



Bethany Lutheran Outlook
April 2010

Serving God, Community, and Individuals



He Is Risen!



PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

My impression is that Lutherans tend to be left brain people. This has to do with a theory that says that the two different sides of the brain control two different modes of thinking and that most of us are inclined toward one or the other. Left brain people are said to be more rational and analytical and logical, right brain people more in tune with feelings and aesthetics and creativity. It's not an all or none thing, we all have elements of both, but the theory says that one side or the other tends to be dominant.

Religious experience also includes both right brain and left brain elements, but again, different traditions can have a tendency to emphasize one over the other. I think that historically Lutherans have tended to be more left brain; we like to think about things and get into the possible meanings of the biblical texts. One of the major reforms of Luther was a much greater emphasis on preaching which involves thinking about and interpreting the texts. Many of you have told me you like sermons that give you something to think about; you like that left brain aspect of things. It's not that right brain things aren't important too; they are. The ritual of Holy Communion (which really can't be explained adequately) usually comes in first when surveys are done on what is the most meaningful part of the worship service. Still, for Lutherans the left brain elements have always been a major part of who we are.

The end of March and the first days of April bring us into Holy Week and interestingly, for left brain Lutherans, the Holy Week and Easter liturgies are mostly right brain oriented. From Palm Sunday through Easter it's the sweep of the drama and the emotions which are evoked that are meaningful and memorable. It's much more likely that you will remember the right brain stuff of feeling and mood and atmosphere than you will any left brain analysis concerning the meaning of these days. You don't need this time explained, you need to experience it. The evening services, all ending in darkness, are particularly evocative. The quiet and candle-light of the all night Easter Vigil is also unique and worth experiencing. Combined, all the services contribute to the concluding joy of Easter Sunday.

Please take note of the Holy Week schedule of services and plan to make these special worship services a part of what you do this year!



Holy Week Schedule



March 28—Passion/Palm Sunday 10:30 am

“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!” (Luke 19:38, NRSV)

April 1—Maundy Thursday 7:30 pm

Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, “Take this and divide *it* among yourselves; for I say to you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.”

And He took bread, gave thanks and broke *it*, and gave *it* to them, saying, “This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”



“In Remembrance of Me ...”

Likewise He also *took* the cup after supper, saying, “This cup *is* the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you. (Luke 22: 17-20, NRSV)

April 2—Good Friday

Ecumenical Service at Wesley Methodist Church 12:30—3:00 pm

Tenebrae Service 9:00 pm



Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.” (Luke 23: 34, NRSV)

April 3—Easter Vigil 9 pm

All Night Vigil pm

And the women who had come with Him from Galilee followed after, and they observed the tomb and how His body was laid. Then they returned and prepared spices and fragrant oils. And they rested on the Sabbath according to the commandment. (Luke 23: 55-56, NSRV)

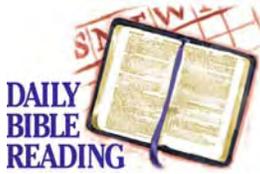


April 4—Easter 10:30 am

Then, as they were afraid and bowed *their* faces to the earth, they said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying, ‘The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.’” (Luke 24: 5-7, NSRV)



DAILY LECTIONARY



The foundational premise of this set of daily readings is their relationship to the Sunday lectionary. The readings are chosen so that the days leading up to Sunday (Thursday through Saturday) prepare for the Sunday readings. The days flowing out from Sunday (Monday through Wednesday) reflect upon the Sunday readings.

Daily Lectionary for April

1 Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 1 Cor. 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31b-35

2 Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 22 Hebrews 10:16-25 John 18:1-19:42

3 Vigil of Easter

Readings for the Vigil of Easter

Genesis 1:1-2:4a	Ezekiel 36: 24-28
Genesis 7:1-5	Ezekiel 37: 1-14
Genesis 22:1-18	Zephaniah 3: 14-20
Exodus 14: 10-31	Jonah 1:1—2:1
Isaiah 66: 1-11	Isaiah 61:1-4, 9-11
Proverbs 8: 1-8	Daniel 3:1-29

4 Resurrection of Our Lord

Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Cor. 15:19-26 Luke 24:1-12

5 Psalm 118:1-2,14-24	Joshua 10:16-27	1 Cor. 5:6b-8
6 Psalm 118:1-2,14-24	Judges 4:17-23;5:24-31a	Revelation 12:1-12
7 Psalm 118:1-2,14-24	2 Samuel 6:1-15	Luke 24:1-12
8 Psalm 150	1 Samuel 17:1-23	Acts 5:12-16
9 Psalm 150	1 Samuel 17:19-32	Acts 5:17-26
10 Psalm 150	1 Samuel 17:32-51	Luke 24:36-40

11 Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32 Psalm 118:14-29 Revelation 1:4-8 John 20:19-31

12	Psalm 122	Esther 7:1-10	Revelation 1:9-20
13	Psalm 122	Esther 8:1-17	Revelation 2:8-11
14	Psalm 122	Esther 9:1-5, 18-23	Luke 12:4-12
15	Psalm 30	Isaiah 5:11-17	Revelation 3:14-22
16	Psalm 30	Isaiah 6:1-4	Revelation 4:1-11
17	Psalm 30	Genesis 18:1-8	Luke 14:12-14

18 Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6 Psalm 30 Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19

