

CHURCH *Matters*



Glory Lutheran Church Newsletter - 09.18 Edition



*Glory Lutheran
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*Outdoor
Worship*

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Message from Intern Pastor Seth

After a year of teaching confirmation and a summer of youth events I will now be shifting my focus to adult education. I will be leading two adult programs in the next six months. This is very important for my education here at Glory Lutheran. I am very excited to take on a new challenge that will provide a balanced learning opportunity at Glory.

My first class will be a new member's course. Over the course of five weeks I will be taking anyone who is interested in becoming a new member at Glory through the book "Baptized we Live" by Dan Erlander. This course will look at core Lutheran beliefs and practices in a very simple format. It will be a chance for class participants to ask questions that some might hold back from asking.

What about you? Have you questioned why we do what we do at Glory? ELCIC churches differ from place to place. Some churches have different music. Other churches have communion once a month. There are churches that place a great importance on high liturgy and so their sanctuaries appear more ornate. If you have questions like this you might want to sit in on a new members class or maybe pick up a copy of "Baptized we Live" to study.

There are so many questions to answer about how we practice our faith here at Glory. Maybe you have read the numerous social statements by the ELCIC on the national church's website and you are curious about them. You might be wondering why we are not a LCC, CALC, NALC or Lutheran Brethren congregation? Are all of those acronyms confusing to you? Have you ever wondered why I could accept a call at an Anglican Church? Maybe you want to know why we have an altar and baptismal font as a part of our worship? You might have visited some of our neighbouring churches and seen none of these things in their worship space.

These are all questions that I will help us all answer during the new member course. The core participants of this course will be welcomed as new members of Glory but there is certainly room for many more individuals. The new member class will begin on October 7th at 9am in the boardroom. The class will run for 5 weeks. Please contact Heidi at the Glory office if you are interested in delving deeper into the current life of our church.

Yours in Christ,
Intern Pastor Seth

Council Highlights

Council enjoyed a one day retreat to pray, study, and share in order to have a clearer picture of Glory priorities. Thank you to Aroon and Neil for planning and working to make this time so useful.

I was reminded how small group ministries are key to many of Glory's goals to support, care, grow and invite. If you have an idea to start a sports drop in group, book club, or supper club, please ask Council for help!

Stewardship is working on a time & talent survey so we can better connect members - we are all part of the body and each Glory member should feel recognized and needed.

I am looking forward to What's Your "Roll" Sunday - a time to recognize all the work committees do and see where we might contribute. I encourage you to contact a council member if you have ideas or questions.

In His Glory,
Tammy Kihn, Council Chair

Glory 50+

As fall approaches we look forward to our Glory 50 Plus functions.

We will be meeting
September 21st, 2018 at 11:45 A.M.
at the church.

This event will start with a meeting, after which, we will have a barbeque - buns, condiments and side-dishes will be provided - bring your own meat. Speaker to be determined.

This event will be put on by Group 3. Any questions can be answered by Delores Friske 780 416- 9594.





KIDS' CHURCH NEWS



It's the start-up of Kids' Church!!

☺ A regular scheduled class will take place right after "kids talk" each Sunday (excluding long weekends). In the Kids' Church gathering space we will meet as a group to talk, share, sing, and play games!

☺ Please see Karri McKinnon or Lynnette Woodrow to register your child/grandchild.

Hebrews 4:12 says, "For the word of God is alive and active." In leading Kid's Church, I'm sure all the teachers would agree that the bible stories never get old... God's word is constantly revealing new insights to us all!

We are eager to get another year underway! ☺



"Make music to the Lord with the sound of singing!"

Do you love the ministry of the choir and are you looking for a way to serve at Glory? You are invited to join our choir, make new friends with a great group of people!

"Sing to Him, sing praises to Him, tell of all His wonderful works!"

Choir Begins September 13th

Rehearsals are

Thursdays 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Come and experience friendship and fellowship as we join our voices in prayer and in praise!

Please call if you have any questions.
Pat (780) 998-5345.



Thank God for Choir Members!

Sweet sounds fill the air as God's gift you gladly share.

What joy you bring as you praise God and Sing!

Sing to the Lord a new song: Sing to the Lord all the Earth (Psalm 96:1)

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 the Kids Church workers for meeting at the end of summer to plan a fun-filled year of learning.

