



**NEWSLETTER OF
LAKELAND LUTHERAN
CHURCH
APRIL 2022**

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Rev's Words:

Dear Friends,

We prepare to wait! As we become closer to Holy Week - waiting is part of the journey.

Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb. Matthew 27:61 (NRSV)

It is the Sabbath. Followers of Jesus, including Mary Magdalene and the other Mary had watched Jesus die. Many followers were hiding. They were afraid that they too would be sought and killed. Although I am sure the women were frightened, these faithful followers stayed with Jesus. They stayed and waited. One might assume that the women would be standing, waiting and watching. Waiting, watching and ready to run if confronted by the Roman soldiers. But that is not what we are told. We are told they sat by the tomb. Strict rules applied to what activities could be done on the Sabbath day. The women knew these rules and adhered to them. Yet, they did what they could do – they quietly waited.

I remember being in a small remote northern village. I was invited to go with my friends to an elder's home. We walked through a snowy treed area towards a small home. We didn't speak. When we reached the destination, we walked into the home, removed our snowy boots and went into the living room. Many others had done the same. The house was already filled with people sitting on the floor or on the chairs. Lying on the couch was the elder. She was very sick. No one spoke for a long while. People sat and waited, a very difficult task. It was all they could do. These faithful people waited, waited as the respected and much loved elder slipped away. It took many hours. At times someone would stand, walk to the kitchen counter, grab a coffee or some food, but then would return, find their spot and wait. And then it happened – the elder died. Tears rolled down many faces, yet no one left, not quite yet. They quietly waited.

Mary Magdalene and Mary knew how to quietly wait. My friends in the North know how to wait as well. Both groups wait, willing to support by their presence and willing to face grief, no matter how frightening. As we journey to Easter, we are waiting too. We wait patiently yet eagerly to hear the words, "Christ is risen."

For Mary Magdalene and the mother of Jesus it was only when their quiet time of waiting was over that the story could continue. For them the wait was over forever. Christ was risen, indeed.

Now we wait.

Patient Lord, as you waited in the tomb help us wait too. And as we wait, quiet our anxiousness. Lead us to this relief we will know that you will never leave us. AMEN.

Pastor AnnE

Readings, Psalms and Gospels for April Worship

Sunday 3rd April: Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

Sunday 10th April: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Luke 19:28-40; Psalm 31:9-16; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49

Maundy Thursday 14th April: Exodus 12:1-4, 11-14; Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Good Friday 15th April: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Psalm 22; Hebrews 10:16-25; John 18:1-19:42

Easter Vigil: Romans 6:3-11; John 20:1-18

Easter Day: Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15:19-26; John 20:1-18

Sunday 24th April: Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31

“Grace”

A Lenten Reflection by Kathy Pedersen

I am not sure why Pastor AnnE had the crazy idea to ask me if I would do the reflection but, unfortunately for you, I agreed!!! Even though I'm still not sure why I agreed!!!

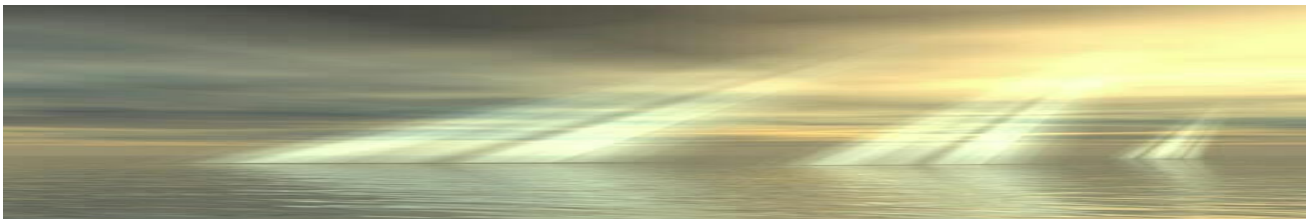
Obviously, I'm not about to give anyone a lecture on Faith, but I was asked to share a reflection I have had on my own faith. Although I have always possessed Faith I never really understood, or for that matter, accepted what is “God's Grace?”. I suppose it is my human condition that makes it seem so alien to me to believe that I could be loved for no reason at all, other than it is what God chooses. Like many of us I'm sure, I have always felt that I needed to earn love, or at least take some action to gain love. So, when I started my lessons with Pastor AnnE to become a member of this church, it blew my mind when she told me that God loves me no matter what.

