



From The President's Pen...

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! May all you dear brothers and sisters in the Church of the Lutheran Brethren Canada live every day in the blessings of Jesus' resurrection and the hope it gives!

It is with joy and humility that I thank you for the opportunity you've given me to be president of the CLBC. Thank you to Pastor Jon Overland for the many years he devoted to this role along with being pastor of Grace Lutheran in Okotoks. I invite you to pray for the work ahead as we move together to share the Good News of Jesus Christ on the prairies and beyond.

I really want to focus on four areas in the months and years ahead:

1. Church health
 - a. Work to fill the pulpits of our churches with called and equipped pastors who've been trained by our seminary, in person and online, to lead the Church into the future.
 - b. Camps and retreats aimed at strengthening our pastoral families with good theology and solid pastoral care, while also giving a chance to relax.
2. Church planting
 - a. Create Gospel-centred communities in Regina and Red Deer to greater fruitfulness, making efficient use of the resources we invest and laying a solid foundation for future growth.
 - b. Explore possibilities for future planting efforts as God leads. Has God led believers of CLB background into key places already? Join the 10:02 prayer movement (Luke 10:2)
3. Church relations
 - a. There are many Biblically based Lutheran groups in Canada that are similar to the CLBC. How can we encourage one another in our ministries for the sake of the Gospel?
 - b. Are there ways that we can cooperate with other brothers and sisters in Christ while still maintaining our wonderful distinctives that make us the CLBC?
4. Resources for Church life and ministry
 - a. Develop further ways to share pastoral resources from pastor to pastor and church to church to enhance preaching and teaching in our congregations.
 - b. Find avenues to share encouraging ministry resources for individuals, couples, and families of every age level so that the Body of Christ might be built up and renewed after these hard and unusual days called "Covid!"

God bless you as you join the family of faith at your CLBC congregation in building bridges of kindness to your friends and neighbours during the summer ahead. Enjoy the journey... Pastor Harold.

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Women's Ministry!

My name is Rachel Sonnenberg and this will be my first year taking over the role for coordinating the Women's Ministry for the CLBC. I'm married to Matt (who is the Pastor at Grace Lutheran Brethren Church in Okotoks) and we have 3 daughters Edith (6), Greta (4), and Linnea (almost 2). Although I have a Master's degree in Marriage & Family Therapy and Community Counselling, I currently am a stay-at-home Mama and teacher of our "Sunny Mountain Home-School." Women's Ministry has always been a part of my adult journey and I'm humbled, and excited about getting to play a role in serving our church body in helping to coordinate women's ministry. I am passionate about coming alongside other women in helping them understand that Jesus' life, death and resurrection is for them now in the mess and darkness of their sin; "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8), women don't have to do or be anything else to have access to the grace in Christ that was lovingly given for them. Two areas of the Women's Ministry I think are important (1) making sure as women we're in the Word. (2) Fellowship, connections, mentoring and discipleship. And (3) I'm also very passionate about women embracing their God given femininity, and to take joy in the fact that God made them women who play a beautiful role this side of eternity. This year we had a Women's Lunch during the 2022 AGM at a local restaurant which was a wonderful time for fellowship. We are also going to try a women's fellowship time at the CLBC Family Camp 2022. And the Pastor Wives Retreat is scheduled to take place October 27-29 2022 at Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park. There are not currently any other events scheduled but If we add a women's event, we will be sure to let you know as soon as we can! Thank you so much for allowing me the privilege to serve alongside our women in the days ahead. I am hopeful we can find creative ways to gather and encourage one another together as women of the CLBC more often. "He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing" 1 Thessalonians 5:11. If you have thoughts, ideas, questions, or are already involved in women's ministry at your church feel free to get in touch with me!

Blessings in Christ,

Rachel Sonnenberg



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News From Christ Alone Lutheran Brethren Church, Birch Hills, SK



Pastor Clint and Heather Knutson

The first thing I should comment on, because it is long overdue, is that Birch Hills Community Church went through a name change, a year or two ago. We are now Christ Alone Lutheran Brethren. It coincided with several changes that have occurred for us. We were given the Lutheran Church building in Birch Hills; we also sold the Youth Centre. During those changes we decided to change our name to better reflect our identity and theology, and to distinguish us in our new situation. As a result, we settled on Christ Alone LB.

I have accepted a call to our Lutheran Brethren Seminary as professor of systematic theology. It is obviously a big change for us, and requires a big move, so as you think of it, please pray for our family. I begin that position in August 2022, with a light teaching load as I finish my PhD work. I enter that position humbled by the opportunity, but also encouraged to grow in, and pass on, the gifts we have received in God's word.

To accept that call was hard. Christ Alone LB and Saron Lutheran were my first call. I have served them seven years. A lot happens in seven years, yet it also feels like it has been a blur. I can't thank the churches enough. I pray for the new minister, whoever God calls, and I know he will be blessed serving here. One of the better gifts I have been given by these churches is the chance to go to school while serving. I have been in school five of the seven years I have served here. That is no small sacrifice on their part, and again I can't thank them enough. Please also pray for the call committee as they search for their next pastor.

