



**NEWSLETTER OF
LAKELAND LUTHERAN
CHURCH
JUNE 2021**

Cold Lake, Alberta

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Church Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday

9.00am-12pm

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Summer officially doesn't start until the 21st of this month but hopefully we are done with snow or frost - at least for a few months. Weather can be so unpredictable - but then life is unpredictable as we all know so why should the weather be any different? And what we can control is minimal. The older we get the more this truth hits home. We cannot control what happens around us - we are only in control of how we respond.

The same applies to God's love - we are not in control of that either. God loves us. He loved us first. He loved us before we were even born and He will love us until we draw our final breath. His love is the only thing that does not change. Nothing we do can earn that love. God's love is out of our control. Like all other things, we are only in control of how we respond. When we accept God's love part of how we respond is to share the love we have received. In pre-covid times, sharing our faith with others could at times be a bit awkward. If we invited someone to church, especially someone who used to come but hadn't for a long while perhaps they felt if they accepted the invitation, they would be singled out, or greeted in an over enthusiastic manner and it could be awkward for them as well. In a recent conversation with my sister, she pointed out that now, as churches open up, it could be so much easier for us to invite others and for others to accept as we have all been away for over a year. In returning, we are all on the same footing and will be greeted with equal enthusiasm and joy. I thought this was a very insightful perspective from my smart sister and one worthy of sharing.

As our work and faith communities begin to open up again, let us not be timid in extending an invitation to our families and neighbours who do not have a relationship with Jesus to come and experience the love of God. We can share our covid experience with others and how we were blessed by our relationship with God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. A golden opportunity not to be wasted.



June 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.

In the May 2021 Message for Congregations and Lay and Rostered Leaders I wrote of the Lucan narratives which frequently take us on the 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 takes 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.

On the road they meet a stranger who appears to be unaware of all that has happened in Jerusalem. The two take it upon themselves to educate this stranger.

The verbs that they use tell us a great deal about their state of mind. They say, “We had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel.” *We had hoped*. I learned from my Greek Professor, Dr. David Dahle, at the then, Camrose Lutheran College, that the past perfect tense, or pluperfect, denotes an action that has been completed in the past. Once we had a hope, but it is no more. *We had hoped*.

Suddenly the stranger who seems so uninformed takes over the conversation and becomes the teacher. And what a teacher. He is so filled with everything they lack, especially knowledge and hope, that they ask him to stay with them.

In London’s National Gallery there is a painting, *The Supper at Emmaus*, by the Renaissance artist, Michelangelo Caravaggio.

The work depicts an ordinary meal. Only four characters are portrayed in it: two disciples seated at either end of the table, the stranger in the center, and a server standing at the side. One of the things that I love about this painting is that the fourth side of the table is open to the viewer. It is our place at the table. You can stand there and water, or you can join the meal.

The stranger is blessing the bread. And as he does so, we observe the precise moment of recognition. One disciple's arm is flying toward the viewer as if to penetrate the invisible wall between the figures in the painting and us, the viewers. The other is caught coming off their chair in utter amazement.

It is the recognition scene, the moment, when the gauzy veil between us and the Divine is suddenly ripped apart.

And there is life, and hope.

It happens many times in the Gospels: Thomas, Mary Magdalene in the garden. The moment of recognition.

Our recognition scene occurs in the breaking of the bread when we, though many and now physically distanced from one another, receive the meal that makes us one. When just as we were about to say, "*We had hoped,*" we, too, recognize him at our table.

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And the disciples make a U-turn on the road and start walking, no, running toward Jerusalem, toward their future.

And we gather in convention. "On the road." We recognize him at our table. We recognize him in one another. We recognize him in the stranger.

And we are off...on the road together.

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 have life. We have hope. 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)



Education

Many thanks to the Education Committee for their faithful commitment to our children's ministry this past year with the excellent online outreach, each week. They did their windup on May 23 – Pentecost Sunday – and hope to resume with at church Sunday School in September.

