

CHURCH *Matters*



Glory Lutheran Church Newsletter - 11.19 Edition



Ordination Service of **SETH JAMES PERRY**

Tuesday, October 8, 2019
Glory Lutheran Church





First Aid at Glory

If there was a medical emergency of any kind at Glory Lutheran Church, would you know where to find the first aid kits and other first aid equipment?

There are two complete first aid kits available - one is kept in the office on the floor under the left side of Heidi's desk. The other is at the sound desk at the back of the sanctuary. There is a modified first aid kit in the Sunday School rooms as well.

Both a CPR kit and an AED unit are kept in the narthex, as well as a naloxone rescue kit in the office. Please do not remove the kits unless necessary - but if they are used elsewhere, they need to be returned to their designated placement. Please contact Minna Peever, Pat Becker, or Heidi (in the office) if replacement supplies or additional items are needed in any of the kits.

We will be holding a refresher/training session on first aid/emergency situation protocol at the church in the new year. You would be welcome and encouraged to attend. Please watch for further details.

Community Outreach

Glory is once again going to participate of the ICPM (Inner City Pastoral Ministry) distribution of Emanuel Christmas gifts to the homeless and those in need in the inner city. In 2018 the gifts transitioned to gift cards and this will be done again this year. They are asking donors for Gift Cards from Walmart in \$10 and \$20 or \$35 denominations. Each Christmas gift will include a \$35 gift card, which will enable individuals to purchase what they need. Other items that can be contributed are, waterproof ski gloves (M L XL), toques, scarves, cotton socks, men's or ladies underwear (M L XL), long underwear for men or women (M L XL), bus tickets. Please bring these items separately from the gift cards and please label clearly for ICPM.

Thank you very much for the contributions that will be made by our congregation.

Kindest regards, Barb Anderson

Membership Preparation Lunch & Learn

Sundays in November 2019 after worship service

The vision of Glory is to reach up, reach out, and reach in as we seek to live out our faith. Here at Glory Lutheran Church, we offer a 4-week orientation for those who would like to know more about who we are and what we believe.

After attending the weekly sessions, the participants are given the option to join our church and are formally welcome into membership during a special Sunday morning service to be held on December 1, 2019.

The Lunch & Learn sessions will be casual and conversational and are open to all individuals, while also serving as a New Member Class for those attending Glory that are interested in officially joining our membership.

For more information, or to register, please contact the office.

Sandwiches, Veggies, and One Long Assembly Line

Thank you to more than 20 bakers who provided cookies and squares for the Inner City Pastoral Ministry lunch on September 22nd. Special thanks to Jean Wickware for donating all the sandwich bread (from the Italian Bakery). Once again we are grateful to Kuhlman's Greenhouse for their donation of stacks of fresh vegetables. And thank you to the 23 people who showed up on Saturday morning ready to cut, peel, and chop vegetables, assemble approximately 470 sandwiches, and pack lunch bags ready to hand out on Sunday morning. Another team pulled up to Glory's front door early Sunday morning to load coolers of food before heading to the Bissell Centre.



This year's Sunday team of 16 included 8 new individuals. Thanks to the entire team and special kudos to our youth who took part – Evan Blades on Saturday morning (the brave and only young person there) and Dayna and Jared Nelson on Sunday who confidently served the guests following Emmanuel's worship service. So nice to have Pastor Markus and Andrea drop in to greet us Sunday and for Pastor Seth to join our team as well.

Since the renovation of the Bissell Centre, ICPM is able to serve only 100 guests indoors. All additional food is handed out at the door in lunch bags. Due to their limited prep space, our Glory team assembled more than 150 bag lunches in our church narthex. We are the first congregation to do this. The Community Outreach team was pleased with the results, and the ICPM staff were thrilled with the ease of our Sunday morning preparations. (My apologies for not taking photos Saturday morning.)



~Marjorie Zalent
On behalf of the Community Outreach
Committee

thank you

Greetings from Kingston. After five days of travel we have arrived and we are settling in to the parsonage. We drove an average of eight hours a day. Our second day of travel led us straight through a blizzard in North Dakota. The dogs were asleep in the car the entire way and didn't fuss much. We arrived at 3pm on October 13th. We immediately took the dogs out for a walk 10 minutes down the street to the shores of Lake Ontario. The parsonage is spacious and comfortable. On Thanksgiving Monday our moving shipment arrived and we unloaded. I started work on Wednesday. The congregants at St. Mark's Kingston have been accommodating beyond all expectations.

I would like to take a moment and thank everyone from Glory. I could single out people one at a time but everyone contributed to my education and formation. I will always remember my internship congregation as a supportive and thriving environment. Thank you for the generous gifts and thank you for hosting my ordination. Clarice and I are so grateful. Blessings to you all!