As many of you know I was raised Catholic and, whether rightly or wrongly, I was left with a faith that taught me that God's punishment and anger at our sins is the reason we strive to do better each day in all aspects of our lives, so that we may gain his favour and love. Imagine how I felt when I found out that in fact, I have done nothing to earn God's love. He has given it to me freely, without condition, unconditional love toward a person who, through my own actions and thoughts, does not always deserve it. It was like a lightbulb going off in my brain. It made me feel like I could actually be loved despite all my flaws!!! Something that rarely happens in our human world. It made me feel so thankful and safe. Safe in the knowledge that God sees my many imperfections and still chooses to love me. I have always been plagued by doubts and fears that I have never been good enough for whatever reason, for whatever flaws I possess, and therefore have always struggled to truly like myself or find peace with the person I try to be each day. That one sentence ‘that Grace is unconditional love toward a person who does not deserve it’, has given me more strength than the whole of my previous Faith experience.

I face each day starting and ending with the knowledge that I am enough and that I am loved, a very different mindset than I have been used to. One that strengthens my resolve to do better in every aspect of my life, not because I am afraid or fear punishment from God but because I am thankful that he has chosen to love me. Being thankful is my reply to God's love.

I found a quote from Max Lucado which really spoke to me. *“Grace is God's best idea. His decision to ravage a people by love, to rescue passionately, and to restore justly – what rivals it? Of all his wondrous works, grace, in my estimation, is the magnum opus.”*

Let us pray: God of extravagant love, we are overwhelmed by the grace you have bestowed on us. Grant us the courage to risk our own discomfort as we follow the Spirit's lead. **Amen**





April 2022 Message for Congregations and Lay and Rostered Leaders

Dear Beloved of God -

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Two years ago, almost to the day, I was preparing an article for the Canada Lutheran to be released in June of 2020.

So much was uncertain. The future was unknown. A future that was changing not month by month, nor week by week, but minute by minute, with the certainty that nothing would be the same again. "The church and world," I wrote, "would be very different for all on the other side of this wilderness."

During the ancient wilderness wanderings of our Hebrew forebears in faith, God did extraordinary things to lead and feed God's people. Water from a rock. Pillars of cloud and fire. Manna rising from the ground. Quail falling from the sky. In the wilderness, severed from the moorings that had held their lives, the people of God received extraordinary, unexpected, unanticipated, previously unimagined grace to keep them focused on God, God's presence, God's provision, God's promise, even though they, like us, often turned their attention elsewhere in their anxiety or fear.

God is present as God has promised. Of this I am assured, dear Church.

God's presence, God's provision, and God's promise have been demonstrated in countless ways over these past two years. Imaginative creativity, thoughtful ingenuity, collaboration, reconnection, care for neighbor, and through simple, and yet radical...love - love, as Jesus taught and embodied it.

The New Testament makes it abundantly clear that Jesus was about love first and foremost, in word and in deed. Jesus begins with love for God, but inseparably linked that love with love for neighbor, which includes the other - the outsider, the outcast, the last, the least, the lost, the disgraced, the enemy.

Dear Church, who are we becoming? We journey knowing God's presence, God's provision, God's promise. And our journey will deepen through love, in word and in deed, taught and embodied by Jesus.

Dear Church, we have learned a lot about what it means to be the Church these past two years. Learning, as we have journeyed, about the essential value of community, of how we need one another, and how we thrive when we feel we are connected.

Dear Church, I am continuing to wonder, reflect, pray.

Dear Church, I wonder, reflect, pray: rooted in God's mission, are we being called, driven to be a church, identified more as a movement than an institution? Drawn together not only by doctrine or liturgy, but by unity of way of life, mission, practices, and vision for the common good? A reformation?

Dear Church, I wonder, reflect, pray: rooted in God's mission, are we being called into a more significant radical collaboration with others, working across and outside of denominational and inter-faith lines, to seek the common good? Trans-institutional?

Dear Church, I wonder, reflect, pray: rooted in God's mission, are we being called into deeper, and fuller love for the sake of the world? Love, in word and in deed of the neighbor that includes the other in ways never before fully lived out by us, by me?

Dear Church, I pray that we will be given eyes to see and ears to hear the Spirit of God at work. Guiding, encouraging, pushing, inviting into a future yet to be realized, all-the-while knowing that, "the Lord of hosts is with us" (Psalm 46).

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

Wednesday's Word

Just a reminder to always check the latest version of Wednesday's Word as it provides many opportunities for the entire Synod to enjoy many different classes.

There are lots of learning and sharing opportunities that we are all able to take part in.

