



# The Echoes

**'Tis the Season to be Merry!**

As this is my first publication as editor of “The Echoes”, I thought it fitting that I introduce myself and offer the meditation. I don’t fancy myself a writer, but when God puts something on our hearts, I would suggest that obedience is the path to take.

First of all, I would like to extend sincere, and great thanks to Rhonda Lee for her work as editor for the past number of years. She did an amazing job of getting this newsletter assembled and distributed! I know that her servant spirit has reached our Lord as a sweet aroma.

As we enter into the Advent season, we are reminded of the greatest example of servant hood ever known to man-kind. While fully God, Jesus Christ embraced his role as servant to his Father and humbled himself to become an infant born to be a pure and holy sacrifice on behalf of us all. Oh how blessed we are to receive such a gift!! Too big a gift to be contained in gift wrapping under the tree, those of us who have been born again of the Holy Spirit, carry this gift around with us wherever we go. While bragging isn’t considered a virtue, this is one gift that we can’t help but boast about. Jesus Christ, our salvation and our King lives and he shines his light through us with each smile, each act of kindness, and the joy we exude just because he loves us. Oh yes, it will be a Merry Christmas! It is a merry life in Christ! Be blessed with the joy of Christ and the peace that passes all understand throughout this Christmas season, and always!

- Lorna Sewell



## **Advent Dates for 2012**

- **December 2** - First Sunday of Advent
- **December 9** - Second Sunday of Advent
- **December 16** - Third Sunday of Advent
- **December 23** - Fourth Sunday of Advent

In Western Christianity, [Advent](#) begins on the fourth Sunday prior to [Christmas](#) Day.

## **News from the Local Congregations:**

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## **Bethel – Elbow**

Prepared by: Colleen Spelliscy

*O Come All Ye Faithful  
Joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold Him,  
Born the King of Angels;  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.*

June 10 - the Sunday School held its wind-up party. The weather didn't want to co-operate, so the activities moved in doors and carried on. After the Sunday morning service, there was a potluck lunch with barbequed hamburgers and hotdogs. This was a full Sunday, as members of Teen Challenge lead the morning service with music and testimonies. It was an awesome time to hear about the loving hand of God moving in peoples' lives and see the glorious results!

June 17 - In honour of Father's day, a potluck lunch, featuring Dad's "Favourite dessert" was held following the service.

A bridal shower was held at the church for Rechelle Moir, bride-elect of Graeme Norrish

June 30 - A Women's Breakfast was held on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Marilyn and Howard Smiley moved back to Elbow, and are settling into their new home. We are very happy to have them back in our midst.

July 7 - Everyone was excited for a wonderful week at Elbow Bible Camp. Thank-you to those working on behalf of Jesus to make this camp possible.

August 19 - The 7th annual Homestead Country Gospel Music Jamboree was held at Coyote Springs Campground south of Elbow, this year with a cowboy

theme. A large crowd gathered on a hot day to listen to some good music and enjoy the chuck wagon roast beef and cowboy beans supper and to sample a variety of wonderful pies! Neil Haaland from the Hanley area was a capable M.C. teaching us all about working cowboy attire. Afternoon entertainers included Taylor Stevenson, Elbow; Tom Wilson, Elbow; Jodi Faith, Lafleche; and the Skudesnes Harbour Country and Gospel Band. A very enjoyable evening concert with award winning singer/songwriter Larry Krause from the Christopher Lake area was a perfect ending to the day. All proceeds from the Jamboree go to support the Elbow Lutheran Bible Camp.

August 26 - The fifth annual Bethel Golf Tournament was held at the Harbour Golf Course with 26 enthusiastic golfers. The tournament was followed by a barbeque at the church

Our church family has been very busy this summer with celebrations – three marriages: Graeme Norrish (son of Dean & Carmen Norrish) and Rechelle Moir; Steven Njaa and Kristianne Hundebly (daughter of Dale & Janet Hundebly); Daniel Spelliscy (son of Dave & Colleen Spelliscy) and Kayla Luff; four baptisms: Halle, the daughter of Adam and Darla Wonnick; Dawson, the son of Brad and Jill Norrish; Cullen, the son of Shay and Quinn Stephenson; Owen, the son of Mark and Dayna Marie Bosnak (both grandsons of Doyle & Nordis Wankel); two new babies: Charley Celia Marie a granddaughter for Lyle and Gaylene Knutson (proud parents are Carley and Craig Zenner); Madison Dianne a granddaughter for Keith and Syl Lonsdale (proud parents are Clarke and Kaitlin Lonsdale; several graduations: Kevin Tilton from Loreburn High School; Tim Hesje, Philip Joel and Ashalee Vollmer from Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute; Hannah Hundebly from Capernwray Bible School on Thetis Island, BC; Daniel Spelliscy from Millar College of the Bible; a 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration for Mel and Marg Langager.

