

# The Echoes



## Adult Devotional:



*"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)*

One of the favorite choruses people sing is "This little Light of mine". It talks of shining for the world to see and not letting our light be blown out. As I recall there are even actions to accompany the words. Sadly there has been mischief associated with this chorus in some circles. The Light has been interpreted as an ability to do good or as some kind of spiritual power or niceness. Suddenly a Campfire chorus becomes an anthem for the New Age or at very least a song about doing good deeds. It is good for us to remember what the Bible teaches and hold fast to it. Remember John 11: "Jesus says I am the Light of the World". He is the Light we sing about, and testify to. When He comes into our

lives and reigns there as Savior and Lord, -he changes us with His mercy and power. He guides our days through His Word the Bible and His Holy Spirit. He is the Light in our lives first, and then through us as he changes us. He transforms how we think, and speak, and act. He is the Light worth singing about.

- Pastor Kelly Henning

## Children's Devotional:

### Learning To Obey



[Read: Genesis 3: 1-19](#)

Adam and Eve knew not to eat of the tree of knowledge. The enemy (Satan) came and tricked them so they would disobey what God said. They had to live with the discipline God gave them.

God still loved them – but they still had to live with the choices they made. And it is the same for us. If you never learn to obey when you're young, when you're older you will find it hard to obey your teachers, your coach (if you play sports), people you work for, the laws of the land and God. It is hard to get along with someone that has not learnt to obey. They often won't listen and want to do everything their own way. Maybe you know someone like that! They end up hurting themselves – and God. It makes God sad when we don't obey. Obedience need's to start in the home with Mum & Dad. If we learn to obey Mum & Dad, we will know how to obey when we're older. This is one of the most important lessons to learn, and maybe the hardest. God has given us all a free will – which means we are free to make our own choices. We can choose to obey or not. It's our choice. But we need to remember what happened to Adam and Eve. There is a price to pay! Jesus is our example. He obeyed His parents. If you find it hard to obey – tell Jesus. He understands and will help you. Remember, He was a kid Himself once!

Children, do what your parents tell you. This is only right. "Honour your father and mother" is the first commandment that has a promise attached to it, namely, "so you will live well and have a long life." - Ephesians 6: 1-3 (MSG)

*Lord, today I ask that you  
Would help me to obey, Even though I don't want to,  
Help me choose to anyway.*

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## News from the Local Congregations:

**\*Representatives of other churches attending Elbow Lutheran Bible Camp are welcome to contribute to this column. We'd love to hear your news! Please see submission deadlines at the end of the newsletter.**

### Bethel – Elbow

Prepared by: Colleen Spelliscy

*The Lord is my light and my salvation –  
Whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life –  
Of whom shall I be afraid?  
Wait for the Lord  
Be strong and take heart  
And wait for the Lord*

### FEBRUARY

At a congregational meeting, held on February 6, a motion was passed to call Doug and Kaycee Lutz to be the pastor couple for our church. A short time later they accepted, and on March 20<sup>th</sup> they arrived in Elbow (welcomed by one of our more fierce snowstorms).

13 – a Bible Study entitled *the Forgotten God* began at the Church

15-17 – several of our youth attended Youth Quake at Caronport

24 – a Worship team came from Caronport to lead Praise and Worship during our morning service.

A potluck lunch Following the service, everyone enjoyed a delicious potluck lunch.

28 – the Women's Missionary Federation held their annual meeting

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## **MARCH**

1 – several ladies from our church were involved in the World Day of Prayer which was held at the Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Elbow. The theme of the service was *I was a Stranger and You Welcomed Me*

16 – the Rawlings Brothers held a concert at the Elbow Civic Center, and the next morning, they sang several songs during our Sunday morning service. Everyone enjoyed their very special presentations.

