

CHURCH *Matters*

Glory Lutheran Church Newsletter - 10.23 Edition



🔥 *Fireside Wednesday* 🔥 *Wrap-Up September 27, 2023*



Photos by Dave Hauf



Photos of Glory's beautiful property taken by Dave Hauf at the Fireside Wrap-Up.



A Highlight From Pastor Markus

October 2023



Confirmation classes started this month, this year we have 5 students.

This week, a couple of the students spent some time outside, helped pick some potatoes (cooked a few), and learned more about God's Creation!



Council Highlights

October 2023

Just a quick note this month as, while others are getting back to work and school, I am looking forward to taking a holiday.

Again, thanks to everyone who came out and helped with Fireside Wednesdays. Our final Fireside for the year was held on September 27 and it was a perfect evening for it.

Sunday School has started up again and we're pleased to see so many children. Anyone interested in teaching can talk to Susan Ronsko or Jenny Takenaka. If you are interested and haven't yet been through the vetting process, please contact me for the information you'll need.

Thank you to **Barb Anderson** and **Marjorie Zelent** for shopping and putting together a team of people to deliver lunch to the Inner City Pastoral Ministry service at the Bissell Centre in September. As a result of the covid epidemic, we have been unable to return to making sandwiches as we did in the past; however, Council will be exploring what it will take to access or operate a "government certified" kitchen for future use in meeting our ICPM commitment.

As we have experienced some property thefts over the past couple of years here at Glory, one of the issues identified at our recent retreat in August was that of security. Council will be looking at a variety of measures to enhance the security of our members and property, including the possibility of building a garage for the storage of lawn, snow removal, and other equipment.

This month we look forward to the Ecumenical Mission of Strathcona County services, including the one at Glory on Monday, October 23rd at 7:00 pm.

As always, please email me if you have questions or concerns that you would like to bring to the attention of Council.

Many blessings,
Rose Schlegl
Council.chair@glorylutheran.ca

Thank You For **MOWING**



Thank you to **Neil Querengesser** and **Don Spitzke** for their dedicated lawn mowing this past season, much appreciated!



with sincere
gratitude

We wish to express our deepest thanks to our entire family of faith at Glory for the loving concern and ongoing prayers for mom and for us as we went through these last difficult weeks with mom's illness. Mom loved her church family and certainly felt that love returned as she was facing her final days. Thank you all for the ongoing love, care, and support that carried us through that time and continues to carry Ellen and I forward. A shared family of faith is truly a blessing from God. We thank God for all of you.

Ellen and Gaylene






Join us, a non-auditioned choir, for an afternoon of singing!


Music provided.


FALL
*Choral
Workshop*

With
Angela McKeown Nemetchek

 October 28, 2023

 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

 Glory Lutheran Church
22577 Hwy 16, Sherwood Park

 Festival.singers08@gmail.com

 Festivalsingers.ca



GLORY 50 PLUS EVENT

MUTTART CONSERVATORY—OCT 20

We have arranged an outing at the Muttart Conservatory on October 20th, 2023.

To limit the number of vehicles travelling to the Muttart Conservatory, let's meet at the church at 10:30 AM and make our carpooling arrangements. Entry costs for this outing is \$12.95 for seniors (65+) and \$14.95 for adults (18-64).

The Muttart Conservatory requests all entry fees be collected prior to our attendance.

For those wishing to have lunch, the Café Bloom is available.

A sign-up sheet and entry fee payment will be available after church on October 8th and 15th. If you have any questions, please speak with Sandy or Dwayne Heinsen. (780-464-6675).

Looking forward to your attendance.



Save the Date

**Glory 50 Plus
Christmas Dinner
Sunday, Dec 17th
12:30 pm**

Broadmoor Golf Course

Watch for more details

Our *Spiritual* Journey

A Message from Pastor Nickel

-- OUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY needs a base, a foundation. Everyone has some basis for security in life, or “roots”, just as trees need roots. What is your foundation? Does it match what’s happening in your world?

The government of Israel based their security in large part on containing a large group of people, and upon what worked in the past for many years. The vineyard owner in BC grew his grapes in the same lower valley for many years; then the heat rose, and he moved the vineyard further up the valley. Your car is reliable year after year, until it isn’t; is it time to fix it?

How do we handle the events of our life? Do we do it on our own, or via social media, or via friends, or? Consider WHAT GIVES YOU SECURITY from this list which are the most popular [not here in any order]:

- + geography, living in a particular place, familiar surroundings, knowing your neighbors.
- + possessions, the old family home, favorite furniture or books, the old reliable car.
- + money, financial power, investments, pension-planning.
- + another person, parent, child, spouse, friend, political leader.

