



Bethany Lutheran Outlook
April 2012

Serving God, Community, and Individuals



He Is Risen!



PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Many of you know what it's like to sit around the kitchen table and tell stories after someone has died. That's kind of what happens at the Easter Vigil. After lighting a new Paschal Candle from the flames of an outside fire we gather in the candlelight of the fellowship hall and tell our Christian family stories, starting with the creation story from Genesis and moving through the Old Testament stories of salvation, stories through which we see the story of Jesus. This part of the vigil ends with the renewal of the baptismal vows that first brought us into the family of Jesus.



For some, that ends the evening, but for several years now we have more fully adopted the ancient vigil tradition by staying through the night, keeping watch until the light of morning and the celebration of Jesus' victory over death. People come and go during the night (and it's never a lot of people), but those who have participated in the past find it to be a meaningful and meditative part of their Easter, a time of quiet conversation along with hourly readings and prayers. If you've never been part of this before, I would encourage you to come for awhile. It is a unique worship experience.

Actually, all of the Holy Week services are unique. Each of them is a once a year liturgy starting with Palm/Passion Sunday that begins with the story of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem which we re-enact waving palm branches and singing "All Glory Laud and Honor." The mood of triumph quickly shifts though, as the service continues with the dramatic reading of the Passion story, this year according to St. Mark.

We gather again at 8:00 on Thursday evening for the Maundy Thursday service which begins with the individual absolution of sin thus completing the confession of Ash Wednesday. On that night before he died Jesus gave the disciples the command to "Love one another as I have loved you." He modeled that love by washing their feet which also becomes part of this service. The sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated as this is the night Jesus first shared this meal of bread and wine with his disciples. The service concludes with the chanting of Psalm 22, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" as the altar is stripped and the church becomes dark, one of the most moving moments of the church year.



The annual ecumenical Good Friday service will be at Bethel this year beginning at 12:30. Reflections on the Seven Last Words are offered by area clergy and musical offerings are provided by church choirs and soloists. We also will gather for our own Good Friday Tenebrae service on Friday night at 9:00. For me, this is one of the most meaningful services of the year as the Passion according to St. John is read and hymns of the Passion are sung as candles are extinguished and the darkness increases, darkness that will be broken by the light of the new fire that begins the Easter Vigil at 9:00 the next night.



The emotional, affective component of all of these services is central to what they are and what they mean. The actions and rituals, the light and the darkness are as important or more important than the words. Come and be part of it! It is a special and holy time, a once a year time that leads to the joy of Easter



April 1 Palm Sunday
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Palm Sunday brunch follows worship.

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” (Mark 11:9, NIV). Blessed are we who worship in his name.

April 5 Maundy Thursday 8:00 p.m.

Lovingly welcome one another to worship, that everyone “may know we are Christians by our love.”

April 6 Good Friday
Ecumenical Service @ Bethel 12:30—3:00 p.m.
Tenebrae Service 9:00 p.m.

April 7 Easter Vigil 9:00 p.m.
All Night Vigil 11:00 p.m.

April 8 Easter Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Happy Easter! A warm, joyous welcome to all who gather to bear witness to the resurrection of Jesus, our King of kings!



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.

April 2012

“The Bible is the cradle wherein Christ is laid.”
—Martin Luther

1. **Palm Sunday: Procession with Palms**

Mark 11:1-11 Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Phil. 2:5-11
Mark 14:1-15:47



2. Monday in Holy Week

Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 36:5-11 Hebrews 9:11-15 John 12:1-11

3. Tuesday in Holy Week

Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 71:1-14 1 Cor. 1:18-31 John 12:20-36

4. Wednesday in Holy Week

Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 70 Hebrews 12:1-3 John 13:21-32

5. **Maundy Thursday**

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

6. **Good Friday**

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

7. **Vigil of Easter**

Romans 6:3-11 John 20:1-18

8. **Easter Day: Resurrection of Our Lord**

Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 1 Cor. 15:1-11 Mark 16:1-8



9	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	Genesis 1:1-19	1 Cor. 15:35-49
10	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	Genesis 1:20-2:4a	1 Cor. 15:50-58
11	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	Song of Solomon 3:1-11	Mark 16:1-8
12	Psalm 133	Daniel 1:1-21	Acts 2:42-47
13	Psalm 133	Daniel 2:1-23	Acts 4:23-31
14	Psalm 133	Daniel 2:24-49	John 12:44-50

