

The Echoes

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The Ascension and Coming Descent of JESUS

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*(Please Note: At Pastor Pinno's
request, the color blue is being
used to represent the sky into
which JESUS ascended and
from which He will return.)*

We have just recently remembered and celebrated JESUS' death and resurrection from the dead, whereby He has paid for all of our sin and given all who sincerely believe / trust in Him the amazing grace gift of eternity spent with Him in His paradise Kingdom. This week (Thursday, May 25th) we will remember that JESUS has ascended into Heaven, to the Right Hand of GOD our FATHER.

In Acts 1:9-11 we are informed that:

"He was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid Him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as He was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 'Men of Galilee,' they said, 'why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same JESUS, who has been taken from you into Heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into Heaven.'"

What does the ascension of CHRIST mean to us today? Well, it means that JESUS is presently at the Right Hand of GOD where He is praying for you and for me and for all who have or will come to faith in Him as our SAVIOR and LORD.

It is written:

"CHRIST JESUS, Who died -- more than that, Who was raised to life -- is at the Right Hand of GOD and is also interceding for us."
Romans 8:34

"My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have One who speaks to the FATHER in our defense -- JESUS CHRIST, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world." 1 John 2:1-2

Not only is JESUS praying for each of us, but He is also creating the new eternal paradise for His people, His Bride, His children with whom He will spend forever with. JESUS said:

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in GOD; trust also in Me. In My FATHER'S House are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with Me that you also may be where I am." John 14:1-3

Dear friends of the Bible Camp, right now as we go about our lives in this world and are preparing for Bible Camp, JESUS is focused on praying for us and preparing His eternal paradise camp for all who trust in and love Him. One day soon He will come back on the clouds of the sky to rapture His people and take us Home to Himself. Are you and I prepared for His return? Are we occupied with prayer to the FATHER for ourselves and others? Are we just staring at the sky waiting for Him to come, or are we also focused on bringing the grace and truth of JESUS and His Kingdom to others in our world?

It is that time of year where we are getting the Bible Camp ready to help bring people to repentance of sin and faith in CHRIST and to show them a glimpse of what eternal life with JESUS will be like through our times of worship, prayer, study and fellowship with GOD and each other.

May the LORD bless our Bible Camp again this year and may our hearts be prepared for eternity with Him when He comes. Amen, come LORD JESUS! Sooner, rather than later, but Your will be done!



Who are the main speakers / leaders at Bible Camp this year?

Youth Leader - Adam Driscoll (Moose Jaw, SK)

Evening Speaker and Morning Bible Class - Brad Young (Saskatoon, SK) - Brad is the Assistant Pastor at Open Door Baptist Church (<http://www.odbaptist.ca/>).

Bible / Mission Class - Rob Lewis (Camrose, AB) - Rob is the Executive Director of the World Mission Prayer League in Canada (<http://www.wmplcanada.org/>).



The Elbow Lutheran Bible Camp has a website:

<http://elbowlutheranbiblecamp.com>

Please visit often to learn more about the camp and see updates for 2017!

Volunteers Needed!!

Can you lend a hand with any of the following?

- * **VBS** * **Music**
- * **Kitchen Help**
- * **Afternoon Crafts**



Please call Linda Lee at (306) 855-4900 before Bible Camp week. Thank you!

Mark Your Calendar

Our next Bible Camp runs from **July 1st to 8th, 2017!**

The first service for this camp, however, will be on Sunday, July 2nd, due to Canada's 150th birthday celebrations.



Elbow Lutheran Bible Camp is looking for a

CARETAKER

June through August, 2017
(Starting Date is Flexible)

Duties include (but are not limited to) janitorial tasks, garbage removal, grass mowing, basic maintenance, and painting as required.

Salary: \$2,000 + per Month
Contract Work - No Deductions
Call Grant Lee at (306) 222-2776



From the Editor

We want to hear from YOU! If you have any comments, questions, suggestions, or submissions for future issues of *The Echoes*, please email them to Dena (Hundebly) Michaelis at:

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Thank you!

Do you need to reserve a cabin for Bible Camp this year?

Cabin Reservations

can be made by calling Grant Lee at (306) 222-2776.