Thank you to the Community Outreach Committee for organizing and running the Grow Hope BBQ (shopping, set up, BBQ, clean up).



Volunteer Opportunities for Inner City Lunch

Our congregation is making plans to serve lunch once again with Inner City Pastoral Ministry (ICPM) on **Sunday, September 23rd**.

In preparation to serve lunch to more than 300 individuals and families, we need your help. There are three ways you can participate:



1. You can bake cookies or squares.



2. You can sign up for the Work Bee on **Saturday, September 22** at 10:00 am where we will be washing and chopping carrots, celery, broccoli and cauliflower. Cookies and squares will be assembled and 100 loaves of sandwiches will be made with egg salad, tuna, and ham and cheese.



3. Thirdly, you can join members of our Community Outreach Committee on Sunday, Sept 23th to attend church with the Emmanuel congregation at the Bissell Centre. Following service, Pastor Rick and his staff will instruct the team in serving lunch to the homeless and working poor.

Sign-up sheets with all the details will be on the table near the entrance door. If you have questions, please contact Marjorie Zelent (Barb Anderson will be away) or Sandra Heinsen.

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 meet Saturday mornings and will start the 13-week program on **Saturday, October 6 @ 10:00 AM** please contact Pastor Markus for more information and to register.

GRIEF SHARE®

Message from Pastor Markus

September 2018: Gathering the Fallen

The word FALL raises mixed emotions. Nobody likes to fall. Many people say they don't like to see temperatures and leaves falling. In Christian thought, the fall refers to Adam and Eve's fall into sin, and the consequences are often described as a "fallen world". Falling stars are biblical imagery for end times, creation falling apart. But others seem invigorated: the squirrels have been dropping the seed cones from the spruce tree in the backyard, the sparrows gathering the fallen seeds. Farmers and gardeners are gathering the grain, the peas, the beans, the apple and tomatoes. We gather even as everything is falling. Birds gather to fly home, or on vacation, depending how you look at it. Children and students gather with teachers in classrooms after months of boredom, or not ...? And the church gathers for a season of ministry, dropping seeds, anticipating a crop of love, joy, peace, hope... This is also the season of gathering for Lutherans across our Synod of Alberta and the North and I invite you to consider joining me for this annual event, September 28 – 29, at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Stony Plain. Just give me a call and/or go to the Synod website for more information and to register:

<http://albertasynod.ca/convention/area-gatherings/northern-area-gathering/>

As we enter this season of fall, and the homestretch of the Pentecost season, may all our gathering be in anticipation of the abundant harvest of resurrected life, and the coming of our God's great advent.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Markus

ADULT LEARNING *new member class*

New Members Classes start October 7 at 9:00AM

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 5 week class for those who would like to know more about who we are and what we believe.

After the class is complete, the participants are given the option to join our church and are formally welcomed into membership during a special Sunday morning service.

This class will be open to any and 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 regarding our New Member Class, contact Intern Pastor Seth Perry, or contact the office to register.

GLORY MEMBERS

in the Spotlight

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



Audrey and Elden Josephson

Married for 66 years, Audrey and Elden met when very young in Saskatchewan and married in 1952. Audrey was born in Yellow Grass, Saskatchewan, very close to the Canada - US border. Her parents, who came from Germany, raised one son and six girls – Audrey the youngest. She attended school in Trossachs, SK, and attended Teacher's College in Moose Jaw.

Meanwhile, Elden, who was born in Radville, SK, was educated in Radville and worked on the farm until he and Audrey were married. He is the eldest of five – one sister and 3 brothers.

Audrey taught Kindergarten in Saskatchewan until they moved to Alberta where she ran a private Kindergarten at Mount Olivet Lutheran Church, Sherwood Park. Her young students included some familiar names – Mike Lee Jr., Ellen, Tim, and Gaylene Sitler, other Lutheran kids, and our current Strathcona Mayor Rodney Frank. Later she taught at Wes Hosford, Pine Street, and finally Brentwood.

At the same time, Elden was pursuing his career as a trucker. Beginning in Regina, he bought his first truck used for hauling gravel. Later he worked for Maccam Trucking and Trimac Trucking in Moose Jaw and Saskatoon, and eventually Edmonton. For 13 years he ran mail to and from Dawson Creek and Peace River as a night driver for Pearce Transport. After hauling gas for 10 years in both Alberta and Saskatchewan, Elden worked for Prax Air hauling liquid O₂, nitrogen and hydrogen in western Canada and some US states.

