



The Echoes



Be Thankful

“And be thankful.” These three little words from the end of Colossians 3:15 get me every time. These words remind me that thankfulness is often the farthest thing from my mind when things go wrong. I get caught up in the moment and am annoyed that things aren’t going how I think things should go. I respond by getting mad, complaining to myself or whoever is with me. This happens when someone cuts me off in traffic or goes too slow. It happens when I spill coffee on my clean clothes just before I need to go out, or when the local talker calls just when I want to get something done. You have your own examples of things that leave you frustrated and annoyed.

These situations are certainly frustrating, but why do we react in anger rather than with thankfulness? The answer of how we can respond with thankfulness to a trying situation is given in the first part of Colossians 3:15. We are told to, “Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts”. A similar thought is conveyed earlier in Colossians 2:6,7. “Just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.”

The first lesson in learning thankfulness is that of recognizing that we are not in charge of our life. We are to let Christ rule in our hearts. When we take charge and things do not go our way, we get angry, but when someone else is in charge of our life, then difficulties are the business of the one in charge. Christ Jesus is to be in control. He is the one who allows difficulties in our lives. He has things to teach us. If we remember this we are more apt to respond with thankfulness for God’s leading, than with anger for things not going our way. When I let Christ rule in my heart then I am able to respond, not to the slow driver in front of me, but to God. God has a reason for slowing me down. Instead of cursing the driver, I need to remember that God is in control. This situation helps strengthen my faith as I am rooted and built up in Him.

In any situation, we are blessed with the ability to choose our response. Scripture implores us to “Let” Christ rule in our hearts. “Let” implies that we have the choice to not let Christ rule in our hearts. Are we willing to submit and surrender our lives to our loving Lord? We will not be able to be truly thankful without taking this first and necessary step.

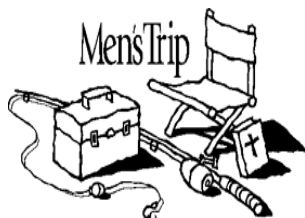
Dan Wahl



Bethel Elbow

In Christ we have become members of a spiritual **family**, a spiritual **body**, and a spiritual **temple**, and through this new identity God can satisfy our deepest needs. As members of God's family, our need for unconditional love and acceptance is fully met. We are secure in God's limitless love (Romans 5:8). As individual parts of Christ's body, our need for true significance and identity is fully met. We have meaning and purpose because of who we are in Christ (2 Timothy 1:9). As living stones in God's temple, our need for lasting competence and fulfillment is fully met. The Holy Spirit has blessed every believer with spiritual gifts, and we have been given the time, opportunities, and abilities to accomplish His purposes for us, through His power (Colossians 1:29; Ephesians 3:16). Praise God—isn't it great to be a part of His family?

June: Our Sunday School windup, which was to include a ball game and barbeque, was scheduled for Sun. (8th). However, due to some much appreciated rain, games and races were held in the church fellowship hall instead. A piano recital for the students of Shannon was held at Bethel that evening. Sticking with a treasured tradition, there was a potluck sandwich and favourite dessert lunch at noon on Father's Day to honor the men of Bethel. On Friday night (20th) thirteen men piled into four boats and tried their hand at some fishing in Diefenbaker Lake. They set up tents and camped near Hitchcock Bay, returning home on Sat. afternoon. Sleep was rather illusive for most but several fish were caught and the yummy fillets brought home. Pastor Dave included this announcement in our June worship service bulletin, "In Jesus' name we play! Golf social to be held on June 22nd at 3:00 p.m." About 40 men and women jumped at the opportunity to wield their clubs in friendly competition and several prizes were awarded later during the barbeque supper at the church. Several of us non-golfers joined the "athletes" for the celebratory meal---what a fun time! The second annual Elbow Community Church Service was held



on Sunday (29th) beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the marina overlooking Diefenbaker Lake. It was a beautiful day and we were favoured with special music from Bronwyn Scheller & Leah Hundebly who led the singing of "O Canada", Carrie Langager, Tom Wilson, the Forefathers, Darla Hundebly, and great preaching from Pastor Dave. A hotdog picnic lunch was served at noon.

July: Bible Camp is over for another year and it seems to fly by faster every summer. What a wonderful time we had feasting on the Word and fellowshiping with dear friends that we sometimes only see at this yearly occasion. A big bouquet to all who helped in any way for the week of the 5th-13th. About 40 guests gathered at the Civic Center on Wed. (16th) to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Howard and Marilyn Smiley. May God bless you with many more years together.

