

The Echoes

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My Eternal Hope

*Devotional Submitted by
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Revelation 4:6-8

"... around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back.

⁷ The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle. ⁸ Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come."

A friend once told me that he wasn't very eloquent when he prayed. Sometimes when he did not know what to say, he just closed his eyes and spoke the name "Jesus." With his heart pointed toward God, he would speak the Name again and again. As he spoke out this simple expression of his faith, it was enough. The presence of God would surround him and God's power would strengthen him.

In Revelation 4, the angels around the throne are pictured as praying in a similar manner. They call out to each other, "Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God Almighty." Over and over they call out. Their cry of "Holy, Holy, Holy" is more than simple repetition. They say it over and over because it is all they can say. The amazement and awe generated in them by the presence of God on His throne is so great that all they can do is repeat what they experience. I was struck in reading this passage that there is coming a day when I will be there alongside of them, and how I long for that day. I, too, will call out as they do. In that day there will be no more hatred, no more guilt, no more sorrow, and no more tears. For the old things will have passed away and everything will have been made new (Revelation 21:3-5). This is my eternal hope. It is our eternal hope.

Pray: Heavenly Father, you are holy. Jesus my Christ, you are Holy. Holy Spirit, you are holy. Holy is your name. You were, and you are, and you are to come. Amen.



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Please Remember...

Whether or not you are personally able to attend Bible Camp this year, the most important thing you can do is pray for us. Thank you!

2 Corinthians 1:11 (NIV)

“...as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favour granted us in answer to the prayers of many.”



The Echoes is excited to welcome another congregation (back) to our publication! **Bethlehem Lutheran Church** in Outlook, SK has been an active participant in Bible Camp for many years. Just recently, **Bev Berntson** agreed to be their 'monthly reporter' for our

newsletter. ☺ Here is a little bit of information about Bev, in her words: “I am married to a rancher. We work with our three daughters and their families. We have five grandchildren who just live over the hill from us. We are so blessed to have all of our family in our life on a daily basis, especially when they are hungry (ha ha!). No – honestly, they are all such a big help. I keep busy by helping out where I can on the ranch, quilting, sewing, baking and being involved at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Outlook. I am on the Board of Deacons and enjoy that very much.”

Welcome back to **The Echoes!**





Congregational Submissions



Elbow Lutheran Bible Camp (ELBC) is supported by local Christian churches, numerous members and volunteers. Throughout this newsletter, you will find summaries from three of these churches regarding their parish activities since the last edition of *The Echoes* was sent out, in March 2018.

Bethel Lutheran Church, Elbow, SK

Submitted by Ashley Starnes, Administrative Assistant

*Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord; whose confidence is in Him.
Jeremiah 17:7*

Happy spring / summertime from Bethel Lutheran Church! My, it is good to see the birds return and the trees and grass turn green after such a long winter! Praying that you are enjoying this beautiful time of year as well!

Things have been rolling along at our church and it is hard to believe so many months have gone by since our last update! Here is what we have been up to:

March:

- We were blessed to have Adam Driscoll, Dennis Keith, Kevin Daugherty, John Barkman and Ken Bush share God's Word with us in March.
- 30th We had a beautiful Good Friday service at the Civic Centre with a community pancake breakfast before. Ken Bush shared God's Word with us and it was a special time to reflect on our Saviour's sacrifice.

April:

- 1st Ken Bush brought the message to us on Easter Sunday. We enjoyed coming together in our traditional Easter Impromptu Choir to sing "He Lives"! He is risen!!!
- 13th We had a Youth Group pizza party with a community Movie Night to follow! Special thanks to Luke and Lindsey Hundebly and Nik MacLean for leading the youth portion. The movie we watched was "God's Not Dead 2," and we would highly recommend it!
- 17th The Elbow Lutheran Bible Camp General Meeting was held at Bethel. Despite the less than ideal weather, it was well attended!
- 27th The youth travelled to Outlook to watch "I Can Only Imagine." This was a very powerful movie!
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- 27th – 29th

Bethel Womens' Mission Fellowship (WMF) Ladies' Retreat

'This Is My Story' was the theme for the 2018 Bethel Ladies' Retreat. Seventy-nine women (spanning six decades!) gathered for a spirit-filled weekend at Shekinah Retreat Centre (for more information, visit <https://www.shekinahretreatcentre.org>).

