

CHURCH Matters



Glory Lutheran Church Newsletter - 04.19 Edition



Installation of 2019 Church Council - March 3, 2019



Youth Fundraiser at Seedy Saturday - March 9, 2019



Classifieds

Glory Lutheran Church is hiring a part time VBS Coordinator for 2019.



The coordinator will work 100 hours at \$15.00 per hour; being responsible for recruiting volunteers, planning, coordinating and preparing VBS centers while publicizing the program and registering participants under the supervision of the Education Committee. VBS runs full days the week of July 15-19.

Please contact Tammy Kihn at
tammy.kihn@gmail.com
If you are interested in this position.

Mowing Team 2019

The season for cutting grass will soon be upon us. A lawn maintenance crew is needed this summer to assist in keeping the landscape trimmed. If you can be part of the team, please chat with **Henry Zilm**, call at **780.995.0863** or send an email to **henryzilm@shaw.ca**.

A rotation schedule will be created. We have a lawn tractor to get the task done. If you have questions regarding what is involved, please contact Henry.



Council Highlights

Youth events: Church council is in the process of contracting Intern Pastor Seth to organize some youth events in the next few months. He is excited to do this and we are looking forward to working with him in this capacity! Stay tuned for details . . .

Landscape design and memorial garden: Last spring we started to look at plans for a memorial garden of some sort on our land. It was soon discovered that in order to find the best site for the garden an overall landscape design was needed.

Rita Spain is the chair of a committee that has come together to move forward with this project. The committee's mandate is to investigate landscape designs in order to develop an overall plan for the entire site, beginning with the development of a Memorial Garden. The committee is to integrate a Memorial Garden into the context of the entire property to prevent a piecemeal approach or a patchwork design.

There are tentative plans for Ron Berezan, founder and proprietor of 'The Urban Farmer' and a certified permaculture teacher and designer, to facilitate a workshop at Glory Lutheran on Friday, April 26 (in the evening) and Saturday, April 27. The intent of the workshop would be to engage and solicit ideas from congregation members regarding the use, development and/or goals of our property.

Please watch for further details regarding this opportunity.

A **Seedy Saturday** event took place at Glory on March 9. Appreciation is extended to the following people: Barb Anderson and the outreach committee for coordinating with Brandie Harrop and organizing Seedy Saturday; Glory volunteers who helped with set up, take down, and in many capacities during the event; Sherry Wegner, for coordinating the concession (fundraiser for our youth) and for all youth and parents who helped with it; and to Kirk Nelson for ensuring that our service road and church parking lot were cleared of snow and in top condition.

Message from Pastor Markus

Left-Right-Up-Down – The Cross of the Elections

I took the “Vote Compass” survey, a tool made available by the CBC to help find out what party I would or should support according to the answers I gave to a set of policy related questions. The idea is to find out how your answers match the platforms of the various parties. Knowing the correlation should then help you vote not based on gut instincts, or based on what you think the party and its leader stands for, but on actual policies or directions of the party and its leader.

Where would you find yourself on a grid that posits “economic left” over against “economic right” and “social progressive” over against “social conservative”? The result might surprise a few of us.

The grid is a sign in the shape of a cross, or of many crosses: it indicates the tension that exists in our society, the need to draw together and the danger of drifting apart. Maybe you ask yourself, how should a Christian vote? Maybe you don't see how your faith in God and Jesus Christ has anything to do with politics. But consider this: Jesus is called the Christ, a royal title meaning “anointed”. Which is to say Jesus is King. Our faith language is political. It claims that power and authority and glory and praise belong to One, and only One. All other authority is derived from it. The cross of Jesus Christ is the place where he won the victory, where God won the battle with the evil one.

To carry the cross, or to hold up the cross of Jesus, during election time, means to extend ourselves in all directions of the political and social spectrum. It means to listen, to inform ourselves, to participate, to pray and to remind ourselves of how our king defined service to others. In Matthew 25:34-36 we read, “Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’”

Our leader calls us to serve those on the margins. The vision of Jesus and of the kingdom of God is of the strong taking care of the weak, the rich sharing with the poor, the healthy supporting those who are sick, the insiders opening the door for outsiders. With God the margins become central: they are identical with Jesus Christ, the king himself. As our study of “Laudato Si” showed, the margins today include those who are effected by a changing climate and the non-human creation itself. As God's stewards of the earth we have a responsibility to protect and ensure the continuation of the species and spaces that are now under threat. This too is an election issue.