19	Psalm 121	Ezekiel 1:1-25	Acts 9:19b-31
20	Psalm 121	Ezekiel 1:26-2:1	Acts 26:1-18
21	Psalm 121	Isaiah 6:1-8	Luke 5:1-11
22	Psalm 23	Ezekiel 11:1-25	Revelation 5:1-10
23	Psalm 23	Ezekiel 20:39-44	Revelation 6:1-7:4
24	Psalm 23	Ezekiel 28:25-26	Luke 12:29-32

25 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30

26	Psalm 100	Ezekiel 37:15-28	Revelation 15:1-4
27	Psalm 100	Ezekiel 45:1-9	Acts 9:32-35
28	Psalm 100	Jeremiah 50:17-20	John 10:31-42
29	Psalm 148	Ezekiel 2:8-3:11	Revelation 10:1-11
30	Psalm 148	Daniel 7:13-14	Revelation 11:15

May 2010

1 Psalm 148 Daniel 7:27 Revelation 11:16-19





Worship and Music



“O Mighty Cross”

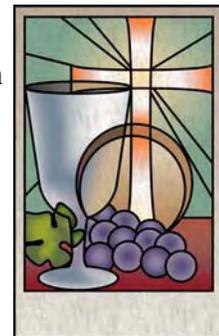
While driving along coastal Highway One in the state of Oregon last fall, a small shop next to the highway caught my eye. On display near the front door were a number of beautifully carved wooden items and I found the car turning into the parking lot! As I entered the small shop, a cheerful clerk greeted us and invited us to look around. As we admired the unusual wooden objects, the clerk explained that every item in the store was carved from myrtle wood.

She said “No large stands of this unique tree are to be found. Nearly all of the remaining myrtle wood is scattered in small groves throughout the lower valleys along the rivers of Southwestern Oregon and the southern Pacific Coast. Centuries are required to grow a myrtle wood tree large enough to yield board-lumber. The only other place in the world where one can find myrtle wood is in the Holy Land.”

As she spoke, I spotted a small, simply carved cross on one of the shelves and decided to purchase it as an addition to my collection of crosses that are displayed upstairs near the choir loft.

During the upcoming days of Holy Week, our focus here at Bethany is on the Cross. Our music and liturgies all reflect its importance in our lives as Christians. Make plans to include worship experiences in your Easter celebration.

The three days before Easter include Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Vigil of Easter. They are all moving worship experiences that are rich with sensory experiences, ritual, drama and stories. They draw our eyes toward the cross and allow us to proclaim the good news of the resurrection on Easter Sunday.



Bob Bucan

Everyone's invited!
Bethany's Palm Sunday Brunch
March 28
after worship service



Egg Bake
French Toast
Fruit
Muffins
Coffee
Milk



Sponsored by the
Board of Worship and Music



Ash Bark Deer Workshop

April 12 @ 6 pm

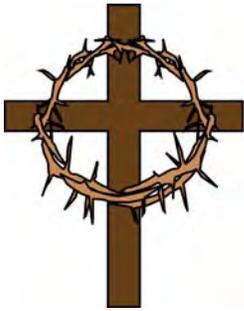
In preparation for the 140th anniversary year, Bethany will continue with its series of workshops to make traditional Swedish ornaments. The first workshop was very successful. Amidst much laughter, the participants made 39 willow stars of various sizes.

At the second workshop, we will be weaving ash bark deer. The ash bark will be provided, but participants need to bring a ruler and a small, old towel. See you there.

Enjoy the Poetry of Hymns

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

In the cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.



When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me,
Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.

In the cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

John Bowring
1825

ELW #324

The Story Behind the Hymn



When the World Trade Center collapsed following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, workers excavating the site found a cross-shaped beam that, standing upright amid the ruin and debris, became a makeshift center of worship. The picture of that cross was published around the world and served as a symbol of hope.

A similar story is associated with this hymn. On the island of Macao in the region of Hong Kong, a magnificent cathedral was destroyed. Only the front wall remained. Atop it was a great metal cross, blackened with age, silhouetted against the sky. It is said that hymnist John Bowring was so inspired by the story of this cathedral that he wrote the hymn, “In the cross of Christ I glory, tow’ring o’er the wrecks of time.”

The title of this hymn was carved on Bowring’s tombstone.

The validity of that story is questionable, but we do have a verified story about RATHBUN, the tune to which this hymn is set. It was composed by Ithamar Conkey, organist at Central Baptist Church in Norwich, Connecticut.

In 1849, Central’s pastor had planned a series of sermons on the seven last words of Christ on the Cross. According to the Norwich Bulletin: “One Sunday during the series it was a very rainy day. Mr. Conkey was sorely disappointed that the members of the choir did not appear, as only one soprano came. Mr. Conkey was so discouraged and disheartened that after the prelude he closed the organ and locked it and went to his home. That afternoon, as he sat down at the piano for practice, his mind was distracted with the thoughts of the sermons Dr. Hiscox had prepared and the words of the hymn, “In the Cross of Christ I Glory.” He then and there composed the music that is now so universally familiar in churches of every denomination, known as RATHBUN. He admitted afterward the inspiration was a vivid contradiction of his feelings at the morning service.”

But why did he name his tune RATHBUN?

The one choir member who showed up on the rainy Sunday in 1849...that one faithful soprano...was named Mrs. Beriah S. Rathbun.

From *Then Sings My Soul* by Robert J. Morgan



This Isn't Camping!