23 – a Ladies Welcoming Pantry Coffee Party was held for Kaycee Lutz – a great time was had as Kaycee met the ladies of the congregation, and the ladies got to know Kaycee a bit better

29 - Bethel Church held a pancake breakfast and Good Friday service at the Elbow Civic Center

29 – a potluck supper was held at the church followed by a concert performed by the Caronport Highschool Tour Choir called *Christ in the Psalms*. It was an inspiring evening of wonderful musical numbers and readings from the Psalms. All 48 members of the tour group were billeted in Elbow.

31 - our congregation prayed over Arlin and Ruth Olson as they are traveling to England attend the wedding of their son, Ben and his bride, Esther. From there they continued on to their posting in Afghanistan.

## **APRIL**

5-7 – the AFLC 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference was held at Faith Free Lutheran Church in Lake Alma

12-14 –the Ladies Retreat was held at Cedar Lodge on Black Strap Lake. Approximately 40 ladies enjoyed a great weekend, from the sessions with Marcia Laycock, to the music worship with Darla Wonnick, meaningful pray times, delicious food and wonderful fellowship.

21 –a potluck supper was followed by an installation service held for Pastor Doug and Kaycee. A meaningful message was given by Pastor Al Pinno, and a prayer and blessing were given by Pastor Kelly Henning.

Spring must be arriving as most of our snowbirds have come home, and it is so good to have them back in the congregation. Price, Pearl Hundebly, Ruth Knutson. We are also praying for the family of Ole Korbo who passed away in March.

## **Bethlehem, Outlook**

Prepared by: June Haug

*For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11*

*To God be The GLory*

**MARCH** – How about beginning by telling about our weather, however all of you are aware of the snowy, blizzards, all the icy roads we've had, but you know it's nearly all gone and we've jumped into summer. It's been real nice the last few days.

-Easter was the very last of March. Hope everyone had a Blessed Easter as we were reminded of all Jesus has done for us.

**APRIL** – Pastor Daryl and Sherryl spent a couple of weeks in England and Norway. They went to a nephews wedding and then toured Norway. Pastor Dan Haugen took a couple of Sundays for which we thank him. Also Kennet Verasammy conducted services one Sunday. Thanks for your service.

-We have a Mission Prayer breakfast once a month.

-Volunteers travel to assist work at IMED in Saskatoon once a month.

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-Have morning Matins (prayer) and Vespers (evening prayer) on Wednesdays

-Church council meets once a month.

-Ladies Aid meets once a month – Women’s study meet once a month

-Two other Bible studies meet weekly.

-Held a garage sale at church on April 26 & 27 and a BBQ on Saturday too. It was a busy time and well attended.

**MAY** – 5<sup>th</sup> -Remembered that we have been in our new church for five years with a short program and cake. Thanks be to God for all the blessings.

-VBS is being planned and will be held in August.

-Camille Parkman will present a concert on Friday May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM in support of Compassion Canada. Welcome.

-Camp Kinasao is getting started on their summer schedule of camping –Contact them for details. Elbow Bible Camp gets busy too.

Have a good summer.

## **.Bethlehem, Hawarden**

Prepared by: Linda Follick

*Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day*

*according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter and then to the Twelve. 1 Cor 15:1-5*

**MARCH**- A Maundy service was held with communion being served on Thursday March 28. Pastor Al spoke on “Partners in Prophecy: Telling the World That JESUS Has Done It” from Psalm 22: 26-31.

-Several attended the Good Friday Service at the Community Hall in Hanley on March 29. The Mennonite Church hosted this service.

- The LCW put on a program at Luther Place on Thursday, March 28 followed by lunch and visiting with the residents there.

**APRIL** - On Easter Sunday Bethlehem hosted a breakfast at 9:30 AM with service following. Pastor Al spoke on “Then I Saw a New Heaven and a New Earth” from Revelation 21:1-8.

- We were saddened to hear of the passing of Dr Fran Monseth on Mar 29. He was the Dean of the AFLC seminary in Minneapolis. Several watched the funeral service for him on line on Saturday, April 6.

