

# The Echoes

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## Fishers Of Men

*Devotional Submitted by  
Pastor Dave Hesje*



### ***Philippians 4:7 Paraphrase:***

*The Pharisees suggested Jesus fed the 5,000 with Lutefisk to nullify the miracle, as anyone could feed 5,000 with Lutefisk and have leftovers. After all, Lutefisk is, "the peace of cod that transcends all understanding..."*

Several years ago, I caught a twelve pound Northern Pike. What a blast! It put up a great fight as it dove on me several times. When my son scooped it, he was laughing so hard that it jumped out of the net and the fun started all over. Catching this fish was exciting, joyful, and rewarding. Recalling this experience makes me wonder why it's been years since I have gone fishing!

Christians should all experience the excitement and joy I had catching this fish magnified, as Jesus said to us, "I will make you fishers of men." The earliest followers of Jesus were persecuted and forced to worship in hidden locations, so they would scratch the symbol of a fish in the ground for other believers to identify them. The fish symbol illustrates the Christian's purpose, which is to catch people for Jesus. The letters inside the fish symbol are ΙΧΘΥΣ. This is an acrostic (in Greek) for their words for "Jesus Christ, God's Son, Saviour!"

A swarm of police cars skidded to a stop, surrounding a car. The officers all jumped out with guns pointed at the driver. The extremely nervous driver with hands in the air, got out of the car and timidly asked, "What did I do?" An officer replied, "You stole this car. I know you stole it because you were breaking numerous traffic laws and it has a fish symbol on it!" If you call yourself a Christian, a fisher of men, there are expected standards that go with it! There are standards for driving; however, it's far more important that you actually are a *fisher for men!* It's one thing to put a symbol of a fish on your car, but it's quite another to actually be a fisher of men! My prayer is that, from reading this article, every time you see the fish symbol you will be reminded of your God-given purpose in life: to be a fisher of men!

To fish for men you may not have to make a lot of adjustments in your life. It has been said that the difference between a fisherman and an idiot standing by the side of a lake is a fine line! Well, the difference between a Christian who fishes for men and one that doesn't can be a fine line as well.



First, you have to go where the fish are! Then you need a line with a lure on it in the water. The bait on the lure may be your life / actions, but the lure is the Gospel of Jesus Christ! The Gospel is the Power of God for the Salvation of all! If you're fishing right, people will "nibble" by asking you why you live the way you do, or believe what you do, and then its time to sink the hook of the gospel in and catch another one for Jesus!

Isn't it time you lived up to the symbol that identifies who you are and your purpose in life? Who knows -- you might just experience the joy of catching a twelve-pound northern pike in the form of the next Billy Graham!

In His Grip, Pastor Dave



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## ***Bible Camp Speaker Profiles***



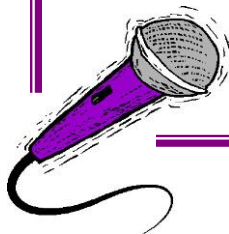
We are excited to introduce you to our speakers at Bible Camp this summer! Here's a quick spotlight on each of the Pastors who will be with us this year:

### **Pastor Todd Erickson Evening Speaker / Morning Bible Teacher**



Pastor Todd Erickson is the Pastor of Rose and Spruce Free Lutheran Churches (11 years), both located in rural Roseau, Minnesota. His previous vocation and ministry includes teaching math/science and coaching basketball at Thompson Public School (Thompson, North Dakota), serving as a teacher and principal at Medicine Lake Lutheran Academy (Plymouth, Minnesota), the President of Heritage Christian Academy (Maple Grove, Minnesota), and the Associate Pastor of Minnesota Valley Free Lutheran (Lakeville, Minnesota).

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Todd and his wife, Joyce, of 31 years, have been blessed with eight children and one grandchild. Their daughter, Katie (26), along with her husband, Aaron, and daughter,

Grace, reside in Maple Grove, MN. Tyler (23) and his wife, Allison, reside in Bismarck, ND. Brett (19) is currently attending the Association Free Lutheran Bible School (AFLBS) in Plymouth, MN. Kyle (17), Ryan (15), Seth (13), Ellie (10), and Levi (7) remain at home.