For a Christian, voting in an election is not foremost about what is best for me, but about what is best for those on the margins. God's kingdom includes everyone and excludes nothing. The whole world is the domain of God and the cross of Jesus Christ is the reconciliation of all of our differences. So in preparation for April 16th, listen to the heart of Jesus, think about the margins, carry the cross, and pray for God's kingdom to come. ~Pastor Markus

April 7th

We'll hear the story of Palm Sunday and make palm branches as our craft.

April 14th

Palm Sunday! Kids will be encouraged to wave their palm creations at the beginning of the service.

Choir presents "Canticle of the Cross" during the church service.

No scheduled class this week, but childcare will be made available in education wing for parents/grandparents convenience 😊

April 21st

No Kids Church due to Easter Break, BUT please join us for worship as we celebrate that, "Jesus is Risen indeed!"

... hey kids, remember that banner and letters that are waiting quietly in the trunk? This is the day we get to fling open the lid and let the alleluias out! How loud can you sing "Alleluia"? I want to hear you!

April 28th

Classes resume! Our bible lesson is called "Jesus is Alive!"



Storing
the
Alleluia
March 3,
2019





Save The Date *We're Doubly Excited!*

Two brides are being
married in June!

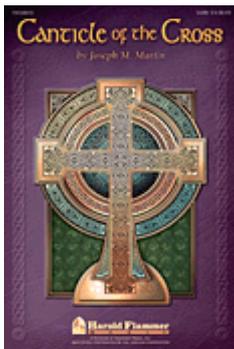
Plan to attend a *Double* Bridal Shower for **Dani Dreger**, daughter of Carol Dreger, and granddaughter to Hilda Lehmann; and **Nicole Leslie**, daughter of Miles and Lori Leslie, and granddaughter to Ed and Maureen Wesner.

Mark your calendar now:

Monday, May 13, 2019, 7:00 pm at Glory Lutheran Church.

More details to follow in May's newsletter.

On Sunday, April 14, Glory's Worship Choir will present the Lenten cantata, The Canticle of the Cross, as part of our worship service.



Canticle of the Cross

Joseph M. Martin

Inspired by Celtic music traditions, this work for Lent and Holy Week presents Christ's journey to the cross. Utilizing folk songs, hymns and newly composed sacred songs, the music adorns the heart felt message of God's love and grace displayed in Christ's

redemptive work on Calvary. A thoughtful narration weaves the movements of the work together with Scripture, prayer and poetry, while delivering a reflective message of hope and assurance.



GLORY MEMBERS

in the Spotlight

... a place to celebrate the lives and good works of Glory People.



Minna Peever

'Twas a dark and stormy night (the writer apologizes but couldn't resist) when Minna's parents were driving with the family doctor toward Hanover Hospital. An oncoming transport truck driver stopped to tell them the road was washed out. Knowing Minna's birth was imminent, the doctor pulled off to the side and delivered Minna. Needing to turn the vehicle around, and fearing the vehicle could slip into the ditch, the doctor made Minna's mother and father leave the vehicle and walk arm in arm out of the way with baby Minna clutched to her father's chest. Once back home she was just a little blue with cold.

Minna, the 7th of 8 children, moved several times as her pastor father accepted calls. When 10, in Normandy Carrick Township she entered a country school with no indoor plumbing. By the age of 13, Minna was playing the pump organ for services.

Following High School, Minna entered Nursing at Kitchener- Waterloo School of Nursing. Minna worked on the Psychiatry Unit for one year, assisting with ECT (Electro Convulsive Therapy). While working General Duty at Hanover Hospital for 5 years, Minna was married and gave birth to Jason Helwig and Becky Helwig (now Donaldson). After 4 years full-time Paediatric nursing in Brantford, ON, Minna had the opportunity to work at the County Jail. While there, they treated a man tossed from a garbage dumpster – the man tried to convince the physician that Lysol helped clean his arteries.

In 1986, the family moved to Sherwood Park where they became members at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church. Minna joined the choir and played the organ. Being part of a congregation has always been an anchor for Minna, a significant part of her life. Minna and her children stayed in Sherwood Park after her marriage ended.

For 21 years, Minna nursed at the Edmonton Institution – a federal maximum security prison. She did health assessments, ECG's, drawing of blood, administering medications, coordinating mental health programs, health promotion and harm reduction (related to Hepatitis C & HIV). She worked with community agencies – re HIV & Hep C. She describes her workplace as a "harsh environment" where she often felt God's protection. She went on, "I have looked the Devil in the face many times..." Minna learned to garner the respect of both staff and prisoners by establishing boundaries, and using humor where appropriate. While at the Edmonton Institution, Minna met Rob Peever, who worked as a Correctional Officer. They married in 1997.

