

The Echoes

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Peace

*Devotional Submitted by
Pastor Kelly Henning*

A number of years ago there was a television advertisement for Remembrance Day which caught my attention. It involved an interaction between some teenagers and some veterans. The conclusion of the ad was, *"If you can't remember the war, remember the peace!"* There was a real wisdom to the message and every Remembrance Day I treasure that message very much. None of us want memories of war, but how precious peace is for all of us.

May we be thankful for it -- and for those who sacrificed so much for it!

This is a good message for us also as Christians. Remember the peace we have as Believers in Jesus as our Saviour. Philippians 4:7 says – this is a **"peace that passes human understanding"**. It is so great and keeps us and blesses us, even when life around us is collapsing. It mystifies the world, but is God's generous gift to us in Jesus.

This peace also was purchased at great cost – the death of Jesus, God's only begotten son – on the Cross to pay for our sins. In the time of trial or heartache or burdens or inner malaise, how precious this peace is. Jesus is with us (as He promises in Matthew 28:20), giving us strength and confidence and purpose and hope. We have God's peace in Jesus and in relationship with Him. We have every reason to thank God for His peace to us in Jesus.

This peace from Jesus is meant to bless us who believe (and it does), but also to make us a blessing to others. God's peace is meant to be shared. It is an equipping gift – equipping us for service, and giving us a gift to pass on to others. We share God's peace when we witness to others of Jesus as Saviour. We share it in our acts of mercy and generosity to those in need. We share it in forgiving others (friend and foe alike). The world needs Jesus' peace and we can be a blessing to many by sharing it.

Each day, ask God for openings and opportunities to share the peace of Jesus with others. Be available to be a channel of His mercy, and instrument for His witness and work. Time and again, we see and experience that – if we are available for God's use (for God's work). He will do amazing things in us and through us.

Peace! Remember the peace we have in Jesus. Thank and praise God for this great gift. And as the campfire song says, "Pass it on!"

**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 or Bible Teacher, please notify the Bible Camp by contacting your local Bible Camp Board Member or Grant Lee at (306) 855-4900. 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 September 2018.

Bethel Lutheran Church, Elbow, SK

Submitted by Ashley Stamnes, Administrative Assistant

*Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.*

Psalms 36:5

Greetings from Bethel Lutheran Church! Our congregation is again in awe of God's amazing faithfulness and provision for us! He has provided a shepherd for us and we are so thankful! We ask you to join us in welcoming Pastor Dave Hesje, his wife Debbie, and son Tim back into our church and community.

There have been several events and happenings at Bethel in the last few months:

September

- 6th Ladies' Bible Study resumed. They are studying "John: Living Beyond the Ordinary".

- 9th Dave and Debbie Hesje attended Bethel to candidate here. We enjoyed a time of fellowship with a potluck and a question and answer period afterward.
- 9th The ladies' annual wiener roast for Bethel and Skudesnes was again hosted by Marcelle Savidan at Coyote Springs Campground. Good music, food, devotions and fellowship were enjoyed by all.
- 20th Ladies WMF (Womens' Mission Fellowship) meeting
- 23rd The service time changed back to 10:30 a.m., with Sunday school at 9:30 a.m.
- 26th The congregation met to discuss and vote on calling Dave Hesje to be our pastor. The vote was in favour!
- We were blessed to have Dave Hesje, Adam Driscoll and Noah Parsons bring us God's Word to us in September.

October

- 3rd Evening bible study resumed.
- 14th Bethel hosted a Pastor Appreciation service and potluck in honour of all the men who brought the Word of God to us over the last 14 months. It was so wonderful to have each and every one of them with us while we were without a settled pastor.
- 19th & 20th Bethel hosted an "Abiding Life Seminar". Chad Salyn was the speaker and he brought some life changing truths to light. Chad is Ken and Marie Bush's son in law.
- We were blessed to have Adam Driscoll, Chad Salyn and Noah Parsons bring God's Word to us in October.

