



FAITH COUNTRY SHARED MINISTRY

~ July 2018 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Canada Day No Worship Service Today	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 No Worship Service Today	9 Nunavut Day	10	11	12	13	14
15 No Worship Service Today	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 No Worship Service Today	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 No Worship Service Today	30 International Friendship Day	31	Notes:			



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~ August 2018 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 No Worship Service Today	6 Civic Holiday	7	8	9	10	11
12 9:15 Eucharist Service - St. John's 11:15 Communion Service - Hope	13 International Left-Handers Day	14	15 National Acadian Day	16	17	18
19 10:30 Trinity Song Service	20 Discovery Day (Yukon)	21	22	23	24	25
26 9:15 Morning Prayer - St. John's 11:15 Communion Service - Hope	27	28	29	30	31	Notes:



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May 2018 Message for Congregations and Lay and Rostered Leaders

Dear Beloved of God –

Soon we will gather in Convention in Camrose – UofA Augustana Campus – June 14-16, 2018 under the theme based on I Cor. 13:13, “Faith, Hope, Love: and the greatest of these is love.” I am appreciative of the work of Wendy Christensen-Grosfield who has again been contracted to serve as Convention Manager. Our Convention Chaplain will be The Rev. Jeff Decelle (Unity Lutheran, Medicine Hat).

Convention highlights will include three keynote presentations and opportunities for conversation facilitated by The Rev. Dr. Anna Madsen (omgcenter.com/about/). We are planning to video Anna’s presentations which will be made available following Convention.

We will also welcome and hear from our National Bishop Susan Johnson, four guests from The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia (IELCO): Bishop Atahualpa Hernández Miranda and his wife, Rev. Angélica Bernate Rojas, along with Rev. Diana Carolina Londoño Espinosa and her husband, Óscar Ricardo Niño Durán and ELCA Global Mission Staff, Manager for Relationships, Latin America and the Caribbean, Paulina Dasse, The Rev. Dr. Brian Rude, En Mision Con El Salvador: In Mission with El Salvador, the Lutheran Theological Seminary President, The Rev. Dr. Bill Harrison, CLWR, and LCBI.

Convention actions will include a second reading of our Synod Constitution and decision-making related to our Synod By-Laws. Elections for Synod Bishop, Synod Secretary, several Synod Council Positions, Rostered Minister to the Lutheran Theological Seminary Board of Governors, and Delegates to the 2019 ELCIC National Convention.

I invite your prayers as final preparations are made for the Synod Convention: for Wendy Christensen-Grosfield, for our Convention Chaplain and those preparing for worship; for Anna Madsen as she finalizes her keynote presentations; and for our guests as they journey to be with us. As we gather please be in prayer for each of the elections which will be taking place. In Christ Jesus – Shalom,

+Bishop Larry Kochendorfer

Shared Ministry?

by Rick Laurendeau

My memory is getting a little fuzzy but I think we have been operating collectively as the “Faith Country Shared Ministry”(FCSM) for approximately five years now. (It’s hard to believe how quickly time slides by sometimes.)

But it occurs to me that some of us might wonder what a “Shared Ministry” actually is. So I thought I’d take a few minutes in this edition of the “Chronicle” to discuss it and maybe, in the process, sort out a bit of the mystery.

Well, to begin with, the term “Shared Ministry” is a relatively new term that has come into use within the past couple of decades or so. As time has gone by, more and more situations such as ours, where two or more denominations have banded together to serve a worshipping community. In a way it’s an unfortunate situation because what it really has grown out of is that congregations have grown smaller rather than the other way around and are no longer able to exist on their own as they had before. But in another way it’s an exciting opportunity for us to learn how our neighbours worship God. Our situation is an excellent example of both situations.

On the other hand, if I had my way, I’d like to call every parish in all the churches in the entire world a “shared ministry”. And not because they may or may not blend more than one denomination.

Rather, I believe we are and should be a “shared ministry” because that is precisely what we need to do. We should all “share in the ministry”. In other words we should all share in the mission of the church.

Now, don’t get me wrong. I’m not suggesting that we should all become pastors. Not everyone is called to be a pastor. Not everyone likes to lead worship or lead a Bible study or preach a sermon. Nor is everyone inclined to perform a pastoral visitation role. Instead, you might be good at music (heaven knows I’m not!) or something else. But you can still “share in ministry” in other ways. My point is that the mission of the church belongs to more than just one person. It is, and should be, everyone’s challenge and opportunity.

One of the best ways we can “share in ministry” is to help each other out by sharing what’s going on in our respective community. Our version of a “Shared Ministry” covers a large geographical area (at the very least three separate municipalities) and lots of things happen one community that don’t happen in another. Events take place, things happen in one place that might affect the people in another. It’s really important for us to share that information with the other folks in the FCSM that they may not be aware of. In particular, it’s really important for us to share news about people; especially the people that are part of the FCSM.

Now, I’m not suggesting that we gossip about others. Heaven forbid. But by all means if you know of someone who has had something exciting or tragic happen in their lives; for example they celebrate a special birthday or wedding anniversary or maybe they are sick or in hospital or worse yet have lost a loved one, by all means please share that information; particularly with Pastor Rick. It’s important for us to respect the privacy of others but it’s also very important for us to keep up the relationships with each other that are such a big part of our FCSM community. And sharing our concern for one another and loving one another is by far the best way to do exactly that.

This is the last edition of the “Chronicle” before the summer so I hope you have a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing you all again in September.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 May Day	2	3	4 6:00 St. John's Rummage, Bake & Hot Dog Sale	5 St. John's Rummage, Bake & Hot Dog Sale
6 10:30 Trinity Communion Service	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Mother's Day 9:15 Eucharist Service - St. John's 11:15 Communion Service Hope	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 10:30 Trinity Song Service	21 Victoria Day	22	23	24	25	26
27 9:15 Morning Prayer - St. John's 11:15 Communion Service - Hope	28	29	30	31	Notes:	



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~ June 2018 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 10:30 Trinity Communion Service	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 9:15 Eucharist Service - St. John's 11:15 Communion Service Hope	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 Father's Day 10:30 Trinity Song Service - Annual Picnic	18 International Picnic Day	19	20	21 National Aboriginal Day	22	23
24 9:15 Morning Prayer - St. John's 11:15 Communion Service - Hope 1:00 Hope Council Meeting	25 Discovery Day (Newfoundland and Labrador)	26	27	28	29	30

Summer Worship Schedule

- There won't be any worship services anywhere from July 1 thru and including August 5.
- Regular worship schedule will resume at Hope and St. John's on August 12.
- Regular worship schedule will resume at Trinity on August 19.