



Annual Report

LAKEVIEW UNITED CHURCH

JULY 1, 2018 – JUNE 30, 2019

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In Memoriam
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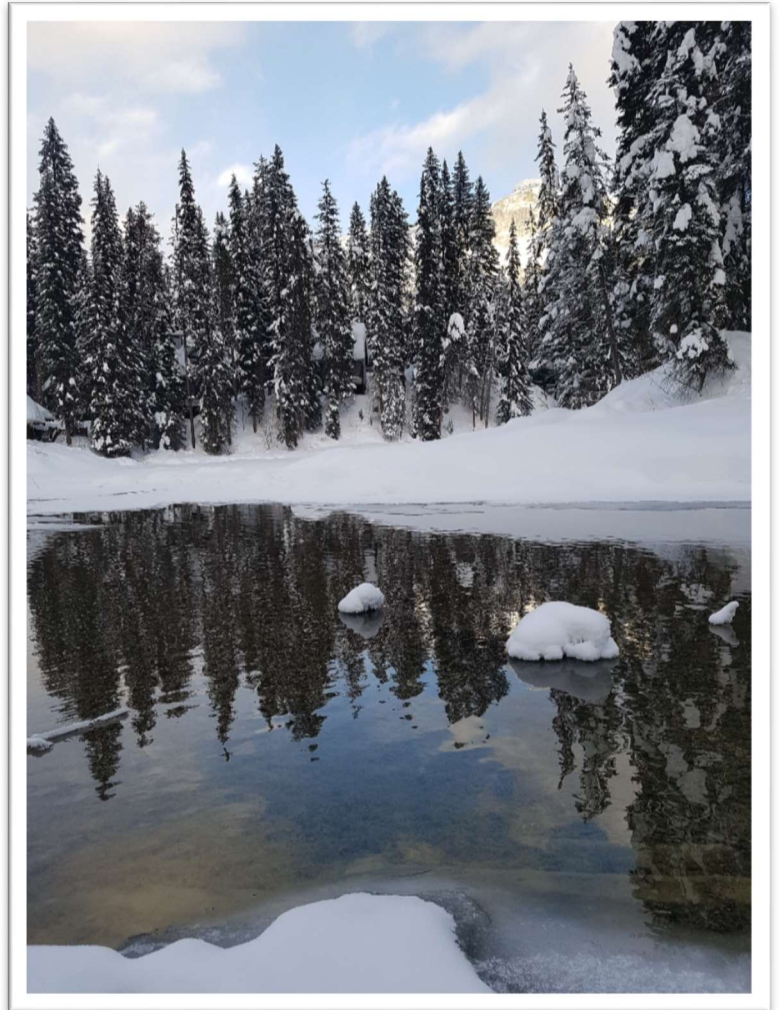
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Annual General Meeting Minutes

May 27th 2018

The annual general congregational meeting of Lakeview United Church was held at the Church on Sunday, May 27, 2018, following morning worship.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Hank Klassen called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

2. OPENING PRAYER AND MINUTE OF SILENCE

An Opening Prayer was offered by Minister Emeritus, Gerry Scharff. An In Memorium was offered for Laura Jean (Midge) Gilschrist, Doreen Newby, and Eleanor McCann who died in this past year.

3. MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND SECRETARY

Motion to appoint Hank Klassen chair for this AGM was made by Ron Gillean, seconded by Daryl Sedor. *Carried.*

Motion to appoint Peter Prest secretary for this AGM was made by Craig Cheffins and seconded by Fiona Hayes. *Carried.*

4. MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Barb Spence and seconded by Louise Poudrette. *Carried.*

Note: In Rev. Jope Langejan's absence, we will substitute Gerry Scharff's name where it appears in the agenda.

5. ADHERENTS AND QUORUM CONFIRMATION

Hank Klassen explained that by United Church requirements, adherents who contribute regularly to the support of the congregation will be granted voting privileges at this AGM. He also informed the meeting that the necessary quorum to hold this meeting was present. Voting would be show of hands.

6. MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF AGM MINUTES OF MAY 28, 2017

Moved BY Doug Jamieson and seconded by Fiona Hayes that we accept the minutes of the 2017 as printed. *Carried.*

7. APPROVE ANNUAL REPORT AS CHANGED

Daryl Sedor asked that a change on page 18 be made from “The total from folks donating over \$600.00” to “over \$800.00”.

Louise Poudrette moved and Daryl Sedor seconded that the Annual Report as changed be accepted. *Carried.*

8. MOTION: HONORARIUM FOR TREASURER AND CHAIR OF COUNCIL

Fiona Hayes made a motion, seconded by Shelly Logan Gordanier, that the positions of Treasurer and Chair receive an honorarium, given the extra workload involved in those positions. The amounts of the honoraria would be set by the Council. *Carried.*

9. SLATE OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

The standing members of Council are as follows:

Daryl Sedor – Presbytery Representative and Affirming Congregation Representative

Sue Spratt – Fellowship and Caring Representative

Leslie Sedor – Reaching Out Representative

In addition, Carolyn Bosch let her name stand for Secretary for one year.

