

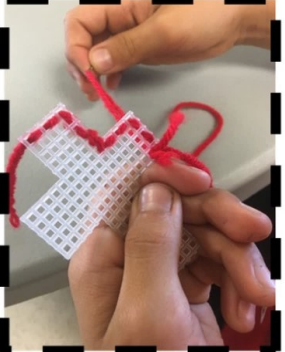
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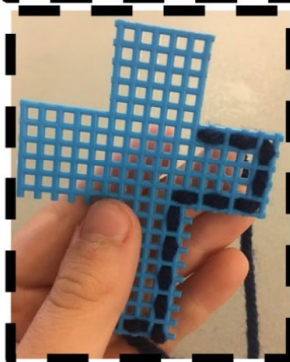
Glory Lutheran Church Newsletter - 08.18 Edition



VBS 2018 A Mighty Fortress









KID'S CHURCH NEWS ☺

Hi to all!

As I write this, VBS 2018 is almost coming to a close. This year we were blessed to have 65+ kids joining us for our "Mighty Fortress; The Victory is Won" themed camp. What an energy-filled, action packed week it has been!!

Looking ahead to the Fall, Kid's Church will be starting up again on Sept. 9th. In addition, this will also be 'Blessing of Backpacks' Sunday and Registration. After the service on this date, please come visit Karri and I at the Kid's Church table in the Narthex. This will be an opportunity for you to chat with us and find out more about children's ministry. As well, while parents/guardians fill out registration forms, we will have a little "guessing challenge" for the kids to participate in (and maybe even some candy... just sayin' ☺)

We would LOVE to expand our teacher/helper staff this year. If you're interested in participating in this area of ministry, please let us know!

We're looking forward to another year of learning and growing in God's word!

In His service,

Karri McKinnon and Lynnette Woodrow



Thank you

Thank you to all who take pictures of events at Glory. Please continue sending to the office as they could end up in the newsletter.



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!!



Thank you to our VBS Coordinator, Esther Madsen. Thank you to our youth volunteers, kitchen and station volunteers and to all who helped with our Mighty Fortress VBS by praying, planning, and participating. It takes every part the church body to make VBS happen. There were 69 children registered, we challenged, taught, and led the children throughout stations of Arts & Crafts, Bible Stories, Prayer, Nature Walks and Games. Our volunteers helped lead these children on an important part of their faith journey. What a blessing to serve at Glory and see how God changes lives in amazing ways as we learn and celebrate His word! Thank you to all, you are making a difference!

Huge  *Heartfelt* *Glory*

THANKS

TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Fund Raising - Bottle Drive

The Church is always collecting bottles so please keep those empty cans, bottles and milk cartons coming in.

Please only include **REFUNDABLE beverage containers.**



Tell us your story

Everyone has a story to tell...we want to hear yours.

When we share our stories, we give strength to each other and inspire our community.

Help us get to know each other better, we have some truly fascinating people in our congregation, how much do we really know about each other?

If you have a story you'd be willing to share, and wouldn't mind if we spotlight it in our newsletter, please let John Malcolm or Heidi in the office know.

Your story can be a quick blurb about you and your family, an inspiration, a difficult or fun life experience, your life story, or even an accomplishment of which you are proud (we might even let you brag about your children).

Altar Flowers

An altar flower calendar is posted on the bulletin board. If you are able to bring altar flowers to adorn our altar, please indicate by signing up. Please note that highly fragrant flowers should not be used as we have a number of people who are extremely allergic.



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. We know it hurts, and we want to help.

Our GriefShare group will start the 13-week program in **September**, please contact Pastor Markus for more information and to register.

GRIEF SHARE®

Confirmation



Confirmation is the Lutheran Church 2-year ministry with students in grade 7 and 8 (or thereabouts). It leads to the day of confirmation also known as Affirmation of Baptism. New students can join in September. Please inform the Pastor of any incoming students so that we can make preparations for the next term..

1st Confirmation class is September 13th.

There will be a Confirmation Parent and Confirmands meeting **September 6 at 7:00 pm.**

Council Highlights

Even when your council takes a break (in July) we are still hard at work. Our church had 69 registered for VBS and over 30 volunteers shared the love of God with elementary aged children the week of July 16th. This year's camp included a prayer center and youth sleep over.

Each month worship planning includes groups picking and mastering music and praying that the service worships and glorifies God. Yard work and maintenance continually takes place along with ensuring water for the garden and yearly cleaning of Kids Church toys. The September 9th blessing of the back packs and What's your roll Sunday? details are being nailed down along with a Stewardship time and talent survey.

