



# Proclaimer

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## **Bethlehem Lutheran Church Annual Meeting**

**Sunday, February 8**

**1:30 pm**

**following a potluck lunch.**

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Please submit information by the 20th of each month.

We apologize for any errors or omissions we may have published.

## From the Pastor's Desk

As Lutheran Christians we follow the Church year. This month on Feb. 25th we begin the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday and so therefore I want to explain why we use the Church year. Christians from non-liturgical backgrounds are often unfamiliar with the Church year and those from liturgical backgrounds may wonder which of the Church calendars to follow. After all, the Eastern Orthodox Churches have their own Calendar, The Roman Catholic Church has its own calendar and many of the larger Protestant Churches have their own calendars. Even though in recent years there has been some consensus on the Church year with the development of the Revised Common Lectionary, there still are variations. As Christians of the Lutheran Tradition, the Church Calendar we are most familiar with is the one used by the Lutheran Church. There are some Christians who may wonder why even use the Church year? I believe the strongest rationale for using the Church year is that the Church year makes it clear that time itself is precious and sacred. It is precious and sacred because God created time in the first place and then God entered time in the person of his Son, Jesus Christ. God continues to move through time by the power of His Holy Spirit. When one follows the Church calendar, one is saying that there is a Christian way to mark the time that God gives His family the Church. And when one follows the Church Year, one is also saying by their discipline that they desire to be apart of what God has done and is doing and will do in this world.

When you read the Old Testament you discover that God gave the Israelite people festivals, and special days to remember and relive and so that they might enter into what God had done for them. The Church year really has its roots in the Old Testament and particularly the celebration of the Passover and God's deliverance of his people from Egypt. The Christian Church Year really began with the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Day. We know from the book of Acts that the first Christians were Jews. After Jesus death and resurrection they couldn't help but celebrate the Jewish Passover, without remembering their Saviour's Passion and glorious resurrection. Moreover they were accustomed to celebrating the Sabbath weekly and already in the New Testament we have evidence that they began to celebrate along with the Sabbath, the Lord's Day – the day of Christ's Resurrection. [See **Revelation 1:10, 1 Corinthians 16:2**].

It should also be understood that one does not follow the Church year, because it is required but rather because one wants to claim the times and seasons of the year as sacred, that is set apart for God's purposes and to enter into those events by which Christ accomplished our salvation and through their retelling and re-living, re-experience newness of life. In **Colossians 2:16-17** St. Paul said: **"Therefore no one is to act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day– 17 things which are a mere shadow of what is to come but the substance belongs to Christ."** This verse is key to understanding the Church year because the substance of our relationship with God is Christ. Christianity is not a religion in that there is a prescribed program to follow– but rather a relationship, a communion and a participation in the life of Christ, daily. The church year is intended to help us participate in the fullness of that life. During the upcoming Lenten Season we will be having Lenten services. Lenten Services help us think and meditate upon the suffering and death of Jesus. What a mystery we contemplate in Lent-- that God should suffer and die for us. That God should be so passionate about us who really were his enemies. [See **Romans 5**] The color is purple, the color of royalty [Jesus is our King] and the color of penitence. I encourage you to watch for our Lenten schedule in the next Proclaimer. The first service will be Ash Wednesday February 25th, 2009 at 7:30PM.

Note: there will be no Confirmation class on Ash Wednesday.

Pastor Daryl

As a mom was preparing pancakes for her sons, Johnny and Alex – the boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mom saw the opportunity to teach a moral lesson. She said, "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'"  
Johnny quickly turned to his younger brother and said, "Okay, Alex, you be Jesus!"

The **BC Mission Boat Society** is excited to announce their summer schedule for 2009. The Board of Directors has approved an \*eight week\* lease of the mission boat, which allows us to offer an extra two weeks of boat-based missions. Here is the schedule for Summer 2009:

Week 1: Parksville up to Gilford (June 27 - July 4)

Week 2: Bella Bella (July 4 - 11)

Week 3: Klemtu (July 11 – 18)

Week 4: Rivers Inlet (July 18 – 25)

Week 5: West Coast Down (July 25 – Aug. 1)

Week 6: West Coast Up (Aug. 1 – 8)

Week 7: Kingcome (Aug. 8 – 15)

Week 8: Gilford down to Parksville (Aug. 15 – 22)



Applications for crew are available to download at [www.bcmissionboat.org](http://www.bcmissionboat.org)

We look forward to you joining us aboard this summer.

God bless,

Skye Donald, BC Mission Boat Society

If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact one of the Mission committee members.



### Long Time Members Have Moved

Pastor Art and Elora Solheim moved from our community on January 7th and are now residing in Regina. We will certainly miss this dear couple who have been such faithful and loving members of our congregation.

