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The Echoes



Adult Devotional:

My Sacrifice?

As we approach Easter, we are reminded of the sacrifice that Christ made for us through his death on the cross. We are told in Hebrews 7:27 that Jesus was the final sin sacrifice which means that we are no longer required by God's law to offer up sacrifices for the forgiveness of our sins. But are we, as Christians, still asked to make sacrifices? If so, what and why?

In Romans 12:1 we are urged to offer ourselves as a living sacrifice. This seems like one of the last things that I would ever want to do. However, when I read the verse in context, God tells us that as we offer ourselves to Him, our minds will be renewed so that we can know God's good, pleasing and perfect will. So, if I offer my loving creator all of me – the good the bad and the ugly – He will transform me and show me His best plan? I kinda like that!

Hebrews 13:15 instructs us to continually offer up a sacrifice of praise. Really? At all times? Even when the world seems to be crashing down around us? Well, the second part of this verse says that our sacrifice of praise is made by "telling others of the glory of His name" (GW) or with "words that acknowledge Him" (LTB). The Bible is full of descriptions and names of God that reveal his unchanging character and his promises for our every need. So, instead of focusing on our circumstances that can change from day to day, what if we chose to focus on our all-powerful, loving, everlasting Father who

never changes? Maybe then we could just stand in the eye of the storm and watch God at work!

Sacrifices are not pleasant; otherwise they wouldn't be called sacrifices. Christ's death on the cross was a horrific sacrifice that God asked of Jesus for our eternal benefit. And now we, as Christ followers, are also asked to make sacrifices. But if we are willing, God offers us something in return that is exponentially greater. That seems like a good trade to me!

- Written by Darla Wonnick

Children's Devotional:

There were no submissions for this. Please encourage your children to participate in producing a devotional. Let's try to engage them in the Bible Camp community year-round.

News from the Local Congregations:

***Representatives of other churches attending 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.**

***Note:** I, Lorna, will not be able to attend Bible Camp this summer. Consequently, I will not be available for leading the adult choir. If someone wants to step forward to take on that very rewarding and fun role for this summer, please contact Adam Wonnick through the camp website. Thanks.

Bethel - Elbow

Prepared by: Ashley Stamnes

*This is my Father's world,
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white
Declare their Makers praise!*

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Greeting everyone! We here at Bethel are anxiously awaiting the spring and all that comes along with it. We realize what a wonderful gift God has given us as we observe the new life He brings!

- Our church has been busy these last few months. The evening Bible Study started up again on January 29th. They have been studying the book "Prophets and Kings"
- 3 of our youth attended *Youth Quake* in Caronport February 14-16. Pastor Doug and Kaycee chaperoned and they all had a wonderful time! What a blessing to be in such a worshipful environment!
- The ladies from the church had a coffee party on February 15th. Their guest speaker, Myra Daugherty will also be the speaker at their retreat at Cedar Lodge on April 11-13th.
- Pastor Doug has had several sermon themes since January. They have been *The Word is Out*, *Follow*, and currently *I Thought You'd Never Ask*. In February he gave out Life Journals to everyone in the congregation to encourage us to deepen our daily conversations with Jesus.
- Several members of the congregation attended the World Day of Prayer service at Elbow United Church on March 7th. This year's theme was "Streams in the Desert" written by the women of Egypt.
- The WMF Annual Meeting was held on March 13th. Elections were held, plans were made and the ladies are very much looking forward to their retreat!
- There are a couple of boxes here at the church right now. One is for collecting flat sheets for the community quilters to use as quilt backing. They get together each week to make quilts for the Children's Ward at the University Hospital, The Salvation Army and other community organizations. The 2nd box is for collection razors, shaving cream and deodorant for the men from Teen Challenge. We hope this will be a blessing to them!
- The men have been getting together regularly for their Saturday morning prayer breakfasts. The last one for this season is coming up quickly! April 19th is the final date. All men are welcome!
- Youth Discipleship (our confirmation class) began their last module. We pray they grow closer to God with each class!
- Janell Hundebly has been hosting *Kid's Club* at our church once a month. It is so great to see anywhere from 12-16 kids excited to come play games and learn about Jesus!
- Jordan and Rebecca Soggie are starting up a once a month youth group for grades 7-12 called Young and Free Friday's. The youth are very excited for the kick off on April 11th!
- Our church was blessed to have a gospel quartet called "Blue Collar Harmony Boys" here on March 28th. The evening began with a potluck and ended with some amazing music! One of the members is a son-in-law to Dave and Colleen Spelliscy.
- We are trying to organize a once a month service and visitation at Central Butte Manor. We welcome anyone interested in helping out!
- We had some of our snowbirds arrive home this past Sunday and are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the rest. How you have all been missed! Welcome home!

As we approach Easter, may we all be mindful of God's great love for us and the sacrifice He made to bring us back to Him. What Amazing Love!
God bless!