November

- 4th This was Pastor Dave's installation service! It was a wonderful service and we were so thankful to have Pastor Kelly Henning with us to preside over the service. Everyone enjoyed fellowship during the potluck afterwards.
- 11th There was no service at Bethel. Pastor Dave spoke at the Community Remembrance Day service at Loreburn Central School.
- 15th WMF Meeting

We are looking forward to the Advent season with anticipation. The Sunday School will be putting on their concert, "Here Lies Hope", about God's everlasting mercy and faithfulness. This will be on December 9th. The WMF Christmas Party will be on Wednesday, December 12th.

We ask that you would be in prayer for all those hurting in body and spirit in our congregation and community. May God be their comfort.

We pray that God's blessing will be on you as you celebrate His Birth!

**Skudesnes
Evangelical**



**Lutheran
Church**

Loreburn, SK

Submitted by Maxine Follick

"And it will be said in that day: Look this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He has saved us. This is the Lord; we have waited for Him. Let us rejoice and be glad in His salvation."

Isaiah 25:9

As we approach the Advent season, may we remember what we are waiting for – the return of Jesus to bring peace and justice to our world.

We should be well practiced in the art of waiting. We did a lot of it this fall as we waited for favourable weather to finish the harvest. I think everyone did get finished... so waiting, whether through Advent or a wet fall, has positive outcomes!

Our Church has had a pretty quiet fall. Regular worship and regular Bible Studies have been ongoing. On September 2nd, we were blessed to have Daniel Olson bring us the message and tell us some of his plans on returning to his mission work. We pray for God's protection and blessing as Daniel does his work there.

On September 9th, the ladies had their annual wiener roast at Coyote Springs Campground. Thanks to Marcelle and Ron Savidan for hosting us at their beautiful site!

In October we gathered many dozen cookies to replenish the cookie jars at the Lutheran Campus Centre at the University of Saskatchewan (Website: <https://lutherancampusministry.sk.ca/Home.html>). Thanks to all who donated in this way.

On October 27th, we held the funeral for Lynn Kerney. Lynn was killed in a tragic tractor accident at his acreage in British Columbia. Sympathy is extended to his wife, Carol, and all the Kerney families. Some also attended the funeral for former member Ida (Amrud) Barlow in Davidson on October 18th. Two other funerals were held for long time Loreburn residents: Marion Forrest and Ruth Dodds. We also mourn the passing of our former Pastor and wonderful man of

God, Johan Hesje. Pastor Hesje's funeral was held at Bethel Lutheran church in Elbow on November 10th. Our sympathies go to all who mourn the passing of loved ones.

Since November 11th, Remembrance Day, fell on a Sunday this year, we decided to cancel church and many met at the school in Loreburn to pay tribute to our veterans.

During November, we have collected Samaritans Purse shoeboxes. Thanks to all who donated to this cause and to the ones who help sort and deliver these boxes to children in need.

We are looking forward to Advent and the many activities that are planned. At Skudesnes, we are looking forward to the Outlook Community Choir giving their Christmas Cantata on December 18th.

In the busyness of this season let us not lose our focus on the real meaning of Advent and Christmas. May you all have a blessed and joyous Christmas season.



Love and Fun: The Best Camp I've Ever Been To

By Titus Johnson

Titus is the son of Jim and Linda Johnson. We were blessed to have Titus, Isaiah and Linda join us for camp this year, as Jim brought God's Word to us. Thanks, Titus!

My experience at Elbow, Saskatchewan was one of the best camps I have ever been to.

It was overflowing with the two characteristics every camp should have: Love and Fun.

My favourite part of the camp was the loving and caring people. Every time you turned a corner, someone greeted you and asked how you were doing – even the smaller kids! I started to get to know the kids the first day of camp as I observed how nice everyone was to each other. It's like everyone was a huge family. I made friends with almost all the kids at the camp and that was probably the best part of all of it: getting to know different types of people than me.

