

The Echoes

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Faith is Like a River

*Devotional Submitted by
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“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see...And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him”
(Hebrews 11:1,6).

I have been thinking recently about the ways in which a river is a metaphor for our faith. A river has a **source**, it has **movement**, it has **banks**, and it has a **destination**.

A river has a source, perhaps high in the mountains where it begins its life as a glacier fed mountain stream. Faith also has a Source. Faith is not something we generate spontaneously. The faith that saves us has its source in God. “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—”(Ephesians 2:8).

The water in a river is forever in motion. A river flows. Water in motion is a powerful force. As a child growing up near the South Saskatchewan River, I was repeatedly warned about the dangers of swimming in the river because of the current. Likewise, faith in action is an irresistible force. Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, Move from here to there, and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you” (Matthew 17:20).

A river has banks. The banks of a river keep it in its course. What would happen if you removed the banks of a river? Water would spread out all over the place. There would be no more movement. The water would become stagnant. You would end up with a swamp. What are the banks of the river of faith? The Great Commandment and the Great Commission are the riverbanks that keep our faith on course.

When asked about the greatest commandment, Jesus replied, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is

the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself.” (Matthew 22:37-39). After His death and resurrection, just before returning to His Father in heaven, Jesus gave his followers this great commission: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you” (Matthew 29:19-20). As Jesus followers, our faith inspires obedience to both the Great Commandment and the Great Commission.

And finally, like a river, faith has a destination. A river flows to the sea. Faith moves us toward maturity in Christ (Colossians 1:28). The qualities of Jesus Christ—His love, holiness, godliness, and patience—are imparted to me when I commit my life to Him. Slowly but surely these qualities develop in my life as I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me (Galatians 2:20).



This year's Bible Camp was a resounding success! Thank you to ALL of our volunteers. We couldn't do any of this without YOU!

**Do YOU know a great leader??
We need YOUR help!**

Planning for next summer's camp begins NOW! If you have a recommendation for a Speaker, Bible Teacher or Youth leader, please notify the Bible Camp Board by contacting your local Bible Camp Board Member or email Grant Lee at grlee81@yahoo.ca. Thank you!





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 June 2019.

Bethel Lutheran Church, Elbow, SK

Submitted by Ashley Starnes, Administrative Assistant

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21

Hello friends! We at Bethel pray that you have been blessed and have been a blessing this summer! God is so good and we thank Him for all He is doing at Bethel!

May:

- 30th – There was a beautiful shower held at Bethel for Tristin Davidson. Many ladies attended to wish Tristin all the best!

June:

- 9th – The students of Shannon Hundebly had their annual piano recital at Bethel. It is always a joy to hear how far the children have come in their playing!
- 13th – The Women's Mission Fellowship (WMF) had a regular meeting.
- 16th – We had a wonderful Father's Day at Bethel! The WMF provided a brunch and the ladies brought desserts and goodies to share. As well, Larry and Val Hundebly had left cold "Dad's Root Beer™" to show their appreciation for all the men in our congregation!
- 16th – We began our "Summer Hours" with church now beginning at 9:30 a.m.
- 17th – The Annual Teen Challenge Golf Tournament and Steak Supper was held at the Harbour Golf Course. Thank you to all who participated in the fun day for such a worthy organization!
- 18th – Many ladies from the congregation helped make cookies for The Rock Church Camp (<https://trcyxe.ca/>). Thank you for your time and efforts!
- 22nd – Tristin Davidson and Chase Holbrook were married at Bethel. We pray for God's blessing on their marriage!

July:

- 6th -13th – Many from Bethel attended Elbow Lutheran Bible Camp. What a blessing to have this so close by! Lives are always touched, and God is lifted high!

- 21st - 26th – Pastor Dave and Debbie Hesje and Ken and Paulette Arcand attended Simmie Bible Camp. Pastor Dave spoke at the camp and we know that God used him in a mighty way!
- 29th – Many gathered at the Bethel Cemetery for a work bee. So much was accomplished. Thank you for your help!

