

A man in a red and blue plaid shirt and dark pants is walking away from the camera, carrying a young child on his back. They are in a field of tall grass under a bright, hazy sky, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is warm and affectionate.

Happy
FATHER'S
DAY

God Bless Our Dads!

The Vine
June 2019

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One Service at 10:00 am

Now - September 1 inclusive

(Except July 14 Stampede Breakfast)

(Service at 11:00)

From Pastor Julianne

From the Sacred Valley by Peggy Mahn Part One

You were born for this.

This is our watch. Like it or not, you and I are called to lead the Christian movement forward each in our own unique way even as we are struggling to find the path ourselves.

We are all part of a long line of faithful servants who were often as unsure of themselves as we are. Yet today we find their stories in the Bible and turn to them for support. Think about Abram and Sarai, Moses, Elizabeth and Mary.

The same God who accompanied these amazing people is walking with us right now. In some small way, our lives are part of this story.

The heart moves us to act out of our awareness of God's love. Recognizing that the church is not a building but rather a way of life found in us all is a key paradigm shift. When we wake up to God moving, even the mundane becomes sacred. And when we know we are loved by God, loving others is irresistible. The more we trust in God's love, the more we love.

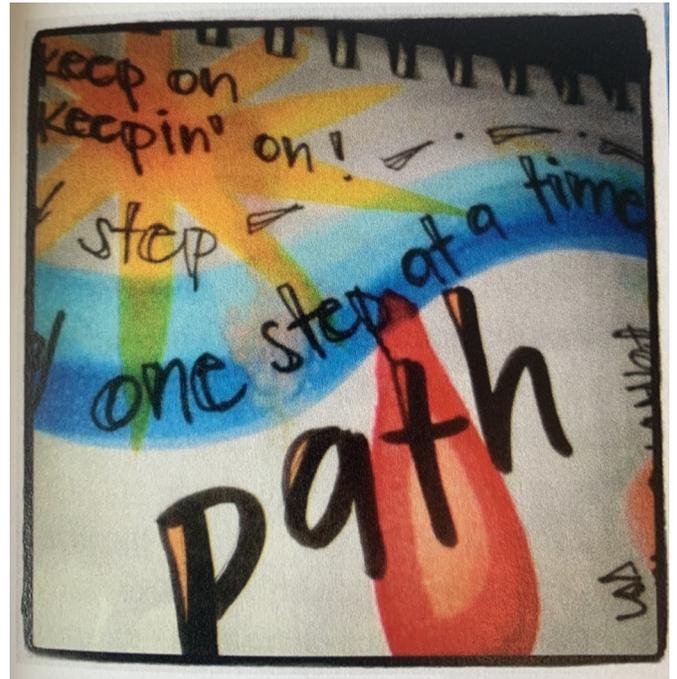
Waking up to our own identity and opening ourselves to God's love and grace moves us to build purposeful community.

In this time of change, there is high risk in maintaining the status quo. Congregational inertia has a bias toward pleasing people. The only way forward is to explore the new world emerging around us.

When we work to align our lives around a shared purpose and clear core values, we sense the alignment in our soul. Our identity becomes clearer, even to ourselves. When this happens in a faith community the congregation becomes transformed.

Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please add this to your daily prayers. Pray also for discernment and wisdom to recognize the journey LCOS will follow to call a new pastor.



Youth & Children's Ministry by Jesse Ramson

As we celebrated another year of family ministry here at LCOS, I found myself overcome with appreciation for the volunteers that make everything possible. We have had so many different people step up throughout the year to supervise, to teach, and to simply be a loving presence in the lives of our children and youth. Their heart for furthering the kingdom of God in the families of this church is indescribably incredible! So, once again, a huge thanks to everyone. You have truly made a difference this past year.

