

Glory 50 Plus - Bus Tour to Elk Island Park

Forty-two people climbed onto the Connelly-McKinley bus for a field trip to Elk Island Park on Friday, May 26th.

Following free time to wander around the walking paths and feel the breeze off the lake, the group enjoyed a hearty picnic lunch provided by Group 2. After we wiped the watermelon from our faces, we boarded the bus with a representative from the park who gave an extensive overview of the history of the park, the beaver and their houses, and the expansion of the bison population. Apparently the bison were taking their afternoon nap while we drove through their territory, as not one was to be seen.

Thanks once again to Barry Searle, our accomplished driver, for safely transporting us on this adventure. And thanks to everyone who joined us on this adventure.



Picture of sunset courtesy of Tim Kihn an *active* Garden participant and Bee Keeper.



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Xésyéhóleizáe

This is the word for the month of June in the Dene language. Dene “sutline” to be specific, which is one of several related Dene languages. Dene (which simply means “the people”) are one of the first nations that have lived in this area for many thousands of years before colonization. The Dene words for the months of the year are based on the rhythms of nature. June is therefore called Xésyéhóleizáe, that is “egg hatching month”.

June is also the month the bees collect most of the nectar, as you can read in the Buzz Report in this edition of Church Matters (Thank you Tim Kihn). June is also the month our bishop Larry Kochendorfer will meet with Faith Nostbakken and other diaconal ministers, and with Gary Nickel and other retired pastors. June is also graduation month for high school students, such as James Jones. June is gardening month, church picnic month, and for me, and probably others, traveling month. Andrea and myself will be helping our daughter Ella move from Toronto to Chicago, where she will attend the U of Chicago. I will then visit my brother in New York.

June is also the month into which Pentecost falls this year. The Holy Spirit’s coming, which we celebrate at Pentecost, is active in all of creation, in the whole church, and in all of our own lives. The Spirit of God the creator, is the Spirit of Jesus Christ, is the Spirit given to each of us in baptism. The Holy Spirit is active in every egg that hatches and in every bee that buzzes. The Holy Spirit speaks to every person in their own language about the awesome deeds of God and of Jesus. This includes Dene (and Karenni). The Spirit guides us on all our paths, counsels us in all our decisions, and comforts us in all our troubles. The Spirit reminds us of Jesus, who died and rose again. The Spirit teaches us that God is love and compassion, and that forgiveness, hope, joy, peace, and love will ultimately triumph.

June is Xésyéhóleizáe. Life will come forth everywhere, just as it did on Easter. That’s the promise of Pentecost. Wishing you a blessed month of June and a life-giving season of Pentecost.

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Glory Website Up-dates

Do you have experience or an interest in managing and up-dating websites? If you do, please contact me. We need someone to help with the ongoing management and up-dating of the Glory website to ensure that it remains current.

Doug

Congregational Picture Directory

Many of you have requested a new photo for inclusion in the congregational picture directory. Photos will be taken by Lynda Schmidt or myself each Sunday in June prior to (10:00 a.m.) and following the worship service. Please try and share your smile during June as the next phase of the directory production will start in July. Thank you for your cooperation.

Doug



Bishop's Message



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ –

The month of June holds two of my favorite synodical gatherings.

They aren't the Ponder Anew planned giving events happening throughout the Synod – although I am looking forward to these gatherings. The Bishop's Self-Care and Renewal Team will be meeting and, though very important for me personally, this isn't what I'm thinking about. Then there is the June meeting of our Synod's Committee for Theological Education and Leadership. Yes, important – but again, not what I'm thinking about. Oh, and I can't forget the June 10 gathering of all National Convention delegates – important, but not it.

Tuesday, June 13 the Diaconal Ministers will gather at the Synod office. This is the 3rd time that such a gathering has been hosted by our Synod. It is a time for learning, relationship-building, worship, fellowship, prayer and feasting. This year the learning component will be offered by Julien Hammond, Ecumenical and Interfaith Officer of the Catholic Diocese of Edmonton. Many of you will remember Julien's presentation at each of our fall area gatherings in 2016 – Reformation 500: A Roman Catholic Perspective.

And the 5th Annual gathering of our retired rostered ministers and spouses will take place at Camp Kuriakos, Sylvan Lake, Wednesday, June 14, with The Rev. Dr. Kayko Driedger Hesslein sharing of Reformation 500. I look forward to a wonderful day of conversation, food (prepared by Cathy Kochendorfer) and worship.

