

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Didsbury, Alberta

2019



**Spring is here.
Spring is here.
Goodbye, snow.
Flowers grow.**

**Birds and bees,
leaves on trees.
Hello, spring.
Hello, spring.**

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE VICAR

Brothers and sisters in Christ,

He is risen! Our culture has a funny way of looking at those holiest days in the Church year which have become cultural holidays as well. I remember seeing Easter decorations and chocolates and the like in stores before Ash Wednesday! But if I were to go out to those same stores now, they would already be packed up until next year. However, Easter has only just begun, it lasts a total of 50 days!

On our Easter Sunday service, Regional Pastor Rob Mohns mentioned how our Gospel reading on Easter Sunday ends in a strange place, it ends right after the myrrh bearers, Joanna, Mary, and Salome, and later Peter find the tomb empty. What a strange place to end the reading on Easter. It may seem strange at first, but not if we think that during Easter we slow down as we celebrate and think on the mystery that is our Lord's resurrection.

The next few weeks we continue to hear about the day that our Lord arose, and hear about all that He did on earth yet after rising from the dead. Many times, we may think that shortly after Jesus rose from the dead that He ascended back to heaven. But there were 40 days between His resurrection and ascension! Of those days we only hear a few things: He appeared to two of His disciples on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35), He appears to His disciples in the locked room two weeks in a row (John 20:19-29), He appears to them on a beach and reinstates Peter (John 21:4-19), and at one point He even appeared to more than 500 believers at one time (1 Cor. 15:6).

We also have good reason to believe that He appeared to even more than just those listed in the Bible as well as on more than one occasion, for as John writes in his Gospel, "Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book" (John 20:30). And at the end of the next chapter he says "Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written" (John 21:25).

And so, while the culture around us is fast to move on to other things beyond Easter, we are able to slow down and take time to think about all that our Lord has done for us by His dying and rising again. We are able to walk with the disciples in real time for 40 days until Ascension and another 10 until Pentecost. During this time, we get to hear again those precious teachings of our Lord that He has given us and preserved in the Scriptures. Those precious teachings which were preserved so that we "may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and by believing have life in His name" (John 20:31). We are able to see that we can trust Him, that His word is true, and that He fulfills His promises. So that one day when He returns, because we have believed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and because He has died for our sins and rose again three days later, we too may be resurrected to eternal life.

In Christ our Resurrected Lord,

Vicar Josh



ELDER'S REPORT



The Sacred Convocation

Concordia Lutheran Seminary warmly invites you to attend
The Sacred Convocation for the 35th Academic Year:

Friday, May 24, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
Bethel Lutheran Church
298 Bethel Drive, Sherwood Park, AB Guest Preacher: Rev. Roland Kubke

Along with celebrating the placement of four pastoral graduates, the graduation of one Pastor with Alternative Training, and the placement of one vicar.

On this night Redeemer Lutheran Church will find out if we will receive a candidate for the 2019-2020 year. There are 4 Pastoral Candidates and one Vicar being placed for 12 congregations that have placed a call for a candidate.

This evening starts at 7 pm. If you are interested in going please contact Dave Reid or Dave Reinhardt as we will be traveling up to Sherwood Park for this event.

The plans that our Lord has for us will be revealed on this night.
Whichever direction He decides we will go forward with his guidance.