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## Bethlehem, Outlook

Prepared by: June Haug

**“But when they persisted in asking Him, He straightened up and said to them “He who is without sin among you, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.” John 8:7**

Summer is gone and we are into all the fall activities. We have gone back to two services, with Sunday School between and also an adult class at 10 AM.

Confirmation classes meet Thursday at 3:30 PM and 7:30 PM. We just lately started having prayer meetings at 8:45 AM on Wednesday morning and vespers at 6:45PM on Wednesday evening.

There are two groups of ladies who meet for Bible Study once a month and a small group of ladies who meet on Friday afternoons.

We held our Thanksgiving/Praise Program on September 30 with the Luedtke family presenting the program, followed by pie and coffee.

Quilting days were held in October, with many faithful workers. They put together over 100 quilts and will assemble layettes. They will then be sent to Lutheran World Relief in Winnipeg.

Sympathy was expressed to several families who had loved ones pass away – Viola Johnson, Duane Kennedy, Marvin Utigaard, Gerard Sincennes. God be with you all, giving you strength, comfort and peace.

Congratulations to two of our young people who were married recently:

-Chad Hermanson (son of Lloyd and Ruth) who married Jolene Styan-wedding took place in BC

-Lila Peter (daughter of Tony and Betty) who married Martyn Bell-wedding took place at Bethlehem Lutheran, Outlook.

Once a month a group of volunteers travel to Saskatoon to give a helping hand at IMED. They leave at 8 AM and come home at 5 PM.

As we will be soon into the Advent season, may I take the opportunity to wish you all a very Blessed Christmas as you celebrate our Saviors birth.

## Bethlehem, Hawarden

Prepared by: Linda Follick

***I will lift up my eyes to the hills—from whence comes my help? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, He who keeps Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul. The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in from this time forth and even forevermore. Psalms 121***

**July-** 8-15 was our Annual Family week at Elbow Bible Camp. Evening speaker and one of the morning bible study classes was led by Pastor Jim Johnson (California), and Pastor Kelly Henning (Lake Alma) led the other morning study. Darby Murphy (Camrose) was the youth leader, and a team from CLBI looked after the youth classes along with some other volunteers. It was a busy, hot, but good week spent in studying and hearing God’s word. July 29 was our Country Gospel evening featuring an evening of “Hymn Singing”. Bringing God’s word to us this month were Pastors Arlen Olson, Dan Haugen (Prince Albert), and Martin Weber who works with Lutheran Bible Translators in Cameroon. Also in attendance at the service were a group of young people from Colorado and Kansas. They had spent some time with the Northern Village Ministries at Pine House Lake. They spent their time working with the Cree children there. They also spoke during the service on what they had been doing. They spent the night at the church along with Darwin Taylor who had been up at Grandmother’s Bay on the Churchhill River 1 ½ hours north of La Ronge. Their leader/driver Pastor Chuck Andersen spoke on Sunday evening at our Country Gospel Evening.

**August -2-**Katie Haaland hosted our LCW meeting. Katie led the Bible Study on the Beatitudes. Betty

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Hunter's family hosted an 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday party at the church on August 4. The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Homestead Jamboree was held at Coyote Springs Campsite near Elbow. Afternoon entertainment featured Jodi Faith (La Fleche) plus other local talents, and after a beef on a bun supper and home-made pies Larry Krause from Christopher Lake was the guest performer. Proceeds went to Elbow Bible Camp. Aug 26 was our Country Gospel Evening featuring Per Vinding from Dundurn. Our prayers are with Gene Sundby who had surgery and is recuperating at home. Our sympathies go out to the Johnson families on the passing of Viola. Her funeral was held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Outlook and her burial was at Bethlehem, Hawarden. Blessed be her memory.

**September 6-** Ruth Cooper hosted our LCW meeting with 9 ladies in attendance. Linda Lee led the Bible Study on "What is Worship?" It is a study from RBC Ministries written by Martin R. De Haan II. School has resumed as of September 4 with Cadence Haaland in Grade 4, Cassidy Haaland in Grade 2, and Cohen Haaland in Grade 1 in Hanley, homeschooling students Wiley Vermette in Grade 7, Hayes Vermette in Grade 4, Tate in Grade 1. September 9 was the first day of Sunday School for all ages. The teachers are Katie Haaland, Linda Lee, Chad Haaland and Marcel Vermette leads the adult class. Teen Challenge brought a van load of young men over to our church on Sunday, September 16. They shared their life stories with us – what they went through with their addictions to drugs and alcohol before they came to Teen Challenge. It is still a struggle every day for them but with their Christian counseling and new-found faith in God they are slowly rebuilding their lives. They also sang several musical numbers for us. A pot-luck wiener roast and visiting followed the service. Neil and Katie Harland hosted a pot luck supper followed by a planning meeting of the organizing committee of the Christian Cowboy School on Saturday evening. Our university students are back in classes at the U of S in Saskatoon. Troy Carlson is in 2<sup>nd</sup> year of