15 Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31

16	Psalm 135	Daniel 3:1-30	1 John 2:3-11
17	Psalm 135	Daniel 6:1-28	1 John 2:12-17
18	Psalm 135	Isaiah 26:1-15	Mark 12:18-27
19	Psalm 4	Daniel 9:1-19	1 John 2:18-25
20	Psalm 4	Daniel 10:2-19	1 John 2:26-28
21	Psalm 4	Acts 3:1-10	Luke 22:24-30

22 Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48

23	Psalm 150	Jeremiah 30:1-11a	1 John 3:10-16
24	Psalm 150	Hosea 5:15-6:6	2 John 1-6
25	Psalm 150	Proverbs 9:1-6	Mark 16:9-18
26	Psalm 23	Genesis 30:25-43	Acts 3:17-26
27	Psalm 23	Genesis 46:28-47:6	Acts 4:1-4
28	Psalm 23	Genesis 48:8-19	Mark 6:30-34

29 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18

30	Psalm 95	1 Samuel 16:1-13	1 Peter 5:1-5
----	----------	------------------	---------------



**Tomb, thou shalt not hold him longer;
 Death is strong, but Life is stronger;
 Stronger than the dark, the light;
 Stronger than the wrong, the right;
 Faith and Hope triumphant say,
 Christ will rise on Easter Day.**
 —Phillips Brooks



Bishop Hanson's 2012 Easter message

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Christ is risen! Imagine the power in those words of promise.

When the disciples first heard Jesus speak of his death and resurrection, "they kept the matter to themselves" (Mark 9:10). But the news is too good to keep to ourselves. The life of Jesus Christ has been unleashed into the world.

Because Christ is risen, you can embrace life's complexities and uncertainties with a living, daring confidence in God's grace. The risen Christ goes ahead of you, meeting you in the most surprising faces and unexpected places. Christ's resurrection puts us right where God wants us to be -- in the thick of life.

Because Christ is risen, you have a word of hope. To those weary from mourning loss and fearing death, the assurance is given that nothing in all creation will separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

The life of Jesus, God's own life, has burst into the world, restoring community. At the barriers we erect to divide us, the risen Christ meets us, turning those walls into tables of reconciliation. To those who live in fear and feel unworthy, the promise is given. "You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God" (Ephesians 2:19).

Every morning you awaken with the mark of Jesus' death on your forehead and the promise of Christ's resurrection on your lips.

Christ is risen! Alleluia!
In God's grace,



The Rev. Mark S. Hanson
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

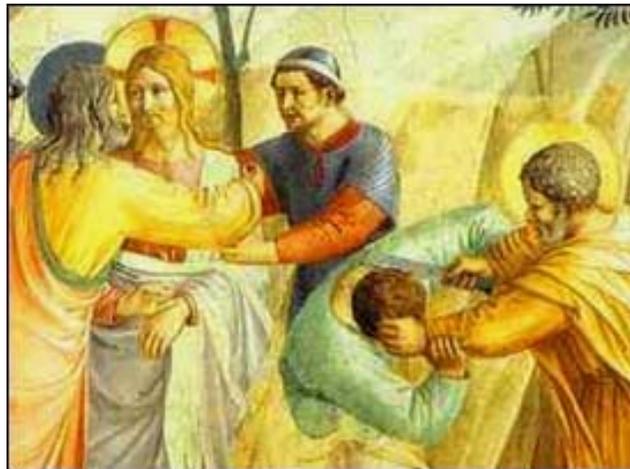
Evidence of Mercy

To hear his master tell it
this Jesus had two heads,
breathed fire at least.
Why else would temple police
and soldiers descend on him
in hordes?
A slave, Malchus could ill afford
to second-guess his master,
and so he joined the others
who swooped upon
the praying band.
“Seize this man,”
signaled Judas with a kiss.
Unwilling to miss their chance,
they rushed forward,
swords glinting in the firelight
of lanterns and torches.
In the madness, a weapon
whistled nearer Malchus
than he knew,
sent his ear sailing.
Jesus, mercy unfailing,
touched his enemy
and then was led away.
Come crucifixion day,
Malchus stood silent
amid the mockers,
rubbing his perfect ear,
ignoring the tear caught
in the corner of his eye,
and puzzled why
one with such power
would consent to die.

One of the people caught up in the Passion of Christ was Malchus, servant of Caiaphas, the high priest. When he joined the crowd that went to arrest Jesus in Gethsemane, he never guessed that Peter would slice off his ear, or that the man he came to lead away in shackles would heal him. Did this miracle affect his life? In my imagination, it did. My Malchus never saw Jesus, or himself, the same way again.