Sincerely, Seth Perry



The Coordinating Committee would like to send out a huge thank you to all who volunteered their time, muscles and kitchen skills for Seth's Ordination service. Thank you to all who cooked their best dishes for us to enjoy, for all who helped set up and take down tables, and those serving and cleaning in the kitchen. We could not successfully take on an event like this without your help. We appreciate you!

~Myrna Zilm, Donna Dawson and Judy Malcolm

**Morning Glory
Collective Cooking Day
October 16, 2019**



Twelve people participated in the Morning Glory Collective Cooking Day on October 16 with 3 helper babysitters, Thank you to **Pat, Lynnette & Tammy** for babysitting and to **Meagan Keller & Susan Ronsko** for planning.

Many thanks to **Len, Pat and Mark** for their wonderful work in preparing the community garden for the next growing season on October 24. The potatoes and turnips are harvested and are now feeding the hungry at St Faith's Anglican in downtown Edmonton. In total 300 lbs of potatoes and 20 lbs of turnips were grown and donated to PrayerWorks Community Meals at St Faith's. We are blessed with beautiful and rich black soil at Glory. Sharing this goodness is a tangible way that we are Reaching Out.



GLORY MEMBERS

in the Spotlight

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

Laurene Kiel

Raised on a farm near Leduc, Laurene, the eldest of three children, piled into a horse driven buggy or sleigh with the neighbor kids to ride two and a half miles to school. She enjoyed walking on snow banks often higher than the fence lines. Since she and her parents spoke only German, Laurene spent one and a half years in Grade One till she mastered the English language.

Laurene recalls her mother storing their garden vegetables in a cold room, canning the rest, then adding fruit preserves, and canned meat (mostly chicken they raised) till more than 200 mason jars lined the shelves. She carried cut wood to pile near the furnace. Her Dad bought coal for use in the kitchen stove and furnace. Laurene lugged many pails of water into the house that was not equipped with electricity or running water. She missed school in the fall to help her mother with chores while her dad worked with the threshing crew.

After completing Grade 10, Laurene worked at the local post office for three and a half years. In February 1956, Laurene met Rudy while dancing at the Rainbow Ballroom in Edmonton. Laurene says, "Courting, romance, and dreams were good!" So good that they married in October 1956, later raising three children – Gary, Sylvia, and Lynda. (They have one grandson – Christopher.) While living with Laurene's parents, and Grandma babysat Gary, Laurene returned to work at Great West Garment Company (GWG) labelling denim jackets and jeans. In 1960 they built their first home in east Edmonton. After the girls were born, Laurene was a stay-at-home Mom, joining them in school and community activities.

In the '60's, Rudy worked as janitor at Elmwood Park Community Hall while Laurene did catering there for 10 years. When they heard that the building of Yellowhead Trail was imminent, and would soon encroach on their home, they bought an acreage near Fort Saskatchewan where they built their second home. Laurene still resides there today.

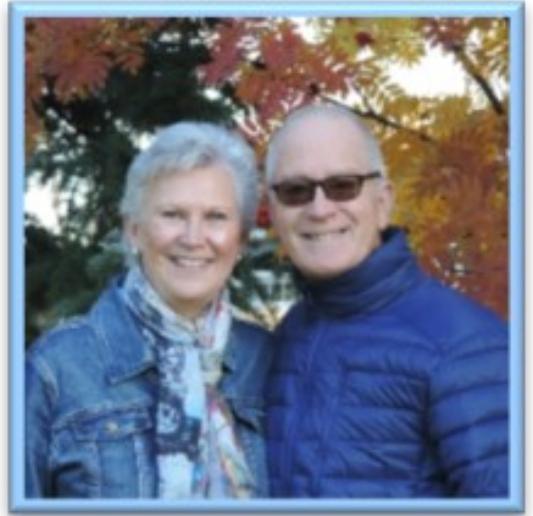
In 1988, their daughter Sylvia introduced them to square dancing which they enjoyed for 29 years. They "do-si-doed" their way from California, Arizona, to Lolo, Montana, and attended a few National Conventions and provincial jamborees, festivals, and campouts. Other travel took them to Hawaii, the Middle East, China, Caribbean, Alaska, BC, USA, and eastern Canada.