The Solheim family moved to Outlook in 1954 when Pastor Solheim became Business Manager of LCBI, a position he held until his retirement in 1982. He was also a part time teacher in both the Bible department and high school department, and for a few years served as Dean of Men. He also was the acting president during 1956 until Pastor Stolee arrived to assume that role.

Elora, who was known by everyone as a faithful wife, mother, and homemaker with the gift of hospitality filled their home with the warmth of her love. In 1963, when there was a need for additional staff at LCBI, she became a part-time high school teacher, a position she held until 1982 when she and Art both officially retired.

To the Solheim couple, retirement meant the opportunity to fill their time with additional service for the Lord wherever there was a need and our congregation became the recipient of even more involvement from them. Pastor Solheim served as our supply pastor, Bible teacher, council member, carpenter, repair man, and in various other ways. Elora was a faithful ELW member who continually went the extra mile. We have many memories of her good baking which she so generously shared for various occasions, and she was known to usually bring an extra supply of food in case we didn't have enough.

So much more could be written about these humble and willing servants who have been such a blessing to us. More than that, however, we remember them for who they are, for the evidence of Christ living in them, and for their testimony of a deep abiding faith.

For me personally to see this large white house standing empty gives me mixed emotions. They have been my long time neighbours who warmed me with their love, their children and my children spent many joyous times together, and they were always ready to lend a helping hand when needed. Life brings changes though, and I am glad for them that they now have a place to live that will give them the care they need with the added blessing of being in the city where several family members are living.

Many of you may not have had the opportunity to visit with them before they left. If you would like to write to them, this is their new address: #3 Claddagh Manor, 5161 Sherwood Drive, Regina, SK, S4R 4C1. Their telephone number is 306-791-0878.

Submitted by Helen Salte

## **ELCIC and CLWR Issue Appeal to Support Humanitarian Aid in Gaza**

Winnipeg, 7 January 2009 -- The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada's (ELCIC) Global Hunger and Development Appeal (GHDA), Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) and their partners in the region have taken action to address the humanitarian needs of the many Palestinians who are unable to escape the escalating violence in the Gaza Strip. A joint appeal has been issued to support immediate relief efforts.

Through CLWR, the ELCIC is cooperating with other members of Action by Churches Together (ACT) International, including the Lutheran World Federation (LWF), to respond to emergency needs as the situation develops. Priority relief measures in the coming days and weeks include the provision of food items like rice, flour and high protein biscuits; cooking fuel; blankets; medical supplies; as well as psychosocial counselling.

Aid workers report desperate circumstances. Food is in extremely short supply. Fuel is running low. Mobile medical clinics have been destroyed by Israeli air strikes. Hospitals continue to receive a steady stream of patients; many of them civilians who were struck by shrapnel or falling debris while sitting in their homes.

"No one goes out on the streets except if they really have to," said Omar Almajdalawi from Jabalia in Gaza, an aid worker with ACT International member DanChurchAid. He tells that most people now live with open windows, despite the cold, so that the glass does not break into a hundred pieces from the impact of missiles exploding in the area.

At the Al Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza City, a ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, supported by ACT International members, staff have been working around the clock to cope with casualties and are exhausted. Director Dr. Suhaila Tarazi reports "the hospital is in urgent need of medicine and supplies. There is no electricity in all of Gaza and so we are currently running off of generator power. We have very little supplies left -- enough to last for another week. If this crisis continues, we will be in a very dire situation."

CLWR has a long history of humanitarian work in the region through the LWF, of which the ELCIC is a member church, including support for the Augusta Victoria Hospital (AVH) in East Jerusalem. AVH offers specialized medical services like cancer treatment and dialysis to Palestinians. The hospital does treat some cancer patients from Gaza and will need additional funds to cover the costs of housing, food, transportation, and other support for these patients and accompanying family members who are unable to return to Gaza.

To support relief efforts in Gaza, donations can be made to GHDA - Gaza Appeal as follows:

- Via the ELCIC Website: [www.elcic.ca](http://www.elcic.ca) (click on the Donate Now link)
- By mail: GHDA, 302-393 Portage Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3B 3H6 (please indicate "GHDA - Gaza Appeal" in the memo portion of the cheque)
- Through all ELCIC Congregations

Further information about the work of ELCIC's Global Hunger and Development Appeal can be viewed online at [www.elcic.ca/ghda](http://www.elcic.ca/ghda)



### **A reminder when leaving the church....**

**Please consider yourself the last one to leave the building, and make sure that the following things are done:**

- 1. Check that all outside doors are locked (kitchen, Sunday School entrance, maintenance room, both main doors).**
- 2. Make sure all lights are turned off.**
- 3. Make sure all toilets are flushed and no water is running in any of the bathrooms (in the dining hall and Sunday School wing).**



**Thank you for your cooperation!**

## PATAGONIA MISSION UPDATE FOR 2008

Since 2002 the ELCIC has shared a joint mission with the United Evangelical Lutheran Church (IELU) in the Patagonia region of southern Argentina where for many years ELCIC missionaries had served, first the Niebergalls and then the Kiels.

