



May 2023  
NEWSLETTER OF  
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### Rev's Words:

During this time of noted contemplation of the Resurrection it is good to acknowledge our time within the Church. Are we living and worshipping within Christ's church? Who is included? In March of 2023, I had the experience of attending the Clergy Retreat held at Camp Van-Es, close to Edmonton. The Christian Alberta Clergy of Anglican, Moravian and Lutheran churches gathered. The ELCIC (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada) and the ACC (Anglican Church in Canada) are in full communion since the Waterloo Declaration held in Kingston, ON for the National Convention in 2001. The agreement of both Anglicans and Lutherans occurred. As of that date in July we accepted FULL COMMUNION between our faith denominations. It was exciting, joyful and a long time coming. Both assemblies, ACC & ELCIC, joined with our National Summer on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2001. ELCIC National Bishop, Bishop Telmor Sartison and the ACC Archbishop Michael Peers, Primate of the Anglican Church in Canada unexpectedly stood up after the vote and joined together in loud voices: The Church's One Foundation ELW #654.

*The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation by water and the word.  
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.*

As we continue in theological study, gathering and prayer may we know the hope, prayer and vision for the Church today. This is the ELCIC and ACC commitment with the Moravian Church in Canada as we are called to move

towards living out our full communion partnership in ministry context. May we grow and be at the point when we stand again with leaders and Christian siblings, and sing:

*We who here together are assembled,  
joining hearts and hands in one,  
bind ourselves with love that's undissembled  
Christ to love and serve alone;  
O may our imperfect songs and praises  
be well-praising unto thee, Lord Jesus;  
say "My peace I leave with you."  
Amen, Amen, be it so. AMEN.*

(1995 Moravian Book of Worship)

Please join me after the complete Easter Season and learn more of why and how the Anglican, Lutheran and Moravian Church can join in understanding. Consider coming together to discuss:

- What are the most significant priorities our churches are being called to respond to in our place & time?
- What would you like to see our churches begin to do together rather than separately (either at the parish/congregation level or the diocese/synod/.... Level?)

Please look and join in this upcoming event.

Together in CHRIST.

Pastor AnnE

### Last Minute Addition to the Newsletter

Please continue to pray for those in the Cherry Grove Community and all the members of the Jesus Christ of the latter-day Saints Church.





May 2023 Message for Congregations and Lay and Rostered Leaders

Dear Beloved of God -

In March I joined concerned citizens at the Provincial Legislature building for the “Alberta Rallies for Housing 2023.” As I experience within my own neighborhood and place of work the growing realities of housing and homelessness challenges, it was important for me, to witness to these needs and to stand with like-minded neighbours.

Today homelessness is surging across our province, and rents continue to rise faster than wages. The statistics are staggering. Today in Edmonton alone there are 1000 more unhoused citizens than in 2021. More than 1/3 of renter households of persons with physical health and mobility disabilities are at risk. This is the largest population group living at risk of losing their homes. Nearly ½ of senior renters are at risk of losing their homes.

It is time for a wise, well-resourced, and well-constructed long-term plan to address housing and homelessness challenges in Alberta. It is time for a plan which is pro-active and collaboratively designed with wide buy-in and participation across the political spectrum, so that the plan is resilient to disruptions and changes in ideological currents.

A strong and effective long-term plan would include such components as:

- o Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)—These are homes for people who have built-in supports that enable people to work through trauma, stabilize their mental health, and begin to recover from addictions.
- o Rapid Rehousing—A long wait for help means those in need can fall deeper into health-related or addiction issues which makes recovery more challenging.
- o Reduce emphasis on emergency services in favour of both prevention and recovery —making the shelters we do need small, safe and well-woven into the local fabric of communities all over our communities.
- o Affordable Housing—there are many possible approaches to consider as part of the solution, including rent assistance, affordable housing run by non-profits, cooperative housing, and embedded affordable units inside market rentals.
- o Enabling community care—Albertans want to help in real, impactful ways. Bridging professional and natural community supports will help us truly care for each other in deeper ways.
- o How do we really help people heal, stabilize, recover, and get stronger?
- o How do we care for people who say *no* to help?
- o How do we care for people who struggle with life-long addictions and mental health challenges?