For six years in the '80's, Laurene prepared a monthly newsletter for the Council of Edmonton Lutheran Churches (ELCIC) sent to Edmonton churches. Then the Lutheran newspaper – Tune-In – was started, with Ellen Kierstead. Laurene partnered with Ellen to promote upcoming events, news items, and paid advertising. Laurene and Rudy were members at St. John's Lutheran from '56-'93 where their children were baptized and confirmed. In '93 they joined Mount Olivet. Laurene and Rudy were married 61 years. Currently, Laurene is a phoner for worship service volunteers, and looks after the goodies for Sunday coffee. She feels blessed to have her Glory family who were especially supportive when Rudy died in June, 2018. She enjoys time at Lake Isle Lutheran Camp with her family.



Lynn and Rita Spain

After 30 years at FR Haythorne and Bev Facey, Lynn retired from teaching. Already a skilled carpenter, he took up renovation work for 10 years. He says he is now retired from that profession as well – occasionally helping friends when needed. The custom made cabinets and tables in their home are vivid evidence of Lynn's expertise and artistic skills (and Rita's great ideas). Their family-focused deck and back yard, bordered with majestic trees, are a strong testament to their teamwork and creativity. When they moved into their home in 1988, theirs was the second house in the neighbourhood, with neither trees nor fences.



Today, Lynn fills his days doing fall clean up, building furniture and volunteering at the Food Bank. He stays active with racquet ball, squash, skiing, and bike riding.

Part of his motivation for staying fit, is to keep up with their four grandchildren when he and Rita take them to swim, bike, or run in the playground. Two grandsons live in Minnesota, while Amalia and Connor are nearby.

As of 2019, Lynn and Rita became trailer owners. More than 8000 km are already recorded on their odometer since April, with plans to play golf at Alberta courses and check out Canadian communities. This year they traveled to Toronto for a niece's wedding which happened to be the day Lynn and Rita celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. Rita mentions, "After our first date, I knew I was going to marry that man." Lynn, born in Trail, BC, attended Selkirk College in Castlegar, BCIT in Burnaby, then on to U of Calgary, and U of A Edmonton where he studied Industrial Education.

Rita, born in Edmonton, attended Bonnie Doon High, the U of A where she received her teaching degree, and U of Portland for her Masters' degree. For two years, Rita taught at the Evelyn Unger School for Language and Learning Development and then held various positions at Elk Island Public Schools including coordinator of the Logos Christian Program at Brentwood School and coordinator of the German Bilingual Program at Mills Haven School. Rita was seconded to Alberta Education for five years where she was the Education Manager for Safe and Caring Schools and later Education Programs in Institutions. She retired as Assistant Principal from Wes Hosford and then contracted with Alberta Education for four years.

In her free time, Rita creates photo books of the grandchildren and of her and Lynn's travels to Alaska, the Mediterranean, the Panama Canal, the East Coast, New York, Boston, Texas, Florida, Germany, Poland, the Czech Republic, Hawaii, Chicago, San Francisco, Las Vegas.

Rita played with Soul Fire, the Praise Team at Mount Olivet. At Glory, she took part in the 10th Anniversary Planning Committee, participates in children's stories, is a member of the Memorial Garden Committee, the Worship Planning Committee and the World Day of Prayer. At Mount Olivet, Lynn sang in the choir and helped with maintenance and repairs. At Glory, he served on the Building Planning Committee, the Church Tower Work Group, and the Lawn Maintenance Committee. Rita and Lynn have volunteered in Amalia's past school helping with the skating and swimming programs.

Living our FAITH

PRAY READ WORSHIP LOVE

ELCIC National Bishop Susan Johnson personally invites you to join with your sisters and brothers across this church, individually and as congregations and specialized ministries, to strive for a deeper discipleship as we live out our baptismal covenants.



“God is calling us into this deeper relationship—a call to living out our baptismal covenants.”

Over the next four years, we will take a closer look at each of the following four areas:

PRAY

2019–2020: We are called to daily prayer. Whether this is an area you are completely comfortable with or something you have struggled with, there is no one way to pray, nor is there any one time to pray. Pray whenever and however you feel comfortable.

READ

2020–2021: We are called to daily reading of the Bible. There are many ways to include reading the Bible into your daily life.

WORSHIP

2021–2022: We are called to regular attendance at communal worship and regular personal devotions. Consider ways that you can increase your worship life.

LOVE

2022–2023: We are called to live generous lives. Love includes community and service. Love encompasses all. *And now faith, hope and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love* (1 Corinthians 13:13).

