



**NEWSLETTER OF  
LAKELAND LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
MAY 2022**

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**Rev's Words:**

John Chapter 21

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way.

<sup>2</sup>Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples.

<sup>3</sup>Simon Peter said to them. "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know it was Jesus.

<sup>5</sup>Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him "No."

<sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish.

<sup>7</sup>That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea.

<sup>8</sup>But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup>When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread.

<sup>10</sup>Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught."

<sup>11</sup>So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of the; and though there were so many, the net was not torn.

<sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord.

<sup>13</sup> Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

<sup>14</sup> This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him "Feed my lambs."

<sup>16</sup> A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him "Yes Lord; you know I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep."

<sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep.

<sup>18</sup> Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go."

<sup>19</sup> (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

"And he showed himself in this way."

By reading this verse, we may wonder "which way?"

Which way did Jesus reveal himself? Was it in the catch of the fish? The words spoken? What do we see from a distance? We may try to figure out the definitive "sign."

"Look, see, THAT'S how you would know it was Jesus!

Instead of engaging in detective work recognize that Jesus chooses to show himself in the very lives of his disciples – the disciples who seem to be going back to fishing. They are not having much luck in that activity. They certainly seem to have no expectation of Jesus showing up.

But what happens? Jesus shows up smack in the midst of this daily activity of fishing. He puts

Himself in the plan of the day. This is the way Jesus shows himself. For us as well. He inserts himself into our otherwise already planned out day, with observations, options for us, requests, challenges and sustenance.

All of that before we even finish breakfast.

PRAYER for your morning: God of incarnation, you strode into this world in Jesus, and you stride in here time and again to interrupt our orderly lives. Give us eyes to see your form, ears to hear your invitation, and a taste for what you have to offer. Amen.

(With thanks for additional thoughts from St Paul's Seminary.)

Pastor AnnE.



## May 2022 Message for Congregations and Lay and Rostered Leaders

Dear Beloved of God -

We meet the disciples huddled together. The doors are shut and locked. They can hardly breathe in that airless tomb. Their hearts are racing. Their minds spinning.

It was evening on that first day, the first day of the week. They had heard from Mary Magdalene that she had seen Jesus alive, that he had called her by name and turned her toward the new dawn of the empty tomb.

It was the death of Jesus that brought them together that evening, but it was not simply the death of Jesus that drew the disciples together – it was his resurrection. It was Mary Magdalene’s witness: “I have seen the Lord.”

And the doors were shut and locked. They could hardly breathe. They were afraid of everything on the other side of those doors: afraid of the forces that killed Jesus. Afraid, perhaps, of living. They were winded by fear. What now? Yes, what now?

It isn’t hard for us, to imagine ourselves in that room. No, not after two plus years of pandemic. And not when we know for ourselves, and for others, of war and trauma and anxiety and fear and constant change and uncertainty and grief and losses of many kinds. And we are ourselves hardly breathing in our airless tombs. Our hearts racing. Our minds spinning.

All of which points me in the direction of the disciple, Thomas. I know that we tend to think of Thomas in terms of his doubting, but what if that doubt were part of a larger insistence on dealing with reality, on getting things back to normal, on moving forward now that the worst has happened?

Why isn’t Thomas in the house when Jesus makes his first appearance? I wonder if unlike the other disciples, who are behind shut and locked doors, Thomas has already accepted what has happened, has moved on, and is now out and about rebuilding his life from the fractured pieces that were left to him after the horrific events of Good Friday – or at least was attempting to, attempting to put things back in order and get back to normal.

It would explain why it's so hard for Thomas to accept the witness of his friends: "We have seen the Lord." The joyful confession of the other disciples may have seemed like oh-so-much wishful thinking to this hardboiled realist. Which is why, when one-week later Jesus came and stood among them, I wonder if the noticeable change in Thomas's tune is less about simply coming to faith - to belief - and more about realizing that, after the resurrection, reality itself had changed and there would be no normal to go back to.

For how do you even talk about "normal" when someone has been raised from the dead? What can possibly be the same? Your work, your sense of meaning, your relationships, your purpose, your view of past, present, and future - all of it is changed irrevocably by God's act of resurrection.

When Thomas confesses, "My Lord and my God," he is abandoning all his conceptions of "normal" and opening himself to a very different reality than he could have previously ever imagined.

And here is the promise for us. Here is the promise - the good news for us - today and each tomorrow: Jesus comes to us.

Jesus comes to us...yes in this time of pandemic, yes into our communities and our fearful hearts, into the airless tombs in which we dwell, behind the shut and locked doors.

