

Lakeview United Church News

Summer Edition!

JUNE 2010



When: July 19 - 23

Time: 9 AM - 4 PM

Theme: "Great Stories of the Bible"

(before and after care available)

Cost: \$100/first child, \$80/sibling(s)

(Subsidies available)

**Registration: please contact
Church Office**

Lakeview Summer Day Camp will have many games, crafts and activities for all children of elementary school age. We will spend the week exploring different Bible stories - Noah's Ark, Jonah and the Whale, Advent (nobody really gets enough Advent do they?!), the Good Samaritan and one mystery story. We will take advantage of the different parks and playgrounds around the church as well as spend a day enjoying North Glenmore Park. Children just need to bring their sun screen, a hat, their water bottle and a lunch and be ready to have fun! We need people to register soon so we know make arrangements for volunteers. Registration forms are available in the Narthex or on the church website. Hope to see you in July!

OUTREACH NEWS

SOON, SOON, SOON

Blood Donor Clinic at Here at LUC & organized by the Outreach Committee date to follow.

Also: Do you know, that through Outreach, your donations have supported the following programs: Brown Bagging for Kids, The Calgary Interfaith Food Bank, The Drop In and Rehab Center, Hospice Calgary, Camp Kasota, The Mustard Seed Ministry, Naramata Center and The Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter?

Co-ordinator required for ushers, greeters and Readers...if you could be this person please call the office! 403-242-5760



Special Thanks:

We are blessed with many volunteers! Today we want to acknowledge and thank:

- *Our JNAC Committee of: Chair Sarah Smith, Hank Klassen, Karen Shippey-Heilman, Rick Anderson, David Thompson, Pat Shier and Joan Robertson*
- *LUC Ladies for their help with garden party and Sherry Kovats for helping with the flowers*
- *Sherry Kovats for the beautiful fresh flowers for sanctuary worship*
- *Don Linton and family and Doug Jamieson for trimming our overhanging tree*
- *Judy Klassen taking care of the garden area*
- *Gwen Jamieson, Daryl and Leslie Sedor for Cleaning up the Church school supplies*
- *Diane for helping to edit the newsletter!*

And anyone else we may have overlooked who helps make our church family run smoothly!

LAKEVIEW UNITED CHURCH NEWS

Greetings from your Board .

Well we were expecting spring to be upon us by this time; Maybe in the next weeks!
We can at least be thankful for the robins return, They at least give us hope.

With spring brings change and new beginnings. We welcome Vicki McPhee, our part time Children and Youth Ministry enthusiast.

Thank you to the communication committee for having the new banner erected. There have been some valuable suggestions on how the banner can be enhanced.

Our sincere gratitude goes to our Lakeview JANAC Committee and our Presbytery representatives Joan Robertson and Pat Shier for their excellent job on the excellent document that they prepared for the congregation to take under consideration for action.

I would like to extend a debt of gratitude to all the volunteers who made the annual garage sale the great success that it was. I don't know who has more fun, those who set up, those who sell or those who do cleanup. I know that all of our customers always enjoy themselves and the deals that they get.

A great big thank you to the staff of Lakeview who always go above and beyond to make us all look good.

As we get ready for the summer ahead enjoy the sun and safe journeys to all.

Peace and blessings to all.

Daryl Sedor
on behalf of your
official Board.

DID YOU KNOW?????

Do you know, that when youth have been confirmed at Lakeview United Church It is considered a step towards adulthood and all the responsibilities and benefits that come with it. Once a youth makes the decision to become confirmed they are no longer under their parents' membership, and are assigned a membership number of their own, as well as the option of contributing financially at any level on their own for their own tax receipts. They also receive their own mail outs, something many parents call in about, concerned about the multiple mailings to one address. In sending each member their own correspondence the aim is to let them know we value them as an individual member of our church family, and take their spiritual maturity seriously.



*With open hands
and hearts.....
Lakeview United
Church gives to oth-
ers not as fortunate.*

Upcoming Services:

June 20 Father's Day Hot Dog BBQ and Dessert After Service

June 27 The Sacrament of Christian Baptism

Upcoming Events:

June 18-20 Women's Retreat (see details below)

June 17-22 Rev. Diane is leading workshops at More Franchises In Toronto

July 19-23 LUC Summer Day Camp

July 5 start date of Pedal Head Bike camps held at LUC

July 2 to August 17 Diane is on vacation.