PRAY

We are called to daily prayer. Whether this is an area you are completely comfortable with or it's something you want to grow, a daily prayer practice is very individual—there is no one right way to pray! Pray whenever and however you feel comfortable. And if you're looking for ways to grow your daily prayer, here are a few thoughts to consider:

- ◆ Set aside a bit of time each day to prayer. In this busy and hectic world, find time each day and commit to spending 5, 10, 15 minutes or more focusing on prayer. Pencil it in your calendar so it becomes a regular part of your daily life.
- ◆ Be specific about your prayer practice. As the names of people who you want to pray for come into your mind, write down their names so that when you get to the time you have set aside for prayer, you can pray for that person by name.
- ◆ Consider using a daily devotion (such as *Eternity for Today* or *Praying the Catechism*) to focus your prayer practice. These resources include a scripture reading, a reflection and a prayer or some guidance on what to include in your prayers.
- ◆ Start a journal. Keep a journal and include in there your prayers. Commit to writing in it daily.
- ◆ Follow the *Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer*. For each Sunday there are intentions for specific groups in both the ACC and ELCIC. Look around for other prayer cycles that you'd like to include as part of your prayer life.
- ◆ Offer prayers for others when you feel they could use a prayer. You may be surprised how often this will be a welcome gesture.

Living Our Faith Weekly Reflections:
elcic.ca/LivingOurFaith/resources.cfm

Message from Pastor Markus

“The Living Dead”

Whenever we celebrate All Saints Sunday, we read the names of church members, family and friends who have died. We remember them in prayer and light a candle in their honor. But where are they, the “dead”? What does it even mean to “be dead”? We sometimes call them “the departed” or talk about our “late” loved one. These expressions suggest special and temporal separation. But are those who died literally somewhere “else” in space or sometime other than now? What do we mean as Christians when we use these words? Should we even use them?

Sorting through my dad’s books I am reminded of him, and of all the people who wrote those books. One of the books has the title “Luther lebt!”. In English “Luther lives”. It talks about the ongoing significance of Martin Luther and his life and work. The title made me think about who else might live, even though they died. With the incredible advancement of external memory, i.e. computer chips, which enable us to carry many libraries full of books in our pockets, we have access to so many people who might live, though they are no longer alive on earth. But do they live, if we don’t read or remember their life work? Is it not the act of remembering that brings them into the here and now? And is it okay to then say that they live? We talk about “living memory” because life is remembering. It does not matter whether plant or animal or human, memory is literally in our DNA, built into creation. There is no life without the replication of DNA, the biological building blocks that store the information of past individuals which produce the present and future individual forms of life. So what is life without memory?

When we remember the saints on “All Saints Day”, and the fallen on Remembrance Day, we are making present what seems far away. We re-member, put pieces back together as it were. Thus the dead live. When we celebrate Holy Communion with Jesus and each other at his table, we remember, we re-member, God re-memembers, puts us back together with Jesus, puts us together with those who make up the body of Christ, past present and future. In our act of remembering God makes the past present and the future real. What is the present except the difference between past and future? In the moment of communing we remember and anticipate the mystery of faith: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. And so Jesus is present every moment. Through Jesus’ death and resurrection the Holy Spirit gives us the spiritual DNA, the building blocks of eternal life which we pass on to the next generation by communicating the words and acts of faith. And so our faithful loved ones who died are alive in Christ, all those we can read about, and all those we can’t, and all those whom no-one remembers except God. Because eternal life is ultimately not dependent on our memory, but on the One who remembers us, on the creator and savior who lives and reigns forever.

~Pastor Markus



Bishop's Message

Dear Beloved of God–

Our Synod seeks to live out of four Mission Priorities reviewed and approved at our 2019 Synod Convention. One of these Mission Priorities is Collaborative Partnerships. Here, we say in part that, “Listening to the Spirit’s leadership we are intentional in developing deeper relationships, sharing of resources, and partnership ministries within Areas of the Synod.”



Together, in the Synod of Alberta and the Territories and across the ELCIC, we are experiencing several common realities: increased congregational vacancies, decreased congregational finances and participation, fewer pastoral graduates, to name a few. In the mist of these realities we continue to journey together seeking to discern God’s work in our communities and to join God in God’s mission.

With our Collaborative Partnerships Mission Priority in mind, as well as our current context, I invited 28 congregations, and lay and rostered leaders, to gather in three regions of the West and East Central Areas of our Synod in early October for a Collaborative Partnership Gathering. 23 out of 28 congregations were represented at the three regional gatherings.

October 1 – Bethel Lutheran, Camrose – over 60 participants representing 12 congregations
October 2 – Peace Lutheran, Leduc – over 30 participants representing 6 congregations
October 7 – Peace Lutheran, Innisfail – 53 participants representing 5 congregations

I am grateful for the presence of God’s Spirit among us and guiding us as we gathered. And, I am grateful for the participation of so many.