And the opportunities to make a difference don't end in the summer! Right around the corner is our annual VBS, an outreach program that seems to be getting bigger and bigger with each passing year. And as we invite more and more children from our community to join us, we need more volunteers to help us out. The entire week is filled with fantastic moments of having fun, singing songs, experimenting with the truths of the Bible, learning some practical applications of the faith, and providing a safe space to simply share and grow together. Honestly, it is one of the greatest experiences ever, for not only the participants, but also the volunteers. If you don't believe me, make sure to connect with one of our volunteers from last year! If God is calling you to help out in this manner, please come speak to me any time!



Youth 403 Rally on Friday, May 10th at First Alliance Church

LCOS Youth Band



SUN June 9th
11:30 am

**Everyone is
welcome to join
us as we
practice, praise
& worship songs
together.**

The congregation was blessed by the worship leadership of the LCOS Youth Band on May 26. Thanks to all who organized and participated.



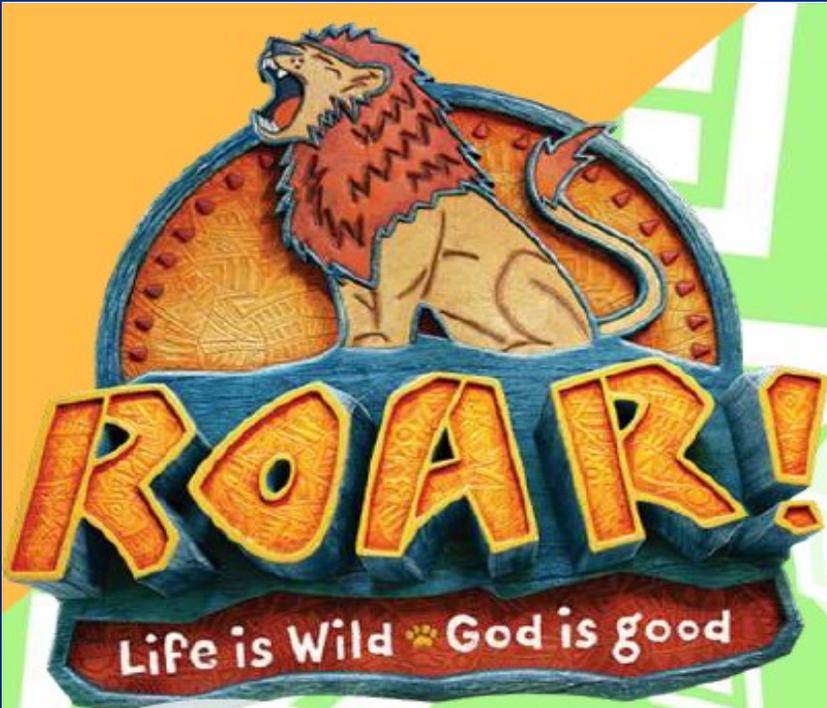
SAT July 13th
10:00 am

**Time to squeeze in
some last minute
preparations for
our Stampede
Breakfast
performance!**

We are excited to announce the LCOS Youth Band will provide "live music" at the Stampede Breakfast. Everyone is welcome.

Vacation Bible School

Register today at vbsfun.ca to ensure your spot for our ROAR VBS! Join us for this Safari exploration, as we discover how when life is wild, God is good! Each day from 9am-12pm, there'll be snacks, games, science experiments, songs, Bible stories, short movies, and so much more! It is sure to be to MANE event this summer!



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summer!

Vacation
Bible School

**Lutheran Church of Our
Saviour**

August 19th – 23rd

8831 Fairmount Drive SE
Ages 3 – entering Grade 5
(Options for Grade 6 + to
volunteer!)

9am-12pm each day

**Register Now at
<https://vbsfun.ca>**



VBS Decorating Sessions

Saturday, June 1 at 7:00 pm

Wednesday July 3 at 6:00 pm

Thursday July 11 at 6:00 pm



Please check out the lists of supplies still needed, located in the foyer.