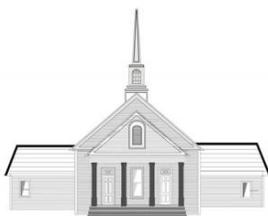
August:

- 1st - Daniel Olson (son of Arlin and Ruth Olson) came to share and teach at Bethel on “Effective Prayer Ministry at Bethel.” “Effective Prayer Ministry” is a seminar designed to help someone deal with an issue through effective prayer. This is a gospel centered, repentance / surrender-based approach to dealing with issues and helping others deal with their issues. Daniel shares how to pray with someone instead of just praying for them, and how to lead someone in surrender to Jesus. Daniel’s story about how this approach has helped him minister to others is a wonderful tool to learn how we can implement this in our lives as well.
- 11th – For the first time, we had a team from the Teen Challenge Women’s Center at Bethel! We are so excited that there is a place like this for women to heal in Saskatchewan! Please join us in praying that God will do mighty things there!

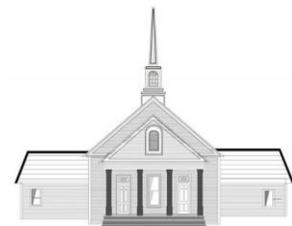
For several months, we have been praying for different churches in the area each week, as well as one or two families from our congregation each week. We know that prayer is powerful, and we encourage each and every one of you to spend time talking to our Amazing Father!

As we get closer to fall and harvest, may you savour the changing colors, temperatures and activities.

God bless each of you!



**Bethlehem Lutheran
Church
Outlook, SK**



Submitted by Bev Berntson

The one who hears you hears Me. Luke 10:16

June was a very busy month at Bethlehem. It was a month of “winding down” for the summer. Sunday School ended with a dinner after service and games for the kids at LCBI (Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute: <https://lcbi.sk.ca/>).

Eight young people confirmed their faith after two years of instruction with Pastor Daryl Olson: Maria Lammers, Hannah Rude, Liliana Yangez, Leif Haugen, Thomas Ivan, Sheridan Clark, Khama Reddekopp, Nifemi Adebawale and Otto Lammers.

Both ladies' groups had their final meetings for the year. (They will start up again in September.) The Monday night group had their study with a "salad supper," then invited the men to join them for dessert after the study. The Bethlehem Lutheran Ladies group finished off their year with lunch out at a restaurant.

The last day of June was a very joyous day as we celebrated Pastor Daryl's 65th birthday with ice cream cake after the service, made by his wife, Sherryl, and daughter Krystal (LeBlanc). That same evening, we celebrated Pastor Daryl's retirement with a beautiful roast beef supper and a program that brought much laughter and a few tears. All of Pastor Daryl and Sherryl's children were able to be with us also. We wish them all the best in their retirement from Bethlehem, and our hearts and prayers are with them in their new endeavours

Many of our members attended Elbow Lutheran Bible Camp during the first full week of July, and came home refreshed in their commitment to Jesus. Pastor Daryl started his retirement as a deacon at camp.

After much prayer, our congregation was blessed with Pastor Mac and Lila deWaal's arrival on July 1st. Pastor Mac was installed as our Pastor on July 13th at our regular service. We look forward to their joint ministry among us, and are in the process of getting to know each other. They are very excited to get to know the members of Bethlehem and the surrounding community.

Amy Reddekopp, Kirsti Haugen and Conny Behenna hosted a soup and sandwich lunch in July, raising funds to aid in their journey to Southend, Saskatchewan. They, along with some people from other churches, spent the second week of August there, teaching Vacation Bible School classes. Approximately 90 young people attended the day classes! They also hosted an evening tea for some ladies, and an evening for teens. They hope to stay in contact with these people at Southend and maybe return again. Thanks be to God for the discipleship of these young people!

Right now, many willing hands are preparing for our Vacation Bible School. We are expecting up to 100 children to join us during the week of August 19th – 23rd. This time of teaching the children of our community and surrounding area about Jesus is so rewarding to so many. Praise God!

Pastor Mac, and Delwyn and Shelley Luedtke attended the North American Lutheran Church Convention during the first week of August in Indianapolis, Indiana (Website: <https://lutheranweek.com/>).

We have been having services with Holy Communion during the months of July and August at 10:00 a.m. In September, services will go back to 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m., with coffee and sharing after the 11:15 a.m. service. Sunday School will resume on September 8th at 10:00 a.m.

We thank God for a restful and safe summer for everyone, and look forward to all activities resuming in the fall.



The Elbow Lutheran Bible Camp has a website:

<http://elbowlutheranbiblecamp.com>

Please visit often to learn more about the camp and see updates for 2020!

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Please make plans to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Elbow Lutheran Bible Camp Association. It is being held at 7:00 p.m. on November 4th, 2019 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church (Hawarden, SK). ALL are welcome. We want YOUR input!



