



SUMMER 2023
NEWSLETTER OF
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CHURCH

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Rev's Words:

Oh, how I remember: A church. Our church. A fire. A phone call. It doesn't feel that long ago.

How I continue to remember. This time, I remember in other church stories of damage, intrusions and a fire like ours.

I am certainly reminded, through the care of others, that we have never been alone during this year. The kindness is in the many through prayers, sharing of space, gifts covering our needs and financial support. How truly humbling. May we be as gracious and kind.

Cyrus, preparing the mural painting outside of our Lakeland Lutheran Church building shares, "It feels good to be here."

Together we will share these blest words in our, not to distant future - "It feels good to be here."
This is true here and soon down the road.



For surely I know the plans I have for you says the Lord....to give a future with hope. —
Jeremiah 29:11 NRSV

We are not alone - we are together in our worship space now or in our return to our home church building. Let us continue to recognize: "It feels good to be here". God is with us.

Pastor AnnE

From the Lakeland Lutheran Church Council



It's been a long year since that shocking and disastrous fire took away our place of worship. Memories of it still bring up feelings of sadness, disbelief and even anger. But as always, our congregation rallied - we have proven, as we sing each Sunday, that a church is not a building, the church is the people!

We have been able to continue to worship through the hard work and generosity of many people, and at the same time we have almost repaired and restored our building. We look forward to the day we can again worship in Lakeland Lutheran Church.

A huge thank you goes out to all who have worked tirelessly through the past year to get us back into our building - many giving up huge amounts of time. We have so many people who stepped up and gave their time and talents. Thank you to those who provided expertise in managing all the communication with insurance companies and repair companies. Thank you as well to all the committees who kept our church community going and supported throughout the year, and have been able to adapt to the new circumstances we found ourselves in.

And thank you to everyone in the Lutheran Church community for your assistance and support - especially to our companion churches within the Synod of Alberta and the Territories and Bishop Larry Kochendorfer for the generous donations we have received.

We are excited to believe that we can be back in our church building this fall. Keep our church in your prayers and with God's help we will be there.

Connie MacLeod
President, Lakeland Lutheran Church

One Year On.....

Progress

Wednesday June 28,2023



Regarding the building reconstruction: Insulating, vapor barrier, and drywalling are completed. Exterior security cameras have been installed and are operational; one interior camera is still to be installed. The system is monitored on cell phone and displayed in the Office Coordinator's office. Audio/ Visual (A/V) rough-in is completed. Prime and 1st coat painting in 5 rooms on the West side of the building is completed. Drywall sanding will soon be complete and the prime and 1st coat painting will continue.

New kitchen cabinets have been received. Furnaces have been installed and ductwork continues. Interior electrical work is happening. Repairing the subfloor is about to start.

AV equipment estimate has been approved by the Appraiser/ MBC; we wait for the approval of the estimate of the Fire Response System.

Value Master Builders (VMB) Progress Invoices to May 31, 2023, have been approved, funds received from Northbridge Insurance, and the invoice payment remitted to VMB. Lakeland Lutheran Church (LLC) continues to pay ½ of the GST on all invoicing.

There has been another break-in/ fire attempt at the new windows on the East side of the building. Your Reconstruction Building Committee recommended to LLC Council that the windows be removed and the area enclosed. One new triple pane window has been salvaged and stored for future use. The work provided to enclose the area was provided N/C by VMB. The new work to refinish this area of the exterior is not in the VMB Reconstruction Scope of Work and is now the responsibility of LLC. Estimates are being requested. Metal panelling in this area may be an alternative to stucco.

VMB has provided a Progress Invoice for the Changes and Additions approved by this congregation. The invoice for work completed to date has been paid with funds from the Capital Fund.

You are aware that this congregation has accepted a Global Settlement from Northbridge Insurance for Contents. Your Contents Coordinator, Cheryl B, Grant B, and Linda K and Lila W have travelled to Unity Lutheran Church (closing) in Medicine Hat to consider and accept the gifting of contents from their building/ church. These contents have been moved and are being stored here in Cold Lake. Moving forward, Cheryl B will meet with all committees to rework the selection and purchase of replacement items for our building/ church.