Of course, there are many questions that we will need to ponder with care. Questions such as:

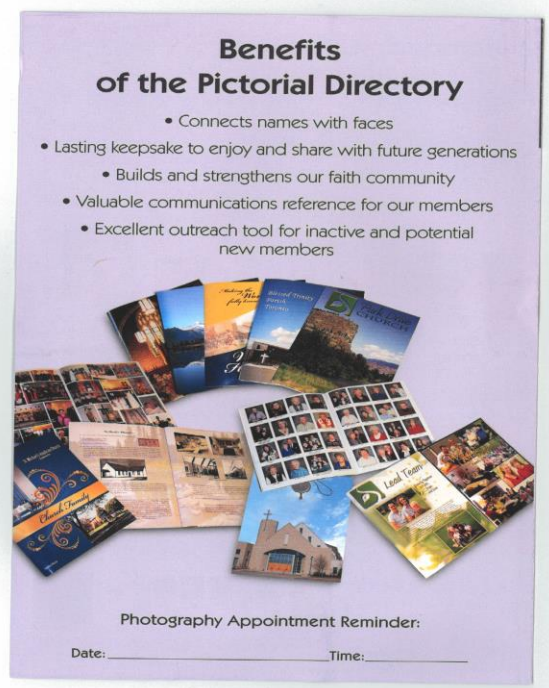
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2023 is an election year for our province. Housing and homelessness are among top concerns for me in the upcoming election.

Learn more at: [interfaithhousing.ca](http://interfaithhousing.ca) to find a rally near you (May 7, 3pm in Calgary with anticipated rallies in Red Deer, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Grande Prairie and Camrose) and/or to sign the petition.

In Christ Jesus –  
Shalom, +Larry



## Our Church Directory

**CHANGE OF DATES:** Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May are the new dates that the IPC Canada Photographer will be here. You will receive a call within the next few days from our Service & Care Committee to book an appointment. Everyone is welcome to participate in our Directory. The photos will help us acquaint ourselves with one another. You will receive 1 directory and 1 free 8x10 photo, you also have the option to purchase more photos.

Please contact Gail Chernesky: 780-826-1038 (cell) [gail1971@telus.net](mailto:gail1971@telus.net) to book an appointment time.

## Worship Service Lessons for May

Sunday May 7 – Acts 7:55-60, Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16, 1 Peter 2:2-10 2:5-11, John 14:1-14

Sunday May 14 – Acts 17:22-31, Psalm 66:8-20, 1 Peter 3:13-22, John 14:15-21

Sunday May 21 – Acts 1:6-14, Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35, 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11, John 17:1-11

Sunday May 28 Day of Pentecost – Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21, John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

## WORSHIP INFORMATION - MAY

May 7<sup>th</sup> – 10am Service with Communion

May 14<sup>th</sup> – 10am Service with Communion & Sunday School wind-up; Mother's Day

May 21<sup>st</sup> – 10am Service of the Word, Lay-led by

May 28<sup>th</sup> – 10am DAY OF PENTECOST Service with Communion

The prayer families for May are: [Sinclair, Singleton & Stolfa](#)

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### Are You Available?

Are you available to go with Pastor AnnE to her Long-Term Care Services?? (See church monthly calendar for Service schedule). Anyone willing to help with the singing (as part of the congregation not solo), play the piano, assist members of the congregation in following the service? Please let Pastor AnnE know, any help would be greatly appreciated.



