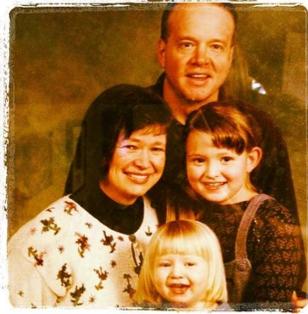


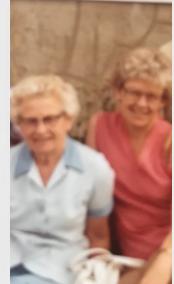
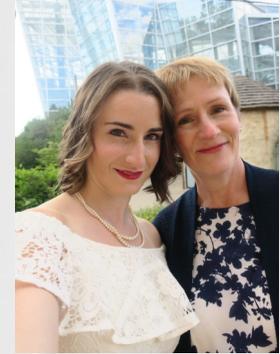
# CHURCH Matters

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Celebrating Our Glory Mothers





Celebrating Mothers





# Why? 40 DAYS

40 days of Jesus proving in many ways that he had been raised from death, from Easter to Ascension.. Those were times when people used numbers to tell a story, a symbol. For example, "7" was considered a perfect number, so "6" was considered an imperfect number, and could be used to symbolize evil or something bad. "40" was considered a symbol of the number that was the right amount of length or time to get things done right, or to fulfill a requirement for something to be completed/accomplished/fulfilled. ~ Pastor Gary Nickel



## TRIP OF A LIFETIME CONTINUES ON – ALL ARE WELCOME!

[You can also start now and catch-up with the others who started last month in the previous Glory newsletter.] Again, it's free and you get out of it what you put into it.

Our CHURCH YEAR calendar is the vehicle for our travel. Jesus' life and the Bible are the guide for us.

TAKE A JOURNEY – follow Jesus using the CHURCH YEAR. Get closer, grow in faith and understanding using our CHURCH YEAR.

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At our first observation point, we see the EASTER SEASON. Yes, it is still going on and continues for 40 days past Easter.

EASTER -- we of course observe and celebrate it differently this year due to the virus -- because of how differently we must worship as a group. Individually, we Christians see and celebrate that same Easter event yearly for over 2,000 times.

EASTER only had to happen once – one-time -- the way God the Father arranged it. Jesus' dying on the Cross for us and rising was a singular event that changed the world – much more than the virus can

EASTER also expanded those people's observation-point. From

what people first saw of Jesus, they came to discover Jesus as God's Son and also as human, & as a substitute and as a sacrifice for us and for our sins. How? ...By fulfilling the familiar prophecies of the Old Testament which told how it would happen. [see in Matt., Mark, Luke]

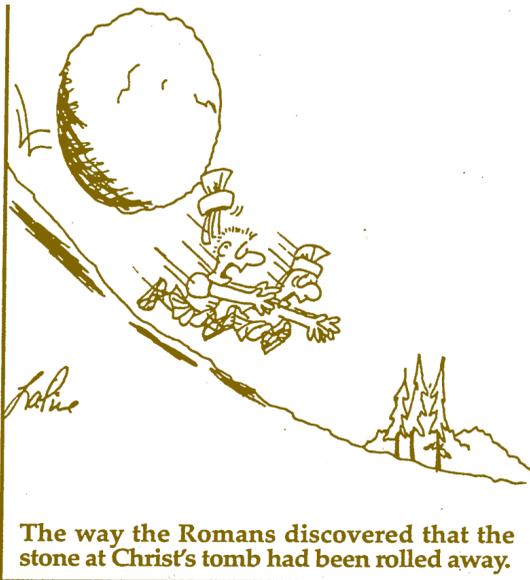
EASTER also "happened in God's time", not his people's time. They weren't ready, they didn't expect it to happen Jesus' way. God had provided prophets to speak for him, but the people didn't always listen. This time, an event got people's attention, starting with a few who found the door to the tomb rolled away... ...JESUS Alive, RISEN FROM DEATH.

