

The Echoes



Be transformed!

God is in the business of mind renewal. What great news! I love the way the New Living Translation of the Bible presents the Apostle Paul's words in Romans 12:2 – "... let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think." For most of us, a fair bit of reprogramming of our minds is required in order that God will find us acceptable. Praise Him for the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ that we would be found righteous in him!! Praise Him for his mercy and grace!! It's an ongoing process for most of us, this transformation of the mind. But in this process, as God changes the way we think, our desire to know him more increases. As we seek his face, he meets us and teaches us his will for us "which is good and pleasing and perfect." What other relationship does any of us have that involves another person giving to us (faith) so that he can give more to us (salvation) so that he can do even more for us (transform our minds) so that we can be our best (loving, joyful, peaceful, patient, kind, good, faithful, gentle, and self-controlled – Galatians 5:22,23)?! As I ponder these things, I am overwhelmed with gratitude. I pray that you, too, will find yourselves recognizing all the good and pleasing and perfect gifts that God is making available for you!

Following what, I can only assume, was another amazing family Elbow Bible Camp week I trust that those who were able to soak in the glory of the Lord through the

experience, left feeling transformed by the Holy Spirit of our loving God. May you continue to allow him to do his mighty work in your lives!!

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: Ashley Stamnes

A Time for Everything

For everything there is a season,
a time for every activity under heaven.
A time to be born and a time to die.
A time to plant and a time to harvest.
A time to kill and a time to heal.
A time to tear down and a time to build up.
A time to cry and a time to laugh.
A time to grieve and a time to dance

Ecclesiastes 3:1-4

As harvest time is upon us, we take the opportunity to reflect on for what was for some a busy summer, a relaxing summer for others or perhaps in your household, it was a little of both! Here is a bit of news to catch you up on what our congregation has been up to these past couple of months.

- Elbow Lutheran Family Camp was July 5-12. There were excellent messages by Harold Schubye and

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Rob Lewis and we were blessed to have Daniel and Kayla Spelliscy back for our youth! There were also teams from the AFLC bible school and from CLBI. Though we were low in numbers and it was very wet, the spirit of God was there!

- Pastor Doug and Kaycee were able to get away for a vacation from July 29th – August 16th. Though we missed them, we were happy they had some rest and time with their precious family!
- In Pastor Doug's absence, we had Josh Knowles come from Caronport to share God's Word with us. What a blessing he was! We hope to have him back again!
- There was a harvest theme at this year's Homestead Jamboree at Savidan's! On August 17th, they had a great harvest supper with homemade pies as well as some wonderful music. This is a fundraiser for the Bible camp as well and they were able to really bless the camp with their donations again this year!
- Pastor Doug and Kaycee hosted VBS at their home August 18-24. For an hour each morning, children were invited to come and learn about God, sing songs and enjoy a snack provided by different ladies in the congregation! This was put on by a wonderful young man from 5 Day Clubs. Many children were able to attend!
- On August 24th, we had a farewell potluck in honor of Jake and Anne Dyck who are moving to Manitoba. God be with you till we meet again!
- Throughout the summer, different ladies in the congregation provided goodies for coffee time! Thank you to all who helped out with this!
- Wednesday evening Bible study resumed on August 27th with a presentation from Bonnie Jean Lowe about her trip to the Holy Land. It will continue every Wednesday as they work their way through their study book.
- We have had many of our members move on to different communities this summer. We miss them but look forward to hearing what plans God has for them in their new homes! On the opposite spectrum, we welcome Neil, Heidi, Emily and Aiden Soggie back to the Elbow community. We are glad to have you in our fold again!
- Sunday Evening Prayer began for the fall on September 7th. Pastor Doug is leading a *Listening Prayer Experiment*. It will focus on strengthening your Christ connection *with* others as we learn to listen to God's voice together.
- Sunday School also resumed on September 7th with an exciting number of new faces! Our superintendent, Hollis Scheller, has extended an invitation to all children in the surrounding communities. As well, Dana Adams has put forth the opportunity for rides for children who have none. God has provided the blessing of new children to hear the Gospel! Now we are praying for a few more able and willing hands to help out! What a wonderful "problem" to have!
- Tuesday Morning Bible Study began on September 16th. The ladies delved into 1 & 2 Thessalonians as they explored some very deep and thought provoking questions.
- The ladies in our church and community had their Annual Fall Gathering in the Coyote Den at

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Savidan's on the 15th. There were hotdogs and potluck dessert and salads. Following supper, there was an inspirational devotion led by Kaycee Lutz, music by Darla Wonnick and a lighthearted skit by many ladies from the congregation.

Another wonderful chance to enjoy fellowship!