- ❖ Four powerful and intense speakers led our weekend together. Shianne Revet, Marie Schan, Sakina Bikuta, and Larissa Wiens (<https://lwiens.wordpress.com>) shared their personal stories of challenge, doubt, fear, faith and victory. We were reminded and encouraged to remember that we are commanded to "...be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)
 - ❖ Powerful Praise and Worship opened each session. Thank you to Val Hundebly and Diane McLean for their carefully chosen music & professional leadership! Individual stories were expressed during break-out sessions through art, writing and discussion.
 - ❖ Our main 'free time' activity was cutting out denim to help make shoes for children in Uganda. Sole Hope, an international program dedicated to providing relief from jiggers, will assemble the shoes and educate families to become jigger free. (For more information, visit [http://solehope.org/.](http://solehope.org/))
 - ❖ We look forward to the next retreat, and are already working on plans and ideas!! We pray for God's guidance and direction in all that we prepare
- We were blessed to have Ken Bush, Kevin Daugherty and Adam Driscoll share God's Word with us in April.

May:

- 3rd The WMF General Meeting was held, followed by sharing by Dorothy Pinno. Thank you for your time and heart for God, Dorothy!
- 14th The annual ladies Strawberry Social was held at Bethel. Fun, fellowship and food was enjoyed by all!!
- 20th Teen challenge came and shared during our service. What an amazing testament to God' redeeming love!! A potluck followed and delicious food was enjoyed by all! Please keep Teen Challenge in your prayers as they have their annual Golf Classic at the Harbour Golf Club in Elbow on June 18th. Please contact Bethel if you would be interested in participating in this or helping in any way!
- We were blessed to have Adam Driscoll share from 1 Timothy with us in May. Please continue to pray for us as we seek God's will in finding His man to be our shepherd. We know he has a wonderful plan! We ask for prayer for those hurting in our community and we also praise God and rejoice in all the amazing ways He is at work in our lives!



Servant Spotlight



We are excited about this year's line-up of speakers and volunteers at camp!

Evening Speaker and Adult Morning Bible Class Leader

Pastor Jim Johnson is the Lead Pastor at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Camarillo, California. He and his wife, Linda, have served in ministry for the past 25 years. They love working together in ministry to strengthen marriages, build families, and encourage believers to grow. They have nine children.



Morning Adult Bible Class Leader

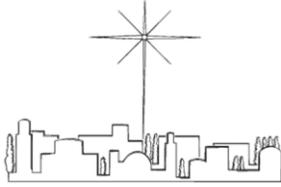
Pastor Norm Miller has served in many ministry capacities over the course of his career -- Pastoring, being a Prison Chaplain, summer camp ministry, and leading travel tour groups to Israel, to name a few! He and his wife, Ruth have a shared passion for "Building Strong Christian Families" and "Defending a Biblical Christian Faith." They live in Abbotsford, BC and have two children and 3 grandchildren.

Youth Leader

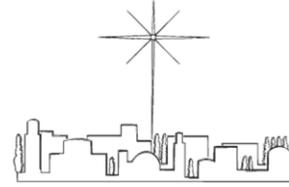
Adam Driscoll is the Director of Spiritual Development at Cornerstone Christian School in Moose Jaw, SK. Adam, Angela, and their three kids - Lucas (8), Aurora (6), and Julia (3) are immigrants from the East to SK but God has firmly planted them here in the West these days. Adam has a passion to communicate God's word with relevance and excellence. With nearly 15 years of camp and church ministry experience, Adam's heartbeat is to inspire students and families to believe that different is possible as we allow the Gospel to reshape our loves and life.



We are SO pleased to announce that we will have **TWO** Bible School ministry teams at our camp this summer! Once again, the **Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute** is providing a team for us (<http://clbi.edu>), and the **Association Free Lutheran Bible School** (<https://aflbs.org>) will provide the second team for service and ministry at ELBC. Each team will consist of four members. We are so thankful and blessed!



Bethlehem Lutheran Church Hawarden, SK



Submitted by Linda Follick

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

March:

- Lenten services continued through March with Pastor Al Pinno sharing his series on “Abundant Life: The Inputs and Fruits of the Cross.”
- 1st Sylvia Sundby hosted the Lutheran Church Women (LCW) meeting. Ruth Cooper led a Bible Study entitled, “An Encouraging Brief Look at the Presence of God.”
Pastor Al continued his sermon series entitled, “The People around the Cross & around the World.”
- 7th Our church put on the Wednesday morning worship service at the long term care wing of the Outlook Health Center.
- 16th – 18th Special services were held with Pastor Ken Wilsdon sharing on his upcoming mission trip to Nepal, where he will be training pastors. Throughout the weekend he spoke on the topic, “Be Fruitful and Multiply.” Pastor Ken is working with the organization, “The Great Commission Foundation” – “Hearts In Service.” (For more information, see <https://gcfcanada.com>.)

