



**NEWSLETTER OF
LAKELAND LUTHERAN
CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 2021**

Cold Lake, Alberta

780-639-4673

Church Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 9.00am-12pm
lakelandlutheran @telus.net

Pastor: Rev. AnnE Zimmerman
780-201-0806

PastorAnnE@lakelandlutheran.com



It is like someone flipped a switch and summer has turned to fall. On the way to Lloydminster last week, leaves were turning and the thermometer in the mornings is in the single digits. The Church Council would like to thank our congregation for the patience shown while we worked through the details of having our beloved pastor back with us. We are very pleased with the outcome and look forward to working with her in the growing ministry here. God has blessed and continues to bless us.

To recap - Pastor AnnE is back in a $\frac{3}{4}$ time position – She will be here for three weeks a month, with her days off being Monday and Tuesday. Pastor has a place to live here in Cold Lake and retains her home in Sherwood Park. At least one Sunday a month we will have either a lay service, join with Hosanna online, or have a guest Pastor lead our service, like we did this past Sunday, thank you Rev. Ariane Wasilow. We are also working towards doing some joint ministry with Hosanna and would like to have Pastor James and/or Pastor Anna come to Cold Lake and, for some of us, to worship in Edmonton with Hosanna.

To help with Pastor being able to work $\frac{3}{4}$ time, she has a new cell phone: 780-201-0806, and email: PastorAnnE@lakelandlutheran.com that we are asking everyone to use for church related communication with her. We all know how hard it is to ignore our electronics when something comes in, and we really want her time off to be a clear break from her time in active ministry, so please update your contact information for her and do not be offended if she does not respond to you until she is back at work if you use the wrong one. If it is a pastoral emergency (during her non-work time) then please contact Kathy in the office, 780-639-4673 and she will ensure Pastor AnnE is contacted.

Pastor is leading a committee comprised of one member from each council portfolio and a member of council to safely lead us towards in person worship in our facility as soon as possible so we ask for your continued patience. The goal is to provide worship for all those seeking it in a format they are comfortable with.

Lakeland Lutheran continues be the people of God, working in the power of God, to be a place of welcome as health and political challenges persist.

Cheryl Benoit
Council President



August 24, 2021

Dear Beloved of God -

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

In these final days of August, I am deeply aware of the approach of fall and the fact that some congregations in our Synod have already moved to in-person worship while many others are planning to begin in person some time in September. Each decision has been made with careful conversation between council and pastoral leadership, and many continue to follow the "June 2021 Stage 1: Guidance for Places of Worship" distributed by our provincial government. This Guidance is available on the Synod website: albertasynod.ca - Our Resources/COVID 19/In-Person Worship.

At this time, with respect to any in-person gatherings, for meetings and worship, I strongly encourage being vaccinated and continued use of masks, physical distancing, and careful sanitization.

In all situations, err on the side of love for your neighbour.

As you lean into the future, consider some important questions:

- Once back in the building, should online worship continue? If not, who will be excluded? If so, what should it look like?
- Online financial stewardship-how can it be encouraged and supported?
- How do we assess how life has changed for our neighbours and community? How do we care for our community and congregation?
- How can online access be used to expand small groups?
- How can we collaborate and work in partnership for online worship? for study? for service? for ministry?
- What does online access to resources and activities allow us to dream of doing-beyond what we were capable of before this reality?

Your conversation should include every aspect of congregational life. Being a congregation in this time means rethinking every aspect of life and ministry; it means moving forward to a new place where we very intentionally ask what we can do to make post-pandemic church life fresh and effective ... a new creation.

Whatever your congregation determines regarding in-person gatherings, be assured that as your Bishop, I will support your decision, and that together as synod staff, we will seek to assist you as we journey forward.

A helpful resource as in-person worship begins, or continues, in your context, is the ELCA's "Re-Gathering Rite" which can be used or adapted for congregational usage. It is available on the Synod website: albertasynod.ca - Our Resources/COVID 19/Worship Resources.

Thank you for your resiliency, your faithfulness, and the deep care you have shown. This is what it means to equip, empower, and engage God's people to love and serve. You have all been witnesses to what we can do when we are church together and church for the sake of the world.