Nikki Giovanni

At Jerusalem's Gate: Poems of Easter



Detail of Fra Angelico, "Arrest of Christ" (c.1450). Fresco . Museo di San Marco, Florence, Italy. Note Judas with black halo at left. Peter cuts off ear of Malchus on right.

Enjoy the Poetry of Hymns

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



Praise the One who breaks the darkness
With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel,
Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms and feeding thousands
With the very bread of peace.

Praise the One who blessed the children
With a strong yet gentle word;
Praise the One who drove out demons
With a piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
To the desert's burning sand;
From this well comes living water
Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.



Praise the One true love incarnate:
Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many
That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
Seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory;
Praise the One who makes us one.

Text by Rusty Edwards, b. 1955
ELW #843

The Man Behind the Hymn: Rusty Edwards

Rusty Edwards was born on January 22, 1955, in Dixon, Illinois, and ordained in 1985.

He was Assistant/Associate Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Moline, Illinois from 1985 to 1991. He was Senior Pastor of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Rockford, Illinois from 1991-1998, during which time he co-founded Luther Academy at Gloria Dei (LCMS-ELCA K-6 School.) He has been Senior Pastor of Christ Lutheran Church from 1998 to the present. He was Volunteer Manager of the 2003 ELCA Youth Gathering at Atlanta.

He received an M. Div. from Luther Seminary at St. Paul, Minn., in 1985, and a D. Min. from Graduate Theological Foundation at Notre Dame, Ind., in 1990. He also holds certificates from Blackstone School of Law at Dallas, Texas, Seminary of the Southwest at Austin, Texas, and Pecos Benedictine School of Spiritual Direction in New Mexico. He was an Oxford Foundation Fellow (U.K.) in 1998, and Visiting Fellow of Seminary of the Southwest in 2004.

Edwards' hymn collections are: *The Yes of the Heart with a foreword by Chick Corea*, *Grateful Praise (Selah)*, *As Sunshine to a Garden*, *Each Breath Every Heartbeat*, and *Bidden Unbidden*.

He has 15 ASCAP Awards, 2 RAMI Awards (with The Pitneys), and recorded a Grammy nominated CD with The Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Robert Shaw.

He is a Kentucky Colonel and an Honorary Citizen of Austin, Texas. Tyler Texas held a "Rusty Edwards Hymnwriter Day" in 2009.

He and his wife Lori and the parents of Benjamin and Ian.



From Selah Publishing Co.



You're invited!



*Bethany's Palm Sunday Brunch
April 1
after worship service*



*Egg Bake
French Toast
Fruit
Muffins
Coffee
Milk*



*Sponsored by the
Board of Worship and Music*

*All donations will benefit
Bethany's Ministry of Worship & Music*





Social Ministry Update April 2012



Bethany's Social Ministry supported Lutheran Campus Ministry with a donation of \$50 in March. Our current Noisy offering for the months of March and April will be donated to the Church Wide ELCA Malaria Campaign. The Northern Great Lakes Synod is encouraging congregations to support the campaign.



We have donated \$150.00 to the Lutheran Disaster Relief with a designation for relief following tornadoes. The ELCA is currently conducting an appeal with a focus on weather related disasters.

We have received letters of thanks from Northwoods Airlifeline and Lutheran Campus Ministry at NMU.



Habitat for Humanity will have projects in Ishpeming again this year. Social Ministry will be providing lunch for workers when the time is scheduled.



You are Invited !

On April 15 during the coffee hour, Social Ministry will host a coffee and cake celebration in honor of the Worship and Music Ministry. We hope you will be able to join us in honoring their outstanding contributions to our worship services.



**The April Noisy Offering
will go to the Church Wide
ELCA Malaria Campaign**

Thanks to everyone for your generosity!

The Ministry of the Prayer Shawl Knitters – Knitting Comes to Church!



The prayer shawl ministry at Bethany was formed when Kathy Geier invited Pat Ross from St. Michael's Church in Marquette to speak to interested knitters at Bethany about forming the group. The first formal meeting was October 22, 2007. In the years following over 100 shawls have been given to individuals. There is a powerful connection between craft and spirituality. Shawls are created in an atmosphere of peace, inspiration and meditation. Shawls are given to comfort, celebrate and share love. As one member so aptly said, "If you like knitting, this is an excellent way to use you skills and have something very good come out of it."

Knitters may meditate, pray or repeat positive thoughts. Sitting with needles and yarn, knitting row after row creates a sense of peace and helps us to slow down and listen to heart and soul.