ELCIC Mission in the World sends the funds raised through Patagonia Mission Sponsorship in the ELCIC to Argentina to support the ministry of two IELU mission pastors, Sergio Utz and Gustavo Gomez. Pastor Sergio and Pastor Gustavo look after the congregations and mission points in Esquel, Cushamen, Comodoro Rivadavia and Bariloche.

There were some big changes in the life of Pastor Sergio in 2008. In February, Sergio moved from Esquel and married Mailen Corbeletto, who has a five-year old daughter Micaela. Sergio now lives with his new family in Bariloche where the Cruz del Sur congregation has been added to his ministry.

On the ELCIC Mission in the World web site, there are updated photos of Pastor Sergio's family and the family of Pastor Gustavo in Comodoro Rivadavia <http://elcic.ca/In-Mission-in-the-World/People/default.cfm>. These photos were taken by Rev Greg Kiel during the Saskatchewan Synod's mission trip in Argentina in February 2008.

Almost all of the congregations, ELWs and individuals who sponsor Patagonia Mission are from the Saskatchewan Synod which has a companion relationship with IELU as part of the ELCIC's Companion Synod Program. Sponsorship of Patagonia Mission continued to be strong in 2008. While not all of the 2008 contributions have been tallied yet, it appears that the total will approach \$23,600, the amount needed for Patagonia Mission last year. This amount and more will be needed each year in the future as costs increase due to Argentina's high inflation rate and Pastor Sergio's transportation to three ministry points.

Mission in the World encourages Patagonia Mission sponsors to continue their support and invites others to help meet the needs of this joint mission with IELU. To find out more about Patagonia Mission Sponsorship, contact Kelvin Krieger, Mission in the World Coordinator, by email [kkrieger@elcic.ca](mailto:kkrieger@elcic.ca) or toll free 1.888.786.6707 ext 164.

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Dear Patagonia Mission Sponsors,

Attached is a newsletter from Pastor Sergio Utz. We are very thankful for the help of Rev Greg Kiel who translated this newsletter. If you are unable to open or read the attached file, please call (outside Winnipeg you can use the toll free number) and let me know and I will mail a hard copy to you.

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Sponsorship of Patagonia Mission continued to be strong in 2008. While not all of the 2008 contributions have been accounted for yet, it appears that the total will approach \$23,600, the amount needed for Patagonia Mission last year. We are counting on your continuing support in 2009 to help meet the needs of the ELCIC's joint mission in Patagonia with the United Evangelical Lutheran Church of Argentina and Uruguay. Thank you very much for your support of Patagonia Mission.

Kelvin Krieger  
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## Patagonia Mission Sponsorship - 2008

**Joint Mission:** ELCIC & United Evangelical Lutheran Church in Argentina and Uruguay (IELU)

**Rev Sergio Utz**, Pastor of Esperanza del Sur (Hope of the South) Congregation in Esquel, Cruz del Sur (Cross of the South) Congregation in Bariloche and the mission with the Mapuche aborigines at Cushamen.

### To my Brothers and Sisters of the ELCIC:

Warm Greetings to All!

I have worked for four and half years now as a Pastor in the Patagonia. It has occurred to me to put in writing what has touched my life during this time and to share it with you my friends.

I remember very much the first day that I took a trip through the Patagonia and the people who took me to Cushamen and later to the city of Esquel. There was very little time between my ordination and my arrival; so far from my home and the ones I loved, in just days. I said little in that moment, there is little that can be said when one knows these places that are so far and yet so marvellous. Even today when I travel the roads that unite Esquel and Cushamen the sensations are the same. The roads in the Patagonia are harsh and difficult but at the same time are so important and majestic, all of which is a metaphor for those who would travel them. The roads are lonely but filled with the smells, colours and dreams and memories of this encounter with God.

I became friends with the cold and the wind and I became accustomed to invite them along for a coffee or tea at the side of the road. They say the sun itself suffers from the cold, and that is right! In winter the sun begins early to rest on the mountains to later hide itself, certainly searching for respite from the low temperatures.