In his spare time, Todd enjoys reading, collecting coins and stamps, and watching sports – especially his kids' running events. He also enjoys seasons of fishing and hunting near the home he grew up in north-western Minnesota.



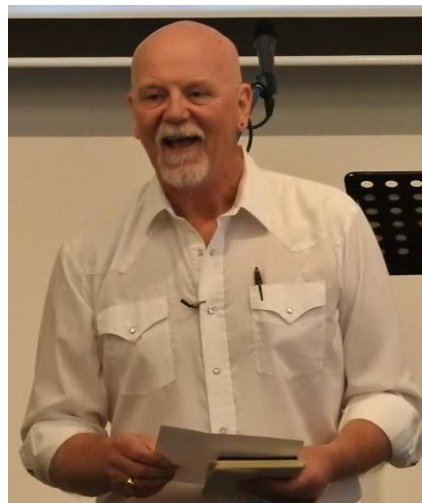
### **Pastor Herb Anderson Morning Bible Teacher**

Herb Anderson has pastored churches in Ontario, Alberta, and California and now serves as Lead Pastor of the Delisle Community Chapel. He has also been a business owner and manager.

Herb loves to travel and has been to over 40 countries. He is an avid motorcyclist and is affectionately known as "The Faster Pastor."

Having attended Elbow Lutheran Bible Camp as a boy, Herb is looking forward to returning as the adult Bible teacher. His theme will be "The Chronicles of the Messiah," a study of the life of Jesus.

Herb is married to Ruth (nickname "Reno") for 45 years and counting. They have two adult children and seven grandchildren.



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**Pastor Adam Driscoll  
Youth Leader**

"I'm so excited to be coming back to ELBC! I love the community and the opportunity to journey with students through a couple of summers. For those new, I look forward to meeting you. This year it will work for my wife, Angie, and our three kids (Lucas, Aurora and Julia) to attend, too! I love to have fun, I love to dig into God's Word, and I love coffee! This year, we're going to talk about being **Set Apart**. We're going to be digging into Romans, digging into life, and thinking about the difference that Jesus actually makes in our lives."



Pastor Adam is currently the Director of Spiritual Development at Corner-stone Christian School in Moose Jaw, SK.

**Remember to Check out ELBC's Website!**

<http://elbowlutheranbiblecamp.com>



**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:

[jeffdena@xplornet.com](mailto:jeffdena@xplornet.com)

Thank you!



Our next Bible Camp runs from July 6<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019!

Do you need to reserve **cabin space** for the week of Bible Camp? If so, don't hesitate! Contact Grant Lee by email at:

[registrar@elbowlutheranbiblecamp.com](mailto:registrar@elbowlutheranbiblecamp.com)

We VERY much appreciate all the campers, and are so thankful for everyone's help! If YOU are willing to help in any way this year, please contact **Shannon Hundebly**:

(306) 867-4065 or (306) 854-2007  
Email: kshundebly@sasktel.net



Here are some areas where we need **YOUR** help:

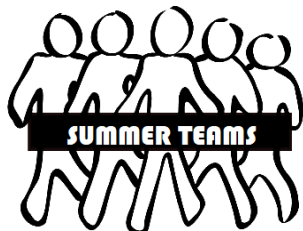


Would you be willing to help coordinate **Special Music** for the evening worship services during the week?

Are you more of a "hands on" person? How about helping **preschoolers** with their sandbox and craft time? (This would be for **one** session per morning.)



Our ministry teams from AFLBS and CLBI will be leading the kids in their Vacation Bible School morning sessions. However, the big class sizes mean that we could sure use **helpers!** How about you?