Commerce, Nancy has gone back to school taking a Master's Degree in Public Administration. Aaron Biberdorff (Brittany's husband, who is a teacher) has started taking classes towards his Master's in Education (while still teaching). Hokken Johnson is in 1<sup>st</sup> year Agriculture, and Rilla is starting her Master's Degree in Commerce. Emma Johnson is leaving shortly for England where she will attend bible school. Her sister Jenna (who is a pharmacist in Prince Albert), is flying over with her and they will do a little touring before classes start. Michael Haugen has started back at LCBI taking Grade 12. Congratulations to Jay and Eileen deGuzman on the birth of their daughter Katherine Hannah on Tuesday, September 18. She weighed 7 pounds 2 ounces and big brother Caleb is thrilled with the new addition to their family. Congratulations to Grandparents Victor and Linda and to Auntie Rhonda and Uncles Grant and Ian. Linda flew out to New Brunswick on Monday morning to help out the family and to get acquainted with her granddaughter. Congratulations to Gerald Follick who celebrated a special birthday (65) on Sunday September 23, and also to Ken Lee on his 94<sup>th</sup> birthday. Ken enjoyed supper on Saturday at the farm with all the local relatives and some AB relatives in attendance, and dinner on Sunday. On Sunday afternoon 40 friends and relatives came to have cake and coffee and to visit with him at the Outlook Health Center. Our sympathies go out to Larry Hovdestad and extended family on the passing of his wife Wendy (Ganes) on Thursday, September 27. Wendy was a cousin of Joyce Olson. Ken Olson and Friends were featured at our Country Gospel Evening on Sunday, September 30. There were four members in this group with various instruments being played. It was good to have Sharon Lehn sing a few numbers with them. Fellowship and coffee followed

**October-** Marcel Vermette was the guest speaker at the Thanksgiving service on Sunday, October 7, speaking on Ecclesiastes. Neil Haaland led the Communion part of the service. Victor and Grant Lee flew to New Brunswick

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on Sunday to get acquainted with the new addition to the deGuzman family. Joyce Olson hosted the October LCW regular/annual meeting at her home on Thursday October 11 with 7 ladies in attendance. Katie Haaland led a bible study on Jonah. Our sympathies to the families of Edith L'Heureux (Orvin & Alma Haaland's daughter) on her passing on Tuesday, October 9 in Surrey, BC. Ron and Heather Haaland and family went out to be with the family for a few days. The LCW (and Roy Olson) went over to Davidson to the Health Center there and put on a musical program for the residents there. It was good to see Ellen Burk and to visit with her there. She surely appreciated the music and fellowship. She has since moved back to the Outlook Health Center. Sunday evening (28<sup>th</sup>) was our Country Gospel Evening. The Skudesnes Band performed in front of a full church. It was good to see so many out to enjoy the evening. Coffee and fellowship followed.

**November** - Linda Follick hosted the November 1 meeting of the LCW with 8 ladies attending. Ruth Cooper led the Bible Study based on Acts 2:42-47 "The Fellowship of Believers". Our sympathies go out to the families of Gladys Johnson (wife of the late Vern Johnson) of Saskatoon. Her funeral was held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church with Pastor Harley Johnson officiating on Monday, November 5.

We are saddened to hear of the passing of Frieda Finnestad (wife of Pastor Ken) on Friday, November 2. Sincere sympathy is extended to Pastor Ken and other family members. Her funeral was held on Wednesday, November 7 at First Mennonite Church in Saskatoon with the burial at the Dundurn cemetery. Blessed be her memory. On Sunday afternoon we gathered at the Pioneer Home (Health Center) in Outlook and entertained them with some singing and visiting. Our prayers are with little Dane Haaland who is awaiting his 3<sup>rd</sup> heart surgery in the near future. We are blessed to have had Brian Hunstad, Marcel Vermette, Lorimer

Olson, Pastors Jack Sailor, Lawrence Hahn, and Dr. John Barkman speak to us these past few months.