In Christ



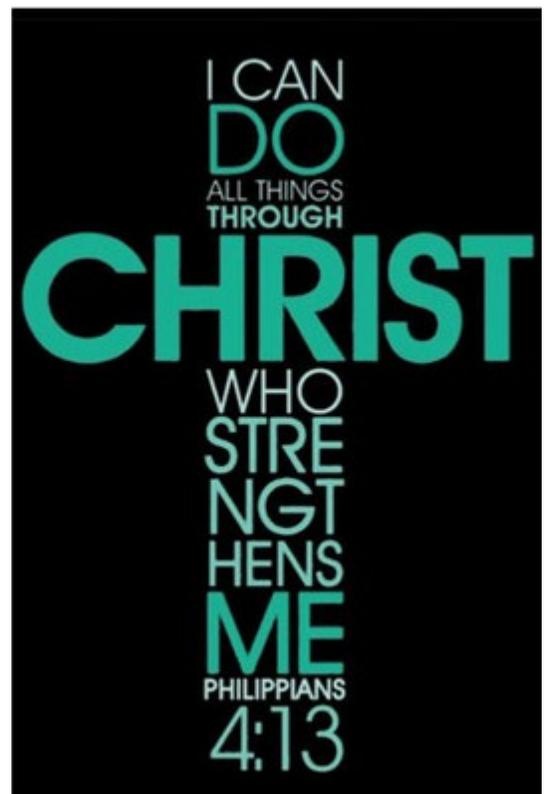
Thank You!

Thank you to Pastor Rob for leading us in Easter Holy Communion Service.

Thank you to everyone that assisted in bringing food, beverages and treats for the Easter Breakfast.

Great attendance !!

All enjoyed seeing the joy on the children as they ran about looking for their treasures.



Love is patient



Love is kind

1 Corinthians 13:4

TRUSTEE REPORT

Well, warm weather is very welcome after this past winter. As we roll into summer the boilers have been shut off to save on the gas bill. The problem with that is our hot water is connected to the boiler, so for around five months we would have no hot water. Problem solved, we now have an on-demand tankless water heater that can give us unlimited hot water and it only heats when needed. This is a very efficient system that is direct vent and mounts on the wall in the boiler room. No more running out of hot water, no more phone calls about hot water and we can serve the community safely (VBS, Turkey supper, CWB group).

I have made a sign-up sheet to give the Church a good once-over Spring Cleaning, room by room. Please consider signing up for a room if you are able, as many hands make light work. Please speak with Garnet, Dave, or myself if you need more information.



Spring
CLEAN UP



Another change made was to mount the TV monitor in the fireside room above the fireplace. This is a large unit and was a worry that it would fall off the table and break. Other events in this room required us to carry it elsewhere to make more space, trip hazards (cords) were always an issue.

I have had concerns at youth events as I know I would be the one replacing it. This unit has been a welcome addition for Adult Bible study, Confirmation, Youth Ministry, and other events.

In His Service
Wes

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE - CANADA

LWMLC REPORT



The next meeting is May 13 at 9:30 in the fireside room.
We will be having a video in place of Bible study. You are invited to join us.

On May 16 at 2pm, we will be hosting the birthday party at Chinook Winds Lodge in Carstairs.
Anyone can join us to help serve. Marguerite Krebs is a member of our church that lives there.

Our ladies enjoy quilting but the cost of batting is getting expensive.
If anyone could donate some or donate some money for us to buy some that would be great.

There is going to be an LWMLC Convention in Calgary in June. They are asking for dolls and bears to be knit.
They do not have to be stuffed. They will do that as an activity.

There are patterns on the LWMLC table in the hallway. They need to be at the church by June 9.
There will be a communion service on the opening night, Thursday June 20, that some of us hope to attend.
Think about it and join us.

May God bless you all in the coming year.

Help Serve the Lord with Gladness!

WELCOME to new members: Amanda and Ryan Armstrong
We are glad to have you as members of Redeemer.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019

Please make note of the dates for V.B.S. 2019 while you are making your summer plans!!!!

The dates are **July 9 to 12, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** inclusive.

We would love to have a great multitude of children.

Many volunteers needed to help with this, so please be thinking about where, what & how you can help to make this program a huge success

Ever wonder
what to say.....



You are invited to an
EDUCATION LUNCHEON

To encourage you in your visitation work

Saturday, June 15, 2019 at 11 a.m.