Another great part of the camp was the games that we got to play constantly every day. When we had free time between lessons, kids would get together to play basketball, volleyball, or even just go swing on the swings. This is how I got to know the kids and even most of the leaders.

Also, when we were in Bible classes, we would play fun games like volleyball and softball. I liked getting to know my leader because we had much in common like guitar playing, playing basketball, and just talking about sports in general. You also get to know the CLBI (Canadian Lutheran Bible Institute) team really well because of their nice personalities. It wasn't long ago when they were my age, so they know what life is like with school and sports.

One of the most adventurous activities we got to do was the scavenger hunt. Our leaders gave us a list of things to find and do. We had to find things, do activities, take a picture of whatever it told you to do and to finish before every other group. Another highlight of the camp was the fresh homemade meals three times a day. We also had the awesome opportunity to go to the Elbow beach twice. On one of those days I had the chance to go tubing and it was one of the most exciting experiences that happened to me during the week.

As you can tell, I have had many awesome experiences there at the camp and I could probably make a book of all the fun stories in that incredible week, but I will end on this last experience.

My Dad, who is a Pastor, spoke an amazing message about how to receive Jesus as your personal Lord and Saviour. He asked everyone to close their eyes and whoever wanted that to happen could raise their hand and proclaim it. I did not raise my hand because I had already received Jesus into my life, but I have to admit I peeked a little bit to see who *did* raise their hands. It was the greatest feeling to see and know how many people accepted Jesus into their lives. Because I knew who *did*, if they were my friends, I could maybe talk to them about it afterwards.

I thank you for the awesome time and I thank my parents for dragging me out to that awesome camp. I hope I can come back soon.



The Elbow Lutheran Bible Camp has a website:

<http://elbowlutheranbiblecamp.com>

Please visit often to learn more about the camp and see updates for 2019!

We VERY much appreciate all the campers, and are so thankful for everyone's help! This year (same as the last two years), we will be asking everyone to sign up for one work duty each day. Many hands make light work!



Would YOU consider helping out in one of the following ways?

- Being on a **Music Committee** -- These are the people who choose the hymns for the evening service and find pianists to play.
- Being part of a family (or other) group, willing to lead a **Morning Chapel** service?
- Being part of a family (or other) group, willing to plan and supervise an **Afternoon Craft** for the Grade 6 and Under campers?
- Being a helper for the **Morning VBS Childrens' Classes**?

Please contact Shannon Hundebly (306-854-2007) *as soon as possible*. Thank you!



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 (Hundebly) Michaelis at:

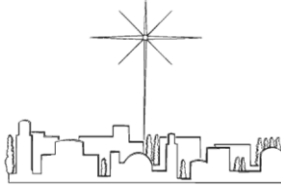
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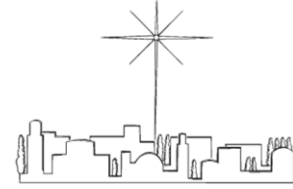


Our next Family Bible Camp Week runs from **July 6 -13, 2019.**

We want to see you there!



Bethlehem Lutheran Church Hawarden, SK



Submitted by Linda Follick

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Isaiah 9:6

August:

- 26th Greg Rokos and Jeremy Osterwalder were installed as pastors at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Camrose. Neil, Katie and Chad Haaland were there for the service. (Website: <https://www.rezchurch.ca>)
- 26th Lisa and Achiuq Xayavong (Pastor Al Pinno's niece) spoke about "The Persecuted Church" during our morning worship service. They have been working for the Wycliffe Bible Translators in Thailand and are home on furlough. (Website: <https://www.wycliffe.org>)
- 26th We held a Country Gospel Evening with Trevor Baker performing. (Trevor's website: <https://trevorbaker.ca>)

September:

- 9th Start of Sunday School! Teachers this year are Linda Lee, Katie Haaland and Dorothy Pinno. Pastor Al is leading the Adult Sunday School Class, studying "The Gospels of Jesus." A hot dog roast followed the morning service.
- 12th A group from our church met at the Long Term Care area of the Health Center in Outlook for their worship service.
- 12th Rachel Pinno was home and shared about her language study in North Africa with our Praise, Study and Prayer group.
- 13th Katie Haaland hosted the Lutheran Church Womens' (LCW) meeting. Linda Lee led our Bible Study entitled, "*Intimacy With God – Entering into His Presence.*"
- 16th Jay and Eileen deGuzman shared experiences from their past mission trip to Papua New Guinea during Sunday School. They were aboard a Youth With a Mission (YWAM) medical ship that served in the Papua New Guinea area. Jay was the captain of the ship, and Eileen worked with the medical team. (YWAM Website: <https://www.ywam.org>)
- 22nd Congratulations to Heidi Pinno and Joshua Robideau who were married at Camp Kuriakos near Sylvan Lake, Alberta!
- 23rd Pastor Lawrence Hahn spoke during our morning worship service. Ruth Cooper led the Adult Sunday School class. Lunch and fellowship followed.

- 28th Roy Olson, Darwin Taylor, and Al & Dorothy Pinno attended the Expanding Youth Ministries International (EYMI) annual banquet at Rock of Ages Lutheran Church in Saskatoon. EYMI is a Christian ministry that provides students with material to explore the universe and see, know, and understand that God created it, giving people infinite value. (EYMI Website: <https://www.eymi.net>)
Representatives of some of the ministries that have been given projectors and creation DVDs by EYMI for use in their work in Canada and in several other countries gave brief reports. This included Darwin Taylor (on his mission work with First Nations in Northern Saskatchewan) and Pastor Al and Dorothy Pinno (on their mission work in Russia and India).
- 30th A Country Gospel Evening was held, featuring, “Tell Me The Story Of Jesus” – a hymn-sing put together by Sylvia Sundby and Katie Haaland.

October:

- 3rd Our Praise, Study and Prayer group met again. This time, Pastor Al led a study titled, “True and False Prophecy.”
- 4th Dorothy Pinno hosted the LCW meeting. Ruth Cooper led the Bible Study entitled, “Lessons on Intimacy from the Song of Solomon.”
- 13th Family and friends gathered in Davidson to celebrate Lois Taylor’s 90th birthday.
- 15th – 18th Pastor Al & Dorothy, Sylvia Sundby and Ruth Cooper attended the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations (AFLC) fall retreat at Cypress Hills Bible Camp. Pastor Paul Nash was the guest speaker. (He is the Home Missions Director for our AFLC United States sister church.) Pastor Paul shared how to intentionally reach out and minister God’s grace and truth in Jesus to people around us, and to help establish small gatherings or fellowships to make disciples of Christ.
- 26th A large crowd gathered at the church for “All Saints Faith Family Frolicking Fun & Fanciful Food Fellowship!” We had pizza for supper, a movie with popcorn, and ended with worship and prayer time.
- 28th A Country Gospel Evening was held, featuring Per Vinding (Website: <http://www.pervinding.ca>). Lunch and fellowship followed the performance.

November:

- 1st Linda Lee hosted the LCW meeting at the church. Katie Haaland finished the study entitled, “Lessons on Intimacy from the Song of Solomon.”
- 5th Annual General Meeting of Elbow Bible Camp at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Outlook. The current Bible Camp Executive all stayed on in their positions.
- 7th We gathered at the Outlook Health Center Long Term Care wing for their Wednesday morning service.
- 10th Our sympathies go out to the Hesje families on the passing of Pastor Johan Hesje. His funeral was held at Bethel Lutheran Church in Elbow. Blessed be his memory!

- 11th – 20th Pastor Al and Dorothy went out to Alberta and British Columbia. They visited with family before giving a mission presentation at the Living Word Lutheran Church in Vernon.
- 18th Lorimer Olson spoke at the morning worship service. We watched a video on Noah's Ark (in Kentucky).
- Darwin Taylor is back up in the LaRonge / Grandmother's Bay area working with the youth there. He spoke at Anglican services there on October 21st and November 18th.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Mary Freitag (Olson) who had surgery on November 20th.