Tracy Nadeau, the daughter of Paul and Emily Nadeau and granddaughter of Evelyn Nadeau, recently returned from Haiti where she worked at the Salvation Army Children's Home named La Maison du Bonheur (The Home of Happiness).

Growing up in our family – you would know that I really love to camp. I loved when mom and dad would let Tim and me bring a tent to set up right next to the camper. The people of Haiti are living in tents. This, however, isn't camping. They are living in tents because they have lost their homes. But even more so, they are living in tents because they are scared. The Haitians saw their loved ones die beneath collapsed buildings. They saw their own limbs amputated because of the tumbling concrete walls. I can't even imagine the horror.

My friends Bob and Vicki both described in vivid detail what it was like during the quake. Bob was driving back from Petionville (on the mountain side of Port-Au-Prince) and the buildings came crashing down into the street. He was stuck in his vehicle for quite some time because it was absolute gridlock. He eventually decided to walk to the Children's home. He came across a woman who had died and was naked. He found something to cover her with. He then helped pull people out of buildings. He told us how he remembers the cries and moans from those trapped who he couldn't get to. I think that would haunt me for a long time.

Vicki was at the Children's home when the trembling began. She saw many of the kids running out of their rooms into the yard where they were cowering beneath the metal covered cabana of sorts. She had to convince them to move to a place where they could see the sky. As the hours rolled on, she was trying to provide basic medical care to wounds and injuries far beyond her scope. She said she just didn't know what to do when she saw a friend of theirs bring his little boy to the compound who had a large piece of wood stuck through his back. In the first few days Bob and Vicki exhausted their supplies and their energy. They ran out of water and food for the masses of people who began setting up their tents in and around the Salvation Army Compound. Currently 20,000 people are living there. A long term solution is being developed to help people move into homes and rebuild their confidence that they can be in a home again.

While I was in Haiti there were two “treblings” that occurred. I only felt one of them in the middle of the night. Two of the Haitian women living in the home where we were staying ran out of the building. They were absolutely terrified. They moved their mattresses to the porch and slept there the remaining days that I was in Haiti.

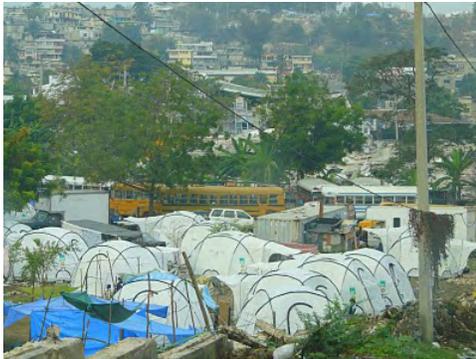
My prayers for the Haitian people are...

- that God can rebuild their confidence to live in a covered home, especially with the rainy season upon them
- that the large organizations in Haiti can expedite the design and building process to begin making the “3-year” homes which will get people back on their feet
- that resources such as water, food, and work will be available in the new “neighborhoods” so that people will have incentive to move out of their tents and into a more stable living environment.

Would you pray with me these prayers?

Isaiah 49: 8-20 God will be faithful to answer.

Love, Tracy





**He Spent His Last Breath Singing:
Wife, Cousin Remember ELCA's Ben Larson**

The past week for Renee Splichal Larson and Jonathan Larson has been filled with danger, uncertainty, heartache and deep pain as they mourn the apparent loss of Renee's husband and Jonathan's cousin, Ben Larson, 25, in the earthquake in Haiti. The two Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) seminary students, in Port-au-Prince at the time of the disaster, returned to the United States Jan. 15.

Renee and Jonathan told of their escape from the collapsed St. Joseph Home for Boys and their unsuccessful attempts to rescue Ben. They also talked about the suffering of the people of Haiti, their strong feelings of gratitude for the ELCA and the positive influences it had on Ben throughout this life.

"All he wanted was to be a pastor in this church," Renee said.

The three senior students at Wartburg Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa -- one of eight ELCA seminaries -- went to Haiti to teach Lutheran theology to members and pastors of the Lutheran church during the seminary's January term. Renee, who grew up in Garrison, N.D., was also doing interviews with local people for a master's thesis about the emerging Lutheran church in Haiti.

That all changed on Jan. 12, when a severe earthquake struck Haiti. At the time of the quake all three were together in the St. Joseph Home for Boys.

"We were all together on the same floor when the building began to shake," Renee said.

"We all kind of panicked and started running. Jonathan and I were together. Ben was hugging a pillar in the middle of the floor. I turned and I saw him, and I saw concrete starting to fall on him. I called for him and started running toward him."

At that moment the two floors above collapsed on them. Jonathan and Renee were trapped for a short time, but managed to squeeze out onto the roof of the building and called for Ben. "The collapsed building continued to shift as the aftershocks continued," Renee said.

The two went back to the place where they had crawled out and called again for Ben. Renee said she heard Ben's voice. He was singing, not unusual for Ben who loved music. "I told him I loved him, and that Jon and I were okay, and to keep singing," Renee said. "But the singing stopped after he sang the words 'God's peace to us we pray,' " she said.

"If he was alive, he would have been calling for help desperately," Renee said. "Ben spent his last breath singing."

In the chaos of that night, Renee and Jonathan stayed nearby with local residents displaced by the quake. One of the people they were with was Bill Nathan, director of the St. Joseph Home for Boys, who injured his spine after jumping from the roof of the building to the ground. ABC News featured Nathan's story on *Nightline*.

