



OCTOBER 2023
NEWSLETTER OF
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CHURCH

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Rev's Words:

Welcome Home

WE WERE CREATED IN COMMUNITY

Did you know that?

We were created for a relationship with God and with others. We were not meant to live in isolation.

We crave relationship with other people. Having a church home reminds us we are part of something bigger than ourselves. It reminds us we are loved and we belong.

WE ARE WHO WE SURROUND OTHERS WITH

Have you ever heard the phrase you are what you eat?

This is true of food, but also of what we choose to consume in all areas of our lives. When we are in God's presence we hear the Word through the message and also knowing love through other attendees.

CHURCH HELPS US BE A COMMUNITY

Church is Christ-centred, and there is an emphasis on serving in a variety of ways.

Serving on a team or two at your church is a great way to connect with others.

There are opportunities for you to give of yourself. (And give to other communities) This could mean donating money, clothing, food or time. — Talk about more serving opportunities within our church home. Get involved.

A CHURCH GIVES US OUR PLACE - A HOME

Worship is one of the reasons humanity exists.

We were created for community and also to praise God. While we can give praise anywhere and anytime, church services specifically create an atmosphere of praise for us. A church home gives us a place to know the intimacy with God through singing and music, giving, serving and loving others. That is the place where a spirit of worship is cultivated and carries over into our daily lives.

CHURCH GIVES US A PLACE TO STOP

Can you worship God anywhere?

Of course you can. Yet, doing so with a body of believers is such a gift.

Being part of a church is special.

Be encouraged to grow by learning more about God, serving others, developing deep friendships to be a mentor to others.

A church home gives us a place to use our talents and to grow in them through practice and learning.

It gives you a place to find accountability when you need it and encouragement when times are hard.

The church is full of fallible people, yet loved by the grace of God.

We have been loved through worship at the St John's Anglican Church and also space at the Value Master facility. We are certainly grateful!

But, we are now back to our recovered church building and home.

Our church is re-built.
This is our home.

How is your experience to be at this home?

If you haven't yet attended home - hope to see you soon. Bring a friend.

Thanks be to God.



October 2023 Message for Congregations and Lay and Rostered Leaders

Dear Beloved of God –

“Mission relationships cannot be made warm in the microwave of quick encounters,” Rev. Natanael Lizarazo shared with our Synod Delegation during our journey to our Companion Partner, The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia (IELCO), this past summer.

Our journey was an opportunity to experience, embrace, and engage the contexts and ministries of IELCO; to build relationships (and to re-connect) with our siblings in Christ in Colombia; and to seek an expanding global understanding of faithful discipleship through the Colombian Lutheran context.

The journey itself deepened relationships and the on-going connection between IELCO and our Synod and was anything but a “quick encounter.” It reflected our mutual accompaniment.



Rev. Lizarazo wrote: You may ask what difference the mission engagement of the Synod of Alberta and The Territories makes in Colombia given the magnitude of such an overwhelming situation. My friends, the difference is real, it is a healing difference, a difference which is greatly celebrated and appreciated. Like the story of the starfish dying on the beach, we cannot simply be overwhelmed by the numbers to the point we become immobilized to act in the

tangible ways God leads us. As Mother Theresa says, “we can indeed be moved to do small things with great love.” In the end, this is what really matters. Thank you indeed for walking alongside with us in God’s mission. Our beloved sisters and brothers in the Good Shepherd in Soacha (a senior’s ministry supported by our Synod) are a living testimony; though they have lost everything materially speaking, they are still spiritually rich in faith, hope and gratitude! These spiritual realities are indeed fruitful seeds for the healing and transformation of Colombia.

Thank you to all who prayerfully accompanied our Synod Delegation. Thank you to the delegation participants for an openness to experience, embrace and engage. Thank you to IELCO for the welcome, hospitality, love and prayers.

“Gratitude is the memory of the heart,” shared Rev. Lizarazo. As I continue to journey and to reflect upon our Delegation’s experience, I find myself speechless with gratitude.