I recognize the weariness I see on many of your faces. But know that even in our weariness, the Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words.

Continue to be humble and gentle with one another. Honour each other. Welcome moments of joy; make space for lament. Help each other live into hope. Learn from this journey in the wilderness and let the learning lead us forward. Trust that God is at work in this time and look for the new things God is doing even now.

Continue in prayer: for those who are isolated or lonely, for our congregations, rostered leaders, lay leaders, for our specialized ministries, for the vulnerable in our midst, for those suffering from COVID-19, for all grieving losses of any kind, for those who are burdened with additional work and those who are unemployed or underemployed, for provincial leaders, for emergency workers, doctors, nurses, and essential workers who are bearing the burden of this pandemic, and for students and teachers.

My support, prayers, and thanks accompany you. May God bless us and strengthen us to be the church we are called to be.

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

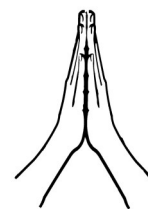
In Christ Jesus-
Shalom,

The Rev. Dr. Larry Kochendorfer, Bishop
Synod of Alberta and the Territories - Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

Worship

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 these 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, 9am-noon).

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.

Education



Starting September 12, Sunday School will be starting, in some fashion. An email has been sent to parents of Sunday School students to inform them of possible options to start up. If you would like more information on what Sunday School may look like contact Bernie. If in person services do not begin, online Children Messages will start September 12.

The Education Committee is looking for Sunday School Teachers. We will give you training on planning and teaching a Sunday School lesson. We have a great curriculum to help make planning easy. Contact Bernie for more information. (berniehartman@persona.ca)



Canadian Lutheran World Relief

CLWR invites you to pray for the people of Haiti, and to consider making a gift as we join leading Canadian aid agencies – through the Humanitarian Coalition – in launching an appeal to raise funds and rush emergency assistance to those affected by the devastating earthquake in Haiti.

With numbers expected to rise, it is so far reported that more than 1,400 people were killed and over 6,000 injured by the 7.2 magnitude earthquake that devastated parts of the country on Saturday. Hundreds are still missing, thousands of families have lost their homes and schools, bridges and other vital infrastructure were destroyed. Rescue efforts are being further hampered by tropical storm Grace, all at a time when the country is already grappling with acute poverty and food insecurity, political unrest and COVID-19.

In response to this disaster, CLWR's partners on the ground are already responding by helping ensure emergency shelter, sanitation, hygiene and trauma care for those affected.

Please pray for those affected and for the partners and community members who are rushing to bring help and comfort.

CLWR is accepting donations now on its website at clwr.org/Haiti. Donations can also be made by phoning our office at 1-800-661-2597 (Monday to Thursday, 9:00 – 16:00 CDT) or by mailing a cheque to 600-177 Lombard Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3B 0W5.

TAKE OUT Fall Supper & Bake Sale

At Lakeland Lutheran Church
(located north of Tri-City Mall and South of the Energy Centre)

September 26th, 2021 at 4.30 PM—7.00 PM

Pre-order and pay by card: 780-639-4673
(pick up times will be give at the time of ordering)

Please pick up your order at the North (back) entrance of the church.
Food will be hot and delicious as always.

Menu

Baked Ham from Hamels
Homemade Baked Beans, Harvard Beets &
Glazed Garden Carrots
Perogies with buttered onions and bacon bits
Garden Salad with apple dressing
Homemade Bun & choice of dessert

Price: \$15.00 (payment by card preferred)

There will also be a bake sale with pies, buns, preserves,
jams, jellies etc.

Safe practices will be strictly followed during this time of Covid 19

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



Age Is Just A Number

In the Words of Josephine herself “you are never too old for an adventure”.



Thank You



Rod and Judy Soholt would like to send their thanks to
Lakeland Lutheran Church for the
“beautiful 50th Anniversary card”.

BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES in SEPTEMBER



Sept 1st: Kathy Pedersen

Sept 2nd: Grace Safroniuk

Sept 3rd: Jolan March

Sept 4th: Joy Mann & Mary Pelechosky

Sept 15th: Dave Ashby

Sept 22nd: Cheryl Benoit

Sept 27th: Gail Chernesky



Sept 1st: Joy and Don Mann

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congratulations to Scott and Ashley Maurer on the birth of their daughter Lily Evangeline on 17th July. The Service and Care Committee will be collecting monetary gifts until Sunday 12th Sept. If you would like to donate please contact a committee member or simply drop your donation, in an envelope marked for Scott & Ashley, into the offering on Sunday or at the office during normal office hours (Mon-Thurs 9am – noon).



