



**NEWSLETTER OF
LAKELAND LUTHERAN
CHURCH
APRIL 2021**

Cold Lake, Alberta

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Church Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday

9.00am-12pm

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*Christ
is
Risen!*

In many ways it does not feel like Holy week is here. Online connections as wonderful as they are leave us wanting. And maybe that is the point of focus this year. It may help us reflect on the loneliness our Saviour experienced this week. It can give us just a small taste of how alone He was.

Jesus certainly felt isolated this week. Most of his friends, followers and even society at large had not just left him or betrayed him or denied him, they crucified Him!! God even turned away, repulsed by the burden of sin he carried with the cross. Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted – one of my favourite Lenten hymns. That's what Jesus was.....until the glory of Easter Sunday.

So let us not despair but rejoice this Easter Season. We are not alone. God is with us. We have a fellowship of believers who are with us – in spirit, in zoom, in prayer. We can take advantage of the warming weather and greet our neighbours and count the blessings we do have, because of what love has done for us.

Cheryl Benoit
Council President



April 2021 Message for Congregations and Lay and Rostered Leaders

Dear Beloved of God –

This has been a season of revelation. A year has come and gone. This has been a season of apocalypse, which is, Biblically, a revealing. It is a pulling back of the curtains to see lies behind.

Our current season has revealed what has always been there, but perhaps now we see more clearly: injustice, racial inequality, consumerism, individualism, economic disparity, the marginalization of Black, Indigenous, People of Colour, and LGBTQ2SIA+ communities, plus trafficking, violence, climate crisis, polarization, xenophobia, and gender inequality. And this list could easily be added to.

During this time of apocalypse, I have been strengthened and given hope through the words and melody of a new hymn. This text and music have freed me to breath again. Through it I have been renewed in our shared baptismal calling to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

I discovered this hymn in 2020 via a Facebook post, and I have shared it wherever I could.

In 2019, musician David LaMotte was commissioned by the North Carolina Council of Churches to write a hymn in honour of their eight-fifth anniversary in 2020. The Council was formed to address racial injustice, and continues to work for peace, justice, equality and inclusion. “God of the Movements and Martyrs” honours all those whose faith has called them to work for a better world, and invites us to join that sacred work. It reminds us that we are all kin, of one holy family.

The lyrics were written before the pandemic of Covid-19, but they resonate with these turbulent, apocalyptic times, calling us to the work of justice, in broad and inclusive community... that sacred work.

The Council asked LaMotte to write the hymn to work in various musical styles and contexts, and they commissioned several musical interpretations of the hymn in addition to LaMotte’s. I encourage you to search “God of the Movements and Martyrs” on YouTube to experience its variety of musical expressions using the hymn text. The Convergence Music Project (convergencemp.com) handles licensing and usage.

Today, I invite you to slowly read and to dwell on the hymn text. What phrase speaks to you? Why? What surprises you? Where are you invited into prayer or moved to compassion? Where are you freed to breath again or stirred to strive for justice and peace? Where are you invited into this sacred work?

God of the movements and martyrs, God of the powerless child,
God of broken and hopeless and unreconciled,
God of the just and the faithful, God of the night and the day,
God of the whole of creation, in your name we pray.
Many have followed the saviour into the face of the storm,
Strengthened by long generations, by love they were formed.
In basements of tall steeped churches, in shadows of fences and walls,
In alleys and hallways of power, they answered your call.

Now it's our turn to do justice, humbly we rise to the day,
Give us the strength and the wisdom to walk in your way.
Gather the loaves and the fishes, share until all have been fed,
Walk in compassion and mercy, by love we'll be led,
Standing in circles surrounding, all holding hands while we pray,
God of the worn and the wounded, let us be healed by the truth,
When doorways are blocked, we will lower our friends through the roof.

God of the circle that holds us, God of the ones pushed away,
We will reach out to our neighbours; in your name we'll stay:
No matter your creed or your country, no matter the hue of your skin,
Your age, who you love, or the body your soul was born in,
No matter the places you're broken, no matter the things you have done,
Lay down that weight on the altar, a new day's begun.
You are a child of the maker, you are beloved and known,
Join us in work of the kin-dom, we welcome you home.*

**Lyrics used by permission of the author, David LaMotte.*

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



BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES in APRIL



Rod Soholt – April 4

Ariane Wasilow – April 7

Meghan Wickstrand – April 8

Eileen Hamilton – April 24



AnnE & Joel Zimmerman – April 10

Arletta & Carson Ahenakew – April 27



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 Netter family, Pedersen family, & Peelar 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!