The gathering of Synod Diaconal Ministers and retired rostered ministers and spouses. Two of my favorite synodical gatherings. Why? It's all about relationships. I am encouraged as the diaconal ministers affirm and pray for one another. I am strengthened in faith as our retired leaders and spouses greet one another with deep affection, appreciation and love...and as the stories are shared.

I give thanks to God for each...and for all.

In Christ Jesus –

Shalom,

+Bishop Larry Kochendorfer

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada



Church Picnic June 25, 2017... Let it Shine, Let it Shine...

Following the service on Sunday the 25th of June, will be the annual picnic at Glory, rain or **shine**

Meat and buns are supplied (there will be gluten free offerings) The congregation is asked to please bring a potluck dish if they are able to. (Salads, sweets, fruit or veggies)

There will be games for the kids and the kids at heart.

Fun for all ages.

Bring Lawn chairs to watch the activities. (there are picnic tables)

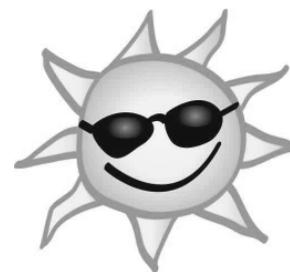


Glory is accredited as a “greening church”, that is, we have signed on to the national church’s commitment to steward the resources we use and the land we are on according to the most conscientious method available. What does that mean for our garden and church grounds? It means we are not using synthetic pest- or weed-control, nor any synthetic fertilizers. These materials tend to collect in the ground, water, plants, animals, and humans that are exposed to them, with harmful, and sometimes yet unknown, effects.



One problem with pesticides is that they harm birds and insects. Birds like the hawk, for example, hunt gophers, mice and voles. Ingesting food poisoned with pesticides may have unforeseen consequences to these predators. (The peregrine falcon became almost extinct because of the use of DDT.) The county administration has encouraged us to help the hawk population thrive by placing a few taller fence posts to provide additional perches for these hunters.

Bees collect nectar from dandelions and other plants that people may have sprayed with chemicals. The poison collects in their hives and the hives may collapse. This has been a particular problem with wild bee populations. But we also should think about what it does to our “domestic” bees. Dandelion flowers are a major source of food for honey bees in the spring. Bees love dandelions. We all love honey. Children love both. We love our children. Isn’t it time we change our attitude about dandelions?



Have an Awesome Summer

Let all the joys of summer remind you of God.
Be grateful for the gift of summer and enjoy it safely.
Take the time to rest and rejuvenate.

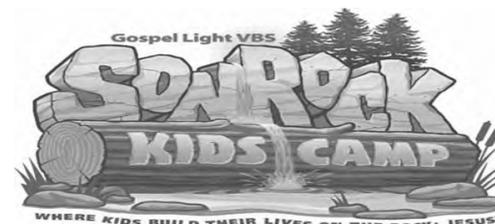
“My presence will go with you.....” Exodus 33:14
.....for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9

Blessing for Travelers

O God, whose glory fills the whole creation,
and whose presence we find wherever we go:
Preserve us who travel:
surround us with your loving care;
protect us from every danger;
and bring us in safety to our journey’s end;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Adapted from the prayer for travelers in Prayers and Thanksgivings. The Book of Common Prayer (1979 edition).

Join Us For Vacation Bible School!



Who? Children ages 4 – 12 are invited for a fun filled week of crafts, games, stories and snack. Teens ages 13+ are also invited to volunteer as Junior Leaders!

Registration is available online.

What? Vacation Bible School

When? July 17 – 21, 2017

Rachel Kihn is our new VBS coordinator. (She has volunteer sign up sheets in the narthex)

B.L.I.S.S. Bible Learning including Supper and Support

It is wonderful to have over a dozen people share supper and work through the bible study together. We will take a break over the summer but I hope it will become a monthly event

The next session will be announced in bulletins and through your email.
Daycare is provided at the Church.



A musical play created by
One Trunk Theatre

Trinity Lutheran Church, Edmonton
Wednesday, June 21 at 7:00 pm
and
Hope Lutheran Church, Calgary
Friday, June 23 at 7:30 pm

A mashup of comedy, music and poetic monologues, Mission Potluck (sponsored by Canadian Lutheran World Relief), brings to the stage the story of a Lutheran Ladies League's ill-fated fundraising efforts in Gimli in the 1920s, inspired by the true story of First Lutheran's (Winnipeg) fundraising efforts to build Gimli's first seniors home. Sponsored by, and in support of Canadian Lutheran World Relief, there will be an opportunity to support CLWR's work during the intermission at each show.