The CLBC was not the church I was raised in, but it very quickly became my church home. As I think of my years in the CLBC, and the years ahead, I am reminded of the words in Hebrews, "Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful" (Hebrews 10:23). Pastor Clint Knutson

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Budget Update

Received as of
April 30, 2022

Budget 2022

	Received as of April 30, 2022	Budget 2022
General Ministries	16,782.34	55,000.00
World Missions	15,627.36	40,000.00
Missions in Canada	54,721.97	150,000.00
L.B. Seminary	7,683.80	15,000.00
Youth Ministries	2,891.00	7,000.00
Scholarships	125.00	11,000.00
Bible Camp	0.00	1,000.00
Sub Total	97,831.47	279,000.00
Chad Well Project	400.00	

Total	98,231.47
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Please consider how you might contribute so we can meet our budget commitments. Give through your local congregation, online at www.lbcanda.org

Thank you for your faithful, sacrificial, and vital giving!



2022 Biennial Convention
DISCIPLE-MAKING CHURCH
Fergus Falls, MN
June 11-14
www.CLBA.org/BC22

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Let's Go Camping Together!!



These kids are thumbs up for the **2022 CLBC Family Camping Event!!**

It happens June 29-July 3 at Deer Valley Meadows Camp near Alix, AB! There's something for EVERYONE, including a Kid's Adventure program and a special component just for YOUTH! Registration information has been sent to every church or check the website www.lbcanda.org See you there!!

Edwin Rundbraaten and Pastor Jonathan Overland Honoured at Annual Convention

Edwin Rundbraaten was honoured at the 2022 CLBC Annual Convention for his service to the Lord and the CLBC as Treasurer for over 45 years! And Pastor Jonathan Overland was honoured for serving 14 years as President of the CLBC and all-together for over thirty five years on various boards of the CLBC including the Board of Directors! We thank you, men, for your faithful service to Lord and his Church! "Your labour in the Lord is not in vain!" 1 Cor. 15:58. Edwin Rundbraaten announced his intention to step down as Treasurer this year, but a successor was not able to be found so he consented to serve for one more year. IF YOU or someone you know has gifts and abilities in finance and accounting, please contact one of the BoD members.

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Peace Lutheran Calgary to Celebrate 45 Years!

You are cordially invited to join the Peace Lutheran congregation as it celebrates 45 years of ministry in south Calgary. The celebration is planned in conjunction with the congregation's annual fall supper on Saturday, November 5th with a special worship service planned for Sunday, November 6th! More information to come!

2022 CLBC Annual Convention

Many members of the CLBC family gathered at Resurrection LB Church in Camrose on the weekend of April 8-10 for the CLBC Annual Convention. A beautiful time of worship, fellowship and business was enjoyed by all! Our speaker was Pastor Clint Knutson. The theme was "The Body of Christ: 1st Corinthians Speaks to Our Digital Age." The convention began with a worship service on Friday evening. On Saturday, two morning teaching times were followed by the annual general meeting in the afternoon. Among other business, Pastor Harold Rust was elected as the new President of the CLBC! After the meeting, Dr. David Veum, President of LB Seminary, led the delegation in a brief installation service for those newly elected to positions of leadership in the CLBC. Throughout the weekend we received encouraging reports and prayer requests from each of our churches. We joyfully acknowledged the new constitution of Grace and Truth Lutheran Brethren Church, Calgary which was recently approved by the Theological Council of the CLBA. We also rejoiced in the growth reported in our two church plants: The River in Red Deer and Isaiah Fellowship in Regina! Continue to pray for these new congregations! On Saturday evening a delicious banquet was enjoyed by all and a greeting and message were brought by Dr. Veum. The convention concluded on Sunday morning with worship together with the Resurrection congregation. Thanks to Resurrection LB for a beautiful job hosting the convention! Plan on attending next year's annual convention! You'll love it! Date and location are yet to be decided.

CLBC YOUTH!

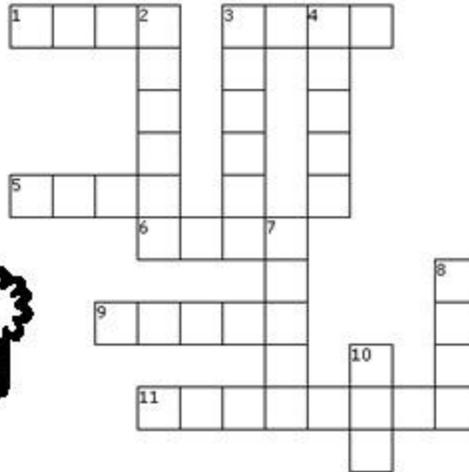
End of Summer Youth Retreat!

Mark your calendars for August 31-September 3!

Contact your Youth Leader for more info or CLBC Youth Director Ryan Dittmann rdittmann@outlook.com

The Good Shepherd

John 10:11-18 (NIV)



ACROSS

1. Wild animal that looks like a dog and hunts in packs
3. The period from birth to death
5. A strong feeling of affection
6. Goes faster than walking
9. What we use to speak
11. One who takes care of the sheep

DOWN

2. The male parent
3. To hear or pay attention to something
4. A group of sheep herded together
7. Woolly animals which are similar to goats
8. The opposite of bad
10. A small place where animals are kept

Words Used

good	sheep	runs	listen
shepherd	wolf	father	pen
life	flock	voice	love