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# THE ECHOES

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## Praying Upside Down

Adam Driscoll

In Luke 11, Jesus teaches us about both a pattern of prayer and a posture of prayer. After instructing us on the words, Jesus turns to teaching us about the persistent nature of seeking after God. I, for one, know that I can be guilty of treating prayer like my weekend "to-do" list rather than exemplifying the kind of prayer life Jesus invites us to.

The parable is of a man who knocks on a neighbour's door because a friend has shown up very late in the day. Having no bread, he goes to the neighbour after everyone is already settled for the night and relentlessly knocks on the door. At first unsuccessful, he continues to knock with unrestrained effort or shamelessly, the Bible puts it. Causing a scene, the neighbour rises not because of the friendship, but because he realizes this is the only way the knocking will stop.

Ask. Seek. Knock. An important insight from our Bibles is that these words are continuous present actions. The NLT captures it best: Keep on asking, and you will receive... keep on seeking, and you will find... Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you.

Isn't it true that it is in only the most desperate moments of our lives that this persistent, insistent, and shameless prayer shows up in our lives? I encounter a light-hearted poem that captures something of a dialogue we might encounter in a church foyer amongst the deacons

and elders debating the various postures of prayer: hands folded, head down, eyes upward, on our knees and then a congregational member, Cyrus Brown, chimes in (most likely uninvited):

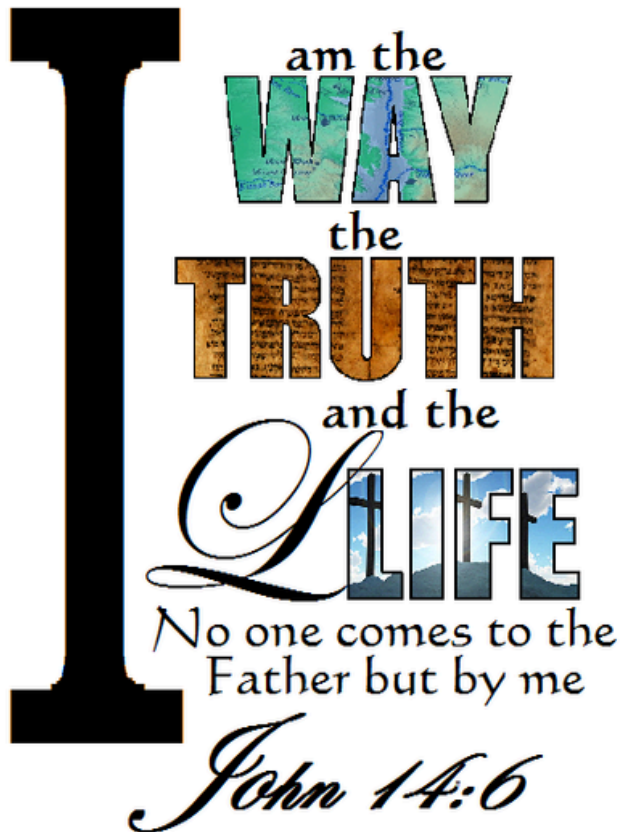
Las' year I fell in Hodgkin's well  
 Head first," said Cyrus Brown,  
 "With both my heels a-stickin' up,  
 My head a-pinting down;

"An' I made a prayer right then an' there -  
 Best prayer I ever said,  
 The prayin'gest prayer I ever prayed,  
 A-standing on my head."

**ASK  
 SEEK  
 KNOCK**

Where in our own lives might we need to practice praying upside down? Where might we need to acknowledge, as the beatitudes describe, our poverty in spirit, our bankrupt nature, and cry out for the life-saving intervention of God. To join in the tax collector's shameless decree: Have mercy on me, O God, and sinner."

The wonderful news that Jesus concludes with is that the heart of the Father is responsive, faithful, and good. We need not be concerned that God will be put out, but rather that He delights in giving good things to his children (Matthew 7:11).



