



Bethany Lutheran Outlook
April 2014

Serving God, Community, and Individuals



God proves his
love for us in
that while we
still were sinners
Christ died for us.

ROMANS 5:8, N R S V



PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

For quite a few years I've thought that spring in the UP is pretty much an oxymoron. Most years winter hangs on and on and then all of sudden summer is here and it's hot and we've missed the nice in between time that spring is supposed to be. It seems like that is going to be especially true this year unless something changes drastically in the next few weeks. Based on the current forecasts, that doesn't appear to be likely. The persistent cold, a lot of it bitter cold, without any meaningful thaw has made this winter longer and more difficult for everyone, even more difficult for those who have struggled with frozen pipes and sewer lines. I'm writing this on March 20th, the first official day of spring but while it may be spring somewhere, it doesn't look like it or feel like it here; winter hangs on.



And yet...the sun does get a little higher in the sky and a little warmer every day. While it can be slow in this part of the world, the cycle of seasons will finally have its say; it can't be stopped. There will be green grass and flowers, it will get warm, even hot and we will complain about the heat although maybe with a little hesitation after it being so cold.



The liturgical cycle of seasons is a little more predictable even if the weather associated with a particular season isn't. When the first day of spring arrives, regardless of whether or not it feels like spring, Easter isn't too far behind; the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox. Warmth and flowers and sunshine may be associated with Easter in our minds but if you've lived in the UP very long you know the only flowers you're likely to see are the ones in church and if there is sunshine it's probably still at work melting snow.



And yet...lingering winter weather still can't dampen the joy of Easter. The story of Jesus' resurrection, the story of new life out of death and brokenness is and always will be at the center of Christian faith. Nothing can detract from the joy the story and the worship of Easter Sunday! However it's celebrated it has great meaning but there are things that one can do to make Easter even more meaningful.

It starts with observing Lent which is about half over as April begins. But then there is Holy Week, starting with the celebration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and the reading of the Passion gospel. Then there's the washing of the feet and Holy Communion and the stripping of the altar on Holy Maundy Thursday, the darkness of the crucifixion on Good Friday, the absence of Saturday followed by Easter Vigil Saturday night and into Sunday morning. All of these are unique, once a year liturgies that use rituals and symbols that engage our emotions as we hear the story that finally brings us to Easter joy.



Make note of the schedule of services for Holy Week and come and be part of them. It will add meaning to your Easter celebration.

A happy and blessed Easter to everyone!

Pastor Geier



10 ways to rejoice in the Resurrection

1. **RE-Joice...** He is Risen... Indeed!
2. **RE-Fresh...** your body by sound sleep and good eats!
3. **RE-New...** acquaintances and habits of health and hope!
4. **RE-Deemed...** Know that you are loved forever by the Lord!
5. **RE-View...** your past lumps and bumps... and know you're forgiven!
6. **RE-Late...** Talk, and listen closely, to those around you!
7. **RE-Store...** "unto me a clean heart, O God." (Psalm 51:10)
8. **RE-Vive...** your faith through the Word and Sacraments!
9. **RE-Focus...** on all the great gifts the Lord has given you!
10. **RE-Member...** those special people around you

REJOICE!

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.

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



April 2014

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|----|--|---------------------------|--|
| 1 | Psalm 146 | Isaiah 42: 14-21 | Colossians 1:9-14 |
| 2 | Psalm 146 | Isaiah 60:17-22 | Matthew 9:27-34 |
| 3 | Psalm 130 | Ezekiel 1:1-3; 2:8 -- 3:3 | Revelation 10:1-11 |
| 4. | Psalm 130 | Ezekiel 33:10-16 | Revelation 11:15-19 |
| 5 | Psalm 130 | Ezekiel 36:8-15 | Luke 24:44-53 |
| 6 | Fifth Sunday in Lent | | |
| | Ezekiel 37:1-14 | Psalm 130 | Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45 |
| 7 | Psalm 143 | 1 Kings 17:17-24 | Acts 20:7-12 |
| 8 | Psalm 143 | 2 Kings 4:18-37 | Ephesians 2:1-10 |
| 9 | Psalm 143 | Jeremiah 32:1-9, 36-41 | Matthew 22:22-33 |
| 10 | Psalm 31:9-16 | 1 Samuel 16:11-13 | Philippians 1:1-11 |
| 11 | Psalm 31:9-16 | Job 13:13-19 | Philippians 1:21-30 |
| 12 | Psalm 31:9-16 | Lamentations 3:55-66 | Mark 10:32-34 |
| 13 | Sunday of the Passion | | |
| | Procession with Palms: Matthew 21:1-11 | | |
| | Isaiah 50:4-9a | Psalm 31:9-16 | Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 26:14 - 27:66 |