In writing about the ministry of knitting, Kathleen Kastilahn from St. Paul Lutheran in Evanston, Ill. said, "Prayer shawl ministry blesses both the people who receive shawls and knitters who create them."

Debbie Cain serves as the ministry's leader, recorder and historian. She keeps meticulous records of the group's journey in a journal. Current members are Evelyn Nadeau, Jean Johns, Marion Medlyn,, Sue Ryan, Kathy Geier, Ruby Kaukola, Kaye Chartre and Sharon Argall. They meet in the evening on the first Tuesday of the month from September through June. New members are welcome. Very simple knitting skills work just fine and lessons are available. Some knitters use many different patterns; some crochet the shawl. Typically the shawl takes 3 skeins of yarn. Many of the patterns are in 3 (reminding knitters of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit). When a shawl is completed all the knitters place their hands on the shawl and a prayer of blessing is read:



**You created every part of me, knitting me
in my Mother's womb. For such handiwork,
I praise you. Awesome is this great wonder!**

Psalm 139: 13-14

**May God's grace be upon this shawl, warming, comforting,
Enfolding and embracing. May this mantle be a safe haven
.....a sacred place of security and well-being....sustaining
And embracing in good times as well as difficult ones. May the
One who receives this shawl be cradled in hope, kept in joy,
Graced with peace and wrapped in love.**

Be Blessed!

by Janet Bristow



Four shawls were sent to the Women's Triennial WELCA Convention in Spokane, Washington in 2011. Shawls have been given to the Marquette General Care Cart for use by long term care patients.

When the shawl is presented, it has a small tag that reads:



**This shawl was made just for you
To bring comfort
To know you are loved
To share in your joy
This shawl is to wrap you up
When you are cold
When you are hurting
When you need to snuggle
This shawl was knitted or crocheted
With blessings – With Love – With prayers**

Many individuals have felt blessed to receive a shawl. In addition to the warmth of the shawl, recipients feel comfort and love. If you have suggestions, please contact Debbie Cain or any committee member.

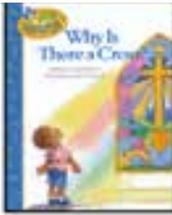


New Books for April

By Keenan Tunnell

Again, most of the Easter books we have are aimed at children and they all have beautiful, simple messages of the Resurrection; there just don't seem to be many aimed at adults....I wonder why that is?? Anyhow, share one of these with a young person in your life, or with your young-at-heart self! Christ is Risen—He is Risen Indeed!!

Bostrom, Kathleen. **Why is there a cross?** JUV 232.96 BOS



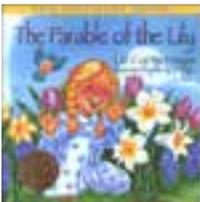
This colorfully illustrated book tells the story of the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ in rhyming verse that will delight little eyes and ears. Even the youngest readers can grasp the idea that Jesus loves them and died for them, and older readers will understand the deeper message of how we show our love for Jesus and what He did for us.

Heyer, Carol. **The First Easter.** JUV 232.96 HEY



When children think of Easter, they may think of fresh new grass, baby animals, baskets full of candy and brilliantly colored eggs. But *The First Easter* retells the whole story of the very first Easter. Children will understand that Easter celebrates Jesus and all that He did for us.

Higgs, Liz. **The Parable of the Lily.** JUV FIC HIG



The story begins with a mysterious gift on a gray, wintry day and ends one spring morning with a joyous discovery. The gentle farmer lovingly helps his young daughter, Maggie, understand the power of grace and forgiveness and the true meaning of Easter.

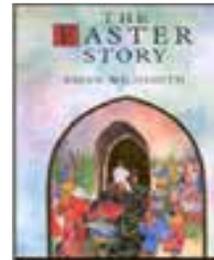
Carlson, Melody. **Benjamin's Box** JUV FIC CAR

What are the treasures in Benjamin's Box? Come along with Benjamin and see... Like all boys and girls, Benjamin is very, very curious. Unlike children of today, however, Benjamin lives during the days of Christ! When Jesus comes to Jerusalem, Benjamin decides to follow Him and find out who He really is. At first, he thinks Jesus is a teacher, then a king. At last, Benjamin learns the good news -- news that every child (and grown-up!) will want to share.



