



LACOMBE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

A Place to Belong ...

A Place to Become



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THERE'S A PLACE DESIGNED JUST FOR YOU AT LPC

Lacombe Pentecostal Church relentlessly reaches out to people who are far from God by revealing the grace of God offered through faith in Jesus Christ alone.

We are also passionate to seek and strengthen those who already know God by igniting them to action in their faith.

We believe that by God's grace alone,
those who repent from their sin
and confess faith in
Jesus Christ as Lord,
Salvation is available

to all people by the loving,
redemptive act of the triune God.

It is our joy to share this news with the world.

Here at LPC, we are committed to being passionately Biblical,
overwhelmingly loving,
and fully committed to the glory of Jesus.

We would love to make this place your home too.



Purpose Statement

Lacombe Pentecostal Church

"LPC purposes to see people become devoted believers in Jesus Christ."

Who having received through Christ, forgiveness and eternal life and are becoming restored, healed, equipped and serving anointed worshippers of the Living God.

LPC is a place to belong to His family. LPC is place to become all that God has purposed for your life, actively serving in the Kingdom of God for the Glory of Christ Jesus.

We are prayerfully and intentionally seeking to raise a generation of believers, who are not afraid or skeptical of the supernatural workings of the Holy Spirit and are visible, verbal, and unapologetic of the glorious hope that is within them; who are living by God's faith, and are authentic representatives of Jesus Christ.

Does it give you a sense of direction, or empowerment for you to express your spiritual and natural gifts toward the purpose?

What things, events, or ministries might you identify that has helped to fulfill the purpose statement?

If we choose to, what two or three things could we all do to accelerate the above statement and subsequent paragraphs so that more people in City of Lacombe would become believers in Jesus Christ?

Ways You Can *SERVE*

*Having a place to minister and serve is instrumental in truly belonging to a community.
LPC wants to assist you in finding a place for you to use and grow in your spiritual gifts,
which ultimately edifies the Body of Christ.*

*If you wish to get
involved in any of
these ministries,
contact one of the
Staff or Lead
Team*



AMAZING GRACE
ALTAR PRAYER
AUDIO/VISUAL TEAM
COFFEE CORNER
COFFEE
COMMUNION
CONNECT GROUP LEADERS/HELPERS
DEBIT
DECORATING
EZ WORSHIP
GREETER
GRIEF SHARE
HANDS & FEET
INTERCESSORY PRAYER
KIDS CLUB LEADER/HELPER
LIBRARY
NURSERY WORKER
PRAYER CHAIN
STEPHEN MINISTRIES
SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADER/HELPER
USHER
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HELPER
WEE COLLEGE LEADER/HELPER
WORSHIP TEAM/SOUND
YOUTH WORKERS

Connect Groups ...

✿ Lead a Small ✿ Group or Bible Study!

LACOMBE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH | CHURCH

Are you passionate about connecting with others, building community, and helping people grow in their faith?

We're looking for **Small Group Leaders** and **Bible Study Facilitators** for the upcoming season. Whether you love to host-teach, or simply create space for discussion – we'd love to hear from you!

- ✓ Help others grow – and grow yourself.
- ✓ Lead meaningful conversations.
- ✓ Foster connection and care.

Interested? Let's talk!

Pastor Karla

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... Connect Groups



FOR SEPTEMBER

MONDAY

Stephen Ministries Supervision - Evening (Every 2nd wk)

TUESDAY

Intercessory Prayer - Evening (Every 2nd wk)

Ladies Bible Study - Morning (begins Sept. 16)

Walking Life Together Cell Group - Evening (3rd Tues of month)

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Women at the Well - Usually Evening (Every 3rd)

SATURDAY

Pit Stop - Morning

Platinum Friends - Dates announced

Stephen Ministry ...

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Our Stephen Ministers Are Ready to Care for You!

We all go through times in our life when we could benefit from a little extra care and attention. That's what Stephen Ministers are for. Stephen Ministers are members of Lacombe Pentecostal Church who have been trained to provide confidential, one-to-one, Christian care to people who are going through a difficult time. They will listen, care, encourage, pray with and for you, and provide weekly support for you as long as your need persists. If you would like to learn more about Stephen Ministry, talk with our Stephen Leader:

Byron Hurn 403-782-2966—stephens@churchonthehill.ca

Our Stephen Ministers are ready to bring God's love and care into your life.

Do You Know Someone Going Through a Difficult Time?



Do you have a friend, neighbor, co-worker or relative who has been struggling with the loss of a loved one, loneliness, cancer, a layoff, relocation, divorce, a spiritual crisis, recuperation, single parenthood, or any of countless other life challenges? Our Stephen Ministers can provide them with the focused care, encouragement and support they need to make it through the crisis. If you know of someone who is hurting, talk with our Stephen Leader:

Byron Hurn 403-782-2966—stephens@churchonthehill.ca

He can talk with you about how we can connect the person you know with one of our Stephen Ministers. It's a great way for you to show how much you care!



Grief Share

Thursdays, September 11 - December 4

7-8:30pm

GriefShare is a 13 week support group offered to those grieving the loss of a loved one.

To sign up or for more information go to: griefshare.org under find a Group, type in Lacombe Alberta, more information and then register.

Or
call/text/email:
587-679-0602
griefshare@churchonthehill.ca

GriefShare is also actively looking for facilitators, please use above contact if your interested or have questions.