As EASTER TAKES US FROM THE CROSS TO THE RESURRECTION, we are given the gift to take with us -- of eternal life, life after death.

When someone dies in the faith we can say that we will see them later--and mean it. No virus takes that away from us. "Because He is Risen, so shall we too be risen." "Alleluia!"

EASTER – we are given the opportunity to see things anew. Imagine the people back then, trying to figure out how the RESURRECTION happened. Even humorous thoughts perhaps something like this cartoon involving the tomb door and the army troops ordered to guard the tomb.





The way the Romans discovered that the stone at Christ's tomb had been rolled away.

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Seriously, AT THIS POINT in the EASTER SEASON, look at Luke 24 and how people saw Jesus risen, and how Jesus appeared to various people. Result: they saw, they believed, they witnessed to what they saw. Is that how you see Easter and Jesus? I love this part of the CHURCH YEAR, the followers of Jesus discovering who he is and what's happening, and his teachings.

- The women discovering first...
- The two people walking and being joined by Jesus...
- Jesus teaching them...
- Jesus appearing to them, and saying, LOOK... TOUCH... WHY DOUBT...
- Jesus eating with them...
- Jesus teaching them more...

All of that gives us a witness, and an example, of expressing to others what God has done for us – you and me.

Soooo, what's next for us, you and me? Our CHURCH YEAR says there's more, and it's called, "ASCENSION" Day.

- Jesus telling that he must return to heaven...
- Jesus telling his followers that they will take
- part in telling what has happened and is happening,
- that they will witness to others about Jesus...
- Jesus promising that they will not be alone...
- Jesus blessing them...
- Jesus promising that -- they will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of God. The third part of the Trinity. "THE SPIRIT WHO WILL GIVE YOU POWER FROM HEAVEN." [see in the Bible's New Testament, in the last part of Luke...]

Ascension Day this year is the 40th day after Easter Sunday, always on a Thursday, on May 21st, 2020. Also, just as you can't have Easter without Good Friday and the Cross, so you have to have ASCENSION Day in order to have what comes next, namely PENTECOST!



PENTECOST SUNDAY is next, this year on May 31. Since PENTECOST SUNDAY happens on the CHURCH CALENDAR, *before* the next newsletter comes out, here's something also on -- PENTECOST.

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[Don't stop reading with the last of Luke – go on and take a look in Acts 1. The book of Acts is written by the same person, Luke the physician/doctor, who wrote the Gospel book of Luke. Acts is sometimes called, the Acts of the Apostles. Acts is: stuff happening, more sequential, more eventful, drama, lives changed. Better than a soap opera plot.]

PENTECOST is when Jesus promised that God the Father would send the gift of the Holy Spirit to the followers of Jesus. Luke 2 gives some of the details. In the morning,

- Sound from heaven like of a mighty wind...
- Filled the house where the followers were meeting...
- See what looked like fiery tongues moving in all directions and...
- A fiery tongue settled on each person there...
- The Holy Spirit came to be with each person...
- The followers began to do things under the guidance of the Holy Spirit...

- Things were really happening!...
- The followers began speaking in new and different languages, whatever languages the Spirit let them speak...

When people around heard the noise, a crowd gathered. Then, amazement because the people from many countries heard the followers of Jesus speaking to them in their own languages.

Then Peter stood with the apostles and told the crowd that they were fulfilling prophecies from the Old Testament. They went on to tell about Jesus and what had been happening, and to witness:

“All of us can tell you that God has raised Jesus to life!”

”Jesus is the one who has given the Spirit to us,

and that's what you are now seeing and hearing.”

”God made Jesus both Lord and Christ...”

The people asked, what they should do. The followers of Jesus said, Turn back to God... Be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ...so that your sins will be forgiven... ”Then you will be given the Holy Spirit...”

