The Vine May 2023 HAPPY MOTHER'S

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Our Mission: We are an inviting and growing Christian presence, with a passion for living and sharing Jesus Christ.

Our Vision: To be a Christ-centered community that Equips Disciples to Make Disciples.

Office Hours: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am - noon

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Board Report by Nick Perchthaler

April was certainly a month of mixed blessings. We miss Pastor Greg as he continues his recovery from long Covid. The good news is that he is improving, but he continues to be on STD (Short Term Disability) until at least June 6. We continue to pray for him, Jocelyn, Keltie and Seth. We certainly hope that he will be able to return as soon as possible, but he has to fully recover first. A Board communication will be sent out around mid May to update the congregation on our plans for June.

And we continue to show our resilience as we had some beautiful services led by different individuals in April. Having Bishop Larry Kochendorfer lead our Easter service was a true blessing. Thank you Mariette for making that happen. 144 people attended that Easter service. That is the largest attendance we have seen since the pandemic. Maybe the fact that the Board held its Easter Brunch had something to do with that as well. I can tell you that the Board really enjoys hosting this event. It is a team building event for us and we laughed a lot as we prepared the food in the kitchen.

We were also blessed by having Rev. Marty Tuer and Pastor Daranne Harris lead services. They are truly special individuals. And we have some great members of the congregation who stepped up to lead services as well. Thank You to Bonnie Swan (who will lead the April 30 service) and Bob Montgomery for offering and sharing their gifts.

There is another group that deserves some special mention. That is our Flock care team, led by Janice Hawkings. Thank You to all these volunteers who selflessly give their time to deliver the prayer shawls and attend to those who are shut-in.

The Board Retreat will take place on April 29. This will be a good team building exercise (which will include a potluck lunch where Board members will show off their culinary talents) and where we will develop some strategic direction for 2023. We will discuss several risk areas which will include the areas of Mission, Finances, Building requirements and Board visibility amongst others.

Our Finances continue to be of significant concern. We expect our year-to-date deficit to be around \$8,000 at the end of April. Where that is a lot better than our budget, it remains a concern. We continue to monitor our Revenues and Expenses and are looking for creative ways to increase our Revenues. Note that in May, we will be hosting some Advance Polling Stations for the Provincial election. That will help bring in some much-needed additional income. We will also see some insurance re-imbursement regarding Pastor Greg's STD, but this is certainly not the way we want to see any cost savings. So overall, we are trending better than budget but still in a deficit position.

The Board continues to work on behalf of the Congregation to ensure that LCOS is a safe place where we can grow according to our Mission "We are an inviting and growing Christian presence, with a passion for living and sharing Jesus Christ" and our Vision "To be a Christ-centered community that equips disciples to make disciples". As I will be away for much of May, if you have any questions or comments regarding Board activities, please feel free to contact the Board Vice Chair. Alfred Forbrich may be contacted at 587-890-3880 or at pinincalgary@gmail.com.

God Bless us.

Nick Perchthaler Board Chair

Thank You! from Mariette

Holy Week here at LCOS was a joyful, meaningful and blessed time! It was a true Team effort, in classic LCOS style. We are an obedient, servant-hearted community, walking in faith; and The Lord pours His Blessings upon us! I love you All – my Family! I am moved to recognize here some of the people who contributed to our Holy Week celebrations with kindness, joy and service.

> Alex Mckay Bishop Larry Kochendorfer Jens and Pat Kaak and their Seder Meal Crew Bob Montgomery Karen and Knute Smith Rev. Marty Tuer Judy McDonald Diane Boland Dorothea Schaab Lauren Dzikowski The Mihaichuks Terrylee Mckay Joan and Doug Drennan Reiko Formella Yvonne Eberhardt Bonnie and Bill Swan Monika Adler The Joyful Noise Consort Kari and Alan Paul The Church Board Linda Kay Janice Hawkings Pat and Ken Farn Bonnie and Brian Prunkle Adriana and Dale Mass Debra Starratt Doug Gerbrandt **Ruth** Peterson Annabel Glanville Jean Krieger

May the beauty of God be reflected in your eyes, the love of God be reflected in your hands, the wisdom of God be reflected in your words, and the knowledge of God flow from your heart, that all might see, and seeing, believe. John Birch





For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Fesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

J. We, our family/Group will show the fove of God by:

Where:

Planning Notes:

Servant Names (please print):

You are invited to share your experience with Mariette after Service on May 7

to be included in a video.

Happy Mother's Day

a Video Tribute by the People of LCOS

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Please Sign-Up in the Place of Welcome for a Time Slot to Record Your Message Sunday, April 30th, before or after Service, or make arrangements anytime with Mariette.

Video will be played during Service on Mother's Day, May 14th

Submitted by Cliff Blumhagen, Financial Secretary

If you wish to contribute to the church, the following are options for giving:

Interac e-transfer:

Donations are made to email address: <u>donate@oursaviourchurch.ca</u>.

PAR Program Giving:

The Pre-Authorized Remittance program (PAR) gives the option to give monthly directly from a bank or credit union account.

If you sign up by May 01, your monthly donation would begin May 23. Please contact the Financial Secretary Cliff Blumhagen (403-936-0419 or financialsecretary@oursaviourchurch.ca) to get a PAR sign up form and with any questions.

Cheque:

You can mail, bring to a church service, or drop off a cheque at the church.