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:

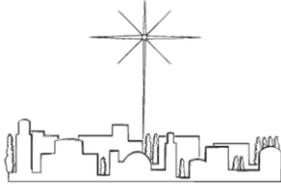
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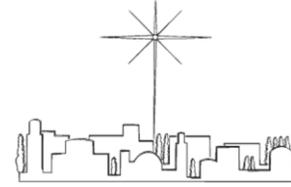


Our next Family Bible Camp Week runs from **July 4 - 11, 2020.**

We want to see you there!



Bethlehem Lutheran Church Hawarden, SK



Submitted by Linda Follick

I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. Psalm 119:11

June:

- Our Praise / Study / Prayer group continues to meet weekly, as Pastor Al Pinno leads a study on the book of Romans.
- 3rd – Our annual church cleanup (yard and building) was held. Many hands made light work!
- 6th – Linda Lee hosted our Lutheran Church Women's (LCW) meeting. Katie Haaland led the Bible Study entitled, "God's Servants Teach Us Life Lessons – Adam and Eve: The Problem of Temptation."
- 7th – 8th – People gathered for "Camp Cleanup Days" at Elbow Bible Camp. Lots of cleaning, painting, and mowing were done.
- 9th – Our sympathies go out to the Lightfoot / Ringdal families on the passing of Norma Lightfoot. Her funeral service was held in Kenaston, SK and the burial was at our church on the 15th.
- 12th – Our church gathered at the Long Term Care facility in Outlook, SK for their morning worship service.
- During the month of June, Pastor Al delivered the following messages to us:
 - ✝ "What Ships are For: Fulfilling the Great Commission"
 - ✝ "the Holy Spirit of God/Christ is our Paraclete"
 - ✝ As well, Pastor Al began a sermon series on the Commandments.
- 16th – A hot dog roast followed the service to end off Sunday School for the summer. The kids enjoyed some games after lunch.
- 30th – Bethlehem held a Gospel Music Evening. The group, "Take 5" (from Davidson, SK) performed. It was a wonderful evening of worship and praise. Lunch and fellowship followed.

July:

- 7th – 13th – Elbow Bible Camp Week with about 200 registered and many drop-ins! Pastor Todd Erickson of Rosseau, MN was our evening speaker / morning Bible teacher. Pastor Herb Anderson (Delisle, SK) was the other morning Bible teacher. Pastor Adam Driscoll (Moose Jaw, SK) was the youth leader. There were also two youth teams (one from Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute, Camrose, AB; one from the Association Free Lutheran Bible School, Minneapolis, MN) working with our young people. Heather Haaland led an adult choir during the week. Rhonda Lee was the registrar. Eileen deGuzman had lots of opportunity to practice her nursing skills! The Cooper clan were all down again, running the canteen and many other jobs at the camp, along with looking after all their grandkids. The Hundebly girls kept some sports activities running for the week. The kitchen staff kept everyone fed. We are so thankful for all the

volunteers that do so much for the camp and keep it running smoothly, and for our caretakers, Jeff and Paula Archibald, for doing such a good job cleaning up after everyone.

- 15th – Friends and family gathered at the church to remember Marion Pederson (Orville) who passed away earlier this year at the age of 103. She is Victor Lee's aunt and mom to Marilyn Donison & Kevin Pederson.
- 28th – This was Pastor Al & Dorothy's last service with us as our pastor. He and Dorothy are going to concentrate on their mission work and live closer to their children in Alberta. They have sold their home in Outlook, SK and purchased a house in Alix, AB. We will miss them terribly, but pray God's blessing on them as they serve him in other areas.
- 28th – Country Gospel Evening with Trevor Baker performing. (Trevor's website: <https://trevorbaker.ca>.) Lunch and fellowship followed.

August:

- 3rd – Sylvia Sundby was out in Nanton, AB to attend the wedding of her granddaughter Angela Haaland to Caleb Schlachter. They celebrated Ron and Heather Haaland's 40th wedding anniversary the next day! Congratulations to everyone! Neil and Katie Haaland took in the celebrations as well.
- We were blessed to have Pastor Al share a couple more Sundays in August with us. On his last Sunday he spoke on "The Great Mission of the Church," and also showed a video about their last mission trip to Thailand and India. Lunch and fellowship followed the service.
- 7th – Ruth Cooper hosted the LCW meeting. Everyone shared in the Bible Study, "Joseph . . . God Working out His Perfect Plan" (Part 1) in the study series entitled, "God's Servants Teach Us Life Lessons."
- Both Ruth Cooper and Neil Haaland celebrated significant birthdays this month with much celebration! We pray God's continued blessings on them.
- 12th – Our sympathies go out to Darlene Blenkinsop and the Cooper families on the passing of Robert. His funeral was held at the Hawarden Hall on August 19th.
- 18th – We watched a sermon video of Pastor Paul Donison from Christ Church Anglican Church in Plano, Texas. Paul is the son of Marilyn (Pederson) Donison – Victor Lee's cousin.