Stampede Breakfast

Hurry on down to the
Annual LCOS Stampede Breakfast

Sunday, July 14 8:00–10:30 am
Followed by Service at 11:00 am

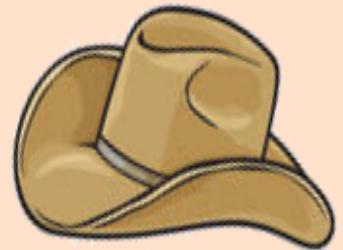


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KIDS CRAFTS

PANCAKES

LIVE MUSIC



Volunteer sign up sheets will be available
in the foyer beginning June 9.

In Mission with El Salvador



"In Mission with El Salvador" / "En Misión con El Salvador"

Synod of Alberta and the Territories, ELCIC

2018 Annual Report

As is to be expected, in this 31st year of ministry in El Salvador, 2018 was another full, intense, and rich year of ministry, on behalf of the ABT Synod's program, "In Mission with El Salvador" / "En Misión con El Salvador."

Unfortunately, early in 2019, my 2018 agenda / appointment book went missing. This is where I had my day-to-day activities recorded. Consequently, this annual report will have less detail than it would otherwise have contained. Perhaps that is for the best.

I continued on as board member of CRISPAZ for my 10th year, beyond the normal limit of 9 years, at the request of the CRISPAZ board. I served as executive secretary for this, my second year, at the request of the board. My "retirement" from CRISPAZ came at the time of our annual meeting in November. It has been a valuable experience of solidarity and service, especially to Salvadorans and to supporters in the USA. We did enjoy yet another visit from a Canadian delegation hosted by CRISPAZ. Luther College in Regina sent a high school delegation of 18 youth and 4 adults for 10 days in February 2018, after missing a couple years. It was an enriching and worthwhile experience for all involved.

2018 was an election year in El Salvador. These elections were municipal and legislative. Again, I served as election observer and assistant through the CIS, along with a diverse team of 70 persons from 12 countries. Again, this was a rewarding way of immersing myself in the Salvadoran population in a variety of election-related settings, along with a small team, and the full team, of CIS volunteers, some here just for the election week, others for several months of planning, coordination, reporting, and evaluation. My contact with these folks is frequent and ongoing. At various points we linked with other election observation teams, such as the ecumenical team, led by Lutherans, and with several Lutheran members, both Salvadoran and international.

IPAZ--Pastoral Initiative for Peace--continued to meet for three hours weekly throughout the year in Bishop Gomez's office. IPAZ planned numerous events, especially press conferences, and responded to numerous requests for assistance in cases requiring dialogue. It suffered some attrition, through the death of two founding members, the imprisonment of a couple regular members, and the loss of interest and distancing of numerous other members. Bishop Gómez attributes such distancing to fear, since the government was becoming more and more threatening in its opposition to dialogue as a way of promoting peace in Salvadoran society, which is the conviction and dedication of IPAZ. Others may see it as a failure of IPAZ to maintain a consistent strategy or to follow through on the numerous ambitious and promising ideas and proposals presented by diverse members of IPAZ.

In Mission with El Salvador (continued)

As prison ministry continued to be an impossibility, especially due to the government's "extraordinary measures," now in their third year, prohibiting members of civilian society from entering prisons, and maintaining the prison population extremely isolated and out of range of communication with the outside world, I linked up with the Lutheran Church's "Pastoral Migrante," (Ministry to Migrants), seeking to respond to the myriad needs of those who have left home or are feeling the need to do so (such as those fleeing to the USA, and those deported from the USA), due to a variety of reasons.

I continued to rework and revise my DMin thesis—"Dialogue as a Faith Response to Social Violence in El Salvador"—throughout the year. It focuses on the faith response of IPAZ and its pursuit of dialogue leading to social peace.

I participated in the AIDS Conference, including the Interfaith Pre-Conference, for a week in July. This bi-annual event was held in Amsterdam this year. There I joined numerous long-time friends and over 20,000 new colleagues. The event met my high expectations, built up over a couple decades of attendance. My primary disappointment is that the event, and its numerous interwoven themes, such as discrimination and exclusion, are of such little interest to most Canadian Lutherans.

