

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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2018 Council

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Sunday, September 9th – Potluck “Cold” Lunch.

All are Welcome!

Don't worry if you didn't bring a “cold” potluck item.

All are invited to stay for food and fellowship.



Autumn Praise

by Bob Hostetler

I praise you, Lord, for autumn:
for falling temperatures and morning chill,
trees turned gold and red, brown and orange,
falling leaves and blowing leaves,
the smell of burning leaves,
the joy of leaf-pile jumping.
I praise you, Lord, for autumn:
the interplay of outside temperatures
and inside warmth,
the promise of cider and pumpkin bread,
the blessing of blankets and sweaters.

I praise you, Lord, for autumn:
the beauty and hope in the change of season,
the promise that the coming of autumn
heralds another ending,
a new beginning,
and the wonder of another winter,
another spring,
another summer,
yet to come.



Welcoming the Intern

by Íris Kristjánsdóttir

I am very excited to welcome intern pastor Brooklynn Lane to our church and I look forward to doing ministry with her in this place. This will be my first time as supervisor of an intern in Canada. Back home in Iceland I supervised two interns, but the internship time was only three months instead of twelve and the program itself was very different from this one. So I find myself in an unfamiliar territory but I'm very happy to have the opportunity to participate in the formation and training of a pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

Messiah has welcomed many interns in the past so many of you are familiar with the experience. There are many benefits of welcoming an intern to a congregation. According to the internship manual, internship “offers congregations an opportunity to articulate and understand their culture and history as they share it with an intern, experiment with new forms of ministry that the intern may initiate under the congregation’s direction, become more aware of their strengths and areas of needed growth, and participate in the development of the church’s future leaders.” Our church is indeed in need of future leaders and it’s wonderful to get the opportunity to participate in their education, formation and growth.



In First Timothy, Paul speaks about the formation of future leaders in his writings to young Timothy after prescribing his pastoral duties, “*Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress*” (1 Tim. 4:15). Timothy was just starting out his first pastoral ministry, but Paul knew that with continual effort and practice he would improve. And this is the duty of all interns and newly ordained pastors — to practice, practice, practice. But, this does not just begin during internship, or first call. Practice begins the minute they start sensing the call into ministry.

Internship time can create or strengthen that sense of call in an intern. When we all, congregation, supervisor and intern, come together and do ministry together, our sense of call can be awakened or renewed. The internship experience is therefore not only of benefit for the intern, but a wonderful investment for everyone involved.

I encourage you, members of Messiah Lutheran Church, to approach our intern, introduce yourself and spend some time getting to know her. On other pages in this newsletter you will find some good tips from our church and Martin Luther University College, on how to show support to her and encourage her on her internship journey. Someday, by the grace of God, she will lead a ministry of her own. For now, she gets the opportunity to engage in ministry with you and me, to assess her sense of call, develop skills and reflect on experiences in ministry, and experience more fully the responsibilities of how ministry impacts her own person.

My responsibility as a supervisor is to share every aspect of the ministry at Messiah with Brooklynn and to offer regular reflection and feedback. Lay Internship Committee has already been formed with six representatives from our congregation that will also offer their support and feedback during her time with us. However, it is important to remember that we are all in this together and we can all benefit from the experience that the presence of our intern brings.



Paul gives us a great encouragement in his letter to Ephesians when he says: *The gifts God gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.* (Ephesians 4:11-13)

We're in this together. May God bless us all on this journey and may the next 12 months be a valuable learning experience; not only for our intern, but us all. Amen.

Intern Brooklynn Lane

“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has now overcome it.”

Hello, my name is Brooklynn Lane. I was born and raised in Saskatchewan, living in Balgonie (outside Regina) for the past twenty years. I did my undergraduate degree in Education at the University of Regina. Upon completion, I moved to Waterloo, Ontario to take my Masters of Divinity at Martin Luther University College. I have a passion for the outdoors, sports, travelling, and board games. My family is a huge part of my life. I am an auntie to my niece Logan and my nephew Lawson, and I am awaiting the arrival of a nephew in December, as my sister is expecting. I'm looking forward to getting to know you all and journeying through the year together.