Several took in the Outlook Community Choir’s presentation of “Once upon a Tree.” It was a very good presentation of the Easter story, both in song and word.

Our LCW put on Easter themed programs at both Golden Acres and Luther Place in Outlook.

- 25th Bethlehem held a Country Gospel music evening featuring “The Penner Family.” This was a wonderful evening of praise and fellowship.
- 29th Good Friday Evening Service with Holy Communion

April:

- 1st On Easter Sunday, we had a Resurrection Praise Service at 9:00 a.m., followed by a delicious Easter breakfast. During the morning worship service, Pastor Al spoke on “The Power of the Resurrection” (Philippians 3:7-14).

It was good to have Darwin Taylor back with us from the La Ronge / Grandmother’s Bay area. He shared a little about what he has been doing up there.

- 6th – 8th The Association of Free Lutheran Congregations (AFLC) held its 35th Annual Conference in Lake Alma, SK at Faith Free Lutheran Church. From our congregation, Pastor Al & Dorothy Pinno, Sylvia Sundby, Ruth Cooper, Katie Haaland, and Victor & Linda Lee attended the conference. The theme verse was, “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” (Galatians 6:9)

Various Pastors of the AFLC in Canada were our speakers throughout the weekend. Linda Korhonen led a womens’ session on Friday. Her presentation was entitled, “She Did What She Could,” based on Mark 14:3-9.

Service Positions are as follows:

Victor Lee - Coordinating Committee
 Linda Lee - Secretary of the AFLC Conference
 Katie Haaland - Resolution Committee, also Vice-President of WMF
 Dorothy Pinno – Treasurer of WMF

- 8th Gerald and Linda Follick attended the Confirmation service for their grandson Kyler (son of Kevin and Jessica) at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Outlook (<http://www.ihmcc.webs.com>).
- 11th Church Service at the Long Term Care wing of the Outlook Health Center.
- 12th Dorothy Pinno hosted an LCW meeting; Linda Lee led the study entitled, “Intimacy With God” – “Distinguishing Between Soul and Spirit.”
- 13th Pastor Al and Dorothy hosted a Family Fun Night! We enjoyed supper together in their newly renovated basement, followed by singing and a devotional by Pastor Al. Everyone headed over to the bowling alley to have some fun bowling to finish off the evening.
- 15th After the morning service and lunch, Bethlehem hosted the Annual General Meeting of the Ends of the Earth Courier for Christ (EECC; <http://eecchrist.com>). Pastor Al showed some slides of his and Dorothy’s recent trip to Russia.
- 17th There have been several board meetings over the winter to update the constitution of the Elbow Lutheran Bible Camp. The final edition was viewed at Bethel Lutheran Church (Elbow, SK) during this meeting. Plans are well underway for this summer’s camp, and some planned upgrades to the electrical and water systems will take place. A building is being put up to house the new water system.

Praise / Study / Prayer meetings continue with Pastor Al teaching on “True & False Prophecy: Then & Now.”

Pastor Al has also been sharing about “Jesus & the Religions of the World” on Sunday mornings. He continues to lead our adult Sunday School class on 2 Corinthians.

- 23rd Our church gathered at the Outlook Theatre to see a presentation by Creation Ministries International entitled, “Alien Intrusion” – “Unmasking a Deception.” (For more information, see <http://www.alienintrusion.com>)

- 29th Cadence Haaland was baptized during the morning worship service. Pastor Al's message was, "Baptism: The Sign of the Covenant in CHRIST – The LORD's Promises and Ours."

Country Gospel Evening – We ended up having a hymn sing of our favourite old hymns. There were a few volunteer special music items that were very much appreciated: Les Langager, Mark and Janet Gross, Katie Haaland and Linda Follick. Lunch and fellowship followed the hymn sing.

Darwin Taylor enjoyed some time at home with his family after spending a few weeks in the La Ronge / Grandmother's Bay area working with the youth, teaching a bus driving course, and driving a school bus.

May:

- 6th Pastor Al continued his series entitled, "A Googolplex of Signs & Wonders – Part 10: The Productivity of the Mustard Seed & Christ's Kingdom." It was also the "Blessing of the Seeds" Sunday, and the farmers brought their seed samples for this year's crop.

Several took in the Gideon's Festival of Praise in Outlook on Sunday evening featuring musical selections by the "Warman Strings."

- 12th Mother's Day Tea – The theme for our program was "God Is" and there were different attributes of God that were talked about through Scripture and song. Plants were handed out as door prizes, followed by lunch. Katie Haaland decorated a beautiful theme cake and we had other goodies as well.