14 Monday in Holy Week

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

15 Tuesday in Holy Week

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

16 Wednesday in Holy Week

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

17 Maundy Thursday

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

18 Good Friday

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

19 Vigil of Easter

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

20 Resurrection of Our Lord

Jeremiah 31:1-6 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18



21 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

Colossians 3:5-11

22 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Exodus 15:1-18

Colossians 3:12-17

23 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Joshua 3:1-17

Matthew 28:1-10

24 Psalm 16

Song of Solomon 2:8-15

Colossians 4:2-5

25 Psalm 16

Song of Solomon 5:9 -- 6:3

1 Cor. 15:1-11

26 Psalm 16

Song of Solomon 8:6-7

John 20:11-20

27 Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31

28 Psalm 114

Judges 6:36-40

1 Cor. 15:12-20

29 Psalm 114

Jonah 1:1-17

1 Cor. 15:19-28

30 Psalm 114

Jonah 2:1-10

Matthew 12:38-42





HOLY WEEK *Worship Services*

April 13 Palm Sunday

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Palm Sunday brunch follows worship.

As we ponder what it would've been like to throw coats and branches in your path as you entered Jerusalem, Lord, help us lay our lives at your feet.

April 17 Maundy Thursday 8:00 p.m.

God, after the first Passover, you delivered Israel from slavery. Today we share that meal, transformed by your Son, and trust in your delivery from slavery to sin. Amen.

April 18 Good Friday

Ecumenical Service @ Bethany Lutheran Church 12:30—3:00 p.m.

Tenebrae Service 9:00 p.m.

Holy God, mighty and immortal, have mercy on us. We praise you, for by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

April 19 Easter Vigil 9:00 p.m.

All Night Vigil 11:00 p.m.

April 20 Easter Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Hallelujah! Christ is risen! Welcome into Easter joy. The power of God raised Jesus from the dead and offers eternal life to all.



*Palm Sunday
Brunch*



*Bethany's Palm Sunday Brunch
April 13
after worship service*



*Decorated Eggs
Ham & cheese on rolls
Fruit
Muffins
Coffee
Milk*

*Sponsored by the
Board of Worship and Music*



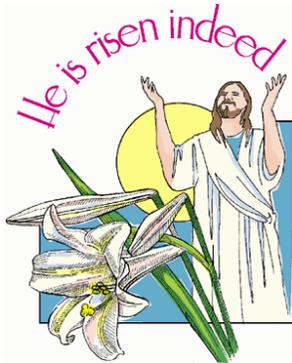
All donations will go to carry
out the work of Bethany's Ministry
of Worship & Music

Enjoy the Poetry of Hymns

Paul Lintern, a Lutheran pastor, wrote new lyrics to traditional Christmas carol tunes to offer a new twist on our Easter music. Enjoy these Easter carols.

Joy to the World

Joy to the World, the Lord's alive,
Awake, rejoice and sing!
It's just as He had said,
He's risen from the dead.
Salvation now He brings,
Salvation now He brings,
Salvation, salvation now He brings.



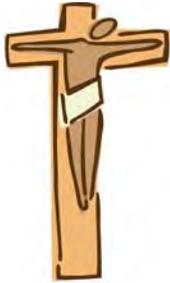
Joy to the World, the empty tomb,
Proclaims a victory.
Of light compelling,
A great dispelling
Of darkness in the world,
Of darkness in the world,
Of darkness, of darkness in the world.

Joy to the World,
Our Savior reigns,
Let Heaven and earth proclaim
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, and wonders of His love.

Alleluia!