At Glory, Minna has chaired Church Council, began the Prayer Chain program, organized Prayer Partners, and sings in the choir. Rob and Minna enjoy their 5th Wheel – traveling to BC, southern Alberta, and Ontario. Rob also enjoys his motorcycle. They love to visit their grandchildren - Tristan and Audrey in Ontario, and Ryan and Brady in Sherwood Park.

Henry & Myrna Zilm

They exchange smiles as they recount how they met at school in Wawota, Saskatchewan, when they were 14. Despite Henry leaving the area for further education and work, they always remained a couple (their love letters helped). They have been married 53 years.



For years when raising their children, they met each other coming and going to hockey, ringette, football, baseball, soccer, guitar lessons and swimming lessons. Today, they love attending some of same events with their grandchildren here, and traveling often to Saskatchewan to do the same with their grandson there.

Myrna takes delight in home decorating, gardening, and crafting – applying her exceptional skills to all of these hobbies. In quiet moments, she enjoys reading. Meanwhile, Henry focuses on golfing, joining local friends and neighbors a couple times a week. He studies genealogy and uses his economic background to manage their investments. When picking up a book, Henry chooses non-fiction material: books on world religions, and such authors as Ronald Rolheiser, Reginald Bibby, Charles Monroe, and Karen Armstrong. Henry believes, “that as a multi ethnic/multi religious country, it is incumbent on all of us to understand the history, customs, and faiths of our neighbors and fellow citizens.”

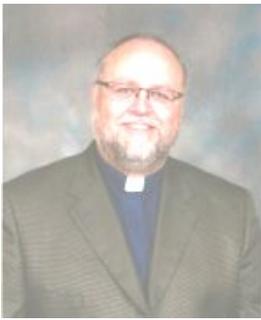
Henry, who was raised on a mixed farm, didn't end up being a farmer, but has been involved in the agriculture industry most of his working life. After graduating from the University of Saskatchewan with a BSc. and MSc. in agricultural economics, he worked for more than 20 years in the SK Department of Agriculture, eventually being promoted to the President of SK Crop Insurance Corporation, and to Assistant Deputy Minister of Agriculture for the province. After leaving government work, he was a herb grower for three years. He ended up his working life operating his own trucking business hauling farm machinery parts to the USA.

Myrna's decision to become a nurse originated as a small child due to many hospitalizations while growing up. The image of these women in crisp white uniforms and caps, with their gentle hands and caring hearts, made a strong impression. Over the years, she enjoyed a variety of nursing opportunities. For several years prior to retirement, she served as a Case Manager for Palliative Home Care, the most humbling and rewarding experience of her entire nursing career.

Today, they love spending time with their three married children and three grandchildren. In retirement they enjoy going to movies, dancing, playing Canasta, and travelling. To celebrate their 50th Anniversary, they took their whole family on a cruise. They return to Scotland to visit family and discover more genealogy on Myrna's side of the family.

Myrna and Henry have been devoted members of four Lutheran congregations. Now at Glory for 10 years, Henry currently serves on Church Council responsible for property management. Together they serve on the Funeral Committee. Myrna applies her decorating talent to multi church projects, is on the Pastoral Care Committee, the Congregational Life Coordinating Committee, and can always be found in the kitchen whenever food is served.

~ written by Marjorie Zelent



Bishop's Message

Dear Beloved of God –

Following the meeting of our National Church Council, March 8-10, 2019, the Western Synod's Examining Committee will also meet in Winnipeg. This meeting is one of the highlights of my year as your synod bishop.

The committee, comprised of one member from each of the four Western Synods, a faculty member from Lutheran Theological Seminary and the candidate's

bishop, will meet this year with five candidates two of whom are from the Synod of Alberta and the Territories.

In the Lutheran tradition, a person's call from God to public ministry is understood as both internal and external or mediated:

1. through an internal, personal sense of call that God is leading a person to public Christian ministry.
2. through public affirmation that the person has the character, commitment, preparation and ability to serve in a specific public ministry, either ordained or diaconal.
3. through the receipt and acceptance of a letter of call to serve in a particular ministry setting.

The responsibility for approval of candidates for rostered ministry in the ELCIC rests with the synods.

The final evaluation of candidates for rostered ministry is in two parts: the written examination (members of the committee are provided with the candidate's responses to a written examination, as well as all other pertinent material from the candidate's dossier) and the examination interview.

The final evaluation is to review and inquire in depth into the candidate's readiness for rostered ministry, and to determine that the candidate meets the requirements for ministry established by the National Church.

The areas of readiness reviewed during the interview are: theological and academic competence, spirituality and faith commitment, personal integrity and leadership abilities, and, call to ministry and ministry gifts.