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" John 3:16

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- January 12 Pastor Al started a new series “FAITH: “A Fantastic Adventure in Trusting Him”. Part 1: “Faith is “Trusting GOD On the Past, Present & Future.” It was also Communion Sunday and following that was a Commissioning Prayer for Pastor Al as he left shortly for India. He returned home on Friday February 21 after spending nearly a month in India and several days in London on the way to and from India. Pastor Harald Schoubye was also there for a couple of weeks. He stayed at the St Paul’s Christian School which has over 300 students (Horeb Orphanage is part of that facility, with 70 children). Pastor Al spoke to the children there and spoke at many meetings and church services.
- January 27 was our Annual General Meeting where our new executive was elected:
President: George Cooper
Vice President: Marcel Vermette
Secretary: Katie Haaland
Treasurer: Victor Lee
Deacon: Chad Haaland, (Victor Lee, Ruth Cooper)
Trustee: Grant Lee (Neil Haaland, Gerald Follick)
Head Usher: Grant Lee
Cemetery Committee:
Neil Haaland, Jerald Overlid, Merlin Lee
Pianist-Betty Hunter, Sylvia Sundby, Dorothy Pinno
Organist: Sylvia Sundby
Music Committee:
Sylvia Sundby, Joyce Olson, Jolie Vermette
Sunday school Superintendent:
Linda Lee; Assistant: Jolie Vermette
Bible Camp Board: George Cooper (Grant Lee)
Bible Camp Program: Katie Haaland, Linda Lee, Dorothy Pinno
Echoes & Ambassador Reporter:
Linda Follick
- Our sympathies go out to Neil and Katie Haaland on the passing of her mother Helena Patkau at the University Hospital on Friday, January 10
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- On January 26 Teen Challenge from Alan sent over 10 men to share with us; noon lunch followed. Other Sunday morning speakers during Pastor Al’s absence were Marcel Vermette and Pastor Lawrence Hahn of Outlook.
- Sunday evening was our Country Gospel evening featuring Ken Olson and Friends; lunch and fellowship followed.
- The LCW gathered at the Outlook Health Center on Jan 29 to put on their regular Wednesday morning church service. Dorothy Pinno gave a short meditation along with lots of singing and visiting.
- The Wednesday evening PSP is watching a “Love” video series prepared by Dr. Harald Schoubye of Vernon BC. The first session was on “Love of God” with discussion and prayer following, the next week was “Love for God”.
- Several of our families took in the Fellowship of Christian Cowboy’s Retreat at Cedar Lodge at Blackstrap on Jan 31-Feb 2. Guest speaker was Bryn Thiessen from Sundry, AB and there were various special musical numbers from the group of about 100 gathered there.
- Linda Follick hosted the February 6 LCW meeting with 7 ladies in attendance. Our Bible

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Study is "Come to Jesus---Share with Others" by Barb Hubner. Our theme verse is "And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." Our theme song is "Share Jesus with Others." Memorials will go to Elbow Lutheran Bible Camp.

The Executive for 2014 is:

President: Katie Haaland
Vice President: Ruth Cooper
Secretary: Linda Lee
Treasurer: Dorothy Pinno
Program Co-ordinator:
Sylvia Sundby and Betty

Hunter

Altar & Work Committee:
Katie Haaland and Ruth

Cooper

Cheer Committee: Doreen Carlson and Joyce Olson.

- Grant Lee left for Bangkok, Thailand on Monday where he joined the OM's ship Logos Hope. He will be working in the engine room and spending time with his sister and family Eileen, Jay, Caleb and Catherine DeGuzman. He flew home from Hong Kong a month later.
- Roy and Joyce Olson have settled into their condo in Saskatoon. They still come down to church as the weather permits and will be spending lots of time at the farm in the spring.
- Feb 23 was our County Gospel Evening featuring "Signs of His Grace" – Barbara Levins and Aven Grace.
- About 75 people enjoyed our annual Seniors Dinner on Wednesday, February 26. They were served a turkey dinner with all the trimmings and ham. Local entertainment and group singing followed the dinner.

- The Wednesday evening PSP group started a new study on the Psalms – "Living With God", with Pastor Al Pinno leading.
- On Wednesday, Feb 26 the 4-H kids had their Public Speaking night at the Kenaston High School. In the Cloverbud section, Tate Vermette finished in first place, Cassidy Haaland in second place, Cadence Haaland won the Junior group.
- Our Lenten Services began on Wednesday March 5 with Pastor Al speaking on "The Time Has Come to Glorify Christ" based on John 17:5. We watch a short video each week before his message.
- Dorothy Pinno hosted the March 6th LCW meeting at her home with six ladies present. The Bible Study was "Come to Jesus for Love."
- Our sympathies go out to the families of Sharon Lehn who passed away on Friday, Mar 21 in Saskatoon. We appreciate so much the ministry that Ted and Sharon had in song and word that they shared often with us. Blessed be her memory.
- Mar 27 we had our regular monthly Country Gospel Evening featuring "Helen Klassen and her band "Country Praise." Coffee and fellowship followed.
- Linda Lee hosted the April 2 LCW meeting at the church. Ruth Cooper led the Bible study "Come to Jesus for Forgiveness."
- On April 4 the LCW put on a program at Luther Place in Outlook and served lunch and visited after.