God Bless You Merry Sinner
(Tune: God Bless Ye Merry Gentlemen)



God bless you merry sinner,
you're forgiven it is true;
Remember Christ your Savior
has lived and died for you,
and lives again as King of Kings,
of saint and sinner, too.
*Oh, tidings of Easter peace and joy,
peace and joy.*
Oh, tidings of Easter peace and joy.

In Jerusalem at Calvary
that dismal Friday morn,
amid the pain and suffering
eternal life was born.
It came with arms outstretched to us,
right through the curtain torn.
*Oh, tidings of Easter peace and joy,
peace and joy.*
Oh, tidings of Easter peace and joy.

So sing an alleluia,
for our Savior's victory,
and shout to all "Hosanna!"
that we have been set free
from sin and death and devil's grip
throughout eternity.
*We'll have tidings of Easter peace and joy,
peace and joy.*
Glad tidings of Easter peace and joy.





Social Ministry April 2014

Hunger knows no season.

Pastor Geier commented at our Social Ministry meeting that collecting food all year is a good and necessary thing. Donating and collecting food is always a priority during Thanksgiving and Christmas, and a lot of food is collected and everyone is grateful for that, especially those in need. Unfortunately, people who are in need of food during Thanksgiving and Christmas are usually in need the rest of the year, too. Our ongoing 'fill the table' crusade provides food year round. So again, thanks to all for helping with this worthy cause.



Cold winter does have a season, and, unfortunately, this winter has served to remind us that the cold may overstay and 'overchill' the season. That is what all are dealing with this winter, and it is cost prohibitive for many. For that reason, as was mentioned in last month's report, the noisy offering collected during March and April will go to the Home Heating Fund at St. Vincent De Paul. And in case you forget your change one Sunday, a quiet dollar will help just as much as the noisy change does.

Our Noisy Offering for February 9th, 16th, and 23rd has been donated to Lutheran Campus Ministry. Thanks for your help to reach out to students through campus ministry.

Thanks again for all your help. Being able to help others, and then using that ability to help others is truly a blessing.

**For there will never cease to be poor in the land.
Therefore I command you, "You shall open wide your hand to your
brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land."**

Deuteronomy 15:11



The April Noisy Offering will be given to St. Vincent DePaul's Home Heating Fund.

Thanks to everyone for your generosity!



Board of Stewardship

Coleman Young, the late former mayor of Detroit, was fond of saying, "Everyone wants to go to heaven, but nobody wants to die."

It's natural to want the good things God and this life offer, and to play down the pain and sacrifice we're asked to endure. We can chat with a friend for an hour over coffee, but a few minutes' prayer has us searching for a coherent thought. We can read a new novel in a weekend, but a chapter of the Bible can seem like it's still written in Greek. A two-hour movie seems to fly by, yet half-way through Sunday service we're wondering what's for coffee hour.

Stewardship of the resources God's provided has its easy and hard aspects, too. We know to give and yet struggle with how much. There are so many obligations, so many requests, so much we'd like.

May God grant us insight to make hard choices that leave our spirits easy.

In Christ,

Bethany's Board of Stewardship



Easter

By Benjamin Alire Sáenz



My mother woke us that Sunday – her voice
a bell proclaiming spring. We rose
diving into our clothes, newly bought.
We took turns standing before mirrors,
combing, staring at our new selves.

Sinless from forty days of desert,
sinless from good confessions, we
drove to church in a red pickup, bright
and red and waxed for the special
occasion. Clean, polished as apples,
the yellow-dressed girls in front
with Mom and Dad; the boys in back,
our hair blowing free in the warming
wind. Winter gone away.



At Mass, the choir singing loud:
ragged notes from ragged angel's voices;
ancient hymns sung in crooked Latin.
The priest, white robed, raised his palms
toward God, opened his mouth in awe:
“Alleluia!” The unspoken word of Lent
let loose in flight. Alleluia and incense
rising, my mother wiping her tears
from words she'd heard; my brother and I
whispering names of statues lining
the walls of the church.



