

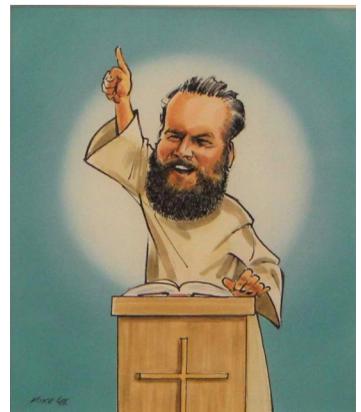
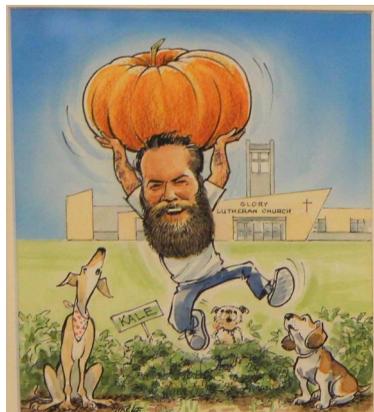
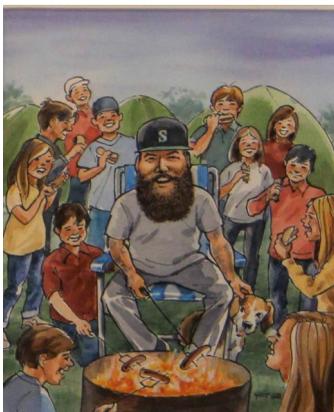
# CHURCH Matters



Glory Lutheran Church Newsletter - 03.19 Edition



## Farewell Intern Pastor Seth



Artwork by Mike Lee, framed and presented to Seth as a farewell gift from Glory Lutheran Church.

*additional photos on page 15, thank you Doug Sime.*



# GLORY

LUTHERAN CHURCH

2019  
Church Council



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& Nomination

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**Heidi Jones**  
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## Council Highlights

Council Organization – In accordance with the constitution, church council reviewed the various areas of responsibility and assigned members to the various portfolios. Please see the council photo directory in this newsletter for specific areas of responsibility.

Church Council Installation – The installation of church council will be Sunday, March 3.

Next Council Meeting – the next Church Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m.

Plans are moving forward to repair the tower of the church. The Property Committee, with input and advice from Ed Wesner, Lynn Spain, and Brett Woodrow, is hoping to accomplish three things in the upcoming year. The windows will need to be replaced to prevent further leaks. It is hoped that the new windows will have a cross included in the design and possibly some back lighting. Ideally, the tower will be opened to the Narthex to provide natural light. Work will probably begin in late April.

## 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](mailto:tammy.kihn@gmail.com)**  
If you are interested in this position.

## Message from Pastor Markus

### Descent into Lent and Life after Seth

As we descend from the bright mountain top of the Transfiguration into the gray of Ash Wednesday, we also come down from the mountain top experience of having intern pastor Seth Perry with us for eighteen months into the normal routine of life at Glory Lutheran Church. Likely some of you are grieving his leaving and asking, "Is there life after Seth?". It was a good time together, for us as the learning congregation, and for him as a pastor in training. It was enriching to me personally and professionally as I know it was for many of you, and many of us were hoping we could hang on to the experience. However, as we look at the wider picture of intern Seth's developing ministry and consider the picture of the church as a whole, the guidelines of the church and our seminary make sense. Interns are supposed to go forward, not stay put in their learning site, just as graduates are supposed to go on to a job, a career, or further schooling.

We can give thanks for the learning and the widening of our horizons during these eighteen months of internship. Seth's presence with us has made many of us more aware of the grace and power of God, as we got to know his story. We were energized by his humor and touched by his compassion. We should treasure these gifts, but we can't hold on to them.

The disciples of Jesus witnessed the glory of God on the mount of transfiguration. They wanted to hold on to the experience. Peter in particular. He said, "Lord, it is good to be here; let us build three huts for you and Moses and Elijah." Peter didn't know what he was saying. The glory faded, but Jesus stayed. And now the disciples were equipped for the descent into the valley. They had seen God's glory shine around their Lord, and around themselves. They were energized and touched, and made aware of the very presence of God. This presence would not leave them, even though the visible glory faded. They had to descend to the flat terrain. But their descent was at least as important as their ascent. Life is lived in the valley, not on top of a mountain. The disciples especially need to know God's presence in the coming weeks, because Jesus, their Lord and master, will be rejected by the religious leaders, he will be betrayed by one disciple and denied by another. He will be captured by the temple police, prosecuted by the state, and sentenced to death on a cross by Pontius Pilate. And the point is this: God will be there. In fact, the whole point of the transfiguration was to tell us that the man on the cross is the "beloved Son of God", whose divine power is hidden under his frail humanity.