The return trip is also filled with images; memories, faces, hugs and the beginning of another week. I arrive at the house very late and tired but overflowing with joy and loaded with emotions that I want to share. It would have been difficult to arrive at my house without someone there waiting for me to return, hugging tiredness and sharing their smiles. I give thanks to God for my wife Mailen (*Sergio and Mailen married Feb 9/08*) and her daughter Micaela to be at my side.

I could share so many stories and so many anecdotes that I could fill pages and pages just trying to describe to you the significance in my life of the time I have spent in the Patagonia. The words never stop nor would I know how to fill a page with all the sentiments and feelings that I have to tell of my life.

To live in the Patagonia is not a simple thing for a young person who has lived all his life in large cities. The loneliness, the climate, the distances, the high cost of living, but none of these things can compare with the love and care that I have received in these years. I remember my first birthday in Esquel, far from my family and my friends. During this time my mailbox was full of cards and letters sent from so far from people who were thinking of me, in my work; they had me in their prayers and the letters brought their support and their care. I keep each one of these cards and letters, and I still continue to receive them, like a great treasure. I keep them in a chest where I guard my keepsakes. It is a chest of balm that is very necessary to apply when times are difficult or simply in times when I need to lift my spirits.

I will never be able to erase the image in my mind of the women in Cushamen waiting for my arrival, with a fire and the salon opened and the altar prepared and a coffee with milk to recoup the strength and energy within me. These images will never leave me.

I have had the blessing to do my ministry together with some wonderful people; examples of the faith, of hope and sacrifice. I have been able to see the strength and the dedication of those who work on the land in the Patagonia putting up with the rude climate and arid land fighting against diversity that comes from nature and from people. They have rough hands from working. They have experienced the darkness and the warmth of an adobe ranch house. They have anxiously walked many kilometres to visit neighbouring houses, just so someone would notice or give a sign that they were not lost. I have come to appreciate the value of the word, the greatness of simple people, their love and respect for the land, their generosity in spite of what they might not have, their abandonment of riches with no interest in the markets, and because of their gratefulness of life, they value more highly the love of life. I have learned much from these Mapuche First Nations peoples, of their faith, their culture, their struggles and their hope. Undoubtedly I have received more than I could have ever given.

How much I wish that you could be here with me! Sometimes while I am in Cushamen I stop for a second and stand in silence and close my eyes and imagine all the people that are at my side and part of this mission in the Patagonia; in the middle of all this my thoughts take me into the middle of the artisan workshop and I can see the group of women working together making wool on their spinning wheels. In the middle of the salon, wood burns in the fireplace and on top of it heats a kettle of water, ready to share maté. Amelia prepares the maté with a little of yerba (type of herb tea) and hot water, full of care, wisdom and so many other things that others feel but do not express. I imagine us all together in worship partaking of the table of our Lord and later I imagine the children running behind a ball, others cheering, others drawing their dreams on a piece of paper. Also at the Cup of Milk program, gathered together in the salon sharing Bible stories like our grandparents, fathers and mothers had done. I suddenly smell the aroma of the hot milk on the fire, I open my eyes and I see all the smiles at the table shared by many. While I drink my cup of warm milk I realize what a grand blessing it is to be living all of this and I can feel to some extent the spanning of the distance between those that help us, those who pray and support us: they are present. I am a privileged witness of this wonderful encounter of sisters and brothers that gather together, that share their lives, broach the distances and the differences, and together form the "Body of Christ." continued...

I hear the words of the apostle Paul:

*" For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it." (1 Corinthians 12:12-13, 26 NRSV)*

I hope with these words I have shared something of the significance of myself and the work in the Patagonia. Now that I am pastor of the congregation "Hope of the South" in Esquel, the mission in Cushamen and now also the congregation "Cross of the South" in Bariloche, the challenges are even greater. To be Pastor in three communities is a big responsibility and will show to be a great endeavour. More hours on the road, more work, more tiredness but also more joys, more caring, more encounters, more friendships, more learnings and more moments shared. To all of you I give my thanks for sharing and continuing to follow all of this with me and I count on all of you for what is to come. On top of all this, I am a Pastor of the IELU but I have always felt also like a pastor of the ELCIC and this is how you have made me feel.

May God continue to accompany us and bless this work!

Affectionately;

Pastor Sergio Utz  
Emilio Frey 461  
8400 – Bariloche  
Provincia de Rio Negro  
ARGENTINA



### Local Volunteering Opportunities

The ***Outlook & District Food Bank*** would like some more volunteers to assist in packing food hampers on the second last Wednesday of each month. Two to four helpers are needed, usually in the afternoon, to help with packing the dry groceries in the hampers. A volunteer is also needed to assist later in the day to pack milk and meat in the hampers, and then to dispense the hampers at 7:00 pm. Some lifting is required. If you are able to volunteer for this local need, please call Vivian Bothner at 867-9735 (home) or 867-8751 (work).