Messiah Council Update

Fall greetings, and welcome to our Intern Pastor, Brooklynn Lane. An intern support committee has been put in place: Lori Amyotte, Gord Hein, Caitlin Horner, Jack Jones, Lois Manchur, Susan Slind. We look forward to working with Brooklynn over the next year, and ask for your prayers for her ministry at Messiah.

Council met last week after the summer break. The ministry teams and committees are all scheduling meetings and planning activities. The Caring Ministry & Community Service ministry team is reviewing the Faith Life 'Live Generously Now' Program, and the Strengthening Families Program through Catholic Family Services.

Sunday School will begin on September 16. The Youth program, Route 66 will continue this fall. Caitlin Horner will be assisting with the youth this year.

Property Maintenance ministry team oversaw the re-surfacing of the front steps and the updating of the Sanctuary lights. Thanks to all who assisted in moving the pews to accommodate the lift required to do the lighting work. Fall work will include some clearing of the grounds near the building, and work in the parking lot.

Sometimes there are cars in the parking lot that are engaged in suspicious activity. If you observe unknown vehicles and people that cause you concern, do not approach the vehicles / people. Instead, please call the City of Prince Albert non-urgent police dispatcher at 306.953.4222; ext. 2.

St. Peter's Cemetery has been transferred to Messiah. Messiah has responsibility for three cemeteries; two north of Prince Albert (Hanna and Spruce Home Lutheran) and St. Peter's, near Birch Hills.

The Synod Lay Ministry program continues November 17 and 24. Merv Bender will co-ordinate arrangements. (Pathways to Prayer lead by Dr. Faith Nostbakken: what it means to meet God in prayer, how personalities may influence prayer, what Scripture says about prayer, and how to spend time together in prayer. The treasure of the Psalms will be considered as the earliest prayer book, one that can still be a rich guide and source of prayer today in its broad range of emotions from praise to lament.)

The monthly potluck (cold-item) for October will be held on Sunday, September 30. Stewardship will be a focus that Sunday with ministry teams and church groups highlighting their roles to encourage congregational involvement in the work and fellowship of the church. *1 Peter 4:10: Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.*

Council's next meeting is Tuesday, September 18 at 5:00pm.

**On behalf of Council,
Cheryl Bauer Hyde**



The Congregation and a New Intern

A few tips from Martin Luther University College in Waterloo, Ontario, regarding our new intern pastor, Brooklynn Lane, on how to welcome and support her during her internship time at Messiah.

Interns are students. They will be given responsibility in all areas of pastoral functioning but are not yet pastors. They will experiment, stumble, learn, and grow. Your patience, support and constructive feedback are needed to help them develop as pastors. The Lay Internship Committee and the pastor will give you ideas as to how to do this.

Remember that the new intern is a unique person with their own gifts and skills and is not expected to function or respond in the same way as any previous intern you many have known.

Your intern is coming to a new situation and this may require some time for adjustment. In addition to becoming oriented to the congregation, they may be settling into new housing, developing friendships, orienting family members to their new situation and getting to know the area. Your patience and support are much appreciated!

Coming to a new congregation means meeting many new people. It will help if you repeat your name to the intern over the next few months.

Do not hesitate to invite the intern to be involved in all aspects of the life and ministry of the congregation. The intern will consult with the pastor before taking on significant new responsibilities. The intern also has the same freedom to turn down such invitations as has the pastor. It is not fair to expect the intern to do everything anyone suggests.

If the intern is accompanied on internship by family members you may invite those members to be involved in the life of the congregation. However, they are not "auxiliary" interns. It should be assumed that they will accept or turn down such invitations in the same way that other visitors or new members would.

One of the things an intern is learning is how to balance their personal and professional lives and to solicit care for themselves while they are caring for others. While fully engaging in ministry with you, they will be trying to set appropriate boundaries to their time and availability.

The intern is learning how to be and bring "Good News" to your community. In order to do, that they need to understand you. You can help by talking about the culture and history of your congregation and community, sharing your own faith experiences and by sharing opportunities you see for ministry in your community.

It will help greatly if you provide the intern with lists of institutions, agencies and services available to people who are working in the community.

