



**NEWSLETTER OF
LAKELAND LUTHERAN
CHURCH
MAY 2021**

Cold Lake, Alberta

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Church Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday

9.00am-12pm

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Just as I am, without one plea
But that thy blood was shed for me
And that thou bidd'st me come to Thee
Oh Lamb of God I come, I come

Pain struck – We join Pastor AnnE and family in grieving for the all too soon, all too tragic death of dear Joel. How do we reconcile this whole process – the diagnosis of ALS, the rapid progression of the disease – the cruel reality of the process – and the loss of what was and will never be again all compounded by COVID?

Just as I am though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt
Fightings and fears with, without
Oh Lamb of God I come, I come

Just as I am was Joel's favourite hymn. A beautiful arrangement to sing as the four part harmony is simple and pleasing. But the message in the words help us to reconcile without providing the specific answers to all our questions and doubts. The words bid us to come to the Lamb, source of all comfort in the midst of our questions and doubts. The words call us to faith.

Just as I am Thou wilt receive
Wilt welcome pardon, cleanse, relieve
Because Thy promise I believe
Oh Lamb of God I come, I come

We loved Joel for a lot of reasons. He was a wonderful and special man. To me what was most special about him was the way he humbly and constantly loved and supported his wife , and our dear Pastor, AnnE. We may not find the answers in our lifetime to why things happen, and why they happen the way they do, but we do however have what we need to go on. We have the promise that was born in a manger, died on a cross and rose from the tomb. Because of this promise, no matter what befalls us in our time here on earth, we are never alone. Jesus, the Lamb of God, bids us come – His love is never denied even when we are as Pastor AnnE said to me – “pain struck”. We are His, now and forever. This simple, beautiful hymn points us to the faith that points to the promise that points to the hope that is yours, mine and certainly Joel’s.

Just as I am Thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down
Now to be Thine, yea Thine alone
Oh Lamb of God I come, I come

Cheryl Benoit

Funeral Details for Joel Zimmerman

The funeral for Joel Luther Zimmerman, will take place Thursday, April 29, 2021, at 2:00 pm, at St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Spruce Grove. Burial will follow in St. Matthew's Good Shepherd's Cemetery, where Joel will be laid to rest beside his mother and father, Rev. Dr. John and Alma Zimmerman . The service will be recorded to be viewed on YouTube, the information on how to access the recording on YouTube will be sent out after the church service.

Attendees for the funeral and graveside service will be limited due to COVID restrictions. Synod family are invited to remember AnnE and her family in prayer on Thursday, April 29.





May 2021 Message for Congregations and Lay and Rostered Leaders

Dear Beloved of God –

The Synod of Alberta and the Territories will gather in convention in July under the theme, “On the Road,” inspired by Luke 24:13–35. It is the post-Resurrection narrative of two people journeying from Jerusalem to Emmaus, where they are joined by a stranger who, when recognized, vanishes, and the two race back to Jerusalem.

Luke’s narratives frequently take us on the road. More than half of the gospel takes place on or is related to a journey, and each time we know that something important is about to happen: Mary rushes to a Judean town in the hill country where she greets Elizabeth; a road leads Mary and Joseph from Nazareth to Bethlehem; a road is the narrative setting for the parable of the Good Samaritan; a road leads the prodigal back home to his father.

Jesus sets his eyes toward Jerusalem in Luke 9:51 and travels there until 19:28; this is known among scholars as the travel narrative where Jesus is on an extended journey.

The sequel to this gospel, The Acts of the Apostles, continues this theme: at Pentecost people journey to Jerusalem; on the road to Damascus, Saul is blinded and there is a significant change in his career, including his name; Philip meets the Ethiopian eunuch on a road.

There is something about travel that evokes Luke’s literary and theological imagination. There is something about roads: the way they can bring us together; the way they can pose a danger to us all; the way they become a symbol of a faith on the move.

Luke’s narrative take us on the road frequently, and we discover that whenever we start to journey with someone, we really do not know if we will end up where we thought the road was leading.