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A ***Relay for Life*** meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 4, 7:00 pm in the Outlook High School. Relay for Life is a fundraising event sponsored by the Canadian Cancer Society. The Relay will be held Friday, June 5 in Outlook. Volunteers are needed to assist with a variety of areas: site set-up, site take-down, security, luminary set-up and take-down, team services, food services, entertainment, volunteer services, registration, Canadian Cancer Society Smart Shop, administration, etc.

The ***Relay for Life*** is more than just a fundraiser, it is an opportunity to get together with family and friends to celebrate cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost to cancer, and to fight back in the hope of finding a cure. The Relay involves teams of 10 people who participate in an overnight non-competitive relay. Participants take turns walking, running, or strolling around a track. Teams consist of families, friends, co-workers, etc. The event is done overnight to reflect the fact that cancer never sleeps. Cancer survivors are invited to walk the first lap – the Survivor’s Victory Lap—to acknowledge and celebrate their courage in their struggle with the disease. During the 12 hour event, a variety of fun events and entertainment are presented to make the night one to remember. Please consider assisting with this exciting event or participating with a team in the relay. For more information, please contact Michelle Stalwick at 867-1809.

## **FOCUS ON MARRIAGE SATELLITE SEMINAR**

I think it was about three or four years ago that we provided the Alpha Marriage course in our congregation. And I remember Ron Sagness, after he and Lila had participated in the first Alpha Marriage course, got up in church and strongly supported the marriage course. He said that we all spend a lot of time and money and effort on maintaining our vehicles and homes and yards and our stuff but how much effort and time and money do we spend on maintaining our marriages? Marriage is a gift from God. However it is a gift that can be destroyed or weakened by neglect. We all know that marriages are under stress, even Christian marriages. As a congregation we want to do what we can to strengthen marriages, because this in turn brings strength to our families and strength to our church family.

We now have the opportunity to offer another seminar on marriage called **Focus On Marriage**. The theme is **“Seeing your marriage through the eyes of God”**. This one day seminar is presented by Focus on the Family, an organization that is fully committed to providing resources and training to support the Christian family and Christian Marriages.

**Focus On Marriage** is being delivered to us here in our church via satellite by CCN, the Christian Church Network on February 28 at a cost to us of about \$60 per couple including the cost of lunch and child care( age 3 years and older). Church Council has agreed to underwrite the cost of bringing this seminar to our church because we don't want anyone who should attend, to miss this, if the cost were a reason for them not to come. We have pre-purchased 50 tickets, i.e. for 25 couples and we want to give our own members first chance to benefit from this seminar.

**Who should attend?** If you are thinking of or planning to get married, if you are engaged to be married, if you are newly married, if you are in one of the stages of marriage such as having children, raising children, or even if you have reached the empty nest stage of marriage you will benefit from and be blessed by the message and instruction and encouragement from the five presenters and the special musical guest.

This seminar is being presented live via satellite all across the USA and Canada. Focus on the Family hopes to reach a minimum of 50,000 couples with this broadcast. Most states and provinces have several churches where this is being offered but in Saskatchewan, Bethlehem Lutheran, Outlook is the only location where it will be presented. It is now listed on the Focus on the Family web site and we are advertising it in our local and surrounding churches. We are expecting that the limited spaces could fill rather quickly. The date is Saturday, February 28, 8:30 am to 3:30 pm.

**So, what should you do?** **1.** Register early. If you want to come, act soon. Leave your name with us now. **2.** If you know of someone who should attend please invite them and have them register soon. Once we have registered the 25 prepaid couples, additional attendees must register on line and pay the full late registration cost of US\$69 per couple on line. **3.** Please **pray daily** for this seminar; for those attending, for the speakers, for us as we continue to organize for it. **4.** Our total cost including lunch and child care will be about \$60 per couple. A freewill offering will be received from participants at the seminar, for those that are able to help cover part of the costs. If you are not attending perhaps you would be able to sponsor someone by giving an extra gift in your offering, designated for the marriage seminar.

Please register at the church office and call 867-8812 if you have any questions. More details are available on the FOM website at <http://www.focusonthefamily.com/> Follow the Focus on Marriage Link.

Submitted by Lorne Hovdestad



***THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in the Musical Variety Evening, to those who brought and served lunch, and to those who were in attendance. Thank you also for the offering to the Building Fund which totalled \$3 151.*

## **JESUS**

Lover of those who are lonely  
Listener of those who lament  
Lawyer of thieves and murderers  
In You Hope pitches its tent.

