the prayer chain are kept confidential and no request is considered too big or too small for prayer. If you wish for your prayer request to be continued please send a second request. Thank you for your support of this ministry. If you wish to volunteer to be on the prayer team please let Anne know.



Witness & Outreach

Advent Grocery Gift Bags:

This year the Witness Committee is changing up our project for Advent. We have decided to do a Reverse Advent Calendar. You will receive a calendar for December and on each day will be typed one grocery item. Put this item into a reusable grocery bag, check it off or have your child/children put a sticker on this day. When you have completed the calendar items, take the grocery bag to the church on or before Christmas Eve to be blessed and then delivered to the Cold Lake Food Bank. As the price of groceries is increasing, this is a great way during Advent to help out people in our local community. No home preserves please.



Reverse Advent Calendar

December 1 – box of cereal	December 2 – peanut butter
December 3 – box stuffing mix	December 4 – box of instant potatoes
December 5 – macaroni and cheese	December 6 – canned fruit
December 7 – canned tomatoes	December 8 – canned tuna
December 9 – jam or jelly	December 10 – jar of applesauce
December 11 – coffee	December 12 – tea
December 13 – canned peas	December 14 – box of crackers
December 15 – package of rice	December 16 – package of oatmeal
December 17 – package of pasta	December 18 – canned spaghetti sauce
December 19 – chicken noodle soup	December 20 – tomato soup
December 21 – canned corn	December 22 – canned mixed vegetables
December 23 – canned carrots	December 24 – canned green beans



Like to Knit?

If you like to knit, toques or mittens are welcome at the Cold Lake Food Bank. Bring them to the church and put them in the Food Bank box.

Education



YOU'RE ALL INVITED...

To participate in the Lakeland Lutheran Church presentation of
"The Christmas Story: an Intergenerational Art Show."

Sign up with the Education Committee (Bernie, Marlene or Jo) or email
jopetterson2@gmail.com by Sunday 7th November.

Create a piece of art in any medium that represents your assigned verses in
the Christmas Story and present your finished work (or have someone pre-
sent it for you), on Sunday December 12, as part of our annual "Christmas Concert". Please let us
know if you need supplies, we can help. Late registrants will be included in some way so don't wor-
ry if your flash of inspiration comes after November 7!

Important Dates:

November 7—Sign Up and receive your verse

November 28—Bring artwork to church (or drop off before)

December 12: Art Show during church service



In October, Sunday School students collected \$15.45 to help the
homeless in Cold Lake. Since Sunday School began in September
\$29.05 has been collected in total for The Cold Lake John Howard
Society.

Just a reminder to phone the office if you will be bringing a Sunday School student to
Sunday service. This helps the Sunday School teachers prepare for the lesson. Thanks.



**DON'T FORGET THE CLOCKS GO BACK
AT 2AM ON SUNDAY 7TH NOVEMBER**

BLESS THE ANIMALS SERVICE

Thank you to everyone who brought their animals for a blessing .



YOUR OFFERING

You are now able to e-transfer money to the church.
If you wish to do this please use the following email to e-transfer
from your account.

financialsecretary@lakelandlutheran.com

You can also drop your offering at the church during normal office hours or mail to us at Box 456,
Cold Lake, AB T9M 1P1. Thank you for your continued support of our church.



Greetings from the Secret Sister coordinator, Helen Flaming



Hope you had a blessed Thanksgiving, remembering how fortunate we truly are even with this pandemic creating havoc with our lives. Although it was longer than usual the Secret Sister program has now come to an end. I hope you still enjoyed keeping in touch with your special secret sister.

Thank you to those who took advantage of the "Uber" program to deliver their gifts. Don't forget to give your secret sister her final gift in which you reveal your identity.

If anyone does not find out who her secret sister was please contact me at 780-594-6378. If I am unable to answer the phone please leave a message.

Thanks to the ladies for taking part in this special program.

Musician for Church Services

We have a wonderful volunteer opportunity for you!!

We are in need of anyone willing to play the piano, or any other instrument like a guitar, violin etc; to play the music for our Sunday Services. We currently have only 3 musicians who are able to play at our services and would be grateful for anyone wishing to offer their services.

Please contact Linda Klinger 780-826-8507 if you would like to know more.



Directed Giving

Breakdown to the end of September 2021.

Cold Lake Food Bank \$4505
Synod \$550
John Howard \$235
On Eagles Wings \$75
Discretionary \$50

Hosanna Lutheran \$1125
Seminary \$425
Pastor Rude \$150
Campus Ministries \$300
Fall Supper \$45

CLWR \$1315
Refugee Support \$175
Adopt a Family \$125
Lac La Biche \$50

Thank you for your generous gifts to others

Anne Tucker
Financial Secretary

BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES in NOVEMBER



Nov 2 – Roric Singleton; Jo-Ann Primeau; Kaitlin Wickstrand;
Clay Shipclark

Nov 3 – Marlene Walchuk

Nov 17 – Victor Primeau

Nov 18 – Thekla Radke

Nov 28 – Dave Unraw

Nov 30 – Helen Flaming

There is now a calendar in the Fellowship Hall which lists the birthdays and anniversaries celebrated by our church family. Please feel free to add your name, please add your last name initial if there is another by that name in our group. Thank you for participating.