God is with us in the everyday, in the valley, in the gray of Ash Wednesday, and in the black of Good Friday. God is with us in our personal grayness and darkness, in the twilight that is so long in these dog days of winter. God is with us in our depression just as much as in our moments of elation. Maybe more so. In any case it's most important at our low points to remember that God is with us. Let us never forget the mountain, the light, the joy, the laughter. But let us never become the subject of that Bruce Springsteen song where the once-great baseball player he knew in high-school ends up drinking in a bar talking about nothing but the "glory days". Our church's name is a reminder that the glory of God is to shine in the darkness. ~Pastor Markus

# Thank you

Is there someone in our church family you would like to thank? Please let Heidi in the office know by way of the church email or call and we can include your special “Thank You” in the next newsletter!!

I want to send out a HUGE thank you to my Glory family for all the support, prayers, and cards I have received in the past year. Alan’s death was and still is extremely difficult for me to handle, and now with my Dad also gone to his heavenly home just 4 weeks ago, there is a huge hole in my heart. I could not get through this grief and my continuing care now for my Mom if it were not for you all lifting me up in prayer for strength and guidance. Thank you and God’s richest blessings to everyone. You are all so precious to me.

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HUGE  
- THANK YOU -

*Elizabeth Wood*

Thank you to our **Internship Committee members:**

**Brett Woodrow, Kurtis Ashton, Astrid Deibert, Joan Jeffrey, Minna Peever, Neil Querengesser, and Rose Schlegl.** Your work has been an invaluable and significant contribution to Seth’s internship with us and his preparation as a future pastor.

Thank  
You

## Greetings

To my Glory family:

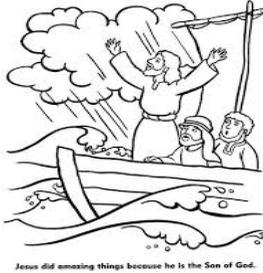
Hi everyone and greetings from Airdrie! We are settled in our new condo here and beginning to feel at home in our new community although we miss Sherwood Park and our friends there.

Although I had planned to join you at Worship more frequently the reality has been quite different and I have managed only one visit. I do keep in touch however and plan to worship with you whenever I have the opportunity. Between visits please know that I miss you all and treasure all the special memories I have of Glory Lutheran Church and it’s people, those present and those whom we miss so dearly but who are still with us in spirit.

Blessings to all, *Diane Doering*



This month in Kids Church we will be learning about some bible stories that show Jesus' power:

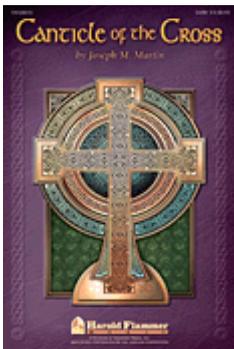


- Jesus feeds 5,000
- Jesus stops the storm
- Jesus walks on water
- Jesus heals a man's eyes

**\*\* please note that there will be  
NO Kids Church on March 24<sup>th</sup>  
due to Spring Break**

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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.





## Seedy Saturday

### What is a Seedy Saturday?

Seedy Saturdays are a remarkable phenomenon. They are not one event, but a series of separate events, which have sprung up across the country, each individually and uniquely organized under the same general themes of encouraging the use of open-pollinated and heritage seeds, enabling a local seed exchange, and educating the public about seed saving and environmentally responsible gardening practices. They usually occur on a Saturday, hence the name, but also occur on Sundays and other days.

Seedy Saturdays are fun, inexpensive events where you can swap and exchange seeds, get exciting varieties that other seed savers are sharing (as well as the stories that come with them), attend workshops and talks, meet vendors and buy seeds from seed companies. Whether you are a first-time or master gardener, seed enthusiast or expert seed saver, there really is something for everyone.

### A Seedy Saturday will be held at Glory on Saturday, March 9, 2019.

This particular Seedy Saturday has been organized by a local resident for several years. Last year, Glory Lutheran Church hosted the event and will be doing so again this year.

**We are looking for volunteers** in various capacities - setting up and taking down, attending the parking lot, and various other things. Please keep this date in mind and consider helping out when the time comes.