Birther of breathtaking beauty  
Namer of heavenly lights  
Ruler of cities of refuge  
In You my whole being delights.

Writer of flowing redemption  
Author of epic romance  
Silent singer of symphonies  
You sweep me into Your dance.

Thundering voice of the heavens  
Bubbling fountain of cheer  
Whispering wind on the prairies  
Toward You I incline my ear.

Looser of cords that strangle  
Filler of long-empty nests  
Opener of wombs ever barren  
To You I direct my requests.

Mystery sought out by Magi  
Treasure of infinite worth  
Desire of angels and nations  
You are the king of the earth

By Karen Olson (Arlin & Ruth's daughter)

## **Choir Opportunities**

The Community Choir, under the direction of Vivian Bothner, is now practising for the Easter Cantata, "Once Upon a Tree" by Pepper Choplin. Practises are Tuesdays at 7:30 pm in the United Church. All singers are welcome.

The Alliance Church is also practising for their Easter presentation of "The Sacrifice" by Steve Moore & David Clydesdale. This is the third musical in a series that the Alliance Church has performed under the direction of Marianne Vermette. Practises are Mondays at 7:00 pm in the Alliance Church. All voices are welcome.

## **HOJA Concert**

LCBI, along with the Outlook Kinsmen, are hosting an evening of family entertainment by the renowned accapella singing group, HOJA. The concert will take place on Saturday, February 28 at 7:00 pm at LCBI. All proceeds from the concert go to Telemiracle 33.

## *Kinasao Lutheran Bible Camp*

*Is looking for students for summer employment.  
Consider serving God through the outdoor ministry at Kinasao!*

*Applications, due March 1, 2009, can be found online*

*Or by contacting Kinasao at*

*Box 327, Christopher Lake, SK, S0J 0N0*

*Phone: 306-982-3327*

*Email: [info@kinasao.ca](mailto:info@kinasao.ca)*

*[www.kinasao.ca](http://www.kinasao.ca)*

## Prayer Update

Greetings one and all! It is a new year and a new beginning. Another chance to resolute ourselves and our lives. Perhaps to live upright and Godly lives as Titus chapter two states. My new years resolution is to do away with fast food. We'll see how it goes.

The Month of December was short and sweet. My responsibilities have been minimal. I spent only two weeks of this month actually in Edmonton. From the eighth until the twelfth I had class at CLBI. I was joined by fellow interns in this week and we had quite an enjoyable time. We worked through a course called SHAPE ministry. The course helped us to discover who we are, how God has gifted us, and how we can further his kingdom using the gifts, experiences, and abilities that he has given us. This was very encouraging to all of us interns and we all really valued the one on one interview we had with our instructors on Wednesday.

On the nineteenth of December God literally thrust upon me one of the greatest experiences I have had this year with the youth. All I really did was show up. I didn't do any strategizing or planning of any kind, I simply showed up. We help a neighboring church with their sandwich ministry to down town Edmonton. This was such an eye opening experience for the youth. And to top it off we had a pretty good turn out. It never ceases to amaze me how God is working not through our strengths but through our weaknesses and does amazing things when we least expect him to.

I am quite satisfied with where I am at. As the days go on I build more relationship and my responsibilities become more clear. I think that this is going to be a hard place to leave at the end of April. God has blessed me so much here and I have really gotten a sense of community with church family here.

God has been faithful again this month in teaching me so much. In the one on one interview portion of the course at CLBI it was quite clearly pointed out to me that God has indeed gifted me to be a Pastor. I am still uncertain about the call. It seems that God affirms my call daily but I am still a doubting Thomas. I need to feel the nail holes in Christ's hands and the spear wound in his side. The ministry as a profession is an incredibly high calling and perhaps a place of doubt is the best place for me to be right now.

Mission trip to Mexico is becoming less and less of an idea and more and more of a concrete factual trip that is really going to happen. It looks like we will have eleven from Emmaus Lutheran Church being part of this mission. I am excited to see this group go and trust that they will be impacted so much more then they can possibly expect.

I recently got a job coaching basketball for a Jr. boys team at a near by school. This is such a great opportunity for me to get out into the community and start some real community transformation in North East Edmonton.

God is so good. He is always teaching me, always challenging me, and always stretching me in so many ways. How great is our God.

God bless,  
KennyO



### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

*Lisa & Jesse Ogle, together with big sister Halle, welcomed  
Berlynn Jesse into their family on January 17.  
Proud grand-parents are Bryan & Janet Akre,  
and great-grandmothers Doris Akre & Una Haugen*

## Memories of Gayle Haugen

Steinar and Gayle Haugen lived at LCBI from 1963-1971 where Steiner served as Dean of Men and Gayle was like a mother to the boys living in the dormitory. When I learned of Gayle's recent death, I was flooded with many memories of this dear lady whose presence brought so much delight.