- The youth will have their YFS (Young and Free Saturday) kickoff on September 27th with Romans and Christians. A fun group of kids led by very fun people! Thanks Jordan and Rebecca Soggie!
- Although it was a wonderful summer, many in our congregation struggled with health, surgeries and loss of loved ones. We continue to keep them in our prayers.

We trust that you all had busy and blessed summers as well. May autumn bring you closer to God whether you are busy with harvest, sending children back to school or looking ahead to winter!

Bethlehem, Hawarden

Prepared by: Linda Follick

"The Lord is my light and my salvation: whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life: Of whom shall I be afraid?" Psalms 27:1

JULY

- **4** Ruth Cooper hosted the LCW meeting with Joyce Olson led the Bible Study on "Come to Jesus for Wisdom."
- **5-12-** Elbow Bible Camp. Evening Speaker/Morning Bible Class- Pastor Harald Schoubye - Vernon, Morning Bible Class speaker -

Rob Lewis - Camrose, Youth leader- Daniel Spelliscy - Cochrane. Youth Teams-AFLBS- Minnesota and CLBI. Afternoon activities -Hannah and Sarah Hundebly. Although we had a smaller crowd this year, all were blessed who attended.

- **4-7-**The Haaland and Vermette's attended the 4H Regional Jr Ag Showcase in Saskatoon at the Prairieland Park. They took their 4H Steer Projects and competed in judging classes, team grooming, showmanship and the market steer show and sale. There were 78 steer market steers exhibited and sold by 4H kids from 8 different clubs. In the steer show Cadence Haaland finished in 5th place. He donated the sale of his steer to the Children's Hospital Foundation which went on to sell for \$44,000 and was matched by CN. Hayes Vermette placed 5th out of 52 Juniors competing in the showmanship class. The boys finished the show with excellent placings in team grooming and did well in the judging as well. The steers sold on Monday night and were purchased by several local businesses. Tate Vermette took 2 lambs and showed in the sheep show. This year there were approximately 25 animals entered. He placed 8th in current year breeding ewe lamb, 2nd in Cloverbud Showmanship, 3rd in Costume Class and had the Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb. Congratulations to each one of these kids who worked so hard this year getting their animals ready to show.
- **13-**Lorimer Olson was the guest speaker at our morning worship service.
- **19-**Congratulations to Rodney and Kristy Olson of Maple Creek on the birth on their daughter Cora Jolie, a little sister for Declan. Congratulations to the proud grandparents Mary and Allan Freitag.
- **26-**Congratulations to Roy & Joyce Olson who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary at the

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church with a program and tea. It was good to see so many of the relatives here to help them celebrate.

- **27**-Larry Olson was the guest speaker at the service. He spoke on "How Do You Respond to a Love Like That?" based on 1 John 3:1-3.
- **27**-Country Gospel Evening featuring Trevor Baker from Tugaske. Lunch and fellowship followed.
- **6-31**-Pastor Al Pinno ministered for over three weeks in Russia. He taught and preached at three family Bible Camps. Penza- about 700 km southwest of Moscow- beautiful lake setting, Yefreyemkino, Khakassia in Siberia, and in Moscow -at a Christian Rehabilitation Center in the suburb of Staraya Kupavna. This camp involved about 60-70 adults, 50% or more who were former drug addicts and alcoholics who had or were in the process of coming to Christ and who were growing in their understanding about God's love and plans for their lives and salvation. In addition to the Bible Camp ministry, through gifts given to his ministry EECC, he was able to give \$5500 to the Russian Church of the New Testament for the purchase of 1,000 Bibles and 10,000 New Testaments. These scriptures will be distributed throughout Russia by teams of Russian believers working through the One Year for Jesus Project of the Russian church of the New Testament. In this mission project they are seeking to reach out with God's Word and Gospel to all the towns and villages in Russia that do not have Gospel ministering congregations.

Word" based on 2 Timothy 4:1-5, Aug 10-"God's Spirit Helps Us to Serve His Kingdom", Aug 17-"The Holy Spirit - The Greatest Fruit Producer, Aug 24-"Trusting God With the Suffering & Death of Children" based on Habakkuk 2: 1-4,20.

- **7**-Linda Follick hosted the LCW meeting with Katie Haaland leading the Bible Study "Come to Jesus for Courage."
- **18**- Coyote Springs Jamboree featuring local entertainment in the afternoon, pie and coffee served, followed by a delicious harvest supper and the evening concert featured "The Daae Family." Proceeds went to Elbow Bible Camp.
- **30-31**-The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys held a fun day Ranch Rodeo at the Vermette Ranch on the weekend. It started on Saturday evening with a campfire. On Sunday morning they had a breakfast followed by a church service with Brian Hunstad and his nephew Wade Pollock providing the music. Marcelle Vermette gave the message during the service. There were various events for all ages during the day. In one of the events a 3G-Man team consisting of three generations of Haalands participated -Neil, Chad and Cadence. The day ended with a pig roast for supper.
- **31**-Ruth Cooper was the guest speaker at our Aug 31 morning worship service while Pastor Al and Dorothy were away on holidays. She spoke on "The Flood," providing us with a lot of interesting information from that time.
- **31**- Country Gospel Night with The Last Mountain Boys from Strasbourg performing before a full house. Fellowship and coffee followed.