Elden and Audrey raised two children, Carl and Margy. Both live in the area where the Josephsons are able to enjoy their four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. For many years Audrey has enjoyed painting and been active with the Strathcona Art Society. She remains connected with the retired teachers by joining them for monthly breakfasts. Elden's garden includes a 10' tall sunflower, a cherry tree laden with fruit, grapes that make your mouth water, and vegetables. He has been part of a volunteer team that drive seniors and for 13 years has volunteered for the Food Bank (many Glory members have been recruited by Elden to serve at the Food Bank.) In his spare time, Elden and their son restored a 1930 Model A truck.

Currently, Elden is spending more time assisting Audrey who has issues with her heart and lungs. They live cheerfully in the Sherwood Park home they purchased in 1961 from Telmor Sartison, then realtor, later to become our Canadian Lutheran Bishop.

~Written by Marjorie Zélent

Audrey's Art-
their lake cabin
& floral acrylic.



Elden and Carl
restored this
1930 Model A
truck – a five
year project.



Getting to Know Mike Lee



If you have met and spoken to Mike Lee, you will have detected an accent and concluded his background is English. You would be right. But what you may not know is that Mike was born in Nasirabad, India, while his father served in the British military.

When World War II began, the regiment serving in India was recalled to England. Mike, then nine years old, recalls the journey to England taking over a month by ship. At one point, they ran out of food. Once their ship rounded Cape of Good Hope, Africa, and headed North toward England, they were joined by a convoy of hundreds of ships. Mike remembers standing on deck and seeing ships in all directions.



Once in England they headed for Mike's paternal grandmother's home where they stayed till they rented a home until the war ended. At school in England, Mike's art teacher suggested he attend the Burslem School of Art. While advancing his already natural flair for art, he was offered an apprenticeship in the art department of a printing company.

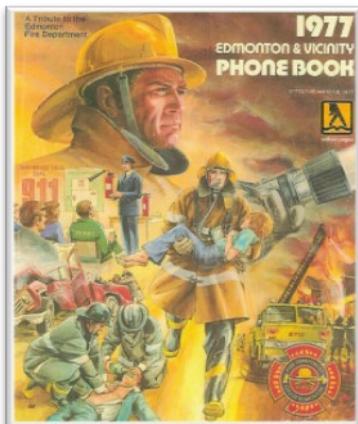
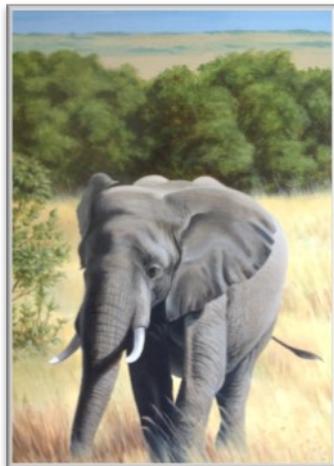


Due to compulsory conscription, Mike's art career was interrupted by serving two years in the British army during which time he was the favorite go-to man for making artistic signs. Eventually Mike completed his journeyman graphic artist program

At 23 years of age, and seeking an adventure, he investigated opportunities in various countries. He chose Canada, moving to Edmonton in 1954. Here he worked for an advertising agency, a graphic design studio, and finally as a freelance artist serving the advertising industry. He specialized in air-brushed technical illustrations for the oil industry.

Cartooning and illustrations are other areas of specialized interest. Today, Mike works in the fine arts, enjoying illustration, watercolors, gouache, and acrylics.

Mike, the father of three sons, two stepchildren, five grandchildren, and four step grandchildren, is married to Marjorie Zelent. They live in Sherwood Park.



The paintings in this article are just a few of Mike's works of art, including the logo for Glory Lutheran Church.



~Written by Marjorie Zelent

WANTED

Classifieds

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There are always odd jobs to do around our church. Things like chair cleaning, cleaning windows/light fixtures, fixing things...even week to week garbage removal. If you have some extra time please consider helping out in any of these areas. It would be greatly appreciated! Contact Esther Fedoriuk or Henry Zilm or the office for more information.

WANTED!