During Gayle's time in Outlook she was a member of the Hope Circle in the ELW which consisted mostly of a group of young mothers. In this circle there were several of us who had babies very close in age, and we sometimes brought them with us to the meetings that were held in our homes. We were a closely knit group who freely shared our thoughts and insights through the Bible studies and enjoyed many moments of laughter as we visited with one another. Hope Circle, however, disbanded years later when several members moved out of the Outlook area and the few who remained had the choice of joining either the Grace or Peace Circles.

Although distance has separated many of us who were originally in the Hope Circle, I'm sure that when we each learned that Gayle decided, later in life, to enter the ministry, we rejoiced because we knew that the qualities she possessed would make her a successful pastor.

I'm so glad that in recent years I had several occasions to visit with Gayle. With each visit it was so evident to me that this graceful lady had a beautiful heart that was filled with the love of Christ. Blessed be her memory!

May God comfort you, David, Kirsti, Eliana, Leif, and Alexander, and may you be blessed with wonderful memories of this special mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother who loved you so much.

Submitted by Helen Salte



## Quilting Days

Please mark your calendars that the quilting days will be held the week of March 9-13. Anyone interested in sewing, ironing, squaring fabric, pinning, putting together or tying quilts, please come out for this great mission opportunity. Any donations of the following items for quilts and layettes are appreciated:

- † old sheets—fitted or flat, in good condition or in need of repair
- † large pieces of material
- † thread
- † **NO** clothing or small pieces of material for quilting
- † t-shirts, Onesies, gowns, sleepers, sweaters, or sweatshirts up to size 24 months
- † receiving blankets, face cloths, 4-5 oz bars of gentle soap (in its original wrapper)

If you find yourself at a garage sale, Valu Village or the Salvation Army, please consider purchasing some much needed items for quilting and layettes. You are welcome to take some material from the sewing room home with you to make adult quilts, baby quilts, receiving blankets, or gowns. Any donations of hand-knit or crocheted baby sweaters are also welcome.

There will be a group travelling to Saskatoon to volunteer at **Food for the Hungry** on Tuesday, February 3. They will be leaving the church at 8:00 am and are usually back in Outlook by 4:30 or 5:00 pm. Bring your lunch. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Lorne or Darlene Hovdestad. Since we have started sending groups to their warehouse, we have donated 32 days of work to them by our volunteers.

*Our church family wish to honor **Syhra Akre and Wade Ellis** on the occasion of their wedding February 14, 2009. There is no formal shower, however anyone wishing to encourage them with a gift may do so by leaving it at the Church. God's blessings as they establish their new home together.*

## From the ELW

Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name, you are mine. Isaiah 43:1

It's time once more to keep you informed on our ELW activities. We held a General meeting on January 7 with a good attendance. In February our topic will be "Hope Discovered in Love" with Biblical texts: 1 Peter 1:39 key verse 1:3b; Psalm 23, John 10:1-10 with objectives being:

1. Celebrate God's unconditional love
2. Remember and renew our sense that God is a giver and a guide
3. Examine tangible ways to show love to others.

It all focuses on the relationship God initiates with us. It sounds like an interesting study.

Our February meeting will be held Wednesday, February 25 for Grace Circle, the fourth Monday for the Ladies Group, and the 4th Thursday for Peace Circle. You are welcome to attend any of them.

We would like you to mark April 25 on your calendars. That will be the Saskatoon Conference Convention and will be held at our church. More details will be forthcoming as the time gets closer.

Sewing days are March 9-13 for Lutheran World Relief. Wednesday noon Lenten services with soup and sandwich will begin February 25 at our church. Watch the bulletin for the noon Lenten schedule.

Submitted by June A. Haug



## Sound System Training Session

Many of you have been asking if I could put on some type of a training session for persons who are interested in learning how the sound system at our church works. For some time now, I have been working at putting some of my knowledge and experience with sound systems together in a PowerPoint presentation to share with you.

I have managed to put together a package of information that I think will be of interest. I have attempted to break my presentation down to three sections. The first part will begin with a basic explanation of what sound is. If you can envision it in your mind, it certainly makes it easier to work with it. We will then have a general overview of sound system components, how they work, proper use of, and how to avoid some typical problems. To close the session, we will look at the specific system setup that we currently are using at Bethlehem Lutheran Church and offer some tips and suggestions to running sound in a church worship environment.

