



**NEWSLETTER OF
LAKELAND LUTHERAN
CHURCH
MARCH 2021**

Cold Lake, Alberta

780-639-4673

Church Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday

9.00am-12pm

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Dear Friends,

Joel and I continue to be so grateful for your prayers and concern. Today we ask for your prayers to continue.

As I lay in my bed, I notice changes. One change is our Stubby is at my son's home for a few days. Usually Stubby is laying at the end of my bed and laying on my feet! I miss him. Such is change.

Change indeed in each and every day. Now Joel is preparing to go to the ICU at an Edmonton Hospital. Why? He is going to be having surgery receiving a feeding tube. We are unsure how long he will be staying at the hospital.

Joel understands that the one thing he can be sure of from such a dreadful disease is the change in one's life. Change like his voice in speaking and being understood. Change as the requirement for more and more care from home care workers. Change includes that there is not too much privacy anymore. Yet, Joel and I recognize what does not change - "...that nothing separates us from the love of God through Christ Jesus." Nothing. We cling to this.

Together we also recognize that God's people, including the people of Lakeland Lutheran Church, remember that this also to be true. "...nothing separates us from the love of God..." Nothing.

From both Joel and I - thank you. Thank you for your faithful prayers. Prayers hold us. We humbly request your continuing prayers - for the medical team, for patience, for our dear children and grandchildren, and for calm in an unsettling time.

Thank you, our dear friends. God bless you. Know we continue to ask God to hold you in his care during a most difficult time to be the church. Pandemics are certainly not a time of comfort. May you continue to support each other knowing you are not alone. God holds you.

In God's care together, Joel and AnnE



March 2021 Message for Congregations and Lay and Rostered Leaders

Dear Beloved of God –

Recently the Annual Study Conference concluded. During the Conference, as is our Synod's long practice, I shared a Bishop's Time with those gathered...this year via ZOOM.

It's nearly been one year...COVID-19. It is incredible to note that a year has come and gone. Together we continue to seek to listen, discern and explore how we might support, encourage, and innovate for mission and ministry in a constantly changing context.

There are new opportunities and possibilities before us, including recommitting to a missional model of listening, discerning, experimenting, reflecting, and learning. And, all the while, asking the questions: where is God in our neighborhood? Our community? Our world? And equally importantly: how might we join God in God's mission?

In this liminal time, we are seeking to wonder, reflect, pray, discern, imagining what wants to emerge, to be birthed:

What have we learned about what is most important in our life together as the body of Christ? And how can we use that knowledge to shape how we will live, work, and serve together? What might we bring into the future from this experience?

What new skills have we picked up? What other skills and gifts will we need to embrace a new future?

What relationships/collaborations/partnerships will we need to initiate or strengthen in the months ahead?

What were the things that seemed so important before the coronavirus crisis that we might give less attention to, or let go of altogether?

What is/are our greatest asset(s) now?

I believe...and what I am hearing across our Synod...is that we are discovering that we have the capacity to be more creative and flexible than we had imagined.

I believe...and what I am hearing across our Synod...is that we are discovering that we have the desire and willingness to work cooperatively, with innovation, and are learning together from our experiments, including our missteps.

I continue to be moved, impressed, and filled with gratitude during this coronavirus wilderness for rostered and lay leaders, congregations, specialized ministries, and our strengthening relationship across the synod and church. For pastoral support, connection, compassion and care offered. For creativity, ingenuity, openness, support, encouragement and trust-building.

Opportunities for imagining, experimenting, risk-taking, innovating, and learning abound in this time even in the midst of yes, anxiety and disorientation.

May our Lenten journey be one of deeper reflection, attentive listening and wise discernment as we seek to be the Beloved of God.

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)

PASTORAL SUPPORT

In the event of an emergency please contact Rev. Donna Gauthier: 780-826-8549.
Rev. Donna would appreciate if your initial contact is by text as she works during the day. She will then contact you back as soon as possible.

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





Education Committee

If you are interested in encouraging lifelong learning and growing in our faith, the Education Committee is a good place for you. If you are interested in more information or would like to join the Education Committee, please contact Bernie Hartman.

The Education Committee is in search of someone who would be interested in leading online Adult Bible Classes. The Education Committee would help you find material you would be comfortable using.

If you would like help familiarizing yourself with ZOOM, please contact Bernie (berniehartman@persona.ca).



Worship Committee

Online Worship

Welcome everyone to the wonderful world of 'online worship'. Due to the wonders of technology we can watch the Sunday Worship Service provided by Hosanna Lutheran Church, on our website: lakelandlutheran.com. As it is a Live-stream service the link will be put on to our website shortly before 10am on Sunday. If you have any issues connecting, please contact Kathy on 587-201-2234 .



