

Summer 2022 Newsletter

Messiah Lutheran Church

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Messiah's Mission Statement:

**"Through the hearing and sharing of
God's Word, we, as a worshipping community,
encourage a personal relationship with Jesus
Christ. In faith, we reach out with Christ-like caring
for the community and the world in which we live."**



Lectionary Bible Study & Readings

The last bible study prior to summer is June 15;
with plans to resume in September

Lectionary Readings for June 2022

June 12, 1st Sunday after Pentecost

- Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
- Psalm 8
- Romans 5:1-5
- John 16:12-15

June 19, 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

- Isaiah 65:1-9
- Psalm 22:19-28
- Galatians 3:23-29
- Luke 8:26-39

June 26, 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

- 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21
- Psalm 16
- 2 Galatians 5:1, 13-25
- Luke 9:51-62

From the Pastor's desk - June 2022

"To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven...." Ecclesiastes 3:1

The more the years pass, the truer these verses from Ecclesiastes become. God provides a season for everything. And this is a time for good-byes and gratitude.

First, there is a time for good-byes. It is hard to say good-bye. Ministry with you was significant. We journeyed through a difficult time, navigating so much disruption and change, during Covid. There were losses and griefs that we could not have anticipated. So much was taken away at the beginning of our ministry together. And ministry unfolded in unexpected ways: online worship services; Zoom Sunday School, bible study, meetings, coffee visits, and confirmation. And these connections and interactions were made meaningful by the One who makes us one however it is that we gather in Jesus' name.

There is a time to share gratitude. I am grateful to all of you for your warm welcome and gracious hospitality over these years. Covid changed some of the natural ways this could be extended but it was felt and offered, when possible. I am thankful to Church Council for their strong leadership and guidance as we navigated various health guidelines and protocols, for walking alongside in supportive ways in our ministry together. And to the members who welcomed me into your hearts, who allowed me the privilege of being your pastor, I am immeasurably grateful for this honour.

In this season of endings and changes, there is also a time for new beginnings and for discernment about ministry directions, to have conversation about who you are as a congregation now in the midst of the changing landscape of what it means to be church. God is at the centre of what stays the same and of what new directions and visions are yet to be discovered. God provides a time for this exploration, and it is good.

As I prepare to leave you, I ask your forgiveness for any harmful words that were spoken or misunderstandings there may have been between us. I confess that I am not perfect, I am a sinner, I have made mistakes along the way, and I left some things undone. And for this, I ask your forgiveness.

A last word on pastoral boundaries. I have already been asked about returning for funerals or pastoral care. This speaks to the depth of relationships that have been formed and while honoured at these requests, I do need to relinquish my pastoral role among you in order to give space to the one who will follow me. Not only will I be serving another parish, but it is also necessary and appropriate to only offer pastoral ministry with the permission of the presiding minister of Messiah. With these healthy boundaries, you will welcome your new minister and give him or her the fullest opportunities to minister to, and with, you. And you will build a relationship and connection with that minister. While these boundaries are difficult to understand, they are done to honour you and to honour our time together as pastor and congregation. And you are free to love your new pastor with the same love you gave to me.

A prayer as my ministry with you ends: O God of all that is, you are with us in every season, and you give a purpose to everything. Guide us day by day, sustain us, and inspire us by your Holy Spirit, to follow you in all that will unfold in the months after Pastor Fran's ministry with us ends. Grant us wisdom and guide the next steps. Remind us that we are not alone but that you journey with us every step of the way. For this, we give you thanks and praise forever! Amen.

In God's love and grace,
Pastor Fran

Messiah Council Update . . .

Through the testing of this ministry, you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you.
2 Corinthians 9:13-14

As we bid farewell to Pastor Fran, we give thanks to her for her ministry over the past three years. Pastor Fran came to Messiah just six months before the Covid pandemic brought tremendous changes to the congregation and the communities in which we live. Without her guidance and leadership, online services and personal contact processes would not have been put in place as quickly as resulted.

Pastor Fran has provided support throughout our Messiah family during difficult times both at the congregational and personal levels with grace and tremendous care. In addition to bible study, confirmation classes, Sunday School, support to Council, ministry teams, committees and groups, hospital chaplaincy, Kinasao (to name only some); she added monthly services at Good Shepherd Villas and Points West Living.

Pastor Fran will be missed, and we wish God's blessings on her ministry at Emmanuel Anglican Church and the Refinery in Saskatoon. While we would love to host a potluck gathering prior to her departure, that is not to be. However, we will have a celebration cake at Kinasao following the June 12 worship service.

Council is making arrangements for lay led and rostered leader worship services throughout the summer. Patti Sherk, M.Div., a recent graduate from the Lutheran Theological Seminary will lead the service on Sunday, June 26. In addition, Council will work with the Synod office and Bishop Sid as we seek a rostered leader for our congregation.

While the Messiah office hours are Tuesday to Thursday from 10am – 2pm, with vacations and other factors it may be necessary to close for specific weeks /days. Please phone the office or Cheryl (306.961.2967) to check before you visit or to make arrangements for access.