Motion to accept this slate of Council was made by Fiona Hayes and seconded by Daryl Sedor. *Carried.*

Motion that current Council be allowed to seek members to fill open positions was made by Fiona Hayes and seconded by Murray Rose. *Carried.*

10. RECOGNITION OF FAITHFUL SERVICE

Fiona Hayes requested a recognition of faithful service be given to those serving on the Council. AGM members provided a round of applause.

11. MOTION FROM THE FLOOR RE: COMBINING AGM AND ANNUAL FINANCE MEETING

Don Linton moved and Fiona Hayes seconded that a combined meeting of the AGM and AFM be held in the first quarter of the calendar year. *Defeated.*

An amendment was made by Nancy Rose, seconded by Julie Prest to table this motion until next year. *Defeated.*

Motion by Daryl Sedor, seconded by Heather Mayers that Council investigate the feasibility of the previous motion. **Carried.**

12. THANK YOU TO OUR STAFF

A thank you to our staff was proposed by Fiona Hayes. Accepted with applause.

13. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Move to adjourn was made by Daryl Sedor. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

14. CLOSING PRAYER

Minister Emeritus, Gerry Scharff, provided our Closing Prayer.

Hank Klassen, Chair

Peter Prest, Secretary



Lakeview Council Report (the year at a glance in no particular order)

We have rented space to Student Care for a before and after school program. We welcome them to our facilities.

We continue to have a number of committed renters who are all valued supporters of the church.

In December we had the decommissioning of Calgary Presbytery and Jope gave his resignation as chair of Calgary Presbytery. There was a big gala to recognize a number of people who have been involved for many years. We start a new visioning for the Chinook Winds Region. Jope assisted in moving articles from the old Presbytery office to the new Chinook Winds Region in Okotoks. Thank you Jope for assisting this daunting task. We know it was much appreciated by them. Les and I attended the first Chinook Winds Region gathering in Lethbridge. We looked at ideas of how we might see Chinook Winds Region moving forward. It will be a process in progress.

The Peace pole benches were installed and dedicated in the spring. Thank you to those who sponsored the benches. It is a wonderful memorial to loved ones.



We had a great Entheos retreat. Council and committee people met for group building and visioning. We had Joel Den Haan and Lee Spice as theme speakers.



We continue to have our Volunteer of the Month which is always well received and a nice surprise for the recipients.

We welcome Avery McLellan as our step student for the summer. She will be assisting Arda with office duties and helping with the community relations, specific activities for defined groups as well as the general needs of parishioners.

We got a new Advertising board to advertise upcoming events at the church.

Our web site continues to be creatively maintained and a great debt of gratitude goes to Shelly Logan Gordanier.

We will be looking at the admittance of the use of beer and wine in the church. We have had a number of events that we have not been able to cater to because at this time our rental agreement does not allow the use of alcohol. There will be a motion coming forward at the annual general meeting to possibly having the allowance of alcohol. We encourage you to attend the meeting as we value the congregation's input.

I have put in my term as chair of the council and will be resigning after the next council meeting. I thank you for allowing me to serve you this past year.

I wish to extend a debt of gratitude to Jope and the council, committees and task force this past year for your commitment and dedication to Lakeview United Church. We have accomplished a lot and I thank you for your support.

There are a number of people that are stepping down from their positions after many years of dedication in their positions. We need new faces and new energy to step up to the plate to be able move forward with the visioning of the church and to fulfil some of the excellent ideas and proposals that the Rejuvenation Committee will be bringing forward in the coming year.

Wishing the new council, a successful year.

Blessings to you all.

Daryl Sedor

Finance & Facilities Committee Report

Finance

The Finance Committee is a Sub-Committee of the Facilities & Finance Committee that reports to the Church Council. The Treasurer and other members of this committee work with the Council to compile the annual budget, track spending and monitor LUC's investments.

For at least the last four years (at least), there has been no Chair of the Finance Committee, or of the Facilities & Finance Committee. The Treasurer has assumed this role in the interim, and it is of ongoing concern that there is no other level of formal financial oversight, and that the workload of this position falls onto the Treasurer position.

The Treasurer (Paige Martin) presented the 2018 Annual Financial Report and 2019 Budget to Lakeview United Church members and adherents on March 3, 2019.

The Investment Committee (Don Linton, Hank Klassen), is a sub-set of the Board of and Trustees. They continued to monitor the investments in GIC's and the Canoe Capital Fund (formerly Fiera).

Pledgefest this year was managed by Heather Mayers with support from Carolyn Bosch.

