



**NEWSLETTER OF
LAKELAND LUTHERAN
CHURCH
SUMMER 2022**

Cold Lake, Alberta

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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,

I so appreciated the recent Northern Wide Synod Service. Much of this is due to the connecting and re-connecting with our synod wide community. After so many weeks and months of being distant this feels and felt significant.

As well, I was grateful for a Sunday I sit with the congregation worshipping as fellow parishioners. What a reminder how together we pray, serve and worship together here and within our larger church community. Thank you for joining with me in that.

I always wonder why some within the ELCIC-AB and the Territories Synod seem to see Cold Lake as remote. For some reason travelling by car to a community north of Edmonton is remote while travelling to Calgary, similar distance from Edmonton, is not. It is important to connect and recognize we are the Body of Christ within the ELCIC serving together. Not so remote after all. This invites us to discover new ways to connect, to ask questions of who we are as individual faith communities and who we are collectively.

During the service we experienced - I smiled! Not only of being together as Lakeland Lutheran Church but also the inclusion of Holy Family Lutheran church in Yellowknife. During the prayers of gratitude for water and our baptism - one individual was smiling (smirking really). Soon I realized the four were standing in water up to their knees in the lake there. The members were COLD! Now that is a similarity our community and this far more northern community shares! A phrase from scripture - 'Many are called but a few are chosen' might be more appropriate in the words my father would say on cold winter Sundays. He was striving to have us get moving to church! - 'Many are called - but a few are frozen!'

Blessings to all. Summer is lovely, yet lovelier to continue worshipping and serving together.

In deep gratitude for our larger community of the AB and the Territories Synod,
Pastor AnnE

Area Service June 26, 2022

Thankful for all of you in helping with yesterday's service! Please pass along these thanks to those who joined you in helping to make this service happen. In the sharing of many gifts and wonderful service was shaped and now we leave it in God's hands. It was very meaningful to me to work with you all and so wonderful to be able to do so in person with some of you.

Blessings!

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Good morning, Pr. Trish.

Please express my thanks to all who prepared and participated in Sunday's pre-recorded worship service.

I appreciated very much Deacon Sarah Rudd's sermon, and the participation of so many from the Area.

A wonderful gift of care, support, encouragement and worship...to us all.

"The God of all 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).

In Christ Jesus -
Shalom,
+Larry



July-August 2022 Message for Congregations and Lay and Rostered Leaders

Dear Beloved of God -

“Faith is the ability to listen to the melody of the future and hope is the courage to dance to its rhythm now” (adapted from Brazilian theologian Rubem Alves).

Participants at the May 9-13, 2022, Leadership Conference of the Americas at Santiago, Chile – of member churches of the Lutheran World Federation in Latin America, the Caribbean and North America – gathered, were encouraged and guided by the theme, “I breathe upon you the breath of life,” based on Ezekiel 37, the story of dry bones.

Ezekiel’s text is charged with this image of movement. The blowing, breath, spirit (*ruach*) of God has been present since the beginning. YHWH’s *ruach* moved over the waters. That same spirit falls on the dry bones causing the revitalization of that which had died.

“The bones have dried and are making noise,” shared keynote presenter, Rev. Dr. Rafael Malpica Padilla, Executive Director of Global Mission, ELCA, “and our churches are in crisis.” Yes, in this time of pandemic, but even prior to this with our mission context marked by the great “isms” (patriarchism, racism and populism), and like the dry bones of Ezekiel they are making noise.

These three “isms” are present, unfortunately, in the life of our faith communities. “It is they who have dried the bones...and now the bones are making noise. It is these “isms”, said Padilla, “that cause the great abyss between the church and life project of Jesus.” These “isms” seek to hoard and maintain power while the life project of Jesus sought to empower, to serve, to embrace all in grace and love even to the point of death.

So, where do we go? The Brazilian, Vitor Westhelle, gives us a clue: “The theology of the cross is neither a discourse nor a doctrine. It is a way of life that we live out. It is a practice that involves a risk. It is a story that if truly told, courts danger but moves also into hopeful solidarity, the solidarity of those who are moved by the pain of God in the midst of the world, or by the pain of the world in the midst of God” (quoted by Padilla, “Martin Luther for the Life of the Church,” in *The Forgotten Luther III: Reclaiming a Vision of Global Community*, Conrad A. Braaten & Ryan P. Cumming, eds. [Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2021], 92.).

The Spirit, the *ruach* of God, pushes us to translate the good news of God into concrete actions for life in community. The Spirit pushes us towards God's mission; to restore community which occurs through reconciliation.

