



# The Echoes



## God Blesses Christians in Harmony

*How wonderful it is, how pleasant, when brothers live together in harmony! For harmony is as precious as the fragrant anointing oil that was poured over Aaron's head, that ran down his beard and onto the border of his robe. Harmony is as refreshing as the dew from Mount Hermon that falls on the mountains of Zion. And the LORD has pronounced his blessing, even life forevermore.*

-- Psalm 133: 1-3 NLT

In Psalm 133 David gives us a beautiful picture of just how wonderful and pleasant it is when Christians live together in harmony. Where Christians are in harmony the anointing of the Holy Spirit is poured out in abundance. This is a bit of a catch 22 situation, God pours out the Holy Spirit on Christians that are in harmony and the Holy Spirit causes Christians to be in harmony. It is as if God looks down and sees Christians in harmony and is so moved by what He sees that He can't help but join in and pour out His blessing. The second illustration is of the dew on Mount Hermon. Apparently Mount Hermon was well known for extremely heavy dew that would literally run down the Mountain and cause all the plant life to grow and flourish. The point is that when Christians live in harmony God blesses them by pouring out His Spirit on Mount Zion or the church and causes people to have life forevermore.

We have a picture in Acts chapter 2 of how this actually works. *44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere*

*hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.* As we see here these Christians were in harmony and God was so moved that He poured out His blessing and people were **saved daily!** This is why it is so important for Christians to be like-minded and to live in harmony; the salvation of souls hangs in the balance.

In 1 Cor 1:10 Paul gives a strong appeal to the Church in Corinth to agree with each other and to be perfectly united in mind and thought. Paul recognized that if Christians don't agree there can be no harmony. When there is no harmony he goes on to say the cross of Christ is emptied of its power.

I believe that Christians must not just agree with each other to receive the blessing of God but they must first agree with God. God will never bless a group that doesn't agree with Him. It is my opinion that this is exactly what is wrong with some church bodies today. They no longer agree with God and are out of harmony with Him. In this case it doesn't matter if they are in harmony with each other or not, God will not bless a church that does not agree with Him. God says **all** scripture is God breathed, I agree! God says there is only one way to heaven, I agree! God will only bless if Christians first agree with God and then with each other.

I am so thankful I am the Pastor of Bethel in Elbow an AFLC church. In our short time here I have sensed awesome harmony and therefore I am confident of God's continued blessings. We have something special and we need to both protect it and celebrate it.

*Pastor Dave Hesje*

## Bethel Elbow

“Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, ‘I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life’ (John 8:12). How wonderful to know that we don’t have to be fearful when we come into God’s presence. His light is not for exposing our sins and shame, or for condemning us. Rather, His glorious light is for showing us how perfectly His blood has washed away our sins! Jesus’ light unveils the truth that our sins have been completely removed. It reveals how perfect and spotless we are because of Christ’s perfect work at the cross. When we know this, we can come boldly into His presence “that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need” (Heb. 4:16). Praise God!

March: Tim Hesje and Hannah Hundebly took part in a Youth Retreat at Christopher Lake’s Camp Kinasao March 14-16. Continuing with tradition our congregation hosted a community pancake breakfast and worship service on Good Friday at the Elbow Civic Center. The United and Catholic churches in town participated by reading scripture and Pastor David brought a very meaningful message. Many responded by coming forward at the end of the service to nail their concerns on an “old rugged cross.”

April: Pastor David & Debbie Hesje attended the AFLC Annual Conference April 4-6 in Vernon, BC. Ron & I (Donna Hundebly) also drove out for the conference



and were joined by Victor and Linda Lee from Hawarden. The guest speaker for the weekend was the new U.S. AFLC President, Eldon Nelson, from Rockford, MN. The weather was great, the fellowship was sweet, the preaching was rich, and the food was excellent. Next year’s conference will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church at Hawarden, SK. The women at Bethel rolled up their sleeves for the annual church spring cleaning bee on the 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>.

May: The 1<sup>st</sup> of May was moving day for Pastor David, Debbie & Tim into their “new” house in Elbow. You might want to ask Pastor David about his sleep the night before when he discovered that **all** of the bedding had been packed up by his overzealous wife. “Heart to Heart,” a program for the women of our community and the surrounding area, was held on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at Bethel. The feature was wedding dresses – some were on display and some were modeled in a fashion show. There was special music, games, a meditation by Pastor Margaret Propp from Davidson, and a wonderful lunch that included a wedding cake and a chocolate fountain fondue! We are so thankful for our Pastor and his family and will be celebrating Pastor David’s special birthday with cake following the service on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

*“Praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted; His glory is above the earth and heaven”  
-- Psalm 148:13*

Donna Hundebly

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## **Bethlehem, Outlook**

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right Spirit within me. -- Psalm 51:16*

We are now into spring and we watch the grass turn green and the leaves come out on the trees. Everywhere we see new life and are reminded of our new life in Christ. Thanks be to God for all his gifts to us.