The following items were left at Bible Camp after our week together:

1. A pair of men's, large, black sports shorts.
2. A size small, black bunny hug with flower details on the sleeves.
3. A Gatorade water bottle.
4. A lavender coloured baseball cap.

If you think any of these items might belong to you, please contact Rhonda Lee by email at rmlee82@yahoo.ca. **Items not claimed by November 1st will be donated.** Thank you!

**Skudesnes
Evangelical**



**Lutheran
Church**

Loreburn, SK

Submitted by Maxine Follick

*Now praise the Lord all you servants of the Lord who stand in the Lord's house at night.
Lift up your hands in the Holy Place, and praise the Lord. May the Lord, Maker of
heaven and earth, bless you from Zion. Psalm 134:1-3*

Greetings from Skudesnes! It's hard to believe how quickly this summer has gone by, and looking out at the fields we can certainly see and feel the onset of fall.

At the end of May, we mourned with the Aadland, Brown and Wankel families on the passing of Bishop Marlin Aadland. Marlin was a son of our congregation who spent his life serving his Lord as a minister in various parishes, as well as becoming the Bishop of the British Columbia Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC). Our sympathies go out to his family, his sisters (Viv Brown and Sharon Wankel), and all extended family.

Here are some other things that have been going on at Skudesnes:

- Our Bible study group wrapped up the study on the Beatitudes in June, then took the rest of the summer off. We are looking forward to beginning a new study in September.
- On Father's Day we served the men the usual wide variety of pies. (They even let us try some, too!!!)
- Pastor Sonje was on holidays on June 30th and July 7th. We decided to call off Church on June 30th because of the many activities associated with the Canada Day long weekend. On July 7th, we were blessed with a message from Lorimer Olson.
- On July 21st, we had a joint service with the Line 19 United Church at the Community Center in Loreburn, SK. This service celebrated our rural way of life, and gave thanks for those pioneers of faith and vision who have gone before and made all this possible for us.
- On August 4th and 11th, Pastor Sonje was on two more weeks of holidays. In her absence, Lorimer Olson brought the message to us again. On these same Sundays, we were blessed by music from Les Langager, Verna Urlacher, and Martin Zdunich.
- We very much appreciate those who come out to help keep our church yard and cemetery mowed and looking neat. As well, a big, "Thank you" to those who did the annual housecleaning inside the church! I have noticed that quite a few visitors have signed our guest book this summer. Some have attended worship

with us, and it is encouraging to see how much they appreciate the way the church is kept up.

- We are looking forward to this coming Sunday (August 25th), when the musical group "Take 5" from Davidson, SK will be ministering to us. We are so thankful for all who are willing to share their talents.
- We pray for wisdom and God's guidance for all teachers and students as they begin another school year. We also pray for God's protecting hand over all who are beginning what is looking like a long and possibly frustrating harvest season. Let us remember to always give thanks for all the blessings God has given us.

YOUTH Profile



My name is Andreas LeBlanc. I am 9 years old. I have come to Elbow Bible camp for most of my life. There are many things I like about Elbow Bible camp. I enjoy crafts, chapel {snoops report}, the teams, and snacks. I also like the playground, the sports report, beach day, and sleeping in a tent. I like to learn Bible verses and songs at the sessions that teach me about Jesus and his followers. But I always hate the last day of camp because I wish we could stay there forever.

Andreas is the son of Rob and Krystal (Olson) LeBlanc. Their family resides in Outlook, SK. Thanks, Andreas, for letting us get to know you a little bit! ☺



Next year is Elbow Lutheran Bible Camp's

75th Anniversary!!

What are YOUR memories of Bible Camp through the years?

Whether it's 20 words or 200, what comes to mind when you think of camp? We want to hear YOUR stories and see your photos!

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We're looking forward to hearing from YOU!

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:

Tom Brown	George Cooper
Marlin Aadland	Yvonne By
Norma Lightfoot	Dan Wahl
Harvey Haug	Marion Pederson
Harry Deyenberg	
Clarence & Ethel Holmgren	

Blessed be their memories!

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

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