Worship

We will continue with drive-in services at 9am until mid June, Sunday 13th June will be the last one for now. Hopefully all restrictions will be relaxed by the end of June to allow us to worship together in person, in our church. There is a summer series hosted by the Bishops of the ELCIC that we hope to have on our website for all those interested in watching.



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!

Service & Care

LLC is doing membership maintenance and the committee members may be calling you for information on you and your family to help us update our records.

Support & Maintenance

We are in the process of updating our inventory and it's value for the church for our insurance and our financial records. Committees may be asked to help assess your 'area of use'. We hope to have it completed by June 16. The accountant Linda Fraser will be attending our June Council meeting to guide us through this process.

Witness & Outreach

We have decided to ask our friends and members to support a new charity in our community, the John Howard Society, which is a non-profit organization set up to help the homeless in Cold Lake. They have leased the building near downtown Cold Lake which previously housed the Outreach Centre. They provide a warm meal and a safe place to sleep for the night. They also provide workshops to try to help get people back on their feet. They have made a "Wish List" of items that they need to help their clients. Here is chance to help our fellow man right in our own community.

Wish List

- summer socks for adults
- underwear for adults
- hygiene products - travel size but will accept regular (toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, deodorant, combs, disposable razors, shaving cream, sunscreen, face cloths, hand towels, Band-Aids)
- backpacks
- reusable water bottles
- craft supplies
- puzzles (300pcs or less)
- crockpot

Items may be dropped off at Lakeland Lutheran Church from 9:00am - 12:00pm on Mondays to Thursdays.

HELLO

Rod and Judy Soholt send their greetings, they appreciate hearing from us. It has been difficult on both of them to face the challenge of immobility and a pandemic. Home Care really helps them and they are glad to be with family.

They have asked that we pass on their "Hello" to everyone and tell you all that they miss us sooooo much .



CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congratulations to Thekla Radke.

Thekla has recently graduated from university with a nursing degree and is writing her National Licensing exam. We are so proud of you Thekla and happy to learn you are moving back to Cold Lake.

Homer McKale

It is with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Homer McKale on 10th May. Homer constructed our Alter, the Baptismal Font and a white cross for which we are extremely grateful.

Please keep Kathy and her family in your thoughts and prayers through this sad time.



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 JUNE



Week of June 6: Keith Scheidt; Ming Alberti

Week of June 13: Barb Singleton

Week of June 20: Anastasia Radke; Shirley Kirstein



Week of May 30: Joanne & Victor Primeau

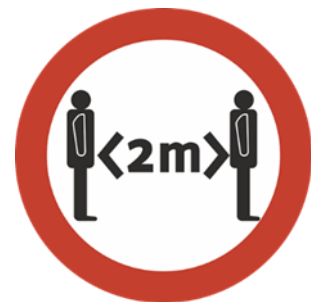
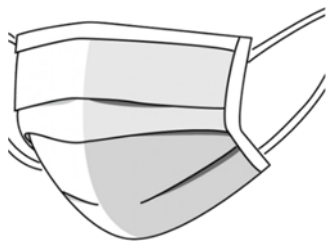
Week of June 20: Lisa & Gord Wickstrand

Week of June 27: Rod & Judy Sohlt

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:

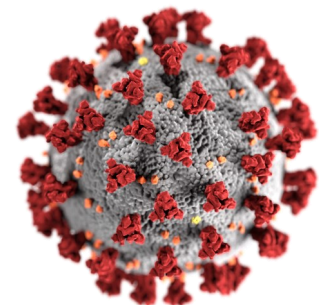
- Please bring your own mask.
- All visitors must wear masks, sanitize your hands and sign in on entering the building. If you forget your mask there will be one available in the entrance along with hand sanitizer and the sign-in sheet.
- Social distancing of 2 meters should be maintained wherever possible, 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 April 21, 2021 7:15pm (in person at church) Lakeland Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Approved May 19/2021

		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	Keith Scheidt	kscheidt@persona.ca	Y		
Pastor	AnnE Zimmerman	anne.zimmerman53@gmail.com		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 7:15 PM Cheryl B

Devotion: Keith- Psalm 23 – The Lord is my Shepherd

Followed by a prayer

Approval of Draft Minutes from Previous Council Meeting March 17, 2021

Moved: Keith Second: Linda Carried

Reports:

Treasurer Report: Clay and Cheryl met to finish up the reports for January/February/March.