## Guest Speakers:

**Evening Speaker and Bible Teacher:**

**Jason Gudim**

Free Lutheran Bible College & Seminary (FLBC)  
Professor of Practical & Systematic Theology

**Bible Teacher:**

**Emmanuel Aristida**

St. John's Lutheran Church - Shellbrook  
Pastor

**Youth Leader:**

**Adam Driscoll**

Cornerstone Christian School - Moose Jaw  
Director of Spiritual Development

## Caretaker Required

**JUNE - AUGUST 2026**

### Duties Include:

- Janitorial Tasks
- Garbage Removal
- Grounds Maintenance (Mowing, Tree Removal)
- Basic Maintenance
- Painting
- Other Duties as Required

**Salary \$3,000/month and Accommodations**  
**Contract Position**



Contact Grant Lee for more information:  
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# We can't do this without you

There is no such thing as "just" at Elbow Lutheran Bible Camp. ELBC began in 1945, 81 years ago, and in all that time we have never charged a fee. This is a camp like no other: a place where everyone belongs and where everyone can use their gifts to bless others. Whether your gift is cooking, teaching, maintenance, music, organization, creativity, or something else entirely, your contribution matters. Every ability has a place here.

You are not "just a VBS teacher". You are not "just a dishwasher, piano player, song leaders, Snoop, or Bell Ringer". You are all integral members of Elbow Lutheran Bible Camp! And whether this is your 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> or 49<sup>th</sup> time attending, thank you for coming. Thank you for your willingness to serve. Without each person doing their part, we would not be able to do what we do. Together, we make ELBC the special place it has been for generations.

Thank You!



## Ways to get involved:

### Camp Clean Up

Friday & Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>

There is much to do before camp opens for the summer. The grounds and all the buildings need a spring clean. Many hands make light work

### Music Help

Special Music Coordinator

Pianist Coordinator

Contact Donna Hundebly if you are willing to play (306) 8674399

### Kids Programing

Junior Campfire Leaders

(1 or 2 nights)

Thursday Night Kids Movie Night

(Set up movie, make popcorn)

Afternoon Crafts

Contact Krystal LeBlanc for more information kleblanc365@gmail.com or (306) 867-348-0057

### Kitchen Help

The kitchen is always in need of a few extra hands. Spend the day and help prepare the meals or for an hour or two. We also need 8 to 10 servers for each meal. All help is greatly appreciated.

Contact Shannon Hundebly if you are able to help call or text - (306) 867- 4065 email - kshundebly@sasktel.net

# Vacation Bible School

We are so excited to have the Zion Team from Free Lutheran Bible School (FLBC) in Minneapolis, Minnesota. "Zion" is a VBS team that consists of 4 members: Grant Larson, Frank Torrington, Moriah Coyle and Hannah Gullickson. They will be supervising the youth in the dorms as well as teaching, leading music and games for the Grade 6 and under kids, and leading campfires. We are beyond excited to have Team Zion and ask that you pray for them as they prepare and that their boarder crossing will go smoothly.

Our VBS program serves 70 to 80 kids, grade 6 and under, every summer. A program this size needs much help to make it a success.

Here are a few jobs we are still needing volunteers for:

1. Pre K to Gr. 6 class/craft helpers. The team will lead the classes but need hands on help.
2. Memory verse facilitator (distributes prizes/hears memory verses).
3. Morning games helpers to assist the team.

Thank you to those who have already volunteered!

In order to help us with planning, and organize class sizes, we ask that all kids and youth be pre-registered for class at <https://ElbowBibleCamp.eventbrite.ca>. If you have any problem with registration or have questions please contacting Shannon Hundebly. Please remember to complete camp registration when you arrive at Family Camp with the Registrar in the Dining Hall.

**Sandbox Class:** Val Koshinsky will once again be leading the this class for toddlers 3 and under. If the child is not yet potty trained or is 2 and under we ask that a parent stay with the class. If you are willing to help please Contact Val at (306) 365-7900.

Walk ins are welcome even if not pre-registered so please bring a friend. Camp is for everyone! Looking forward to seeing you!

**Shannon Hundebly**

call or text - (306) 867- 4065 email - kshundebly@sasktel.net



# Elbow Lutheran



## Bible Camp

[www.elbowlutheranbiblecamp.com](http://www.elbowlutheranbiblecamp.com)

- All campers are expected to attend all classes, chapel and worship.
- This is a family camp with all ages from babies to grandparents attending. Please respect the quiet time hour in the afternoon and lights out quiet time in the evening.
- **Please dress appropriately -- Modest street clothes are to be worn for classes, meals and services.** Sport & swim wear can be worn for afternoon activities.
- Any illness or injury need to be reported to the Camp Nurse and/or one of the Deans.
- “Grade” **always** refers to the grade a student has just completed in the school year **prior** to camp.
- A student will be considered a “teen” if they completed grade 7 in the school year **prior** to camp. Or have already turned 13.
- There are many public areas to visit, play games and hang out. So we ask that the teens do not congregate in each others zones. No boys around the girls dorms and no girls around the boys dorms.