August: Harvest got underway for many of the farmers in our congregation and we praise God for always providing in abundance. Back by popular demand, in lieu of the August WMF meeting, a wiener roast was held at Ron & Marcelle Savidan's farm on August 14th. On the 17th we were back at Savidan's for the 3rd annual homestead jamboree. The afternoon and evening were filled with old-time country gospel music provided by local talent and special guests "Glory Bound" from Swift Current. A barbecue beef supper and a vast array of homemade pies were enjoyed by all with proceeds going to the Elbow Lutheran Bible Camp. Praise God!

September: It has been such a joy this summer to see our little congregation filled to capacity as people on vacation have come to fellowship with us at Bethel. I have had to shake my head in amusement at the sight of the long line-up extending through the fellowship hall as people wait their turn at the coffee spigot and goodie table. How encouraging to hear the laughter and the visiting and sense the presence of the Holy Spirit through the caring and sharing that takes place during this time following a service of good music and good preaching of the Word. Isn't God good? His love and grace and mercy and faithfulness are truly overwhelming! Well, harvest is started to wind down

at the time of this writing and activities at the church are starting to wind up. Larry & Val Hundebly were home from Maui for a visit and gave a presentation on the Haggai Institute on the 7th. Hula praise began again on Sept. 8th under the direction of Gaylene Knutson, and Sunday School on the 14th. Shannon Hundebly has taken on the position of Sunday School superintendent again and we thank all those who have volunteered to teach, lead the music, or help with crafts. It takes many willing hearts and hands to plant the Word in the hearts of the 30+ children who are attending. Pastor Dave will be teaching an adult Sunday morning class on Basic Christianity throughout the winter as a prerequisite to those wanting to become members but it will be beneficial and a blessing for all. Pastor David also began teaching the junior and senior confirmation classes the week of the 21st-27th, and a youth retreat weekend was held at the Bible Camp beginning on the 27th.

We have received word from Pastor Arlin & Ruth Olson that they are once again settled. Arlin has been busy with meetings with the community development team, drafting a proposal for the next 3 years of the project. He has also been sitting in on some sessions on water management being taught to the local village team by a visiting specialist. Ruth has started working at the children's clinic. She is thankful that there are 3 very capable doctors on staff who the nurses can call on for the difficult cases, and those that need admission to the wards. Eventually her focus will be on the malnourished kids that are brought in to the clinic, both in helping to manage their treatment and teaching their families, hopefully

developing the nutrition program more fully. Regarding their children: Lois is in her final year for a degree as a special education teacher. She is still going to Cal State Los Angeles, and living with Ruth's parents. Ben is doing his internship in Lloydminster, SK, and enjoying teaching classes in industrial arts education. Karen is at Trinity Western University in Langley, BC, starting a master's program in linguistics and exegesis. Tim is in his second year of CLBI, and very excited about his upcoming cross-cultural experience trip to Darjeeling, India, in January. Daniel is settling well into boarding life, making new friends, and playing bass guitar in the band. Arlin & Ruth will see him during his first break in October. We must remember to pray for this family and pray for many hearts to be turned to the Lord in that troubled part of the world.



The congregation of Bethel Lutheran at Elbow invites you to celebrate our 100th anniversary with us on the weekend of Nov. 1 & 2, 2008. "Glory Bound," a musical group from Swift Current, will perform on Sat. evening, Nov. 1. On Sunday morning, our special Anniversary Service will be followed by a potluck lunch and social hour. Good music, good fellowship, good food. Don't miss it!

Donna Hundebly

Bethlehem, Outlook

Submit yourselves to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. 1 Peter 4:7

We were privileged to hear the LCBI Concert choir on June 10th at our church. Coffee and fellowship followed.

During the months of June & July we had a bake table at the Farmer's Market. Sales were held every Friday beside the Home Hardware. Proceeds went to our Building Fund. Members would take

turns sitting at the table and bringing goodies to be sold.

On June 1st we had a special service, Baptized and Affirming his baptism was Andrew Bowey, and Affirming their baptism was Curtis Akre, Troy Carlson, Emma Johnson, Hokken Johnson and Eric Stalwick. Let's remember to pray for our young people, that they may continue to grow and flourish in their faith.

On June 8th Elisa Sytske Woudwijk was brought to the Lord in Holy Baptism. She is the daughter of John and Tia Woudwijk. Her grandparents: Jon and Gre Houkstra from Holland were honored to be here and to be her sponsors. God's blessings to the family.

Several were in attendance when Matt Hedlin came to talk about his work with the Lutheran Bible Translators. Coffee and fellowship followed.

We were saddened by the sudden accidental death of Keith Vandale. His memorial service was held June 26th at Bethlehem, Outlook. Sympathy is expressed to the Vandale and Provencher families. God grant you comfort and strength as you walk with Him.

