



The Echoes



We Would See Jesus

*"They came to Philip and asked him:
"Sir we would see Jesus." -- John 12: 20*

The story is told of 2 adolescent boys who lived in a big city on the West Coast. One day they decided to have a bit of foolish fun at the expense of other people. They went to a street corner in the middle of downtown. They looked up to the upper floor of a sky scraper across the street and started pointing at it. They said nothing, just pointed and looked concerned. A crowd quickly gathered, everyone looking at where the boys pointed. No one was sure what it was all about but the crowd and excitement grew. For quite a while confusion reigned and people stopped and stared until finally they realized it was all a joke. In the meantime the boys had snuck away and were laughing at how they had tricked people - and all the tumult and confusion they had caused.

Sometimes the impression is given that church and church events like Bible Camp are similar. -A lot of excitement and lots of people involved, but confusion concerning what the purpose is. The message is unclear and puzzling, and what is known is empty but frenzied. In the end it seems to be but a mystery.

I thank God that Elbow Bible Camp has always been different. We know why we are there. We are intentionally present to study the Bible and be fed in our faith in Jesus and our lives of faith.

The verse over the altar in the Chapel - John 14: 6 "I am the Way the Truth and the Life" - has always guided the preaching, teaching, and fellowship of the Camp. It is a precious heritage for us, one well worth continuing. We come to hear God's word preached and taught - in its truth and purity (as the catechism tells us - in the explanation to the second commandment). We come to be encouraged in our faith in Jesus as Savior and Lord and challenged to serve Him. I want to ask that this year, we continue with these set directions and this Godly heritage. It has been used of God extremely well in the past, and we pray it will continue to be so in the future.

In John 12 some Gentile Greeks asked of one of the Disciples (Philip) that they would see Jesus. That is the spirit of all this, -of the right reasons for coming to Bible Camp. -To come to see Jesus in the preaching, teaching, prayer times, and fellowship. We invite you to be part of Bible Camp to "see Jesus" and be fed in your faith. Anything less misses the mark. The other activities of Camp (the visiting, food and recreation) are excellent but the centre is always on the "Word of God" - that we would see Jesus in it all.

The goal is high. But it is worth it always. We would see Jesus! God bless our camp weeks this year. See you there.

Pastor Kelly Henning

Bethlehem, Outlook

“Take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and have one all, to stand.” – Ephesians 6:13

March – We held a week of sewing for Lutheran World Relief, sewing quilts and putting together layettes as well. Lenten service was held every Wednesday evening – the message was on the six Penitential Psalms (one each week). Several members of the congregation helped to deliver meals on wheels on March 26th, 28th and 30th. Thank you to Cathy for making the arrangements. Congratulations to Ellen Burk who celebrated her 90th birthday at a come and go tea in the lounge of Golden Acres on Wednesday, March 28th.

April – A bridal shower was held on April 13th for Kali Kasper, daughter of Susan and Murray Kasper. We continue to hold our regular events, Bible study, Sunday School, Confirmation classes, council meetings, etc. The music festival finale was held on April 1st at Bethlehem, Outlook at 7pm.

May – Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute held graduation ceremonies the weekend of May 12th. Congratulations Graduates!

Have a wonderful summer, God's Blessings to you all.

June Haug



Bethel – Elbow

“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus. *Do not put out the Spirit’s fire; do not treat prophecies with contempt. Test everything. Hold on to the good. Avoid every kind of evil.... May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through.*” – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-23

Spring is such a splendid time – new life, the beautiful colors of new growth, a time to enjoy and start afresh. The farmers are busy trying to get seed in the ground ahead of the rains. Our church family continues to keep active with many weekly events including prayer meetings, confirmation classes, Bible studies, Hula Worship and Men’s Prayer Breakfast.s

March – Bethel along with the United Church and the Holy Redeemer Catholic Church organized the World Day of Prayer on March 2nd. This year the program was written by the women of Malaysia. Prior to the beginning of the program, coffee and a special Malaysian treat were served. The first Bethel Funspiel was held on March 4th and was well attended. Everyone there enjoyed curling, skating, and of course, a delicious potluck supper. Hopefully this will become a yearly event. On the 25th the congregation was able to visit with and pray for a group of 7 young men (including Daniel Spelliscy) from Millar College of the Bible, who are travelling to Sierra Leone on a mission trip for the month of May.

April – Bethel Church hosted a Good Friday Service on April 6th, and a pancake breakfast at the Civic Center. We are so blessed to have a lot of very talented people in our congregation. Because of this we were able to have impromptu choirs on both Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. The songs were beautiful. Several Members of the congregation attended the AFLC annual conference in Edmonton the weekend of April 13th-18th. “Women with a Purpose” was held April 14th. This community outreach featured music, brunch, and a speaker, Jodi Kozan (founder of Women’s Journey of Faith). There was also an update on the Community Park Project.

On April 28th approximately 60 people spent a wonderful evening being entertained by the Rawling Brothers, a wonderful duo who sing a combination of musical genres, including their own compositions. They also shared and sang for the morning service – a great time of worshipping and praising God in song and testimony.

May – Over 300 volunteers converged in Elbow to work on the Elbow Community Park Project. Our church was in charge of handing out free bottled water to the workers.

