



**NEWSLETTER OF  
LAKELAND LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
JUNE 2022**

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*We are all treaty people. Our Synod office is located in Edmonton on Treaty 6 territory. Our congregation is as well. In the spirit of respect, reciprocity and truth, we honour and acknowledge that across the Synod of Alberta and the Territories, we live and work and pray on traditional and ancestral territory of the many First Nations, Metis, and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries. We acknowledge all Nations – Indigenous and non- who live, work and play on this land, and who honour and celebrate this territory.*

## Rev's Words:

Dear Friends, IT'S PENTECOST!

John14:8-17

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. <sup>15</sup> "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth." John 14:16-17 There are various English translations of the original Greek term "paraclete" - "one who stands by another," "helper." Hence, translations such as "advocate" or "counselor" seem to hit the mark. In Jesus' farewell words, he is telling us that there will be another who will take his place. This is Pentecost in the Gospel of John. No wind, no fire, only Jesus! Perhaps that is as it should be.

Just as the three sleepy disciples experienced Jesus on the Mt. of Transfiguration and discovered “only Jesus” after Moses and Elijah departed, so too are we left with “only Jesus” and the Spirit. And of course. “the Father” completes the mystery of the Trinity-Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! Surely that is more than sufficient for any one of us to comprehend. All we need do is to know that Jesus is asking the Father on our behalf. All we need do is wait and watch!

Mighty Counselor, Holy God, stand by us, help us, advocate for us, for we are helpless without your aid and comfort. Bring us your loving presence, for this is all we need. Amen

Pastor AnnE



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

Dear Beloved of God -

While on Sabbatical I experienced the prompting of the Spirit to enter a time of listening across our Synod. I wasn't sure of the shape that this would take, but I was committed to engaging in some sort of listening exercise.

For several days in March and April and 1 day in May I met one-to-one with each active rostered pastor and deacon in our Synod, as well as a handful of retired pastors – nearly 80 conversations.

Each listening exercise lasted 30 minutes and I took copious notes (I typed with fury) as each responded to 3 questions:

Now, following 2+ years of COVID:

- 1) How are you feeling in body? In your mind? In spirit? In your place of ministry?
- 2) What is/what has been life-giving to you...sustaining your hope and resiliency?  
Both in day-to-day living and in ministry?
- 3) As you consider the near future what is your greatest concern/challenge for yourself?  
for ministry?

I was privileged – honoured – to hear from pastors and deacons. Thank you to each for your time, for your sharing, for your vulnerability, for your frankness.

My next step is to prepare a report for our Synod Council who will meet in September. I anticipate that they will want to share this report, perhaps in an abbreviated format, with our Synod. I also anticipate that as the Synod Council receives and is in conversation regarding this report that they will consider future ministry within our Synod based on the report and shaped by our Synod's mission priorities, including the prioritizing of ministry.

Next, I will be entering a listening exercise with lay members of our Synod. Those who have been a part of our Synod's monthly Zoom conversation with lay members across our Synod will be invited to meet with me for a one-on-one conversation.

Other lay members will be invited to respond to a brief survey which will be made available to all who are subscribed to our Synod's e-newsletter, *Wednesday's Word*. Please feel free to forward the link to the survey to other lay members of your congregation's council, congregational committee members, etc., all who are in leadership roles in your congregation.

Won't you participate?

A report will be prepared from this listening exercise (the one-on-one conversations and the survey responses), shared with Synod Council, and, I anticipate, shared in an abbreviated version with our Synod.

As with the report from the listening exercise with rostered pastors and deacons, this report will inform our Synod Council's consideration for future ministry, shaped by our Synod's mission priorities, including the prioritizing of ministry.

Please join me in prayer:

Holy God, we pray for our church as we continue to engage in renewal: that the Spirit would guide us and enlighten us, and that in living into a renewed vision of the church we may all be strengthened for ministry in and for our church, and in and for our world. We give you thanks for the gift of being called through baptism. Bless the church with faithful pastors, deacons and laity. Inspire us all to pattern our lives on our Lord Jesus Christ, in gratitude to you and in service to others. Grant us courage, patience and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to others. Amen. (Adapted from *EvLW*, pg 74)

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

## Education



**June 5th** will be a pop-up Sunday School. Please come along and enjoy the lesson.

### KID'S Camp 2022

Monday 25th July - Thursday 28th July

9.30am - 11.30am (drop off 9.15am - 9.30am) (pick up 11.30am - 11.45am)

Registration: Contact the Church Office 780-639-4673 (Tuesday-Friday, 9am - noon)

Parents will need to provide a water bottle and small snack for each child (Covid-19 Protocol), also a T-shirt for a tie dye craft.