Online Service Prayer Requests:

Now that we are connecting with Hosanna Lutheran Church in Edmonton we are forwarding our names to be included on their prayer list. If you have someone you would like to add to the list please give Helen Flaming a call at 780-594-6378 and she will pass it on. Helen will need the names NO LATER than Thursday noon of the week before the Sunday you want the names to be read. These names will be read out loud for 2 weeks and then can be repeated or put on an extended list which is in the Hosanna Sunday bulletin. The names remain there until informed to remove them. Right now we repeat these names, Joel, Jane & Dakota on the out loud list and the Mathews family, Maurer family, & McKale family too.

Worship Volunteers:

Hosanna Lutheran extends an invitation to anyone who would like to participate in their online services (reader, prayers, musical offering). If you are considering this and would like more information about it, Linda Klinger can provide you a Helpful Hints for recording that Hosanna has provided us. Email: covan@telusplanet.net and Linda will email you a copy. Please let Helen Flaming 780-594-6378, know if you would like to participate so she can notify Hosanna. Thank You!



CONGRATULATIONS

Ming and Mike Alberti's son James & Sheena Alberti were married January 2nd 2021 at the Provincial Park.

In lieu of a Jack and Jill Shower the Service and Care Committee is collecting monetary gifts for those who would like to participate, until March 31st. These can be dropped off at the church during normal office hours (9am-12noon Mon-Thur). If you need to make arrangements outside these hours please contact Kathy 780-639-4673

Service & Care Committee

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday to Owen Kublik who turned 2 on the 16th February 2021.



BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH

AnnE Zimmerman

Linda Klinger

Evadine Shipclark

Hintz Schubert



Sandra Shipclark

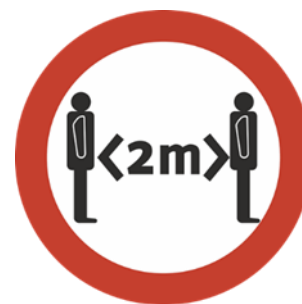
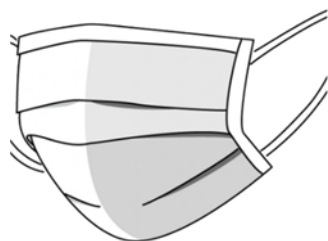
Lisa Wickstrand

Lila Wollmann

Access to the Church - COVID19

During this time of COVID19 we must follow the current sanitizing protocols as laid down by Alberta Health Authority when accessing the church building. If you must access the church building please ensure the following are carried out:

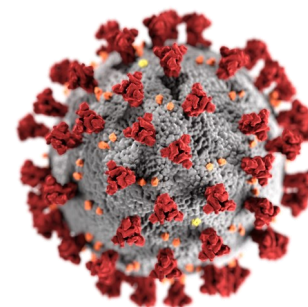
- Please bring your own mask.
- All visitors must wear masks, sanitize your hands and sign in on entering the building. If you forget your mask there will be one available in the entrance along with hand sanitizer and the sign-in sheet.
- Social distancing of 2 meters should be maintained wherever possible, even while wearing a mask. 2 meters when not wearing a mask outside of the building.
- All surfaces touched by each person, including but not limited to, chairs, tables, door handles, toilet handles, alarm pad, light switches, telephone, photocopier touch pad, computer keyboard/mouse, must be sanitized after use.
- On leaving the building please ensure the alarm pad and main door handles are sanitized. It is everyone's responsibility to make our church a safe place to be.



COVID-19

If you are sick with cold and/or flu like symptoms, please stay at home. Call Alberta Health Link at 811 for information. If you have a severe fever or are having trouble breathing, call 911. Do not go to emergency until instructed to by 911!