About 3,000 believed and were baptized. They then spent their time learning from the apostles. They broke bread together and prayed together.

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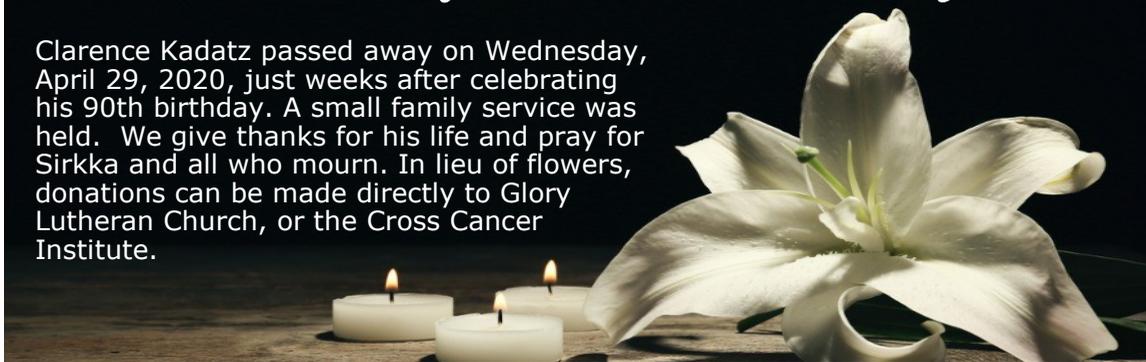
Today the Holy Spirit comes to be with us who believe in many special ways. But more about that mind-blowing experience, next time... Yours, Together in Christ,

Gary Nickel



## *In Memory of Clarence Kadatz*

Clarence Kadatz passed away on Wednesday, April 29, 2020, just weeks after celebrating his 90th birthday. A small family service was held. We give thanks for his life and pray for Sirkka and all who mourn. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made directly to Glory Lutheran Church, or the Cross Cancer Institute.



### **DRAFTING TABLE/STAND-UP DESK AVAILABLE**

This is an all-wood, trestle-style, fully adjustable for height and angle, medium-dark Walnut finish, Drafting Table/Stand-up Desk, and I would like to give it a new home with all the amount you give for it to go to the church. Also includes matching 4-leg stool and adjustable arm lamp that clamps to table.

Table top: 32" x 48"; It can also be fully disassembled and stored as a very thin package. Excellent condition and finish; sturdy. Around \$200.

Contact Gary Nickel for details: (780) 998-3963.

## **Mowing Team 2020**

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. please chat with **Kirk Nelson @ 780-918-3653** if you are able and interested in participating.

Training is provided.



# GLORY MEMBERS

*in the Spotlight*

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



## Marie & Paul Berg

Marie and Paul agreed to be the first candidates for our remote interviews so we can continue our monthly column. Thank you.

Marie teaches a class for children with speech and language delays for students in Grades one to three at Woodbridge Farms School. She has taught this class for the past 16 years and loves it. CoVid-19 has brought new teaching challenges for her, her students, and their parents. Twice weekly, classes are presented on Google with numerous additional video meetings for large and small groups, and individualized calls to parents. Regular classes are hoped to begin in the fall.

After Paul spent 20 years as a Psychologist for the Elk Island Catholic School Board, he decided to launch his private counselling practice two years ago, working half-time each with the School Board and his new practice – Connections Psychological Services. Today, his full-time practice has made the adjustment to video conferencing and telephone sessions with his clients, many who are employees receiving Workers' Compensation.

Paul reflects on his early years where he, with his pastor father, Dan, and mother Freda, moved many times. They lived in Verwood SK, Hudson Hope, BC, Narcam SK, and Brooks AB. Then Paul attended High School at LCBI, later moving to CLBI, Camrose, to continue his education. Paul's siblings include Joy, Tim and Nate) Meanwhile, Marie, raised near Viking, (with three older brothers), arrived at CLBI in Camrose.