## Worship

So far we have listened to two Synod led Sunday services:

The first, on April 24<sup>th</sup>, was from Hope Lutheran Church in Calgary.

The May 29<sup>th</sup> area-led service was involving several other people. Rev Matt Lyseng from Leduc Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church did the greeting and Rev Elly McHan from St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Millet did the Gospel and the Sermon. Two guitarists played the music and also led in the singing. Several other people did readings and the Lord's Prayer. The background in the video was Mulhurst Camp at Pigeon Lake.

June services will be: June 5<sup>th</sup> a lay led service by Anne Tucker

June 12<sup>th</sup> communion service with Rev AnnE Zimmerman

June 19<sup>th</sup> Fathers' Day

Communion service with Rev AnnE Zimmerman

Celebrate Indigenous Sunday with Fiona Brownlee

National Indigenous Peoples Day is officially June 21<sup>st</sup>.

June 26<sup>th</sup> Synod led service

Witness & Outreach

**Ukraine Situation Report:**

The Next Weeks Are Critical

Our partners on the ground – Lutheran World Federation and other members of ACT Alliance – are now helping the “third wave” of refugees.

The families they are helping now are the poorest, most vulnerable, with bigger needs. Many of them have lost everything and have no other connections in Europe.

As the war escalates and more families begin to flee their homes, the next few weeks are critical to provide as many emergency supplies and as much support as possible.

**The people of Ukraine are facing a massive humanitarian crisis and need our continued support – which is why I’m asking if you’re able to provide an additional gift right now.**

Just \$35 provides an emergency food package for a family escaping the horrors of war.

(any amount donated will be gratefully received)

If right now isn’t a good time to give, I completely understand. You’ve done so much already.

Thank you. Please join us in praying for peace and an end to the violence.

May God Bless You

Karin Achtelstetter  
Executive Director, CLWR

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 e-transfer 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.

May 2022

# Newsletter

## Keeping in Mind Global Mission In South America

### IELCO-Colombia: diakonia serving children at risk

In Colombia, childhood and adolescence have different conditions; many children and adolescents are protected and nurtured, but many face severe risks in rural and urban areas.

Poverty and violence impede the realization of children's rights. Gender-based violence, especially sexual violence against children and adolescents, is a serious threat in post-conflict and general contexts. There is an urgent need to ensure that child protection is at the top of the public agenda.

The violent situations in which a child or adolescent can be harmed are multiple, including physical and psychological abuse in the immediate environment (home, school), abandonment, forced displacement, human trafficking, and kidnapping. It results from a context marked by criminal and political violence that has increased in the 2022 pre-electoral process. The violence repeatedly affects activists, social leaders and women, adolescents, and girls by groups of men linked to illegal activities ([UNICEF SITAN Colombia](#)).

In this traumatic context, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Colombia (IELCO) carries out service and justice actions, promoting the protection and empowerment of children and adolescents in urban and rural contexts.

IELCO's "Proyectándome a un Futuro" and "Asivida" programs aim to strengthen the capacities of children and adolescents in the community to respect their rights, prevent abuse and violence in any form, and promote skills for dignified and sustainable living projects. The programs take action in the communities of Caracoli and El Porvenir and others in Bogotá and, Sogamoso and Socotá in the rural area. Thankfully, from March 2022, the activities of these programs are again in person; the covid pandemic forced the programs to implement activities through digital platforms, which were also successful.

The programs provide accompaniment and listening, affirm values for a dignified life, self-esteem, and physical and mental self-care, and stimulate pre-employment skills that will motivate children and adolescents to seek training and then a sustainable economic insertion. IELCO's programs develop skills in children and adolescents so that they can be the protagonists of their own lives and communities, productively and healthily.

For example, some adolescents are taking their first steps as cooks of traditional and contemporary Colombian foods with the support of these programs. Asivida and Proyectándome, a un Futuro, have a relevant role in integrating Venezuelan migrant children and adolescents who cohabit the communities; simultaneously, they train other IELCO programs and activities in child and adolescent protection.