APRIL 2
8:30
ENERGY
CENTRE



DRIVE-IN FEATURE
**THE
PASSION**
OF THE CHRIST

R FOR SCENES OF GRAPHIC VIOLENCE



THE
CHRONICLES OF
NARNIA

THE LION
THE WITCH
& THE
WARDROBE

DRIVE-IN FEATURE

APRIL 2
4:00
ENERGY
CENTRE



**GOOD
FRIDAY**
DRIVE-IN SERVICE

APRIL 2
11:00 AM
ENERGY
CENTRE

A SERVICE FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

From the Kublik Family:

Our family is moving to Winnipeg this summer. We have been anticipating this move for a while and are excited to move to Winnipeg. Christopher and Wendy have lived there in the past and already have many connections there, including the community of St. Mark's Lutheran. This move also comes with melancholy, as we anticipate saying goodbye to Lakeland Lutheran. This community has been such a blessing for our family. It will always be where Wyatt first attended Sunday School, where Owen was baptized, where Wendy was finally brave enough to play for church, and where Christopher learned to be a sound and video editor. The culture of gratitude present at Lakeland Lutheran is truly astounding! It is a community that never assumes you know that you are appreciated, but tells you again and again! This encouragement and support has allowed our family to grow in faith. We are so blessed.

Please keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we tackle the busy task of relocating our family :)



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

Have you travelled outside Canada within the last 14 days?
Or been in close contact with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19?

OR

Do you have a fever, or cough, runny nose, sore throat or shortness of breath?

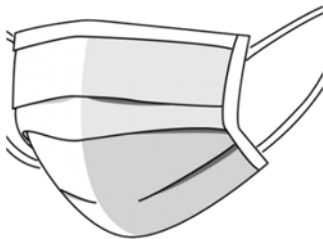
If yes, STOP.



Help prevent any potential spread of COVID-19 and other illnesses.

Please do not visit today if you are unwell.

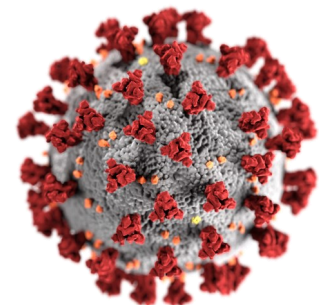
Original date: MARCH 2020
For more information, visit: www.alta.ca/COVID



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 February 24, 2021 7:45pm via Skype Lakeland Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Approved March 17/2021

		Email Address	Present	Excused	Minutes Fwd.
President	Cheryl Benoit	cbenoit4u@yahoo.com	Y		
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Trustee	Linda Klinger	covan@telusplanet.net	Y		
Trustee	Helen Runke	harunke@telusplanet.net	Y		
Trustee	Cornel Wollman	clwooll@telusplanet.net	Y		
Trustee	Bernie Hartman	berniehartman@persona.ca	Y		
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Stewardship	Keith Scheidt	kscheidt@persona.ca			N/A
LLC Office	Kathy Pedersen	lakelandlutheran@telus.net	N/A		N/A

Call to Order 7:45 PM Cheryl B

Devotion: Anastasia
 Followed by a prayer

Approval of Draft Minutes from Previous Council Meeting January 24, 2021

Moved: Helen Second: Cornel Carried

Financial Secretary Report: Not available at the time of meeting

Treasurer Report: Not available at time of meeting

Cheryl received a phone call from Nicole Somcher at the Lakeland Credit Union.

She was reviewing the Lakeland Lutheran Church's accounts and noticed that the Platinum savings is inactive. She recommend switching the account plan into the Advantage Savings from the Platinum Savings. This will give a higher interest rate. Currently the account in earning 0.18%, by switching the interest will go up to 0.55%. There is no monthly fee.

Discussion and clarification about the Advantage Saving Platinum.

Motion put forward to move \$9,638.05 to the savings account for a total of \$30,000 to roll into the higher interest Advantage Savings Platinum Account.

Motion: Bernie Second: Helen carried

Discussion about the surplus from end of year was held. No decision made at this time. Will be discussing this by September this year again.

Discussion about the Zoom capabilities for AGM this Sunday, February 28th at 11:30 on our big screen at the church. Bernie and Keith will look into this.

Hosanna will host the Zoom meeting for our AGM. They will track the voting via video.

Cheryl and Anastasia will be at the church on this day.

Reports:

Worship Committee: – has not met in February. Helen filled 15 small plastic containers with some ashes so people could have to use for Ash Wednesday. They are in the church office and Kathy was asked to send everyone an email telling them of this and also of the list of services Hosanna will be live streaming for Lent and Easter.

Witness and Outreach: - no report available

Cheryl asked Helen to pass onto Witness and outreach to get an updated picture from our church for the website, suggested was one with cars parked outside and maybe a spring/ summer picture.

Service and Care: Report attached

Education: Report attached
Jo will join the Education committee

Support and Maintenance: Cornel - received an email February 22 /21 from Cherry Insurance that our facility is subject to a Loss Control Inspection. He will follow up on this matter with Cindy Watson at Cherry Insurance and get the process rolling.

Cheryl asked Cornel to get a cost/ estimate for an Automatic button for a door opener for both entry doors at the church.

Stewardship: - Has not met since last council

Facility Coordinator: attached

Richard Davis put his name down for Vice President and Clay Shipclark to be the new Treasurer. Anastasia will take over the part of inputting data to Ceridian for payroll for Pastor AnnE and Kathy.

Next month devotion – Cheryl

Next Council Meeting - March 17, 2021 at 7:45 via Skype

Closing Prayer Cheryl

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.