## **"Praise God from whom all blessings flow...."**

**"For everything comes from him and exists by his power and is intended for his glory. All glory to him forever!" Romans 11:36**

The donations flowing into Elbow Lutheran Bible Camp are a blessing to the body of believers who benefit from the wonderful teaching each summer. This camp is a blessing to our Lord as he takes pleasure in us, his disciples, coming together to be better equipped to carry out his great commission:

**"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."  
Matthew 28:19, 20**

### **The following people made donations to the camp in 2012:**

Ken Vallevand	Jody Sanden
Doris Nurmi	Ross & Gerry Vollmer
Shirley Sharron	Krystal Leblanc
Ken Arcand	Terry Myers
Norma Knutson	Carolie Haug
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**IMO Thelma & Mildred Hundebly**  
Bob Hundebly

**IMO Harvey Haug**  
Santhy Hermanson

**IMO David & Florence, Joel & Olida Olson**  
Pastor Daryl & Cheryl Olson

**IMO Rudy Olson**  
Gene & Sylvia Sundby  
Valborg Huglen  
Robert & Carol Larson

**IMO Curly Ganes**  
Roy & Joyce Olson

**IHO Betty Hunter's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday**  
Roy & Joyce Olson  
Gerald & Linda Follick  
Walter & Stella Jess

**IHO Mel & Marg Lanagager's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
Glen & Elaine Vollmer  
Norma Knutson  
Doug & Marie Wankel  
Dwayne & Catherine Richman  
Owen & Marillyn Akre

**IMO Garry & other Jess/Olson relatives**  
Walter & Stella Jess

**IMO Adelene Dahle**  
Norma Knutson  
Mel & Marg Langager

**IMO Byron Tastad**  
Martha Tastad

**IMO Viola Johnson**  
Betty Hunter & Family  
Roy & Joyce Olson  
Owen & Marilyn Akre  
Neil & Katie Haaland  
Glen & Elaine Vollmer  
Dwayne & Donna Williams  
Doug & Marie Wankel  
Lawrence McAdam  
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Denise Sielski  
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Robert Hundebly  
George & Ruth Cooper  
Larry & Leanne Rinholm

**IHO Dennis & Doris Stamnes 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
Owen & Marilyn Akre

**IMO Oscar & Inga Olson**  
The Mop Shoppe  
Gene & Sylvia Sundby

**IMO Lars & Florence Wick**  
Robert & Carol Larson

**IMO Wendy Hovdestad**  
Roy & Joyce Olson

**IMO Frieda Finnestad**  
Roy & Joyce Olson  
Neil & Katie Haaland  
Gene & Sylvia Sundby  
Gerald & Linda Follick

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John & Catherine McPhail

Roy & Joyce Olson  
Neil & Katie Haaland  
Ron & Donna Hundebly  
Doug & Marie Wankel  
Horace Wankel  
Loreburn/Elbow Legion  
Eugene Fellman  
Robert G. Hundebly  
Larry & Val Hundebly  
Lyle & Gaylene Knutson  
Don Ector  
Jeanne Barton

**Donations to the camp can be sent to:**

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**Elbow Lutheran Bible Camp**  
**C/O: Linda Follick**  
**Box 776 Outlook, SK S0L 2N0**

**\*\*Please note that this is a NEW Box number\*\***

## **New Camp Projects Underway!**

The Bible Camp Board meeting was held November 12, 2012, during which some exciting decisions were made. Two major projects will be funded. The first is to upgrade the playground equipment and the second is to begin upgrading the electrical around camp. There is a committee called the "Site Planning Committee" and they are to get in contact with an electrician to do an assessment of camp. Once the assessment is done we can decide on phases for the upgrade. As funds are collected, upgrades will begin. It was decided that both projects will be started off with seed money from the Bible Camp budget and funds will continue to be collected without end until both projects are complete. *Donations may be made specifically to these projects. Please designate where you would like your donations to be applied. Camp ministry, operations and maintenance continue to be of primary importance and will continue to be a separate fund to which donations may be allocated.*

**Stay updated regarding these projects and much more by visiting the Elbow Lutheran Bible Camp website at: [www.elbowlutheranbiblecamp.com](http://www.elbowlutheranbiblecamp.com)**

## **Important Upcoming Dates:**

June 7-8, 2013 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bible Camp Cleanup

July 6-14, 2013 Family Bible Camp

## **Call for Submissions!**

As editor for "The Echoes", I would like to propose a new idea for our newsletter in 2013. I would like to include both, a devotional for the adults and a devotional for the teens, as well as a "kids' corner" for the young people in our midst. It shouldn't be too difficult to manage this with the use of our new website.

"The Echoes" will continue to be published 6 times per year. Deadlines for submissions are as follows:

February edition	January 12/13
April edition	March 12/13
June edition	May 12/13
August edition	July 12/13 (or at camp)
October edition	September 12/13
December edition	November 12/13

Please feel free to submit your devotional any time but these are the deadlines for each specific edition of "The Echoes". My prayer is that we would have one adult, one teen, and one child submission (could just be a picture about faith) in each edition.

Submissions may be sent to Echoes Editor [elbc\\_echoes@yahoo.com](mailto:elbc_echoes@yahoo.com). If you want to write something for the newsletter and don't have access to the internet, please ask a friend to help you out. I live in Calgary so I can't swing by and pick anything up. ☺

***Now, may the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; may the Lord turn His face toward you and give you His precious peace. Amen (Numbers 6:24-26)***