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|----|--------------------------|
| 1 | Is This Normal? |
| 2 | Your Grief Journey |
| 3 | Loneliness & Sadness |
| 4 | Self-Care |
| 5 | Fearful & Overwhelmed |
| 6 | Anger |
| 7 | Regrets |
| 8 | Grief & Your Household |
| 9 | Grief & Your Friendships |
| 10 | Questions for God |
| 11 | Stuck in Grief |
| 12 | Hope & Resilience |
| 13 | What Do I Live For Now? |

Next Generation Ministry



2025-2026

Next Generation

Ministry Programs

Sunday Mornings

Nursery (0-24 mo.) - downstairs
Toddlers (2-3 yrs) - upstairs
Preschool (4-5 yrs) - upstairs
Gr. 1-6 - main room upstairs

Mid-Week Programs

Anchor Kids (Gr. 1-6): Wednesday nights from 6:15-7:45 pm. September - April. Devotions, worship, games, crafts, cooking and other life skills. Starting Sept. 17th.

Anchor Kids Worship: Student-led worship teams, serving every Wednesday night.

Gr. 5/6 Bible Study: Tuesdays from 4:30-6:00 pm, starting October 7th.

Grades 7-12

The Anchor Youth: Friday nights from 7:00-9:30pm, September - June. Includes worship, games, small groups, overnight trips, and youth conferences.

Youth Bible Study: Tuesdays from 4:30-6:00pm, starting November 4 (Gospel of Mark).

The New Life Ministry (Grades 10-12): Student servant-leadership team meeting monthly from September-June and serving Friday nights.

Redemption Worship: Student-led worship team, serving twice monthly on Friday nights.

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Leaders are needed in kids and youth ministries! If you are interested in serving in one of these areas, please get in touch!

Children's Ministry ...



ANCHOR KIDS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Anchor Kids is our Wednesday night club for Gr. 1-6,
which will resume Sept. 17th

We are looking for the following volunteers:

Prayer Partners: Volunteers who will take 1-2 students and pray for them weekly, send the occasional note (ex. birthday card, Christmas) letting them know you are thinking and praying for them, and attend at least 1 special event throughout the year.

Special Class Leader: Volunteers willing to come for 3-4 weeks only to teach a smaller group of students a special skill. (Ex. knitting, soccer, floor hockey, baking, painting, origami, etc.) Helpers will be available to assist leading with you.

Volunteer forms will be available shortly at the KidsMin Check-In table and at the Ministry Fair, September 7th

NEW THIS FALL:

GR 5/6 BIBLE STUDY, Tuesdays, 4:30-6:00 pm starting October 7th

This will be a discipleship class for our older students to help prepare them for the transition into our Youth program. Registration forms will be available at the Ministry Fair, September 7th.

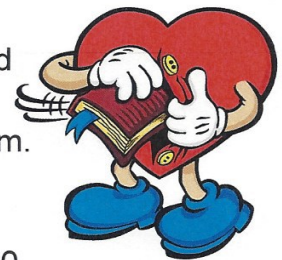
If you might be interested in helping lead this connect group, please contact Pastor Angela, asap.

WEE COLLEGE 2025-26 REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

on our website or app. Wee College is designed as a preschool discipleship program that teaches doctrine through play, colours and memorization. Program runs October to March/April.

Year One Program (min age 4 years old) runs Tuesdays 9:30-11am. Cost is \$40, which includes lesson binder, bible, bag, t-shirt and supplies.

Year Two Program (min age 5 years old) will run Wednesdays 9:30-11am. Cost is \$20 if returning student, \$40 if first time student, which includes lesson binder and supplies.



**FOR QUESTIONS OR MORE INFORMATION,
contact Pastor Angela**

... Children's Ministry



***You are invited to make a difference in a child's eternal life.
Please pray if the Children's Ministry area is where you would like
to minister then contact Pastor Angela***

You can make a difference on Sundays by...

Adult Kids Church Helper (9:45-11:30am)

As a Helper, your job is to help the teacher with the lesson by engaging in what's happening and helping children with activities. You will have opportunities to worship and build relationships with the kids.

Adult Pre-K Teacher (9:30-11:30am)

As a Teacher, you will be given a lesson plan which you will need to adapt to include crafts, games, and activities that will help the children remember the Bible story.

Adult Pre-K Helper (9:45-11:30am)

As a Helper, you will support the teacher while engaging with the children. You will build relationships with the children and reinforce what was taught through crafts and games.

Adult Toddler Worker (9:45-11:30am)

As one of the 2-3 workers in the class, you will read the provided Bible story and play with the children.

Adult Nursery Worker (9:45-11:30am)

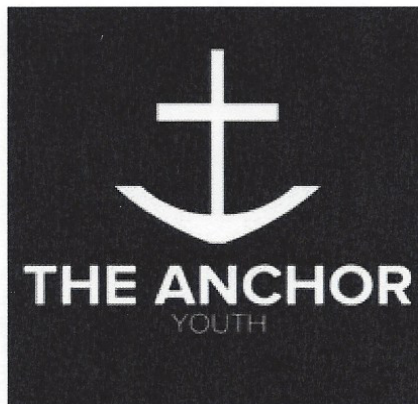
As one of the 2-3 workers in the Nursery, you will care for the children by holding them, playing with them, reading to them, and praying for them.