By the time you read this April Message the Western Synod's Examining Committee will have met and I am hopeful that I will be in conversation regarding Calls to parish ministry and Services of Ordination.

Thank you for your continuing prayers for all candidates for rostered ministry across the ELCIC and for those prayerfully considering candidacy, for members of our ELCIC's Program Committee for Leadership for Ministry, for our seminaries, and for candidacy committees.

In Christ Jesus – Shalom, +Bishop Larry Kochendorfer

"The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13)



FESTIVAL SINGERS

PROUDLY PRESENT

Home



WOODBIDGE FARMS

25TH
ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION

ESTHER MADSEN, DIRECTOR

LINDA STEINBRING, ACCOMPANIST

SATURDAY : OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP
MAY 4 : ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH
13 BROWER DRIVE
SHERWOOD PARK

DOORS 7 P.M. • CONCERT 7:30 P.M.

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GLORY 50 PLUS



Glory 50 Plus Pancake Breakfast

Friday, April 26, 2019 10:00 am

Glory 50 Plus, hosted by Group II, is holding a Pancake Breakfast on Friday, April 26 at the church. Breakfast begins at 10:00 am with our regular meeting after breakfast. Activities to follow.

Community Outreach Committee

Community Outreach was involved with Seedy Saturday. We helped the organizer, Brandie Harrop, with the set-up of the tables and chairs and setting up the Conference room and the Sanctuary for the speakers. Our youth sold hot dogs, chips, Rice Krispie Squares, and beverages and made over \$200.00.

The Outreach Committee had a table in the Sanctuary, promoting their Community Garden. The Stewardship Committee held a raffle for a Bee House. Doug Sime, had an excellent display showing our Creation Care program. Also, a butterfly craft for young children was provided by Glory, thanks to Lynnette Woodrow and Karri McKinnon.

There were less display tables this year, making the Narthex much less crowded, which worked very well.

Now that the weather is warming up, our thoughts are turning to the community garden.



PrayerWORKS

Breakfast April 27, 2019

April 27th is the last breakfast of the season until September.

Please join us at 7am to help cook and serve breakfast at St. Faith's. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

If you are interested now or when we resume in the Fall, please contact Caitlin Havens at lovnmylife@shaw.ca or 587-269-2412 or the office if you are able to help.

An opportunity to support **Hastings Lake Bible Camp** on April 7th

There are five camps/outdoor ministries in the Synod of Alberta and the Territories. Each one is unique in setting, program and leadership but all share in a passion to bring the gospel to their guests using the beauty of creation. These camps view outdoor ministry as an opportunity to provide programs of Christian education, worship, fellowship and recreation to a wide variety of people. Church leaders credit time spent as a camper, staff person, or camp volunteer as being instrumental to their growth in faith and their sense of call to Christian leadership.

Hastings Lake Lutheran Bible Camp is located about a half hour drive east of Edmonton. It is unique in that it borders a wildlife conservation area that draws a host of interesting species of birds and animals. They also boast a heated pool which is a popular attraction to the summer campers. They operate all year long with summer programs offered in July and August.

The Camp has been widening its outreach with its mission *To Make Christ Known* as the number of campers keep increasing and as the number of weekend rentals keep increasing.

In order to address the diverse needs of the campers, plans have been made to replace one of their very old facilities – the Triple Trailer - with a new 2 story Lodge. The Triple Trailer accommodated 38 persons for 25 years and the new Trinity Lodge will sleep the same and provide a kitchen and conference room besides.

The dream was sparked by a generous \$100,000 donation by an anonymous enthusiastic camper late last year. Since then the camp has invited support through the 80 for 80 club (\$80/month for as long as you want) and other events like the 80th Anniversary Celebration in July, the annual Lutefisk Supper, and the Winter Concert at Messiah, Camrose. They have applied for matching government grants and have many enthusiastic volunteers to help with the building when the time comes.

The board members of the Camp thank you for your generous support for Hastings Lake Bible Camp in the past, either as individuals there or as a church family.

In order to help them reach their \$400,000 goal they are sincerely asking their loyal supporters to consider a special donation before May 2019 so that they can actually start building.

Loose offerings and special donations for this project will be collected on Sunday, April 7. If this is a cause that you would like to support, please bring cash or a cheque made out to Hastings Lake Bible Camp. Special envelopes will be provided and receipts for income tax purposes will be issued by the end of the year.