- Several took in the Sweetheart Brunch at the Outlook Alliance Church on Saturday morning. After a delicious brunch served by Chris’ Kitchen, we enjoyed listening to Darla Wonnick sing for us. The guest speakers were Lorne and Norma Hunter who are the parents of five sons who sing in the group “The Hunter Brothers”, also a couple of them are playing hockey with the Rosetown Red Wings.

- The AFLC held their annual conference at Lake Alma on the weekend of April 5-7. Pastor Al and Dorothy Pinno (President of the AFLC), George and Ruth Cooper, and Victor and Linda Lee took in the conference. The theme was “Praise the Lord and Do Not Forget His Blessings”. Pastor Les Johnson from Wilson, Wisconsin was the guest speaker for the services on Friday, Saturday evenings and Sunday morning. He is a former pastor of the Lake Alma parish. There were 40 voting members in attendance from AB, SK, BC- Linda Lee was

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voted in as the new secretary, Pastor Kelly Henning as Vice President, Ron Hundebly was re-elected to the Co-ordinating Committee. Pastor Gene Sundby brought a greeting on Saturday afternoon via Skype. Everyone returned home safely on Sunday evening after a blustery weekend. On Monday-the Pinno's stopped overnight at Caronport and visited with their daughter Heidi before heading home later on Monday morning.

- Marcel Vermette was our guest speaker on Sunday, April 6. It was another stormy Sunday with icy roads but those that came were blessed by what they heard. Marcel spoke on 1John 5:1-12. Chad Haaland led the service.
- Bethlehem hosted the Program Co-ordinating Committee meeting for Elbow Bible Camp on Monday afternoon.
- Several also attended a board meeting of the Elbow Lutheran Bible Camp at Skudesnes Church on Monday evening, April 8. Plans are all set for the upcoming family camp in July.
- Wednesday evening Bible Study was cancelled again due to the drifting snow.
- Bethlehem had a family fun night on Friday, April 12 with a good crowd turning out to go bowling in Outlook. They all went over to Pastor Al and Dorothy Pinno's for lunch and fellowship after the bowling.
- Apr 14-Pastor Al spoke on a new series he is starting "Listening to Jesus" – "Who Do We Listen To" from John 10: 1-16.
- Congratulations to Frank and Lois Taylor from Davidson on who celebrated their 64th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, April 14.
- Bible Study continues on Wednesday evenings using 1 Corinthians 15 – The Resurrection Chapter as their theme.
- Roy and Audrey Olson drove to Regina on Saturday to attend the funeral of Erwin Koberstein. He was married to their cousin June (Helde) who passed away a couple

of years ago. Roy and Audrey sang a duet at the funeral.

- Pastor Al Pinno spoke on the second part "JESUS Blesses His People" in the series "Listening to JESUS" using the text Matthew 5:1-12 on Sunday April 21.
- Several attended the supper and Installation service at Bethel Lutheran Church in Elbow. Pastor Al Pinno installed Pastor Doug (and Kaycee) Lutz as their new pastor.
- Darwin Taylor has completed his obligation as a driver instruction up Stanley Mission but may be going back some time in the future to Grandmother's Bay to continue the work he started with the youth there.
- Victor and Linda Lee and Pastor Al and Dorothy Pinno attended the Teen Challenge Gala in Saskatoon on Wednesday, April 24. They enjoyed a delicious steak supper followed by speakers from Toronto – the CEO of the Women's Center in "Toronto and two of the girls attending Teen Challenge there. It is in the works to build a women's center north of Saskatoon.
- On Sunday April 28 Pastor Al continued his series on "Listening to Jesus" Part 1-"Beatitudes: Blessings & Attitudes".
- On Sunday evening we hosted our Country Gospel Evening featuring the Derksen family which included the parents- Ron and Lavonne, and their 6 children ranging in ages from 21 down to 10. They sang and played the piano, guitar, harp, violins, trumpets, trombone, and tuba. A nearly full house enjoyed their performance – it was a wonderful praise filled performance. They are related to the Martens family from our area.

