

# The Echoes

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## Switching Off and Switching On

*Article Submitted by  
Ken Moser*

I have been on many camps—too many to count really. (For what it's worth, I stopped counting at 250 many years ago!) I still love camp, even after all these years. Why? The bottom line is simple: camp gives me a chance to “switch off and switch on.”

You have no doubt had that similar experience. I arrive at camp, unpack and suddenly it is like a panel of switches slowly

begins to turn off. I switch off thinking about work. I switch off checking my phone. No internet? Computer goes off as well! I switch off many of the “stressors” that are switched on when home. I then begin to switch on a new set. There is no TV here. I switch on simply having a quiet coffee outside. I switch on the desire to check out my surroundings and I take a short walk and chat with my new neighbour. While sitting in chapel, I realize how much I have missed this and resolve to spend some time reading my Bible this afternoon and just sitting with my Creator. The whole experience is immensely refreshing and reminds me again of what is more important and what is not.

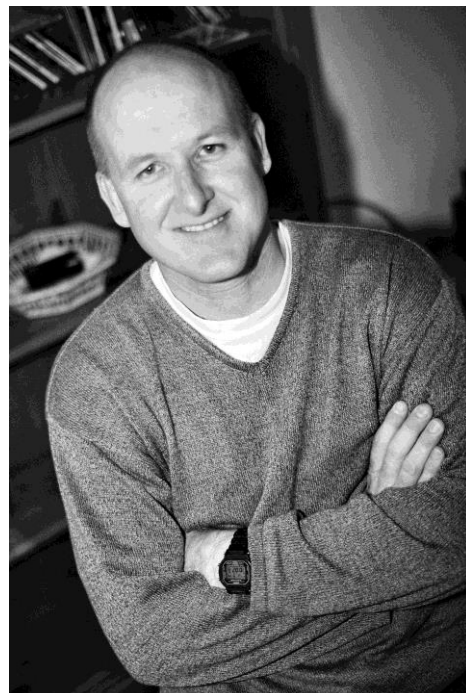
Switching off, switching on — that is a great picture of camp for me.

It has now been several months since the joy of summer. In fact, as I write this it is decidedly un-summer-like outside. However, I still like to remember those lessons learned this summer. As post-camp life returns to its “stressful normality,” I need to remember the lessons I learned months back — switch off and switch on.

What do you need to “switch off”? How can we spend each day just a little bit more like those warm, enjoyable “switched on” camp days?

Ken Moser

*Ken taught youth ministry at Briercrest College for eleven years. In May, he and his wife Julie moved to Amsterdam to teach at Tyndale Theological Seminary.*





# Congregational Submissions



## Bethel Lutheran Church, Elbow, SK

*Submitted by Ashley Stamnes, Administrative Assistant*

***“Prepare the way of the LORD; Make straight  
in the desert a highway for our God.  
Isaiah 40:3***

As we continue through the Advent season, may we prepare our hearts for Him. He has done so much for us! What a blessing to have this season of turning our eyes to Him. May we continue to do so all through the next year and beyond! The fall months were quite busy at Bethel as many things began in earnest.

### **September:**

- 11<sup>th</sup> There was a birthday celebration for Martin Christensen who turned 90!
- 12<sup>th</sup> There was a bridal shower at the church for Kelley Stamnes. The ladies did a lovely job of making it very special!
- 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Ladies' Weiner Roast at Coyote Springs Campground. Thank you to Marcelle Savidan for hosting and to Ruth Olson for speaking!
- 21<sup>st</sup> Women's Mission Fellowship (WMF) General Meeting
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Pastor Dave Hesje began a Basic Christianity Course at the church on Monday evenings.
- 25<sup>th</sup> Congratulations to Kelley Stamnes and Greg Moir who were married at Skudesnes Lutheran Church. A reception followed in Kenaston!

### **October:**

- 4<sup>th</sup> Larry and Leanne Rinholm began an online Bible study based on "The Greatest Words Ever Spoken".
- 6<sup>th</sup> Ladies' Bible Study resumed with the study of the wonderful Gospel of John.
- 17<sup>th</sup> Children's Sunday School resumed. Although small in numbers, our children have such big hearts!

### **November:**

- 7<sup>th</sup> The children began their Christmas Play practice. They will present their play during the service on December 12<sup>th</sup>!
- 8<sup>th</sup> Bethel hosted the Bible Camp annual general meeting.
- 16<sup>th</sup> WMF General Meeting
- 28<sup>th</sup> We began Advent with a poem and readings by several of our Sunday School students. We are thankful that they are so willing to share their talents!