Online Giving (via credit or debit card **):

Donations are made via the following secure link: <u>https://onrealm.org/LutheranChurchofOurSaviour/give/now</u>.

**NOTE: to give via debit card, the card must have a CVV code (on the back of the card). This is like the code on the back of a credit card. **

Text Giving (via credit or debit card**):

Donations are made by texting LCOSGive to 73256 followed by the donation amount.

******NOTE: to give via debit card, the card must have a CVV code (on the back of the card). This is like the code on the back of a credit card. ******

Giving via online and text will go to General giving. General giving and Designated giving can be done via Interac E-transfer, cheque, and cash.

Shares from Investments:

Shares from investments are made by transferring them from your investment account to the church investment account.

Legacy Giving:

Donations are made from your estate by gifting to the church by remembering the church in your will.

2022 tax receipts were distributed in early February. If you have an email address you'll have received your receipt via an auto-generated email with a link to your tax receipt document. If you do not have an email address you'll have received your receipt via mail.

Please contact Cliff if you have not received your tax receipt or have trouble accessing it.





Anne Sands

Lloyd Manz

Happy Mother's Day CHILDREN RISE UP AND CALL HER BLESSED PROVERBS 31:28









Submitted by Pat Farn

God's Porch

If I could sit across the porch from God

I'd thank Him for the starry skies And for walks in the rain!

I'd thank Him for friends and family And for the dreams we dream!

If I could sit across the porch from God

I'd thank Him for all the wonders found

In this miraculous journey...

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Website: www.themasterssingers.org

Engaging with Community

Opiate Awareness & Naloxone Training

Thursday May 18th, 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Acadia Recreation Complex, 240 – 90 Ave SE

Learn about:

- The reality of living with substance use issues & homelessness
- The history of opiates and the illicit drug market
- What to do when encountering folks who might be actively using
- The emergence of drugs like fentanyl and importance of harm reduction and various harm reduction supplies used the risks, proper use, and disposal of these supplies

Facilitated by David Fraser

From the perspective of someone who experienced homelessness and substance use as well as a professional with experience in working with these populations.

Please register ahead of time, but drop-ins are always welcome. For information and registration, please contact Viviana Reinberg, <u>viviana.reinberg@calgary.ca</u> 403- 651-1629



Phoenix Peer Solution

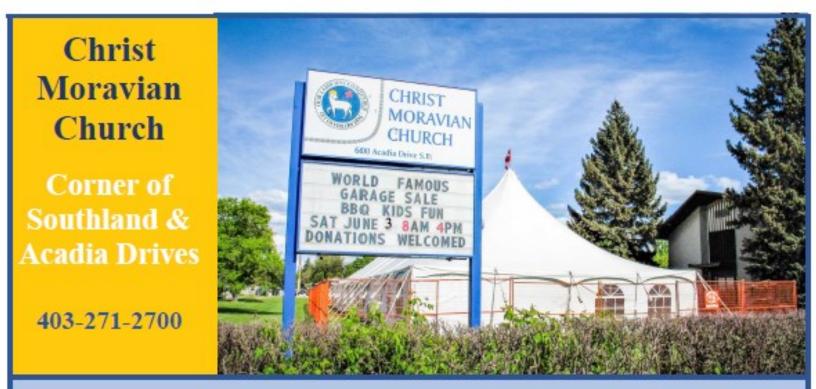


Strawberry Tea Saturday May 13 1 to 3:00 pm **Advent Lutheran** Church 11 Scenic Acres Gate NW Join us for Strawberry Shortcake, beverages, and conversation. Tickets \$5 at the door





GARAGE SALE Saturday, June 3 8 am - 3:30 pm



DONATIONS accepted 9 am - 9 pm: Monday, May 29 - Thursday, June 1 CUT OFF DATE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED / Learn more at www.christmoravian.com



Books Clothing Electronics Furniture Housewares Linens Appliances Sports Tools/Auto



Scandinavian Centre Spring Concert 7 pm Friday May 5 739 20 Ave NW



With the Scan Centre Choir Youth Choir Spelman Band and Nordic Folkdancers



Buy tickets in advance at the Scan Centre, or at the door on May 5 \$10/adult free for age 16 and under Refreshments included



Your donation matters

It matters to every patient across Canada. Because it's something we can do today to help others wake up healthier tomorrow.

Blood donation events

Acadia Recreation Complex

240-90th Ave SE Rose Hall

Saturday, May 6 Saturday, May 13 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Thursday, May 11 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Donor Event - 100 Donors Needed Appointments are required during Covid-19

Join **Canada's Lifeline** Book now at **blood.ca** or call **1888 2 DONATE**





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:

- 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.
- Rapid Rehousing—A long wait for help means those in need can fall deeper into healthrelated or addiction issues which makes recovery more challenging.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Of course, there are many questions that we will need to ponder with care. Questions such as:
 - How do we really help people heal, stabilize, recover, and get stronger?
 - o How do we care for people who say no to help?
 - How do we care for people who struggle with life-long addictions and mental health challenges?

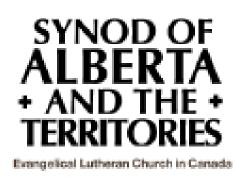
Bishop's Message (continued)

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

Learn more at: <u>interfaithhousing.ca</u> 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









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