Ted Prince, Counter Coordinator, ensures that Sunday morning volunteers are available to count each weeks' givings and make deposits to the bank. He is always seeking additional volunteers.

Shelly Logan-Gordnier continues in the role of ADP Payroll Coordinator. She coordinated payment of our full time employees in compliance with the United Church of Canada, the provincial and federal government requirements.

Nancy Gillean, Office Liaison, continues to help our Office Administrator Arda Kristanto.

Many thanks to the above-mentioned volunteers (and staff) for filling and fulfilling these roles that keep Lakeview United Church in good and sound financial standing.

There are more than a few vacancies and some of these dedicated volunteers have served well beyond the expected length of a two year term. Please consider stepping up to fill any of the above-mentioned positions which are vital to ongoing financial viability of our church.

Submitted by Paige Martin, Treasurer 2018

Property

The Facility committee has the primary responsibility in managing and reporting to council on:

- property management, rentals, repairs and improvements

The property management saw several repair and replacement projects this fiscal year:

Various pieces of sound and AV equipment were replaced or added to replace old equipment.

Some minor alterations were undertaken in order to allow the new Student Inc. before and after school program to obtain their occupancy permit. Previously a

“change of use was” approved through the Development Permit process with The City of Calgary.

The janitorial and exterior maintenance services continued to be provided under a 3 year service contract with Calgary Services Ltd.

In the spring of 2019 the pergola over the front walk was removed as it had deteriorated and was in danger of failing completely. There are no plans to replace this structure.

Paving repairs are being carried out in June 2019, which should extend the life of the paving by a few more years.

Report prepared by Don Linton, Acting Chair Facilities Committee

Rentals

Rental activity and use by various groups are making for a busy facility.

We have had some additions this year:

1. Student Inc. – before and after school for Grade 4 and 5 students started renting in January 2018. Their program did not start up as planned and now is expected to start in early September and will be using 4 rooms along the hallway in the lower level of the Church.
2. Alanon and Alateen (affiliated with AA) are renting space weekly (Board Room and Group Room). They started recently in 2019.
3. Reiki – Spiritual healing training – started recently in 2019. Once a month on Saturday in Lower Hall. They have suspended sessions until January as the leader has an out of town contract.

Calgary Girls Choir has shown interest in renting from Lakeview. They would rent the Choir room and the adjacent room on a daily basis (Monday to Friday). They require Choir practice in Sanctuary three nights per week. At this time we can accommodate only two of their nights. Their rental is pending a decision from their Board of Directors.

Possibilities rental is in jeopardy currently as they are 3 months behind in their rent plus some other issues.

Submitted by Roger Scroggins, Lakeview Rental Program

Minister's Report

I begin my Annual Report with a little bit of theological thought and please bear with me while I attempt to put my thoughts onto paper. In the biblical story of the feeding of the five thousand, we need to recognize that Jesus did not act alone and this becomes the key to his 'miracle'. He acted in concert with others and evoked the abundance of community. He brought folks together to put their faith into action so that they could feed each other with the scarcity they had and to make that scarcity into overflowing baskets. Ultimately, the body of Christ, so central to incarnational theology or in easier terms to understand, embodiment of the divine, is not the physical body of Jesus but the corporate body of those who gather around the Spirit, wherever it is found. Jesus exercises the only kind of leadership that can evoke authentic community – a leadership which risks failure by making space for other people to act. And when a leader is willing to trust the abundance that people have and can generate together, willing to take the risk of inviting people to share from the abundance, then and only then may true community emerge. I sense that our last annual year has had such moments and that what has been generated has truly been spirit-filled and not only empowering but more importantly, enriching.

As I look back upon the happenings of the last term a smile comes across my face. I realize that I can look into the mirror and ask, "Have I done what I have been called to do?" and I can answer succinctly, "Yes, I have." I have experienced countless moments of grace and have always worked towards a better understanding of who I am as a child of God and also as a leader in this community of faith and all of the other 'communities' which I either belong to or serve. I periodically go back to the Joint Needs Assessment of five years ago which was structured before I had arrived here at Lakeview United Church and always make sure that what your hopes and

dreams were at that time are being fulfilled through my ministry. Your voice is what counts and your visions are what I strive to make realities. In short, I am the employee and all of you are the employers. I am not 'the way and the truth and the life'...I will leave that to someone who truly is and who we worship. I am an instrument of the Living Christ and will remain so, always serving each of you in the best way that I can.