Find out more, and see a trailer here:

<https://onetruktheatre.com/upcoming/mission-potluck/>

Tickets can be purchased online or from Leslie-Ann Sartison
(leslieannsartison@gmail.com)

Ponder Anew

what the Almighty can do.

Join Bishop Larry Kochendorfer for dinner. Listen to stories of God's work in and around the Synod.

June 11 Edmonton

A delightful evening of wonderful conversation, delicious food, good music and joyous celebration. Deadline has been extended. Please RSVP .

Call Joe Stolee at 402-478-9684 or email joestolee@shaw.ca

FAMILY FUN DAY at Mulhurst Camp, June 17, 10 am to 5 pm. There will be bouncy castles, music, canoeing, volleyball, slip n' slide, etc. Event is FREE. Hot dogs and pop available. Come, bring your family and friends and enjoy the day at the lake! Why not camp for the weekend? Call Carmen 780-389-4355 to reserve your site!

PIONEER DAY at Mulhurst Camp, June 29, 10 am to 4 pm. You don't have to be a senior to enjoy this great day at the camp. Meet old and new friends for fellowship and fun. Coffee time, hot lunch, exploring the camp and just good visiting!

Community Outreach

Sock It To Us Project

An ongoing Outreach project is the collection of winter weight or work socks for the inner city. There will be a laundry basket in the church every Sunday to receive your donated socks. Remember how great a pair of thick, clean socks feels.



Community Garden

"Whatsoever ye sow, that shall ye also reap..." Welcome to gardening season and the community garden, located on the East side of the Glory Church property. Participants have already been out planting their seeds and are now patiently awaiting the harvest.



Food Collection

Food Bank Donations

Are always very important for those less fortunate than us. Our Food Bank Bin will be in the front foyer on an ongoing basis for all to continue to donate to this worthwhile cause.

Reminder: Sept 24th is GLC's Sunday to serve the ICPM Lunch at the Bissell Centre. Watch bulletins for further details.



Collecting Eye Glasses and

If you have old eye glasses you would like to donate, there is a box in the Narthex.



Recycling project. Check out the east side of the church for all additions.



Picture of rainbow over our garden plots courtesy of Tim Kihn an active Garden participant and Bee Keeper.

Community Garden Presentation

Andrea Wilhelm, guest speaker at Glory's Community Gardeners' Workshop, discussed the following aspects of community gardens:



- Care of the earth, people and fair share
- Permaculture Design principles
- Garden size
- Governance models
- Fostering community
- Community as Evangelism

Tim Kihn led an informal discussion on details of gardening that included work bees, possible forms of leadership, using Fireside Wednesdays for convenient work bees during July and August, and providing a gardeners' list so contact with each other is easy, and an end of season gathering where we can enjoy the results of our efforts.

Tim noted that a perennial garden has been developed where strawberries and irises have been planted. Others are invited to add perennials to this bed. David informed the group that he would be planting tomatoes in the raised box behind the church. (Update: Fifteen tomato plants, donated by Kuhlmann's Greenhouse, have been planted. Gardeners are invited to join in the care of these plants.) Tim suggested we avoid planting red beets as the gophers ate both the tops and the beets last season. It was noted that planting flowers, such as marigolds, may deter certain bugs.

The group agreed that all gardeners should sign a form indicating they have received, read, and agree to follow the gardening guidelines updated by the Community Outreach Committee and approved by Church Council. Since all gardeners have received the guidelines, Marjorie will provide the form for signatures that will be available in the narthex.

Gardeners, as they are able, were invited to make a \$20 donation toward costs incurred in preparing garden plots. This may be done through their church envelope designated for Community Outreach.

The Community Outreach Committee was thanked for hosting the Workshop and providing coffee and snacks.

Marjorie Zelent, Chair
Community Outreach Committee



Fireside Wednesdays JULY 5th - it begins again

Fireside Wednesdays begins in July and will go until the last Wednesday in August.

Join in on the food, fellowship and fun!

The fire pit will be there to roast the perfect wiener or marshmallow. A BBQ will also be on hand for those with a taste for burgers and/or steaks! Many choose to add food to a sharing table and there are always tasty surprises! Bring your own meat, buns, munchies and drinks. Condiments are provided.