Arbour Manor (Bethany)
1736 – 1 Avenue NW, Airdrie, AB

11:00 am – Appetizers, refreshments, introductions and
visiting

11:45 am – Lunch

12:30 pm – Presentation by Pastor Darren Dressler
“Grief and Loss”

1:30 pm – Closing prayer

Please mark this date on your calendar
RSVP by June 6, 2019

LUTHERAN HOSPITAL MINISTRIES – SOUTHERN ALBERTA
66 – 7 Street NE, Calgary, AB
(403) 264-4045
lhmsac@gmail.com

SHUT -INS

Shut-ins need our prayers and our visits:

Olds-Elsie Bonkowski, Marg Rosehill, Jeanette Frederick

Didsbury - Clara Bogner, John and Bea Folkmann, Angie Gillrie, Vi Hergert, Ida Kihn, Lucy Lee, Isabel Rigsby, Val Schmidt, Peter and Rita VerSluys, Norma Winter

Carstairs - Marguerite Krebs

Crossfield - Kay Schumaker, Evelyn Dorosch

Sundre - Marlene Wrightson

Others who need prayers - Larry Hartmann, Syndee Doiron, Carol Pirnak

Please tell Vicar Josh of any additions, spelling mistakes or other needs.



MOUNTAIN VIEW CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

Ladies ...you are cordially invited

Tuesday, May 14, 2019 9:30am-11:30am

Redeemer Lutheran Church Gymnasium
1500—23rd Street Didsbury ,Alberta

Gardening in Unique Containers

Wendy from "Prairie Crocus Garden Centre"

Special Music by: Debi Hooper & Julie Poffenroth

Inspirational Speaker: Elayne Goertzen



Tickets \$7 per person FREE Childcare available
To reserve call Ann (403) 335- 8444 or Vicky (403) 335- 3500
Bring a friend ... she'll thank you!!

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

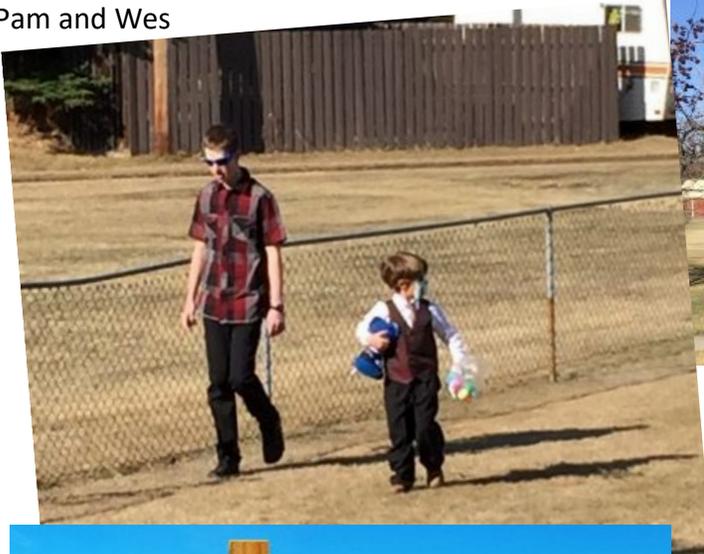
What a joy it was on Easter Sunday to see all the children running around for the egg hunt! A **BIG THANK YOU !!** to Pam and Wes and the youth group for putting it together for the Sunday School.

Sunday School will be held **May 5th and 19th** during the worship service. Grades K-5 with Lisa R in the Elementary room and Grades 6-10 with Lisa S in the Junior room.



There was lots of excitement for the Easter Egg hunt this year as we had the kids not only gather the eggs but also trade some candy to the Adults for puzzle pieces. This way everyone was involved. Weather was in our favor this year so we included the fenced yard west of the Manse. About 90 plastic eggs were hid around the Church and fenced area, and the kids returned all the candy so it could be split up 15 equal ways. Two 24 piece puzzles were in this challenge and both managed to get done before the Church service. We have lots of photos, here is a sample of the Easter Egg Hunt activity.