Service & Care.



Nov 1 – Jessica & Chris VanHappen

Worship Service Lessons for November

Sunday Nov 7 – Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44

Sunday Nov 14 – Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 16; Hebrews 10:11-14; 19-25; Mark 13:1-8

Sunday Nov 21 – Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Psalm 93; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

Sunday Nov 28 – Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

CHECK OUT THE NOVEMBER 2021 CALENDAR FOR ALL ACTIVITIES

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

Please make sure that any inclusions for the December Newsletter reach the church office by NOVEMBER 21st.

Kathy will not be in the office for most of December so will need all newsletter items by the deadline. Thank you .

**Minutes from September 15, 2021 7:15pm Lakeland Lutheran Church Council
Meeting at the church**

Approved as amended October 20th, 2021

		Email Address	Present	Excused	Minutes Fwd.
President	Cheryl Benoit	cbenoit4u@yahoo.com	Y		
Vice-President	Richard Davis	ppaulellard@live.ca	Y		
Secretary	Anastasia Radke	Aradke2016@outlook.com	Y		
Trustee	Linda Klinger	covan@telusplanet.net	Y		
Trustee	Helen Runke	harunke@telusplanet.net	Y		
Trustee	Cornel Wollman	clwooll@telusplanet.net	Y		
Trustee	Keith Scheidt	kscheidt@persona.ca	Y		
Pastor	AnnE Zimmerman	pastorAnnE@lakelandlutheran.com		Y	
Worship	Helen Flaming	hflaming@telus.net			N/A
Education	Bernie Hartman	berniehartman@persona.ca			N/A
Witness	Dorothea Mathews	dorothea.mathews@yahoo.com			N/A
Service	Gail Chernesky	billac@telusplanet.net			N/A
Support	Cornel Wollmann	clwooll@telusplanet.net			N/A
Treasurer	Clay Shipclark	treasurer@lakelandlutheran.com			
Fin/Sec	Anne Tucker	a_tucker@telus.net			N/A
Facility	Bill Chernesky	billchernesky2020@gmail.com			N/A
Mutual Ministry	Keith Scheidt	kscheidt@persona.ca			N/A
Stewardship	Keith Scheidt	kscheidt@persona.ca			N/A
LLC Office	Kathy Pedersen	lakelandlutheran@telus.net	N/A		N/A

Call to Order 7:15 PM Cheryl B

Approval of Draft Minutes from Previous Council Meeting August 18 with amendments, 2021

Moved: Keith Second: Helen Carried

Reports:

Treasurer Report: attached

Clay has resigned as Treasure.

Cheryl will fill in until we find a new Treasurer. Actively looking for a Treasurer until the end of term

Financial Secretary Report: attached

1. Rolling Tables
2. Education Committee has asked to paint the side of the C-can—Youth Group project
3. New Holiday—The day of Truth and Reconciliation—as a church we will honour this day as a statutory holiday.

Motion to honour 30th September—National Day for Truth and Reconciliation as statutory holiday:

Keith second: Cornel carried

Pastor AnnE's Report: attached

Ask for feedback on the format of the report

Question about recording of the worship

Worship is recorded live but will be put on the website at a later time

Cheryl will ask if assistance is needed with the recording

Kathy and Roger are helping right now

Worship Committee: Report attached

There is a question if a committee member has to be a church member and the answer is no.

Witness and Outreach: Report attached

Service and Care: Report attached

Education: Report attached

Asking for permission for the Youth to pant the side of the C-can

Motion to paint the C-can by youth: Keith second: Linda carried

Sunday school is at the 11am service on Sunday

Support and Maintenance: Report attached

Rolling tables—8 tables for \$125 each

Motion to purchase tables: Cornel second: Linda carried

Stewardship: - no meetings

Facility Coordinator: Report attached

Bill's letter attached (How the Capital Funds are used)

Keith sent out email about the history of the Capital Fund and the purpose.
Discussion was held about the Capital Funds and access and spending.

One part of Bylaw 10 is:

“Spending funds is confined to council approved programs and purchases. Each gift given need has been met, or where projects cannot be carried out for any reason, designated gifts will be used where needed most.”

Any decision will be tabled too next month's meeting

There is no urgency in any decision about any changes

Input from Council:

Anastasia – Liaison to with office administrator

Keith – Liaison to Education/ mutual ministry

Linda – Liaison for Worship

Helen – Liaison to Witness and Outreach

Cornell Liaison to Support and Maintenance and facility coordinator

Cheryl – Treasurer and Office Administration

Richard – Service and Care

Next Council Meeting October 20th, 2021 at 7:15pm at church

Closing Prayer Lord's Prayer

Note Draft meeting minutes will be emailed to council members for feedback on any errors or omission. Once approved, the minutes will be posted on the bulletin board by the office door along with a copy of the reports and applicable memorandums.