Get your spots early!



Congregational Submissions



Elbow Lutheran Bible Camp (ELBC) is supported by local Christian churches, numerous members and volunteers. The following are summaries from three of these churches regarding their parish activities since the last edition of *The Echoes* was sent out, in March 2017.

Bethel Lutheran Church, Elbow, SK

Submitted by Ashley Stamnes, Administrative Assistant

You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. Isaiah 55:12

Greetings to you from Bethel Lutheran Church in Elbow! We pray that you, our brothers and sisters in Christ, are doing well and excited about serving Jesus! We would love to share with you what has been happening in our church the last few months....

March:

- † 9th WMF (Women's Mission Fellowship) Regular Meeting
- † 11th Men's Breakfast
- † 25th Men's Breakfast – This was a special meeting as Herb Anderson was the speaker. Herb is a Saskatchewan native and has travelled to more than 40 countries. He and his wife served in Zambia as project managers for a major food distribution effort. He is currently serving as a pastor in Delisle, SK. Please be in prayer for Herb and his family as their daughter-in-law has recently suffered a severe injury during a car accident. They need a miracle!

April:

- † 2nd Wes Olmstead was here to speak in Pastor Doug's absence. We enjoyed his time here as the Lutz's were away at the AFLC (Association of Free Lutheran Congregations) Conference.
- † 9th On Palm Sunday, we began our worship service with the children carrying in palm branches as the congregation sang. What a joyous time this always is!
- † 13th On Maundy Thursday, Bethel hosted a prayer vigil. It began with a short worship service where the Youth Discipleship class served by washing their parents' feet and sharing their personal Statements of Faith. A time of prayer followed as the Good Friday service and ministry was lifted up before God.
- † 14th Bethel hosted a pancake breakfast with a service to follow on Good Friday at the Elbow Civic Center. It was a time of fellowship and remembering Jesus' sacrifice and suffering.

- † 15th A bridal shower was held at Bethel in Vickie Burrell's honour. Vickie is the fiancée of Shayne Joel. Many ladies came out to enjoy the brunch and program with her.
- † 16th The Easter service was a morning full of celebrating our risen Saviour!
- † 16th Following the Easter service, Pastor Doug and Kaycee flew to the United Kingdom for over two weeks of study and pilgrimage. Our congregation was able to stay connected through prayer for their journey and as they shared pictures and stories through email.
- † 23rd and 30th Adam Driscoll of Moose Jaw shared the message with us on the two Sundays that Pastor Doug and Kaycee were away. We appreciated his time with us very much!
- † 28th - 30th The Bethel Ladies hosted their annual retreat. This year the theme was, "Answering His Call." The retreat took place at Shekinah Retreat Centre, north of Saskatoon, and was very well attended! The ladies were blessed by the variety of speakers who ministered to them as well as the praise and worship, games and fellowship!

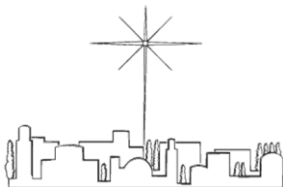
May:

- † 11th The WMF ladies hosted their annual Strawberry Social. Lindsay Hundebly showed the ladies how to make homemade hand scrub and there was wonderful music and food!
- † 14th We celebrated the lovely women in our congregation with carnations for Mother's Day! We appreciate the influence each woman has on our lives!

Please be in prayer for our upcoming Teen Challenge Events! On June 4th, Teen Challenge will lead our service in a time of music and testimony with a potluck to follow. Also, on June 19th, the annual Teen Challenge Golf Fundraiser at Harbor Golf Course in Elbow will be happening!

Many in our congregation and beyond have recently lost loved ones or are battling illnesses. Jesus is our comforter and our healer. Please uphold these precious people in prayer!

As you look forward to summer and all the activity it brings, may you ever make Jesus your focus. May we all strive to be more like Him in all we say and do!



**Bethlehem Lutheran
Church
Hawarden, SK**



Submitted by Linda Follick

I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:5

(Bethlehem Lutheran Church, cont'd...)