More information regarding our Companion Partner can be found, available in English, at: ielco.org and <https://albertasynod.ca/our-ministries/fulfilling-our-mission/ministryteams/global-missions/colombia/>

In Christ Jesus –
Shalom,
+Larry



Just a reminder that October is Clergy
Appreciation Month

Worship Service Lessons for October

Sunday Oct 1 – Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-9; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

Sunday Oct 8 – Deuteronomy 8:7-18; Psalm 65; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 17:11-19

Sunday Oct 15 – Isaiah 25:1-9; Psalm 23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14

Sunday Oct 22 – Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-9; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

Sunday Oct 29 – Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 46; Romans 3:19-28; John 8:31-39

WORSHIP INFORMATION – OCTOBER

Oct 1st – 10am Worship Service with Communion **Indigenous Sunday**

Oct 8th – 10am Worship Service with Communion Guest: Bishop Larry Kochendorfer

Oct 15th – 10am Service of Word and Prayer, Lay-led by Kathy Pedersen

Oct 22nd – 10am Worship Service with Communion; Baptism of Scarlett McIntyre

Oct 29th – 10am Worship Service with Communion **REFORMATION SUNDAY**; 1pm Bless the Animals

The prayer families for October are: **Amalia, Anderson & Ashby**

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.



Worship Committee – WE NEED YOU

As you all know by now, Helen Flaming has stepped down as a member of the Worship committee, so we are looking for volunteers to join us. If you are interested or would like to know more about the duties of the Worship Committee, please contact Cheryl Benoit.



We are also looking for anyone who is happy to lead the singing of the Psalm during our worship services (as we used to do). If you would like to volunteer, please contact Linda Klinger, or Cheryl Benoit.

Church Safety

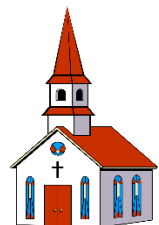
Now that we are finally back in our building there are a few safety instructions we all need to follow when leaving the church. If you are the last person to leave the building, please do the following:

- Check all blinds are lowered so that rooms are not visible from the outside
- Make sure all internal doors are closed
- Set the alarm using your code
- Lock the external door on leaving

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy in the office and she will be happy to run you through any of these procedures.

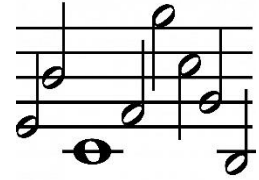
St John's Anglican Church – Update

The Rev. Donna Gauthier has stepped down for the time being, from the Anglican Church, concluding her ministry there at the end of October. As many of you know, she has held down 2 full-time jobs that have kept her extremely busy. She has ministered for the last 7 years or so and senses its time for a change. While we have appreciated her contributions over the years, we will still see her around town and pray God's best for her as she begins this new chapter in her life.



J.A.M – Just About Music

Let's sing together.... The next J.A.M session will be October 25, 6.30pm to 7.30pm. Hope you can join us!



A thought and invitation for support sharing together

Everyone is welcome to 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.

Our sessions will now be weekly, on Wednesdays at 2 pm.
Pastor AnnE

Wow!! Flat Jesus was very busy in September, thanks to our Sunday School children. I wonder where he will be going in October??

Collage created by Grey W.

If you have a Flat Jesus photo to share, email or text it to: berniehartman@persona.ca

780-207-7155.



Save the Date

Sunday 29th October REFORMATION SUNDAY



On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther posted his Ninety-five Theses against papal indulgences, or the atonement of sins through monetary payment, on the door of the church at Wittenberg, Germany.