OK, now how many of these are your sense of security, what you base life on? All are important in our lives. We need roots. Since I moved around a lot when young I consider myself a “westerner” [and that eliminates any “old family home” for me]. My first car took me everywhere doing photography, almost new and reliable; it also had a speedometer that went to 150 – but I was told that it weighed 50 pounds at 80 mph. Limits!

Security -- a good way to test our own security is to relate it to our faith. Is there one thing which, if it were lost, would you make you feel life was not worth living? Things and places have limits, decay, destruction, accidents, loss. Or, the older relative who can’t bear to give up house/possessions of a long lifetime even when it is physically impossible for them to maintain them. Or self-esteem based on money and financial power – loss of which eats into a sense of self-worth.

Look again: there is only one basis for solid unshakable security which a person needs to live a good life, and that is the security of a solid and living

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faith in God. God alone can be depended on to love us, to be close, to be responsive to our needs. Jeremiah said it a long time ago:

“Blessed is the person who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water that sends out its roots by the stream, And does not fear when heat comes for its leaves remain green, And is not anxious in the year of drought as it does not cease to bear fruit.” [Jer.17: 7-8]

If our faith is rooted deeply in God as revealed in Jesus Christ, it will be stronger than any organization, possession, structure, or other person.

It is said that we are a “covenant people” with God, in a relationship with Him. We are sure of God’s love for us. We can trust his guiding hand in the now and in the future – whatever comes along. When “stuff happens”, when our world is shaken, we can remember that if we try to discern God in the events of our lives, or our world, we may even be able to work with Him to accomplish what he has in mind for us.

For example, God calls on us to “love him with all our heart and soul and mind and strength and to love our neighbors as ourselves.”

Because of that relationship/covenant with God, we are reconciled to God, and loved and accepted. I know who I am, where I belong, and where I am going in life – as a part of God’s Family. I don’t have to run after the new fad or the latest social media post.

Because of God’s gift of inner security and even serenity, we need not be afraid as individuals or as the church to speak and act boldly for what we know to be right. Jesus is the model for our life-style. He demonstrated servanthood in all his actions and teachings – healing the sick, feeding the hungry, comforting the sorrowful. “Whoever would be great...must be your servant...” The servant style of life puts the concerns of others ahead of power, wealth, etc.

Come, know one another better in a sharing of mutual concern and support – through our church. Find ways together and individually to seek and do what God has in mind for us – in this changing world of ours.

Ask, what gifts do you have that you are being called to use, or share, as you do what God has in mind for you?

Pray about it; & let the Holy Spirit lead you in your journey of faith and life.

Yours, Together in Christ,
Gary Nickel

Chef John Prepares Tenderloin



Chef John Pidhirniak visited **Glory 50 Plus** to demonstrate the preparation of a pork tenderloin dinner. After preparing an apple infused sauce to serve with the tenderloin, he invited Audrey Hanson to assist him in the preparation of the gluten-free stuffed meat. After pounding the tenderloin, they layered spinach, asparagus, red peppers, and stuffing.

Chef John encouraged Audrey as she rolled the meat after which Chef John showed the audience how to tie the roll firmly before searing. When the meal was ready, Chef John showed the audience how to carve and plate the tenderloin.

The enthusiastic audience watched closely, asking questions throughout the presentation. The meal included appetizers of skewered tomatoes and cheese, spinach dip served with baguettes, stuffed pork tenderloin, green salad with walnuts and apples, and pineapple delight for dessert. Chef John was assisted by his partner, Deb Black, and by Group Two including Myrna and Henry Zilm, Donna and Graham Laughton, Val Voros, Helen Roberts, Barb Anderson, Mike Lee and Marjorie Zelent.

While dinner cooked in the oven, Glory 50 Plus held their elections. The elected officers the 2023-2025 season are:

- Co-Chair – Donna Dawson and Myrna Zilm
- Secretary – Val Voros
- Treasurer – Gerry Regehr
- Sunshine Custodian – Maureen Wesner







Glory is one of 80+ churches, synagogues and mosques that serve a pre-packaged lunch through the doors of Bissell West on a Sunday morning for up to 250 people. September 17, 2023 Photos by Dave Hauf



OCTOBER YOUTH EVENTS

WED
11 **OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT**
7:00-9:30

& bonfire at Glory. Movie snacks provided! Please dress for the weather. In the case it is rainy or frigid we will play board games inside.