I continued to accompany the HIV mutual support group at Rosales Public Hospital, primarily at their bi-monthly three-hour meetings, attended by about 50 persons. These are led by a team of psychologists and social workers at the hospital, who welcome my participation enthusiastically, along with the members.

Not being able to conduct seminars in prisons freed me to accompany the two week-long health brigades in March, conducted by Lutheran teams of about 15 members each from ELCA churches in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. These provided me with welcome immersions into numerous Lutheran church-communities in El Salvador, as well as an opportunity for mutual enrichment with numerous ELCA Lutherans, from youth to seniors, lay members to bishops. They have developed these health-days over the years into smoothly-flowing, effective events of holistic health services (up to 20 different kiosks), faith and social accompaniment, and solidarity.

I had a couple opportunities to preach at Resurrection Lutheran Church, once at the Monday morning staff devotional.

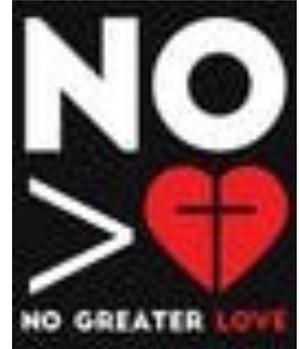
2018 was a good year for contact with numerous ELCIC congregations throughout the ABT Synod.



No Greater Love

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Outdoor Christian Festival Weekend



Saturday, August 10

Sunday, August 11

Line up at gate begins at 9:00 am

11:00 am - 11:00 pm

Bring: Lawn chair, water, sun screen, shoes, socks, warm jacket

Rain or Shine

Cochrane Canadian Southern Baptist Seminary/College

If interested in attending as part of a group please call:

Nancy Hartwell (403) 437-7751

Leave Calgary 7:30 am for arrival by 9:00 am

www.nogreaterlove.ca

Financials

Get on PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) at LCOS

Did you know that you may give to LCOS via pre-authorized remittance one time per month from your bank or credit union chequing account? This program is like any other pre-authorized debit program and is called the PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) program. Debits will be drawn from accounts on the 20th of each month. Whenever the 20th falls on a weekend or holiday, the debits will be drawn on the first business day following the 20th. Donations via the PAR program will be recorded on quarterly statements and year-end tax receipts along with all other giving.

Amounts from PAR can be directed to:

- 1) The LCOS general budget
- 2) Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR)
- 3) Capital Maintenance

You can give additional amounts and to other purposes via your regular donation envelopes.

The minimum amount to give via this program is a total of \$50.00 per month.

You can sign up, make banking or donation amount changes, or withdraw from the program at any time. These changes will be effective the month following the submission of the change. Forms are available to process these changes. The program is administered by the Financial Secretary. Authorization forms are available in the Place of Welcome.

Internet e-transfers & PayPal are also available!

To make a one time or recurring email transfer simply send donations to donate@oursaviourchurch.ca.

Please include either your envelope number or your name and address in the email so that we can give you a proper receipt at the year's end.

The Shoe Project



The Shoe Project

Come listen to immigrant women tell the stories of their arrival in Canada - *through a pair of shoes*. You will hear from women from Tibet/India, Sudan/Eritrea, Iraq, Peru, Iran, Korea and Syria.

I'm blown away. Those women are amazing, their stories bold and brave and filled with humour, love, and all the travails of making their journeys here. I loved the various shoes, the boots, the "slippers". What an outstanding project!
Catherine Mitchell, publisher

Saturday, June 22nd

5:30 – 8:30 pm

Lutheran Church of the Cross

10620 Elbow Drive SW www.churchofthecross.ca

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Shoes accompany us on all our journeys. They say who we are, where we came from and where we are going. Writing their shoe memoirs gives members a voice and helps them be heard in the Canadian mainstream. Now in its sixth year, The Shoe Project was created by novelist Katherine Govier and incubated at the Bata Shoe Museum in Toronto. We are so fortunate to be able to host some of the women that have been involved.