Adult Sign-In Worker (9:45-10:15am)

As the person at the Sign-In table, you will engage parents/caregivers in conversation and help them with the sign-in process. You will welcome newcomers and help them sign-in for the first time. If there is a shortage of workers, you may be asked to help in a classroom until 11:30am.

Student Helper (9:45-11:30am)

As a student helper (must be Gr 5 or older), you may assist in any of the classes. If helping in the Kids Church area, you will be trained to operate the computer and soundboard.



The Anchor Youth – Fall 2025

Things to look forward to:

- September 5 – The New Life Ministry fall kickoff meeting
- September 12 – Youth leader training
- September 19 – Youth kickoff party
- October 3 – 780 Network Youth Rally in Edmonton
- November 4 – Study on New Testament historicity & the Gospel of Mark begins on Tuesdays from 4:30-6:00pm
 - We will tackle the authenticity of the New Testament, learn about manuscripts and translation, the original authors, and then work our way through Mark chapter by chapter

Youth is every Friday night from 7:00-9:30pm unless otherwise noted.

The Anchor Youth team is SO excited to have the students back every week!

Please contact youth@churchonthehill.ca with any questions or to be added to the weekly announcements emailing list.

See you soon!

Things You Should Know ...

Sunday, Sept 7
Before & After Service



**Come see what's
happening at LPC!!**
Where might you fit in?

Water
baptism

Sunday
Sept. 28th

Forms available at Welcome Desk. Fill out and
talk to a Pastor if you wish to be baptized.

There will be a pre-baptism class held on Sunday, September 21st right after
the morning service in the Prayer Room/Library.

... Things You Should Know ...



Hands & Feet Ministry

The Hands & Feet was established to bridge the gap between our church and the local community's needs. As needs arise, the Hands and Feet contact list is notified, and leaders organize groups to make sure that needs are met. These needs could be anything from needing help cleaning the house/ needing some meals/ help moving. If someone is lacking support, the H&F community is here to help.

If you would like to join our team or know of someone in the community who needs a hand, please contact us at handsandfeet@churchonthehill.ca

LPC GATHERED

Sept 27 @ 7:00pm

Intimacy Stillness Worship Surrender

To Know God Eph 4:13

& Make Him Known Eph 4:2-3

PLATINUM FRIENDS BBQ

Monday, Oct 6th

11 am

Meet at Casey's Cabin

Bring your lawn chairs!

More details coming.



... Things You Should Know ...

Men's Retreat 2025 **MEN OF ACTION**



**October 3-5,
2025**

Pioneer Camp Alberta (Rocky Mountain House)

We are very excited to announce that we are having a Men's Retreat @ Pioneer Ranch on Crimson Lake, Rocky MTN. House This will be a great weekend away for ages 18 and older, So If you'd like to have some fun with wall-climbing, archery, horseback rides, canoeing...or if you'd simply rather just kick back, relax around a campfire with some friends and always freshly made coffee, this is a retreat for you.

Paul Fraser will be our guest speaker for this weekend retreat.
Paul serves as the National Church Multiplication Coordinator for PAOC Multiply Network.



Cost: \$225

Registration closes September 23rd @ Noon

If you would like more information please call our office @ 403-782-2966

Or talk to Pastor Bryan Darnell

Please Scan this QR code to Register!



... Things You Should Know



Over 2,000 Discipleship Videos for Kids, Youth & Adults
are available to Church members & attendees.
Bible Studies, Marriage Enrichment, Training Conference Sessions,
Family Videos & More!

Right Now Media is a service provided to our membership & attendees. If you would like to sign up please
call the office @ (403)782-2966



LPC Mens Group

WhatsApp group

Join our LPC Mens Group

Scan this QR code with your camera to stay connected



Amazing Grace Ministries

AGM is a church ministry dedicated to helping individuals and families from LPC who are facing financial hardships. If you need help with the cost of food, rent, utility bills, vehicle repairs, house repairs or other necessities to live, please talk to us:



Kevin & Yvonne Reed
Leroy & Lois Penrod
amazinggrace@lacombebepentecostal.ca



AGM is fully funded by donations from our congregation. We are very appreciative of the continuing support from many of you. If you would like to contribute to AGM, please place your donation in a tithe envelope and mark it AGM.

Community News

To our friends at Lacombe Pentecostal,

Thank you for participating in the 2025 *Baby Bottle Campaign* for the Central Alberta Pregnancy Care Centre. Your support has a tremendous impact on our community.

To date, over **\$40,000** has been raised for this Campaign this year. Your congregation contributed **\$759.27** towards this amount. *We thank you for the generosity of your church members.* It is incredible how much it all adds up to!

Thank you again for your support.

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Director of Donor Relations

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Central Alberta Pregnancy
CARE CENTRE
www.pregnancycare.ca

Missions (Luo-Tatebe) ...



One month since our family grew

A month ago, our life just got a little bit sweeter. Kaisuke arrived—tiny, alert, and already deeply loved. In that moment, we became a family of three. We had been waiting for him. Praying for him. Wondering who he'd be. And now he's here. We praise God that everyone is healthy, and we're overwhelmed by the kindness of our community who has already poured so much love over our son.

We named him *Kaisuke*, a Japanese name written with the characters for “ocean” and “helper.” It means: **“One with a heart as big as the ocean, who will always live for the sake of others.”** That's our prayer for him—that he would grow up to love people deeply, fully, and selflessly, all through the love of Christ.