On April 20<sup>th</sup> we held the Dedication Service for our new church. The service was well attended despite the weather conditions that made it difficult for travel. It was a very nice service and we were fortunate to have a congregational choir sing "We Dedicate This Temple" under the leadership of Bev Chappell and accompanied by John Linsley. A time of fellowship with coffee and dainties was enjoyed after the service. May we continue to serve our Lord in our worship, Bible studies and Sunday school – as His message is proclaimed to all. Thanks be to God. To Him be the Glory.

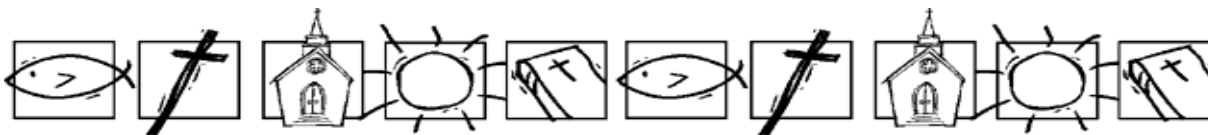
On May 4<sup>th</sup> we enjoyed a musical evening filled with presentations from some of our local talents and the Fisherman's Friends from Saskatoon. And guess what? ... there was coffee and goodies once more and an opportunity for fellowship. Our young children also gave us an evening of instrument playing prior to the annual music festival. They all did very well.

We held one service on Mother's Day so those wishing to attend the graduation service at L.C.B.I. could do so. Thirty-nine young people graduated.

During the last week of April and the first week of May we assisted with delivering Meals on Wheels. It gives us another opportunity to help in our community. Thanks to all who assisted.

*Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labour is not in vain, in the Lord. -- Acts 20: 22-24*

*June Haug*



## **Bethlehem, Howarden**

We have been pleased to have the message brought to us by David Abrahamson, Pastor David Hesje, Pastor Gene Sunby, Pastor Lawrence Hahn and Ted Lehn in the past two months.

Victor & Linda Lee and Pastor Gene & Sylvia Sunby attend the Annual Conference of the AFLC in Vernon, B.C. April 4-6. Our church will be hosting the conference next year (April 3-5, 2009).

April 10 - LCW visited the High-Rise in Outlook with a program and lunch.

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April 15 - Greg & Dena Rokos had a baby girl Danyel Katherine, the proud grandparents are Neil & Katie Haaland.

April 27 - Country Gospel Evening with the Penner Family, Potluck supper and music enjoyed by all.

May 3 - Mother/Daughter Tea. The theme this year was "Making Old Thing New". There was a short program and a time of "show & tell" followed by a light lunch and visiting.

May 25 - Country Gospel Potluck Supper and Program with Trevor Baker.

We continue to remember George Cooper, and to thank God for his recovery from heart surgery. We also continue to remember Kari(Hunter) Wilson in our prayers as she and her family deal with her cancer.

*Hazel Evans*

**Memorials**

In Memory of Ernie Larson  
Norma Knutson

In Honor of Anna Marie Dahle's  
Birthday  
Norma Knutson

In Memory of Andrew  
Swanson(brother) & Florence  
Kaardal & loved ones  
Anna Kaardal

In Memory of Leif Pederson  
Green Valley ELW

In Memory of Ted Hundebly  
Delisle Comp. School Staff

In Honor of Maridell Knutson's  
80<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Doug & Marie Wankell  
Bob & Ruth Bristow

In Memory of Lewis Webster,  
Lana Webster, Kirk Langager  
In honor of Doris Akre on Mother's  
Day  
Owen & Marilyn Akre

In Memory of Ross Willis  
Doug & Marie Wankel  
Ron & Donna Hundebly  
Norma Knutson

In Memory of Darcey Busse  
George & Ruth Cooper  
Jeanne Barton & family  
Ron & Donna Hundebly  
Norma Knutson


In Memory of Olaf Friggstad  
Victor & Linda Lee

In Memory of Martha Fiske  
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