Proyecting me to a Future Program (with WH support)



Proyecting me to a Future Program (with WH support)



Asivida Program (with WH support)



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Church in America  
God's work. Our hands.

# IELCO-Colombia: accompanying them to achieve basic rights to care, protection and justice

The team for both programs is led by Olga Gualteros, Esperanza González (both psychologists), and Daneysa Alvarez Leacott (pedagogue), with Ana Mendivelso in charge of overall project management. This team has also developed its gender justice and gender-based violence skills through specialization at the Universidad del Rosario in Bogotá.

The team of these programs says: "in this specialization, we have developed a broader view on GBV, the different feminisms, patriarchy theory, the different forms of violence, masculinities, gender discrimination, and normativity; and on how to address these issues with children without reproducing prejudices and sexist discourses—encouraging children to build a generation based on justice and gender equity."

On the second half of 2022, 174 children have participated. 74 women and 10 men. In the second half of 2022, 174 children participated. Seventy-four women and ten men. Their ages are between 12 and 60 years, from strata 1, 2, and 3 located in the south (Caracoli and Porvenir) and Codito in the upper north of Bogotá and the municipality Sogamoso and Socotá in Boyacá. Their income level is approximately one minimum wage (USD220).

In times of pandemic, IELCO's programs have contributed to generating resilience, empathy, and empowerment in children and adolescents at risk and overcoming loneliness, sadness, and pain.

In mid-March 2022, Kaitlynne (Katie) Larson arrived in Colombia as an ELCA missionary at IELCO to serve as Peace-building and human rights educator and community organizer. Katie is a Lutheran theologian, she will contribute to peace-building processes involving church and civil society.

Katie is an ELCA missionary focused on community education in peace-building, human rights, and non-discrimination. She will also educate on community organizing strategies and volunteer mobilization. Her email address is: [kaitlynne.larson@elca.org](mailto:kaitlynne.larson@elca.org)

*All images provided by IELCO staff*



## YOUR SUPPORT

### A COMMITMENT WITH GLOBAL MISSION

#### HERE'S HOW TO GIVE:

Give through your synod office or mail your check to: ELCA, Gift Processing Center, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009. By credit or debit card: <https://community.elca.org/MissionaryGiving>

Make check payable to "ELCA Global Church Sponsorship" with "Gustavo Driau GCS2045" in the memo line.

ELCA missionaries have helped establish growing churches throughout the world. As a result, we are now part of a much larger story — a global community of more than 77 million Lutherans in 99 countries

## PRAYER

Beloved God,

-We pray for IELCO's leaders and congregations and, Presiding Bishop Rev. Atahualpa Hernandez, the mission and diaconal programs with children and, migrants support

-We pray for the 2022 Colombian presidential and legislative elections as a historic opportunity to widen democracy and strengthen the Peace Agreements

-We pray for IL-P companions synods: Southeastern Minnesota Synod. South Carolina Synod. ELCIC Synod of Alberta and the Territories, Canada



## BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES in JUNE



June 7: Keith Scheidt

June 11: Ming Alberti

June 15: Barb Singleton

June 18: Roman Affolter

June 21: Anastasia Radke

June 26: Shirley Kirstein



June 2: Joanne & Victor Primeau

June 22: Lisa & Gord Wickstrand (20yrs)

June 30: Rod & Judy Soholt

June 30: Anniversary of Pastor AnnE's Ordination

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 JUNE 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 **JUNE 24th.**

## Indigenous Sunday – 19th June

We are very happy to have Fiona Brownlee join us for this Service. Fiona has worked for the Anglican Diocese of Edmonton for the past nearly 8 years as part of the Indigenous Ministry Team. She works with rural and semi-rural parishes on reconciliation projects of various kinds. She is married to the Rev. Hugh Matheson and lives with him in Wetaskiwin. They have 3 grown adult children. This ministry is her passion and she is grateful for the ongoing partnership with Lakeland Lutheran.



Fiona Brownlee  
Aboriginal and Rural Churches Liaison  
Diocese of Edmonton  
<http://edmonton.anglican.org/category/social-justice/indigenous-ministry/>  
Ph: 780-312-9070

I acknowledge that I am living and working in the traditional territories of the Nehiwayak and Metis people of Treaty 6. I am working for neighbourly reconciliation.

