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# The Echoes



## “This is my command, love each other”

Jesus is quoted thus in John 15:17. This was no Hallmark message as we find in the Valentine’s Day Cards on the shelves during the weeks leading up to February 14<sup>th</sup>. This kind of love is what we learn about as we abide in our Lord, Jesus Christ. I don’t profess to be a Bible teacher, but I know one thing for sure. That is that God loves me. *“I lavish unfailing love for a thousand generations on those who love me and obey my commands”* (Exodus 20:6) To the extent that I learn how to receive God’s love, I learn how to love others. My love for others is an outflowing of what I receive from the Father. It’s not a passive love that He wants from me. He wants me to serve others as Jesus taught His disciples (John 13:13-15). He modelled active love throughout His ministry here on earth. What a Saviour!

How fitting that the Easter season begins, this year, one day before Valentine’s Day. Preparing our hearts for the commemoration of the most important event in history, beginning with a celebration of the gift of love, seems especially apropos. How lavish, indeed, is God’s

love for us that He would sacrifice His precious Son to make a way for us to be eternally in His presence.

- Lorna Sewell  
Editor, “The Echoes”

## Easter 2013:

February 13 - Ash Wednesday  
March 24 - Palm Sunday  
March 28 - Maundy (Holy) Thursday  
March 29 - Good Friday  
March 31 - Easter Sunday

## Children’s Devotional:

(taken from [www.heaveninspirations.com](http://www.heaveninspirations.com))

[Read: John 3: 15-18](#)

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life”.

Do you believe that?

God loves the whole wide world. All people everywhere. No matter where you come from, or what colour skin you have – God Loves You!

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If we believe in Jesus and ask Him into our hearts to live with us forever, we will receive eternal life. So when we die, we will go to heaven and be with Jesus forever.

He loves you and He loves me.

We love because He first loved us. - 1 John 4:19.

Thank you, Jesus, for your love  
That you have given me  
Help me, Lord, to show your love  
So others will come to see.

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## **News from the Local Congregations:**

**Representatives of other churches represented at Elbow Lutheran Bible Camp are welcome to contribute to this column. We'd love to hear your news! Please see submission deadlines at the end of the newsletter.**

### **Bethel - Elbow**

Prepared by: Colleen Spelliscy

*"Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; But we will remember the name of the Lord our God. They have bowed down and fallen; but we have risen and stand upright." Psalm 20:7-8*

September 2 – Sunday School and Adult Bible Study has started.

September 13 – The annual fall Ladies' Wiener Roast was held at Marcelle Savidan's farm. It was a wonderful evening of music, games, skits and visiting.

September 30 – A farewell potluck supper and program was held at the Civic Center to say good bye to Pastor Dave and Debbie as they move to a new pastorate in Camrose, Alberta. We will all miss them, but wish them the very best as they follow God's calling.

October 6 – Larry and Meryl Joel celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

October 7 – Amie & Nardi Elponoria, a missionary couple from Albania, gave a presentation of their mission work at the Adult Bible Study.

November 4 – Youth Group met together for a pizza party followed by packing Christmas boxes for Operation Christmas child.

November 10 – The funeral for Jim Wankel was held at Bethel Church.

November 11 – Members of our congregation were involved with laying wreathes at the Remembrance Day Service held in Loreburn.

November 19 – 57 boxes were delivered from our church for Operation Christmas Child

November 24 – the Youth Group enjoyed a horse drawn hayride, followed by a hotdog roast.

December – the "Giving Tree" was set up to receive warm toque, scarves and mitten to be sent to northern missions

December 16 – the Sunday School presented their annual Christmas program – the presentation made us see things through the eyes of the people that were present at Jesus birth

- following the church service, the ladies packed "Goodie Boxes" for local people

December 20 – the Bethel Christmas party, program, games and refreshments

December 24 – the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service was held.

January 15 – The annual congregational meeting was held.

Feb 15-17 some of our youth will be attending Youth Quake at Caronport

With the coming of fall, many of our church programs began again; Youth Group, Ladies' Bible Studies, Men's Prayer Breakfast, and weekly prayer meetings. We are also holding weekly congregational prayer meetings for the process of calling a new pastor. The fall also

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prepares us for the annual departure of the many snowbirds in our congregation.