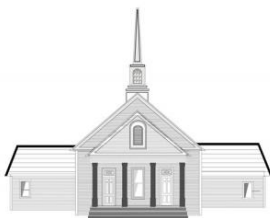


Thank you to each and every one of you who serve so that our Bible Camp can continue!

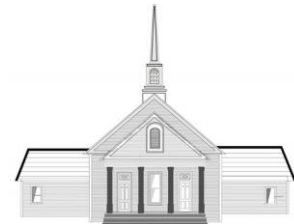
I recently received an encouraging letter from Mr. Herb Rott, and wanted to share some excerpts with all of you.

“What a blessing I received the other day when ***The Echoes*** arrived in the mail. It brought back such precious memories of years back at Elbow Bible Camp. It is so special to read the names of people who I remember from years back and the wonderful fellowship we had. ...the seed which was seeded back then continues to bear fruit in the younger lives of today. God is good and His Word does not return void.”

Thank you, Mr. Rott, for your encouragement. We appreciate it! 😊



**Bethlehem Lutheran
Church
Outlook, SK**



Submitted by Bev Berntson

*Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.
Romans 10:17*

As the Advent season is almost upon us, let us keep the Word of God in our hearts. We tend to get so busy with "stuff" that we put the birth of Our Saviour on the back bench. My prayer is that we keep Him at the forefront of our lives no matter how busy we get.

September started with the wonderful outdoor wedding of Karlin Hermanson to Joel Berg. Karlin is the daughter of Lloyd Hermanson and Ruth (Haug) Hermanson.

Sunday School began on September 9th with over forty students.

Rock Solid made a presentation on September 15th in the evening. Rock Solid Refuge is a place for teen boys struggling with life-controlling issues (Website: <https://rocksolidrefuge.com>).

Confirmation began for the year on September 20th.

On Saturday, September 22nd, family and friends gathered in the fellowship area to honour long-time member Carolie Haug on her 90th birthday.

Esther Adamiak – another faithful, long time member – celebrated her 90th birthday at Luther Place (Outlook, SK) on October 6th.

On October 27th, we were blessed to have Teen Challenge share with us in music and testimonials.

The Derksen Family ministered to us on Sunday, October 28th. Thank you to the Gideons, who brought them to us! (The Derksen Family Website: <http://thederksenfamily.com>; The Gideons Website: <http://www.gideons.ca>)

October 31st saw many cars in the parking lot filled with treats, etc. for the children of Outlook and area.

On November 4th we were joined by Andrew and Linnea (Salte) Ansley for the service sharing about their work with LAMP (Lutheran Association of Missionaries & Pilots Inc.; Website: <https://www.lampministry.org>). We were blessed through the music of Linnea and her parents during the service.

November 4th was also the monthly pot luck dinner after service. A free will offering was taken for the production, "A Night in Bethlehem," which will transform our church on the evenings of December 14th and 15th to celebrate the birth of Our Saviour. Everyone mark your calendar and if possible take a tour through Bethlehem with us! Both evenings' events begin at 5:30 p.m. It will be a powerful, spiritual time of the Christmas Season for all of us.

We continue to have service on Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. with Pastor Daryl Olson leading the service. The church is always a hub of activity. Coffee time is on Tuesday mornings with many ladies sewing and crafting. Morning prayers are held on Wednesdays, along with many Bible studies, youth groups etc. during the week.

My richest blessing for you all this upcoming Christmas is that you keep Christ at the forefront of your life, and that in 2019 you will be truly blessed.

Treasurer's Report



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

Ray Hankins
Johan & Ruth Hesje
Debbie Joel
Marie Wankel

Blessed be their memories!

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!

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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June through August, 2019

(Starting Date is Flexible)

Duties include (but are not limited to) janitorial tasks, garbage removal, grass mowing, basic maintenance, and painting as required.

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