The Indian-Spanish theologian, Raimundo Panikkar, says it this way: "The great challenge today is to convert the sacred bread into real bread, the liturgical peace into political peace, the worship of the creator into reverence for the creation, the Christian praying community into an authentic human fellowship. It is risky to celebrate the Eucharist. We may have to leave it unfinished, going first to give back to the poor what belongs to them" (Raimundo Panikkar, "Many as a Ritual Being," *Chicago Studies*, 16[1977]: 27.).

The bones will continue to rattle if we stay where we have always been. For this journey we carry our backpack, and in it we carry the tools for the work: faith, hope, and love. "Faith, the ability to hear the melody of the future; hope, the courage to dance to its rhythm here and now; and love, a stubborn and unwavering commitment" (Douglas R.A. Hare, *Matthew: Interpretation, A Bible Commentary for Teaching and Preaching* [Louisville, Kentucky: Westminster John Knox Press, 2009], 260.).

In Christ Jesus -

Shalom, +Larry

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Education

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

With the Covid 19 Protocol Committee deciding to open up the church with less restrictions we hope to see some of those people that have been absent from our previous Sunday services, may they feel more comfortable. Everyone needs to have some fellowship with others and what better way is there then having coffee and maybe a cookie with people after our church service.

Remember, we are in close partnership with the Anglicans so therefore, Pastor Donna Gauthier is our emergency contact when Pastor AnnE is away or doing a service some where else. Pastor AnnE will return the favour when Pastor Donna is away.

****A SPECIAL NOTE**** Starting in July our Sunday services will commence at **9:30 am** which will work better with Pastor AnnE's schedule.

Here are our services for the month of July: 3rd July lay service led by Keith Scheidt

10th July communion service with Pastor AnnE

17th July communion service with Pastor AnnE, she will
also do the service in the Anglican Church after.

24th July lay service with Rev Ariane Wasilow

31st July Synod led service

For August, instead of a lay service on August 7th we will have a communion service with Pastor Donna Gauthier. Other communion Sundays will be the 14th and 21st with Pastor AnnE, 28th is Synod service.

1 John 4:8 Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

Witness & Outreach

Please remember our Sister Synod in Columbia.



Cold Lake Food Bank Drive

Please bring your Food Bank donations to the church in time for the “Blessing of the Food” which takes place during our Sunday Worship Service on 17th July.



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



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 JULY & AUGUST



July: Cornel Wollmann Charlotte Miliken Judy Soholt

August: Jim Kirstein Trevor Benoit Helen Runke

Linda Lohmaier Irene Cobb Linda Unraw

Sara Morisette Cameron Morisette Cole Klinger



July: Gail & Bill Chernesky Laurie & Jim Pierce

Cheryl & Grant Benoit Jo & Garth Petterson

Grace & Rudy Safroniuk Linda & Dave Unraw

Marilyn & Dave Ashby

August: Connie & Cameron McLeod

Marlene & Dan Walchuk Shirley & Jim Kirstein

Directed Giving For May

Cold Lake Food Bank \$1100.00

AB Synod \$100

John Howard \$200.00

On Eagles Wings

Fall Supper

Hosanna Lutheran

Seminary \$80.00

Pastor Rude

Campus Ministries

Support \$650.00

CLWR \$3435.00

Refugee Support

Adopt a Family \$100.00

Lac La Biche

Thank you for your generous gifts to others

Anne Tucker, Financial Secretary

CHECK OUT THE JULY & AUGUST CALENDAS 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 September Newsletter reach the church office by
AUGUST 25th.

Stewardship

Look out for an email coming your way from the Stewardship Committee.

An Invitation to Prayer

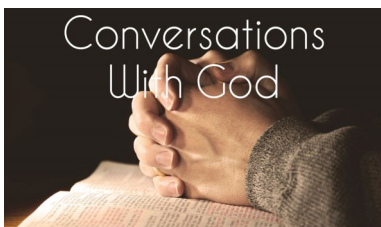
For early Hasidic mystics, learning the Scriptures was important, but encountering God directly within the Scriptures was even more so. Jewish scholar Arthur Green translates from a collection of Hasidic teachings on contemplative prayer:

One who reads the words of prayer
with great devotion
 may come to see the lights
within the letters,
 even though one does not
understand
 the meaning of the words one
speaks.
Such prayer has great power;
Mistakes in reading are of no
importance.

A father has a young child whom he
greatly loves.
Even though the child has hardly
learned to speak,
 his father takes pleasure
 in listening to the child's.