We are SO pleased to announce that we will have **TWO** Bible School ministry teams at our camp this summer! We are so thankful for their continued service and ministry at ELBC. Here is some information about each team:



Camrose, Alberta  
Website: <http://clbi.edu>

**Team Members:**  
Derrick Boulianne  
Celia Engen  
Shalayne Eckart  
MacKenzie Wahl



Minneapolis, Minnesota  
Website: <https://aflbs.org>

**Team Members:**  
Luther Zeltinger  
Mikah Olson  
Bobbi Jo Alverson  
Sarah Duffy



## 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 four of these churches regarding their parish activities since the last edition of *The Echoes* was sent out, in March 2019.

### **Bethel Lutheran Church, Elbow, SK**

*Submitted by Ashley Stamnes, Administrative Assistant*

*Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.  
James 1:17*

Greetings from Bethel! Aren't we blessed that we serve an unchanging God? Bethel has had a wonderful few months, having many visitors in for many different events!

#### **February:**

- 24<sup>th</sup> Bruce Rawlings came to Bethel and shared music and a message. It was an awesome time and we appreciated him being here!

#### **March:**

- 14<sup>th</sup> The Women's Mission Fellowship (WMF) had a regular meeting
- 18<sup>th</sup> Bethel hosted a Gideons meeting. What an amazing ministry this is! (Website: <https://gideons.ca>)
- 30<sup>th</sup> The men had prayer breakfast. Food and fellowship was enjoyed!!
- 31<sup>st</sup> Five of Doyle and Nordis Wankel's precious grandchildren were baptized at Bethel! Nate and Finley Bosnak, children of Mark and Dayna Marie; Kash and Sully Stephenson, children of Shay and Quinn; Letty Redden, daughter of Ty and Lindsay.

#### **April:**

- 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Bethel hosted the annual Association of Free Lutheran Congregations (AFLC) Conference retreat. What a blessing to have so many wonderful speakers and visitors! Much was accomplished and God's Word was lifted high! (Website: <https://www.aflc.org>)
- 19<sup>th</sup> Bethel had their annual community Good Friday service and pancake breakfast at the Elbow Civic Centre. The service was a beautiful way to

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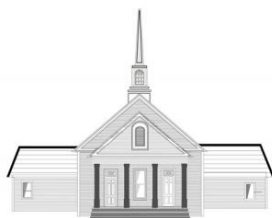
honour Jesus' sacrifice for us. As well, we so appreciate all those who cooked breakfast.

**May:**

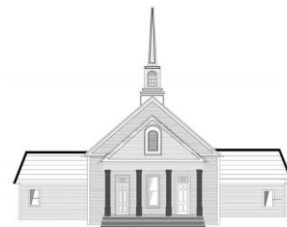
- 5<sup>th</sup> The children had their Sunday School windup. Many thanks to Lisa Peterman and Janell Hundebly who taught for the year. As well, we so appreciated Larry Rinholm and Rob Peterman helping the kids with a special craft!! The children also had a scavenger hunt and enjoyed ice cream floats!
- 12<sup>th</sup> Teen Challenge Ministries brought a team from their Men's Center to Bethel to share amazing stories of triumph over addiction and God's redeeming love and grace! What an incredible ministry this is! (Website: <https://www.tcsk.ca>) A time of fellowship and a BBQ Potluck in honour of the women of our congregation followed. (We look forward to having a women's team from Teen Challenge share here on August 11<sup>th</sup>.)
- 19<sup>th</sup> We were so thrilled to have another baptism Sunday! Rechelle Norrish and her children Avery Lynden and Steel Norrish were baptized!

We look ahead with anticipation to Bible Camp and soaking in more of God's Word and time with precious friends. May God bless each and every one of you!

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**Bethlehem Lutheran  
Church  
Outlook, SK**



*Submitted by Bev Berntson*

*In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.  
Proverbs 16:9.*

As I write this it is 34 degrees and not a cloud in the sky! Everywhere we go and everyone we talk to is lamenting the drought and heat. It is easy to lean on our own understanding, but we must turn our hearts to the Lord. He will take care of us.

As usual there are many things going on here at Bethlehem Outlook.

We are preparing for a big transition. Pastor Daryl Olson will be leaving us as Pastor at the end of June. We are very sad but also very happy for him. He deserves a change of pace! The good news is that they are not leaving the community.