We continue to pray for those who are hurting and ill. We have seen so many answers to prayer and know that God cares and is always moving on our behalf! We as a congregation wish you a blessed Christmas.



Elbow Lutheran Bible Camp is looking for a

## **CARETAKER**

June through August, 2022

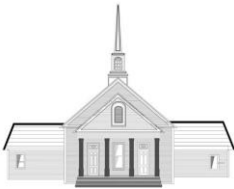
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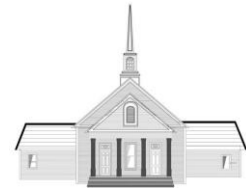
**Salary: \$3,000 per Month**

Contract Work - No Deductions

Call Grant Lee at (306) 222-2776



## **Bethlehem Lutheran Church Outlook, SK**



*Submitted by Shelley Luedtke*

We had a wonderful night of worship and praise on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> under the theme, "Gratitude Through it All." An evening of music, personal reflections and congregational singing gave us opportunity to give thanks in all circumstances as individuals shared God's goodness these past months. A comment we have heard several times since the event is – "let's do it again!"

This fall we have enjoyed having "Baby Song" at our church. Kristy Johnson leads a group of young moms and their babies up to 15 months old in a morning of music. It is great fun around here when the babies arrive!

On October 31<sup>st</sup> we held a "Trunk or Treat" event in our church parking lot. Fourteen families decorated their trunks (and several wore costumes!) and we invited children from the community to come trunk or treating through the parking lot. In addition to treats, they were given invitations to Sunday School, as well as the Gospel of John thanks to our local Gideons' chapter. Greg and Amy Reddekopp spearheaded the event that saw 121 trick or treaters come through!



We marked All Saints' Sunday on November 7<sup>th</sup> by lighting candles to remember those who have passed away. It was a beautiful and meaningful time lead by our Pastors, Mac and Lila de Waal, and the creative talents of Maureen Weiteman who put together a beautiful display of candles.

Our church is once again participating in the Winter Wonderland drive-thru at the Outlook and District Regional Park in December. This very successful event was launched last year and our church presented the Nativity to the community. Businesses

and organizations decorate sites at the campground and people are able to drive through in the evening and take in all the lights. We look forward to taking part again this year.

Each month our mission committee hosts a morning prayer breakfast. We gather for fellowship as we lift up the work of our missionaries in prayer. It is always a pleasure when guests are able to join us, and recently we welcomed Arlin & Ruth Olson, as well as Lisa who has now returned to west-central Africa.

A bridal shower to honour Jennifer Hueser, bride-elect of Michael Haugen (son of Tim and Patti Haugen) was held in October. It was good to be together and pray for this young couple as they begin their life together.

Our Sunday School collected items for The Bridge in Saskatoon during the month of November. The congregation was part of this project and we were thrilled to see the box for donations overflow quickly.

(Website Link for "The Bridge": <https://www.thebridgesaskatoon.com>)

We give thanks for the life and witness of Elvina Sjovold. She passed away at the end of October. We give thanks that Elvina put her trust in the Lord, as expressed through a favourite hymn of hers, "Safe in the Arms of Jesus." Blessed be her memory.

On December 14<sup>th</sup>, our church will be holding a Blue Christmas service. It will be a chance to bring to God all our grief, brokenness, loneliness and more. The last months have brought many losses and we haven't been able to come together the way we would have liked. This Blue Christmas service will help us remember that we worship a God who brings hope. Everyone is welcome on Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

We look with anticipation to the start of Advent as we reflect on Jesus' coming, our salvation, and His return. We will be holding two candlelight services on Christmas Eve; one at 6:30 p.m. and one at 8:00 p.m. We will also have Christmas Day service at 10:00 a.m. We invite you to check out our website – <https://bethlehemoutlook.com> – on Christmas Day, where you can view a video service we put together for Christmas Day 2020. It includes solos, duets, groups, instruments, readings, prayers and a message.

Merry Christmas!

**Do YOU know a great speaker, teacher, or 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 Grant Lee at (306) 222-2776. Thank you!





**The Elbow Lutheran Bible Camp has a website:**

<http://elbowlutheranbiblecamp.com>

Please visit often to learn more about the camp and see updates for 2022!



Our next Family Bible Camp Week runs from:

**Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> (Supper)  
to  
Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup> (Lunch)**

We want to see you there!

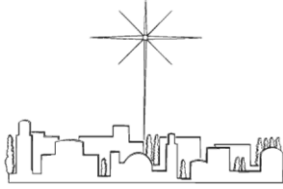
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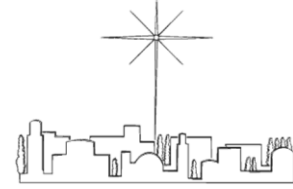


Other board members are Neil Haaland, Carol Larson, Dale Hundebly, Ron Savidan, and Rob LeBlanc. Pastors Dave Hesje and Mac DeWaal will serve as advisory Pastors.