I am expecting that this presentation will take approximately 4 hours. It will be held on Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, beginning at 10:00am. Please bring your own lunch. If you plan to attend, please let Maureen know at the church office.

I am hoping that this will be an informative presentation and all those who attend will learn something new. If you have any interest in this topic, please feel free to join us. Just because you attend this presentation doesn't mean we're going to talk you into running the sound system on Sunday mornings

Submitted by Bryce Baron

# **We are pleased to announce Lutheran Airlines is now operating in Minnysota!**

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Pay attention to your flight attendant, who vill acquaint you wit da  
safety system aboard dis Lutran Air. Okay den, listen up; I'm only gonna say dis vonce:

In da event of a sudden loss of cabin pressure, I am frankly gonna be real surprised and so vill Captain Olson, because ve fly right around two tousand feet, so loss of cabin pressure would probably mean da Second Coming or someting of dat nature, and I wouldn't bodder with doze liddle masks on da rubber tubes--you're gonna have bigger tings to worry about den dat. Just stuff doze back up in dair liddle holes.

Probably da masks fell out because of turbulence which, to be honest wit you, we're gonna have quite a bit of at two tousand feet, sorta like driving across a plowed field, but after a while you get used to it.

In da event of a water landing, I'd say forget it. Start saying da Lord's Prayer and just hope you get to da part about forgive us our sins as we forgive dose who sin against us, which some people say 'trespass against us,' but what can you do?

Da use of cell phones on da plane is strictly forbidden, not because day may confuse da plane's navigation system, which is by da pants all da way. No, it's because cell phones are a pain in da wazoo, and if God had meant you to use a cell phone, He wudda put your mout on da side of your head.

We start lunch right about noon and it's buffet style wit da coffeepot up front.

Den we'll have da hymn sing; hymnals are in da seat pockets in front of you. Don't take yours wit you when you go or I am gonna be real upset and I am not kiddin!

Right now I'll say Grace:

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest  
and let deze gifts to us be blessed.  
Fader, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
May we land in Dulut or pretty close.





PLEASE CLIP AND SAVE



**Serving the Lord:**

<b>February 1</b>	<b>11:15 am Service</b>	Ushers	Steven Ulven & Kirk Friggstad
		Reader	Phil Guebert
		Sound	Bryce Baron
		Coffee	Kim Johnson & Bev Chappell
<b>February 8</b>	<b>9:00 am Service</b>	Ushers	Lorraine Preus & Marlene Vavra
		Reader	Dennis Gustafson
		Communion	Ernie & Evelyn Anderson
		Sound	Lorne Hovdestad
	<b>11:15 am Service</b>	Ushers	Stalwick Family
		Reader	Stalwick Family
		Sound	Garth Weiterman
<b>February 15</b>	<b>9:00 am Service</b>	Ushers	Ron & Lila Sagness
		Reader	Ron Sagness
		Sound	David Haugen
			<b>11:15 am Service</b>
		Reader	Tony & Betty Peter
		Communion	Cam & Dorianne Leslie
		Sound	Cam Leslie
		Coffee	Margo Linsley & Jan Odegard
<b>February 22</b>	<b>9:00 am Service</b>	Ushers	Byrdie & Betty Zboril
		Reader	Byrdie & Betty Zboril
		Sound	Dennis Gustafson
			<b>11:15 am Service</b>
		Reader	Wayne Spence
		Sound	Kelly Hogan
		Coffee	Michelle Stalwick & Brenda Scholer

Ushers: Please arrive 1/2 hour before service to turn on the lights and fans. You are also responsible for lighting the candles and counting and recording the attendance. If there is communion during the service, please direct the flow of the communicants and collect the communion cards. After the service, please collect all garbage, recyclable paper (bulletins) and coloring boards.

**Kitchen Cleaning:**

<b>February 2-7</b>	Michelle Stalwick & Steven Ulven
<b>February 9-14</b>	Leslie Hicks & Margo Linsley
<b>February 16-21</b>	Kirsti Haugen & Leanne Engen
<b>February 23-28</b>	Ron & Lila Sagness & Elaine Baron

If you are unable to clean during your scheduled time, please exchange your week with someone else on the list.

**Thank you for your assistance in keeping our church clean.**

**Sunday Drivers:**

<b>1st Sunday of the Month</b>	Garth Weiterman	867-9853
<b>2nd Sunday of the Month</b>	Lloyd Hermanson	867-8211
<b>3rd Sunday of the Month</b>	Tony Peter	867-8034
<b>4th Sunday of the Month</b>	Cam Leslie	867-2121

If you are unable to drive for your scheduled Sunday, please call the alternate driver, Gordon Rott at 867-8061.