... Missions (Luo-Tatebe)

Thank you for praying for us

With our new family member, everything has been quite the adjustment! New sleep schedules, more intentional interactions with neighbours and their children, the hurdles of getting Kaisuke's legal documents, and learning to be parents.



Please pray for all the legal documentation process to go smoothly. Already there is some trouble between getting his Canadian citizenship and getting his residency permit here in-country.

We are so thankful for each of you who has prayed, given, and encouraged us over the past year. We really couldn't have been here without your support.

With the arrival of our son, our monthly budget has also increased. **Would you prayerfully consider either beginning a financial partnership with us or increasing your current support?**

We are so blessed by your continual prayers and support for us, and we want to thank you. If you have any questions or simply want to chat with us, send us an email at hughtaliya@oncrest.ca

“May the Lord be with your spirit.
And may his grace be with all of you.”
2 Timothy 4:22



Please do not post or share this publicly for security reasons.

Missions (Hildebrandts) ...



Beginnings and Endings

The 2025–2026 university school year kicked off in the last week of June—which also happened to be the final week of school for Lucas and Abby. As we wrapped up one chapter and launched into another, our heads were spinning with end-of-year parties, leadership camps, performances, and everything in between. It’s hard to believe it’s been less than a month since the university year began, but already it’s shaping up to be a great one!

Monday Night Church



Monday night church has continued to grow steadily since we launched in January. It’s become a weekly highlight where we gather to explore how the Bible speaks into our lives today. We’re so grateful to be part of this unique journey of discovery in the lives of university students and recent graduates.

This past month, our theme has been *hope*—how God was the source of hope for so many throughout Scripture, and how He can be our source of hope today as well. These are deep and sometimes challenging concepts, especially for students who are still just beginning to explore questions of faith.

Our evenings typically include a check-in time where we share the highs and lows of our week, followed by a game or activity to break the ice, then we dive into Bible study and small group discussions. We always end with a time of prayer, creating space for reflection and connection.

This past week, 16 students and recent graduates joined us—alongside our team. Among them, there may still be only one believer. Would you join us in praying that God continues to stir hearts and reveal Himself to each one who walks through the door? We’re trusting that He’s already at work in ways we can’t yet see.

... Missions (Hildebrandts) ...

Welcome Party: New Connections & Old Friends



On the Thursday night of the university's first week back, we kicked things off with a welcome party at Sela Center—and what a night it was! We were especially grateful to have a visiting team from the U.S. and some of our Thai students step up to serve alongside us. With a few of our Sela team members having recently returned to the U.S., the five of us who remain would have been stretched thin without their help.

The evening turned out to be a big success. It poured rain just a few hours before the event, but thankfully, the skies cleared in time for the party. We served food from a local food cart vendor and ran activity stations that gave students a taste of what to expect at Sela this semester. Add in some fun prizes and a lot of laughter, and we felt it was a great introduction to who we are and what this community is all about.

Interested in feeling like you were there? Watch a video here:

<https://paoc.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f9585aef1f784f452be5c2d87&id=f96406dfb5&e=94cc9dbd0c>

Pharmaceutical Sciences Leadership Camp: A Weekend of Growth



... Missions (Hildebrandts) ...

The first weekend of the new semester saw us heading straight into action with a leadership camp for students from the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences. Nearly 60 students chose to join us—a fantastic turnout—and we spent a meaningful weekend together digging into what leadership really looks like, discovering more about who we're created to be, and challenging our teamwork through a variety of fun and challenging activities.

In the midst of a packed week of university kick-off events, preparing for camp definitely tested our limits. There were a few bumps along the way, but with some resourcefulness (and a lot of caffeine), we managed to pull everything together in time. We were also joined by our American team as participants, which brought a fresh cultural dynamic to the experience—something the students really enjoyed.

We're deeply grateful to **Manhattan Beach Camp in Manitoba**, whose generous support last summer made this camp possible. It's been incredible to see how the impact of that weekend has continued—many of the new faces at Monday Night Church and our Baking Class are students we first connected with through this camp.

Baking Class: Whoops and Wins



As part of this semester's activities, Cindie has been leading a 4-week baking class from our home—and it's been off to a great start! Interestingly, most of the students attending are Pharmacy students we first met at the leadership camp, so it's been a great way to continue building on those relationships in a more relaxed setting.

Over the past couple of weeks, we've covered some baking basics while also sharing laughs, stories, and a few baking fails along the way. Not everything turns out perfectly, but part of the fun is figuring out what went wrong and what we'd do differently next time. It's less about the perfect cupcake and more about connection, creativity, and confidence in the kitchen.

Lucas & Abby



... Missions (Hildebrandts)

Lucas continues to pour his energy into football (soccer) with his new team—playing every chance he gets. Thank you for your continued prayers for his health. While we’ve managed to avoid illness over the past couple of months, we had a tough scare when Lucas suffered a concussion at school and was actually knocked out for a couple of minutes. With Jarren in Canada at the time, it made for a challenging couple of weeks for both Lucas and Mom. Cindie learned a lot about concussions—especially how the local medical system doesn’t always follow the most current protocols. Thankfully, Lucas recovered quickly, with symptoms gone in under a week and a full return to normal life in less than a month.