Cheryl clarified that the Invoices were paid but not the directed giving portion. We will still have a surplus in April once the outstanding directed giving will be paid.

Benevolence will be paid for January, February and March in April as well all the directed giving will be paid in April.

Financial Secretary Report:

Report attached

Anne will get the Treasurer report from Cheryl and Clay to complete the financial report

Items to the Agenda:

1. Discussion about signing authority for the Credit Union:

We remove Barb Singleton and Lisa Wickstrand from the signing authority and add Clay Shipclark and Anastasia Radke to the list of people who have signing authority.

The following people have signing authority for Lakeland Lutheran Church, Cold Lake, AB:

Bill Chernesky, Richard Davis, Clay Shipclark, Cheryl Benoit, Anastasia Radke

Motion: Helen Second: Keith carried

2. Linda – Copyright License/ Streaming License

Linda was contacted by ONE LICENSE about our online services.

Attached is a copy from Linda about the Copyright License/ Streaming License.

It was discussed what the best and most economic option is for our church.

Linda has volunteered to give the full list of hymnals to the licensing body that we used in the last 12 month. It should be recorded on a weekly basis.

Going forward we can ask Kathy to record the list of hymns to be forwarded and recorded

for the Licensing Agencies.

Motion to purchase the Bundle package for ONE LICENSE

Motion: Linda Second: Cornel carried

Cheryl and Kathy went through the Church Record Book and starting to update the record book.

Cheryl wanted to ask Service and Care to update some records and get some information.

Members are going from a membership List to a responsibility list.

Convention fees will depend on Membership numbers and delegates that we can send, so it is beneficial for us to have an updated list.

Worship Committee: - attached

The Worship committee is asking for a drive in service for May 9th, 2021 as a farewell for Sylvia Armbruster who is leaving the 27th of May.

Council was unanimously in favor for the drive in service for May 9th.

Discussion was held about future drive in services on a Sunday at 10:00 am, starting May 16.

The service would be about 20 to 25 minutes long.

The worship committee is asking for volunteers to organize the drive in services.

We can ask Kathy to email the congregation if people are interested to volunteer for these services and to keep a list of volunteers.

The logistics have to be worked out as well a leader has to be appointed for each drive in service.

Witness and Outreach: - no report available

Cheryl was discussing the directed giving Account for refugees.

Refugee that we sponsored is living in Calgary.

The directed giving amount has to be send to support the refugee and we will ask Marlene if she knows where he lives now in order to send him the money.

Motion to close the Refugee account:

Keith second: Linda carried

Council discussed another directed giving account (the Lac La Biche Lutheran Church).

Cheryl will contact Pastor Prema to find out the status of the church there.

Discussion and clarification about the interest that is accumulated from all accounts will go into the general fund.

Food Bank is looking for one more volunteer from our church. Connie send out an email.

Service and Care: Report attached

Education: report attached

Support and Maintenance: Cornel

Spring Cleaning is scheduled for May 29th. Kathy put the date in the email. Not too much inside cleaning required. Cornel will put a sign up on the board in the church.

Cornel got a cost/ estimate for an Automatic button for a door opener for both entry doors at the church. There is an estimate for the actual opener as well as the electric wiring. Dry wall patching and painting might be required after installation as well.

Estimates are attached

Motion to go ahead with the automatic doors:

Cornel second: Richard carried

Capital Fund will be used.

Bill answered a questionnaire form Cherry Insurances that was send out to the church.

Confirmation of receipt of letter from Cherry Insurance received.

Stewardship: -

Facility Coordinator: attached

Question about tracking of receipts for groups that used the church building.
Cheryl will check on the procedure with Bill.

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 -

Richard -

Next month devotion – Cornel

Next Council Meeting - May 19, 2021 at 7:15pm via Zoom Meeting with Pastor AnnE and the Bishop

Closing Prayer 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.