February:

- † 7th Congratulations to great grandmother Sylvia Sundby, grandparents Martin and Michelle Rude, and parents Chris and Denise Posehn on the birth of their second daughter, Clara Christine –7 pounds 15 ozs.
- † 20th Pastor Al and Dorothy Pinno returned home from a six week mission trip to Southeast Asia and India. They spent a few days in London -- both on the way there and back home. They spent a week in Southeast Asia with their niece, Lisa, and Achiuq and girls who arranged a three-day seminar that was attended by eleven pastors. Pastor Al led a seminar on the person and work of JESUS, as well as enjoying Christian fellowship with these pastors, some of whom had spent time in prison for their faith. Then on to India -- they had many opportunities to share God's Word in colleges, schools, pastors' seminars, gospel meetings, medical clinics, and at St Paul's School. St. Paul's is a Christian school for approximately 325 students in Chirala, Andhra Pradesh, and is sponsored through the Pinno's ministry, Ends of the Earth Courier for Christ.
- † Kevin Daugherty, and Wes Olmstead, teachers from Briercrest College and Seminary (Caronport, SK), were guest speakers in February while Pastor Al was away.
- † 26th Country Gospel Night -- We were blessed to have Kevin and Kim Elias from Three Hills, AB minister to us. They are gifted songwriters and musicians!
- † 28th We fed over 80 people a roast beef dinner at our annual Seniors' Dinner! This was followed by a program.

March:

- † 1st Our church put on the worship service at the Outlook Health Center and we visited with the residents..
- † Lenten Services began. Pastor Al Pinno spoke on "The Message of the Cross in JESUS' Words from the Cross." We also watched videos each week from Matthew.
- † 2nd We met at the church for our LCW (Lutheran Church Women) meeting with Linda Lee hosting. Dorothy Pinno led the Bible study on "Preparations and Promises."
- † 9th LCW put on a program at Golden Acres in Outlook, SK and served them lunch.
- † 12th Pastor Al started a new series entitled, "Jesus' Words Before the Cross."
- † 29th Country Gospel Night: The "Outlook Men's Chorus" and "The Fiddlers Three" performed. Lunch and fellowship followed.

April:

- † March 31st - April 2nd Pastor Al, Dorothy, Victor and Linda Lee, and Katie Haaland attended the AFLC (Association of Free Lutheran Congregations) Annual Conference at Bethel Lutheran Church in Frontier, SK. Pastor Al stepped down as President and Pastor Kelly Henning has taken over his position. Darwin Taylor shared about his mission up north at the banquet on Saturday evening.
- † 2nd A video was shown about the building of an ark in Williamstown, Kentucky (<https://arkencounter.com>) at the Creation Museum during

Sunday School. (Both Neil and Katie Haaland and Victor and Linda Lee toured the Creation Museum earlier this winter.) Marcel Vermette was our guest speaker, and spoke on “Mistakes from Young People in the Bible” (based on Proverbs 1:1-7).

- † 6th LCW meeting, hosted by Katie Haaland. Ruth Cooper led the Bible Study entitled, “O Deliver Us” with scriptures from Judges to 1 Chronicles.
- † 14th On Good Friday evening we had a communion service and watched a video about Matthew 27. Pastor Al delivered a message called, “The Message of the Cross in JESUS' Words from the Cross – “It is Finished!” based on John 19:30-37.
- † 16th Easter Sunday morning we met in the cemetery at the church to have a Resurrection Praise Service. It was a little cool so we had a prayer and gathered in the church to finish the short service. We gathered in the basement for a delicious breakfast, followed by our morning worship service. We finished the video presentation from Matthew 28. Pastor Al spoke on “JESUS' Resurrection: The Game Changing, Life Transforming Reality that Opens Minds to Biblical Truth & Mission” based on Luke 24:36-49.
- † 23rd Pastor Al spoke on “The Resurrection of the Body & Life Everlasting” from John 20:24-31. Pastor Al and Dorothy Pinno left after lunch for Winnipeg to visit with Pastor Harold and Cynthia Schoubey. From there, they drove to Minnesota to give a mission presentation to a parish in Eggen where they once served. They ended up at Lake Alma where they stayed with Pastor Kelly Henning. Pastor Al spoke at Faith Free Lutheran Church (Lake Alma, SK) and after lunch they hosted the annual meeting of the EECC (Ends of the Earth Couriers for Christ).
- † 30th Jay de Guzman spoke on “The Biblical Basis for Missions” in Pastor Al’s absence. He also showed pictures of his mission trip last summer aboard the Pacific Link.
- † 30th Country Gospel Night with "The Last Mountain Boys" performing.
- † The Praise / Study / Prayer group continues to meet, studying “True & False Prophecy.”