The next day Renee and Jonathan went back to the building, managed to get their passports, and did what they could to locate Ben, but could not find him. "Getting off of that roof was the most difficult thing I've ever had to do," she said.

The two were advised to go to the U.S. Embassy, which they managed to accomplish with local residents' help, and seek assistance to rescue Ben, but there was no team to rescue Ben. They met up with a Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville (N.J.), medical team at the embassy, who cared for Renee and Jonathan. The students managed to get text messages to their families, asking for advice about what to do. Their families advised them to return home to the United States.

"It was so sad to go. It took all of our strength to get back to our families," Renee said.

Meanwhile, the Rev. Rafael Malpica Padilla, executive director, ELCA Global Mission, and a friend of the Larson family, had contacted the Lutheran World Federation and a member of Congress, trying to arrange for a team in Haiti to get to Ben. Those attempts continue.

The Red Cross has estimated that as many as 200,000 people may have died as a result of the earthquake. In addition, questions are being asked about the slowness of the response. "People are so desperate," Renee said, adding that the devastation "breaks my heart. To know that the people of Haiti still have nothing is very difficult."

She added that she cannot think about Ben "apart from the thousands of Haitians who died in the earthquake, the poorest of the poor in this hemisphere."

The ELCA and Ben Larson

Ben Larson's parents are the Rev. April Ulring Larson, senior pastor of First Lutheran Church, Duluth, and former bishop of the ELCA LaCrosse (Wis.) Area Synod, and the Rev. Judd W. Larson, retired and serving as an interim at Our Saviors Lutheran Church, Duluth. The youngest of three children, Ben grew up in the ELCA.

"Ben loved this church. He knew it wasn't perfect, but he loved it. He lived out his ministry through the church," Renee said. A trip to Ethiopia was transformational, she said, adding that Ben appreciated the "global church and the ELCA's companions." He attended Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, one of 27 ELCA colleges and universities, and was completing his master of divinity degree at Wartburg Seminary. Ben played and sang in the bands at ELCA Global Mission events and the 2008 Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering in Salt Lake City. He was active in ELCA's World Hunger program, and helped introduce members and leaders to *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, the ELCA's newest worship book.

Describing his cousin Ben "as my best friend," Jonathan Larson, Red Wing, Minn., said, "We were always together. We grew to love God together."

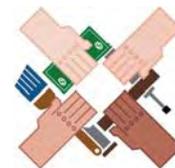
As for their future, Jonathan said he and Renee will return soon to Wartburg to complete their educations. "We would not think of doing anything else. The Wartburg community is so vital to who we are," he said.

They asked that memorial gifts for Ben Larson be given to Wartburg Seminary, the *Eglise Luthérienne d'Haiti* (Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti), St. Joseph Home for Boys and ELCA (International) Disaster Response.

Renee highlighted the ELCA's response to disasters. Funds are channeled through the ELCA churchwide organization and "reach people in Haiti, who are poor and need help. Mission is what we are about. I ask that people think about mission and what draws us together, which is Christ." She added that the ELCA is a church "that we love and serve."

The ELCA announced that it will provide at least \$600,000 for Haiti, and is channeling funds through three partner organizations working on the ground: the Lutheran World Federation, Lutheran World Relief and Church World Service. More funds are expected to be provided as members contribute gifts to the ELCA for Haiti relief.

Financial contributions to support relief efforts in Haiti can be made at <http://www.ELCA.org/haitiearthquake> or by calling 800-638-3522.



From ELCA News Service January 18, 2010

April Worship Assistants

April 4 Easter Sunday

Assisting Minister - Matt Waters & Lindsey Waters
Acolytes - Courtney Allen & Megan Hough
Altar - Sue Holmgren
Flowers - In memory of Marvin Nadeau by
Debra and Peter Cain
Nursery - Mindy Harrington
Bread - Evelyn Nadeau & Meta Leverton

April 11

Assisting Minister - Kathy Harrington
Acolytes - Natalee Dobson & Kara Harrington
Altar - Shirley Tyni & Kaye Fredrickson
Coffee Hosts - Social Ministry
Flowers -
Nursery - Kristina Mattson
Bread - Dan & Sharon Argall

April 18

Assisting Minister - Mindy Harrington
Acolytes - Nora Seppanen & Christina Mariani
Altar - Carl & Doris Pellonpaa
Greeters - Josh Rinaldi
Coffee Hosts - Medlyn Family
Flowers - In memory of Donald Swanson by
Nancy Swanson
Nursery - Tory Mattson
Bread - Kathy Geier

April 25

Assisting Minister - Greg Stahlmann
Acolytes - Joshua Argall & Katelyn Ombrello
Altar - Sue Holmgren
Coffee Hosts -
Flowers -
Nursery - Max Alexander
Bread - Shirley Tyni

April 1 Maundy Thursday

Assisting Minister - Ned Johns
Acolytes - Joshua Argall &
Christina Mariani
Bread - Rae Elliot

Thank You!