Meanwhile, Abby has been busy collecting new experiences. She joined a charity club at school, helping raise money for a local sea turtle sanctuary. When they went to donate the funds, the sanctuary staff gave them a special tour and even let the students release three sea turtles back into the sea—an unforgettable moment! And to top off that same week, Abby was named *Student of the Year* for her section of the primary school. She’s worked hard all year, and we couldn’t be prouder!

Looking Ahead: Visitors, Vision and Prayer

Over the next few weeks, we’re thrilled to welcome some friends from Edmonton who will be visiting us here. While we’re away spending time with them, please pray for our team as they continue to lead Monday Night Church and other activities in our absence.

Looking further ahead, we’re beginning to dream about hosting a Monday Night Church camp during the October term break—something that could deepen relationships and spark meaningful conversations about faith. From our recent leadership camp, several students have expressed a desire to learn more, and we’re praying about what that next step could look like.

Cindie continues to support Imagine Thailand through Policy development, Intern and volunteer support structures, project and staff management. There is much to be done in these areas to develop and grow. For the Asia Region leadership, Cindie and team have confirmed our next retreat location in Vietnam in April 2026. This is a new location and we are excited about what this time might be for our region.

Would you join us in praying for these things?

- For our team to lead well and feel supported while we’re away.
- For wisdom and creativity as we plan a potential Monday Night Church camp.
- For open hearts—especially that those attending Monday Night Church would truly discover who God is for themselves

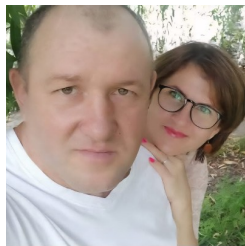
- Jarren, Cindie, Lucas & Abby



Missions (Hertzogs) ...

Greetings from Sunnyside Camp in Sylvan Lake, AB ... where I will be speaking on missions shortly. Hope your summer is going well. Just wanted to write about two big praise reports, two major prayer requests, and an event update.

Praise Report #1: Ukraine



Pastor Edward & Wife



Pastor Edward Graduating

Pastor Edward was one of the first graduates from the church planting school we sponsor in Poltava, Ukraine (in fact I gave him his degree at graduation :). After grad he went on to plant a new church in a village outside Poltava called Malapereshepina ... that itself has since planted two other new churches.

The first week of July the conscription officers in Ukraine nabbed him off the street and put him in a holding room in the basement of the conscription office. Although pastors are sometimes exempt from the draft in Ukraine, since his church is new it is not registered yet and they wouldn't believe his claim to be a pastor. It looked like he was going to be shipped to the front line. So the Pentecostal Assemblies of Ukraine (PAOU) asked all their churches and their national partners - including the PAOC - to pray for him. The next morning, while he was being held in the basement, this happened ...



The building was hit by two Russian Shahed drones and completely destroyed. Miraculously, Pastor Edward was able to crawl out of the rubble and walk away from the building - completely unharmed! Then he thought to himself, "By law, I should report back there." So he went back to the area to let the army officers know that he was alive and still there. They looked at him in shock and said, "Just go man. You're free!"

Thankyou sooo much for praying! Thanks to your prayers the Lord spared Pastor Edward's life and freed him to go back and plant more churches in the Poltava region!

Praise Report #2: Kazakhstan

July 1-5 our global workers, Ilya & Jessica Batrakov, and Olya Dubyniuk (our youngest adopted daughter) led a camp for 46 kids, most of whom came from non-Christian/Muslim families.

... Missions (Hertzogs) ...



Camp Photo ... Jessica & Ilya at bottom right, Olya bottom left



Jessica & Ilya lead songs at camp

The theme of the camp was the story of David. The last night of camp they explained that the way David defeated Goliath is the way Jesus defeated sin on the cross.



After sharing the gospel, most of the kids repeated a prayer to receive salvation ... praise God! Now we are believing for even more fruit as the church in Almaty reaches out to the families of the kids who came to camp.

Prayer Request #1: Visas

Ilya, Jessica & Olya are in Kazakhstan short-term, waiting for visas so they can minister in another middle eastern country long-term. They have been waiting for several months. Please pray that the visas are granted, doors are opened and they can begin long-term fruitful ministry there!

Prayer Request #2: Healing

Right now there are three GWs in our region who are battling incurable cancer. They are all on treatment protocols that seem to be working in slowing down the spread of the cancer ... praise the Lord! Unfortunately, this is still not a cure and the protocols will not work forever. Please pray for a total healing and health and strength to serve God in the meantime - for all three!

... Missions (Hertzogs)



Eurasia GWs & families

Coming Up: Bike A Thon

We are already planning this year's Bike A Thon! On Sat, Sep 20, 2025 from 9am to 3pm we will be riding in our 11th annual Eurasia Bike A Thon ... and we would love to have you join us! As in past years we will be cycling 88 kms on the beautiful bike paths along the scenic Sturgeon River in sunny St. Albert, Alberta. Our goal is to raise at least \$50,000 to help Ukraine & Ukrainian refugees ... some for children's ministry in Poltava, Ukraine ... some to fund a GW working with Ukrainian refugees in Israel ... and some for scholarships to help Ukrainian bible college students pursue studies despite the war.

We will start and end in the St. Albert Running Room parking lot (17 Ste Anne St, st. Albert, corner of St. Albert Trail) FYI, you can bike as much or as little as you want. There is no pressure to do the whole thing. The point is just to come out, have fun and support a good cause. E-bikes and regular bikes are all welcome. Please email or text or phone me by Sept. 17th to let me know you're coming. Put it on your calendar now ... it will be a great day!