Pastor Malcolm and Lila de Waal will be coming to serve us, beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>. We look forward to them serving us! Their installation will be on July 14<sup>th</sup>.

*(Congregational Submissions – Bethlehem Outlook Continued...)*

On Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> (evening) our Sunday School put on an Easter portrayal concert of the death of our Lord Jesus. It certainly brought His death and resurrection to the forefront of our minds this Lenten season.

On Good Friday, many members of our congregation joined other congregations in The Way of the Cross Prayer Walk.

We had Lenten lunch services at different churches during the Lenten season. We also had services on Wednesday evenings here at Bethlehem. On Easter Sunday morning, the council served a pancake breakfast between services.

During April and May, many of our members worked diligently to help with renovations to the Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute (LCBI) dorms. The help was partly in preparation for the North American Lutheran Church (NALC) Youth Conference to be held there during the long weekend in May.

Sadly, we lost three wonderful members of our congregation in the last while. Ernie Harvey, Evelyn Anderson and Marie Carlson will be greatly missed.

On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, we held a garage sale, with the proceeds given to LCBI. This sale was very successful and special thanks are given to everyone who contributed in any way.

On Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, Madelina Luedtke, her Mom (Shelley Luedtke) and Aunt (Sherry Lovrod) shared experiences from their recent trip to Romania. (Madelina was adopted by Shelley and Delwyn from Romania when she was very little.) They reported that it was an awesome experience to go back to where Madelina was born! They also did some mission work while there.

Helen Salte has moved to Sherwood Park, Alberta to be closer to family. We will miss her dearly. We hosted a farewell for her before she left. There were lots of laughs and even more tears. We wish her all the best in her new home.

The long weekend in May saw the church and LCBI bustling with near 80 youth and 20 some adults at the NALC Youth Conference. It was an awesome weekend with special speakers, fellowship and fun. The service at Bethlehem on Sunday morning was a full house with wonderful music and messages. We can be so proud of our young people and their leaders!

Our young people being confirmed on June 2<sup>nd</sup> are Caleb Dolman, Ella Hopkins, Claudia Lammers, Otto Lammers, Kenya Reddekopp, and Anton Woudwyk. God bless you as you follow Him!

Vacation Bible School will be held here from August 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>. Everyone is welcome!

Youth Group, Bible Studies, and Sunday School are winding down for the summer.

Please have a safe and relaxing, fun summer!

TO HIM BE THE GLORY!



**Skudesnes  
Evangelical**



**Lutheran  
Church**

## **Loreburn, SK**

*Submitted by Maxine Follick*

*“Do not fear for I have redeemed you, I have called you by name; you are Mine. I will be with you when you pass through the waters, and through the rivers, they will not overwhelm you. You will not be scorched when you walk through the fire, and the flame will not burn you... Because you are precious in My sight and honoured, and I love you.”  
Isaiah 43:1(b) - 4(a)*

I found this verse to be so appropriate and comforting as it was read on the Sunday following the passing of everyone's dear friend and faithful Skudesnes member, Tom Brown. We were deeply saddened to lose this kind and humble man who loved to tell a good story!! Tom's funeral and committal was held April 26<sup>th</sup> at Skudesnes. We also remember in love and prayer the families of all those in our wider community who have passed away recently. It seems like we have lost a lot of friends and acquaintances lately.

We held our annual meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup> in the bitter cold.

We began the Lenten season with our annual pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday (March 5<sup>th</sup>), followed by the meaningful Ash Wednesday service with the imposition of ashes. This Lent we gave out "Lent in a Bag" little bags consisting of small symbols and reminders of the meaning of Lent, accompanied by a Lenten devotional booklet. This all ended up as a little diorama of Lent when completed.

The week before Easter was busy! We enjoyed the Easter cantata presentation by the Outlook Community Choir on Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. Then, on Maundy Thursday (April 18<sup>th</sup>), we had a potluck supper and communion around the table. After supper / communion, we had the Good Friday service of readings and prayers and stripping of the altar.