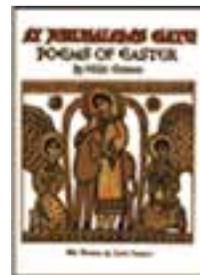
Wildsmith, Brian. **The Easter Story**. JUV 232.96 WIL

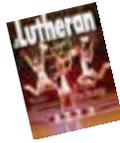
Radiant watercolor illustrations enhanced with gold tones set the scene for this simple retelling of the Easter story as seen through the eyes of a little donkey who carried Jesus through the streets on Palm Sunday. The creative perspective will engage your children; and you'll savor the artwork and reverent tone.



Grimes, Nikki. **At Jerusalem's Gate**. JUV 232.96 GRI

A man in the crowd at Jerusalem vies to see Jesus; a disciple recounts details of the Last Supper; Pilate's wife fears her husband's decision. Beginning with Christ's triumphant arrival in Jerusalem, Nikki Grimes explores the first Easter through the voices of those who witnessed it. The author's introductions provide a thoughtful framework, and David Frampton's beautifully intricate and expressive woodcuts illuminate each poem. This book offers readers of all ages insight into the most important moments in Christian history.





The Lutheran: March 2012 A Cheer for Liturgy



Liturgy is the ‘what’ by Tom Lyberg
Be ready to adapt the ‘what’ for the ‘why’ of worship



Our Lutheran liturgy by Timothy J. Wengert
Raising a shout for its Bible roots



A beacon of peace, welcome by Julie B. Sevig
Men from group home are 'part of the family'



Cross your heart and keep a secret
by Julie B. Sevig



Lenten light by Donna L. Huisjen
"Indeed, you are my lamp, O Lord, the Lord lightens my darkness"
(2 Samuel 22:29).



Out of the shadows
What is it like for survivors of human trafficking?
by Martha Lindberg Mann

Columnists



10 Bible stories that breathe life: Host and guest

By Peter W. Marty

Message merits going viral

by Mark S. Hanson



Greetings Bethany Family:

I just wanted to drop a note of thanks for all the love and care you continue to send my way here in Chicago. As most of you know, I had a bit of a health scare in January. I am doing just fine, I'm thankful to say. My doctors say I am quite healthy, actually, and as long as I continue to take care of myself, I should be able to stay ahead of the curve on this thing, which may have some hereditary roots I have found out in the process. The cards and messages of prayers and good wishes from so many at Bethany helped more than you could know. It really does make a difference in those challenging times when you know there are others out there offering prayers as well.



A few days ago I also got a memo from the Office of Vocation, Admissions & Financial Aid here at LSTC letting me know that I received another contribution from Bethany toward seminary expenses. Thank you! I continue to be so grateful and humbled by this support. In addition to the obvious fact that it helps make this journey possible, it also serves to encourage and push me forward in those moments when I'm feeling overwhelmed or doubting my abilities. I truly feel like I have all of you here with me. (Although I miss seeing you face-to-face every week!)

We are planning to come up for Synod Assembly in May and look forward to worshipping and visiting with you when we are in town. In the meantime, I hope you are all having a blessed Lenten journey.

In Peace,
Ann Gonyea

Christian Symbols

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei is a Latin term meaning Lamb of God. It represents the risen Christ who triumphs over death. In John 1:29, John the Baptist called Jesus “the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” The lamb carries a white resurrection banner with a cross of red. The banner, representing the body of Christ, is attached to a cruciform staff, representing the cross on which Christ died.



Kids!

What's Up in Sunday School during April?

April 1: Palm Sunday

Special Holy Week and Easter activities are planned, and the children will process in church as part of the Palm Sunday liturgy.



April 8: Easter Sunday

No Sunday School



April 15: The Road to Emmaus

Cleopas and his friend were on the way to Emmaus. Something terrible had happened just days before. Jesus had been hung on a cross and crucified. While they were talking about what had happened, someone drew near them and walked with them. Who was this person who joined them on the way to Emmaus?



April 22: The Prodigal son

What happens when a boy returns home after wasting everything he had been given? The boy was starving and hoped his father would forgive him and take him back as a servant. What did the boy's father do when he saw his son for the first time in many years?