You know where this is going... Yes, they met at CLBI and were married in 1985. They both taught school at Chateh (Assumption), west of High Level. When Paul decided to pursue a career in psychology, they moved to Saskatoon. Later they made their home in Haida Gwaii BC, where Marie taught Grades four and seven while Paul travelled throughout the area as District School Counsellor providing psychological testing and counselling services. With her Grade seven class, Marie recalls one highlight – she took a four day back packing trip to a Haida Village. Their elder daughter, Mia, was born while they lived in BC. They enjoyed hiking while there to take in the misty, picturesque beauty of the area.

Paul's desire to complete his masters' degree in psychology necessitated a move back to the prairies where Marie was a Resource Room Teacher in Kyle SK while Paul attended university in Saskatoon. Next, a move to Wetaskiwin brought them closer to family where Paul worked as a counsellor for the Pigeon Lake Regional High School. While in Wetaskiwin, their second daughter, Sarah was born. In 1998 the family moved to Sherwood Park when Paul became

a psychologist with Elk Island Catholic Schools where he remained for 20 years. Marie taught at Holy Redeemer School, Sherwood Park, and Lamont Elementary until she moved to her current position at Woodridge Farms Elementary.

Marie and Paul enjoy hiking and camping. Marie gardens in their spacious yard while Paul enjoys reading these days. Their daughter Sarah works at Home Depot with plans to attend NAIT for Biomedical Engineering Technology. Mia works as an interior design technologist for an architectural firm while husband Grayson has a degree in Wildlife Conservation.

Marie and Paul enjoy Glory, making music, worship services, and current online services.

# Community Garden is a Go!

As the weather improves and we see the spectacular emergence of green colours and tree blossoms, we are reminded that seasonal change, like God's love, is enduring.

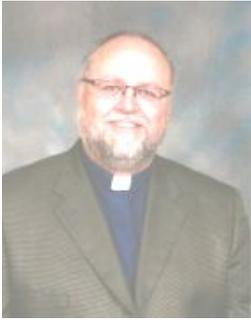
So dust off those gardening tools and get ready for year five in the Glory Community Garden. Here are the planning details.

- ◆ Saturday, May 9, 12:30 p.m. – there will be a work bee to align the garden spaces and place mulch as pathways. With many hands it will take very little time to freshen up the spaces. Bring your shovels and rakes to pull back the soil for pathways and spread mulch. We also need people with pickup trucks to bring loads of mulch from the County environmental yard behind Costco
- ◆ After spaces are aligned, go ahead and garden! However please note that the purpose of the Work Bee is to get everything in shape in the common areas, clean up the site and so on. Please only work on your assigned space after the group project is completed.
- ◆ All CoVid-19 precautions will be followed during the work bee and throughout the garden throughout the season, namely:
  - ◆ Six foot minimum distancing between people
  - ◆ Availability of hand sanitizers.
  - ◆ We will have a clear procedure outlined for use of the water and turning on/off the water supply taps.
- ◆ Garden spaces are available for the same amount as in prior years, \$20. We will be aligning the spaces about two feet wider than the previous spaces. Please contact Marjorie or Tim to book your garden space. We are assuming that many people will be back again, with the same locations in the garden as in 2019. Last year's gardeners can expect to receive this information by e-mail.

Tim Kihn, Community Garden Coordinator



## Bishop's Message



Dear Beloved of God – Christ is risen. Alleluia!

You may recall in my correspondence this year for congregational AGM's these words:

“Since being called to serve as your bishop, October 2012, my prayer has often been the following: O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden,



through perils unknown. Give us faith to go forward with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

One of the reasons I love this prayer is because it is realistic but encouraging, honest but hopeful. It doesn't deny difficult truths, but neither does it succumb to sterile pessimism. It was written in the first part of the twentieth century by a Church of England priest named Eric Milner-White. Like many good prayers from another time and place, it sounds like it was tailor made for us here and now.”