CONGRATULATIONS

Dana Petterson daughter of Jo and Garth was married to Brian Neeland July 10, 2021 on the shore of Lac Ste. Anne, Alberta – the site of the Neeland family cabin. It was a beautiful celebration! Dana is a music teacher and Brian is an engineer with the city of Edmonton.

The Service and Care Committee will be collecting monetary gifts until Sunday 19th Sept. If you would like to donate please contact a committee member or simply drop your donation, in an envelope marked for Dana & Brian, into the offering on Sunday or at the office during normal office hours (Mon-Thurs 9am – noon).



**Minutes from June 16, 2021 7:15pm Lakeland Lutheran Church Council
Meeting at the church**

Approved August 18, 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 at 7.35pm		
Trustee Keith Scheidt	kscheidt@persona.ca	Y		
Linda Fraser	Guest Speaker		Y for first part	
Pastor AnnE Zimmerman	pastorAnnE@lakelandlutheran.com			
Worship Helen Flaming	hflaming@telus.net			N/A
Education Bernie Hartman	berniehartman@persona.ca			N/A
Witness Dorothea Mathews	dorothea.mathews@yahoo.com			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	for first part	
Fin/Sec Anne Tucker	a_tucker@telus.net			N/A
Facility Bill Chernesky	billchernesky2020@gmail.com			N/A
Mutual Ministry Keith Scheidt	kscheidt@persona.ca			N/A
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: Richard

Psalm 33 – followed by a prayer

A) Linda Fraser explained GST Reconciliation and 2 options were given.

1. Go back and amend the returns 2018 until now
2. Stop GST remittance until debt is paid off

\$1122.20 owing on GST to CRA

Linda Klinger moved to go back and amend the returns for the GST remittance and pay the debt owing to CRA.

Second: Anastasia carried

Tracking GST going forward

B) Discussion about the Capital Fund

Is used for Major Repairs

Keith read the Bylaws of how the Funds are to be used and also that there is a Maintenance fund separate from the Capital Fund.

Linda Fraser explained the differences and clarified funds and how they can be used as far as governance goes.

Options:

- a) Amend Bylaw for Capital Fund
- b) Try to contribute to the Maintenance fund more as this fund will be needed more for ongoing repairs as the Capital fund.
- c) Cap the Capital fund

Add Value to the Building or Mortgage – used from Capital Fund

Repairs are from the Maintenance fund

C) Inventory was done for all the assets in the church on a Balance Sheet

Cheryl and Cornel took pictures of every room in the church and put an Inventory List together with Bill's help.

- Always a historical cost on balance sheet and assets

Linda Fraser left the meeting at that time

Approval of Draft Minutes from Previous Council Meeting May 19, 2021 amended

Moved: Keith Second: Cornel Carried

Reports:

Treasurer Report: - attached

Financial Secretary Report: - attached

Cheryl clarified the \$300 from December that was paid this year from Line 57113.

Old Business: Cheryl has registered for the convention on July 17th but has conflicting events and can not attend.

Worship Committee: - attached

Witness and Outreach: - no report available

Lac La Biche support and refugee support was discussed and Marlene gave information.

Service and Care: Report attached

Education: have not met in June

Support and Maintenance: Cornel

Leave C-can where it is.

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

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

Cornel will get quote for cameras from TELUS. Also, the lights should be on all night long. Cornel will look for a quote for LED Lights.

Stewardship: - no meetings

Facility Coordinator: attached

Request by a different church to use our facility was discussed but awaiting details from the church and details of doctrine.

Input from Council

Anastasia—Liaison to 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 & Outreach

Cornell—Liaison to Support& Maintenance and Facility Coordinator

Cheryl—Treasurer and Office Administrator

Richard—Service & Care

Next month devotion – Cheryl

Next Council Meeting - August 18, 2021 at 7:15pm via skype

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.