And now, with this being the Annual Report, I sense that it might be very helpful in sharing what has happened since July 1st of last year and what stands out as some of the things or moments of grace which may need recognition. I will put them into point form to make it easier but we all need to realize that one is no more important than the other:

- 1) Worship – This category continues to be a most central part of not just my ministry but also of your 'religiosity'. Sunday services are a central part of our faith journey as we struggle with what the biblical text says to us, with what our daily newscast portray to us as the world we live in, and what we can do in the face of these challenges. It is through our worship where we experience the joy and the community and hopefully, uplifting and thought-provoking messages, prayers, and music.
- 2) Children & Youth – This continues to be a struggle but we need to be people of faith and to be more invitational and creative in terms of surrounding our children and our youth with being 'caught' by church instead of 'taught' (and I borrow this openly from someone who has truly 'caught' the Spirit). I offer thanks, and deep thanks, to those who give up their opportunities of worshipping to lead our children and youth.
- 3) Book Studies/Bible Studies – Wonderful attendance at all of these which are either spear-headed by myself or other very capable leaders of this faith community. I always marvel at the wisdom that each person has and the openness with which we allow ourselves to share in some of the toughest questions.
- 4) Special Services – From Staywell to Garrison, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter 'sonrise' and Easter Sunday service,

Remembrance Sunday, the Advent and Christmas season services and Presbytery (at last years' time) to Chinook Winds Regional services, to just name a few, which keeps the message always in the forefront and offers opportunities for everyone to get involved with experiencing 'Spirit'.



- 5) Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals – This is always a large part of my ministry and serves the community in a different sense. I offer my thanks to all of those who help with music, audio-visual, kitchen set-up and tear-down, and so on.
- 6) Other LUC – related Events – The after worship lunches, the suppers, the garage sale, looking after our refugee family, hosting clustering meetings, being friends and neighbours to our rental folks, hosting concerts for the community, sharing in affirming functions, hospital visitations, Entheos retreat, community events, and the list becomes somewhat endless in what we do in and around the community.

July 2018 – June 30, 2019 has been a wonderful journey together and I again am so humbled by all of the hopes and dreams, the prayers and actions, and love and compassion that has so freely come from the hearts of each and every one of you. I sense that your focus has always seemed to be to strive for greater things and to seek the heart of God in all that you do. And in looking at the bigger picture, these 5+ years have gone by quickly and may go down in the annals of the Pastoral Charges' history as 'times of change' and 'times of growth' and I personally feel so privileged to have been a wonderful part of it. The financial situations have been good, the numbers in the pews have been somewhat consistent, we have worked diligently to feed our children and youth in ways which nurture them, our building is in decent shape, and there is a general sense that the Spirit moves through all that is hoped and all that is accomplished. It is through believing in 'self' and believing in doing things together where 'church' becomes more than just a word – it becomes a community of 'selfs' where God's kingdom becomes realized...hats off to all of you for your stick-to-itiveness and your belief in each other!

I realize that this may be a small picture of who we are and what we have accomplished (or what I may have done) but I truly encourage you to look back at these deeds and to offer thank-yous to those who so diligently kept your church alive and your community alive. And to those whom I might have forgotten, accept my apologies and the blame would be on me. As I spend time on my sabbatical, I offer thanks to all of you for this opportunity of 'recharging my batteries' and of allowing me to grow deeper into the meaning of what ministry is all about as I visit many different denominations and see where the bigger picture is of God's realm.

Peace and blessings to all of you and may this upcoming year be one of wonder and one of newness. May the God of the ages touch your hearts and the Spirit of Christ live within you....*shalom*.

Thank you deeply to all and blessings abound.

Rev. Jope Langejans (BA, MDiv)

Ministry & Personnel Report

Jope our Minister and Marie our Music Director continue in 2019 as key members of the Lakeview United Staff.

Jope is currently on Sabbatical for three months and along with vacation will return in September. Kelly Warner has been hired to fill in for Sunday Worship and one day per week office availability at the church.

Arda (Eduarda) Kristanto has joined us as the Office Administrator in 2018. She has been an enthusiastic and valuable addition to our team.

We have once again applied and received a STEP grant for a Summer Student. Avery McLellan has joined our staff for the summer and is actively involved in Community Events as well as with the Rejuvenation Committee.

We currently don't have a full complement of 3 for the M&P committee.

This is a summary of current M&P activities. I joined the M&P Committee in January 2019.