**Please sign up to volunteer on the signup sheet in the Narthex.**

# **GLORY MEMBERS**

*in the Spotlight*

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

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*~ written by Marjorie Zelent*



## **Hilda Lehmann**

Hilda, in her retirement years, is pleased to be living in the same home since 1966 where she and Alfred raised their family.

Hilda was born and raised on the farm near Ponoka along with one sister and four brothers. She attended Mecca Glen School, completing Grade XII in Ponoka. Following secretarial school in Red Deer, Hilda worked for more than two years for Noble & Noble, a Ponoka legal firm.

It was in Ponoka that Hilda met Alfred who had come there to work for a plumber. Following his attendance at SAIT to acquire his plumbing credentials, Alfred returned to work for Twa's plumbing. Later Alfred joined the Plumbers' & Pipefitters Union which ensured him steady work in various Alberta locations.

Meanwhile, Hilda and Alfred were married in September 1959. By 1966, they had three children – Darlene, Dale, and Carol. When Carol was a baby, they moved to Sherwood Park, purchasing their home on Jay Court. Soon after moving, Alfred, riding his bicycle in the neighborhood, came home to announce he had found their church - they joined Mount Olivet Lutheran Church.

While raising their three young children, Hilda was asked to babysit neighbor twins. Brian and Brenda became a regular part of the family activities. Hilda and Carol remain connected with them today even though Brenda lives in Texas while Brian and his family live nearby.

Hilda's family continues to grow. She had four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, all living in either Edmonton or Leduc. Granddaughter Dani, a member of Glory Lutheran Church, is attending University, lives in her Sorority House, and is President of the Sorority. Dani is to be married in June.

Hilda shares fond memories of their family camping adventures. Joining daughter Darlene and her husband, Duane, she describes Alf and Duane lighting the campfire and preparing breakfast while Hilda lolled about in their motorhome. Fishing from their boat was a popular pastime. As the family grew, Hilda was always prepared with games at the campsite and in their backyard. Seek and Find was a favorite game.

At Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, Hilda taught Sunday School, while Alfred served on Council. Alfred was always popular with his plumbing skills as the need arose at church.

Family still draws Hilda back to Ponoka where her two brothers continue to live on the farm and her sister is in the Ponoka Lodge. Hilda will be traveling to the farm soon to do annual income tax returns for her brothers – a yearly commitment.

Since Hilda's beloved Alfred died in 2008, Hilda is pleased to have daughter Carol (Dreger) living at home, sharing meals together. Hilda also travels with family to BC to visit son, Dale, who lives on Vancouver Island.

## Alan Fingler

Alan is employed by the Provincial Government, Department of Energy, Records and Information Management, which involves transferring hard copy data to electronic medium and working extensively with Oil, Gas, and Mineral Agreements. Prior to his 20+ years in this job, he worked for Economic Development and Tourism.

Earlier, Alan worked in corrections. He obtained a Criminology degree at the U of A, volunteered at the Edmonton Remand Centre for 4 years, and as a Volunteer Probation Officer before pursuing his degree. As part of his practicum at the Edmonton Institution (federal penitentiary) working in psychology, Alan was involved in various inmate programs including Preparation for Parole Hearings, and he assisted in developing an inmate Emotional Awareness program. Alan has reconnected with some inmates



who have not reoffended, having established themselves as law-abiding citizens. Alan also worked in probation, supervising young offenders at the former Bosco Homes, near Sherwood Park.

Years ago, using his accounting background, Alan worked for Credit Foncier, a mortgage company. While attending High School in Ardrossan, and afterwards, Alan worked with his parents, Rose and Art, at their thriving service station on Hwy.16, near Elk Island Park. When the family moved from Edmonton (Alan attended Grades 1 & 2 at Allendale) to the country, Alan (in Grade 3) and his sister, Debbie, were thrilled to ride the school bus. He vividly remembers the moment they climbed onboard, each clutching a new orange lunch kit. His family were members of Trinity Lutheran Church.

Since the age of 14, Alan has been interested in photography. Today, with his digital camera, he enjoys experimenting with shots of various subjects using different techniques. Several of Alan's photos have been published in the Sherwood Park News. Viewing photography as an art form, Alan echoes "A picture is worth a 1,000 words."