Pam and Wes







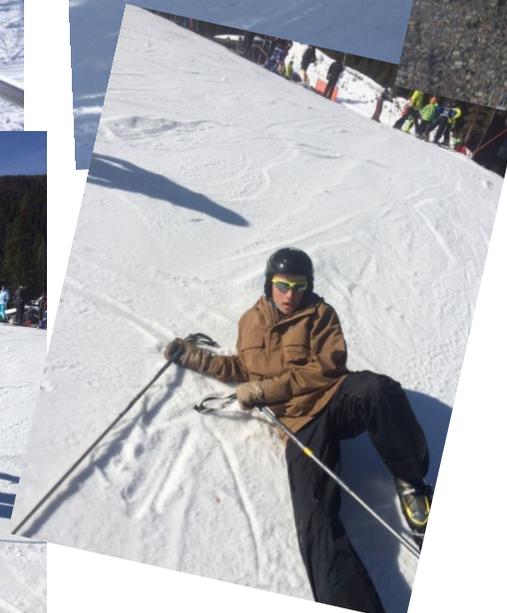
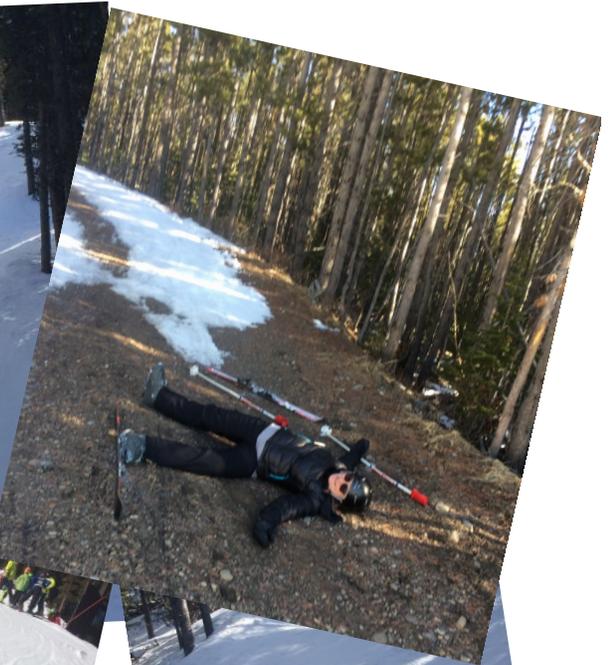
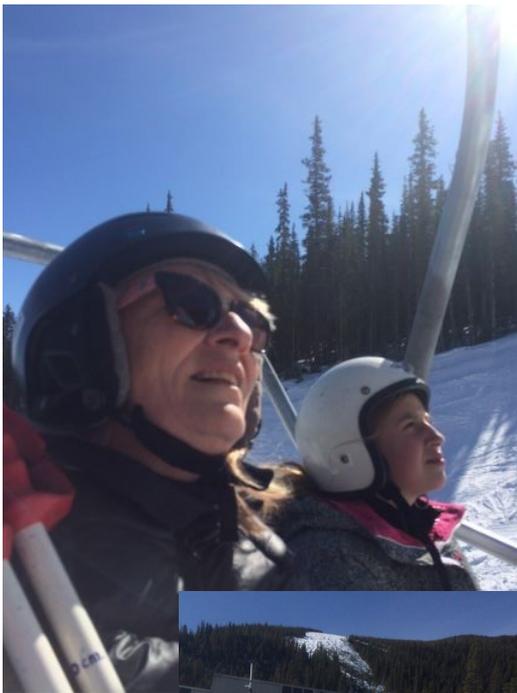
Jan 04 **Scavenger Hunt** * Jan 25 **Survivor**
Feb 09 **COP Tubing (Saturday)** * Feb 22 **Lego Night**
Mar 09 **Ski Trip (Saturday)** * Mar 29 **Bowling**
Apr 13 & 14 **Passion Drama** * Apr 28 **Help out at Mustard Seed**
May 11 **Bike Trip (Saturday)** * May 25 **Hike Moose Mountain (Saturday)**
Jun 7-9 **Camping Weekend** * Jun 28 **Wrap-Up & Slide Show**

Youth – please feel free to bring friends to any youth event – the more the merrier. For travel events, please advise us of the number of friends attending, so we can make sure to have the number of drivers needed.