Have a blessed Easter with your families as we remember the price Jesus paid for our sins on the cross.

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Letters to the Editor:

Ministry in poetry from Irene Archibald: "My sister, who, though not having a family of her own was right on hand to help anyone in need. She now lives in Saskatoon, SK. She is truly, God's Love Slave!"

Our Pilgrim Pathway

Often on our pilgrim pathway
Wells of mercy seem so dry
But our Loving God has promised
Streams in desert to supply.

Oftentimes we halt and stumble
In the desert, bleak and drear
Weak and weary, heavy laden
Even though His help is near.

He has given us His Promise
Not to leave us, or forsake;
Yet we do not heed His leading
And our own wrong paths we take.

When apart from Him we wander
For to seek some worldly goal
Still our Heavenly Father's kindness
Seeks and guides into His fold.

For He knows our human weakness
Knows how helpless, weak and blind
How in all we need to trust Him
Realize His Love, so kind.

Only as we seek His Guidance
Can we walk in Paths of Truth,

Find real Joy and Satisfaction
And our lives bring forth His Fruit.

He would have us to be willing
To proclaim His Wondrous Love
To the maimed, the lost and helpless
That they too may live above.

Help me Lord to be your Love Slave
All my pilgrim pathway through
That you Will may be my portion
So my life may honour you.

- Written by, Helen Margaret Olson, sister of Irene Archibald

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**Notice of passing:** Judith "Irene" McLean (nee Ulven) passed away on January 15, 2014.

### Message from the President (Adam Wonnick):

ELBC will start this year on July 5 (as usual) and will end on Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup> right after lunch. There will be the Sunday school / dorm presentations in the morning and then after lunch there will be a group camp cleanup before we leave. Folks are welcome to stay the Saturday night and use the camp facilities however there will be no food provided after noon on Saturday. We would encourage those that stay to join a local congregation for worship on Sunday morning.

ELBC has purchased new playground equipment. We are expecting delivery sometime in May with the construction of the structure scheduled for late May or early June (perhaps even on the Bible Camp cleanup weekend). I have attached an actual picture of what the full structure will look like.

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ELBC Playground Structure



We continue to seek donations for the new playground equipment. We are just over 75% towards our goal of \$28000. We also have an electrical fund which could always use donations. We currently have electrical funds in place to ensure electrical safety around camp but our goal would be to perform a full electrical upgrade so that we can safely and properly handle all electrical needs in the future.

Our Third Annual Bible Camp cleanup weekend is June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome and there should be lots of different projects to complete in order to get the camp facility ready for this coming season.

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We have our speakers lined up for this coming season.  
The Bible class teacher: Rob Lewis (Focus on Missions)  
Youth speaker/leader: Daniel Spelliscy  
Evening speaker: Harold Schoubye.

We have confirmation that we will be getting two summer tour teams this year. One is from CLBI and the additional team will be from the AFLC in the USA. What a blessing it will be for all campers to have access to more youth. Their leadership will be greatly appreciated.

Bethel Lutheran Church donated its old sound equipment to the Bible Camp. We will install the sound

board, speakers, monitors and microphones sometime in spring.

The new cabin that was started last fall should be completed for use this year. We will need to make or find furniture/bunks for the new cabin once it is complete.

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If you, or someone you know, would like to drop a note just to say hello or to share some history of camp, please contact me by e-mail:

echoes@elbowlutheranbiblecamp.com or by post:

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"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**

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GENERAL DONATIONS

Trinity Lutheran Church
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Ron & Marcelle Savidan
Curine Helde

to you; may the Lord turn His face toward you and give you His precious peace. Amen (Numbers 6:24-26)

PLAYGROUND & ELECTRICAL DONATIONS

Jeff & Dena Michaelis

MEMORIAL GIFTS

IMO Helene Patkau
Roy & Joyce Olson

*Donations to the camp can be sent to:

Elbow Lutheran Bible Camp
c/o: Linda Follick
Box 776 Outlook, SK S0L 2N0

Important Upcoming Dates:

As per tradition, the 2014 Elbow Lutheran Family Bible Camp will begin on Saturday, July 5, 2014 at 7:20pm!
Camp will end on Saturday, July 12th right after lunch.
Come one, come all!!

Call for Submissions!

Please feel free to submit your devotional any time.
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.

Now, may the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious