



**NEWSLETTER OF
LAKELAND LUTHERAN
CHURCH
MARCH 2022**

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Rev's Words:

We enter LENT this Wednesday - ASH WEDNESDAY

In this season of LENT, we enter into the forty-day fast that Jesus undertook in the wilderness. Through this dedicated period of self-examination, we allow God to further shape us into the image of Jesus. We also align our hearts with the suffering of Jesus as we move ever closer toward Holy Week and the event of the crucifixion.

The season begins with Ash Wednesday, in which we receive the imposition of ashes and are reminded we are dust and to dust we shall return. During this season, we observe chosen forms of fasting, prayer, and service or charity for forty days but break the fast on Sundays, which are considered feast days of celebration throughout the church year.

Practices to consider:

Fast, preparation, self-examination, quiet, contemplation, sacrifice, reflection, discipline, patience, prayer AND

Prepare asking yourself:

What is your hope when it comes to this season?

What priorities, postures, or rhythms might foster your approach and hope?

Practices:

Choose one or two specific things that pique your interest or focus.

May I invite you to consider our broken world and such struggles as part of your practice. Pray for Ukraine. Pray for your neighbours and enemies. And pray considering Jesus' walk with you. Pray for each other contemplating this walk we share together.

"Yet even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments."

Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and he relents over disaster. Joel 2: 12-13

In gentleness and God's love in these forty days, Pastor AnnE



March 2022 Message for Congregations and Lay and Rostered Leaders

Dear Beloved of God -

As you know I have recently returned to the Synod from a three-month sabbatical, a gift indeed! Walter Brueggemann makes the wonderful statement that, “Sabbath is an invitation to image our life differently” (Finally Comes the Poet: Daring Speech for Imagination). In this liminal time, in this time of pandemic challenge and opportunity, the gift of Sabbath imagination is exactly what I needed. Extended time to ponder, pray, reflect...imagine my life and that of our Synod... differently.

As has often been my experience whether through a weekly time of Sabbath rest or a lengthier time of sabbatical, my experience was not what I had planned nor what I had imagined. Travel plans were postponed or canceled. At times I felt as though every plan was thwarted. And brief illness during the sabbatical meant I was forced to rest. Even so, Sabbath was exactly what I needed. Time for remembering and observing, for imagining, dreaming, reflecting. Time for family and extended family. Time to simply be. Time to consider my calling as Bishop.

The Spirit of God surprised me in this sabbatical, drew me close, embraced me in grace, love and mercy, and encouraged me to imagine.

Celebrating...honoring...the gift of Sabbath, whether weekly or in the gift of a sabbatical time, is... yes, I'll write it again...a gift.

So, how are you practicing Sabbath rest? Sabbath remembering and observing?

How might you practice this gift by developing a regular rhythm in your life? What might this look like for you?

Where might this imagining be leading you? Calling you?

I thank the Synod Council, and you, the Synod of Alberta and the Territories, for this gift. I thank The Rev. Prema Samuel, Assistant to the Bishop for Congregational Life, who so capably served as Commissary while I was away; Marla Berg, Office Administrator; and other synod staff; Synod Officers – Deacon Karen Wedman, Keith Scheidt and Paul Ellison; and the Area

Deans: The Rev s. Jeff Decelle, Kevin Powell, Julianna Wehrfritz Hanson, Matthew Lyseng and Trish Schermund.

Thank you for this gift. Join me in In Christ a weekly rhythm of Sabbath rest. Just.....imagine....

In Christ Jesus

Shalom,

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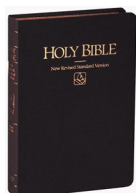
The God of ... imagine hope fill you with all joy so that you may ... joy and peace in believing, abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

Education



We are happy to announce that in person Sunday School began again on February 27. Covid policies set by the church will be used in Sunday School as well (wearing of masks, social distancing ...)

