



JUNE 2023
NEWSLETTER OF
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Rev's Words:

I learned something this morning, especially since I have just re-read Matthew 28:16-20.

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Things are a bit cloudy for me in the morning before coffee—and making the coffee is not always a success, including failing to place a certain carafe properly under the drip basket. My coffee maker is not concerned with my ineptitude.

When it's time to flood the grounds with water, it floods the grounds with water! Quickly, the staining water, accompanied by the grounds that gave it birth flow forth everywhere, wherever it wills, covering the flat countertop, cascading down the cabinet and into two large drawers, finding the cracks to more cracks, and staining the jute rug that comforts my feet. It is a painful but an apt image of our call to spread the gospel.

God's life-giving words flow forth indiscriminately, oblivious to geopolitical, racial, class, or creedal boundaries. They seep into the most obscure cracks of society. And through it all, Jesus reminds us that he is with us, even to the end of the age.

Prayer: Send us Lord, even to the places we would rather not go. Hold us in the ever-present power of your promise. Amen.

Even in a morning coffee mess one can learn. Enjoy your morning coffee!

Pastor AnnE

PS. Please call Pastor AnnE if you are able to assist with any driving to church or a medical appointment for one of our parishioners.



*** Watch for reports on Pastor's Continuing Education trip to Columbia***



*** Also watch for events regarding the Moravian partnership with the ELCIC***



June 2023 Message for Congregations and Lay and Rostered Leaders

Dear Beloved of God –

Plans are well underway for our Synod's journey to The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia (IELCO), our Companion Synod Partner, from July 24-August 3.

Twelve participants will experience, embrace and engage in “Daunting Challenges – Wellsprings of Hope” through the varied contexts and ministries of IELCO and of the Lutheran World Federation World Service office, through relationships formed and deepened with our siblings in Christ, and through many opportunities for learning and listening, for discovery and community.

It has been a gift and transforming experience for me to journey with, and to facilitate these journeys, with youth and adults from our Synod since 2009.

During our 2011 journey to Colombia, Rev. Eduardo Martinez, Bishop at that time, was asked to share his thoughts regarding the value of mission experiences such as ours, which focus on the building of relationships – for Synod participants, and for the people, congregations, missions and ministries of IELCO. He responded:

- this mission journey enables the participants to experience the context of ministry,
- this mission journey strengthens relationships – we are able then to pray specifically and to share one another's story,
- this mission journey encourages individuals, congregations, missions and ministries of IELCO through listening, learning and affirmation,
- this mission journey enables each to experience similarities and differences, yet we are all the same,
- this mission journey enables the members, congregations and ministries of IELCO to know that they are not alone; instead, they are a part of a large family around the world,
- this mission journey encourages all to see different ways of living the faith – of being Christian in daily life in different ministry contexts, and
- this mission journey affirms the history of missions and missionaries in Colombia from Alberta.

I scrambled to write these words in my journal that day.

Today these words strike me in a new, different and fresh way as I consider my own ministry context. As lay and rostered leaders, as congregations, as Synod, as the ELCIC, we journey together in mission learning of one another's contexts for ministry. Relationships are strengthened and we are able to pray for another with specificity and share one another's

stories. Ministries are encouraged through listening, learning and affirmation. We journey in mission together experiencing similarities and differences, yet we are the same. We discover that we are not alone but part of a family – a congregation, a Synod, the ELCIC, IELCO, the Lutheran World Federation, the Anglican Church of Canada, the Moravian Church, and so on. We journey together in mission seeing a multitude of ways of daily living the faith in various ministry contexts, and we affirm our history and experience of being in mission together.

Would you pray for our Synod delegation and for the IELCO family as together we experience, embrace and engage in “Daunting Challenges – Wellsprings of Hope.”

In Christ Jesus –
Shalom, +Larry

Make the Thursdays in Black Pledge

I commit to Thursdays in Black. In solidarity, In protest, In mourning, For awareness and In hope By supporting Thursdays in Black I stand:


- In solidarity with 1 in 3 women worldwide who face violence in their lives,*
- In protest against systems and societies that encourage violence in any form,*
- In mourning for men, women and children who are harmed and killed in sexual violence,*
- For awareness and knowledge about the challenges of sexual and gender-based violence,*
- In the hope that a different reality is possible.*

A huge thank you to all the families who posed so prettily for pictures for our church directory. We are please with the turnout despite our having to change the dates. Thanks too, to everyone who was unable to attend but were still willing to submit a picture. We look forward to seeing the finished product. We are gathering all the data to submit ot IPC and once they have it all they will let us know when the Directories will be arriving. As well, we are working on getting the casual pictures printed, and labeled so that our picture wall will be ready when we move back into our church.