**MAY-** Our sympathies to the Hesje families on the passing of Clayton of Saskatoon. Clayton is Dorothy Pinno's eldest cousin and is the son of the late John Hesje.

- Pastor Al and Dorothy Pinno hosted the May 2 LCW with 9 ladies in attendance. Pastor Al led our study "A

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Wise Woman Builds Her House “- Lesson 5 – Meals in Our Kitchen.

-On Saturday, May 4, the LCW held their annual Mother/Daughter Tea with a good crowd in attendance. The theme was “God’s Word” (Deut. 6:4-9) and the basement was decorated by pictures, plaques etcetera depicting parts of God’s Word. Lore Giles (Cooper) spoke of her trip to Haiti in 2012. She briefly told of the history of Haiti and of their arrival at the poor state they are in. There was a pictorial slide presentation of the time spent there – often of the Wings of Hope – a home for the handicapped, both girls and boys, St Joseph’s Home- street boys and child slaves, Trinity House- also a home for street boys and LeKol San Trinite – a school open to the poorest children in Jacmel, Haiti. The boys in their homes graduate at the age of 21 years, although none graduate from the Wings of Hope Home. The Wings of Hope building was partially destroyed in the earthquake in January 2010 and is now being rebuilt on more level ground in Jacmel. There are guest rooms at these homes for anyone wishing to visit there. Potted plants were given out in a draw and Alyssa, Addison, Linaya Follick, and Leanne Rinholm were the lucky winners.

-On Saturday afternoon Neil and Katie Haaland drove to Camrose to spend the weekend with Greg, Dena Rokos and family. On Sunday at Resurrection Church, Daniel, Garrick and Jesslyn were all baptized. .

-Sunday, May 6 was our Rogation Service – The Blessing of the Seeds Sunday. The farmers brought the various seeds that will be planted and there were special prayers given for the seeding of the crops, and the safety of the farmer/ranchers. Pastor Al spoke on “Seeds-Genetics and Environment form Mark 4:1-9.

- Several attended the bridal shower for Erika Forbes (Andrew Henricks) at CJ’s in Outlook on Sunday afternoon. Erika is the daughter of a former pastor of ours – Pastor Steve Forbes.

-Bethlehem hosted a board meeting for the Elbow Lutheran Bible Camp on Monday evening – plans continue for the upcoming summer at camp.

- Little Dane Haaland had his third heart surgery in Edmonton this morning- Tuesday May 7. He came through his surgery well - he is Jeremy and Ashley’s son, grandson of Ron and Heather and great grandson on Gene and Sylvia Sunday. He has been waiting for some time and surgery was cancelled an few times, so they are thankful to have this behind them. Dane will celebrate his 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday tomorrow May 8.

We are thankful for answered prayers for many – especially for little Dane.

### **Letters to the Editor:**

What a rich and diverse heritage Elbow Lutheran Bible Camp has! If you, or someone you know, would like to drop a note just to say hello or to share some history of camp, please contact me by e-mail:

[echoes@elbowlutheranbiblecamp.com](mailto:echoes@elbowlutheranbiblecamp.com) or by post:

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### **News from the ELBC Board:**

1. The board has approved the purchase and construction of a new cabin at ELBC. We had a generous donation from a previous user of the camp. We decided to match the funds and begin the building process. Our goal is to build and hopefully use the cabin this year. The new location of the cabin should allow us to either use it as a girls dorm, boys dorm or a family cabin. The plan is to have a wall on the inside that would allow us to close it off and offer flexibility in terms of how it gets used should

the need arise to use it for families or speakers.

2. The board has also set a goal to seek donations to purchase new playground equipment. We have \$10,000 already and have a goal of \$30,000. We realize this seems like a lot of money however that is the cost of commercial grade, maintenance free and CSA approved playground equipment. We also wish to beautify the playground area with some new benches, picnic tables and trees. A site plan will be developed and we will update the website with a picture so that everyone can get an idea of what the proposed area will look like. This year we hope to prepare the site in the hopes that we can raise the remaining portion of the funds as soon as possible.