Slowly it is happening.

LLC will continue to rent our interim facility at Iron Horse Condos through July, August, and September and most likely October.

Bill Chernesky.



July-August 2023 Message for Congregations and Lay and Rostered Leaders

Dear Beloved of God -

In preparation for the Lutheran World Federation Assembly, September 2023, in Krakow, Poland, a pre-assembly for the Americas was held in April 2023, in Bogota, Colombia, under the LWF Assembly theme: “One Body, One Spirit, One Hope.” (Ephesians 4:4)

I was invited to present on the third phrase of the Assembly theme, “One Hope.” I began by recalling a gathering where Rev. Dr. Rafael Malpica Padilla shared a definition of faith and hope that has stayed with me: “Faith is the ability to listen to the melody of the future and hope is the courage to dance to its rhythm now.”

With so many causes for despair we are still called to hope. On what do we base our hope? What is the melody of the future? How can we dance when the melody is faint, unfamiliar, or forgotten; and the melodies around us are not of promise or hope, but destruction, violence, and polarization?

We all know of the social, political, economic, and ecological marginalization happening globally, regionally, and locally. The COVID-19 pandemic further unmasked these injustices. Yet in the midst of these overwhelming realities, we are still called to witness, dance, and hope.

Paul’s letter to the Ephesians insists on hope. Why?

- Hope is a gift of the Holy Spirit.
- Hope knows what God has done in Christ and sees it in everyday life.
- This hope is “eschatological” – not yet fulfilled, but already active where faith moves us to renew the earth and to reform injustice. Luther’s catechism teaches that this hope is expressed when we pray, “Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.”
- Hope liberates from worldly powers and encourages us to forge ahead, united in purpose.
- Hope proclaims that in this broken world, God does not abandon us.

So how are we to dance to the melody of the future with courage? Rev. Dr. Gordon Jensen, retired professor from Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon, Canada, recently wrote: “When we experience the gospel, we and the church cannot help but be engaged in the transformation of lives and the transformation of society.” (Jensen, *Canada Lutheran* vol. 38, no. 1 Jan/Feb 2023, p. 8)

The Spirit compels us to participate in God’s work of establishing justice and making peace – to transformation – so that all may have abundant life.

Gifted and nurtured by the Spirit, hope is a vital component of our common mission through our worship, proclamation, diakonia, humanitarian work and advocacy in the public space, and through our ecumenical and interfaith commitment.

The late Vitor Westhelle wrote: “The theology of the cross ... [moves] 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.” (From Padilla, “Martin Luther for the Life of the Church,” in *The Forgotten Luther III*, Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2021, p 92)

In this hopeful solidarity we know that our dance will be changed – will be enriched and strengthened – and other dance steps will be learned, shared, taught. In this hopeful solidarity we recognize moving to a vocation of living and working together in ongoing reformation.

This is not a static reality, nor an end in itself: we live and work together to respond to God’s call and to join God in God’s mission in the world, supporting each other to witness vibrantly in our diverse contexts through diaconal service, and through advocacy for justice, peace, and reconciliation everywhere and always.

Padilla concluded his presentation in 2022 with these words: “The tools for the work [are]: 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.”

May we together have such faith, hope, and love.

In Christ Jesus –
Shalom, +Larry

MESSAGE TO THE CONGREGATION

Effective July 4th 2023 I have resigned from the chair position on the Worship Committee and also as a member of the committee. I always felt I did not have the music knowledge and ability needed to head this committee. I realize the fifteen years I have spent on this committee does not compare to the time others have been on committees but the incident that happened on Mother's Day scared me and now I will concentrate on my health.

Thank you to all the people who supported me to do my best; especially Pastor AnnE for her guidance, other committee members, the lay people, Kathy, Anne, Shirley, Cheryl, Keith, and also Keith's patience in waiting for info to complete the helpers list. The committee will thrive with Cheryl Benoit taking over the chair position and Pastor AnnE, Kathy, Leanne, Chantal and Linda supporting her.