Here is the promise - the good news: Jesus comes to us, bearing the marks of suffering and death, revealing that the body of Christ, though risen, is always wounded.

Here is the promise: Jesus comes to us, speaking a word of peace and revealing the startling truth for our present and future, that what is true of Jesus will be true for those who bear Christ's name.

Here is the good news: Jesus comes to us, with a word of forgiveness, with grace that unbinds the clenched heart, with love that loosens the power of death, with mercy that unbars the doors we shut and swings them wide open.

Jesus comes among us...and is with us amid necessary changes and faithful adaptations, calling us forward, blessing us to believe though we do not see, and promising to be with us.

Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

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

## Did You Know...

That the Evangelical Church of Columbia (IELCO) is our sister synod. It is in Columbia, South America, which is a country in the northern part of South America. It became a member of the Lutheran World Federation in 1966.

The Bishop of this synod is Rev. Atahualpa Hernandez of Bogota, Columbia. A Statement of Covenant explaining our relationship with the Columbia Synod was first signed by Bishop Steve Kristensen (ABT Synod) and Bishop Parada (IELCO) on June 13th, 2003. This covenant has most recently been renewed by both parties in 2018 by Bishop Larry Kochendorfer and Bishop Atahualpa Hernandez.

How can we help?

- Pray for them
- Get to know them
- Support their schools
- Make a video from our church to let them know about us



Bishop Atalaupa Hernández, The Lutheran Church of Colombia (IELCO); Pastor Mark Cerniglia, SC Synod Companion Coordinator for Relationship with IELCO; Pastor Mark Johnson & Kathy Chatelaine Southeastern Minnesota Synod; Bishop Larry Kochendorfer & Pastor James Hendricksen, Synod of Alberta and the Northern Territories

## Witness & Outreach

A Meaningful Gift .

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](http://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 April

Cold Lake Food Bank \$950.00  
AB Synod \$100  
John Howard \$200.00  
On Eagles Wings  
Fall Supper

Hosanna Lutheran  
Seminary \$50.00  
Pastor Rude  
Campus Ministries  
Support \$682.50

CLWR \$2665.00  
Refugee Support  
Adopt a Family \$50.00  
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](mailto: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



**May 15** will be Sunday School Wind Up.

We are hoping to have some Pop-Up Sunday School classes during the time off so watch the weekly church emails to see if there will be Sunday School planned for a Sunday.

Sunday School Kick Off will be on **September 11**.

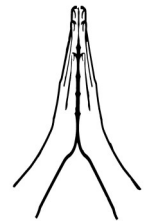
This will also be "Blessing of the Backpacks" Sunday so bring your backpack or any other work bag to be blessed as we kick off a new Sunday School season.



## 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](mailto: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.





## Worship continued

It was wonderful to see so many people attend the Palm Sunday service. It has been a while since the numbers have reached past the thirty mark.

Maundy Thursday more than half the attendees at the evening service took part in the ritual of washing the feet and the stripping of the altar for the Good Friday service the next day.

On Good Friday six other people battled the cold strong wind with David carrying the cross from the Energy Centre to the church singing several hymns on the way. They entered the church and laid the cross in front of the altar and then joined the dozen or so other people sitting in the church.

Easter Sunrise service, put on by some of the confirmation youth, had reasonable attendance (15) considering the early start. This year, Easter, was extra special because we had five young people being confirmed: Julia & William March, Molly Pedersen, Cyrus Radke and Grey Wickstrand. What a joy to officially welcome them into the church family.

This past Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, was the first service in the Synod Wide services, that are online, and that we will be watching every last Sunday in the month for the next year. This is to give the pastors, deacons, and all the people involved with doing the services a break so they can relax and enjoy a day off. This Sunday, with Bishop Larry Kochendorfer, we took in Hope Lutheran Church in Calgary.

Rev. AnnE Zimmerman is away in May in Denver Colorado on a study, Festival of Homiletics, the art of preaching. Because of some of her other time off there will be a few changes to our Sunday worship, like the following:

1<sup>st</sup> May is a lay led service led by Cheryl Benoit

8<sup>th</sup> May Rev. AnnE will be here for a communion service

15<sup>th</sup> May another lay led service this time led by Shirley Kirstein

22<sup>nd</sup> May because of the long week-end, we will join in to listen to Hosanna once again.

29<sup>th</sup> May will be another one of the Synod Wide services.

We are looking to extend our list of helpers when we require someone for a lay service. If you are willing to help out please contact anyone on the Worship Committee.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen.

CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED. ALLELUIA!

# Maundy Thursday

## Washing of the Feet



## Stripping the Altar



# Good Friday



Congratulations to those students who were confirmed on Easter Sunday, 17th April 2022.