Little did I know the future when I first penned these words last December. The prayer is realistic, encouraging, honest, hopeful, no denying of difficult truths nor succumbing to sterile pessimism.

The prayer continues to be “tailor made” for us here and now. The Spirit of God continues to lead us into a future that is unfamiliar, with the assurance that God is present, that God's hand is leading us, and that we are cradled in love.

Friends, you continue to be witnesses to me of Resurrection, to the truth that there is life and hope and promise.

I have experienced in these past weeks so many signs of hope, and of faithfulness, trust, courage, and encouragement: - Congregational leaders, lay and rostered who, under extraordinary stress, pressure and restraints have poured themselves into the work of leadership - Congregational leaders, lay and rostered who, tired and weary and wondering, have reached out to one another, and to those in their midst, providing pastoral care, connection, compassion and care - Congregational leaders, lay and rostered who, in the midst of an unprecedented time, exercised great skill (and energy and time) in preparing and/or searching for worship resources for Holy Week and Easter services - Rostered Ministers who gather each Wednesday via ZOOM with Synod Staff for prayer, affirmation and encouragement, updates, and connecting - Area Deans who gather weekly with rostered ministers via ZOOM for check-in with each other, study and/or prayer - Creativity, ingenuity, openness, support, encouragement, trust, community....

Friends, you have been signs to me of Resurrection life. And, I have never been so proud of you. Alleluia. Christ is risen, indeed!

In Christ Jesus – Shalom, +Bishop Larry Kochendorfer

# Your opportunity to participate in a Synod-wide

...wild and wonderful...  
video for Pentecost Sunday, May 31

Dear Beloved of God,

As we prepare for Pentecost Sunday, May 31, I invite you as individuals or families to participate in a Synod-wide Pentecost video which will be available Tuesday, May 26, for use on May 31.

The Synod-wide video, in collaborative partnership with Mt. Olivet Lutheran, Sherwood Park, will share how we see the Spirit of God at work in our lives, congregations and specialized ministries, and the world.

Please share the following information with others in your family and faith community so that they might participate.

Here is the information for you:

- prepare a video (NOT MORE THAN 30 SECONDS) shot HORIZONTALLY on your recording device (for example, cellphone, iPad, laptop, etc)
- record very close to the camera to ensure that the audio is clear
- send video no later than Friday, May 15, to Pastor Bruce Ehlert at [pastor.bru@mountolivet.ca](mailto:pastor.bru@mountolivet.ca) (questions may be directed to Pastor Bruce via this email)
  - wear something RED (shirt, scarf, hat, glasses, etc)
  - share the following:
    - name, congregation, location
    - response to one of the following:
      - "I/we see the Holy Spirit at work in my/our life...."
      - "I/we see the Holy Spirit at work in my/our congregation/ specialized ministry..."
      - "I/we see the Holy Spirit at work in my/our world..."
    - conclude with the words "Come, Holy Spirit."

Thank you for participating in this Synod-wide initiative. Blessings as you prepare for Pentecost Sunday. Come, Holy Spirit.

In Christ Jesus-  
Shalom, + Larry

The Rev. Dr. Larry Kochendorfer, Bishop  
Synod of Alberta and the Territories  
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## Memorial Garden Update

Our Landscape Design and Memorial Garden committee met again at the end of April, via ZOOM.

Thank you to those who submitted comments in the Memorial Garden comment box. The features and components that were suggested were shared with the committee and have been recorded.

We are continuing to collect information regarding provincial and municipal regulations and will resume the process of developing a design plan as we are able in this COVID-19 environment. Further updates will be provided in future newsletters.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments. ~Rita

You will see a small weather station from the City of Edmonton along the east fence not too far from the orchard. The unit is self-contained with a solar panel and the information is accessed remotely.



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

Please note that Heidi is mostly working from home while her kids are doing online schooling at home due to the pandemic. Email and phone calls will continue to be answered during office hours

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