Thoughts on Serving Together

I often receive other church's newsletters and papers. I really enjoy receiving them from people in our church. Just recently I received a paper of the Anglican Church in Canada. The article I read was written by Bishop Stephen London, Diocese of Edmonton. The title was, "Faithfully walking the road of love together." Churches often speak of this very thing. Faithfully walking....together.

Bishop Stephen speaks of this through the word 'synod'. How could I not be interested? Being of course that we are part of the ELCIC Synod of Alberta and the Territories I had to read his descriptor. He notes that often a synod just means a business meeting, though it is that - it is much more the Bishop notes - a philosophy for life. The word is two New Testament Greek words put together: syn meaning with, a way or road. He carries on to write that Ex-odos, means the road out (of Egypt).

So syn-odos (synod) means something like on the road with (each other). So, the Synod of Alberta and the Territories can mean walking on a road together. You will soon recognize one way our synod is doing that through worship this month. The last Sunday, April 24th, there will be a synod wide worship service - why? It is so during the struggles all have gone through the past months with a pandemic - we will continue to find ways to support each other. The service for the end of this month is led by Hope Lutheran Church in Edmonton. We have the opportunity all together to worship. At our worship space we will join online together to pray, sing and hear God's Word. I invite you to join at our synod church service and walk on the road with each other.

Each month for a year length, a service will be offered from a congregation within our synod. Be a part of these opportunities to walk together and learn from others.

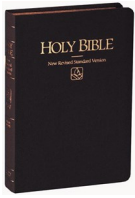
As well, our national bishops from the five synods will be offering one sermon each month to use as needed. Why? To support the pastors throughout our church AND the members as needed. So together, let us take heart to be "faithfully walking the road of love together".

Looking forward to this experience in our church (trust you are too),

Pastor AnnE



Education



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

Now that the choice is an individual's, whether to wear a mask or not, it was wonderful to see some other familiar faces in church on Sunday. Of course, we still need to be careful, so sanitizing, safe distancing and signing in are still going to be done for now. Here is a list of what is happening in the month of April.

April 10th: Palm Sunday service at 10:00 am with communion.

April 14th: Maundy Thursday service at 7:00 pm with communion.

April 15th: Good Friday service at 10:00 am.

April 17th: Sunrise service 8:00 am.
Easter service 10:00 am with communion.

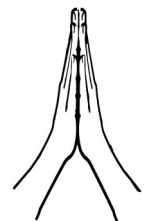
April 24th: Synod Wide Worship Service on Sunday at 10:00 am.

May you have a very blessed Easter and as you sit at your table remember to pray for the people of Ukraine, that they may have a fresh start to a good life where ever they are.

HAPPY EASTER! from the Worship Committee

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.



Confirmation and Education News for April



This is an exciting, thought provoking, reflective and meaningful month. First and foremost we contemplate the final days of Lent and Holy Week - Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. We look to a time of celebrating the resurrection of our Lord.

At one time, as well as baptisms on Easter Sunday, the affirmation of baptisms were celebrated - 'Confirmation' which it is often called. This special month our youth Kaitlin Wickstrand, Cyrus Radke, Molly Pedersen, Julia March and Will March will affirm their baptisms by being confirmed at the 10 am Easter Worship Service. Please pray as the youth are in their last preparations and study.

As I discussed with the Education Committee, there was unanimous agreement that a Confirmation Retreat is possible. This will be held from Friday, April the 8th until Sunday morning at the Palm Sunday Service. With the guidance from the Education Committee, COVID protocols will be followed. These will include being outside for events as much as possible - eating BBQs, games, campfires to reflect around and Christian education learning. Each student will meet with the pastor for the last confirmation discussion of, "Am I ready and desire to say 'yes' affirming my baptism and be confirmed?" Separation of distances throughout the weekend will be followed.

The Education Committee also decided that our Confirmation Banquet will not be able to occur prior to the Confirmation Sunday. This is due to the fact that the COVID PROTOCOL COMMITTEE has not begun to include coffee time within the church building after Sunday Worship. Since that has not occurred, at this point we will put off the banquet for a post-confirmation celebration event as well. Step by step we will follow the leadership of this committee and the Education Committee. With hope, we look forward to possibilities when time is appropriate. A post event will still be definitely planned for the students and their families.

Our youth will not host an Easter Continental Breakfast after the Sunrise Service due to the same reasons as noted in the previous paragraph. The youth will still be part of the Easter Sunrise Service.