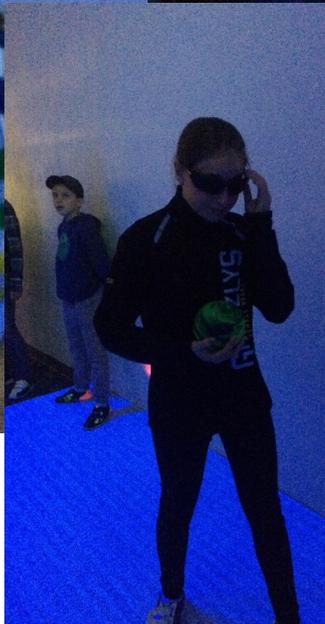
Congregation Members – If you know of Youth who may be interested in attending, please forward them our Newsletters, or contact Wes & Pam Thomas with their contact information. We would be more than happier to contact them with an invite.

Wes and Pam's Contact Information: thomaswpc@gmail.com – e-mail address
(403) 335-2383 – home phone **(403) 586-4111** – Pam's cell phone **(403) 556-0067** – Wes's cell phone

The youth ski trip was a great trip with good snow and very warm weather. We left the Church on time and maximized the hill time. I had to bail on the last two runs but Pam and the three kids got in just shy of 10,000 vertical feet. That is a very ,very large number for new skiers, add that we challenged them to some expert only. Wow they did not care. Pam and I are still in recovery mode. Pam found out that skiing on dirt is not a good idea, so did Hunter, and Parker. No film on them as Sierra and I were in panic mode to stop in time. All had a great laugh and fun all day long.



April 12 we went to Airdrie to glow bowl. Six youth and one youth guest, along with Vicar Josh and Jazmin. Two lanes of five and 12 liters of pop. Lots of fun and some very horrible scores the first round as we tried every possible way to knock down those bowling pins.



May 11 Goat Creek bike ride may change with May 25 Ice Caves. Goat creek is not open yet for bikes, just hiking. This may lead to a switch in order. A backup plan is in place no matter what. It's a go either way. Bring your bikes, helmet, lunch and water. as they will be needed for both events.

June 7—9 is still planned to be our Camp weekend at Buffalo Lake so keep the weekend free.





Redeemer Lutheran Church Didsbury, AB

May 2019

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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5 Bible Study 9:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School	6 Confirmation 3:30pm	7 Exercise / Bible Study 1:30pm	8	9	10	11 Youth Group Ice Caves
12 Holy Communion 3:00pm MOTHER'S DAY 	13 LWML meeting 9:30am Confirmation 3:30pm	14 Christian Women 9:30am Exercise / Bible Study 1:30pm	15 Vicar attending Winkel Meeting	16 LWML 2pm @Chinook Winds, Carstairs Birthday Party	17	18
19 Bible Study 9:30 Worship 10:30 Sunday School Chapel 6pm @ Aspen	20 VICTORIA DAY	21 Chapel 11am @ Unit 1 Exercise / Bible Study 1:30pm	22	23	24 CONVOCATION 7pm @ Bethel Lutheran Church Sherwood Park, AB	25 Youth Group Goat Creek
26 Holy Communion 10:30am Potluck	27 Confirmation 3:30pm	28 Exercise / Bible Study 1:30pm	29	30	31	

Notes

Winkel Schedule – Prince of Peace Calgary, Mark Rekken / Dressler / Mark Lobitz
Next PPC meeting June 2 after worship service