April Ushers:

Robert Waters
John Carlson
Robert Nadeau
Tom Sodergren
Roger Solberg
Greg Stahlmann
Maurice Hansen



May Ushers:

Ralph Goethe
James Chapman
Ed Johns
Jim Kinnunen
Craig Kitchen
Roy Koski
Ray Leverton
Jerry Plaisier
Knut Strom



April 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:30 Worship  No Bible Study	2 GOOD FRIDAY 12:30 Ecumenical Serv. @ Wesley Methodist  9:00 Tenebrae Service	3 EASTER VIGIL 9:00 pm Easter Vigil 11:00 pm All Night Vigil 
4 EASTER 9:30 Choir 10:30 Worship 	5 7:00 Prayer Shawl No Bible Study No worship	6 9:00 Quilters 6:30 Worship & Music 7:00 Property	7 10:00 Men's Group 6:30 Choir	8 No Bible Study	9	10
11 9:30 Choir 10:30 Worship 6:00 Confirmation	12 10:00 Adult Senior Day @ FLLC 6:00 Ash Bark Deer Workshop No Bible Study No worship	13 9:00 Quilters 1:30 Social Ministry	14 5:15 Bells 6:30 Choir	15 6:30 Bible Study	16	17
18 9:00 Worship/Sunday School 9:30 Choir 10:30 Worship	19 11:00 Bible Study 6:30 Worship 7:30 Council	20 9:00 Quilters	21 10:00 Men's Group 5:15 Bells 6:30 Choir	22 6:30 Bible Study	23	24
25 9:00 Worship/Sunday School 9:30 Choir 10:30 Worship 4:00 Confirmation @ Immanuel, Neg.	26 11:00 Bible Study 6:30 Worship	27 9:00 Quilters 7:00 Joy Circle	28 1:30 Mary Circle 5:15 Bells 6:30 Choir 7:00 Martha Circle	29 6:30 Bible Study <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Work Bee @ FLLC</div>	30	Deadline for May Outlook is April 22.

Happy Birthday!

- 2 Tammie Sundquist
- 3 Casey Hares
- 3 Hope Kaukola
- 3 Raegan Niemela
- 4 Jennifer Bertucci
- 4 Michael Swanson
- 5 Joanna Smail
- 6 Sara Barton
- 6 Karen Plaisier
- 8 Marie Jensen
- 8 Ann Sundblad
- 9 Danielle Nelson
- 10 Eric Jarvi
- 11 Gerald Anderson Jr.
- 11 Clifford Mattson
- 13 Carlo Balzarini
- 15 Alex Goldsworthy
- 15 Katelyn Ombrello
- 15 Tom Sodergren
- 16 Pat Varda
- 17 Jeanne Downing
- 18 Terry Holmgren
- 19 Lindsey Cain
- 19 Kaitlin Hares
- 19 Lisa Mattson
- 21 Nancy Carlyon
- 21 Sara Ombrello
- 21 Laura Sleeman
- 22 James Bjerne
- 24 Claudia Thompson
- 25 ShyAnn Brown
- 25 Tammy Swanson
- 27 Donald Frederickson
- 27 Savannah Marietti
- 29 Marian Medlyn
- 30 Keenan Tunnell



Happy Anniversary!

Michael & Kathy Richards
4/7/1973 37 years

Peter & Debra Cain
4/15/1978 32 years

Daniel & Cheryl Sleeman
4/16/1977 33 years

Donald & Judith Meyer
4/18/1964 46 years





April 2010 Social Ministry Update

Once again, through the generosity of our congregation, we are helping those in need. Bethany has sent over \$1100.00 to the ELCA Disaster Response for Haiti. These funds are from the special collection envelopes the ELCA provided and from our own “noisy offerings.” Thank you for your generosity.

In addition to monetary contributions, a number of our congregation were inspired by the March Outlook article and have been making a variety of kits since the disasters in Haiti and Chile have depleted the LWR supply. There is an urgent need for health kits and layettes. One congregant said she had seen on CNN an unending line of Haitians receiving kits marked ELCA—Lutheran World Relief. There was no question that these kits make a difference in people’s lives.



(See the WELCA page for more information about layettes.)

Planning ahead, Bethany will assist in coordination of the **Red Cross Blood Drive** at our church Tuesday, June 22, 2:00 pm to 5:45 pm.



As we continue to provide for those in need, Quilters are accepting donations of gently used (or new) flat sheets (any size) for their projects.



**Wanted:
Gently used or new
flat sheets (any size)**



**The April’s Noisy Offering
will go to Lutheran Social Services.**

Thanks to everyone for your generosity!

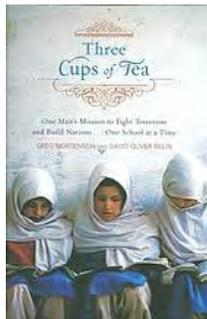
New Books For April

By Keenan Funnell



The March issue of THE LUTHERAN highlighted Greg Mortenson's newest book *Stones into Schools*, following up on his mission to "promote peace with books, not bombs in Afghanistan and Pakistan". Mortenson is a member of Christ the King Lutheran Church, Bozeman, Montana. I've added both this new book plus his first book *Three Cups of Tea* in its original form and the adaptations for young readers and children. The adaptations are especially valuable for American children as an attempt to balance the media reporting of war in the region with the efforts to bring hope and peace, especially to the young people in those distant lands.

Our other addition to the Library is a book of Lenten Reflections centered on the Women of the Passion. It would be a good resource for Holy Week meditation. Have a Blessed Easter!!