Thanks to all of you for your willingness to serve our camp!



## Bethlehem Lutheran Church Hawarden, SK



*Submitted by Linda Follick*

*Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.*

*1Thessalonians 4:13-17*

### **August:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Pastor Daryl Olson led our Sunday worship services.
- 5<sup>th</sup> The ladies (Lutheran Church Womens' group / LCW) met to study their second lesson on 1Timothy entitled, "Jesus Came to Save Sinners."
- 15<sup>th</sup> Pastor Adam Driscoll (from Moose Jaw) led our morning worship service.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Pastor Adam Driscoll led our morning worship service. We enjoyed having his wife, Angie, and children join him. We had a time of fellowship over lunch following the service.
- 28<sup>th</sup> Our sympathies go out to the Lee families on the passing of Lorraine Adams of Dauphin, Manitoba. She is the oldest of the Lee cousins. (Parents – Lumen and Myrtle)
- 29<sup>th</sup> Our sympathies go out to the Hunter families on the passing of Ray (Abbotsford, BC). Ray was Wilbur and Olga Hunter's youngest son (Alan's brother).

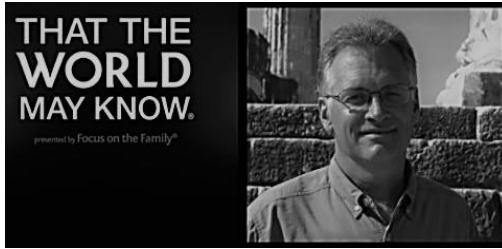
### **September:**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> The LCW met at the church to study 1Timothy, "Jesus Came to Save Sinners" – Part 2.
- 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> Pastors Adam Driscoll, Paul Donison (sermon video) and Daryl Olson led our worship services.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Congratulations and God's blessings to Chad and Sarah Haaland on the birth of their son, John Bryce! Cadence, Cassidy and Cohen are thrilled with their little brother, and grandparents Neil and Katie Haaland are excited as well!
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Our LCW led the Wednesday worship service at the Outlook Long Term Care Home.

Congratulations to Reagan Dueck, daughter of Ray and Shelley, who recently passed her Registered Nursing exam and has a casual position at Royal University Hospital in Labor and Delivery.

**October:**

- 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup>  
Pastors Adam Driscoll, Paul Donison (sermon video), and Daryl Olson led our worship services.



We continue to watch Ray Vander Laan's video series, "That the World May Know," during our adult Sunday School hour with discussion following.

Website Link:  
<https://www.thatttheworldmayknow.com>

- 7<sup>th</sup> The LCW met at the church to study the fourth lesson on 1 Timothy: "God's Desires for the Church."
- 19<sup>th</sup> Congratulations to new grandparents Stewart and Sue Ringdal! Their son, Stephen, and his wife, Amelia (of Swift Current) had a baby boy, Royce Douglas.

**November:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Church council met for their regular meeting.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> The LCW met at the Outlook Long Term Care to lead their morning worship service.
- 4<sup>th</sup> The LCW group met to study 1 Timothy: "God's Desires for the Church."
- 8<sup>th</sup> Bethel Lutheran Church (Elbow) hosted the Annual General Meeting of the Elbow Lutheran Bible Camp. Officers are:  
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- 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> Pastor Al and Dorothy Pinno were here visiting in the community, and led our November 14th morning worship service. Lunch and fellowship followed.



**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:

**[jeffdena@xplornet.com](mailto:jeffdena@xplornet.com)**

Thank you!



This month, we're blessed to have a newsletter submission by Eli Hundebly! Eli is the son of Rob and Janell Hundebly, and lives in Elbow, SK. Thanks for your willingness to share your story with us, Eli!

## Eli's Story

This spring, I went to the hospital for a rare tumour of the bladder. I went to the hospital for 35 days. But that summer, I also went to Elbow Bible Camp. It meant so much that I could go and have fun again. I've been going to Bible Camp for many years and have built so many bonds with so many people. Bible Camp is a wonderful place. Thank you – this is my story.



## Treasurer's Report



Thank you for the many donations that continue to come in! Since our last report, **memorial gifts** have been given in memory of:

Jim Birch  
Ray Hunter  
Glen Kerney

Norma Knutson  
Ruth Murray

*Submitted by Linda Follick*

Blessed be their memories!

**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  
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Outlook, SK  
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### Through the Bible Camp website:

Click on "Support" --> *then*

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