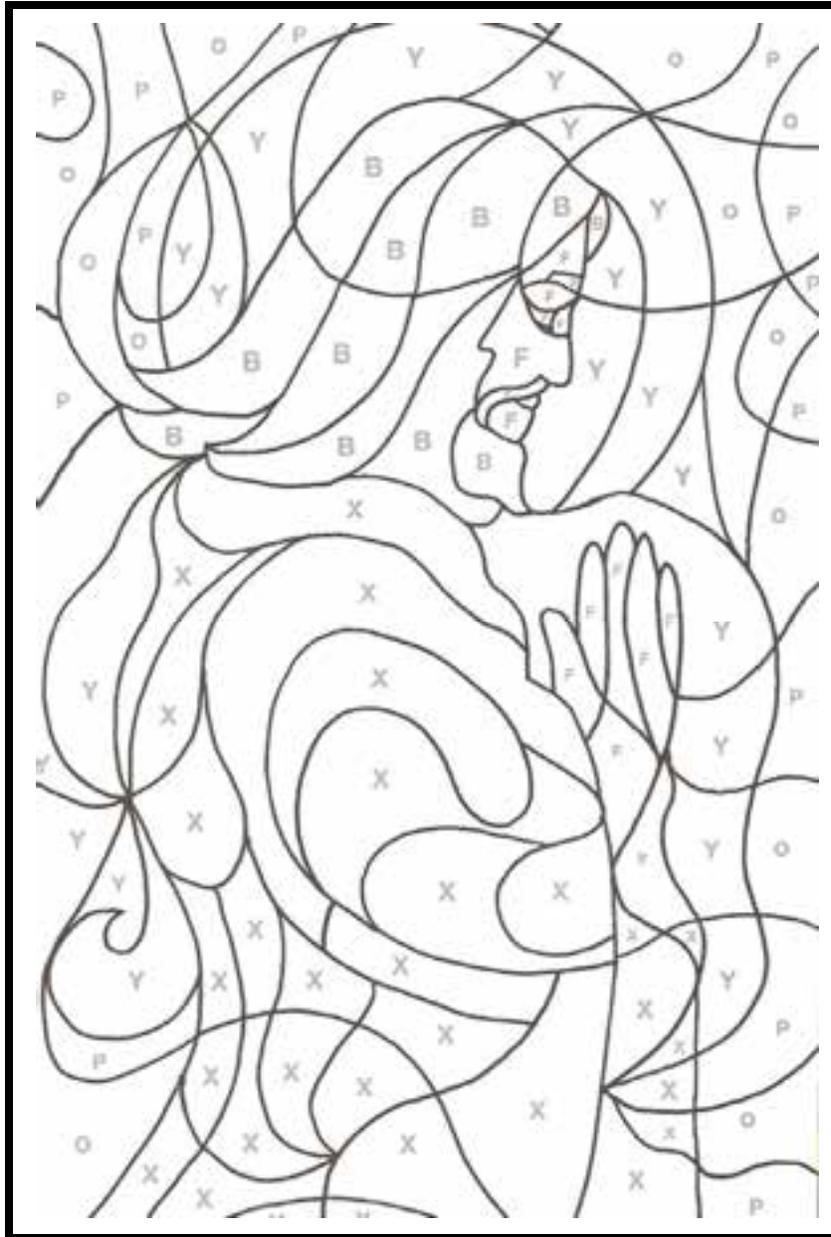


Family Worship Sunday
April 29 (No Sunday School)

**Come to church with your family—
parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters**

**Color this picture using the key to find out
what Jesus did after the Last Supper**

Y= Yellow; B= Brown; X= Blue; O=Orange; F= Flesh



St Mark, Evangelist
Feast Day: April 25



The oldest Christian tradition associated with April 25 is the singing of the litany in procession through the countryside to keep mildew from affecting the wheat harvest. There was a relic of this agricultural concern in the Gospel previously appointed for this day (John 15:1-15), which told of the vine and the vinedresser. Later, the day became associated with St. Mark, the sometime companion of St. Paul and the “interpreter of Peter” and the author of the earliest Gospel, which bears his name.

St. Mark is usually identified with the John Mark of the book of Acts. His mother Mary owned the house where the infant church gathered for prayer (Acts 12:12), and some have suggested that this was also the site of the Last Supper. John Mark accompanied his cousin Barnabas and St. Paul on the first missionary journey. He had a falling out with Paul for some reason, and Paul refused to take him on the second journey (Acts 15:36-40). Later, however, they were reconciled.

The attribution of the Gospel that bears his name, thought to be the earliest Gospel, goes back to a statement by Papias (*ca.* 140) that Mark “was the interpreter of Peter,” from whom he got much of the material for the Gospel.

According to an unsupported tradition, Mark was the first bishop of Alexandria and was martyred there in 64 C.E. because of his attempt during the reign of the emperor Trajan to stop the worship of Serapis. In 829 Mark’s supposed remains were removed from Alexandria to Venice and the famous cathedral there.

The celebration of the feast day of St. Mark is especially appropriate in Year B of the lectionary cycle, when the Gospel readings are drawn primarily from St. Mark. His traditional symbol is the lion, drawn from the vision of Ezekiel (1:10).