If you are sick and/or quarantined and cannot go out but urgently need medicine or a few groceries delivered, volunteers are here to help. Please call our office: 780-639-4673



Minutes from January 27, 2021 7:15pm via Skype Lakeland Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Approved February 24/2021

		Email Address	Present	Excused	Minutes Fwd.
President	Cheryl Benoit	<u>cbenoit4u@yahoo.com</u>	Y		
Vice-President	Scott Maurer	<u>maurer_scott@hotmail.com</u>	Y		
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>clwooll@telusplanet.net</u>	Y		
Trustee	Bernie Hartman	<u>berniehartman@persona.ca</u>	Y		
Pastor	AnnE Zimmerman	<u>anne.zimmerman53@gmail.com</u>		Y	
Worship	Helen Flaming	<u>hflaming@telus.net</u>		N/A	
Education	Bernie Hartman	<u>berniehartman@persona.ca</u>		N/A	
Witness,	Dorothea Mathews	<u>cspot1@telusplanet.net</u>		N/A	
Service	Gail Chernesky	<u>billac@telusplanet.net</u>		N/A	
Support	Cornel Wollmann	<u>clwooll@telusplanet.net</u>		N/A	
Treasurer	Lisa Wickstrand	<u>treasurer@lakelandlutheran.com</u>			Y
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: Helen R. - God is our rock, our guidance, our fortress.
Followed by a prayer

Approval of Draft Minutes from Previous Council Meeting December 16, 2021 (after clarifications and amendments)

Moved: Helen Second: Scott Carried

Financial Secretary Report: Anne T. – report attached

Treasurer Report: report attached

Discussion about the draft budget

No GST Rebate as of yet

Giving offering to Hosanna Lutheran church is included in the upcoming budget.

Draft for the “Interim Agreement “with Hosanna Lutheran church that was send out by the Assistant Bishop Pastor Prema was discussed and some amendments proposed. Cheryl will talk to Pastor Prema about the proposed amendment of the draft Interim Agreement.

Moved: Linda second: Anastasia carried

Total Balanced Budget that will be presented to the congregation is \$ 157,280.00

Discussion about year-end audit by an accountant. Include ratification of the 5 accounts:

Long Term Maintenance

Fundraising

Youth

Adopted Family

Discretionary

Capital

General Account

Moved: Bernie Second: Linda carried

Scott tabulated the report from the survey back in October. It will be available in the annual reports.

Nomination – we still need a Treasurer for the upcoming year.

2 Laptops found in the church office's closet that could potentially be used for the Quickbooks software program by the financial secretary and/or the treasurer.

Simply accounting no longer used. Quickbooks is used for the financial software. There might be cost involved for the software program. Cheryl will check out with Scott and Bill if a computer program could be set up on the laptops for easier access.

Cheryl and Kathy are working on the annual reports.

Bernie will take her name off of the Trustee and Keith put his name down for Trustee for Council.

The education ask for another person to be on committee.

Cheryl took part in a conference call with Dr. Hinshaw, Mr. Kenny and 800 other faith leaders.

The topic was about restrictions, regulations and recommendations for churches. We can have up to 15% of the full capacity of people in the church. 240 people is the full capacity – we could have 36 people at the church and they would be socially distanced, wearing a mask and have to be screened before going to church including temperature taken and registering before coming.

Discussion was held about feasibility. The general Agreement was to hold off of opening up the church for services at this time.

It was agreed to have the approved minutes in the newsletter printed.

Cheryl, Scott and Anastasia will have a conference call with the Bishop on February the 8th at 7:00pm.

We should have the results of the conference call done before the AGM on February 28th.

Council will meet at the 10th of February to discuss the results of the conference call. Meeting is at 7:15pm.

Cheryl will check with an accountant in regards to the credit line offered by the government for a loan.

All Painting is done.

Last Invoice not paid yet.

3M Tapes available at the church to put art etc. on walls.

Reports:

Worship Committee: – has not met in January. Helen had been in contact with Hosanna for Lent and Easter. Kathy will put information in the newspaper.

Ashes for Ash Wednesday will be available at the church by request. It will be mentioned in the newspaper.

An appeal is in the newsletter for people who would like to record the readings for online services.

Witness and Outreach: - no report available

Service and Care: not met but report is attached

Education: has met today – minutes will follow for the next council meeting

Bernie offered to help if people would like to go on Zoom.

Bible study – if someone would like to host a bible study on Zoom. There is a lot of bible study material available at our church as well as from Hosanna.

Hosanna's bible study is available also on Zoom.

Support and Maintenance: Cornel - environmental services came out to the property to cut down some poplar trees that grew too close to the power lines. Bill and Cornel took care of the arrangements.

Cornell mentioned that the part, Cheryl picked up from Lloydminster is working for the microphones.

The Filing cabinet is moved to the room where the freezer used to be. Support will go through the material and sort them out. Financial material is to be cleaned up in the basement. Will be sorted out by support.

Linda mentioned that the CRA has to approve the destroying of financial materials above the 7 years.

Stewardship: - Has not met since last council

Facility Coordinator: attached

Next month devotion – Anastasia

Next Council Meeting - February 24, 2021 at 7:15 via Skype

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.