Hole sponsors

**Did You Make
PAR?**



Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) Program

You have no doubt been following our progress as we “make PAR” on each of the holes on the golf course in the Narthex! There are still seven holes left to play in order to complete the course.

YOU can help!!

1. Sign up for PAR if you have not already done so.
2. Become a hole sponsor!!

For each hole that is completed, a “hole sponsor” will contribute an additional amount of money to Glory. Sponsorship opportunities are as follows:

Par 3 - \$150

Par 4 - \$200

Par 5 - \$250

You also have the option of “co-sponsoring” a hole.

If you choose to become a hole sponsor, please put the amount in an offering envelope and write “hole sponsor” on the outside.

Be sure to attend Glory on September 16 to learn about some additional PAR matching initiatives!

Please contact a member of the stewardship committee if you have any questions. (Aroon Sequeira, Nic Ronsko, Tammy Kihn, Rose Schlegl, Pat Becker)

Thank you for making a positive difference to Glory’s financial well-being. Please refer to the April edition of Church Matters on the church website for the *why?* and *how?* of using the PAR system for our church offerings.

OFFICE Help Wanted

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, 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!



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)

Wills and Estate/Tax Planning Seminar

Wills and Estate Planning can be complicated but with a little planning you can ensure your wishes are honoured, family provided for, taxes minimized and a lasting legacy memorialized.

Two of our Stewardship Committee members, Rose Schlegl LLB and Aroon Sequeira CA, will facilitate an information session on the basics of Wills, Estate/Tax Planning and Planned Giving immediately following the church service from **12:00 pm to 2:30 pm on Sunday, October 21, 2018 in the boardroom.**

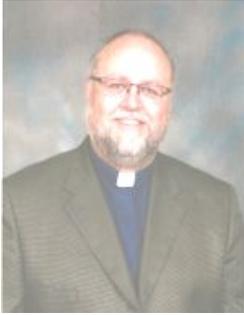
Lunch will be provided. Child care may be available if needed.

Feel free to bring a friend, relative or adult child as a guest.

"Even a seemingly small act of generosity can grow into something far beyond what we could ever ask or imagine (see Ephesians 3:20)—the creation of a community of love in this world, and beyond this world, because wherever love grows, it is stronger than death (1 Corinthians 13:8). So when we give ourselves to planting and nurturing love here on earth, our efforts will reach out beyond our own chronological existence..."

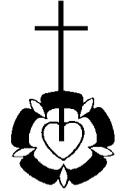
~Henri Nouwen

Bishop's Message



Dear Beloved of God –

Immediately following the June 14-16, 2018 Synod Convention, the Synod of Alberta and the Territories was pleased to host a Global Consultation which included Companion Synod partners: The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Colombia (IELCO), the South Carolina ELCA Synod, the SE Minnesota ELCA Synod, ELCA Global Mission staff and



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Bishop Atahualpa Hernandez from IELCO had requested the Consultation in order to further our conversation and deepen our expression of communion following the November 2016 International Consultation held in Peru.

As we gathered, the consultation participants often referred to the Emmaus story of the disciples walking together and Jesus coming among them. The global mission's accompaniment model is one of walking together in solidarity, side by side, practicing interdependence and mutuality, in service to God's mission. The values of the accompaniment model are interconnected, and include mutuality, inclusivity, sustainability, vulnerability and empowerment. The core purpose of these relationships, this accompaniment, is God's mission.

The devotions one morning focused on Revelation 7:9-12, "After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands" (vs. 9).

"Here," shared the devotion leader, "here in this text from Revelation we see God's dream of one global congregation. Gathered are the Colombians, those from the United States and Alberta. One global congregation speaking a multitude of languages. One global congregation standing before the throne and before the Lamb. Here we see God's vision. Here we see God's dream of one global congregation."

I experienced this one global congregation when together with Tricia (Ariza) Hoepfner from Ascension, Edmonton we facilitated our Synod Delegation's journey to Colombia July 26-August 7. Our journey, primarily to the rural congregations and ministries of IELCO outside of Bogota, was life-transforming as together we learned of the vast and important ministries: seniors, displaced, marginalized, children through visits to three of the four IELCO schools, single mothers, deaf children and youth, after school meals and homework assistance,

various congregational ministries...and most importantly, the significance of relationships...meeting with the leadership of the Lutheran World Federation's World Services office, meeting most of the pastors of IELCO, worship, generous hospitality...one global congregation.