Mural Project

Acadia Portrait Project

The Guiding Mission team is excited to announce that we have received a grant from the Calgary Foundation for a community building, life enhancing mural on our concrete (boring) north parking lot wall this summer. The whole community will be invited to participate from concept to completion starting with the members of LCOS. In the coming weeks we will be looking for feedback on imagery and phrases for the mural. The mural is intended to be a permanent and positive gift that reminds all who pass by of the spirit of Acadia.

How Can I Participate?!

Development phase:

- Look for opportunities in the coming weeks on Sunday mornings to chat with the Guiding Mission Team about what you would like to see. We'll take these ideas and combine them with ideas from other groups in Acadia and blend them into a concept for the mural. The imagery of the mural will be the artist's interpretation of all the feedback that local groups (including but not limited to the congregation of LCOS) have for this community.
- Volunteer with our partner groups to collect their feedback. We will be talking to schools, churches and other groups and could use a helping hand.
- A few limitations on images: No Sexual, sexist, racist, obscene, or offensive images. If we wish to include religious images then it must be ecumenical in nature. Other than that we can be as bold, funny, thoughtful, clever or quirky as we wish.

Party Planning & Wall Preparation:

- Help us plan a party for 600 or so of your closest Acadia friends and family
- There will be food and games as we incorporate the paint day into an all day event for people of all ages
- Good old manual labour as we prep the wall for the paint day

Painting and Hosting Duties:

- Join us August 10th or August 17th (in case of rain) to paint
- If painting is not your thing help out with hosting the community in other ways

For more details on this project, Guiding Mission or to volunteer on this or other experiments, please contact The Guiding Mission team directly:

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Bishop's Message by Bishop Larry Kochendorfer

Dear Beloved of God –

We have gathered at the rural church. Many have journeyed for several hours to be present and to participate in the service of ordination and installation. Once the worship begins and the procession has landed me near the altar, I look out over those whom the Spirit has assembled: farmers, council and call committee members, several children and a handful of youth, family and friends, and seminary professors and staff and colleagues.

It seems as if even the sounds of the building are part of a sacred conversation between congregation, God and the one to be ordained and installed. A yellowed fluorescent light hums its way through the service. The microphone on the lectern squeals when the reader gets too close. The air from the furnace whooshes into the sanctuary causing the banners to wave.

Those to be ordained and installed will spend their years baptizing babies, helping to deliver calves in the middle of the night, burying husbands who died too soon, negotiating debates about how to pay for the new church roof...and then every Sunday, they will stand in the pulpit and try to make holy sense of it all.

Mid-March I prepared this article, originally for the June *Canada Lutheran*, while basking in the glow of participating in the final evaluation of candidates for rostered ministry. It is my favorite time of year, spent reviewing written examination materials and candidate dossiers and participating in the colloquy (the examination interview).

The final evaluation is a time to review and inquire in depth into the candidate's readiness for rostered ministry, and to determine that the candidate meets the requirements established by the National Church.

The examining committee, comprised of capable, insightful, experienced and compassionate members, considers the following determinants of readiness: theological and academic competence, spirituality and faith commitment, personal integrity and leadership abilities, and call to ministry and ministry gifts.

It is my favorite time of year, for I have walked with the candidates together with the synod candidacy committee, and the seminary, and the internship placement supervisor and congregation, and family and friends and seminary classmates to this point of final evaluation.

And truly, marvelously, wonderfully I have seen God at work in the life of each candidate.

And now, the procession has landed me near the altar where I preside at the service of ordination and the area dean presides over the installation.

The plan of the newly ordained and installed is no strategic plan for "turning this church around." No, their only ambition—their call—is to be next in a long line of faithful pastors serving with and among this congregation seeking to join God in God's mission of reconciliation and restoration.