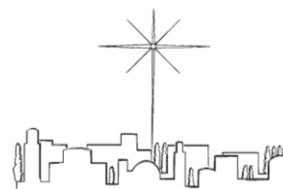
On Mothers Day, the men gave the ladies a break and served a delicious lunch after church – they even cleaned up afterwards!! It was all very much appreciated. Each lady received a beautiful carnation, thanks to Ron Savidan.

Seeding of crops and gardens is continuing, and we are continuing to pray for rain so the seeds can grow and produce a successful harvest. We also pray for the safety of our farming and ranching friends as they put in long hours of work.

God's blessings to all as you look forward to what the summer has in store for us.



## 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*

### **February:**

- 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> Pastor Lawrence Hahn continued his sermon series entitled, "Focusing on Jesus"
- 12<sup>th</sup> Bethlehem hosted an Elbow Lutheran Bible Camp board meeting.
- 16<sup>th</sup> Congratulations to Cohen Haaland! He finished 1<sup>st</sup> in Junior Class 4-H speeches in Hanley, district competition in Outlook, the regional competition in Mortlach... and made it all the way to provincials in Lancer, SK!
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Pastor Al and Dorothy Pinno returned from a six week mission trip to Thailand and India. On the way there, they stopped for a few days in London where they met their daughter, Rachel, and her friend Emily for a few days' visit. Their next stop was to visit with their niece Lisa, her husband Achiuq, and their two daughters in Laos before going to Thailand where Pastor Al taught a three day seminar to Pastors from neighboring countries. (Achiuq did the translating.) From Thailand, Pastor Al and Dorothy traveled to India where they spent three weeks in the south-eastern part of the country. Pastor Al spoke at many gospel meetings, seminars for Pastors and college students, and church services. Dorothy was pleased to be able to spend many days at St. Paul's School reconnecting with the staff and students there. St. Paul's is the Christian school that is sponsored through the Pinno's ministry, Ends of the Earth Courier for Christ. (Website: <http://eecchrist.com>)
- 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Seniors Dinner (roast beef) with entertainment by John Linsley on the piano.
- 27<sup>th</sup> Our church gathered at the Outlook Health Center for their Wednesday morning church service.

### **March:**

- Pastor Al Pinno's sermons throughout the Lenten Season were as follows:
  - † Jesus Is... the Stone
  - † Jesus Is... the Teacher
  - † Jesus Is...the Warner

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- ✠ Jesus Is... the Returning Lord
- ✠ Jesus Is... the Judge
- ✠ Jesus Is...the Christ
- ✠ Jesus Is... the Son of God
- ✠ We watched videos each week on Matthew as well.



- Sylvia Sundby hosted the Lutheran Church Women (LCW) meeting, and Linda Lee led the Bible Study entitled, “God’s Servants Teach Us Life Lessons – The Woman at the Well - Jesus Satisfies Completely and Forever.”
- Darwin Taylor has returned home after spending time at the Grandmother’s Bay and La Ronge areas (in Saskatchewan). While in the Cree communities, he was able to bring Bible lessons to students at the school at Grandmother’s Bay. He gave out Gospel treat bags to those students and ones from the Village of Sucker River who attended a winter break Vacation Bible School. As well, several pairs of warm winter boots, coats, gloves etc., along with many crocheted / knitted toques, children’s vests and blankets made with love and prayers by several ladies from Bethlehem were distributed. The used clothing items were kindly donated by families from and around Bethlehem, and from Faith Free Lutheran Church in Lake Alma, SK (Pastor Kelly Henning’s Church). One day he also put on a noon hot lunch followed by a devotional for the students and several staff at the school. While up there, he was welcomed as he visited with many throughout the communities, including seniors at Elder’s Haven (a nursing home operated by the Lac La Ronge Indian Band).
- 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Mission Seminar weekend with Charles and Anita Jackson from World Mission Prayer League.
  - ✠ Friday Evening Session – Charles and Anita led the session entitled, “Call to Prayer for Missions”
  - ✠ Saturday Morning: Daniel Olson – “Multiculturalism”  
Charles and Anita – “Global Needs”
  - ✠ Sunday Morning: Charles and Anita – “Bethlehem’s Mission”
- 17<sup>th</sup> Congratulations to Jay and Eileen de Guzman on the birth of Mikkel Benjamin, a brother for Caleb and Katherine! Proud Grandparents are Victor and Linda Lee.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Our church gathered at Golden Acres (Outlook, SK) to put on a program and serve them lunch.
- 28<sup>th</sup> The LCW put on a program at Luther Place (Outlook, SK) and served lunch.