Julia March, William March, Molly Pedersen, Cyrus Radke, Grey Wickstrand



## BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES in MAY



Gord Wickstrand – May 10

Marilynn Ashby – May 12

Simon Radke – May 18

Lorie Holben – May 19

Gale Strong – May 23

Garth Petterson – May 26

Skyler Krupp – May 16



Clay & Evadine Shipclark – May 3

Cornel & Lila Wollmann – May 20

Our Annual Spring Clean will be on Saturday 11th June, 9.30am to noon this year. Please come and join us in freshening up the church, "many hands make light work". There will be a cleaning schedule on the board in the Narthex.



## CHECK OUT THE MAY 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 June Newsletter reach the church office by **MAY 24th.**

## 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.

*Thank  
You*

Thank you to everyone for the lovely gifts and cards I received for  
'Administration Assistant Appreciation Day'

Kathy



## Sobeys and No Frills Gift Cards

If you purchase groceries at either Sobeys or No Frills, please remember that you can purchase gift cards for these stores from Helen Runke 780-594-2440. For each card sold Lakeland Lutheran is given a small percentage which aids our fundraising efforts. As they say, 'every penny counts', so please consider using the gift cards to purchase your groceries.



## Minutes from March 23, 2022 7:15pm at LLC

**Amended & Approved April 20,, 2022**

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Stewardship	Keith Scheidt	<a href="mailto:kscheidt@persona.ca">kscheidt@persona.ca</a>	Y		
LLC Office	Kathy Pedersen	<a href="mailto:lakelandlutheran@telus.net">lakelandlutheran@telus.net</a>	N/A	N/A	

Call to Order 7:16 PM Cheryl B

Devotion: Cheryl B Psalm 119:65-72

Approval of Draft Minutes with Amendments from Previous Council Meeting February 16, 2022

Amended and Moved for approval: Shirley K Second: Keith S Carried

Old Business:

1. Update of the Annual Report: Kathy is working on it; hopefully to be completed this week.  
Tabled
2. Questions to Budget 2022. Several questions will be taken directly to the Treasurer and to Cheryl B. Check Synod Benevolence for 2021. Check several budgeted items in Support.
3. See LLC Constitution (February 23, 2020). The first paragraph "There are proposed...of the bylaw Has already been removed.
4. Rubber coating for sidewalk re levelling and repair. Expected that Support and Maintenance will bring the issue to LLC Council.
5. Check in with Pastor AnnE re part-time ministry—how is it going? See Mutual Ministry Report.

**Reports:**

Financial Secretary Report: attached

It was noted that the Budget to Actual Offerings difference is already \$4150.34. Discussion. PAR giving vs weekly offerings should be considered; Financial Secretary could provide this comparison. Is the issue a Covid attendance issue? Covid protocols issue? Membership Issue? This issue of Offerings shortfall will be referred to the Stewardship Committee and to Pastor AnnE for consideration and for their further input.

Treasurer Report: attached

Balance Sheet: 1. Determine whether L/Y Capital Expense on P&L was moved to Capital Assets on the Balance Sheet at December 31, 2021.

2. See line 40600 Facility Use Donations \$9010. Facility Coordinator Report only reports \$500.00; a difference of \$400.00 is noted. Research to determine what the posted item was.

3. Note that Net Income is positive re lower than budgeted expenses.

4. Working on formatting QuickBooks to provide a report that allows for better comparison.

Covid Considerations:

Discussion. Message to Committee to Reopen. Mixed. Some of us are in favour of opening with fewer restrictions, others not so much and would continue as is.

Pastor AnnE's Report: Excused.

Education: Report attached

Clarification needed re leadership for the Kid's Kamp/Day



Worship Committee: Report attached

Witness and Outreach: Report attached

Comment made re mis-communication to/from Nominations Committee regarding names presented as volunteers for the committee.

Service and Care: Report attached

Support and Maintenance: Report attached      Communicate with Support re Spring Clean-up

Stewardship: - no meetings

Facility Coordinator: Report attached

President: Cheryl Benoit

Vice President: Richard Davis

Secretary: Bill Chernesky

Trustees: Opportunity for personal input.

Shirley Kirstein

Keith Scheidt

Linda Klinger

Cornel Wollmann

Input from Committees:

Bill C – Liaison to with office administrator

Keith S – Liaison to Education/ Mutual ministry

Anne T, Richard D and Keith S met with Pastor AnnE to discuss the part-time ministry. Communication was good. A document to record discussions has been prepared and is to be signed off on.

\* In Camera Discussion.

Linda – Liaison for Worship

Shirley —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 April 20th, 2022 at 7:15pm

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.*