With the service over and the obligatory pictures taken, we make our way to the community hall for a potluck dinner. Everyone plops into metal folding chairs and eats, laughs and gossips. Tables are filled with casseroles, salads and a multitude of homemade desserts. Children squeal as they chase each other around the room and out the doors of the hall.

Bishop's Message (continued)

I overhear a story about snow tires. They could be discussing their anxieties about the future of family farms, the economy or “just where is this country heading?” But there is none of that on this day. Even the small talk has a lilt to it.

I understand why, when their new pastor enters the room, many are simply there to extend a warm welcome. One after another they get up from the tables, wipe their hands and approach the pastor for a handshake or a hug. Many have tears in their eyes.

This is a eucharistic feast. A new pastor has come. To the congregation it is a sign that God knows how to find them. The holiness of the room is so apparent that I almost take off my shoes. No one wants to leave—certainly not me, and certainly not the new pastor.

This is my glimpse into a mystery about our church that is hidden from the statistics and anxiety about its decline.

I have no idea what hardships lie ahead for this congregation, or how long it will even exist. But I know that its people are filled with expectancy. In their midst is another highly capable pastor who is prepared to bring thousands of years of theological hope to bear on their community—a pastor who finds holiness by sitting in a community hall swapping stories about snow tires, and who every Sunday will stand in the pulpit and try to make holy sense of all of it.

In Christ Jesus – Shalom,
+Bishop Larry Kochendorfer

“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.”

Drop In Dwelling

“Drop in Dwelling” (Exploring God’s Word together)

During the summer months (June, July, August) we are gathering for **“Drop in Dwelling”** on Wednesday nights. Come when you can, as often as you want.

We will meet in room A/B at for an hour starting at 7:00 pm. Each evening will be different; a new scripture reading, rotating leaders, a mixed group of participants, and unique conversations.

The focus of each gathering is to explore what makes us wonder, what surprises or annoys us from the text and sharing it with the group. Everyone welcome.

Dwelling in the Word is a practice that may be used to help in communal discernment.

It is: An intentional practice...hopefully, a habit.

It involves:

- Reflection
- Deep listening to one another AND to God’s Word
- Patience
- Faith...that God will be revealed and the The Holy Spirit will guide us

(from the ELCA website - <https://www.elca.org/Future-Directions/The-Process/Dwelling> May 28, 2019)

June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 6:30 Breakfast at the Seed 8:30 50 Plus Exercise Class 7:00 VBS Decorating
2 Communion New Member Sunday 10:00 Service	3 1:00 Memory Plus 6:30 Today's Pilgrims Wind up 7:00 Al-anon	4 1:00 Games Group	5 9:30 Experiencing God 10:00 Staff Meeting 11:00 Acadia Lunch 7:00 Al-anon 7:00 Drop In Dwelling	6	7	8 8:30 50 Plus Exercise Class
9 Sandwich Sunday 10:00 Service 11:30 Youth Band Practice	10 1:00 Memory Plus 7:00 Fireside	11	12 9:30 Experiencing God 10:00 Staff Meeting 11:00 Acadia Lunch 7:00 Al-anon 7:00 Drop In Dwelling	13	14	15 8:30 50 Plus Exercise Class
16 Communion 10:00 Worship Service	17 1:00 Memory Plus	18 1:00 Games Group 7:00 Board Meeting	19 9:00 Staff Meeting 9:30 Experiencing God 10:00 Southwood Service 11:00 Acadia Lunch 7:00 Al-anon 7:00 Drop In Dwelling	20 7:15 Flock Care	21	22 8:30 50 Plus Exercise Class
23 Ice Cream Sunday 10:00 Worship Service	24 5:30 Board & Call Committee	25 7:00 Board & Call Committee	26 9:30 Experiencing God 10:00 Staff Meeting 11:00 Acadia Lunch 7:00 Al-anon 7:00 Drop In Dwelling 8:30 Al-Anon Book Club	27	28	29 8:30 50 Plus Exercise Class
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