If you see people coming and going during July and August weekday afternoons, it may be children and staff from the Prince Albert Branch (Interac) of Inclusion Saskatchewan summer program. We are so happy to be able to provide a venue for this program which will primarily be used for inclement or very warm weather days.

Please talk to any of our Council members – Merv, Randi, Alfred, Bill, Jeannette, Ray, Shannon, or me - if you would like to provide support, ideas, questions or comments. Let us join in prayer as we walk through this time of transition.

Cheryl

On behalf of Messiah Council



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CONFIRMANDS OF 2022!

Gillian Hufnagel

Dustin Lamontagne

Nevaeh Waldner



Confirmation was on June 5, 2022.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATES OF 2022!



“For I know the **PLANS**
I have for **you**”
declares the **LORD**
“plans to **PROSPER** you
and not to harm you,
plans to give you
HOPE and a
FUTURE.”
Jeremiah 29:11

Mackenzie Hufnagel,

Daughter of Shannon Pettem and Troy & Laurel Hufnagel

She convocated on June 8, 2022 with a Bachelor of Commerce majoring in Human Resources from the Edwards School of Business at the University of Saskatchewan.

Ryan Rigakis,

Grandson of Hazel Schultz. Graduating from Grade 12 at Lillian Osborne School in Edmonton, AB. He will be attending the University of Alberta in the fall.

Worship @ Kinasao & Family Fun Day



You're invited to join us for Worship at Kinasao on June 12 @ 11 am.

And

Following Worship, we will be having a Family Fun Day,
starting in the Retreat Centre at 1pm.

**Weather permitting, we will have boat rides, archery,
crafts, spike ball, and cross-net.**

The playground is always available too.

**Adults not wanting to participate in the activities are
welcome to hangout and visit over coffee.**

Prior to Worship: Kinasao offers specialty coffee & cinnamon buns for purchase.

Following Worship: burgers are on the grill for purchase for lunch.
We'll wrap up our Family Fun Day at 4pm with a Closing Prayer & Blessing outside, in front of the Retreat Centre.



Prime Time Camp at Camp Kinasao

June 26-29, \$195/person + GST.

Join us for a shortened week of camp! Pastor Trent Felstrom from Redeemer Lutheran in Saskatoon will be leading the study times. To register, contact kristi@kinasao.ca.

Celebration Weekend at Camp Kinasao

June 24-26

All are invited to join us for a kick off to summer! Joyful Melody Trio will be in concert Friday night, followed by The Willie Sons Saturday night. Saturday will be filled with camp activities, fellowship, and the Annual Arts & Craft Auction items will be on display. Meals and accommodations are provided. To book free accommodations, contact kristi@kinasao.ca. Visit kinasao.ca for a full weekend schedule.



ELCIC Saskatchewan Synod Events



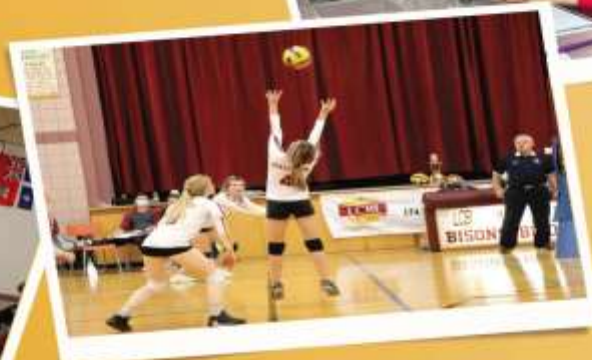
St John's Lutheran Church in Laird would like to invited you to Stony Hill (Stoney Knoll) June 22nd, 11:30 a.m. - to celebrate the ribbon cutting and unveiling of storyboards describing the history and reconciliation efforts between St Johns Lutheran, Mennonite Churches and the Stoney Knoll First Nation.

Come for a time of visiting, learning and celebrating all the things we have in common.

(Stony Hill is 2 miles west and 2 miles north of Laird. When you enter Laird, turn left or west at the stop sign on King Street for 2 miles, then turn right or north for 2 miles. Look for the tall pine trees on the left)

**Pastor Ali Tote has now started his work at the Saskatchewan Synod Office as Assistant to the Bishop.
Pastor Ali's Installation will be Saturday, June 18
@ 4pm at Resurrection Lutheran Church, Saskatoon.**

JOIN US FOR OPEN HOUSE



JUNE 17-18

*Outdoor Games, Food,
Fireworks, Musical,
Slush Run, Campfire,
Dorm Life, Classes*

Free event for students
in Grade 7-11

Free shuttle service from Saskatoon

LCBI High School Open House

Open House is where new and potential students currently in grades 7-11 can come on campus and see what life at LCBI High School is all about. Tour the school. Meet our awesome students and staff. Attend chapel and classes. Experience what campus life is like by spending the night in our dorms! Even if you are planning on attending LCBI as a day student, we encourage you to stay overnight so you can get to know your future classmates and see what makes LCBI different from other schools - the family community.

This year our Musical happens to be on the same weekend so all Open House participants will get the chance to see Disney's Newsies: The Broadway Musical!

Other fun activities will include outdoor games, lots of food and snacks, a campfire, slush runs, and hopefully a firework show if the weather allows it!



Grace and peace to you
all!



Have a wonderful
Summer!