We have been enjoying many good Sunday morning speakers, in the absence of a pastor. Thanks to Deb M<sup>c</sup>Nabb, a representative from Compassion, Jack Sailor, Tim Olson, Dave Spelliscy, Darwin Benson Taylor, Marten Christensen, Dennis Keith, Wes Olmstead, David Guretzki, Steve Bailey, Arlin Olson, and Ben Olson for sharing with our congregation.

It is exciting to have members of our congregation heading out on short term missions; we are praying for Janice Scrimbitt who is going to Nicaragua with Operation Christmas Child in May, and Tre Archibald and Shayne Joel who are going to Mexico in March.

There are many prayer concerns for our congregation: several young people are attending schools away from home: Sarah and Leah Hundebly, MacKenzie Scheller, Tre Archibald and Shane Joel are attending Caronport highschool; Philip Joel, Tim Olson, Daniel Olson, Hannah Hundebly and Luke Hundebly are attending post secondary schooling; members of our congregation are dealing with or recovering from health issues. We are praying for Ole Korbo, Jack Sailor, Mel Langager, Bob Hundebly, , Ruth Olson, Tristan Davidson-Norrish.

## **Bethlehem, Outlook**

Prepared by: June Haug

*"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved." Acts 16:31*

On November 21, Pastor Olson began to have a Matin on Wednesday mornings at 8:45 AM and vespers at 5 PM on Wednesdays.

A group of volunteers go to Saskatoon, the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month to work at IMed. They leave at 8 AM, take a lunch with them and return at 5 PM. Others are welcome to assist if they'd like to help out.

Sunday School meets every Sunday at 10 AM (not on holiday weekends). There is an adult class, too.

Confirmation classes are held on Thursdays at 3:30 PM and 7:30 PM.

We had a Congregational Birthday Party one Sunday before Christmas. A table for every month – where those with birthdays the same month, sat together and had cake and fellowship. Each table had a centre piece of teddy bears. It was different and all enjoyed it.

A Musical Variety Evening was held in January. It was very good. Helen Salte arranged it –was a good attendance – and fellowship coffee time followed.

Jan 2-12, 2013 saw Sherryl Olson and daughter Kirstin travel to assist in an orphanage in Haiti. They enjoyed their time there – took some items with them too.

We are now preparing for our Annual meeting in February. May see some changes on Council, and maybe not.

A Missions Mania is being planned for Feb 9 and 10, 2013 –with speakers from World Mission Prayer League including Rob Lewis. More details to follow.

A funeral for Ellen Burk was held on Thursday, Jan 31 here at Bethlehem. Blessed be her memory.

Have a Blessed Easter, March 31, 2013.

## **Bethlehem, Hawarden**

Prepared by: Linda Follick

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. John 3:16-17*

### **December**

-Pastor Al Pinno was the guest speaker at the December 2 Worship service. His wife Dorothy came with him as well. After the service everyone enjoyed a hot dog

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lunch followed by Sunday School practice for the Christmas program.

-Our sympathies to the Hopkins/Hunter families on the passing of Lionel Hopkins on Friday, December 7 in Ontario. He was married to Elva Hunter from our area.

- Bethlehem Church participated in the Hanley Carol Festival on Thursday, December 13 (choir and mixed quartette). Coffee and fellowship followed

-Get well wishes go out to Cadence Haaland who had surgery to insert a port in his chest on Thursday December 13. This will make his monthly IVIG treatments so much easier instead of being poked up to a dozen times before they get a vein to work.

-Pastor Jack Sailor from Elbow was the guest speaker at our December 16 morning worship service. A delicious pot luck dinner followed. At 2 PM the Sunday School presented their Christmas program with the adults contributing as well. The ladies made up some cookie trays to distribute among the community.

-Sylvia Sundby played Christmas carols at the Outlook Health Centre on Monday afternoon (17<sup>th</sup>).

-Our sympathies to Arlen and Ruth Olson on the passing of Ruth's father in California.

- Pastor Lawrence Hahn was our guest speaker for both for the December 23<sup>rd</sup> and Christmas Day services. We had our Candlelight Service on the evening of the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Katie Haaland led that service with several reading the scriptures.

-On the morning of the 24<sup>th</sup> several from our congregation gathered at the Outlook Health Center and distributed gifts and sang some Christmas carols.