Ongoing activities: LUC sponsors a variety of self help groups, such as AA, Alanon, Gamblers Anonymous, PACT (parents and Children Together) TOPS (take off pounds sensibly) as well as Scouting and Brownie troupes for this community. We also rent our facilities to a variety of other charitable groups and non-profit organizations. If you have questions about when any of our sponsored groups meet, or about renting our Upper or Lower halls or meeting rooms, please feel free to call the office and inquire, we are more than happy to help you or answer any questions you might have.

Bridge club meets in the Upper Hall each Wednesday at noon, everyone is welcome; call for details!

Women's Retreat

"Storycatchers" June 18- 20 at King's Fold Retreat Center \$245.

Program leaders Gerry Scharff and Kelley Warner share a passion for storytelling and connecting stories to life, and they bring a sense of joy and laughter as they help us discover how our stories connect us.

Contact Barb Foster 403-242 8620 for more details.

LUC LADIES

The LUC ladies continue to be an important part of our church family, always busy with their projects and helping out where they can. In May, they provided and hosted our "Garden Party" which raised funds to support buying flowers and maintenance needs for our garden.

With their help, our little part made us \$285 and paid for all the beautiful flowers you see in our planters.

Thank you to our own "Flower" Viola, for always being there to help organize the LUC ladies!

LUC Prayer Shawl Ministry

If you wish to knit a prayer shawl, call Gwen Jamieson (403-249-5655).

If you know someone who could benefit from receiving a prayer shawl, call our minister Diane (403-242-5760) or our Pastoral Care chair Sue Spratt (403-242-7156) To date, we have given out Seven shawls and have more ready to go. Please let us know if you think there is someone who could benefit from this ministry.

Minister's Message By Reverend Diane Strickland

***and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.....
Hebrews 12:1***

Phewwww! June!

In September we hit the ground hard, running a ministry relay that only slowed between baton passes. I had a backlog of pastoral connections to renew. Our JNAC was late off the starting blocks but finished with a best-ever time. The Faith Formation committee, under the passionate leadership of Brenda Ball ran the week to week race of creating a Sunday ministry for unpredictable numbers. We were close to hitting the wall in winter, but we made it to Easter and Easter did not fail us. An Easter second wind arrived when Vicki McPhee found us!

So here we are in June with an extraordinary group of junior high age participants who are bonding with Vicki, our new 10-12 hour a week contract staff person. Lay person Barb Spence is offering herself to Sunday children's ministry so that Vicki can use her hours to work on summer camp and re-connect with former participants and young families at LUC, as well as develop the junior high group on Sunday while Barb ministers with younger children.

It's been a real race since September—and I am grateful for the patience and flexibility of our congregation as we worked through challenges with new approaches, while keeping some traditions intact. I am grateful to the LUC ministry and service groups who took their turn running the baton and keeping us on track. I am grateful for Brenda's leadership and everyone who gave themselves to our Sunday ministry with children and young people. I am grateful for Vicki who arrived when our Faith Formation Committee was a little frayed around the edges. I am grateful to the Board for their support. I am grateful to Jesus whose ministry we have. We made it, folks. And yes, while I'm grateful for many gifts of unexpected grace—I'm also grateful it's June!

Have a wonderful, safe, and renewing summer. Join me in taking time to rest in God who is faithful and whose love is new every morning. Here at LUC, don't forget we have a summer day camp running July 19-23. My summer preaching cycle will focus on stories of Elijah, and I will be using the annotated reading/reflecting style that many have requested. We are also planning great programs for the next September to June ministry cycle under the theme ***Shine Spirit, Shine: Growing our Spirituality Together.***

Is the race over? Not by a long shot. I believe we came through the fire this year because we will be "on fire" in our ministry ahead. We are building a bigger and stronger relay team, because we are not finished running the race that is set before us. So break in your new running shoes this summer. And be prepared to wear them this fall. With God and each other, life-changing ministry happens!

with much affection,
Rev. Diane.

Our next newsletter will be in August. Please check the website regularly for current news.

Save a tree: We will email your next newsletter if you give us your email address. Help us save the costs of copying and stamps, and save trees. Please call the LUC office 403-242-5760.