As the two travelers to Emmaus walk along, talking with each other about the momentous things that had happened, Jesus joins them. After they answer Jesus’ questions, he speaks to them and interprets the scriptures for them, beginning with Moses and the prophets.

As they near their destination, Jesus walks ahead as if he is going further, but they convince him to stay with them, and at the table he takes bread, then blesses, breaks, and gives it to them. Their eyes are opened and they recognize him. Then Jesus vanishes.

But the narrative isn’t finished. The journey isn’t over. That same hour they get up and return to Jerusalem. The verb that the gospel writer uses here gets lost in translation. The word that

we translate as “get up” is “*anastantes*” in the original Greek – the verb form of the noun that means resurrection.

This is a resurrection story. The two rise up and return to Jerusalem. They have been transformed, having passed through the shadow of death to new life.

And they return to Jerusalem, the place where the journey, the road, began. But they are not going back to their old normal. They have changed, and so has Jerusalem. Grief, sadness, and loss have been transformed: “The Lord has risen, indeed.”

At a recent meeting of Synod Council, our Bible study leader suggested that this Lukan narrative, “The Road to Emmaus,” has been incorrectly titled and that it should more accurately be named, “The Road to Jerusalem and Back, with a Pit Stop in Emmaus.”

Emmaus was thought to be home, but it was not the destination. Emmaus was simply a pit stop on the road. We thought the destination was somewhere else, but we are back in Jerusalem. Back where grief has taken place, back into the hot seat. Back to the sadness, the loss, where hope once resided.

Back ... and transformed.

Where is the road taking us today? To our homes? Or to a pit stop?

We do not know the future, but we have what we need. Jesus is feeding us. We have the Scriptures. We have each other. We know that we will not get to where we are going without going together. Jesus is with us.

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)

If You Need To Talk to a Pastor

In light of the sad news of Joel's passing should anyone need a pastor to talk to you can reach out to Pastor James or Pastor Anna at Hosanna Lutheran Church. Here is their contact information:

Hosanna Lutheran Church 1-780-222-5451 secretary

email: hosannalutheran.ab.ca

Rev. Dr. James Hendricksen 1-780-484-3932 office

email: pastorjames@hosannalutheran.ab.ca

Pastor Anna Thede 1-780-484-3932 office

1-780-405-7840 personal number

email: pastoranna@hosannalutheran.ab.ca

They are keeping Pastor AnnE, the Zimmerman family and LLC members in their prayers.

Peace of Christ to all,
The Worship Committee

Volunteers Needed – Possible Drive-In Services

We are planning to start our drive-in services again on Sundays at 9:00 am, lasting approximately 20-30 minutes, until we can gather inside our church. The first service will be at 10am, May 9 and will also be a farewell to Sylvia Armbruster. All volunteers needed for May 9 have been lined up. We understand that live stream worship with Hosanna is at 10am but it is available on YouTube later allowing us to participate in both.

To have these services we are looking for volunteers for the next 5 Sundays for the following tasks:

- 2 volunteers to direct traffic, take prayer requests as people drive in and collect any offerings from cars.
- 1 volunteer to read the bible verse and 5 minute homily (this will be provided in advance).
- 1 volunteer to read the welcome, announce the pre-set order of things and read the prayers of the day.
- 2 volunteers to arrive early to help set up and then help close up after (Cornel will have the system ready to just turn on).

The readings, recorded music, homily (short message) and prayers of the day have been selected, we would just add the requests that come in that day.

All Covid guidelines will be followed -

If you would like to volunteer please - call or email the office, before May 9th, to sign up for the Sunday that works best for you and what role you are volunteering for. If we do not have enough volunteers, we will not be able to have the drive-in services.

The Worship Committee

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 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



Clay & Evadine Shipclark – May 3
Cornel & Lila Wollmann – May 20



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 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 Pelechosky family, Petterson family, & Primeau 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!

Spring Cleaning

Hello All:

It has been a year of challenges with covid-19 and most recent the rise of variance cases. We hope that one day we can get back to normalcy whatever that may look like. This year our facility has not been used much so the cleaning inside should be minimal the outside however, will need regular cleaning.