## **New Camp Projects Underway!**

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. 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)

**“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**

### **GENERAL DONATIONS**

Bethel WMF

### **NEWSLETTER DONATIONS**

Terry & Carol Dieno

### **MEMORIAL GIFTS**

**IMO Avis Haug**  
Jeanne Barton

**IMO Erwin & June Koberstein**  
Curine Helde

**IMO Mary Tastad**  
Dorothy Miller  
Curine Helde

**IHO Norman Langager’s Birthday & IMO Sylvia Langager**  
Jim & Karen Hopkins

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

Elbow Lutheran Bible Camp  
c/o: Linda Follick  
Box 776 Outlook, SK S0L 2N0

## Important Upcoming Dates:

June 7-8, 2013 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bible Camp Cleanup  
Please watch the website for more information or  
contact Adam at  
[president@elbowlutheranbiblecamp.com](mailto:president@elbowlutheranbiblecamp.com)

July 6-14, 2013 Family Bible Camp

## Family Bible Camp News:

Evening Speaker & Bible teacher: Harold Rust  
Bible Teacher: Rob Lewis  
Youth Leader: Daniel Spelliscy

*Praise God for the gift of these, His servants, who will  
share their Spiritual gifts and anointing with the body of  
Christ at camp this summer!*

## Celebrate our Mothers & Fathers!

May 12, 2013	Mother's Day
June 16, 2013	Father's Day

As I type this, it is the evening of Mother's Day. I had a lovely day with my daughter. We did our annual run in the 5km Mother's Day Event organized by the Forzani Group today. It's so great to be part of something that is much bigger than ourselves.....raising money for neonatal equipment for the local hospitals. We also had the honour to serve at our church cafeteria for the first time this evening. Spending time with my daughter like that is so amazing! It was a real celebration of the gift of being a parent. The message tonight in church was reminding us that our greatest role as mothers (and fathers) is to disciple our children - those within our families as well as spiritual children whom we mentor. We have the responsibility to point them in the direction of Christ, starting with living our own lives centered on Christ. Christ should permeate everything we do and our children will learn from what is modelled in our lives. Further, we need to release our children to

God; hold them with an open hand and let God do what only He can do. We need to trust God with our children's future and well-being. We are not alone in this parenting job – God is with us. (Dr. Henry Schorr, CSC, Calgary)

May God bless all of the Mothers and Fathers with the wisdom to allow the Lord, Jesus Christ, to be at the center of their job as parents. Celebrate the awesome opportunity you have to love on and nurture these children you've been given.....Happy Mother's/Father's Day to all!

## Call for Submissions!

"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
<b>August edition</b>	<b>July 12/13 (or at camp)</b>
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:  
[echoeseditor@elbowlutheranbiblecamp.com](mailto:echoeseditor@elbowlutheranbiblecamp.com).

***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)***



## **Addendum to "The Echoes" June edition**

I neglected to include the following information in "The Echoes" newsletter. With apologies to those submitting this news, please note:

*Homestead Jamboree will be happening at Coyote Springs Campground, Elbow District on Sunday, August 18, 2013. Special guests - "New Grass". Watch for posters! ALL proceeds go to Elbow Lutheran Bible Camp. For more information call Marcelle Savidan at 306-867-7199.*

*Tre Archibald, along with Shayne Joel and Emilie Soggie (all students of Caronport High School went on a mission trip to Mexico trip March 26<sup>th</sup> – April 8<sup>th</sup>. They took a bus to San Vicente, Mexico and slept in different churches every night. The teens got to run Vacation Bible School for 60 children in San Vicente, Mexico, Monday – Friday. They also had the privilege of visiting a children's orphanage where they met children with down syndrome and other disabilities. As a side stop, the kids went to Los Vegas where they stayed overnight at a rescue mission. While there, they worked on projects around the compound and helped an electrician wire a pastor's house. They all had a wonderful time!*

**SEE YOU AT CAMP!!!**