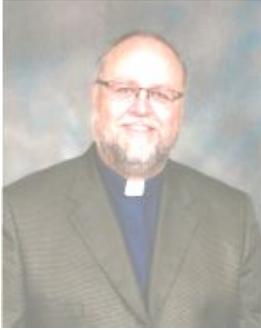
Alan's travels have taken him to China (x3), Peru, and India, with plans to visit more Canadian sites and Southeast Asia where the food, culture, and people attract him.

Asked about pets, Alan's eyes light up when describing "Monty" his bearded dragon snake that he had for more than five years. He thinks a tarantula or African millipede would make a good pet – saying the millipede feels like a tiny toothbrush as it walks on your arm. When a kid, his mother found him planning to sleep with a salamander on the pillow next to him.

Alan's hobbies have included lapidary work – having made jewelry, and today, he still looks for stone specimens for his collection that includes two meteorites from Texas and Russia.

Always "artsy-crafty", Alan made set designs at St. John Lutheran Church for musicals; crowns, headgear, & jewellery for a musical at Mount Olivet; and currently orchestrates seasonal decorations at our church. At St. John's he played the organ, directed the choir for more than three years, taught Sunday School, and served on Church Council.

Alan enjoys cooking – seeking out strange ingredients and willing to try unusual foods like lamb intestines, Rocky Mountain "Oysters" and balut. For the Taste of Mount Olivet he prepared samosas, Malaysian and Thai food. Looking ahead, Alan's plans include retiring, moving to a smaller home, and pursuing part-time work as a photographer.



## Bishop's Message

Dear Beloved of God –

On the western slope of the Mount of Olives, just across the Kidron Valley from Jerusalem, sits a small chapel, Dominus Flevit, from the Latin: Dominus – “the Lord”; Flevit – “wept.” The name of the chapel comes from Luke’s Gospel, which contains not one but two accounts (13:31f;

19:41f) of Jesus weeping over Jerusalem. According to tradition, it was here, that Jesus wept over the city.

Inside the chapel, the altar is centered before a high arched window that looks out over the city of Jerusalem. Iron grillwork divides the view into sections, so that on a sunny day the effect is that of a stained-glass window except that what you see through the window is not colored glass, not an artist’s rendering of the holy city, but the city itself, with the Dome of the Rock in the bottom left corner and the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in the center ([www.seetheholyland.net/church-of-dominus-flevit/](http://www.seetheholyland.net/church-of-dominus-flevit/)).

Down below, on the front of the altar, is a picture, a mosaic medallion of a white hen with a golden halo around her head. Her red comb resembles a crown, and her wings are spread wide to shelter the pale, yellow chicks that crowd around her feet. There are seven of them, with black dots for eyes and orange dots for beaks. They look happy to be there. The hen looks ready to spit fire if anyone comes near her babies.

And around the edge of the medallion is a Latin text written in red: “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!”

The last phrase of this text is set outside of the circle, in a pool of red underneath the chicks’ feet: you were not willing. Jesus’ words of lament: “Jerusalem, Jerusalem...;” of yearning: “How often have I desired to gather your children...;” of rejection: “And you were not willing.”

Lament, yearning, rejection – for the city of Jerusalem, which Jesus sees across the valley, is a city like a chicken coop filled with pale, yellow chicks and at least one fox – Herod.

Jesus weeps over the city seeing that some of the chicks have taken to following the fox around. Others are huddled out in the open where



anything with claws can get to them: helpless, unsafe, unprotected.

And Jesus, standing on the hillside, looking across the valley weeping, is like a white hen with a golden halo around her head who is clucking for all she is worth. Most of the chicks cannot hear her, and the ones that do make no response or ignore her clucking call.

Raised on the farm in the days when chickens often roamed freely around the chicken coop I have seen how a mother hen gathers her brood in protection if it began to rain or if the rooster was let loose or if it was dusk and time to settle down for the night or if the dog came to close. The hen's wings were large and seemed to expand to cover a surprisingly large number of chicks. The hen would simply cluck and somehow the chicks would know to gather under her wings. And not once did I see a chick ignore the hen.

But here, Jesus laments because the brood is unwilling to be gathered. This hen clucks and raises her wings but they do not come, they do not gather. And Jesus weeps.

The depth of his love, his lament, is profound – beyond words. Wings spread, breast exposed, he stands open in the most vulnerable posture in the world. Vulnerable to the dangerous, fearful, deathly work of this fox in the chicken coop, for if the fox wants them the fox will have to kill the hen first.