If you have difficulties with a person or program in the congregation, including the pastor, the first place to bring your concerns is to that person or program. The intern will be fully aware of what is happening in the congregation, but should not be recruited to support one side or another when there are struggles.

Your hospitality and prayers for the intern are deeply appreciated!

The ELCIC and Martin Luther University College are grateful for your essential part in preparing pastors!



Another summer has flown by! It was with a blend of sadness and joy to see the kids heading off to school this week. Yes, it is in a way 'the yellow bus of freedom' as a parent, but at the same time we had a fun summer and I miss their busyness during the day. Taking their 'first day of the school year' photo made me realize that they are growing up way too fast, but it was wonderful to see them leaving with confidence to their familiar routine.

Sunday School begins on Sunday September 16th! We will start the year off with a Blessing of the Backpacks service, so invite all students (young and older) as well as those who work in the education field to bring their backpacks (or something else which signifies to you your vocation) to the service for a blessing. The children/youth will make a backpack tag afterwards in the Sunday School (located just off the Fellowship Hall). There will also be a registration form to be filled out by each family.

Our Sunday School program is suited for children ages 5-12 and takes place during the 10:30 worship service - the children leave from the sanctuary with the Sunday School teacher just after the Children's Talk. Children who are younger than 5 are welcome to attend Sunday School, but will need an adult caregiver to attend with them. While plans are yet to be finalized for this year, last year our lessons were: a craft centered on a Bible passage, participation in Special Worship Services, singing as a choir, Soup Sunday, Pajama Sunday, and we had a Christmas pageant.

Last year we started an older youth Sunday School program working through scripture in the "Route 66" program. We will continue on with this program this year and it will occur in the same time slot as the regular Sunday School program in the Movie Room. This program is best suited for children who have 'aged out' of the regular Sunday School program (usually 10-12 years old).

We don't take collection during the Sunday School, but invite families to consider sending their child with a non-perishable food item which can be dropped off in the baskets at the entry to the Sanctuary. We will have a couple of Sunday School charitable events this year where the children will be asked to bring a donation for a special cause (one local, one international).

For those whose children are new to Sunday School and would like to be on the email list, or if you have question, please contact me at the address listed below. Please pray for the children and those involved in Sunday School. Volunteers to assist with the Sunday School are also greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

Anne Barlow
Volunteer Sunday School Coordinator
dranne@sasktel.net

Youth Program



We are happy to announce that Caitlin Horner will be our youth coordinator for this winter coming. Thank you Caitlin! Caitlin was one of our leaders at CLAY in August and she has graciously offered help out with our youth program. Thanks so much to Peyton Rindal, our event coordinator last winter. Peyton is relocating to Saskatoon this winter for her studies at U of S.

A schedule for youth activities this fall is in the making. It will be sent out to everybody and also announced in church before too long.



Leaders at CLAY this summer from Messiah:

Peyton Rindal, Pastor Íris, Caitlin Horner.
Picture taken at Kakabeka Falls, Thunder Bay, ON.

Confirmation Events Kick Off On September 16th



Confirmation youth last spring:

Chelsea Bellerose, Nathan Remus, Kade Hufnagel, Karissa Alford,
Leah Bratvold and Courtney Hansen, with Pastor Íris.

Our confirmation events will begin on September 16th with a registration and pizza night at 6pm. Everyone is invited, parents, confirmands (grade 7, 8 and 9) and siblings, the whole family! A schedule/calendar for the winter will be distributed at the meeting. At our registration night we will play games and eat our fill with pizza so I hope you'll all be there! We ask you to bring \$25 for a registration fee that will be used for binders, program copying and such. Free will offering will be taken for the pizza.

If you cannot come to this first meeting but still want to register, please contact Pastor Iris or Donna at the office. Registration can take place via phone or email.

Moment of Prayer

Our Moments of Prayer will start again on Tuesday September 11th, at 12:15 noon in the Peace Chapel, and then continue every Tuesday this fall and winter. All are welcome.



Bible Studies in October

Please watch for information on our Bible Studies in October in our bulletins in September and the October newsletter.



Messiah Lutheran Women

Ladies, our **Fall Social event is Saturday, September 15th at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** This event is a salad luncheon, so please make a small favorite salad to share and come and join other ladies to enjoy the salads and a time of visiting.