From *New Book of Festivals & Commemorations* by Philip H. Pfatteicher



ST. MARK

Bethany Forms an E-mail Database



After the Wednesday Lenten Service on February 29 was canceled due to poor weather conditions, the Board of Worship and Music saw a need to be able to communicate with our Bethany congregation in a new way. Any future cancellations will be posted on Bethany's website. In addition committee members felt it would be beneficial to have a e-mail database so cancellations could be communicated to large numbers speedily. That database could also prove to be useful for informing the congregation of upcoming events and special services. Consequently, the Board of Worship and Music asks that Bethany members provide their e-mail addresses. In the end, we will have a Bethany e-mail directory.

Please send your family's e-mail address(s) to bethanyim@hotmail.com. On the subject line, please write **Bethany email**. If your e-mail address is changed in the future, please keep us updated.

Thank you for helping create an efficient way for us to communicate with you.

Sometimes a Loud Shout is Needed!

Let's face it, sometimes we start a day with a black mood. Perhaps we did not sleep well. Or we have some problems nagging at us. Or we just don't feel well. And such a mood might even invade our spirit on a special day. Like Easter Sunday perhaps. A California Christian, Kjerstin Easton, confesses that was her dilemma one Easter morning.

She was slated to sing a solo. It was called 'Morning Has Broken' but she felt more like she was still in the middle of the night. Nothing stirred within her. She even had a few words for God.

'C'mon God. You're all-powerful. Why don't you just do something!' Then her pastor cried out loudly, 'Easter! Easter! Easter!' The nearby canyon seemed to echo the pastor's yell. It was enough to dissipate the black mood. Joy followed. A few minutes later, a smile tugged at the corners of Kjerstin's mouth as she sang:

'Morning has broken like the first morning ...'

-Adapted from Daily Guideposts





As the sun with longer journey melts the
winter's snow and ice,
With its slowly growing radiance warms
the seed beneath the earth,
may the sun of Christ's uprising gently
bring our hearts to life.

—John Patrick Earls



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Ruby Kaukola for being named
Bell Memorial's Volunteer of the Month.



Thank You

Thanks to Bob Clark and Keenan Tunnell who
graciously stepped in for Pastor Geier while he was
on vacation. Bob Clark did a wonderful job giving the
sermon and Keenan led the liturgy for the March 18
worship service.





Fortune Lake Events April 2012



April 15 Second Sunday Folk Concert/Dance

Final Second Sunday Folk Dance of the Season Sunday, April 15: 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

For 26 years people of all ages have enjoyed coming to Second Sunday Folk Dances at Fortune Lake. The incredibly talented music group - White Water typically performs for the first third of each event. The next set is then performed by a special guest. For the final set, the chairs are pushed aside and the floor is cleared for some folk dancing. Cost for the evening = \$7.

April 20-21, 2012 Upper Elementary Retreat

- Great music, fun speakers, interesting Bible studies.
- Sign up with others from your Congregation.

Cost for meals, lodging and programming: \$45

Coming in the May Outlook: Information on FLLC's 2012 Women's and Kids' Week



Pastor Gary and Edna Sahs visited Bethany on a recent Monday morning during Bible Study.



Council Highlights: February

- Thank you notes received from Lutheran Campus Ministry and LSTC.
- Committee heads are asked to update their list of committee members
- No baptisms, funerals, weddings or membership changes.
- A small group attended the pizza movie night. Bethany will continue to try activities to involve younger people.
- Jim Kinnunen reported that the budget process is stable. Bethany has added a fund payable for the homework club donations.



The Star Thrower

During the March 25 Family Worship Service, Pastor Geier gave each child a star fish as a reminder that God takes care of them. Just as the star thrower threw the star fish back into the sea that they might be saved so also God cares and takes care of them.



YTD Income: \$30,174.83
YTD Expenses: \$38,439.51





Easter Eggs

When eating eggs was forbidden during Lent, eggs were an especially welcome treat at Easter. In many countries eggs were given as Easter gifts. In 1290, King Edward I of England had 450 eggs dyed and gave one as a gift to each of his servants. In Russia eggs were dyed a deep red to suggest the blood of Christ. Pysanki (pee SANK ee) eggs from Poland and the Ukraine are decorated with elaborate designs that take hours or days to make.