Remember, the only food you NEED to bring is what you plan to eat!



This is an ALL AGES, ALL SUMMER event! It is a great way to enjoy our summer evenings and get to know our church family in an informal, relaxed way!

Guests are welcome!
Hope to see you there!

Keep your lawn chairs in the trunk of your vehicle and keep a healthy (mmm) supply of hot dogs in your freezer. See you Wednesday!



Glory 50 Plus

Meeting **June 23 Noon BBQ at the Church.** (*watch bulletins for details*)

There will be no meetings during July and August.

Meeting **September 22 at 11:30 am at the church.** We will have a meeting and lunch, followed by musical entertainment. All are welcome.

Buzz Report



As the plant life around Glory Lutheran has come alive in the last month, the queen bees on the Back 40 have been very hard at work laying up to 1,500 eggs per day. Twenty-one days after the egg is laid a young bee emerges, delicate at first but in a few minutes ready to work on its first task of cleaning cells. The queen and worker bees time the hatch to maximize the hive size for the main nectar flow in late June. All six hives appear to be on track to hit this target; the queen and worker bees have an innate understanding of how many eggs and new worker bees are needed.

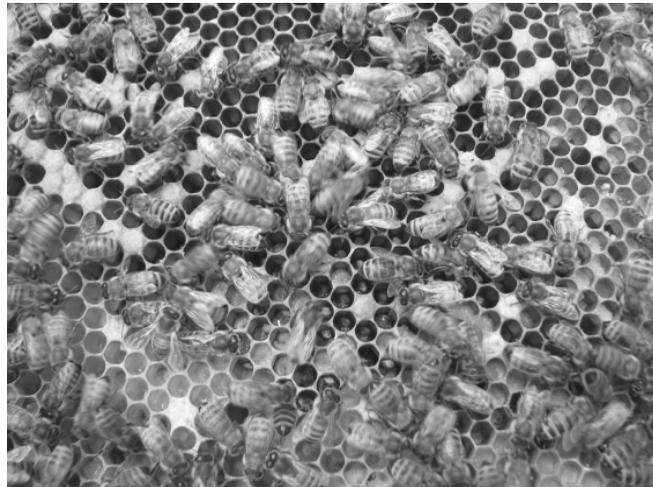
It is an exciting time during May and June to watch the hives multiply in size. Honey is already being placed into the comb to feed the expanding brood. Inspecting the hives is a sensory experience; a riot of sound, frenzied activity and of course the wonderful scent of honey and wax. Sometimes this experience includes a sting as a reminder that the amazing bee must be respected and handled with great gentleness.

In this new passion I am enjoying—called beekeeping, there are so many connections to the stories and lessons of the bible: The parable of the lost sheep, the lion and the lamb and from Matthew 6:26 *Look at the birds of the air. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns--and yet your Heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they are?*

God loves and cares for each of us and every living thing!

Submitted by beekeeper-in-training, Tim Kihn

Photo: The comb filled with growing bee larvae that will soon emerge and perform one of 14 distinct worker bee tasks.



Council Highlights

Council Highlights - May

The following are highlights from the May 9 council meeting. Complete minutes from the meeting are available in the church office.

- **Glory Policy Review** – During the past two months each member of council has been reviewing church policies associated with their area of responsibility to ensure the policies are current and reflect best practices. Council approved minor revisions to the Leaves, Miscellaneous Personnel and Protection of Protection of Children policies.
- **Canada Revenue Registered Charity Information Return** – All Canadian charities must annually submit a Registered Charity Information Return (T3010) summarizing the work of the charity along with financial information by June 30. Council approved Glory's return for the 2016 year.
- **Pastoral Internship Lay Committee** – Prior to September, a Pastoral Internship Lay Committee will be established to support Seth Perry in several ways including preparing for his arrival, helping to plan the internship experience and providing feed-back during the internship.
- **Pastor Markus Holiday Time** – Pastor Markus will be away from June 14th to June 27th.
- **Appreciation** – With the construction and installation of the organ speaker cabinets, council extends its appreciation to everyone who invested an incredible amount of time, energy and resources to complete this project.
- **Next Council Meeting** – The next Church Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 13 at 6:30 p.m..



Please note that the door to the church will usually be locked and you must ring the doorbell, located by the front door, in order to gain entrance. Call before you come on weekdays, to confirm that someone is at the church to let you in.