Bike A Thon 2023

Thanks for taking the time to read this. We are so grateful for all the prayers, the encouragement and the finances that make these praise reports possible. Because of you miracles are happening, young people across the region are being reached and money is being raised to impact the region with the gospel.

Reaching Eurasia Together,

Steve & Patti Hertzog
Eurasia Regional Director
Mission Global



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Missions (Hilsdens) ...

SEPTEMBER 2025



UPDATE FROM ISRAEL

WAYNE & ANN HILSDEN



DEAR CHURCH ON THE HILL,
Shalom from Jerusalem!
We are deeply grateful to
you. Enjoy our recent
HIGHLIGHTS!

KING OF KINGS MINISTRIES NETWORK

Our **KING OF KINGS NETWORK** has grown to
20 CONGREGATIONS, with a new one added
just last week! See the variety of ministries
here: www.kkm.network

A SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Four days ago, Wayne preached at "Truth in Love," an Ethiopian Jewish congregation, celebrating their 16th anniversary. This same day marked 42 years since we left Canada to begin our life and ministry in Israel!



... Missions (Hilsdens) ...

MORE MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

FIRM: FELLOWSHIP OF ISRAEL RELATED MINISTRIES HAS EXPANDED TO 81 LOCAL PARTNERS.

FIRM is not just promoting unity but also collaboration among chosen and anointed ministries. Together, they are the "hands and feet of Jesus," bringing the gospel through word and deed. Have a look here and see the impact: www.firmisrael.org



FELLOWSHIP OF ISRAEL RELATED MINISTRIES

WE'RE ON A MISSION TO

**EMPOWER
LOCAL MINISTRIES
TO TRANSFORM LIVES IN ISRAEL
WITH THE LOVE OF JESUS.**

A NEW OPPORTUNITY TO TRAIN LEADERS

EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY EXPANSION This fall, Wayne will teach "Leadership in Ministry" at Jerusalem Seminary, continuing our commitment to training the next generation.



LEADERSHIP IN MINISTRY

MINS 333 / 533 - 3 Credits

FALL 2025, 19 October 2025 - 23 January 2026

COURSE INSTRUCTOR

Dr. Wayne Hilsden, D.Min.

Educational Background:

M.Div, Wycliffe College/University of Toronto

D.Min, Asbury Theological Seminary (Leadership and Preaching Cohort)



... Missions (Hilsdens) ...

PLEASE PRAY!

TRAGIC NEWS: KILLING OF TWO JEWISH YOUNG PEOPLE in antiSemitic incident. **Yaron Lischinsky was a member of our KING OF KINGS HEBREW-SPEAKING CONGREGATION** in Jerusalem.

Yaron, 30, served at the Israeli Embassy in Washington, D.C.

Sarah Milgrim, 26, worked at the embassy since November 2023.

They had marriage plans and were soon headed to Israel to build their new life here. Please pray for their grieving family and friends.

May their memories forever be a blessing.



"BEAUTY FOR ASHES" DOCUMENTARY: Please pray for this film our FIRM team produced, with stories of faith from **October 7th**.

Pray that this powerful, historical film will reveal the truth and inspire Christians to stand against the growing hate against Israel and the Jewish people.

Please watch it here: [BEAUTY FOR ASHES](#)

... Missions (Hilsdens) ...

Reaching out with Hope in Traumatic Days

ANCHOR OF HOPE COUNSELING CENTERS Please pray for Israelis suffering trauma from the war. We've opened our fourth campus in Haifa, expanding our biblically based counseling services. We're grateful to provide hope and healing during these difficult times.



Anchor Of Hope

JERUSALEM, ISRAEL

Restoring hope to believers in Israel through Godly counsel

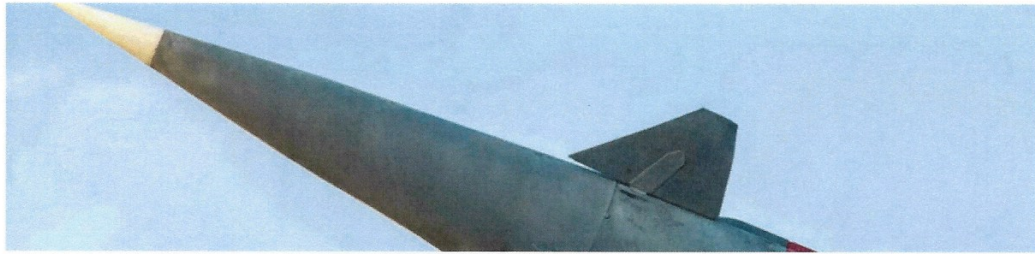
"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: May they prosper who love you." - Psalm 122:6

IRAN and its remaining proxies continue to threaten Israel. Pray for the Iranian people and for God's purposes to prevail.



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... Missions (Hilsdens) ...



BALLISTIC MISSILES are still being fired from the Houthis. **Below are five of our grandkids in a bomb shelter.**

THE WAR WITH HAMAS: Israel desires to end this conflict, but approximately 50 hostages remain in Hamas' custody. Despite misinformation about "starvation," Israel has supplied more than adequate food to Gaza and warns civilians before military operations.

... Missions (Hilsdens)

Through King of Kings and FIRM lives are being transformed.



God will keep His Promises!