The five confirmands, McKenzie Scheller, Kelley Stamnes, Clay Jess, Brock Archibald, and Carter Norrish were confirmed on May 20th. Following this celebration, there was a potluck lunch.

It is exciting to welcome a new member to the congregation – Halle Fay. Proud parents and sister are Adam & Darla Wonnick and Annika. Prouder grandparents are Donna & Ron Hundebly. Dave and Colleen Spelliscy are pleased to welcome their newest grandson, Ezekiel Ross, the son of Joanne & Mike Wiebe.

We are praying for several members of our congregation with health issues: Lyle Knutson, Norma Knutson, Ruth Knutson, Dean Price, Val Wills, Ole Korbo, Ken Arcand.

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” – Philippians 4: 6-7

Colleen Spelliscy

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### Bethlehem, Hawarden

*O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.*

*From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him? You have made him a little lower than the heavenly being and crowned him with glory and honor. You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet; all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!” -- Psalm 8*

March – Mary Freitag hosted the March 1<sup>st</sup> LCW at her farm home near Hague. Sylvia Sundby led our Bible Study. It was nice to see Mary’s new home and see her health being restored. The LCW put on a program and served lunch at Luther Place in Outlook on Thursday, March 15. Lorimer Olson gave a short meditation.

Sunday evening, March 25<sup>th</sup> was Bethlehem’s Gospel Evening featuring the local talent in our church. The program included all ages starting with Marcel and Wylie Vermette’s puppet show, a song by the Sunday School, trio (Sylvia Sundby, Katie Haaland, Linda Follick), duet by Roy & Joyce Olson and harp music by Roy, a devotional by Darwin Taylor, song by LCW, duet (Katie & Linda), a reading by Linda Lee, songs by Lorimer Olson, Quartet (Gene Sundy, Roy Olson, Katie Haaland, Linda Follick), congregational songs and piano/organ selections by

Betty Hunter and Sylvia Sundby. An offering was taken up for Teen Challenge. Lunch and fellowship followed.

April – Several took in the Community Choir Easter Cantata “No Greater Love” from April 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> with performances at Skudesnes Lutheran Church, Outlook United Church, and Outlook Lutheran Church. Betty Hunter hosted the April 5<sup>th</sup> LCW meeting in her home in Saskatoon. Joyce Olson led our Bible Study. Good Friday services were held at several places in the community – Outlook, Hanley and Kenaston. Pastor Lawrence Hahn (Outlook) was the guest speaker at the Easter Service. A good crowd joined us at 9:30 AM for a delicious breakfast before the service.

Congratulations to Jeremy & Ashley Haaland on the birth of their second son on Monday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. His name is Kolby Austin and is a little brother for Dane. Congratulations to grandparents Ron & Heather Haaland (Okotoks) and great grandparents Gene & Sylvia Sundby (Outlook). Congratulations to Mary & Allan Freitag on the birth of a grandson. Declen Elliot Olson, son of Rodney & Christy of Maple Creek was born on Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.

Sunday evening, April 29<sup>th</sup> was our Country Gospel Evening featuring Brian & Aimee Hunstead and family – Jessica, Stephanie, Christine sang with their parents and the boys Gunnar and Iver were in attendance as well. Coffee and fellowship followed. We welcome Brian and Amy and family, as they have moved into our community.

May – Ruth and Sharon Cooper hosted the May 3<sup>rd</sup> LCW meeting with 7 ladies in attendance. Linda Lee led the Bible Study. Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> was

our annual Mother/Daughter Tea with Shelley Luedtke from Outlook as our speaker/musician for the afternoon. The theme was "Birds." The ladies brought various "bird" things for display and they each told the group about them during the program. Birds Nest cupcakes and a Hawaiian cake were served for lunch.

Our sympathies to Helen (Pederson) McEwan on the passing of her husband Gordon. They used to live and farm in the Hawarden area. Gordon's funeral service was held at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Saskatoon and the interment was held at Bethlehem, Hawarden. The ladies served lunch for the family following the interment.

Congratulations to Eric & Becky Martens on the birth of their daughter Jessa Riley, born on Sunday, May 6 - a little sister for Jackson. Congratulations also to grandparents Hazel (Martens) & Tim Olson (Dundurn).

Congratulations to Kevin & Jessica Follick on the birth of their daughter Avery Alexis on Tuesday,

May 15<sup>th</sup>. Big brother Kyler will be a big helper for his mom. Proud grandparents are Gerald & Linda Follick, Don & Bonnie Courchene (Lanigan), great grandparents Ken Lee, Gwen Follick, Andy Courchene (Lanigan) and Margie Rogers (Melfort).

We have been blessed to have the following bring us God's Word on Sunday mornings: Pastor Dan Haugen, Darwin Taylor, Pastor Jack Sailor, Ted Lehn, Lorimer Olson, Marcel Vermette, Pastor Lawrence Hahn, Pastor Dennis Keith, Dr. John Barkman.

We are thankful for answered prayers and continue to pray for those in need in our community. We were saddened to hear of the passing of Ted Lehn of Dundurn. He and his wife Sharon have been so faithful in sharing their musical talents as well as Ted being a speaker on many occasions. Pastor Richard Zimmerman (a former pastor in our congregation) also passed away from cancer. Pastor David Hesje officiated at the interment for Lawrence Hawker (son of June Pederson(Norm)). Blessed be their memories.

*Linda Follick*



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