The goal of the evening was to kindle conversation and extend a call to further conversations and collaboration. The goal was to frame and reframe how we see ourselves: where are we at? what is our current reality? The goal of the evening was to engage in conversation sharing where God is at work, and where God is calling us to. The goal was to spark conversation about what journeying forward together might look like. The goal was to begin conversation and to continue these conversations at the upcoming Area Gatherings.

During each Gathering time was spent in prayer and in Dwelling in the Word considering John 21:1-14. What stands out for you in the text? a word? a phrase? What questions do you have of the text? Considering the gathering and current realities what might the Spirit of God be saying to us tonight?

Following the Collaborative Partnership Gathering at Peace Lutheran, Innisfail, Vivian Holtby, a member at Grace Lutheran, Wetaskiwin and a member of the West Central Area Leadership

Team forwarded this reflection on John 21:1-14 to me, as well as a picture. I share Vivian's reflection with her permission.



Photo Credit: Vivian Holtby January 2018
Off-shore from Tiberius on the Sea of Galilee. Casting the net.

Lord, I'm so tired and I'm so weary, but I must go on you say. So much loneliness, so much toil, so little fruit (fish)(people)(believers), so little hope! I came to fish in this night, for that is when fishing is good. The moon shines on the water on the left side of the boat so I cast there. The fish make themselves known as the light sparkles on their scales. But tonight, there is no moon, so

I/we don't see them. The light is not with us, the Light is not in us, not in me, not in Peter! It's not in the fish, the people. You're watching us, waiting, seeing, knowing. You say, how do I bring you back to me? So, you greet, you speak. You offer us insight, an idea, a way in, a way out, a way forward, a way to success, hope. What is that hope- to feed and to be fed? To have strength and hope? To have friends travel the road with you? To have a purpose? To have You! Ah, try something different today, tomorrow, tonight! Look on the untrod path, look to the least likely, look to the unknown, look inward, look outward,, look on the other side of the boat! I looked elsewhere Lord, right close by, on the other side of the boat, fence, road, street, city, world. In my neighbour's yard! I found 153, more or less, and I thought- what do I do now? So, I brought them to breakfast with me! You were there waiting with your few. We sat in that place, there in the beach and we- those already there and those brought by me/us- breakfasted together. I'm no longer tired, weary, lonely as I found a fisherman's net full of believers, just on the other side of the boat! Thank you, Lord, for leading me where I needed to go- out there in untried water, so to speak, so that I might find you and your people where you wanted me to find You and them!

Try the other side of the boat!

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)

November



THIS MONTH IN KIDS' CHURCH



November 3: All Saints Sunday. We will create a 'Faith Family Tree'

November 10: NO Kids Church this Sunday due to the EIPS Fall Break.

November 17: God is always with us!

November 24: Christ The King Sunday.



GLORY

50 PLUS

EVENT

November 22

Lunch & Tour of Museum

Meet at Glory at 11:30 AM
to car pool to museum at 913 Ash Street
(old RCMP building off Wye Rd)

Cost: \$15 to be paid at museum

Event: 12 Noon Lunch & Tour of Museum

Includes: Homemade soup, sandwiches,
tea/coffee, sweets, film & tour.

Please RSVP to Carol King by Nov. 20,

Welcome to all Newcomers!

Please call or email the office for a name tag; offering envelopes; and a mail folder for newsletters, notices, etc.

A New Member Course will begin **November 3rd**. All who are interested in learning what it means to be members of Glory please contact the office to register for the four-week course.

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 2	Festival Singers Fall Workshop - All Day
November 3, 10, 17, 24	New Members Lunch & Learn (4 weeks) 12:00pm
November 13	Council Meeting 6:30 pm
November 7 & 21	Confirmation Class 6:30pm
November 22	Glory 50 Plus - Lunch & Tour of Museum 11:30am
November 23	PrayerWORKS Breakfast at St. Faith's 7:00am Advent Dinner 6:00pm
November 27 & 28	Morning Glory Collective Kitchen
December 1	New Members Welcome During Worship Service
December 7	Festival Singers Concert



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.



Glory Lutheran Church
Advent Dinner

November 23, 2019
6:00 pm

Everyone is welcome, please RSVP
on the sheet in the Narthex by **November 10**.

Menu

2 kinds of meatballs, salad, buns, dessert; which
will be provided. There are **sign-up sheets** in the
Narthex for 3 types of side dishes: potato dishes,
rice dishes and vegetable dishes.
Please bring side dishes by 5:45pm.

There will be a free-will offering.

Council Opportunities

Our church council has a few outgoing members whose positions will need to be filled in 2020.
Over the next while, please consider whether you may be called to volunteer your gifts.

This Newsletter is available IN FULL COLOUR online!

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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