The Men's Group

The Men's Group is hosting a men's golf tournament Saturday September 29 at Silver Hills Golf Resort which is on highway 302 west. We will have breakfast at 9 am and golf to follow. Cost is your breakfast and \$20 for the round of golf. Please register with Merv Bender via email by Sunday September 23. merv.bender@sasktel.net



*Many thanks to all for being a caring fellowship for my
Mom ~ Arlene Wagner,
Celebrating 50 years with Messiah.
~ Her daughter Debbie*



From the desk of Bishop Sid

Saskatchewan Synod, ELCIC

Fall notes

Hello all. As Labour Day weekend approaches and schedule resumes, two notes on happenings at synod office.

1. Synod office staff:
 - As you may know our senior staff, Project manager Joan Meyer and Finance manager Howie Wall, retired in June after the Synod convention. We posted the Executive Assistant position to fill out our staff over the summer. But just as interviews were to begin, our full time office manager, Lindsay Tomtene, notified me that she had accepted a new position in Saskatoon. Lindsay's last day at the office will be Sept 14. Many thanks to Lindsay for her work with the synod and we wish her well in her new position.
 - I have been working with the synod council officers interviewing candidates to rebuild a full office staff. The process has been going very well and we don't anticipate any significant disruption in synod office service to the synod. We are hopeful that we will have the full complement of staff in place by mid-October. I will update you on our new staff as positions are confirmed.
2. Fall Leadership Conference in Moose Jaw: For rostered ministers, a quick reminder to please register as soon as possible for the Fall Leadership Conference.

Blessings as fall programming begins!

Peace,
+Sid

Full-time Chaplain (Permanent Full-Time)

LutherCare Communities is seeking a Chaplain (clergy or diaconal minister) with a heart for pastoral care to serve at Luther Special Care Home, our long-term care home in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. The mission of LutherCare Communities is to provide excellence in care, shelter, and support in a nurturing Christian environment for all entrusted to our care. For more information on this position, visit: <http://luthercare.com>. Please submit resume by **September 28, 2018** to: Renita Falkenstern, Director of Mission, LutherCare Communities, 1212 Osler Street, Saskatoon, SK S7N 0T9. Email: rfalkenstern@luthercare.com



Central
Lutheran
Church

or those who are unable to be in church for worship on Sundays, there is Central Lutheran Church in Moose Jaw that has a radio broadcast that you can listen to. Check it out.

Radio Service Broadcast

For over 50 years, Central Lutheran Church congregation has broadcasted 15 minute worship services on Sunday mornings at **7:45am on CHAB 800 AM**. The serving Pastor does these services in order to reach out to those who cannot attend a worship service on Sundays. These broadcasts are sponsored by local members and from our large listening audience over southwestern Manitoba, Saskatchewan and parts of Alberta. You can also listen to the broadcast on their website www.ht://centrallutheranmj.com/welcome/

There is also a radio station in Swift Current that you can tune in to on Sunday mornings. **CKSW 570 Radio**



2018 LUTHER LECTURE

Faith in the Face of Empire: A Palestinian Christian Perspective



Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb

*Palestinian Pastor and
Co-recipient of the 2015
Olof Palme Prize*

Monday, October 1, 2018

7:30 p.m.

**Rex Schneider Auditorium,
Luther College at the University of Regina**

Reception to follow

Parking available in Lots 8M and 13M

*Presented by Luther College with the financial assistance of
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Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb, a Palestinian Pastor, President of Dar al-Kalim a University of College of Arts and Culture in Bethlehem, and co-recipient of the 2015 Olof Palme Prize, will be the 2018 Luther Lecturer. As a Pastor in the Lutheran church, Raheb sends a clear message to the young generation of Palestinians: "We want you to live, not die, for Palestine."

In a Bethlehem confined on three sides by the walls of the occupying Israeli power, and with Dar al-Kalima University College of Arts and Culture that he founded and his innovative artistic education in film, art, and drama, Raheb has made it possible for young people to investigate their Palestinian identity, to nurture beauty, and to invest in a culture of life as tools for a creative resistance against suffocating confinement and towards nation building.

For more information including a full bio, please visit www.luthercollege.edu/luther-lecture.

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