Respectfully Shalom,

Helen Flaming

Worship Service Lessons for July

Sunday July 2 – Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

Sunday July 9 – Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-14; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sunday July 16 – Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 65:9-13; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sunday July 23 – Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 86:11-17; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sunday July 30 – 1 Kings 3:5-12; Psalm 119:129-136; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

WORSHIP INFORMATION - JULY

July 2nd – 10am Service with Communion

July 9th – 10am Service of the Word, Lay-led by

July 16th – 10am Service with Communion

July 23rd – 10am Service of the Word, Lay-led by

July 30th - 10am Service of the Word, Lay-led by

The prayer families for June are: [Van Happen](#), [Walchuk](#) & [Wasilow](#)

Worship Service Lessons for August

Sunday August 6 – Isaiah 55:1-5; Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

Sunday August 13 – 1 Kings 19:9-18; Psalm 85:8-13; Romans 10:5-15; Mathew 14:22-33

Sunday August 20 – Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Psalm 67; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28

Sunday August 27 – Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

WORSHIP INFORMATION - AUGUST

August 6th – 10am Service with Communion

August 13th – 10am Service of the Word, Lay-led by

August 20th – 10am Service with Communion

August 27th – 10am Service with Communion

The prayer families for June are: [Wheeler, White & Wickstrand](#)

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.



Request from our Support Committee

Shingles

The shingles on the North side of the building roof have been inspected; original construction was 1999/ 2000. Shingles are brittle and breaking off; the valleys are in poor condition. The South side was already re-shingled 3 or 4 years ago.



The Support and Maintenance Committee and LLC Council have determined that the re-shingling should be completed soonest. We have an estimate - \$15,441.47. We have instructed the contractor to proceed. Currently, the Long-Term Maintenance Fund holds \$12,400.41. Opps, we are a short - \$3000.00+.

We are asked to respond. When you provide your regular offering, please share a gift to the Long-Term Maintenance Fund.

A thought and invitation for support sharing together

I have been asked to have an opportunity for a time of sharing - an opportunity to talk, be together as we remember those who we love and have passed away and/or relationships broken through, our siblings, friends, spouse, or family members. This may be what you have experienced recently in loss of a relationship or loss in the far distant past. Just listening and being together may be what you desire.

I am proposing Wednesday 19th July at 2pm as our first gathering to discuss what is helpful (or not). There is no need to register, simply show up. Please let me know if this date and time does not work for you.

Pastor AnnE



CONGRATULATIONS

Well done Kaelyn Ahenakew on graduating from MC College, Edmonton in May, in hairdressing. Good Luck for the future!



BIRTHDAYS IN JULY

Cornel Wollmann Theodore Benoit
Charlotte Milliken Judy Soholt
Scarlett McIntyre (1st birthday)



BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST

Joan Netter Helen Runke Linda Lohmaier
Sylvia Armbruster Irene Cobb Linda Unraw Jim Kirstein
Trevor Benoit Piercen Benoit

ANNIVERSARIES IN JULY

Gail & Bill Chernesky Cheryl & Grant Benoit
Jo & Garth Petterson Grace & Rudy Safroniuk
Linda & Dave Unraw Marylyn & Dave Ashby



ANNIVERSARIES IN AUGUST

Pat & Derrek Williamson
Connie & Cameron MacLeod Marlene & Dan Walchuk
Shirley & Jim Kirstein

CHECK OUT THE JULY 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 July 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.

Thanks to all that came out on Saturday 3rd June for our Annual Spring Clean, to clean the grounds and complete other work that needed much attention. Your efforts are always appreciated. Also, the work done by all committees, at all levels, to keep our building and property well functioning and maintained throughout the year.



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.*



YOUTH
GATHERING

Waterloo, Ontario

August 2023

Erika, Grey and Cyrus continue to be grateful!! We thank you for your prayers, financial support and kindness. THANK YOU.

All our financial requirements must be forwarded to our synod by July the 15th. Please continue, as able, to support this youth team through recycling (bottles and other recyclables) delivered to Pastor AnnE's driveway). 308 10th Street

Youth can still assist you in outside yard duties - donation of your choice for this work is welcome through your offerings marked "youth fundraising".