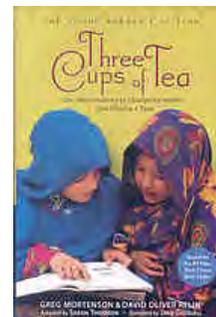


Mortenson, Greg. **Three cups of tea**; one man's mission to promote peace...one school at a time (371.822 MOR)

"In 1993 a mountaineer named Gred Mortenson drifted into an impoverished Pakistan village in the Karakoram mountains after a failed attempt to climb K2. Moved by the inhabitants' kindness, he promised to return and build a school. [this book] is the story of that promise and its extraordinary outcome. Over the next decade Mortenson built not just one by fifty-five schools—especially for girls—in the forbidding terrain that gave birth to the Taliban. His story is at once a riveting adventure and a testament to the power of the humanitarian spirit." (from back cover)

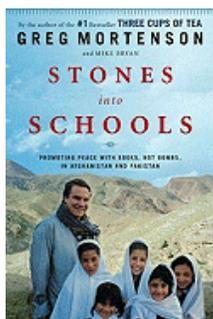
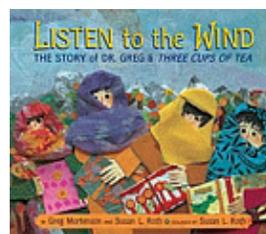
Mortenson, Greg. **Three cups of tea** ; one man's journey to change the world...one child at a time (YA 371.822 MOR)

This edition of the book has been specially adapted for younger readers and updated by Greg Mortenson. Notice the different subtitle.



Mortenson, Greg. **Listen to the wind**: the story of Dr. Greg and Three cups of tea. (JUV 371.822 MOR)

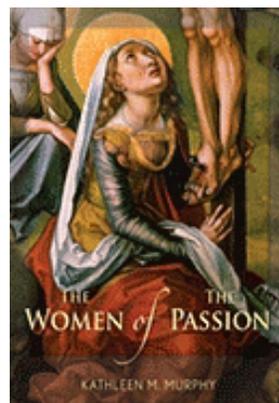
This is a beautifully designed picture book telling Mortenson's story in the voice of the children of Korphe, Pakistan, the village where it all started. In the back there is a scrapbook with pictures of the real people behind this adventure.

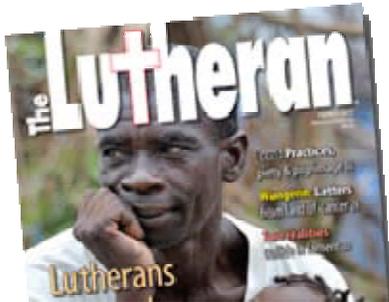


Mortenson, Greg. **Stones into schools**; promoting peace with books, not bombs, in Afghanistan and Pakistan (371.823 MOR) “In this dramatic first-person narrative, Greg Mortenson picks up where "Three Cups of Tea" left off in 2003, recounting his relentless, ongoing efforts to establish schools for girls in Afghanistan; his extensive work in Azad Kashmir and Pakistan after a massive earthquake hit the region in 2005; and the unique ways he has built relationships with Islamic clerics, militia commanders, and tribal leaders even as he was dodging shootouts with feuding Afghan warlords and surviving an eight-day armed abduction by the Taliban.” (from WorldCat)

Murphy, Kathleen M. **The Women of the Passion** (220.92)

“In these reflections for Lent, Kathleen Murphy unravels the stories of the women who accompanied Jesus during his last days and were there when he endured agony and death on the cross. Who were these women and what are their stories? Is there anything we can learn from their sufferings and hopes that might help us with our own burdens—our own crosses? ... [indeed] we can know quite a lot about these women, some named... but many unnamed, and [discover] that each has much to share. Each chapter ends with some heart-searching questions for the reader, which will help us to open up in faith to experience the healing, mercy, and compassion of Christ—the knowledge of the risen Jesus and the joy of Easter.” (from back cover)





THE LUTHERAN: March, 2010

Cover Story: Lutherans respond to Haiti: There are four articles related to this topic; one of the most interesting is the one which discusses “Talking to children about disasters”. There are notes on how to help, a study guide, and Bishop Hanson’s final word “A Test and a Witness.” Do you know how Bethany has responded to this and other disasters?

(See related articles elsewhere in this issue of the Outlook.)

News: Among the 30-odd short new items: Continuing reactions to the 2009 Churchwide Assembly; a study by the Gallup Center reporting that nearly half of Americans admit to harboring prejudice against Muslims and Islam—while 63% had little or no knowledge of Islam itself; a church in Iowa has dedicated a 30-foot wind turbine next to its building which it hopes will cut its energy bills by 25%. (Regrettably like most of the news in the media, the majority of the news reports are negative.)

Features: “Keeping a good Lent” is an article that challenges our understanding of just what that phrase means. Its subtitle gives us a hint: “Piety, practices and pilgrimage”. How is your Lent progressing? Another article by Walter Wangerin Jr. relates his experiences as he approaches death from cancer. Wangerin is a well-known Lutheran author and he has chronicled his experiences, “...the pain *and* the benefits,” in a small book entitled “Letters from the Land of Cancer.” (It will be in our Library soon!) A very positive story of Paying it Forward tells of the co-operative work between members of the Nebraska Synod and the northern diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania—small moves by individuals make a big difference half a world away. Another positive story entitled “A gift of life, laughter” tells of the provision of three wells in NW Africa and their contribution to the local communities; these wells were provided by our gifts to ELCA World Hunger—now that’s a different approach, don’t you think?

Departments: This month's "Young Church" looks at ways of providing worship experiences for children with special needs, with the story of Grace Lutheran Church in Virginia.