Pastor Olson attended Elbow Lutheran Bible Camp as a Dean. And took some vacation time as well. While he was away Paul Engen and Steven Ulven conducted services

On July 11th Marvin Anholt passed away . His memorial was held at Saskatchewan River. May God comfort his brother and family and other relatives.

Congratulations to Debbie Lammers and Ryan Tilk who were married July 12th. God's blessings as they build a home together.

Our ELW hosted an Ice Cream Social in the fellowship hall of our church on July 22nd. A good time was had by all.

In July and August we had one service each Sunday at 10 a.m. Followed by coffee and fellowship. It gave people an opportunity to visit with those they don't often get to see. We are now, as of Sept. 14th back to two services a Sunday – 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Coffee follows the second service.



Sunday School resumed on Sept. 7th for the young people in the congregation from nursery thru grade 9. They meet every Sunday at 10 a.m. Kirsti Hovdestead is our superintendant this year. Remember to uphold the students, teachers and helpers in your prayers. There is also an adult class meeting at 10 a.m in the Fireside room.

During Aug. we had four people go on a B.C. Mission Tour by boat. They were Maureen Weiterman, Pastor Daryl and Sheryl Olson and Ruth Hermanson. They will be telling us about their trip on Oct. 5th at our Thankoffering Program starting at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

We held a shower for Krystal Olson who was married to Rob LeBlanc on Aug. 30th. May God bless this new home.

Helen Salte shared with the women of the community about her trip to the Holy Land. It was very interesting for all and a great presentation. Coffee and fellowship followed. During the absence of Pastor Daryl in August Lorne Hovdestead and Native Ministries very capably conducted our services.

ELW will regularly meet in Sept., Oct. and Nov. The Bible studies are on the "Great I Am's" in the Bible.

"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!" Psalm 118:1

Praise the Lord for all his blessings.

June Haug



MAY GRACE AND PEACE
BE YOURS IN ABUNDANCE.

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Bethlehem, Hawarden

June 8 - We had our Sunday School Picnic, with some games for the young and young at heart. With hotdogs and other potluck goodies for supper afterward. We also had a Country Gospel Evening with the Daae Family that evening. The day was greatly enjoyed by all.

June 15 - We had Pie and coffee to honour all the fathers on Father's Day.

June 20-22 - Our church helped support the Christian Cowboy School, with prayers, attendance and food. The word of God can be spread in many different ways.

July 3 - LCW was at Cooper's home, with Linda Lee leading the Bible study.

July 5-13 - Family Week at Bible Camp.



Congratulations to Kyle & Sara Lee who were married on July 19, and to Clinton & Kendra Fuglerud, who were married on July 26, 2008. God's Blessings on these unions.

August 21 - Destry Paul born to Dustin & Marla Gonnet, Proud Grandparents are Peter & Pam Gonnet and Neil & Katie Haaland.

August 31 - Country Gospel Evening - Potluck Supper and Program by Randy King

Sept 4 - LCW at Fuglerud's, led by Katie Haaland.

Sept 7 - Potluck Dinner for the start of Sunday School. Many were also in attendance that evening at the Spring Creek Jamboree.

Sept. 28 - A 90th Birthday Party for Ken Lee was held in Outlook with a family supper afterward. That evening there was a potluck supper and Country Gospel Program by NewGrass.

Our prayers and well wishes for recovery go out to Gene Sundby, Roy Olson and Ken Lee

As we are still without a pastor the message has been shared by Ted Lehn, Pastor Boyd Hopkins, Ken Bruvold, Pastor Lawrence Hahn, Pastor Jack Sailor and Pastor Bernie Belau.

Hazel Evans

	<p>Submissions for the next Echoes are due on: November 15th</p>	<p>If you would like to submit a writing or an announcement please sent it to: Echoes Editor C/O: Rhonda Lee Box 159, Hawarden SK, S0H 1Y0 or at elbc_echoes@yahoo.com</p>
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In Memory of Byron Tastad
Martha Tastad

In Memory of Ted Hundebly
Pearl Hundebly

In Memory of Joel & Olida Olson
Pastor Daryl Olson
Ione Tysseland

In Memory of Lars & Florence Wick
Robert & Carol Larson

In Honor of Ruby Christensen's 95th Birthday
Leona Nadeau
Glen & Elaine Vollmer

In Memory of Oliver Olson
Pastor Daryl Olson

In Honor of Their 63rd Wedding
Anniversary
Harry & Viola Johnson

In Honor of Art & Gayleen Vollmer's 50th Wedding
Anniversary
Doug & Marie Wankel

In Memory of David & Florence Olson
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It is never too early to start planning for next year. Please plan to join us at Bible Camp in 2009.

July 4th - 12th

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