Sunday 29th October @ 1 PM Bless the Animals



BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER

Cameron MacLeod Bernie Hartman Bill Chernesky
Grant Benoit Ryan Strong Eeva Davis
Leanne McMillan Carson Ahenakew



ANNIVERSARIES IN OCTOBER



Jolan & James March
Carrie & Roman Affolter

October 22nd, 2023

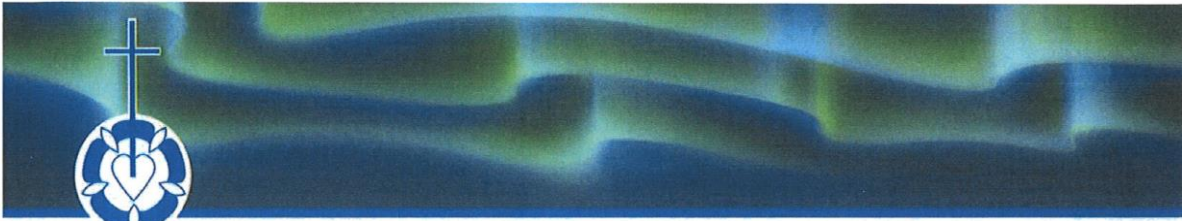
Please join Torie and Jesse in the celebration
of the Baptism of their daughter
Scarlet McIntyre



CHECK OUT THE OCTOBER 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 November Newsletter reach the church office by October 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.



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October 10, 2023

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Dear Pastor AnnE and the Beloved of God at Lakeland Lutheran Church,

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

*Spirit-Led
Leadership*

A simple thank you letter expressing my appreciation for my and Cathy's time with you this past Sunday does not do justice to our experience, however, this brief correspondence will have to do.

*Hope-Filled
Discipleship*

I appreciated the gifts so many shared during this Thanksgiving worship service, the warm welcome, the hospitality extended, the careful preparation of worship space once again taking place in the Lakeland building, and time for conversation.

*Innovative
Tradition*

I especially appreciated the opportunity to preach, to share in distributing communion, to offer a gift of music with Cathy, and to be with you in this Holy space, surrounded by the familiar and the new, joining with you in praise and thankfulness.

*Collaborative
Partnerships*

I experienced a genuine and generous spirit as we were together. God's gift. God's grace. God's work. God's mission.

Thank you for your continued prayers for St. Paul, Malaysia, and for St. Joseph, Armena, too, as they grieve the loss of their church buildings due to fire. I know they continue to hold you in their prayers and rejoice with you at your return to Lakeland's worship home.

Thank you for each gift shared and for our partnership in the gospel.

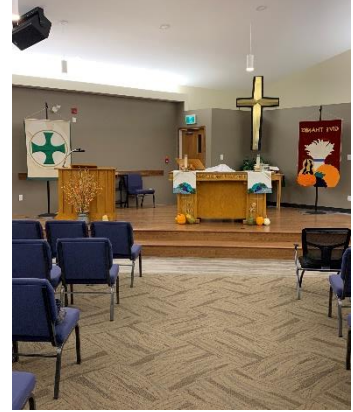
May God bless you on your journey.

"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

A Look at Our First Service back in our Building






OCTOBER 14, 2023
SATURDAY @ 10:00am
support your local food bank!

 Edmonton Food Drive

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COLD LAKE & AREA

COMMUNITY BLANKET DRIVE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023

10 AM - 2 PM

Our goal is to collect *new* or *gently* used blankets to donate to our local charities before the cold weather sets in.

Do you like to quilt? Join us at one of our drop-off locations on October 14th and help make a quilt.



Drop-off & Quilting locations:

Cold Lake North

St. Dominic Catholic Church
811 Lakeshore Drive

Cold Lake South

Grand Centre Alliance Church
5403 56 Street

COLLECTING BLANKETS FOR THESE ORGANIZATIONS:

STEPPING STONES
CRISIS SOCIETY
KOKUM'S HOUSE
JOHN HOWARD
SOCIETY
BAGS OF LOVE-
EAST CENTRAL
ALBERTA

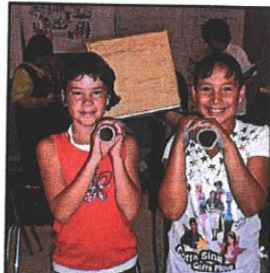
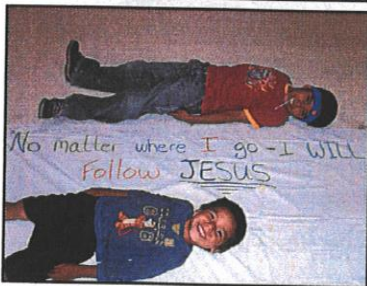
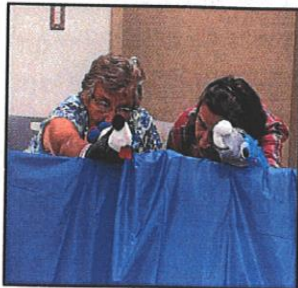
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Summer Special Edition 2023

Soaring

On Eagle's Wings

News for friends of *On Eagle's Wings* Ecumenical Ministries



Farewell Lesley and Happy Retirement!

After serving with *On Eagle's Wings* for 18 years, Pastor Lesley will leave us on August 31st. Please join us in wishing her God's blessing for a happy retirement.

The photos represent just a few of Lesley's memorable ministry moments.

Clockwise from top left: First time in C-GEHH; Ft. Chipewyan elders tell a Bible story with puppets; active games at Pine Channel Bible Camp; first northern Alpha Leaders Training; girls learn that they can be leaders too; preparing C-GPQA for sale; Bible Camp 'A' team in Tuktoyaktuk; it's all about following Jesus!

Lesley's Farewell ... It Began with a Dream.

“I want to go there! I wonder who lives there,” I dreamed when I first flew high over the Arctic while moving to northern Alberta in 1978. Little did I know then that this was the seed of God’s call to northern ministry.

In 2004, *On Eagle's Wings* had a dream too, a dream to expand the five year-old, Yellowknife based ministry to northern Alberta and Saskatchewan.

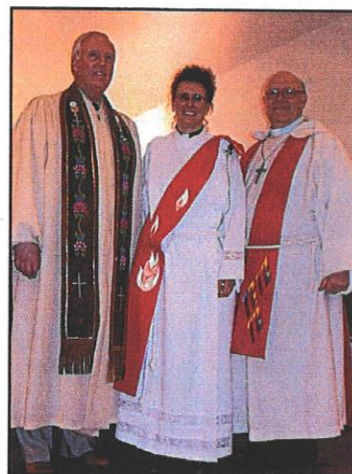
Our dreams converged in 2005 when, as a newly ordained deacon, I was called to serve as *On Eagle's Wings*' first Pastor for Northern Alberta and Saskatchewan. It was an exciting time for people in remote communities, for *On Eagle's Wings*, and for me. Not many new ordinands are given a plane, a crew of volunteer pilots, and are told to “go out and build a ministry among the people!”

The element of adventure and vision of working ecumenically with a focus on building trusting relationships were exciting. Trust would be the foundation through which we could share Jesus' love by Word and presence.

I loved the way in which coming alongside northern people reflected the work of the Holy Spirit as comforter and guide; we walked together as they discovered God’s call and vision for their own lives and communities.

Ministry of Word and presence continues, even as the details of how we walk with northern people have changed as new needs have emerged. Women have been empowered to become leaders in the church. Children continue to receive a strong foundation in faith. Now we are reaching out to youth and their leaders with resources for discipleship and mental health.

As my time with *On Eagle's Wings* ends, what remains unchanged is God’s dream for His Kingdom in the North. I am thrilled that Robin has accepted God’s invitation to share in His dream for the North and to lead *On Eagle's Wings* into the next stage of making it a reality.



Lesley's ordination in 2005. L-R: Rev. Lee Berry, OEW Executive Director; Rev. Lesley Hand; Rev. Daryle Kerr, OEW Board Member.



Rev. Lesley Hand, Executive Director

Our Youth Project so far.....