## The Blanket Exercise – 1pm on Saturday 18th June



This exercise was developed by KAIROS Canada in response to the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples. It is an exercise to engage our full selves in the history of Canada. Some of this you will know about, some of it will surprise you, some it will make you sad and some of it will make you angry. Please bring a blanket to place on the ground representing all of us on Turtle Island.

## 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.



Pastor AnnE is looking for any leftover outside paint you do not need anymore for a project towards the end of June involving our Youth.

Please could you contact her: 780-201-0806  
or email: [pastorAnnE@lakelandlutheran.com](mailto:pastorAnnE@lakelandlutheran.com)  
if you are able to help.

## 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 April 20, 2022 at 7:15pm SKYPE

**Amended & Approved May 18, 2022**

		Email Address	Present	Excused	Minutes Fwd.
President	Cheryl Benoit	<a href="mailto:cbenoit4u@yahoo.com"><u>cbenoit4u@yahoo.com</u></a>	Y		
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Stewardship	Gord Wickstrand	<a href="mailto:gwickstrand@nucleus.com"><u>gwickstrand@nucleus.com</u></a>	Y		
LLC Office	Kathy Pedersen	<a href="mailto:lakelandlutheran@telus.net"><u>lakelandlutheran@telus.net</u></a>	N/A		N/A

**Call to Order** 7:11 PM Cheryl B

**Devotion:** 7.11 PM Pastor AnnE Psalm 118:14-29 Amen!

Consider the resurrected Christ! Response can only be one of gratitude! Prayer.

**Sharing/How are you doing?** A time of personal sharing of how things are going in our lives.

**Approval of Draft Minutes with Amendments from Previous Council Meeting March 23, 2022**

**Motion:** Shirley K Second: Linda K Carried

**Old Business:**

1. Update of the Annual Report: Goal is to have it completed by April 30, 2022
2. Offering shortfall/Refer to Stewardship Report. Not yet discussed at Stewardship Committee. Materials/assistance is available through the Synod Office. Hope to use at next meeting.

**Reports:**

**Financial Secretary Report:** Anne T As attached Noted that Offerings Budget deficit is now  
\$7114.01

**Treasurer's Report:** Kathy P As attached

Balance Sheet: Has now been updated to March 31st, 2022 per Linda F

P&L: Noted that the Directed Gifts to Witness & Outreach for March have not yet been remitted.  
Discretionary Expense—see Witness & Outreach Report.  
Support Expenses—Budget for Insurance, Gas & Electricity has been underestimated.

**Pastor's Report:** As attached

Pastor added that Facebook page and webpage are to be updated in the next weeks.

In this report, it is noted that Kathy P will be accompanying Pastor to the Northern Area Synod event in Red Deer on May 28, 2022. Pastor's expenses for this event are budgeted. Kathy P has volunteered to attend as a member of the LLC; unbudgeted expense of \$1 for registration plus meals.

Covid Committee to meet again the first week of May 2022.

**Worship Committee:** As attached

The last Sunday of the month will still be held at LLC, but we will stream the service from the church that Sunday (Hope Lutheran, Red Deer for this month). LLC will probably not be able to stream services as we do not have capable Wi-Fi.

As in April, LLC will host a worship service but connect with Hosanna and stream their service.

**Witness and Outreach:** No Meeting. No Report

Noted that the Account Tracking for Discretionary indicates a balance of \$572.55, but that the P&L also shows expenses of \$317.00 to March 31, 2022. These will have to be posted to Account Tracking/Discretionary (\$572.55—\$317.00=\$255.55).

Education: As attached  
No coordinator for "Fun Day" as of yet  
Pub Theology perhaps to meet outside

Service and Care: As attached

Support and Maintenance: As attached

Cornel W will continue to communicate with TELUS re the security system. If the issues cannot be resolved quickly, an alternate provider may be considered.

Mutual Ministry:

Stewardship:

Facility Coordinator: As attached

**Liaison Input**

<u>Trustees:</u>	Shirley Kirstein	Witness & Outreach
	Keith Scheidt	Education
	Linda Klinger	Worship
	Cornel Wollmann	Facility Coordinator
Secretary	Bill Chernesky	Treasurer Bill C presented List of LLC Officers to LCU
Vice President	Richard Davis	Service & Care
President	Cheryl Benoit	Office Administrator

Next Council Meeting May 18th, 2022 at 7:15pm Venue TBD

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.*