You are also able to donate online by going to the Camp website and clicking on the DONATE button. <https://www.hastingslake.com>



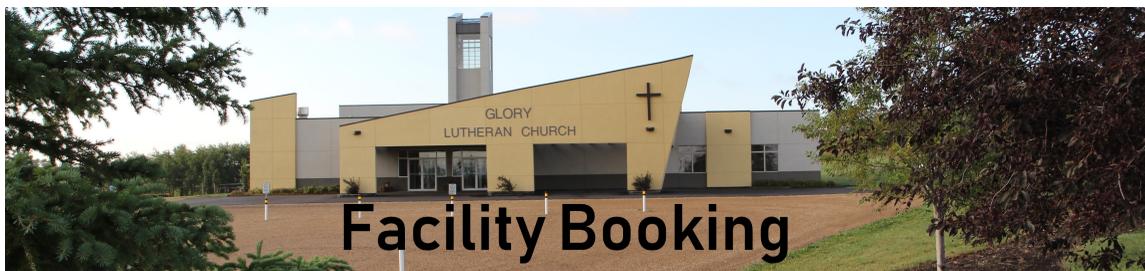
reation Care Support Team

Here are some **green** updates! The CCST met with members who work in the kitchen on a regular basis to discuss ways to make composting easier and more efficient. There is an assembly line of activity when dirty dishes come into the kitchen for sanitizing, and we discussed ways to make the food removal into the green bin more convenient. Myrna Zilm came up with the wonderful idea of having a pull out shelf installed inside the cabinet opening. The shelf could then be placed at a good height for quick and easy plate scraping and would keep the bins off the counter allowing for more work area. Great idea! We took the concept to Ed Wesner who then constructed and installed the system. THANK YOU!

Perhaps you're wondering, "what can we put in the kitchen compost bins?" Since we take our bins off site and place the compost in the Strathcona green bins, we are able to utilize the standards in which our county goes by. Therefore, our kitchen compost can include:



1. **Food waste** (eg. veggie and fruit scraps, meat scraps and bones, egg shells, coffee grounds)
2. **Soiled paper** (eg. paper napkins, paper towels, coffee filters)



Facility Booking

Our church is a busy place with activities from within and without of our congregation. It is important to **book space and time** so there are no conflicts. Check the website (glorylutheran.ca) on the drop down menu under Contact Us. Click on Facility Rental and fill out the ONLINE APPLICATION to book your space and time. Or call the church office and speak with Heidi.

If you want to confirm that a space is free, call the church office or check the *Calendar* on the website on the drop down menu.

What's Happening

GLORY LUTHERAN CHURCH



DATES TO REMEMBER

April 4, 11	Lent Soup Supper 6:00pm
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April 10	Council Meeting 6:30pm
April 14	Choir presents Lenten cantata: <u>Canticle of the Cross</u>
April 18	Maundy Thursday Service 7:00pm
April 19	Good Friday Service 10:30am
April 21	Easter Sunrise Service 8:00am Breakfast 9:00am Easter Service with Communion 10:30am
April 26	Glory 50 Plus Pancake Breakfast & Meeting 10:00am
April 26/27	Landscape Planning Workshop
April 27	PrayerWORKS Breakfast at St. Faith's Anglican 7:00am
May 12	Confirmation Sunday
June 23	Blessing of our Graduates followed by Church Picnic



Thursday, April 4 & 11
Lenten Soup Supper 6PM
Lenten Service 7PM



Thursdays during Lent - Watch for Soup Supper sign up sheets in the Narthex!



**HOLY WEEK &
EASTER SERVICES**

April 14: Palm Sunday 10:30am
April 18: Maundy Thursday 7pm
April 19: Good Friday 10:30am
April 21: Easter Sunrise Service 8am
Easter Breakfast 9am
Easter Service 10:30am

VBS 2019



JULY 15-19, 2019

**REGISTER ONLINE:
WWW.GLORYLUTHERAN.CA
FULL OR HALF DAYS.**

Join us for VBS 2019 for a fun-filled week of crafts, games, stories and snacks! This year, we have a fun Western theme and will also be focusing on teaching kids green practices to protect God's creation. Children ages 4-12 welcome. Teens of ages 13+ are invited to volunteer as Junior Leaders! Adult volunteers will be required as well. If you are interested in sharing your time and talents, please email glorylc.VBS@hotmail.com



LCBI

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High School Concert Choir
Presents

SING WITH JOY SPRING TOUR

St. John's Lutheran Church,
52233 Range Road 221, Ardrossan
on Saturday, April 13th @ 3:00PM
Plan to come and enjoy a great concert!

Tuesday - Friday, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.
Mondays - CLOSED

Please note that the door to the church will usually be locked and you'll need to ring the doorbell by the front door.



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