Thank you for supporting and praying for our youth. This is a very exciting time for the students.
Pr. AnnE

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.

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.

Please also consider donating to our Discretionary Fund, this fund helps members of our community who are in need of assistance..

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 February

Cold Lake Food Bank \$300

AB Synod \$100

John Howard \$200.00

On Eagles Wings

Fall Supper

Hosanna Lutheran

Seminary

Pastor Rude

Campus Ministries

Support \$682.50

CLWR \$545.00

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 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.

BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES in APRIL



Rod Soholt
Ariane Wasilow
Meghan Wickstrand (18!!)
Eileen Hamilton



Arletta and Carson Ahenakew

thank you!

To the congregation at Lakeland Lutheran church.

A special thank you to all for your cards, the goodies, the kind words and most of all for your continued prayers. Its reassuring to know that God's spirt is always at work. I am forever grateful for your kindness, love, friendship, motivation and inspiring words. These words feel short to express the feelings but they carry the strings of my heart.

With Sincere Gratitude
Cornel Wollmann

CHECK OUT THE APRIL 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 May Newsletter reach the church office by
APRIL 25th.

Daily Prayer for the Struggles of our World.

Lord Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace, we need You!

The world is filled with strife and violence and this fills us with concern and fear. You told Your disciples that peace was Your gift to them.

Give us Your peace to bring us calm in the midst of the storm our world is experiencing. Instill Your gift of peace into the hearts of all people that they may seek reconciliation and understanding.



Quiet the sounds of war and hatred and raise up a chorus of harmony and peace.
AMEN.

Minutes from February 16, 2022 7:15pm at LLC

Amended & Approved March 23, 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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Education	Bernie Hartman	<u>berniehartman@persona.ca</u>			N/A
Witness	Dorothea Mathews	<u>dorothea.mathews@yahoo.com</u>			N/A
Service	Gail Chernesky	<u>billac@telusplanet.net</u>			N/A
Support	Cornel Wollmann	<u>clwoll@telusplanet.net</u>			N/A
Treasurer	Kathy Pedersen	<u>lakelandlutheran@telus.net</u>	Y for first part		
	Fin/Sec Anne Tucker	<u>a_tucker@telus.net</u>			N/A
Facility	Bill Chernesky	<u>billchernesky2020@gmail.com</u>			N/A
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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: Written devotions from Pastor AnnE read by Cheryl—followed by a prayer

Approval of Draft Minutes with Amendments from Previous Council Meeting January 19, 2022

Moved: Helen R Second: Keith Carried

Reports:

Financial Secretary Report: attached

Treasurer Report: attached

Correction on Line 40510—Snow Removal—correct amount \$650.00
It was noted that we are waiting for the invoice from the Synod for the Health/Dental
Line 54280—is a 0

Pastor AnnE's Report: Written Report

Keith will meet with Pastor AnnE, Richard and Anne Tucker for the Review of the
year end. They will meet tomorrow, Thursday, January 17.

Education: Report attached

Sunday school will start this week or next week

The committee is looking for a one day "Fun Day" in the summer verses a week long Kids camp

Worship Committee: Report attached

Witness and Outreach: Report attached

Service and Care: Report attached

Support and Maintenance: Report attached

Quote for 14 outside lights to be replaced by LED lights for \$681.72 by Jimco
Council in favour to change the outside lights to LED by Jimco electric
Anastasia to let Cornel and Bill know about the decision

Cheryl noted that one tree on the East corner is leaning
Anastasia to let Support Committee know to look into this

Stewardship: - no meetings

Facility Coordinator: Report attached

Discussion about Annual Report. Clarification about the terms of Council members.
Kathy will send out corrections on a separate sheet.

<u>President:</u>	Cheryl Benoit	2nd year 2nd term
<u>Vice President:</u>	Richard Davis	2nd year 1st term
<u>Secretary:</u>	Bill Chernesky	1st year 1st term

Trustees: Shirley Kirstein 1st year 1st term
Keith Scheidt 2nd year 1st term
Linda Klinger 2 year 1st term
Cornel Wollman 2nd year 1st term

Clarification about council members that served part of the year to also add in the annual report in addition to the council meeting minutes.

Last names of people will be added to the first names for committee and council members.

Page 43 of annual report—Removal of first paragraph. Bylaws
“There are proposed..... Of the bylaw”

Input from Council:

Anastasia – Liaison to with office administrator
Keith – Liaison to Education/ mutual ministry
Linda – Liaison for Worship
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 March 23rd, 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.