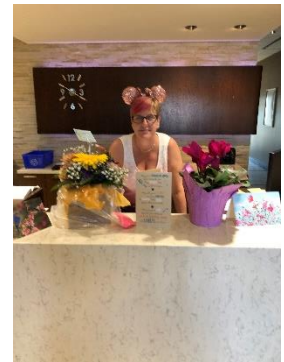
## From the Office

If you are planning to come to the office during normal business hours (Tuesday - Friday, 9am - 12pm) please call ahead to ensure that I am here to let you in. There have been several occasions when I have been in a meeting and I have not heard someone at the door or that I have been out running errands or even at home sick. I hope this will help prevent any future visitors from being stranded at the door. Please note the messaging service for the office phone is now working.

Kathy



Thank you to everyone for the lovely cards, flowers, wine, text messages and emails wishing me a Happy Administrators Day. I feel very loved and appreciated. This is my 5th year working at Lakeland Lutheran Church and even though we have had some trying times, Covid, Joel's passing, the church fire, just to name a few, I have enjoyed every minute of my time here working and helping the congregation, the council and of course Pastor AnnE. You guys are not only my church, you are also my Canadian family. Thank you for all your love and best wishes.



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## Are You Able to Help??

We are looking for anyone willing to prepare food for one of the youth nights. Call Kathy at the office and let her know if one of the following might be workable for you. Thank you!!

Please volunteer for one of the following items if able:



- main course e.g., Chili, pizza, pasta, buns with toppings (or something of your own choosing). vegetarian food - enough for 3 youth and the regular food for 12 youth

- cut veggies

- dessert or fruit

Note calendar dates and note our group meets 4-6 pm.

Perhaps a date works for you?

(No need for drinks)

Thank you for your consideration, help and support for our youth group. (Note: we have no stove for reheating but we do have a microwave).



## A Request from our Support Committee

May we invite your additional gifts to the Long-Term Maintenance Fund. The shingles on the North-side roof will soon need replacing; they are already 23 years old! We hope to have an estimate completed within the next month to establish the \$\$\$ needed. Thank you for sharing your gift.



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## BIRTHDAYS IN MAY

Derek Williamson	Gord Wickstrand	
Marilynn Ashby	Skyler Krupp	Simon Radke
Lorie Holben	Gale Strong	
Sawyer Chernesky	Garth Petterson	



## ANNIVERSARIES IN MAY

Evadine & Clay Shipclark  
Lila & Cornel Wollmann

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## CHECK OUT THE MAY 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  
May 24<sup>th</sup>

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Waterloo, Ontario

August 2023

Good day to all!

As we contemplate our National CLAY 2023 – Ashes and Embers, we have much to be grateful for and reasons to pray. Lakeland Lutheran Church will be sending three to join the other Lutheran Christian Youth from across our country and Synod. Our three will be Cyrus Radke, Grey Wickstrand and the home team leader: Erika Wickstrand.

Watch for updates on our planning and where we are in our financial fundraising.

Will you help? Here are some ideas:

- Donate your recyclable cans, bottles etc.  
*Deliver them to Pastor AnnE's drive, 308-10 St Sundays after church or Wednesdays throughout the day. **Thank you to all those who have, and continue, to donate.***
- Give an offering in the collection plate on Sundays.  
*Mark your gift envelope as YOUTH FUNDRAISING. **Thank you to all those who have, and continue, to donate.***

Thank you! Watch for future opportunities to support to the life giving, faith growing and friendship making youth gathering. More updates will be sent.

Please continue to pray for Cyrus, Grey and Erika. Any questions, please direct to Pastor AnnE.



Welcome to our new Council President – Connie MacLeod.



Thank you to Connie MacLeod for stepping up to become our Council President. Good Luck and Blessings in your new role



Our Annual Spring Clean will be on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 9.30am to noon this year. Due to the reconstruction of the Church building it will be an outside clean up only. Please come and join us "many hands make light work". If you have any questions, please contact Cornel Wollmann: [clwoll@telusplanet.net](mailto:clwoll@telusplanet.net)