Submitted by Beckie Scroggins, Chair M&P Committee

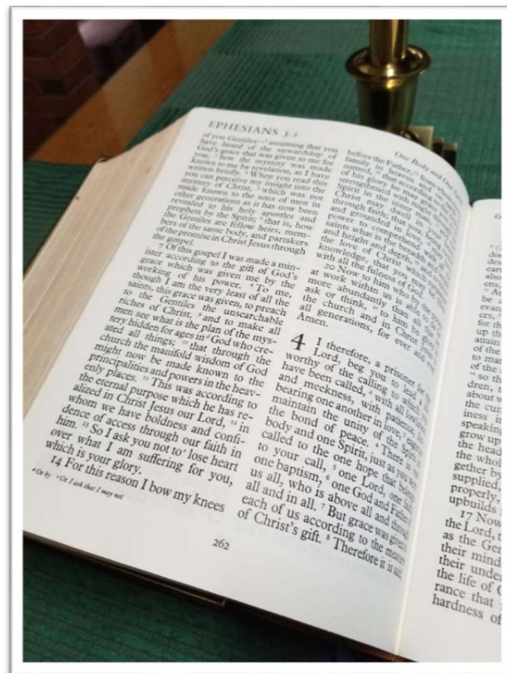
Faith Formation & Worship Report

This committee consists of Louise Poudrette, Barb Spence, Gwen Jamieson, Marie Taylor, Heather Mayers, Gerry Scharff and Rev. Jope Langejans. For the second year in a row we have managed without a chair. We have met irregularly as the need arose. Louise has the signing off responsibility, and we have taken turns representing the committee at Council meetings. Louise & Barb cover many tasks in preparing the sanctuary for worship – banners, candles, flowers, palms for Palm Sunday, etc. Gwen is liaison with the study groups, Heather recruits volunteers for scripture reading, greeting, and serving communion. Marie is our music director and Jope our minister & mentor. In addition there are many faithful volunteers

who keep things running in the area of Faith Formation & Worship behind the scenes. Thanks to:

Hank Klassen, Gwen Jamieson & Sue Spratt who coordinate the midweek study groups as well as those who take turns leading the studies.

Bob Gibennus, who leads the “Getting ready for worship” study group Sunday mornings before church.



Rob & Diane Stinson who prepare the communion elements.

Greeters and ushers and the sound techies Silas Kovats, Don Linton & Doug Jamieson.

Ron Gillean who comes early, tidies the sanctuary and makes sure it looks welcoming on Sunday morning.

Janet Layton who welcomes & finds programs & activities for any children who come to church.

Librarians Lesley Sedor and Sandy Browning.

Everyone who steps up to read scripture, leads the prayers of the people, and serve communion.

Some of the highlights of activities this year have been:

On the evening of March 1 Lakeview United Church hosted the annual World Day of Prayer service for area 4 in Calgary. Nancy Gillean, Gerry Scharff, Barb Spence & Gwen Jamieson did the publicity, and with Altadore Baptist Church planned & led the service. The theme was “Come, Everything Is Ready”. Rev. Jope led the reflection. The service was well attended, and it was a special time for churches of various denominations to worship together and to be a part of a worldwide Christian connection.

Advent book study called “Down to Earth” leading up to Christmas.

Lenten devotional book study “Everyday Skeptics”.

The now traditional Good Friday service joining with the good folk of St. Laurence Anglican Church for the services at each church and the walk from one to the other with the cross.

Respectfully submitted, Gwen Jamieson, member – Faith Formation & Worship

Reaching Out Report

Reaching Out Committee continues to distribute funds locally and beyond which cover a spectrum of needs. Some of the recipients this year were Campus Ministry, Camp Kasota, Mustard Seed, Social Concerns, Inn From the Cold, Calgary Homeless Foundation, Calgary Interfaith Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity, Veterans’ Food Bank, Women’s Emergency Shelter, Brown Bags For Kids, Canadian Wildlife Federation, Alberta Council for Environmental Education and Weaselhead/Glenmore Park Preservation Society.

Elizabeth Marshall continues to correspond with our foster children under Plan International.

Gerry Scharff continues as our Observer (Broadview) representative.

Raj Retnanandan continues as our immigration specialist.

We thank these folks for their time and energy into these worthwhile programs.

We had another successful garage sale again this year under the leadership of Janet Layton. This is definitely Janet's baby. We thank her for commitment and dedication to this project. This year brought in \$4,000.00 plus funds. We thank all the volunteers who assisted in the sale. This is a definite community builder. We will have to look at innovative ways to keep it going next year. A big THANK YOU to all who donated to it.

We were overwhelmed at our Christmas tree project of mittens, scarves and hats for the Mustard Seed and children's items for the Children's Cottage.

We were blown away with our Lenten project with our rainbow boxes of food, for the food bank and necessary items for the Drop In Centre and the Children's Cottage. Thank you so much to the congregation for your open hearts.



The affirming committee continues to support the LGBTQ2 in many ways. We have been contacted by a number of churches inside and outside Calgary to assist in their

affirming process. We continue to attend CQC and Daryl continues as their treasurer. We attended Camp FyreFly as volunteers. We plan to attend again this year. This is a camp for young people who are struggling with their sexual identity. It is one of the most rewarding experiences not only for the participants but also for us. A number of the congregation attended the Rainbow Railroad concert at Knox Presbyterian church. Daryl was privileged to attend the LGBTQ2 Coronation 48 when he was in Vancouver. It was a spectacular event. As last year we will be attending the Pride Parade in September. It is great to see a number of the congregation on the street waving and cheering. We continue to attend the Affirm Gatherings held monthly. We had an exceptional response to our P I E (Public Intentional Explicate) (3.14) (March 14) Day. Many different Pies and baked goods were enjoyed by all after church.