The Camp is dependent on volunteers for all aspects of its operation. We appreciate all the campers, and are so thankful for everyone’s help. We ask everyone to sign up for work duties during the week. Many hands make light work!

- Adults - peel potatoes, dishes & dining room floors
- Teens - dishes (will be assigned by the Registrar)
- Children - collect & wash trays  
(9-12yrs old)

There are also daily opportunities to help: in the kitchen, for Chapel & Evening Service (lead, scripture reading, pianist, worship, special music) sports, crafts and teaching VBS. If you have a skill, we can use it.

### Saturday - July 4th

- PM 6:00 - Supper
- 7:30 - Opening Campfire/Praise Service  
Cocoa & Snack
- 10:15 - In dorms, cabins etc.
- 10:30 - Lights Out

### Sunday - July 5th

- AM 8:00 - Rising Bell
- 8:10 - Prayer time in the TeePee
- 8:30 - Breakfast
- 10:30 - Morning Worship
- 12:00 - Dinner
- 1:30 - Canteen & Craft
- 5:30 - Supper
- 6:30 - Family Camp Fire
- 7:20 - Evening Service
- PM 9:00 - Cocoa & Snack
- 9:15 - Teen Campfire
- 10:15 - In dorms, cabins etc.
- 10:30 - Lights Out

|       | MONDAY  | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY |
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| 7:30  | Rising Bell<br>Prayer time in the TeePee  |         |           |          |
| 7:50  | <b>BREAKFAST</b>  |         |           |          |
| 8:30  | Staff Meeting in the TeePee   |         |           |          |
| 9:10  | <b>Class One</b><br>- Adults in Chapel                      - Teens in TeePee<br>- Grade 6 & Under - VBS Lesson             |         |           |          |
| 10:05 | Recess  |         |           |          |
| 10:20 | <b>Class Two</b><br>- Adults in Chapel                      - Teens in TeePee<br>- Grade 6 & Under - Music & Missions (M&M) |         |           |          |
| 11:15 | <b>Chapel</b>   |         |           |          |
| 12:00 | <b>DINNER</b>   |         |           |          |
| 1:00  | Quiet Time  |         |           |          |
| 2:00  | Recreation and Family Time<br>Canteen, Crafts & Sports  |         |           |          |
| 5:00  | <b>SUPPER</b>   |         |           |          |
| 6:00  |   |         |           |          |
| 6:30  | Family Campfire<br>Prayer time - Dining Hall North Canopy   |         |           |          |
| 7:20  | <b>Evening Service</b>  |         |           |          |
| 9:00  | <b>COCOA &amp; SNACK</b>  |         |           |          |
| 9:15  | Teen Campfire   |         |           |          |
| 10:15 | In Dorm, Cabins, etc.   |         |           |          |
| 10:30 | Lights Out  |         |           |          |

## Friday - July 10th

AM                      7:30 - Rising Bell/Prayer time in the TeePee  
                              7:50 - Breakfast  
                              8:30 - Staff Meeting in the TeePee  
 9:10 - 10:15 - Adult & Teen classes  
                              9:10 - 9:45 - Gr. 6 & Under - Lesson  
 9:45 - 10:15 - Gr. 6 & Under - M&M  
                              10:15 - Recess – Coffee & Snack  
                              10:30 - Chapel/VBS Program  
                              12:00 - Dinner

Final Clean up and Good Bye

**Elbow Lutheran Bible Camp is supported by gifts and offerings received throughout the year. There are no set fees charged to the campers. We praise and thank God for using the camp to further His kingdom.**

### Donations can be mailed to:

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

**OR e-transferred to:** [lindafollick1@hotmail.com](mailto:lindafollick1@hotmail.com)

Please include your address in the comments for receipting purposes

**See you next year**  
**July 3<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2027**