

NEWSLETTER OF LAKELAND LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUMMER 2021

Cold Lake, Alberta

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Monday-Thursday 9.00am-12pm

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Happy Canada Day!

Just like the uncertainty when the virus was spreading and things were shutting down there is uncertainty surrounding the return of freedoms as the province and country opens up, for us in Alberta on Canada Day. As with all things, moderation and common sense are good companions and we pray that the wisdom of the provincial leadership will bring the results we need. Rejoice the virus is retreating and embrace what freedoms you are comfortable embracing.

Our church is open on Sundays, and you are encouraged to attend worship however you are comfortable - in the building or at home on line. We will continue with social distance practices, the sign in and sanitation procedures as we watch the online service at 10 in our facility for the month of July. If you attend in person and want to wear your mask or not, sing or not, that is up to your comfort level.

Council continues to be in conversation with Pastor AnnE and the Bishop. We hope to give a full update to you before the end of this month, Please know we are all doing our best to plan and provide for the ministry here at LLC. Please continue to pray for God's wisdom and will in all our decisions.

So......enjoy the opportunities that come your way this month we will be in touch.



July - August 2021 Message for Congregations and Lay and Rostered Leaders

Dear Beloved of God -

CLWR was there. You were there.

When I think of the ministry of Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) over its 75 years, my mind often journeys to the international relief and development work taking place alongside many partners. At this moment, when I hear "CLWR," my thoughts go to their local collaboration and partnerships, such as the response in Alberta to flooding in High River in 2013 and to the wildfires in Fort McMurray in 2016.

Never will I forget the overwhelming, immediate support, nor the outpouring of compassion and generosity the moment word of these disasters hit the news. In my first journey to Fort McMurray following the fires, it looked like a battle zone, with entire neighbourhoods completely destroyed and laid waste; vinyl siding melted and twisted; families and neighbours arm in arm, staring silently, slowly shaking their heads in disbelief and despair.

But I visited again Fort McMurray approximately one year later, together with CLWR staff and Rev. Dr. Glenn Schaeffer, then-president of the Alberta-British Columbia District of Lutheran Church-Canada (LCC). We heard story after story of relief, support, and gratitude amid the devastation and ongoing effects of trauma.

CLWR was there, you were there, partnering with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) and LCC to help meet the physical and psychosocial (emotional and mental) needs of community members.

CLWR partnered to provide new homes for those who had lost everything in the fire. Energy-efficient homes were built in Hague, SK, by teams of Mennonite Disaster Services (MDS) volunteers and transported to Fort McMurray where other volunteers had poured foundations and basements. CLWR had previously partnered with MDS, experts in domestic disaster assistance, to respond to the flooding in High River.

"I just can't believe it," one individual shared with us, standing in their new home. "I'm sure nobody realizes how all those little bits of love add up to something meaningful. It took a lot of people to get this together. This house will remind me of that every single day. It seems that thank you is not enough, but thank you from the bottom of my heart."

CLWR also partnered with a Fort McMurray organization to help alleviate the physical and psychosocial pain of those affected by the fires. Funds were provided to enhance the reach of the organization's outreach services in Fort McMurray and the surrounding communities. With

increased staffing, expanded and more frequent visits to the rural communities were made possible, enabling greater access for children and adults to counseling and support, especially for those people who could not always travel to Fort McMurray. In addition, domestic violence services included an emergency women and children's shelter, second stage housing, and community outreach, which included support groups, risk assessments, education, and training.

Yes, I think of international efforts, but I also think of collaboration and partnerships to meet national needs.

CLWR was there, you were there.

I have seen CLWR's strategic compass designed to be visionary and dynamic, emphasizing innovation and collaboration, sustainability, and transformation. CLWR maintains a commitment to building resilience, using rights-based and adaptive approaches.

When God lays the needs of people facing natural disaster and dislocation on the hearts of God's people, the response is immediate, filled with compassion and generosity.

CLWR is there. You are there.

Blessings to you, CLWR, in these next 75 years as you seek to faithfully live your mission: *Inspired by God's love for the world, CLWR challenges and responds to the injustice which causes human suffering and poverty. We are committed to working alongside our partners to build resilience through a continual shared learning approach.*

As an international relief and development agency of the Lutheran communities, CLWR provides opportunities for Canadians to respond to national and international needs.

Our National Church Council approved the designation of September 26, 2021 as CLWR Sunday to celebrate their 75th anniversary. Watch for further information and resources.

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)

Worship

ALLELUIA! WE ARE OPEN. As of Sunday 20th June we opened our doors for inperson worship at Lakeland Lutheran. Please join us to watch the livestreamed Hosanna Sunday Service at 10 am on Sunday June 20th, 27th and throughout July. There is also a summer series hosted by the Bishops of the ELCIC that will be on our website for all those interested in watching. During the Worship Committee meeting on July 7th we will discuss the possibility of holding lay services using the summer sermons prepared by the Synod Bishops. We will of course let everyone know what is happening as soon as we are able.

Peace to you,
The 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, Pastor AnnE, Joanne, Delayne Harrison, Karen Webb and Lorraine Bogusat on the out loud list and the Scheidt/Hartman family, Schubert/Milliken family, & Shipclark 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 notifyHosanna. Thank You!

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 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.

Witness & Outreach

The John Howard Society is now needing monetary donations so they can open their MAT program again. Presently they are open from 9am to 2pm offering food and a place to cool off during the day to both needy men and women.

Donations can be made through e-transfer at coldlakejohnhowardsociety@gmail.com with Lakeland Credit Union. Please include your first and last name, mailing address and email address. This allows them to send an electronic receipt for income tax purposes.