Which the fox does, as it turns out. He slides up on her one night in the yard while all the babies are asleep. When her cry wakens them, they scatter. She dies the next day where both fox and chicks can see her – wings spread, breast exposed.

In a few short days, in Jerusalem, this lament, this weeping will echo throughout the city and throughout all time. The compassion of God will be exposed for the entire world to see. For in Jerusalem, Jesus, like a mother hen spreading her wings to gather and protect her chicks, will spread his arms on the cross, spread them wide enough to embrace the world, spread them wide enough to embrace us for all time.

May you be sustained in your Lenten journey knowing this expansive, loving embrace.

In Christ Jesus – Shalom,

*“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)*

# GLORY50<sup>+</sup>

# LUNCH AND GAMES

## GLORY 50 PLUS MARCH FUNCTION

WELCOME BACK. On Friday March 22, 2019, Group 1 will be putting on a lunch and games. The meeting will be at 11:30 A.M. followed by lunch and games. We are looking forward to seeing all of you. Any questions contact Carol King (780) 467 – 1713 or Jean Poots (780) 467 – 8344.

## Community Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee is preparing for Seedy Saturday, being held on Saturday, March 9. Because the weather is usually cooler in March, it was decided that the Youth would take over the kitchen to grill hot dogs and sell drinks and munchies. The Sanctuary will be used for Seedy Saturday speakers, crafts and tables for Stewardship and Outreach to display their work. Volunteers will be needed to help with the set up and take down of the tables.

Barb Anderson, chairman of the Outreach Committee, has joined Council and will be overseeing the Outreach portfolio.



# PrayerWORKS

## **Breakfast Volunteers Needed**

**March 23rd & April 27th**

Volunteers needed for 7am to help cook and serve breakfast.  
Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Caitlin Havens at  
[lovnmylife@shaw.ca](mailto:lovnmylife@shaw.ca) or 587-269-2412  
or the office if you are able to help.

# FESTIVAL SINGERS



Ever wanted to see what **singing** in a choir is like but unsure whether you're ready to make a long-term commitment?

Our **FREE** afternoon choral workshop offers a glimpse into what it's like to sing as part of a larger group.

Everyone 18+ is welcome, regardless of previous musical experience or training. Learn vocal exercises and vocal technique from a skilled coach.

**Saturday, March 16, 2019**

12:45 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
Glory Lutheran Church

For more information, email  
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## DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>March 6</b>	Ash Wednesday Service 7:00pm
<b>March 9</b>	Seedy Saturday 11:00am-4:00pm
<b>March 10, 17, 24, 31</b>	Laudato Si Study with Light Lunch 12:30pm
<b>March 13</b>	Council Meeting 6:30pm
<b>March 14, 21, 28</b>	Lent Soup Supper 6:00pm
<b>March 14, 21, 28</b>	Lent Service 7:00pm
<b>March 16</b>	Festival Singers Choir Workshop 1:00pm-4:00pm
<b>March 22</b>	Glory 50+ Lunch and Games
<b>March 23</b>	PrayerWORKS Breakfast at St. Faith's Anglican 7:00am
<b>April 4, 11</b>	Lent Soup Supper 6:00pm
<b>April 4, 11</b>	Lent Service 7:00pm
<b>April 14</b>	Choir presents Lenten cantata: <u><i>Canticle of the Cross</i></u>
<b>April 18</b>	Maundy Thursday Service 7:00pm
<b>April 19</b>	Good Friday Service 10:30am
<b>April 26/27</b>	Landscape Planning
<b>April 27</b>	PrayerWORKS Breakfast at St. Faith's Anglican 7:00am



**ASH  
WEDNESDAY**

Ash Wednesday  
Service  
March 6, 2018  
7:00 PM

**Thursday, March 14,**  
and every Thursday  
during Lent

**Lenten Soup Supper 6PM**  
**Lenten Service 7PM**



**Lenten**  
SERVICES



**Lenten** SOUP **Suppers**

Watch for Soup Supper sign up sheets in the Narthex!



158 members of the Glory family bid Seth farewell on his last Sunday with us on February 24.



# Forgiven

~by Caitlin Havens~

God... I come to you this day with an apology on my lips.

For I often come to you in frustration about my 'lesser gifts'.

Ohhh...I wish I had a voice like that or could play like 'what's her name'.

That person is so talented!  
What gifts have I today?

But then I smile widely as  
I realize what I've been given...

For I am a child of God  
and I have been forgiven.

**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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