"For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. Then I will sprinkle clean water on you ... I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ I will put My Spirit within you " Ezekiel 36:24-25

**CHURCH ON THE HILL,
Thank you for your prayers,
encouragement, and generous financial
support. Your partnership makes this vital
ministry possible.
Wayne & Ann**

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Missions (Kandangamas) ...



Ephesians 3:20-21 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!

Dear friends,

Greetings to you all from Sri Lanka. The last few months have had a lot of unexpected happenings. Some that have seen us in sorrow and some in deep gratitude for the goodness of God. At the beginning of this month our Grandpa, Arlo Johnson, went to be with Jesus. He lived a blessed life of 92 years. He impacted our lives in many ways but most significantly our life here in Sri Lanka. It was my grandpa who lead my first missions trip to Sri Lanka. He ventured here as a Pastor, teacher, mentor, and missionary countless times. He prided himself in having met Nishanthe before I did at a prayer meeting in Kandy. He shared in our love and calling to Sri Lanka. His encouragement and love for us will be deeply missed.



Here are some of our highlights:

In the past couple months we had a number of special visitors. My mom and nephew visited us from Canada. Our nephew joined our kids in their homeschool pursuits and together they finished up the school year. It was a joy to share our life with them and we had many adventures together on the weekends when the school work was done.

Two other new friends ventured our way recently. A family from Edmonton with direct ties to Sri Lanka visited us after receiving one of our prayer cards. It then connected us on many levels which then had them visiting us in our home. We felt like instant friends. Another Sri Lankan family from Ontario returned to visit their homeland with adult children to reconnect with family roots. They reached out to us as their church just started supporting our ministry here. We met and yet again felt this connection to one another. They encouraged our family and the ministry and we are so thankful for the opportunity to meet them. God works through people in such loving and meaningful ways.

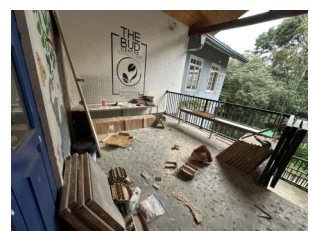


... Missions (Kandangamas)

The Bud Centre continues to be a place that reaches lives and our community. Some recent highlights were celebrating Father's Day, participating in earth day by cutting grass and picking up garbage throughout our village, and we continue to host a weekly Discovery Bible Study (Disciple non believers to Christ) for a group of youth. Some regular programs are currently on hold due to some current renovations we are undergoing at The Bud Centre facility but all programs will be back to full functioning very soon.

We are gearing up to celebrate our 10th Anniversary and have a committee gathering this week to plan for the big event. We are still campaigning to see friends and family donate \$10 for our 10 Year Celebration. If you'd like to get on board or ask someone in your life to do so please share this opportunity with them. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t0W6KKjrZJI> This brings almost everything up to date. Thanks for your continual interest in our lives, our ministry and for this nation. The partnership we have in you helps us extend God's love where it is needed.

Thank you is not enough.



In closing I thought to share some fun facts that maybe some of you may not know. ENJOY!

- * Our kids can speak the local language called Sinhala. They picked it up while playing with kids at the centre.
- * The Bud Centre has a bus that helps with missions teams and often gets hired out by others as well.
- * Our love for volleyball stems from Kristin being a high school volleyball champ and the fact that it's Sri Lanka's nation sport.
- * Nishanthe has another name he goes by (Janaka - meaning father) It seems so fitting when many of the kids at the centre see him as a father figure in their life.



Our mailing address is:

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Nish & Kristin Kandangama

Church Membership ...

What About Church Membership?

"I don't have to go to church to be saved. I don't have to belong to a church to be a Christian. I can worship God in my heart." Have you heard this popular dodge? It's sometimes difficult to refute because it happens to be true ... to a point. Nothing you do and nothing you can join makes you a Christian. The Bible makes it abundantly clear that Jesus is the only Way; that no-one comes to the Father except through Him.

Q: What does the Bible say about church membership?

A: The Bible is very clear that involvement in, and commitment to, a local church are essential for Christians. Throughout the New Testament the pattern of the Christian is to meet in local congregations (eg. Acts 2:46, 1 Corinthians 14:26, Ephesians 4:16, 1 Timothy 3:15). At some points we are commanded to do so (eg. Hebrews 10:25). Even Saul/Paul in Acts 9:26 – "When he came to Jerusalem he tried **to join** the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he really was a disciple." Having said that, it is true that the Bible nowhere **requires** membership in a church. In fact, in Biblical times there was no such thing. However, the Biblical principle is that the church is a family and a unit. The Bible speaks of the church as a family, or the household of God. Church membership is not like joining a country club; it is about joining an organic family. Church membership is a way of being accountable and becoming involved in the church and in demonstrating a commitment to Christ by participation in the church.

Q: I'm committed to our church, so what difference does it make if I am a member or not?

A: "Times have changed from years ago when you could have a loose relationship with the church. Our society and our laws have changed." There are a number of key differences between people who just attend with no strings attached and the actual church member. There seems to be a deeper sense of belonging and often a higher level of commitment from the people who step out and want to be members. They are more ready to shoulder responsibility and encourage the ethos of the church. Members have the right to vote at church business meetings. This is possibly not the most exciting thing you've ever been able to do, but it does allow you to have a say in what the church does and how it functions. Only church members can vote for deacons (lead team members) and Lead Pastor when a new lead pastor is to be called. Only church members can raise queries and make proposals about issues at a church business meeting. They are able to vote and add input to the sale or purchase of land or buildings for the church. If you would like to have a voice in the way that our church is run and the things that it does you need to have a vote, and to have a vote, you need to be a church member. A knowledge of which people are willing to publicly associate themselves with the church by becoming members assists the church leadership in planning and effectively running the church. If you are a member of another Pentecostal Church and you have moved here to Lacombe, you can have your membership transferred.