SUN
15 **LUNCH & CORN MAZE**
11:30 - 3:00

Lunch at Glory at 11:30. Carpooling arranged to go from Glory to the Edmonton Corn Maze. Meet at the corn maze at 1. Cost of admission is covered for all youth! Bonfire site booked for our group from 1-3.

WED
25 **COOKING COMPETITION**
7:00 - 9:00

at Mount Olivet. Youth will team up to see who can create the most mouth-watering, most creative, and most beautiful feast!



For all events please RSVP when possible to Lizzie on
WhatsApp or email
(youth.coordinator@glorylutheran.ca)



Please pray for the Syrian family we are trying to sponsor to come to Canada. The couple met and married in a Jordanian refugee camp and their children were born there. Please pray for patience and that the application process might move along more quickly. The family are currently residing in Irbid, Jordan. Here are their names:

Odai Ahmad Hasan, father (b. 1995)
Doha Mufeed Shehadeh, mother (b. 1997)
Ahmad Odai Hasan, son (b. 2017)
Mohammad Odai Hasan, son (b.2019)



ECUMENICAL
MISSION
OF STRATHCONA COUNTY

**THE 32nd ANNUAL
ECUMENICAL MISSION
OF STRATHCONA COUNTY
NO LONGER STRANGERS
IN THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD**

October 22-25, 2023

Monday, October 23
7 pm Evening Worship Service @ Glory

Led by Nicholas Jesson & Rev. Amanda Currie.

Married for 22 years, our co-leaders have partnered in many ecumenical projects and ministry and participate actively in each other's churches.

We welcome their leadership at this year's Mission!

For more information, please see the brochures

We are planning to have coffee, tea, and snacks available after the service at Glory on Monday.

It would be very appreciated if congregation members could supply some baking for this occasion - a loaf (i.e. zucchini:), a pan of squares, or cookies.

These items could be dropped off on Sunday or before the service on Monday evening. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Thank you!



The shed has been moved down by the Community Garden to make way for the new path to the Luther Rose Memorial Garden. Updates coming soon!



REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

For the poor will never cease out of the land; therefore I command you, You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in the land. Deuteronomy 15:11 RSV

As we are on the doorstep of the Advent Season, you are invited to participate in the Reverse Advent Calendar Food Donation.

Throughout the months of November and early December please assemble, one item a day, non-perishable food and other goods into a box for our local Food Bank so others may experience this precious season with less stress and more joy.

The items can be brought to church on December 3 and 10. They will be delivered to the Strathcona County Food Bank the following week.

Ideas to consider including in your Food Bank gift box:

Food Items

Kraft Mac & Cheese
Canned veggies
Ready to serve soup
Ready to serve chili
Box of Cereal
Tuna
Hamburger Helper
Instant hot porridge
No sugar free fruit juice

Boxed milk
pasta sauce
Spices
coffee.
Tea bags
crackers
peanut butter
Stove Top Stuffing
No sugar added canned fruit

Juice boxes
Cooking Oil
salt and pepper
jelly or jam
Sugar
Rice

Non Food items

Dishwashing detergent
Baby Wipes.
Reusable grocery bags
Toothbrushes

Feminine hygiene products
Tin foil
Toothpaste
Bar soap
plastic wrap
can opener

Gift Card

You are also welcome to consider a donation of a gift card to a grocer. A box will be available to deposit your chosen card into.

What's Happening

GLORY LUTHERAN CHURCH



DATES TO REMEMBER

October 22-25	32nd Annual Ecumenical Mission of Strathcona County
October 23	Ecumenical Mission of Strathcona County - Monday evening service @ Glory 7:00
October 15	YOUTH Lunch & Corn Maze - 11:45am
October 25	YOUTH Cooking Competition @ Mt. Olivet - 7:00pm
October 28	Festival Singers Workshop - 12:00pm
Tuesdays	Praise Band Rehearsal 7:00pm
Thursdays	Confirmation 6:30pm Choir 7:30pm (starting Sept. 14)
2nd Thursdays	Worship at Strathcona Care - Monthly 10:15am
4th Thursdays	Worship at Hardisty Care Centre - Monthly 10:00am
Sundays	Worship 10:30 am (Communion 2 nd & 4 th Sundays)

No Sunday School on long weekends.

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

Please note that Heidi may be working from home.
Email and phone calls will continue to be answered during office hours. Please call the office if you would like to visit the church.

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