Another simple way to donate is to make a contribution through Canada Helps. Go to the Canada Helps website and search for Cold Lake John Howard Society, Cold Lake, AB. Click donate button and pay using a credit card.

The Witness & Outreach Committee have asked the Society to prepare some information to send to our church as well as create donation envelopes we can have at Lakeland Lutheran Church for donations from our members and friends.

The Society is very appreciative of the donations of adult socks, underwear, backpacks and toiletries from our church and are happy for theses donations to continue. If you would like to provide any of these items they may be dropped off at the church during regular office hours (Mon-Thur, 9amnoon).

Thank you to everyone who has made a donation to the John Howard Society. This is a very necessary need in the Cold Lake community. God bless each one of you.

The Witness & Outreach 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 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



Farewell Sylvia







Thank you for all your hard work and service to Lakeland Lutheran Church over many years.

We wish you love, luck and happiness in your new adventure.

2021 Spring Clean

Thank you to everyone who came out on Saturday 29th May to help in our annual Spring Clean of the church and the grounds.

'More hands' certainly do 'make light work'

















BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES in JULY & AUGUST



Week of June 27: Cornel Wollman

Week of July 18: Charlotte Milliken

Week of July 25: Judy Soholt

Week of August 8: Sylvia Armbruster; Helen Runke; Linda

Lohmair

Week of August 15: Irene Cobb

Week of August 29: Sara Morrissette; Cameron Morrissette



Week of June 27: Rod & Judy Soholt; Bill & Gail Chernesky

Week of July 4: Jim & Laurie Pierce; Rudy & Grace Safroniuk;

Grant & Cheryl Benoit; Garth & Jo Petterson

Week of July 25: David & Marilynn Ashby

Week of August 1: Cam & Connie MacLeod

Week of August 15: Dan & Marlene Walchuk

Week of August 22: Jim & Shirley Kirstein



CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congratulations to Ty Ahenakew on his graduation from High School in June. We wish him every success for the future.

Minutes from May 19, 2021 7:15pm Lakeland Lutheran Church Council Meeting via zoom

Approved June 16, 2021

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Call to Order 7:15 PM Cheryl B

Devotion: Cornel – Jesus calling by Sarah Young followed by a prayer

Bishop Larry and Pastor AnnE joined the first part of the council meeting to check in.

Pastor AnnE shared what Joel's life was in the last 7 month and also passed a message from Joel.

He wanted the congregation to know that he loved Cold Lake and all of Lakeland Lutheran church and its members and friends. He used a Letter board and a computer to communicate the message.

A sincere thank you from Pastor AnnE and Joel.

We will meet with Pastor AnnE and Bishop Larry again via Zoom on June 14 at 7pm to see where God's calling is for Pastor AnnE.

Bishop Larry closed with a prayer.

Bishop Larry and Pastor AnnE left the Zoom Meeting at this time.

Approval of Draft Minutes from Previous Council Meeting April 21, 2021

Moved: Richard Second: Cornel Carried

Reports:

Treasurer Report: attached

Cheryl went over the Accounts and the balance sheet.

It was confirmed that the term deposits are included in the balance sheet.

Hosanna Lutheran Church will be added as separate entity in the budget in line 57113 and as the direct deposit in 57133 for transparency.

Cheryl will check on the budget and statement and separate the lines for budgeted and directed giving for clarity.

Cheryl will check and clarify on the financial secretary report on the extra \$300. It might have been a carry-over from last year.

Cheryl and Clay met with Linda Fraser and it was noticed instead of a claim of 2.5% of GST we claimed in 2018, 2019 and 2020 the 5% by mistake. We over claimed \$1121.19.

There is some option to repay the owing \$1121.19.

CRA said to either not claim anything until debt is balanced or repay.

Line 23510 GST Income. The computer program is set up as a 5% GST. Linda Fraser suggested to have the other 2.5% set up as expense.

We will discuss this with Linda Fraser and make a decision based on the conversation.

Assets in the Balance Sheet - Cheryl and Cornel took pictures of every room in the church and put an Inventory List together with Bill's help. All Assets will be listed and updated.

Financial Secretary Report:

Report attached

Old Business: Cheryl has registered for the convention on July 17th.

Worship Committee: - attached

Witness and Outreach: - no report available

Picked up a new project John Howard society.

Service and Care: Report attached

Membership List will be worked on with the help of Richard.

Committee has asked for approval to hang the original Pictures back.

Richard will communicate that the council has approved to hang up Jo's pictures in the fellowship hall.

Education: report attached

Support and Maintenance: Cornel

4 break in attempts to the C-can on the east side of the church. TELUS has wired in sensors and tied it in with the security system at the church.

It will be alarmed at the same time as the church. Bill has also bought 2 more locks for the C-can.

Spring Cleaning is scheduled for May 29th. 9:00am – 2:00pm

Stewardship: - no meetings

Facility Coordinator: attached no Income received

Input from Council:

Anastasia – Liaison to with office administrator

Keith – Liaison to Education/ mutual ministry

Linda – has registered for the National Conference that is held via Zoom this year. She will cover the cost herself.

Helen – Liaison to Witness and Outreach

Cornell Liaison to Support and Maintenance and facility coordinator

Cheryl – Treasurer and Office Administration

Richard - Service and Care

Next month devotion - Richard

Next Council Meeting - June 16, 2021 at 7:15pm at church

Closing Prayer Lord's Prayer

<u>Note</u> 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.