It has been a rewarding and memorable year. We thank the congregation for their continued support in all the projects of the Reaching Out Committee.

Blessings,

Lesley Sedor

Our Foster Children

We continue to sponsor, under Plan International, 2 young people: David is now 18 years old living in El Salvador, in Central America. He is in good health and currently enrolled in first year secretarial school. His favourite subject is language. He flies kites in his spare time. David has a younger sister, 12 years old.

The second child is Ingrid, now 14 years old, in Benin, West Africa. She is in secondary school. Her favourite subjects are Math and Science. The school she is attending provides information on prevention of HIV and AIDS and also the importance for girls to have education.

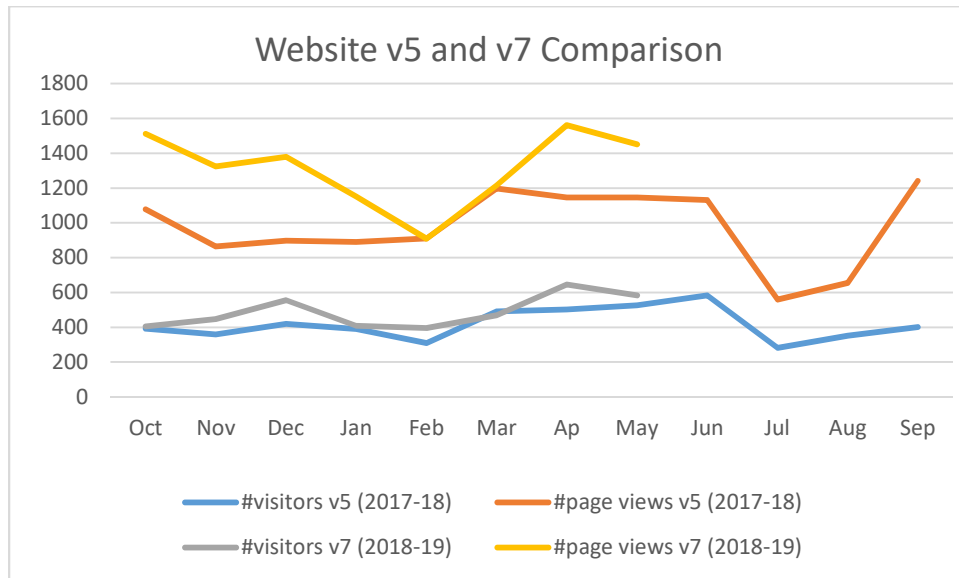
From the letters we receive from the students and from Plan, it appears that our help is useful and much appreciated. They send their love and best wishes. On their behalf, thank you for your continued support.

Submitted by Elizabeth Marshall

Website Analytics Comparison 2018 – 2019

(SquareSpace legacy version 5 – version 7 upgrade)

lakeviewunitedchurch.com and lakeviewunitedchurch.ca



There has been a 16% increase in viewership from the legacy version 5 website to the new upgraded version 7 Lakeview United Church website which was launched September 30th, 2018. (Both were maintained daily in the time period examined.)

Most importantly there has been a 35% increase in page views by visitors during this period. It appears that page views are shifting from Church contact inquiries and rental fact finding to more specific searches relating to worship, what we stand for, and current church news and events. Currently we do not have a system in place to gauge whether this interest results in new Sunday attendees. Presently the website continues to be an underutilized Church tool.

Shelly Logan Gordanier
Website Coordinator

Refugee Committee Report 2019

As most of you know, some members of Lakeview United Church decided to sponsor a refugee family from Syria in late 2015. These were: Raj Retnanandan (chair), Sue Spratt, Ron and Nancy Gillean, Bob and Peggy Gibennus (initially), Elizabeth Marshall, Jude Sampson, Rob and Diane Stinson, Don Linton, Paige Martin, Doug and Gwen Jamieson, Fiona Hayes, Barb Foster, Sherry Kovatz (initially), (and Lakeview friends Kerrie Hale and Irene Buckland). Funds for this came from donations, as well as a portion coming from the Planned Giving fund which has always been partially designed for “reaching out”.

A couple of meetings were held in January 2016 with Raj in constant contact with the UCC Matching Centre in Ontario. We had about 2 days to pick our family from a group of several choices. We chose a young married couple with a child accompanied by a grandmother, a family of 4. When it became apparent that their arrival was imminent our preparations became urgent. An apartment and furnishings were found quickly with most articles donated. On Saturday February 13, 2016 our bewildered family arrived in their new apartment. Through an interpreter their first question was “How long will we be here?” They had been moved so many times in the past they believed they were arriving at another temporary establishment.