Personally, I was refreshed through the journey and the relationship within the delegation, and the conversations with many friends previously met in Colombia...dear dear friends. And refreshed in the values of family and relationships, faith and hospitality.

Global relationships are complex, and they require time and attention to sustain, but how lifegiving as together we live into God's one global congregation dream.

In Christ Jesus – Shalom, +Bishop Larry Kochendorfer



Bishop Atahualpa and I in deep conversation...again.



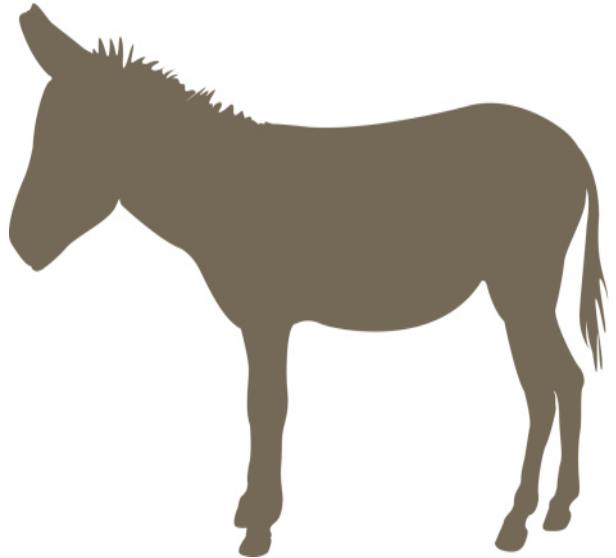
Cathy and me with several of the graduating Grade 11 students and with several of the Grade 2 students – the Lutheran School at Sogamoso, Colombia

Stewardship Committee

Max Lucado: **What's your donkey and does the Lord have need of it?**

“Sometimes I get the impression that God wants me to give him something and sometimes I don't give it because I don't know for sure, and then I feel bad because I've missed my chance. Other times I know he wants something but I don't give it because I'm too selfish. And other times, too few times, I hear him and I obey him and feel honored that a gift of mine would be used to carry Jesus to another place. And still other times I wonder if my little deeds today will make a difference in the long haul. Maybe you have those questions, too.

All of us have a donkey. You and I each have something in our lives, which, if given back to God, could, like the donkey, move Jesus and his story further down the road. Maybe you can sing or hug or program a computer or speak Swahili or write a check. Whichever, that's your donkey. Whichever, your donkey belongs to him. It really does belong to him. Your gifts are his and the donkey was his. The original wording of the instructions Jesus gave to his disciples is proof: “If anyone asks you why you are taking the donkeys, you are to say, ‘Its Lord is in need.’”



Max Lucado in *And the Angels were Silent* (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1987) 54.

I was talking with a ministry leader this past week who was praying for technical assistance with the ministry he's served with for nearly five years. I urged him to put the word out that “the Lord has need of such skills.”

What's your donkey? Remember, your stewardship is based on what you have, and faithful stewards put to work the gifts and goods that God has entrusted to them. And what's your response when asked to put your donkey to work?

As you think about Jesus' humble entry into Jerusalem today, don't forget that an open-handed steward released that donkey when the Lord had need of it. Let's go and do likewise.

Gary Hoag (*The Generosity Monk*) in *Meditations*

What's Happening

GLORY LUTHERAN CHURCH



DATES TO REMEMBER

- September 9** What's Your "Roll"? Sunday
Bless the Back Pack Sunday
Kids Church Starts Up Again
Kids' Church & Confirmation Registration
- September 11** Fireside Wrap-Up 6:00PM
- September 13** Confirmation Classes begin 7:00PM
- September 21** Glory 50+ Meeting & BBQ 11:45AM
- September 22** ICPM Inner City Lunch Work Bee 10:00AM
- September 23** Emmanuel Service and Lunch at Bissell Centre 10:00AM
- October 6** GriefShare weekly meetings start 10:00AM
- October 7** Adult Learning - New Members - weekly classes 9:00AM
- October 17** Ecumenical Mission of Strathcona County Lunch 12:00PM

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**.





Tuesday - Friday, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.
Mondays - 9 am to 12 noon *NEW*

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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