Q: How can I become a member?

A: See the Application for Fellowship on the next page or at the Welcome Desk. When you find yourself in agreement with those statements, sign and apply for membership and leave it in the office or with a staff member.

... Church Membership



APPLICATION FOR FELLOWSHIP STATUS

Article 6 Membership

Section 1

Persons desiring to become members of this church shall give credible profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior. They shall give evidence of compliance with the Biblical standard of Christian practice and manifest spiritual growth by giving evidence of the Fruit of the Spirit: "Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." (Galatians 5:22,23 NIV)

They shall refrain from acts of sinful nature: "... sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies and the like..." (Galatians 5:19-21 NIV) Sexual immorality shall be interpreted to mean common-law marital relationships, pre-marital and extra-marital sexual relationships (1 Corinthians 6:15-18, 7:1-2, 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8, Hebrews 13:4), and all forms of homosexual activity, along with other practices deemed inexcusable for Christian conduct, and which place a person under God's judgment (Romans 1:26-2:11).

They shall indicate a desire to live in harmony with this body of believers, shall accept the doctrinal standards as set forth in the *Statement of Fundamental and Essential Truths*, and shall be regular financial supporters of this local church.

Section 2

Membership shall consist of the following:

1. *Regular Members.* Persons 18 years of age and over who fulfill the requirements of Article 6.1 shall be known as regular members.
2. *Junior Members.* Persons between the ages of 12 and 18 who fulfill the requirements of Article 6.1 may be eligible for junior membership. Such membership does not qualify for voting privileges at congregational business meetings.

I, _____ am in agreement with the above statement and would
(Please print full name)

like to apply for membership status for the Lacombe Pentecostal Church.

Signature

Date

Lacombe Pentecostal Church
40331 Range Road 27-1, Hwy 12, Lacombe, AB T4L 0E3
Phone (403)782-2966 or Fax (403)782-2961



Water Baptism ...



Water Baptism Information

Lacombe Pentecostal Church

What Is It?

1. Baptism is a powerful, symbolic expression of the repentance that has happened, your acceptance of Christ as Lord and Saviour, and your commitment to being a dedicated disciple of Christ.
2. It is a public demonstration of a person's union with Christ and His death and resurrection. It comes from the Greek Word "*baptizo*," which means *to plunge, submerge or immerse*. It signifies that a person's former way of life has been put to death (*under the water*) and points to their new life, saved and redeemed by Jesus through His resurrection (*coming out of the water*).
3. Baptism does not save you. Salvation can only occur through the grace of Jesus Christ and His sacrifice on the cross.

Why Be Baptized?

Baptism is a step of obedience, faith and commitment.

1. **STEP OF OBEDIENCE:** Jesus commands baptism for everyone who follows Him. Even Jesus, who had no sin, identified Himself with those who were repenting and was baptized.
 - Read Matthew 28:19, Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38, Matthew 3:16
2. **STEP OF FAITH:** You don't need to have everything figured out to be baptized. The act of baptism is a step of faith in what Jesus has done and is continuing to do in your life.
 - Read Acts 8:35-38
3. **COMMITMENT:** Baptism is an external act that signifies you are ready to embrace spiritual growth and transformation
 - Read 1 Peter 3:21



... Water Baptism



Water Baptism Application

Lacombe Pentecostal Church

Full Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Phone Number: _____ Mother's Maiden Name: _____

Address: _____

Do you believe that Jesus Christ, as God's only begotten Son, paid fully for your sins on the cross and do you choose to submit your life fully to Him? _____

When did you accept Christ as your personal Saviour? _____

Please attach a short testimony below as to why you wish to be baptized, or write one below:

Calendar of Events

September 2025

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| | 1 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 MINISTRY FAIR Pre-Service Prayer (9:15am) Worship Service (10am) Churchwide Prayer Service (7pm) | 8 | 9 Intercessory Prayer (7pm) Lead Team Mtg (7pm) | 10 | 11 Grief Share (10am) | 12 Youth Leader Training (6pm) | 13 Pit Stop (8am) LPC Gathered Meeting (7pm) |
| 14 Pre-Service Prayer (9:15am) Worship Service (10am) | 15 Stephen Ministry (7pm) | 16 Ladies Bible Study (9:30am) Walking Life To- gether (6:30pm) | 17 Anchor Kids (6:15pm) | 18 Grief Share (10am) | 19 Youth Kickoff (7pm) | 20 Pit Stop (8am) |
| 21 Pre-Service Prayer (9:15am) Worship Service (10am) Baptism Class (11:30am) | 22 | 23 Ladies Bible Study (9:30am) Intercessory Prayer (7pm) | 24 Anchor Kids (6:15pm) | 25 Grief Share (10am) | 26 Youth (7pm) | 27 Pit Stop (8am) LPC Gathered |
| 28 Pre-Service Prayer (9:15am) Worship Service (10am) BAPTISM SERVICE | 29 Stephen Ministry (7pm) | 30 Ladies Bible Study (9:30am) | | | | |