Our family was Ismail Alorfi, his wife Rola Bakar, and 8 month old little girl, Sham. Ismail’s mother was to have accompanied them but she was detained for health reasons in Jordan, where the family had been living in a refugee camp. She was to arrive later.

With a great deal of assistance from the Lakeview members, our family settled into life in Calgary. We took them shopping; for government appointments; helped them apply for health cards, and SIN cards; made arrangements for immunizations; searched for a family doctor who spoke Arabic; took them to dental appointments; taught them how to use transit and obtain a bus pass; searched out and applied for ESL.

Rola was 3 months pregnant when she arrived. Subsequent ultrasound and prenatal tests were arranged. The family grew to 5 members within 2 years. A

second girl, Layan, was born November 2016; followed by a boy, Qasim, in 2017. Jude Samson had the surprise privilege of attending the birth of Qasim.

Ismail's mother ultimately decided to stay in Jordan. However it became apparent that Rola's mother and 3 siblings were seeking residency. Raj and Sue began the tedious process of applying to the government to sponsor them. Our applications were returned 3 times with minor issues; and as we were proceeding to reapply, the family was accepted (much to our surprise) in the UK. They are now residing in Leeds.

The Alorfis have outgrown their original apartment and have moved to Marlboro where they live among other Syrians. Ismail has full time seasonal work in construction/landscaping. In winter he receives EI, shovels snow, and attends classes in English. He has bought and sold at least 4 cars or trucks. He's a very responsible wage earner. We no longer need to support them.

We have \$6600 left of the money raised. On April 10 the committee met to decide how to proceed. It was felt that if more requests come in for more refugees another committee could be formed. Our work is done. \$1600 of the balance will be sent to the Rainbow Railroad, an organization which helps refugees of LGBTQ origin. The balance of \$5000 will be given to Matthew Berry who, with the help of CCIS, is seeking to bring over the family of a single mom residing in Lakeview. They are all from Kenya.

It has been a rewarding experience working with the Alorfis. They will be our life long friends. It was fun to be a part of the great Canadian effort to help refugees from Syria. Thanks to all who contributed and thanks be to God who guided us all the way.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Spratt

Fellowship and Caring Report

The Fellowship and Caring Committee meets twice a year as a group but operates daily in activities. We undertake serving coffee every Sunday with the help of our

many volunteers and we thank you for this. You know who you are. Our Fellowship coordinator is Lorna Flack who does a wonderful job of keeping us all in the “hosting” spirit. Lorna also oversees our special Sundays such as Hot Dog Sunday and Sundae Sunday. Thank you, Lorna! Your tireless efforts contribute to the great fellowship Lakeview enjoys.

The Caring side of our committee consists of Jean Scott, Barbara Penhale, Connie Innes, Linda Zogue, Sandy Browning, Heather Mayers, Lesley Sedor, Nancy Rose and Sue Spratt. Sadly we say good bye to Betty Hamilton who has resigned due to ongoing health issues. Betty has always been a valuable resource and caring member.

Our “Caring” includes the following: arranging and serving at funeral receptions, visits to shut ins, hospital visits, driving members to medical appointments, attending services at Staywell and Garrison Woods, preparing food for the people who are ill, sending sympathy and get well cards, as well as flowers on behalf of Lakeview, and any other activity which helps contribute to our congregation’s health and wellness.

My thanks to our committee for your faithful and continuing support in this important ministry. In order that we keep aware of those in need of our assistance, I ask that you, the congregation, make any referrals to one of the above-named members.

Respectfully submitted by Sue Spratt

Music Director’s Report

On Thursday June 13th the faithful members of Lakeview’s Choir met for an ideas meeting to discuss ways to continue to offer uplifting music as we lead music during worship. We acknowledge that our numbers continue to diminish, with attrition due to illness and lifestyle choices and changes.

We intend to innovate, and propose the following program:

- Beginning in September, structure each month so that members of our music team can schedule and commit to specific Sundays
- Our singers will be joined by instrumentalists from the congregation and beyond for a Celtic/folk service once a month
- We will structure services monthly or bi-monthly featuring the Great Hymns of the Church, which people love to sing
- We will engage additional musicians as guests once a month
- We will connect with other local groups, performing in various musical genres- from folk/bluegrass to youth bands to choirs and other ensembles- inviting them to perform for us during worship, perhaps with reductions in facilities rent for their own concerts in our fine sanctuary.

We look forward to continuing music leadership which supports the mission and life of the Christians meeting as Lakeview United Church.

Respectfully submitted by Marie Taylor

Rejuvenation Task Force Committee Report to the AGM

The Rejuvenation Task Force has had the privilege of leading the congregation in bringing new contacts and programs to the community beyond of Lakeview United Church.