Service & Care Committee

Benefits of the Pictorial Directory

- Connects names with faces
- Lasting keepsake to enjoy and share with future generations
 - Builds and strengthens our faith community
- Valuable communications reference for our members
 - Excellent outreach tool for inactive and potential new members



Photography Appointment Reminder:
Date: _____ Time: _____

From our Witness & Outreach Committee



The focus for June is the Cold Lake Food Bank. Witness has decided to have a coffee and tea drive. Coffee and tea are not made available for clients of the food bank and many of them ask for these. Imagine a morning without coffee or tea! If you are able to donate regular or decaf coffee, instant coffee, regular, decaffeinated, or herbal tea please bring your donations to the church. A basket will be there to put your donations in for the month of June. Dry coffee creamer and sugar are also welcomed. Thank you for your kindness to provide these products for those less fortunate than ourselves!

Worship Service Lessons for June

Sunday June 4 Holy Trinity- Genesis 1:1 - 2:4a; Psalm 8; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Matthew 28:16-20

Sunday June 11 - Hosea 5:15 - 6:6; Psalm 50:7-15; Romans 4:13-25; Mathew 9:9-13, 18-26

Sunday June 18 - Exodus 19:2-8a; Psalm 100; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35 - 10:8

Sunday June 25 - Jeremiah 20:7-13; Psalm 69:7-10, 16-18; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

WORSHIP INFORMATION - JUNE

June 4th - 10am Holy Trinity Service with Communion

June 11th - 10am Service of the Word, Lay-led by Kathy Pedersen

June 18th - 10am Service with Communion; Father's Day

June 25th - 10am Service with Communion

The prayer families for June are: [Strong, Tucker/Krupp & Unraw](#)

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

Value Master Builders are now resident in our temporary Church Building so I have moved. Please turn right as you enter the building and I am 2 doors down from Pastor AnnE's office. There is no need to contact the office if you are planning to come to the office during normal business hours (Tuesday - Friday, 9am - 12pm), as the door will be open from 8.30am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday, (Value Master Builder office hours).



Kathy

Are You Able to Help??

We are looking for anyone willing to prepare food for our youth nights when we start up in the fall. 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).

NB: Pre Summer: the last youth groups are 4pm-6pm on 23rd + 30th of June.

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.



BIRTHDAYS IN JUNE

Keith Scheidt
Dan Walchuk
Shirley Kirstein

Ming Alberti
Roman Affolter

Barb Singleton
Anastasia Radke



ANNIVERSARIES IN JUNE

Lisa & Gord Wickstrand
Pastor AnnE's Ordination

CHECK OUT THE JUNE CALENDAR FOR ALL ACTIVITIES

Are we missing anything from our newsletter? Is there something you wish to have in our newsletter on an ongoing basis?

Please make sure that any inclusions for the summer Newsletter reach the church office by June 23rd. If you would like to ask Pastor to include anything in the newsletter or her Rev's Words she will need to receive it a week before this date.

Our Annual Spring Clean will be on **Saturday 3rd 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: cwoll@telusplanet.net





YOUTH GATHERING

Waterloo, Ontario

August 2023

Good day to all!

At present, because of your support, our CLAY Youth Gathering 2023 team (Erika, Grey & Cyrus), have been able to pay the Registration fees of \$1725.00 and \$2526.33 for the flights to Ontario (we were given a discount on the flights as we have 32 people going to this event from Alberta). Thank you to everyone who has donated so far. This leaves us with \$269.99 in our fundraising account to put towards our last payment of \$2325.00 to cover travel, accommodation, site seeing and food on arrival in Toronto. (Please note that the price for CLAY events change each time, depending on where the event is held).

Will you continue to help as able?

- Donate recyclable cans, bottles etc.
Deliver them to Pastor AnnE's drive, 308-10 St Sundays after church or Wednesdays throughout the day and evening.
- Ask for help from our youth.
Our youth are happy to do yard work, walking your dog, or housework. Payment will be in the form of a donation at your discretion, given in your church offering marked YOUTH FUNDRAISING
- Give an offering in the collection plate on Sundays.
Mark your gift envelope as YOUTH FUNDRAISING.

Watch for future updates and please continue to pray for Cyrus, Grey and Erika.
Any further questions, call or email Pastor AnnE.

You make such a difference. Thank you.



A BOUQUET OF THANKS TO THE CONGREGATION

A heartfelt thank you to everyone that came to my rescue to the incident that happened in the church parking lot on Mothers Day.

Bill & Gail, you seem to always be in the right place to assist me. Thank you for your quick response and for calling the ambulance.

Carrie, how blest we are to have you at the church and your medical expertise kicked in instantly.

Roman, I appreciate you boosting my car battery and driving my car to my home.

To Joy Mann from the Service & Care Committee, for the wonderful meal that fed me for two days.

Thank you for all the caring phone calls and all the special prayers. I am here because of them, I am sure.

Pastor AnnE, you went beyond pastoral duties that day, spending most of it by my bedside; fetching a change of clothes for me, answering all the texts from concerned friends and family and then finally driving me home.

The EMTS, Sean & Steve were very efficient, friendly and calming as they did their job. Arriving at the hospital it was wonderful to be greeted by a young familiar face known as Thekla Radke, now a young nurse at our hospital.

Words cannot express how grateful I am. Sincere thank you to all and apologizes to anyone I may have missed acknowledging.

Helen Flaming