"Best this Month" discusses spiritually literate films. Among those listed for 2009 are AVATAR, UP IN THE AIR, and JULIE & JULIA. Visit www.SpiritualityandPractice.com/films to read full reviews and see other lists. "Best..." also highlights the books of Greg Mortenson which are presented in the Library's New Books for April. "Light Side" looks at Ark Arrivals—one of which is Noah commenting, "The worst part was hearing constantly, 'Are we there yet?' from the parrots." And, of course, there are always "Letters".

NOTE: Space permitting, I will try to do a brief summary of the current issue of The Lutheran each month in Bethany's Outlook. There are always free copies either on the Library Desk or the magazine rack (also back issues) or you can go online to www.thelutheran.org, sign up for free online access and enjoy being informed about your church and the world. Unfortunately the next issue usually arrives shortly after the Outlook is printed, so this summary is always a bit behind, but I hope you will take the opportunity to look at the issue presented here—or get a jump on me and read April's before I get to it!

—Keenan Tunnell

Willow Star Workshop



Welcome Derek Gene!

CONGRATULATIONS

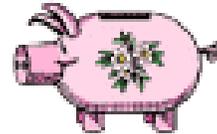


Parents Greg and Carrie Meyer welcomed their son Derek Gene on March 16 at Bell Memorial Hospital. This brown-haired, blue-eyed bundle is sure to be the light of their life and add a sparkle to the eyes of grandparents Don and Judy Meyer. Derek is Don and Judy's second grandson.



Congratulations!

Mindy Harrington, member of Westwood High School's Business Professionals of America recently competed at the regional BPA leadership conference at Bay College in Escanaba. She took a first place in Banking and Finance, second place in Fundamental Accounting, and third place in Financial Math and Analysis. She will go on to compete at the state leadership conference in Grand Rapids.



Donald Meyer Retires



**Congratulations
on Your
Retirement!**

Donald Meyer retired after 45 years working with the Williams Clinic and at Teal Lake Lab. His first day of retirement was March 22. He will have more time now to enjoy his two grandsons and his cottage in Three Lakes. Don and Judy look forward also to visiting son Rick and his family in Idaho. Best wishes to you!



What's Up with WELCA?

Can you imagine having a new baby and not having anything for it to wear? Unfortunately this is reality for some new mothers. We encourage you to think about making some layettes for Lutheran World Relief. Get together with family or a group of friends and work on completing some layettes. Check out rummage sales, Goodwill, and St. Vincent DePaul's for some of the items. It will be greatly appreciated!!

Layettes

- Two shirts or Onesies
- Two long or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers
- Two receiving blankets, medium weight cotton or flannel, crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn
- Four cloth diapers, flat fold preferred
- One sweater or sweatshirt
- Two washcloths, full-size preferred
- One bath-size bar {4.5 oz.} of gentle soap in its wrapper
- Two diaper pins or two large, metal safety pins



Wrap items in one of the receiving blankets and secure with diaper pins. You may vary the sizes of the items in the layette.

Can't you just see those beautiful new babies wrapped up in the love of your layettes!!!
I can!

Looking Ahead : May 11 - Mother, Child, Friend Dessert

Program: Leader Dog Training: Alice Eman's daughter, Brenda, will be there with a furry friend to give a program on training leader dogs.



Kids!

Just like Joseph, we were happy to model our coats of many colors.



Dear GOD,

If You give me a genie lamp like Aladdin, I will give you anything you want except my money or my chess set.

Raphael



Highlights of the Superior Central Conference



Delegates from churches in the Superior Central Conference met on March 6 in Marquette at Oakwood Village, a senior housing facility run by Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. LSS representatives hosted the meeting and provided an overview of their work in the Upper Peninsula and Northwest Wisconsin.

Final results from the 2009 Marquette County Crop Hunger Walk were reviewed. 106 walkers from twelve participating churches raised over \$5600, which will be used for Church World Service projects worldwide as well as for the Salvation Army and St. Vincent DePaul locally. The walk was held along the Iron Ore Heritage Trail between Ishpeming and Negaunee, beginning and ending at Trinity Lutheran Church in Ishpeming.



Conference churches have joined in sponsoring a missionary couple, Pastors Robert and Janice Lowden, ELCA Regional Representatives to Tanzania. More information about the Lowden's and their ministry can be found on their website, <http://lutheranonline.com/elcarusha>. The Lowden's are planning to visit our area next summer, and may be guests at the Synod Assembly in May.

Reports about the following were given:

- Pastor Art Weiss from Fortune Lake reviewed the many programs offered at the camp for all ages; the theme for this year's summer camp is "Keeping the Earth", and Fortune Lake will be holding many events in honor of its 80th anniversary.
- Pastor Peter Warmanen is serving part time as the new program director. Lay School for Mission will finish its spring semester March 30 and will resume in the fall. All are encouraged to enroll for any or all classes offered which provide opportunities to grow in faith and biblical and theological knowledge. The only cost is for books, and classes are held at Bethany.
- The Northern Great Lakes Synod is sponsoring an endowment fund, "Answer the Call", whose purpose is to provide financial support for seminarians from the Synod.

Kathy Geier





Council Highlights

- Superior Watershed Partnership and Land Trust and Earthkeepers will be distributing free CFL light bulbs.
- Received a thank you from ELCA World Hunger for Bethany's contribution of \$360.67
- Karen Kasper will become a member of Bethany by affirmation of baptism
- Received positive feedback on Lenten drama series
- The early service at 9 am will continue through the Sunday School year
- Synod Assembly will be May 16-18 at Finlandia University.
- Social Ministry reported that Bethany has sent \$1116.28 to ELCA Disaster Response for Haiti.
- Health Department has reclassified our kitchen facilities and Bethany will move to yearly inspection.