The Rejuvenation Task Force consists of:

Jocelyn Barton

Daryl Birnie

Craig Cheffins

Wayne Gordanier

Janet Layton

Cecilia Pavao

Bill Penhale

This group, however, represents only the official members of RTF. It does not in any way diminish the ideas, commitment, energy, dedication and support of members of the congregation who are too many to name.

Logo, banner and brochure

In the past year, the logo of LUC sailed through stormy seas. It was designed, modified and sought approval and finally came to shore as our official logo. The logo then floated up on to a 25-foot-long banner that flies proudly from the north side of the church. With these changes, a new brochure was needed proclaiming the values and services of our church. An initial run of 500 copies has been added to several times since.

More than 3 Wise Men (and Women)

The RTF began in November 2017 by inviting Bill Weaver from Ogden United to offer insights into building a congregation. Since that time members of the RTF have invited or met with other church leaders to share words of wisdom. Members of the RTF have also attended conferences such as Brave Spaces, (Sept 2018), Flourishing Congregations (Oct 2018) and Calgary Alliance (April 2019). We continue to cast a line to “Fishing Tips” by John Pentland whenever there is no wind in our sails.

Community Coordinator

Jim Ripley was hired as Community Coordinator from May 2018 to November 2018. Jim assisted in the building of the social media and technology for the church. This included such cyberspace minefields as twitter, Facebook and Instagram. The Lakeview United Church website was revived at this time.

Meetings, meetings, meetings

What is going on in that corner of the Fellowship Hall every Sunday after service? The RTF has done a good job of making it look like we are working hard. In reality there has been plenty of feisty discussion, organization and lots of good-hearted comradery. If you have ideas or comments, we love to have others join and share their views.

Lakeview Fun Day

Lakeview Fun Day, June 8, 2019 was very successful. Avery, our Summer Student, had prepared materials for 80 flags. Towards the end of the event all the flags were

used and we used pieces of unhemmed cloth. The hardworking volunteers were kept busy with a steady stream of flag makers. As well as flag making, brochures about LUC and the United Church of Canada were available for the taking. Over 100 notices advertising Neighbour Day were distributed.

First Annual Neighbour Day, June 15, 2019

Neighbour Day was a huge success. We had prepared for 100 people and we had to make a quick run to IGA for more hot dogs and buns. Unofficial records suggest 163 hot dogs were consumed. The Butterfield Acres Mini Petting Zoo was the star attraction, delighting kids and adults. At one time, someone counted 25 children at the zoo. As well as children



we had a mixture of adults and seniors. The excellent contingent of LUC members served up hotdogs, drinks and chips as well as mingled with the crowd. Many LUC brochures were distributed and some conversations centred around church programs. Special guests included Jeromy Farkas, Councillor for Ward 11; Marshall Pope, Lakeview Community Association; and Leanne Crowchild from the T'suu Tina First Nation. People stayed well past the 12:00 shut down time.

Fishing in the Future

The RTF will continue to meet over the summer as we prepare to hire a Congregational Enhancement Coordinator. The CEC will provide three-year and five-year plans as to the direction of LUC. Promotion of programs and liaison with the community will be the focus of this position. This will begin Phase Two of the RTF mandate.

Plans are also underway for a Program Launch Day, to promote activities and programs that are operating in the church. Sunday, September 29 is the target date. The community will be invited to come and "Test Drive" our church. Committees will be asked to make a display of their activities or programs. Plan is on-going with balloons, snacks, and a World Wishing Well perhaps.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Layton

Board of Trustees Report

The Board of Trustees is mandated by the United Church of Canada to hold in trust the building and property. To this end the Board insures the building is adequately insured, well maintained, rental agreements are such as to protect the property and that any investments are sound.

The insurance coverage for the building remains at \$2,884,248. The trustees reviewed our insurance and received a quote from HUB International (who is group insurer for the United Church of Canada). For 2019 the premiums are \$4610.00, the same as 2018 and 2017.

Maintenance of the church is being kept up according to the Church Council plans. Likewise the rental terms of reference established several years ago are working well.

In 2016 the Lakeview Church Council reviewed and changed the church's investment policy. In May of 2016 \$312,000 of the church's bequests was invested with Fiera Capital Fund. This fund is the investment choice of the United Church of Canada. The earnings on this fund are doing well and some GIC money was moved to this fund on their maturity in May of 2017. The fund continues to perform well.

Changes were made in 2018 to the trustees on the title of deed. All the current trustees are now on the title and former trustees have been removed.

Al MacDonald resigned this year and I would like to thank him for his many years of service to this board. His sound council during that was greatly appreciated.

Thank you to George Zvanchuk, Paige Martin, Nancy Gillian, Don Linton, Diane Johnstone, Elizabeth Marshall, and Al MacDonald. Thank you also Rev. Jope Langejans for his advice.

Submitted by Hank Klassen Chair Board of Trustees Lakeview United Church

Notes



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