Your council takes its duties very seriously and has set aside a day to plan and chart a long term course for our faith community. In all we do, we are thankful for the many blessings he has bestowed on our church (wonderful caring members, a welcoming facility, and funds to operate). We want to ensure we use these gifts responsibly to reach up, reach in, and reach out. I ask for your prayers for our August 17th council planning retreat that we faithfully follow the path the Lord has laid for Glory.

Tammy Kihn, Council Chair

Community Outreach

"The Outreach Committee is very committed to the community garden. Tim Kihn is overseeing this large project. He planned a 'sharing garden ideas' session with the participants, on, July 25, a Fireside evening. This is the largest garden we have had and everything is growing very well." Regards, Barb Anderson



Classifieds

OFFICE Help Wanted - Fall 2018

Anyone wishing to volunteer on **Mondays** 9:00 am - 12:00 pm or for those who are currently serving in the office and wish to continue in the Fall, please let Esther Fedoriuk know.

Call: 780-416-1564 or email: thefeds.1495@gmail.com

BULLETIN FOLDERS NEEDED

September and beyond
for bulletins each week as well
as newsletters at month end.

**Minimal time commitment.
Maximum appreciation!**

See Esther Fedoriuk, or
sign up in the church office.



Seeking people with a willingness to
support our children on their faith journey.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Teachers Needed

Please contact Tammy Kihn at
[**tammy.kihn@gmail.com**](mailto:tammy.kihn@gmail.com)



VBS 2018 - A Mighty Fortress.

In Jesus the Victory is Won

During the week of July 16 - 20, Glory Lutheran was a hive of activity. Between 56 - 59 kids showed up each day along with volunteers of all ages to help this summer camp be successful.

Over 17 adults generously gave of their time as well as five young adults (over the age of 18), and 9 young leaders-in-training (under the age of 18). That adds up to over 30 volunteers helping us to achieve our aims of this faith outreach program into our community. Our volunteers ranged in ages from 10 years old to grandparents. We thank you so much for your dedication and commitment to VBS 2018.

There were centers for Bible Story, crafts, arts tent, a mystery centre, games based upon the bible stories, prayer, nature walks, and scrapbooking given each day, led by different volunteers. And we also had our kitchen staff, who created treats for our VBS campers twice per day.

Gracious thanks goes out to all those who supplied baking for us. Your gifts were very appreciated. Please let us know who you were so we can properly acknowledge your contributions. We also appreciated the many many donations that came in to our requests for supplies. Thanks for sharing those resources of shoe boxes, paper towel rolls, and so many other items.

We were blessed with very warm weather, and only a couple of questionable mornings that threatened rain. Thankfully, the big storm arrived on Friday July 20 after all the VBS campers had been picked up safely.

A special thank you goes to Tammy Kihn, who bought supplies, and helped to clean up each day. Your presence during VBS continues to be an inspiration to those around you.

It has been such a privilege to serve as coordinator for this valuable outreach program. This opportunity not only allowed me to know our campers, but the other giving members of our faith family, whether they worship with us or elsewhere. And there was the opportunity of partnering with Seth in his tireless efforts to reach the youth who came in our front doors that week.

Blessings to all who volunteered, led centers, baked, crafted, played games, cooked, served snacks, drove friends kids, and to those campers who came to VBS 2018. Your presence made this program an unqualified success. May God continue to bless your summer.

Submitted by Esther Madsen - 2018 VBS Coordinator



@ GLORY LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 18, 2018

DROP OFF @4PM PICK UP AT 12PM, ON AUGUST 19TH

GAMES
FRISBEE GOLF
FOOD
OUTDOOR MOVIE
CAMPFIRE
BRING A FRIEND OR TWO

RSVP TO INTERN PASTOR SETH
sethhpr0@gmail.com

Message from Intern Pastor Seth

Where did July go? I can't believe that it is already August. I have been an intern at Glory Lutheran for 11 months. I am now looking forward to my final academic year at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Saskatoon. School officially starts on September 4th so I thought I would fill you in on what I will be learning this year.

I will be taking a reading class for an elective credit this year. This theology class will focus on the life and works of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. I won't have to go to Saskatoon to take this class either. My professor will be Dittmar Mündel and I will be taking this class one on one over the course of the fall semester. My hope is to write a few sermons on Bonhoeffer's works and life and share my learning with the congregation. I am interested in Bonhoeffer because I believe that his works are incredibly relevant to our time.