-Several met at the church on New Year's Eve to play games and have a devotional before midnight.

### January

- Katie Haaland hosted our January 3 LCW meeting with 8 ladies in attendance. The 2013 Executive include – President-Katie Haaland, Vice-President-Ruth Cooper, Secretary-Linda Lee, Treasurer-Linda Follick, Program Co-ordinators-Betty Hunter, Sylvia Sundby, Cradle Roll-Ruth Cooper, Nomination Committee-Ruth Cooper, Linda Follick, Altar & Work Committee-Katie Haaland, Ruth Cooper, Cheer Committee-Doreen Carlson, Joyce Olson, Library Committee-Linda Lee, Sharon Cooper. Memorials for 2013 will go to Elbow Lutheran Bible Camp. Our Theme Verse is Proverbs 9:10 "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." Our Theme Song is "At the Name of Jesus." Linda Lee led our Bible Study "A Wise Woman Builds Her House..." written by Rose Carlson.

-Our guest Pastor for January 6 was Pastor Al Pinno and his wife Dorothy from Vernon, BC. They have accepted a call to serve our congregation which we praise God for. After the morning service which included communion, all enjoyed a potluck dinner followed by a quick meeting with the Pinno's.

-Marcel Vermette was the guest speaker at the January 12 morning worship service.

-Tim Olson was the guest speaker at the January 20 morning worship service.

-Monday, January 21 was Bethlehem's Annual General Meeting. The list of officers for the year are: Pres: George Cooper, Vice Pres: Marcelle Vermette, Secretary: Katie Haaland, Treasurer: Victor Lee, Deacons: Victor Lee, Ruth Cooper, Roy Olson, Trustees: Gerald Follick, Neil Haaland, Head Usher: Grant Lee, Pianist: Betty Hunter, Organist: Sylvia Sundby, Music Committee: Sylvia Sundby, Joyce Olson, Jolie Vermette, S.S. Sup't: Linda Lee, Assistant: Jolie Vermette, Cemetery Committee: Neil Haaland, Jerald Overlid, Merlin Lee, Bible Camp Board: Grant Lee, George

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Cooper, Bible Camp Program Comm: Katie Haalad, Linda Lee, Echoes & Ambassador Reporter: Linda Follick.

### **February**

Several of the ladies were busy this week painting the house that Pastor Al and Dorothy Pinno purchased in Outlook. They will be moving in this week some time and his first Sunday will be Feb 3.

Our sympathies to Peter and Karen Bloomfield and the extended families on the passing of Ellen Burk. Her funeral was at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Outlook on Thursday, January 31 AM with the burial at Bethlehem Hawarden following. Ellen was our church organist/pianist for many years and she later retired into Outlook. Blessed be her memory.

-Pastor Arlen Olson was our guest speaker on Sunday, January 27.

-Sunday evening was our Country Gospel Evening featuring Leah Thiessen from Saskatoon. She plays a Cordovox – an electric accordion combining the sounds of the accordion and Lowry organ. She is a very gifted musician and her husband Ike read several scriptures to go with her music. Her presentation –An Offering of Praise consisted of songs of praise for “Who He Is, for what He has done for us”, for the gift of Salvation, for His indwelling presence, for the power in His name, for the grace He bestows on us,, for the victory He has won, for His promise to return, and for what He has prepared for us.” It was a very enjoyable evening followed by coffee and fellowship.

### **Letters to the Editor:**

In response to my cover letter to the December 2012 issue, I received a number of letters. I thought it would be nice to share these as I’m sure you’ll recognize some names.....What a rich and diverse heritage Elbow Lutheran Bible Camp has!