May:

- † 4th The LCW met at the Follick’s home with Linda Lee leading the study on “A Nation’s Rise and Fall.”
- † 7th Pastor Al spoke on “Seeds and Weeds: The Realities of Good and Evil” based on Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43. It was the “Blessing of the Seed” Sunday with various seeds on display. Pastor Al used the seeds as a story for the children. A potluck dinner followed, then Pastor Al and Dorothy gave a mission presentation of their trip to Thailand and India.
- † 10th We gathered at the Outlook Health Centre for our morning worship service.
- † 13th Mother’s Day Tea with Dorothy Pinno as guest speaker. “Teaching Our Children” was her theme. Various wall plaques with scriptures were on display. It was a fun afternoon of fellowship and food. The children all took home a geranium plant, and there were draws for the ladies, too!
- † 14th Pastor Al spoke on “Motherhood and Apple Pie: Blessings from GOD,” based on 2 Timothy 1:1-5, 3:12-17. All the Moms received a geranium plant for Mother’s Day.

- † 21st A host of friends and family enjoyed a supper and program at the Heritage Center in Outlook in honor of Sylvia Sundby's special birthday. This celebration was organized by her children: Heather and Ron Haaland, Karen and Steve Blosky, Michelle and Martin Rude, and Geoff.
- † We continue to remember those in need of our prayers – George and Ruth Cooper, Roy and Joyce Olson, Lois Taylor, and Doreen Carlson.
- † Our sympathies go out to Jay and Eileen de Guzman and family on the passing of Jay's mother. Jay flew to the Philippines to be with his Mom before she passed away.

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Church**

Loreburn, SK

Submitted by Maxine Follick

"If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God." Colossians 3:1-3

This reading from Easter Sunday reminds us where our real focus in life should be as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

We began our Easter season on Palm Sunday as we entered the church waving our palm branches and singing, "All Glory Laud and Honour." Then on Tuesday, April 11th, the Outlook Community Choir came to present their Easter Cantata. It was a wonderful concert ending with the "Hallelujah Chorus." Who knew that 23 people accompanied by the marvelous playing of John Linsley could raise a roof!!

On Maundy Thursday our thoughts turned to a more sobering aspect as we celebrated Jesus' last supper with his disciples with a potluck supper and communion around a common table. As a bonus side effect, the power went out just as we were starting our supper and stayed out for the whole service.

After the supper we moved upstairs and had the Good Friday vigil of readings and prayers. It was a very meaningful time, led by Ursula Wiig of the United Church as Pastor Sonje (Finnestad) was doing the service at Davidson. It was the perfect way to get our hearts and minds prepared for the events of Good Friday.

It has been good to renew our monthly Bible studies led by Pastor Sonje.

We have sent letters of petition to the government requesting that they roll back the legislation that has cut funding for Spiritual Care in the hospitals.

Since Easter, we have been saddened by the deaths of our friends Maridell Knutson and Jean Glubis.

We pray for continued good weather and safety for our farming community as they hurry to get the crops seeded.

God's blessings to each one!!



by Dena (Hundeby) Michaelis

I recently received a letter from Rev. Erland Nord (Edmonton, AB). Here is an excerpt from his letter:

"I am very impressed with your ministry in your parishes, and Jesus Christ's camp: Elbow Bible Camp. May Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, continue as your center, Saviour and Lord."

Along with his letter, he enclosed a homemade tract entitled, "Seen & Done: Forgiveness by Faith in Jesus Christ." As well, he included a page of Bible prophecies, and how Jesus fulfilled them all. (A summary of some of these prophecies is included here, and can be found at the following web address: <https://escapetoreality.files.wordpress.com/2010/02/prophecy-fulfilled.jpg>).