The 2021/2022 Sunday School project is to help the homeless in Cold Lake. All Sunday School offerings, until the end of May, will continue to go to the Cold Lake John Howard Society.



Confirmation Day is April 17, Easter Day. If you would like to make a directed gift to help buy the confirmands a Bible, please direct your gift to "Education - Confirmation Bibles".

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Worship

March 2, 2022 is Ash Wednesday and Rev. AnnE Zimmerman will be cohosting the service with Rev. Donna Gauthier and Rev. Doug Giles from St John the Evangelist Anglican Church at 7pm, here at Lakeland Lutheran Church following Covid protocols including wearing face masks, sanitizing, signing in and safe distancing. [If you are unable to make this service please feel free to come to the Church between 8am and noon on the this day for the dispensation of ashes.](#)

March 3, 2022 is World Day of Prayer. This is a prayer service written by a group of women and the focus this year is on Wales, Northern Ireland and England. The service will be held at 7pm at Our Lady of Assumption Church. Kathy Pedersen and Helen Flaming will be attending, should anyone like a ride, please contact Kathy in the office (780-639-4673).

March 6, 2022 will be a lay led service, led by Anne Tucker, at 10am at Lakeland Lutheran Church.

March 13 & 27, 2022 are both Communion Sundays with Rev. AnnE Zimmerman.

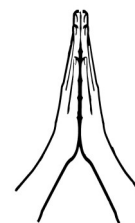
Please note, our weekly Lent Holden Prayer service will take place at 7pm on Thursday evenings this year instead of the usually Wednesday evenings (there will be NO soup suppers beforehand). Please see the church calendar.

Lakeland Lutheran Church will continue to follow Covid-19 protocols of wearing masks, hand sanitising, signing in and social distancing. [review of these protocols will happen at the end of March.](#)

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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

A Meaningful Gift for Lent

As our focus for Lent is financial help for Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR), they have an important Lenten Appeal. They have collaborated with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank to provide support to people in countries like Ethiopia, South Sudan, and Venezuela, where there have been severe disruptions to food supply and livelihoods. A gift of \$40 along with 4:1 matching from the Canadian Foodgrains Bank will provide life saving food to five families.

There is also an urgent appeal to help people displaced by war in Ukraine.

Also as Nahom, the refugee that we helped bring to Canada, is doing well on his own any further donations for refugee support will be sent to CLWR to support other refugees coming to Canada.

If you wish to donate, you can use your regular offering envelopes by marking which appeal you are donating to, or online at www.clwr.org and CLWR will send you a tax receipt for your donation.

Also remember to pray for these people suffering hunger and the atrocities of war.

Thank you for remembering those less fortunate than yourselves . “ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have...” (Hebrews 13:16a, NRSV)

Directed Giving For January

Cold Lake Food Bank \$150.00
Synod
John Howard \$200.00
On Eagles Wings
Fall Supper

Hosanna Lutheran
Seminary
Pastor Rude
Campus Ministries
Support \$682.50

CLWR \$45.00
Refugee Support
Adopt a Family \$25.00
Lac La Biche

Thank you for your generous gifts to others

Anne Tucker, Financial Secretary

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 etransfer
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.

BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES in MARCH



Mar 1 – Amelia Affolter

Mar 3 – Pastor AnnE

Mar 4 – Ethan Naugler

Mar 8 – Sandra Shipclark, Lisa Wickstrand, Linda Klinger

Mar 14 – Evadine Shipclark

Mar 16 – Lila Wollmann

Mar 25 – Ashley Naugler



Last week we had a special visitor at the church. Seems this little guy needed to feed and rest in the safe shelter of the church. Who knows, maybe our next new member!!