Dear Bethany Members,

Thank you for the many prayers, cards, and help you have given me during my recent illness. I appreciate your support and I thank you for your continued prayers as I complete my recuperation.



Lois Goethe

Dear Bethany Family,

Our deepest appreciation for all of the help, kind words, memorial gifts, and love that were showered upon us at Seth's passing. This church meant so much to Seth during his entire life, and we are so grateful for all of you.



Karen Johnson and family

Fortune Lake's "Adult" Senior Day

Come meet the new Program Director
Pastor Peter Warmanen

Come for fellowship, Bible study and lunch.
Grab a friend or two or even a car full and head to
Fortune Lake for Senior Days.

April 12, 2010

10:00—2:00

Call (906) 875-3697 to register.

Donation \$10.00



Also in April:

- April 11: Second Sunday Folk Dance with Matt Watroba and Robert Jones
- April 12—14: Pastor's Sabbath
- April 16—17: Hearts-n-Hands Elementary Retreat (Grades 3-6)
- April 28-29: Work Bee - Bring your talents, skills and tools along with you when you come to any of FLLC's Work Bee events

Dear Bethany members,

Thank you for the get well cards, prayers, and gifts during my hospitalization and recuperation from pneumonia. It meant a lot to me.

Evelyn Nadeau



Dear Bethany,

Allen and I want to thank the members of Bethany who shared our 60th anniversary celebration after church on Sunday, February 21. It was so great.

We also want to thank the choir for singing our special hymn "Under His Wings." It was beautiful.

Thank you, Pastor, for everything. Thank you Shirley, Sheryl, and Kay; you're the best.

Yours in Christ,
Allen and Gerry



The Bethany Podcasts



In this modern age of "media on the go", this is just a reminder that the archive of Bethany sermon recordings date all the way back to 2003. They include sermons from Pastor Lee, Pastor Roberts, and Pastor Geier. These can be played directly from the webpage, downloaded to your computer, or transferred to your favorite portable mp3 player/"iPod". The recordings are all in the standard MP3 audio format, and should play for most people.

Start out at the main Bethany home page: <http://bethanyishpeming.org/index.html>

You will find a "Sermon" link there at the bottom of the main page.

<http://bethanyishpeming.org/sermons.html>

On the "Sermon Page" you will find audio links and text links for all of Pastor Geier's recent sermons. At the top of that page you will find yet another link labeled "Sermon Archive". http://bethanyishpeming.org/Church_Life/sermon_archive.html

On that page is a full listing of all available sermons, archived on several different pages based on the year they were recorded. Clicking on the specific sermon link will generally make it play right from the webpage, but also keep in mind that all of these sermons can be downloaded to your own computers.



Bethany's Website

www.bethanyishpeming.org

Fair Trade Coffee, Tea, Cocoa and Chocolate Are Available at Bethany



Café Salvador Coffee
Organic Decaf Coffee
Whole Bean Coffee
Whole Bean Decaf
Teas
Hot cocoa
Baking Cocoa
Milk Chocolate Bar
Dark Chocolate Mini Bars

From Small Farmers With Love

Keep In Your Prayers

- Remember our home-bound and nursing home residents: Teckla Holmgren (home), Barbara Crabb (Eastwood), Martha Ulrickson (Valente), Anita Liljequist (Mather), Doreen Brown (Valente), Joyce Lehto (Mill Creek), Marjorie Rosten (home)
 - Pauline Toivonen
 - Allen Maki
 - Lois Goethe
 - Steven Leverton
 - Carol and Juan Papaleo and family
 - Don Doney
 - Lois Ryan
 - Paul Blomgren
 - Nancy Swanson
 - Pam Rushford
 - Nick Chartre
- Those in the military that they may remain safe



Did you know...?

Did you know that there are several members of Bethany traveling to Denmark, Switzerland and Germany this summer? The highlight of the trip will be the historic "Passion Play" performed in the Alpine village of Oberammergau, Germany. In addition, the travelers will be following in the steps of Martin Luther through Wittenberg, Eisleben and Leipzig. More information about the trip is available on the kiosk or by calling Bob Bucan (485-6576) before April 1 or as soon as possible.

Contributions to and ideas for the newsletter can be made by contacting **Linda Dahl** by phone, e-mail, or by dropping a note in the newsletter mailbox at church.

485-1625
linkarzig@netscape.com

Bethany Lutheran Church
715 Mather Avenue
Ishpeming, MI 49849

CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Bethany Lutheran Church
Phone: 906-486-4351
Fax: 906-486-9640
E-mail: bethanyim@hotmail.com
Website: www.bethanyishpeming.org

Rev. Warren Geier, Pastor
Home Phone: 485-4218
E-mail: wgeier@charterinternet.com

Parish Planning Council:
Exec. Director, Tom Ryan
Asst. Director, James Bjorne
Christian Education, Brent Clark
Finance, Cheryl Sleeman
Personnel, Debbie Bussone
Property, Bill Heavyside
Social Ministry, Rae Elliot
Stewardship, John Pontti
Worship & Music, Ann Gonyea
Youth member, Alexandra Kitchen



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Northern Great Lakes Synod

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION
U.S. POSTAGE
Permit No. 75