Bells ringing, Mass ending,
we running to the truck,
shiny as shoes going dancing.
Dad driving us to see my grandmother.
There, at her house, I asked about the new word
I'd heard: *resurrection*.
“Death, death,” she said, her hands moving downward,
“the cross – that is death.”
And then she laughed: “The dead will rise.”
Her upturned palms moved skyward as she spoke.
“The dead will rise.”
She moved her hands toward me,
wrapped my face with touches, and laughed again.
The dead will rise



Resurrection Day

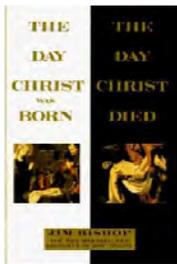


New Books for April 2014

By Keenan Tunnell

Lent is drawing to a close so books for this month will look more at Holy Week and the following 50 days to Pentecost. As usual, the library kiosk will be overflowing with children's Easter books and they can also add a dimension to your Easter pilgrimage. Take some time in your busy days to pay some special attention to the continuing miracle of God's love.

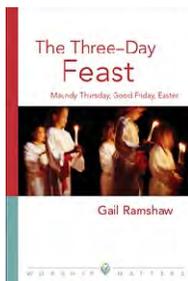
Bishop, Jim. **The Day Christ was Born; the Day Christ Died.** 232.9 BIS



Presents a detailed retelling of the events of Christ's birth and an hour-by-hour account of the Last Supper and His trial, crucifixion, and death, and depicts the Jewish and Roman worlds of His day. Bishop renews our sense of wonder about the "greatest story ever told" as he vividly chronicles the events leading up to the two days that encompass the birth and death of Jesus. This collection of two bestsellers presents the immensely dramatic and ultimately uplifting events as though they were related for the first time.

Ramshaw, Gail. **The Three-Day Feast.**

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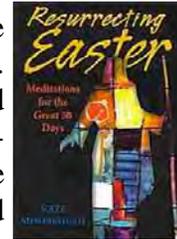


"The restoration of the Three Days at the heart of the church's year remains one of the great projects in the ongoing renewal of congregational life and mission. In rich and vivid detail, Gail Ramshaw shows us how the ancient and ever new Easter feast both tells the story of God's mercy in Jesus' death and resurrection and enacts its meaning for our lives, for this world. This book will inform, inspire, and delight all who seek to keep these days." (Amazon.com review from the Dean of the Chapel, Wartburg Seminary)

Moorehead, Kate. **Resurrecting Easter.**

242 MOO

American Christians have forgotten the Easter Season. We celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus on one day and then we return to ordinary time. But Christ appeared over and over again for forty days in resurrected form. This book is designed to help us sustain Easter, reminding Christians of this most pivotal aspect of our faith: the radical nature of the resurrection. Let it serve as a reminder of that most incredible event and its claim on all of our lives.



Speare, Elizabeth George. **The Bronze Bow.**

FIC SPE

He trains my hands for war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.
—from the Song of David (2 Samuel 22:35)

This gripping, action-packed novel tells the story of eighteen-year-old Daniel bar Jamin—a fierce, hotheaded young man bent on revenging his father’s death by forcing the Romans from his land of Israel. Daniel’s palpable hatred for Romans wanes only when he starts to hear the gentle lessons of the traveling carpenter, Jesus of Nazareth. A fast-paced, suspenseful, vividly wrought tale of friendship, loyalty, the idea of home, community . . . and ultimately, as Jesus says to Daniel on page 224: “Can’t you see, Daniel, it is hate that is the enemy? Not men. Hate does not die with killing. It only springs up a hundredfold. The only thing stronger than hate is love.” A powerful, relevant read in turbulent times. (Amazon summary)



Christ
hath
made
us
free.



Galatians 5:1



The Lutheran - March 2014 Rocky Vocational Road



Cover story

Maneuvering today's rocky vocational road

How Lutherans, strengthened by their faith and understanding of vocation, are coping with today's job market challenges
by Mark A. Staples



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Entertaining unsettling questions

by Jessicah Duckworth



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Freedom just another word for not following Jesus

A tough, narrow path to travel in me-focused culture
by Frank G. Honeycutt



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The new pope: A Lutheran appreciation

by Franklin Sherman



Challenging conversations:

Who gets saved?