CHECK OUT THE MARCH 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 April Newsletter reach the church office by **MARCH 24th.**

Minutes from January 19, 2022 7:15pm at LLC

Approved February 16, 2022

		Email Address	Present	Excused	Minutes Fwd.
President	Cheryl Benoit	<u>cbenoit4u@yahoo.com</u>	Y		
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Secretary	Anastasia Radke	<u>Aradke2016@outlook.com</u>	Y		
Trustee	Linda Klinger	<u>covan@telusplanet.net</u>	Y		
Trustee	Helen Runke	<u>harunke@telusplanet.net</u>	Y		
Trustee	Cornel Wollman	<u>clwoll@telusplanet.net</u>		Y	
Trustee	Keith Scheidt	<u>kscheidt@persona.ca</u>	Y		
Pastor	AnnE Zimmerman	<u>pastorAnnE@lakelandlutheran.com</u>		Y	
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Support	Cornel Wollmann	<u>clwoll@telusplanet.net</u>			N/A
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Fin/Sec	Anne Tucker	<u>a_tucker@telus.net</u>			N/A
Facility	Bill Chernesky	<u>billchernesky2020@gmail.com</u>			N/A
Mutual Ministry	Keith Scheidt	<u>kscheidt@persona.ca</u>			N/A
Stewardship	Keith Scheidt	<u>kscheidt@persona.ca</u>			N/A
LLC Office	Kathy Pedersen	<u>lakelandlutheran@telus.net</u>	N/A		N/A

Call to Order 7:15 PM Cheryl B

Devotion: Pastor AnnE - Week of Christian Unity—Pastor AnnE shared what she videotaped as sermon for St. Dominic School and Holy Cross School. We have more in common and Christ is in the center.

Approval of Draft Minutes with Amendments from Previous Council Meeting December 15, 2021

Moved: Helen R Second: Keith Carried

Reports:

Financial Secretary Report: attached

Discussion about the envelopes for 2023.
Replace 'Capital Funds' with 'General Maintenance'
All in favour to change the naming on the envelopes.

Discussion about a cheque received in 2022 but cheque deposited in 2022.
Donation received in 2022 will be accounted for 2022.

Helen R.—Grocery card transferred \$250 in excess. Helen will talk to Bill.
Line# 40800 Grocery Card Fundraiser—correct amount is \$1470

Treasurer Report: attached

Proposed Budget for 2022 was discussed

Pastor AnnE's Report: attached

Pastor AnnE shared the Christmas Services. 7 more people could come to the Christmas service to church that otherwise could not have come because of the restrictions.

No Long Term Care Services are allowed at this time.

In person service and online services was explained. For the next 2 weeks online services will be offered.

Pastor shared that she will participate in the Synod Study Conference. It is either in person or virtual.

Less than 10 people are permitted to meet. Confirmation Class and Bible Study will still be in person.

Keith shared his experience with online meetings with the bishop. It is offered every Tuesday of the month and everyone from the Synod can participate. There is an open discussion offered after the meeting.

Worship Committee: Report attached

Pastor AnnE talked to the Anglican Minister Rev. Donna Gauthier and will plan for an Ash Wednesday Service together. It is all Covid restriction dependent.

Witness and Outreach: No Report this month

Service and Care: Report attached

Education: Report attached

Keith will meet with Pastor AnnE, Richard and AnnE Tucker for the Review of the year end. They will meet next Thursday, January 27.

Support and Maintenance: Report attached

Stewardship: - no meetings

Facility Coordinator: No Report

Discussion about Pastor's salary for the upcoming year.

An increase by \$175 per month for Pastor's salary (=\$2100 per year) effective this month.

Motion: Keith Second: Richard All in favour for the adjustment

Cheryl will call group services for the adjustment

Input from Council:

Anastasia – Liaison to with office administrator

Keith – Liaison to Education/ mutual ministry

Linda – Liaison for Worship - Linda asked for someone to do the AGM report this year. Keith will write the report for this year's AGM.

Helen—Liaison to Witness & Outreach

Cornel—Liaison to Support and Maintenance and facility coordinator

Cheryl – Treasurer and Office Administration

Richard – Service and Care

Next Council Meeting February 16th, 2022 at 7:15pm at church

Closing Prayer The 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.