I also will be taking one class in Saskatoon in the fall. On November 19-21 I will be taking "Christian Education: Faith Formation". The Lutheran Theological Seminary course offerings describes this course as, "a course we will consider how pastors can remain engaged in their own faith formation. The course will use Timothy Wenger's book, *Martin Luther's Catechisms: Forming the Faith*, to explore Luther's catechisms and how the catechisms can be used as powerful tools to aid faith formation for children and adults." This is perfect because this year the confirmation students will be studying the catechism and modern Lutheran identity.

That leaves only two courses left before I graduate with a Master of Divinity. In January, I will take a one week course called "Leadership in the Parish". Then my final course will take place in the last week of April. The final course is called Capstone. The seminary explains Capstone as a course, "to help students integrate their experience of ministry in the parish and in para-church organizations with the theology and theory that they have taken in previous seminary training. Drawing on resources from several disciplines, it will analyze case studies from internship and other sources. The course will examine some non-traditional options for rostered ministry and will help students to prepare for their first call." I will spend a few days with faculty answering questions from a variety of faculty.

After all of my courses I will face a panel of clergy and faculty for my final vetting before graduation. This panel is called colloquy. After two hours of questions and case studies I will hopefully be cleared for graduation and ordination. When and where will I be ordained? Only God knows.

Many congregants at Glory have asked me when my internship will be complete. I will finish internship on March 1st. That means I have only 207 days left in my internship at the time of the printing of this newsletter. Lets savour every moment!

Intern Pastor Seth Perry

GREEN ROUTINE

Some words from a well know song come to mind, and the words go like this, "I see trees of green, red roses too. I see them bloom for me and you, and I think to myself, what a wonderful world!"

God has indeed made us a wonderful world and He gave us the distinct privilege of being the stewards of His incredible creation! With this gift comes the responsibility of making choices that positively impact our planet.

A while back, Strathcona residents received information regarding some changes to our recycling program. The most significant change involves the many forms of plastics that will no longer be accepted for recycling.

I have to admit that initially this information really bothered me because it feels like such a step backwards from the wonderful strides our County has made in becoming a green community. However, I now feel like this change is perhaps an opportunity for me to seriously rethink and reduce the amount of plastic I bring into my home.

One of the items that will no longer be recycled is the ever-present plastic bag. This item alone litters our green spaces, rivers and lakes and is even ingested by our precious marine mammals! The good news is we **can** do something positive to change this!

Reusable bags have been available as an alternative to plastic for quite a while now, and perhaps many of you are very faithful in using them for most of your purchases already. But perhaps you're like me, and on occasion the reusable tote is forgotten which then leads into the sheepish request for "3 plastic bags please..."

This is one area that my household is going to make a change! We are committing ourselves to stop using plastic bags for our purchases. Perhaps you'd like to join us in this plastic reducing challenge? 😊

I'm proud to say that Glory Lutheran is a "greening church" and there are many things that we can do as a church family to make a difference! Pastor Markus and I would like to continue the conversation regarding ways we can further explore positive solutions to the changes in Strathconas' Green Routine. If you're interested in being a part of this discussion please let one of us know.

A meeting date and time will be scheduled soon!

May God bless your planet hugging efforts! 😊

Sincerely, Lynnette Woodrow

GLORY MEMBERS

in the Spotlight

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

Art Schmidek

HAPPY BIRTHDAY 100TH



Art Schmidek's 100th birthday celebration, July 15, at Darleen and Wayne's condo with 37 family members in attendance, some from California and BC. Photos Submitted by: Wayne Schmidt



Lil & Art also recently celebrated their 75th Wedding anniversary in June!



What's Happening

GLORY



LUTHERAN CHURCH

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Wednesdays** Fireside Wednesday - 6:00PM weekly until end of August
- August 17** Council Planning Retreat 9:00AM-4:30PM
- August 18/19** Youth Campout at the Church 4:00PM
- September 6** Confirmation Parents and Confirmands Meeting 7:00PM
- September 9** What's Your Role? Sunday
Bless the Back Pack Sunday
Kids Church Starts Up Again
Confirmation Registration
- September 13** Confirmation Classes begin

SOCK IT TO US!



SOCK IT TO US PROJECT

and the **FOOD BANK:**
One of our ongoing projects is the collection of work socks for the inner city.

Also, the Food Bank donations are very important. The bins for these two projects will continue to be in the Narthex. Thank you!



Remembering our Late Fireside Members



July 4 - first Fireside Wednesday of 2018 without some beloved "Regulars"



Tuesday - Friday, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.
Mondays - Closed through Summer

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

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