Congratulations to Steven and Jill Lee on the birth of their twin girls on Saturday, May 12th! The girls' names are Harper Ann and Eleanor Marie. Proud Grandparents are Gerald & Linda Follick.

- 13th On Mother's Day Sunday, Pastor Al Pinno spoke on the series: "A Googolplex of Signs & Wonders – Part 11: Marriage and Family are Signs of the Goodness of GOD" (Ephesians 6:1-4). The Mothers all received plants to take home.
- 19th Confirmation Fellowship Evening
Cadence Haaland and Hayes Vermette shared what they have been studying during their extensive two-year discipleship program. This included the basic teachings of Christ and His prophets and apostles, including memorizing many important Scripture verses. Questions were asked and lunch was served.
- 29th A host of family and friends gathered at the church where Cadence and Hayes publicly confirmed their faith and trust in the Lord, and their desire to follow Him and His Word in their lives. They took part in their first communion.
- Pastor Al and Dorothy are travelling during the last week of May on a mission trip to Black Diamond, AB, and Vernon and Salmon Arm, BC. They plan on stopping in Edmonton to visit with their daughter, Heidi, on the way.



The Elbow Lutheran Bible Camp has a website:

<http://elbowlutheranbiblecamp.com>

Please visit often to learn more about the camp and see updates for 2018!



We need YOU!



We VERY much appreciate all the campers, and are so thankful for everyone's help! This year (same as the last two years), we will be asking everyone to sign up for one work duty each day. Many hands make light work!

Would YOU consider helping out in one of the following ways?

- Being on a **Music Committee** -- These are the people who choose the hymns for the evening service and find pianists to play.
- Being part of a family (or other) group, willing to lead a **Morning Chapel** service?
- Being part of a family (or other) group, willing to plan and supervise an **Afternoon Craft** for the Grade 6 and Under campers?
- Being a helper for the **Morning VBS Childrens' Classes**?

Please contact Linda Lee at (306) 855-4900 *as soon as possible*. Thank you!



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 (Hundeby) Michaelis at:

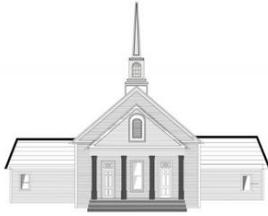
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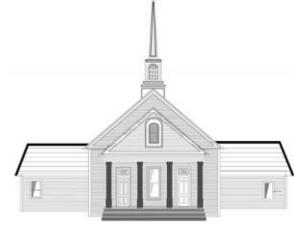


Our next Bible Camp runs from **July 1st to 7th, 2018!**

Do you need to reserve **cabin space** for the week of Bible Camp? If so, don't hesitate – spaces are running out! Contact Grant Lee or Linda Lee at (306) 855-4900.



Bethlehem Lutheran Church Outlook, SK



Submitted by Bev Berntson

*Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!
Philippians 4:4*

March:

- 4th Celebration of **ten** years in the new church!
- 9th – 11th “Dealing with Temptation” Seminar, led by Pastor Boyd Hopkins
- 18th Congregational Workshop with our Dean, Pastor Mac DeWaal
(<https://zionlutheranbowisland.wordpress.com>)
Baptism of Chuck Patrick Ellis, son of Wade and Syrha Ellis
- Lenten services were held Wednesday evenings throughout Lent. Lenten lunches were held every Wednesday throughout Lent at local churches.
- Holy Week Services were held: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

April:

- 9th Quilting Week began. Over 125 quilts and many layettes were made during the week!
Pastor Daryl Olson and Ben attended the North American Lutheran Church (NALC) Theological Conference and Mission District Meeting in Canmore, AB
- 14th Bernie Belau attended the NALC Mission District Meeting in Calgary, AB, along with Pastor Daryl.
- 16th – 20th Music Festival week was a hub of activity here! All competitions were held at Bethlehem, as well as the Sunday finale performance.
(<http://smfa.ca/district-festivals>)
- 22nd Hishgee from Mongolia spoke at both services, giving us an overview of Christianity in her home country. She also held a question-and-answer period between services.

May:

- 6th Adelaide Emilie Ruth Hermanson, daughter of Hannah and Landon Hermanson, was baptized!
- 7th Karen shared about her work with Wycliffe Bible Translators of Canada (<https://www.wycliffe.ca>) in the evening.
- 13th Mother’s Day, and Graduation at the Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute.



Treasurer's Report

List of Donations and Memorials Given Since Last *Echoes* Publication

Submitted by Linda Follick

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