*Pastor Sidney Jackson passed away on April 6, 2012 after a short illness and joined his sons, Paul and John, on the Heavenly shore. Betty is still in her own home, and adjusting to life without her boys. Her little dog, Mitzi, is a comfort and in spite of macular degeneration issues, Betty still manages to read some. She enjoys going to church when the doors are open, walking down to get the mail, and eating with friends at the local senior citizens center about once a week. We all miss Sid and Paul. They were the life of the party for so many years. Life goes on with these changes and we know that God is with us.....Immanuel.*

-Betty and Trish Jackson, Meade, KS, USA

*I was born in Loreburn, Saskatchewan. Our family moved to Prince Rupert, B.C. in 1939, when I was three years old.*

*My Aunt Myrtle Hetland (nee Aadland) was the first baby baptized in Skudesnes Church – she was born in 1906 (the third child in a family of ten children). All of the children have passed away – the last one, Ruby Christensen (Aadland) died last year.*

*I have attended Elbow Bible Camp, and have spent many summers visiting relatives around the Loreburn District. I still have many cousins in that area and in other parts of Saskatchewan. It’s been several years since I’ve been to Loreburn.*

*(Helen would love to see someone report on Skudesnes Church news)*

-Helen Stamnes, Prince Rupert, B.C.

*Many thanks for all the years I have received your newsletter. Might be 60-some.....I hope you have as many good years as I have had. I will be 92 yrs old in July.*

-Gladys Ronning, Prince Albert, SK

*.....We have enjoyed “The Echoes” over the years.....Over 60 years ago we loved going to Elbow Bible Camp every July with our family.*

- Verna Pederson, Abbotsford, B.C.

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*Up to now I have enjoyed "The Echoes", but the time has come where I'm not too familiar with the younger generation. We Amruds were born and raised around Strongfield and there's very little Strongfield news anymore in "The Echoes". Thanks a lot for the previous Echoes and hope you do as well in the future.*

- Ida Barlow, Davidson, SK



## **"Praise God from whom all blessings flow...."**

**"For everything comes from him and exists by his power and is intended for his glory. All glory to him forever!" Romans 11:36**

The donations flowing into Elbow Lutheran Bible Camp are a blessing to the body of believers who benefit from the wonderful teaching each summer. This camp is a blessing to our Lord as he takes pleasure in us, his disciples, coming together to be better equipped to carry out his 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. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."  
Matthew 28:19, 20**

### **GENERAL DONATIONS**

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### **Donations to the camp can be sent to:**

**Elbow Lutheran Bible Camp  
C/O: Linda Follick  
Box 776 Outlook, SK S0L 2N0**

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**\*\*Please note that this is a NEW Box number\*\***

## **New Camp Projects Underway!**

In case you missed this news in December, The Bible Camp Board meeting was held November 12, 2012, during which some exciting decisions were made. Two major projects will be funded. The first is to upgrade the playground equipment and the second is to begin upgrading the electrical around camp. There is a committee called the "Site Planning Committee" and they are to get in contact with an electrician to do an assessment of camp. Once the assessment is done we can decide on phases for the upgrade. As funds are collected, upgrades will begin. It was decided that both projects will be started off with seed money from the Bible Camp budget and funds will continue to be collected without end until both projects are complete.

*Donations may be made specifically to these projects. Please designate where you would like your donations to be applied. Camp ministry, operations and maintenance continue to be of primary importance and will continue to be a separate fund to which donations may be allocated.*

**Stay updated regarding these projects and much more by visiting the Elbow Lutheran Bible Camp website at: [www.elbowlutheranbiblecamp.com](http://www.elbowlutheranbiblecamp.com)**

## **Important Upcoming Dates:**

June 7-8, 2013 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bible Camp Cleanup

July 6-14, 2013 Family Bible Camp

## **Family Bible Camp News:**

Evening Speaker & Bible teacher: Harold Rust

Bible Teacher: Rob Lewis

Youth Leader: Daniel Spelliscy

*Praise God for the gift of these, His servants, who will share their Spiritual gifts and anointing with the body of Christ at camp this summer!*

## **Call for Submissions!**

"The Echoes" will continue to be published 6 times per year. Deadlines for submissions are as follows:

February edition	January 12/13
April edition	March 12/13
June edition	May 12/13
August edition	July 12/13 (or at camp)
October edition	September 12/13
December edition	November 12/13

**Please feel free to submit your devotional any time but these are the deadlines for each specific edition of "The Echoes". My prayer is that we would have one adult, one teen, and one child submission (could just be a picture about faith) in each edition.**

Submissions may be sent to Echoes Editor:  
[echoeseditor@elbowlutheranbiblecamp.com](mailto:echoeseditor@elbowlutheranbiblecamp.com).

*Now, may the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; may the Lord turn His face toward you and give you His precious peace. Amen (Numbers 6:24-26)*