AUGUST

- **3**-It was good to have Pastor Al back for our worship service. He spoke on "The Fulfilling

SEPTEMBER

- -Pastor Al and Dorothy Pinno holidayed out in Alberta for a week visiting their family.

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- Darwin Taylor is home again after teaching a school bus course in Pelican Narrows. The men had to go into Flin Flon to take their driving test. He was happy that they all passed on their first try.
- This week all the kids will be going back to school. In the Haaland family, Cadence-Grade 6, Cassidy-Grade 4, Cohen-Grade 3. The Vermettes – Wylie-Grade 9, Hayes-Grade 6, Hayes-Grade 3, with their mother Jolie home schooling the home schooling.
- Wednesday evening PSP group met to study Psalms 119 with Pastor Al Pinno leading the study.
- Troy Carlson has started his fourth year of Commerce at the U of S in Saskatoon.
- **4-**Dorothy Pinno hosted the LCW meeting with Pastor Al leading the Bible Study on “Come To Jesus For The Needs Of Life.”
- **7-**Sunday School for all ages started. Katie Haaland and Linda Lee teach the children and Pastor Al is leading the adult group on a study of Isaiah. Pastor Al spoke on “The Holy Spirit: God’s Gift to Our Children” based on Acts 2:36-39. This concluded his final message in the series “God is With Us.” After the service all enjoyed a wiener roast to celebrate the start of Sunday School. After dinner Pastor Al reported on his mission trip to Russia, showed us pictures and gave us information on the three bible camps he taught at.
- Wednesday evening PSP group met to study Psalms 119 with Pastor Al Pinno leading the study.
- Wylie Vermette has started his second year of confirmation classes with Pastor Al leading the class.
- **14-** Pastor Al started a new series on “JESUS of the Hebrews and For Everyone” Part 1: “The Perfect Prophet” based on Hebrews 1:1-3.
- The Vermettes hosted a family fun night starting out with a wiener roast on Friday evening,

followed by a time of sharing and devotions around the campfire.

*We continue to pray for Gene Sundby who was in the hospital and is back home, with George Cooper who had a stroke and is in back in Outlook recovering, and with Betty Hunter who had a fall and spent a couple of weeks in the hospital.

ELBC Fundraiser: Homestead Jamboree 2014

Prepared by: Marcelle Savidan

Approximately 150 people attended the 9th Annual Homestead Jamboree at Coyote Springs Campground near Elbow, SK on Sunday, August 17. The theme this year was “Harvest Your Blessings!” and with that we had perfect harvest weather to enjoy while eating those delicious homemade pies!

M.C. for the afternoon was Marcelle Savidan. Once again there was a wonderful slate of entertainers and a good variety of music. Audrey and Wilho Kako from Outlook, along with Carol Dieno from Davidson kicked things off with instrumental numbers. They were followed by Abby Adams from Elbow who included a song she had written as she accompanied her singing with guitar and with keyboard. Per Vinding, the Danish Cowboy from Dundurn sang, whistled and made us laugh! Katherine Cool from Davidson brought a first to the stage when she played her cello. She also sang and was accompanied by her mother, Kristine Cool with violin, and Carol Dieno on keyboard. Lorimer Olson from Strongfield concluded the afternoon with singing, guitar playing and speaking of some of his experiences as caretaker at Bible camp this past summer. A wonderful harvest meal of roast pork, corn on the cob, baby potatoes and homemade biscuits was enjoyed by everyone present. After a walk to look at the lake, or a piece of pie for dessert, the evening concert was held in the Coyote Den. Special guests were “The Daae Family”, an incredibly talented family from southern Saskatchewan. Three generations sang and played and shared the good news of Jesus Christ.

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Proceeds from the food sales and donations go to support the mission of Elbow Lutheran Bible Camp. A huge thank you goes out to those who donated food and door prizes and to those who so willingly worked on the grounds. Special thanks to the ones who donated time and talents to entertain us all. God bless!

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

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.

Donations to ELBC

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General Donations

Thank you to all who supported our camp through your donations during our family camp. Due to the length of the list I will say a big thank you and list the donations since.

Garry cooper	Bethlehem LCW (Hawarden)
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IHO Roy & Joyce Olson's 60th Anniversary

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