PROPHECY	PREDICTION	FULFILLMENT
Isa. 7:14	Virgin-born...	Luke 1:26-53
Micah 5:2	... in Bethlehem	Matt. 2:1
Hos 11:1	Flight into Egypt...	Mt 2:14
Je 31:15	... to escape the massacre of the infants	Mt 2:16
Gen 49:10	Of the tribe of Judah	Luke 3:33
Isa. 7:14	Called Immanuel	Matt. 1:23
Isa. 9:1-2	Ministry in Galilee	Matt. 4:12-16
Zech. 9:9	Triumphal entry into Jerusalem	Matt. 21:1-11
Ps. 41:9	Betrayed by a friend...	Matt. 26:20-25
Zec 11:12	... for 30 pieces of silver...	Matt. 26:15
Zec 11:13	... & the money used to buy a potter's field	Matt. 27:6,7
Is 53:3	Rejected by Jews	John 1:11
Ps. 35:11	Falsely accused...	Matt. 26:59-68
Isa. 53:7	... yet silent before accusers	Matt. 27:12-14
Isa 50:6	Smitten and spat upon	Mark 14:65
Is 53:4,5	Suffered vicariously	Mt 8:16,17
Isa. 53:12	Crucified with robbers	Matt. 27:38
Ps. 22:16	Hands and feet pierced...	John 20:25
Ps. 34:20	... but bones not broken	John 19:33
Ps. 22:18	Lots cast for clothes	John 19:23-24
Ps. 22:15	Thirsted on the cross...	John 19:28
Ps 69:21	... and given vinegar to drink	John 19:29
Ps 22:1	"My God, why hast thou forsaken me?"	Matt. 27:46
Isa. 53:9	Buried in tomb of rich	Matt. 27:57-61
Ps 16:10	His resurrection	Matt. 28:9
Ps 68:18	His ascension	Lu 24:50,51

The complete tract is too large to print here in its entirety; however, if you would like a copy of this tract, please feel free to contact me. Thank you, Rev. Nord, for your communication and words of encouragement!



What does our Bible Camp
need to run successfully?
YOU!



During the week of Bible Camp, we depend on YOU to donate your time and talents to make our camp the best that it can be! All those who stay at the Camp are asked to sign up for one job per day, on the sign-up sheets in the dining room. Tasks for adults include peeling potatoes, doing dishes, and washing the dining hall floors. Children ages 9-12 are asked to collect and wipe down food trays at mealtimes. Thank you in advance for *your* help!



Youth Corner: "The god who Worshiped GOD"

Annika Wonnick, Age 9

(Annika is the daughter of Adam & Darla Wonnick. Their family resides in Moose Jaw, SK.)

When Samuel was a prophet in Israel, God's people stopped following Him. They were getting lazy and selfish and they forgot about God. As a result, they lost a battle with the enemy Philistines. Not only did they lose the battle but they lost their most important treasure...the ark of the covenant.

The ark was about four feet long, two feet high, and two feet deep (not much different than a toy box). It was made of wood and covered in gold. The lid was solid gold and called "the mercy seat." Inside were the Ten Commandments written by God Himself, some manna, and Aaron's walking stick. But the Israelites lost it all.

The people who took the ark worshiped a statue named Dagon. They believed that Dagon was the most powerful god around. They had been worshiping Dagon for over 1,000 years. They put the ark in the same room as Dagon but God wasn't surprised – this was all part of His plan and this was going to be fun!

The next day they went back to the room and screamed, "Where's Dagon?" Somebody found him and he was bowing down worshiping the God of the ark!

("The god who Worshiped GOD," cont'd...)

They were embarrassed and quickly set him back up in his spot, worshiped him, and went home. The next day they came back and the same thing had happened but even worse. This time his head and hands were cut off! Now the Philistines knew that the God of the ark was the real God. So they made sure that the ark went back to the Israelites....where it belonged!

Thanks, Annika! What an awesome reminder of our God's power!



Treasurer's Report

List of Memorials Given Since Last *Echoes* Publication

(IMO = "In Memory Of")

Submitted by Linda Follick

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