Marquette Choral Society
Anniversary Concert
“Four Centuries of Sacred Song”

Saturday, April 28 @ 7:30 pm
Sunday, April 29 @ 3:00 pm

Reynolds Recital Hall
Northern Michigan University
Reserved Seats \$10



**Bethany supports
Local Food Banks.**

Please bring in donations.



Bethany's Website

www.bethanyishpeming.org

To view the latest edition of
the Outlook in color, please
visit Bethany's website.

**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 (Mather), Doreen Brown (Valente), Joyce Lehto (Mill Creek), Marjorie Rosten (home)
 - Bob Kaukola
 - Bob Maki
 - Nancy Hendrickson
 - Jean Lawson
 - Jim Jacobson
 - Mary Bertucci
 - Jim Smollen
 - Kathy Routhier
 - Jim Bjorne
 - Nancy Swanson
 - Angie Kempainen
 - Ray Sundblad
 - Marian Franti
 - Melissa Chartre
 - June Forsberg
 - Alice Eman
 - Pauline Toivonen
- 
- Allen Beauchamp
 - James Chapman
 - Allen Maki
 - Steven Leverton
 - Carol and Juan Papaleo and family
 - Paul Blomgren
 - Pam Waters
 - Those in the military that they may remain safe



**Tw'as Easter-Sunday. The full-blossomed trees
Filled all the air with fragrance and with joy.**

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

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

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
ISHPEMING MI 49849
Permit No. 75

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: pastor@bethanyishpeming.org

Parish Planning Council:
Exec. Director, Robert Nadeau
Asst. Exec. Director, Ted Swanson
Christian Education, Brent Clark
Finance, Jim Kinnunen
Personnel, Debbie Bussone
Property, Bill Heavyside
Social Ministry, Rae Elliot
Stewardship, Tom Perry
Worship & Music, Tonya Perry



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Northern Great Lakes Synod

April Worship Assistants

April 1 Palm Sunday

Assisting Minister - Tom Perry
Acolytes - Kayla Kaukola & MacKenzie
 Atkins
Altar - Marian Medlyn
Coffee Hosts - W & M Palm Sunday Brunch
Nursery - Christina Mariani
Bread - Kathy Geier

April 5 Maundy Thursday

Assisting Minister - Carl Pellonpaa
Acolytes - ShyAnn Brown & Sabrina Holm-Brown
Bread - Shirley Tyni

April 8 Easter Sunday

Assisting Minister - Matt Waters & Lindsay Waters
Acolytes - Hannah Skewis & Noah Kaukola
Altar - Sue Holmgren
Nursery - Jordan Dault
Bread - Kaye Frederickson

April 15

Assisting Minister - Robert Maki
Acolytes - Liam Seppanen & Jacob Clark
Altar - Clara Carlson
Coffee Hosts - Social Ministry
Nursery - Kara Harrington
Bread - Kay Chartre

April 22

Assisting Minister - Kathy Harrington
Acolytes - Jessica Penhale & Savannah Marietti
Altar - Marilyn Pontti
Coffee Hosts - Joy Circle
Flowers - In memory of Bob Swanson by Nancy
Nursery - Josh Argall
Bread - Rae Elliot

April 29

Assisting Minister - David Leverton
Acolytes - Kayla Kaukola & Noah
 Kaukola
Altar - Diana Sandstrom & Sue Ryan
Coffee Hosts - Mary Circle
Nursery - John Leverton.
Bread - Evelyn Nadeau

Thank You!

April Ushers:

Bruce Bussone
James Chapman
Ned Johns
Jim Kinnunen
Craig Kitchen
Roy Koski
Ray Leverton
Jerry Plaisier
Knut Strom



May Ushers:

Jaak Liivoja
Mike Richards
Tom Ryan
Ted Swanson
John Waters

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 Sheryl Tyni
- 8 Marie Jensen
- 8 Ann Sundblad
- 8 Sheryl Tyni
- 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 Sikkila
- 19 Lindsey Piercefield
- 19 Kaitlin Hares
- 19 Lisa Mattson
- 21 Nancy Carlyon
- 21 Sara Ombrello
- 21 Laura Sleeman
- 22 Melissa Chartre
- 22 James Bjerne
- 24 Claudia Thompson
- 25 ShyAnn Brown
- 25 Tammy Swanson
- 27 Savannah Marietti
- 29 Marian Medlyn
- 30 Keenan Tunnell



Happy Anniversary!

Michael & Kathy Richards
4/7/1973 39 years

Peter & Debra Cain
4/15/1978 34 years

Daniel & Cheryl Sleeman
4/16/1977 35 years

Donald & Judith Meyer
4/18/1964 48 years