**April:**

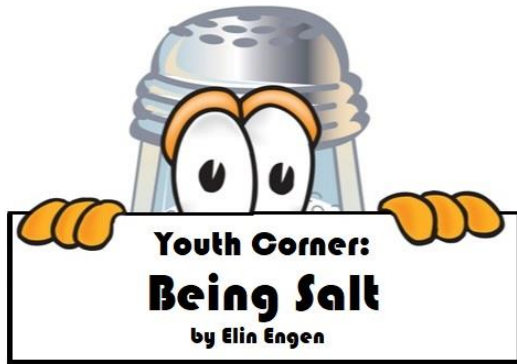
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Our church gathered at the Outlook Long Term Care Wing for their Wednesday morning church service.

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- 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Bethel Lutheran Church (Elbow, SK) held the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations (AFLC) of Canada. (Website: <https://www.aflc.org>) It was a wonderful weekend of various speakers, business meetings, and fellowship.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Linda Lee hosted the LCW meeting, and Dorothy Pinno led the Bible Study entitled, “God’s Servants Teach Us Life Lessons – A Little Family of Bethany – We Shall Rise Again!”
- 14<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday! Pastor Al’s sermon was called, “Holy Week: A Time for Weeping & Rejoicing” (based on Luke 29:28-44).
- 21<sup>st</sup> Easter Sunday! We gathered in the cemetery for a Praise Service, followed by a delicious breakfast. We watched a video based on Matthew 28 before the worship service. Pastor Al’s sermon was entitled, “Jesus Is... The Risen Lord!” (based on Matthew 28: 1-20).
- 27<sup>th</sup> Pastor Al & Dorothy are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Matt, to Amanda Warkentin!
- 28<sup>th</sup> Pastor Al spoke at Faith Free Lutheran Church in Lake Alma, SK. After the service, the annual meeting for Ends of the Earth Courier for Christ was held. In Pastor Al’s absence, the Bethlehem congregation watched a John MacArthur sermon on video.
- 28<sup>th</sup> Country Gospel Evening with Ken Olson and friends performing.
- 28<sup>th</sup> Darwin Taylor spent another week in the La Ronge, SK area. He spoke in the Anglican Church there, and (along with a mission team) they visited Seniors’ Homes. Vacation Bible School was held during the Easter week, and more blankets were distributed amongst the people in the area.

### May:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dorothy Pinno hosted the LCW meeting, and Ruth Cooper led the Bible Study entitled, “God’s Servants Teach Us Life Lessons – Hannah – A Godly Mother.”
- 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Ruth Cooper, along with her daughters (Leanne Rinholm and Lori Giles) attended the Ladies’ Retreat Weekend at Shekinah Retreat Centre put on by the Bethel Ladies from Elbow. (Shekinah Website: <https://www.shekinahretreatcentre.org>)
- 5<sup>th</sup> “Blessing of the Seed Sunday” Special prayers went up for the crops to be seeded and for moisture to help them grow.
- 8<sup>th</sup> We gathered at Outlook Long Term Care for their Wednesday morning service.
- 11<sup>th</sup> We held a Mother’s Day Tea. Our special guests were Shelley and Madalina Luedtke, and Sheri Lovrod, who spent the month of February on a mission trip to Romania! They had many wonderful stories and pictures to share from their experience there. Lunch and fellowship followed. There were draws for plants to give away to the moms and girls in attendance.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Pastor Al’s sermon was entitled, “Mom’s Place in our Lives & In God’s Kingdom” (based on Matthew 12:46-50). All the moms in attendance received a plant. ☺
- 15<sup>th</sup> Doug Rawling Concert (Doug’s Website: <http://www.dougrawling.com>)



*"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden."*

*Matthew 5:13-14*

Living as Christians in this world can be tough at times. We might see our friends doing things that we want to do, because it looks like they're having fun,

even though we know that what they're doing might be wrong. We are tempted so much by the world, and more often than we should, we succumb to those temptations.