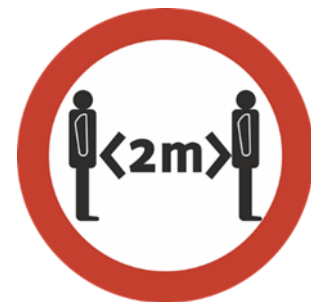
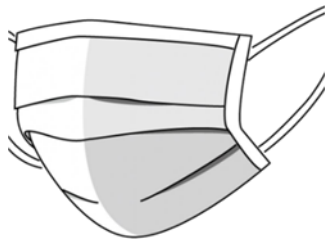
Spring cleaning will take place on Saturday May 29 from 9am – 12 noon. Anybody who is willing and able to come out and help please do so. There will be a to do list set up on an easel in the narthex, please sign the box of the job you are willing to complete. Thank you.

Cornel
Support and Maintenance

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:

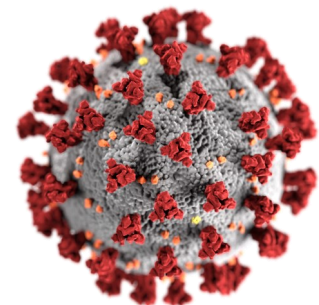
- Please bring your own mask.
- All visitors must wear masks, sanitize your hands and sign in on entering the building. If you forget your mask there will be one available in the entrance along with hand sanitizer and the sign-in sheet.
- Social distancing of 2 meters should be maintained wherever possible, 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 March 17, 2021 7:45pm via Skype Lakeland Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Approved April 21/2021

		Email Address	Present	Excused	Minutes Fwd.
President	Cheryl Benoit	cbenoit4u@yahoo.com	Y		
Vice-President	Richard Davis	ppaulellard@live.ca	Y		
Secretary	Anastasia Radke	Aradke2016@outlook.com	Y		
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		
Pastor	AnnE Zimmerman	anne.zimmerman53@gmail.com		Y	
Worship	Helen Flaming	hflaming@telus.net			N/A
Education	Bernie Hartman	berniehartman@persona.ca			N/A
Witness	Dorothea Mathews	cspot1@telusplanet.net			N/A
Service	Gail Chernesky	billac@telusplanet.net			N/A
Support	Cornel Wollmann	clwooll@telusplanet.net			N/A
Treasurer	Clay Shipclark	treasurer@lakelandlutheran.com			Y
Fin/Sec	Anne Tucker	a_tucker@telus.net			N/A
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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: Cheryl

Followed by a prayer

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

Moved: Helen Second: Linda Carried

Reports:

Financial Secretary Report: Anne T. January and February – attached

Clarification about the \$800 directed giving to support – the Painting company Van Rock donated \$800 back to the church. This amount was directed back to support as the painting Invoices came from the support Budget as well.

Treasurer Report: Not clear if the Accountant had consolidated the churches accounts as of yet.

Items to the Agenda:

1. watching online services at church
Discussion about opening the church for watching online services and the majority of council voted against opening the church at this time.
2. Reverend Donna – offered to do special services /communion when churches are open again
She could offer a service at 9:30 am on a Sunday as the Anglican service starts at 11:00 am.
3. Synod convention July 17th is on Zoom this year – 2 people could attend

Worship Committee: - Services for Holy week were announced

Witness and Outreach: No report available

Service and Care: Report attached

Education: Report attached

Support and Maintenance: Cornel – planning to go through the 1 room in the basement that has storage and old financial papers in it to be cleaned out and sorted.

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

Input from Council:

Anastasia – Liaison to with office administrator

Keith – Liaison to Education/ mutual ministry

Linda – Liaison to worship

Helen – Liaison to Witness and Outreach

Cornell Liaison to Support and Maintenance and facility coordinator

Cheryl - tbd

Richard - tbd

Next month devotion – Keith

Next Council Meeting - April 21, 2021 at 7:15 at church

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.