**When Pastor AnnE is in Cold Lake, during work weeks,
please join her and friends on Fridays at 3 pm for prayers
followed by fellowship and a coffee.**

**The calendar will always note the Fridays with designated
short but precious time of prayer.
You are included and welcome.**



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.

Indigenous Sunday

Thank you to Fiona Brownlee for preaching on this special day and for all her work helping us to understand the meaning of 'forgiveness and reconciliation'



"We must not only speak about forgiveness and reconciliation, we must act on these principles."

Archbishop Desmond Tutu

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 May 18, 2022 at 7:20pm SKYPE

Amended & Approved June 15, 2022

| | | Email Address | Present | Excused | Minutes Fwd. |
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| President | Cheryl Benoit | <u>cbenoit4u@yahoo.com</u> | Y | | |
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| Secretary | Anastasia Radke | <u>Aradke2016@outlook.com</u> | Y | | |
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| Trustee | Helen Runke | <u>harunke@telusplanet.net</u> | Y | | |
| Trustee | Cornel Wollman | <u>clwoll@telusplanet.net</u> | | Y | |
| Trustee | Keith Scheidt | <u>kscheidt@persona.ca</u> | Y | | |
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| LLC Office | Kathy Pedersen | <u>lakelandlutheran@telus.net</u> | N/A | | N/A |

Call to Order 7:20PM Cheryl B

Devotion: 7.11 PM Cheryl B Getting into the word.

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

Approval of Draft Minutes from Previous Council Meeting April 20, 2022

Motion: to amend (As attached) and approve. Shirley K Second: Linda K

Old Business:

1. Annual Report: Kathy has updated the report, Cheryl B will verify, and a copy will be forwarded to all members. Kathy P and Bill C will now complete the CRA Form 3010, due June 30, 2022

Reports:

Financial Secretary Report: Anne T As attached Offerings directed to the Capital Fund and Support do not correspond to the P&L Statement. Follow-up is necessary to reconcile the record.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy P As attached

Offerings are approximately \$7000.00 less than YTD Budget
Office Personnel Expense is 20%+ over YTD Budget
Witness and Outreach gifts to be directed are \$5000.00+ in arrears. Cheryl B advises that accounting and remittances will be up to date for June 30, 2022
Noted that Natural Gas and Power are under-budgeted
Account Tracking: Long-term Maintenance information does not reflect the \$526.75 expense as recorded on the P&L. Should this not be included in the tracking?
Capital Fund tracking does not include the receipts as recorded on the P&L. will be reconciled.

Pastor's Report: As attached

Letter from Covid Protocols Committee: As attached. Full discussion.
Council understands that the committee should continue to provide protocol recommendations to LLC Council through/with Pastor. 'Thank you' is expressed to the committee for their ongoing work.

Worship Committee: As attached

Witness and Outreach: Council is advised that the committee is aware of a family in desperate need; the committee will respond as resources are available.

Noted that there is hope to add a member to this committee.

Education: As attached Kid's Camp scheduled time 9.30Am to 11.45AM, Monday through Thursday, July 25 to 28, 2022

Service and Care: As attached

Support and Maintenance: As attached Sidewalk safety/Rubber coating the sidewalks: For its next meeting, Council will expect the committee to provide additional information and an estimate for any work to be completed. Council will then review the information and the estimate and consider a way forward. If work is to be planned, a motion to proceed will be presented as a duly called Congregational Meeting.

Parking Lot Maintenance: An estimate (\$1800.00+GST) has been received to provide 25 yds/3 of 1/1/2-gravel, to level, and to regrade the parking lot and the roadway. The committee will review the estimate and consider any necessary action.

Mutual Ministry: Keith S reported that the Review of the Part-time Ministry, with Pastor AnnE, has been completed and that the document will be sealed and filed with the Pastor's contract.

Stewardship: Comment re current financial situation: how does the congregation know that there is a need? Discussion. The Stewardship Committee is currently only a committee of one. No way forward was determined.

Facility Coordinator: As attached

Liaison Input

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| <u>Trustees:</u> | Shirley Kirstein | Witness & Outreach |
| | Keith Scheidt | Education |
| | Linda Klinger | Worship |
| | Cornel Wollmann | Facility Coordinator |
| Secretary | Bill Chernesky | Treasurer |
| Vice President | Richard Davis | Service & Care |
| President | Cheryl Benoit | Office Administration |

Next Council Meeting June 15th, 2022 at 7:15pm at the church

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.