Jesus tells us in these verses that we are salt. But what does He mean by that? Are we to be like literal salt, and add metaphorical flavour, or preserve the lives of other people who are not Christians? Or is the meaning different from that? Verse 13 may give us a clue. It says that if salt has lost its taste, it is no longer good for anything. If we are the salt of the earth, whatever could it mean for us to lose our taste? In order for salt to do anything to any type of food (meat, for example), it has to be chemically different from the meat, and it has to have the chemical compounds of salt. It can't add flavour or preserve the meat if it has the same chemical compounds of the meat. The salt has to be a *completely* different substance from the meat to do it any good.

For us, this means that we need to be different than those around us who have not accepted Christ into their lives. We proclaim to others that we are Christians, but if we preach that the reason for our salvation is anything but God's love through Jesus' death and resurrection, it can lead people astray. What good would it be for those non-Christians to become Christians, whose lives may be broken because of a lack of love, or who think the option of another god would give them the love they need? John 13:35 says "By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." This verse reminds us that we need to love others for others to know that we are Christians, for them to know we are different than them, and that we are salt.

We can't do this by ourselves though. We desperately need God to save us, continuously. We can't do anything without Him; we'd be like sheep without a shepherd. With God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit, we can be salt, and we can love each other. We can't be salt without God – we are no longer good for anything if we don't have God to make us salt. So, when you're facing tough decisions or feel tempted to do something that you know is wrong, pray. Pray, and God will help you to love others and he will make you be salt.

At Bible Camp, we are surrounded by people who have been made salt by God. People that God has changed and molded to be what He needs them to be to fulfill His plans. Bible camps offer a great week of fellowship with other Christians who know what it's like to be different from others because of what God has done in their lives. We are immersed in God's Word, studying it and learning things useful for our daily lives. When we go home, leaving behind the amazing feelings of camp, we can't forget what we've learned. We should take what we've learned at camp, and the experiences we've had with God's grace and bring that home with us, and be salt.



***Thank you SO much for that great message to us, Elin! Elin is 17 years old and is in Grade 11. She lives in Beaumont, Alberta with her parents (Ron and Dianne Engen), five siblings and dog, Prince. 😊***

## Treasurer's Report



Submitted by Linda Follick

**A sincere, "Thank you!" is extended to all who are able to faithfully donate to our Bible Camp. We appreciate every donation, large or small!**

## Since the Last Echoes Publication Donations have been Given In Memory of these Loved Ones:

Johan & Ruth Hesje  
Marie Wankel  
Tom Brown  
Jeanne Barton

Blessed be their memories!

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**Our Bible Camp has always run on free will donations. Donations are gratefully accepted in two ways:**

**By mail, to:**

Elbow Lutheran Bible Camp  
c/o Linda Follick  
Box 776  
Outlook, SK  
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**Through the Bible Camp website:**

Click on "Support" --> *then*

Click on the blue, "Donate Now through Canada Helps.org:" button and follow the prompts.

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## The Day After Christmas

The Pastor was looking over the crèche the day after Christmas when he noticed that the baby Jesus was missing. He went outside and saw a little boy pulling a new red wagon. In the wagon was Jesus.

He walked up to the boy and said, "Hi, there. Where did you get the baby Jesus?"

The boy answered honestly, "In the church." "Why did you take him?" the Pastor asked.

"Well," said the boy, "I prayed to the Lord Jesus and asked him for a wagon for Christmas. I told Him that if He gave me one, I'd take Him for a ride in it."

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*A joyful heart*   
*is good medicine,*  
*But a crushed spirit*  
*dries up the bones.*

*Proverbs 17:22*