Offerings of your choice marked as "youth fundraising" continue to be welcome as well.

Thank you - your support makes the difference!!



A thank you from Joy Mann to our Sunday School teachers for all their help

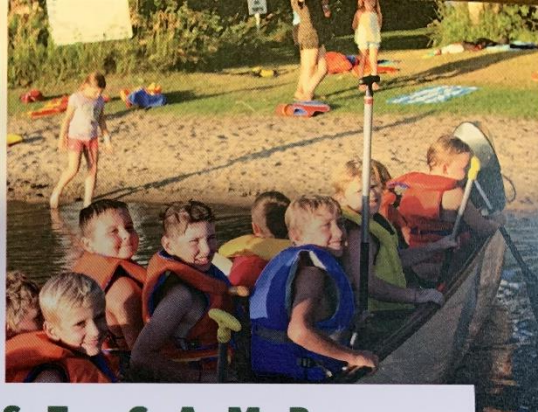


The Government of Canada has just announced a new \$5 million matching fund so that CLWR and other organizations in the Humanitarian Coalition/ Coalition Humanitaire can respond to a quickly worsening crisis in East Africa.

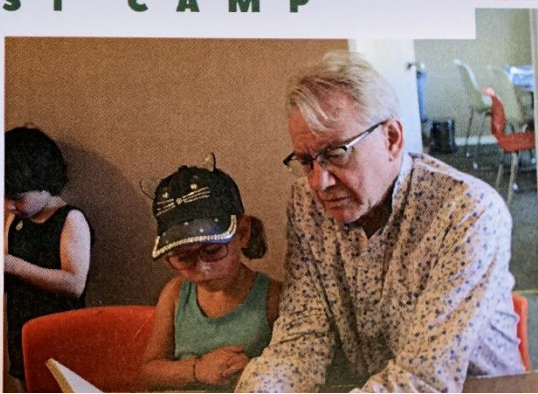
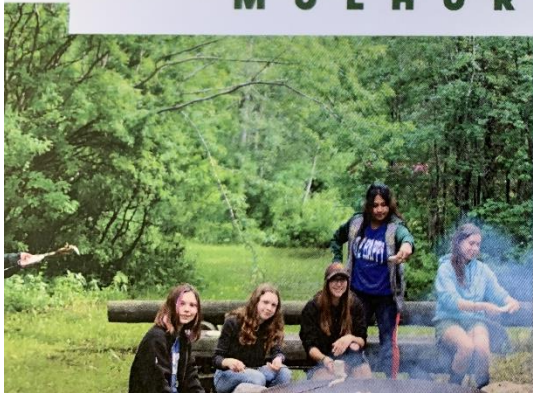
Conflict, climate change and hunger are putting lives at risk in countries such as Somalia and Sudan. CLWR is calling on Canadians to pray for those suffering, and to give generously in support of the needs of all those affected.

Your donation this month will be matched by Canada's International Development – Global Affairs Canada, doubling the impact of your compassion.

Please give today: clwr.org/eastafrica



M U L H U R S T C A M P



Wish you were here!



LIT Training: July 9-14 (Gr 9-12) Welcome Leaders In Training! Spend a week at camp getting to know our staff, each other, our faith focus, and our activities for upcoming kids camps this summer.

MADD Camp: July 23-28 (Gr 3-7) Welcome to Mulhurst! Kids will enjoy their days with a group of enthusiastic counsellors that are ready to make this camp amazing! The week will be geared towards Music, Art, Drama, and Dance.

Youth Camp: July 30-August 4 (Gr 5-9) How about some adventure? This week will be filled with opportunities to check out what Pigeon Lake has to offer.

Kids Camp: August 8-11 (Gr K-6 with an overnight option) Let's not forget all the other incredible things at Mulhurst. Experience faith-based lessons, campfires, water activities, wide games, crafts and more!

Youth Camp: August 13-18 (Gr 3-8) Let's shake it up! This week will be focused on the youth and where their interests take them that week.

Hope to see you soon! From, Your Summer Staff 2023

Register: mulhurstcamp.ca/summercamp

YOUTH GROUP FUN

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