by Peter W. Marty

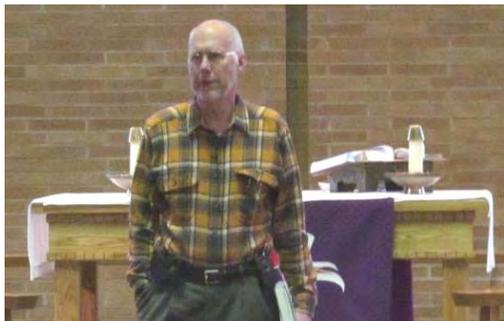


Presiding bishop:

From a cross, a dazzling light

by Elizabeth A. Eaton

Dr. Rasmussen Speaks at Bethany



On Tuesday, March 11, Dr. Larry Rasmussen, one of the world's foremost environmental ethicists, spoke at Bethany. In his talk entitled "Faith, Ethics and the Environment: A Personal Journey," Dr. Rasmussen presented some thought provoking ideas which challenge us to determine our roles and responsibilities as stewards of the earth on which we live.

Letter of Thank You

Dear Warren and the People of Bethany,

Thank you for your ongoing support of visiting theologians over these past years. Most recently your gift of \$1000 was able to assist us in sponsoring Dr. Larry Rasmussen, nationally known theologian, who made three presentations on March 10th and 11th . As you are aware, on Tuesday evening he spoke in the sanctuary of Bethany to a wide range of interested folks from our congregations and the wider community.

You continue to lead the way among our churches in witnessing to a Gospel that is deeper and wider than many folks ever imagined.

The Earthkeepers and the Cedar Tree Institute lift you up as special friends. Bethany continues to be a prophetic voice for us all.

Respectfully,
Jon Magnuson
Lutheran Campus Pastor at NMU (1995-2012)
Director, the Cedar Tree Institute (1995-)





An Out of this World Communion

By Eric Metaxas (2012)



What was the first 'food & drink' on the Moon? Communion on the Moon: July 20, 1969.



Forty-three years ago two human beings changed history by walking on the surface of the moon. But what happened before Buzz Aldrin and Neil Armstrong exited the Lunar Module is perhaps even more amazing, if only because so few people know about it.

"I'm talking about the fact that Buzz Aldrin took communion on the surface of the moon. Some months after his return, he wrote about it in *Guideposts* magazine.

And a few years ago I had the privilege of meeting him myself.

I asked him about it and he confirmed the story to me, and I wrote about it in my book *Everything You Always Wanted to Know About God (But Were Afraid to Ask)*.

The background to the story is that Aldrin was an elder at his Presbyterian Church in Texas during this period in his life, and knowing that he would soon be doing something unprecedented in human history, he felt he should mark the occasion somehow, and he asked his minister to help him. And so the minister consecrated a communion wafer and a small vial of communion wine. And Buzz Aldrin took them with him out of the Earth's orbit and on to the surface of the moon.

He and Armstrong had only been on the lunar surface for a few minutes when Aldrin made the following public statement: "This is the LM pilot. I'd like to take this opportunity to ask every person listening in, wherever and wherever they may be, to pause for a moment and contemplate the events of the past few hours and to give thanks in his or her own way."



He then ended radio communication and there, on the silent surface of the moon, 250,000 miles from home, he read a verse from the Gospel of John, and he took communion. Here is his own account of what happened:

"In the radio blackout, I opened the little plastic packages which contained the bread and the wine. I poured the wine into the chalice our church had given me. In the one-sixth gravity of the moon, the wine slowly curled and gracefully came up the side of the cup.

Then I read the scripture, 'I am the vine, you are the branches. Whosoever abides in me will bring forth much fruit. Apart from me you can do nothing.'



"I had intended to read my communion passage back to earth, but at the last minute [they] had requested that I not do this. NASA was already embroiled in a legal battle with Madelyn Murray O'Hare, the celebrated opponent of religion, over the Apollo 8 crew reading from Genesis while orbiting the moon at Christmas. I agreed reluctantly.

"I ate the tiny Host and swallowed the wine. I gave thanks for the intelligence and spirit that had brought two young pilots to the Sea of Tranquility. It was interesting for me to think: the very first liquid ever poured on the moon, and the very first food eaten there, were the communion elements."



And of course, it's interesting to think that some of the first words spoken on the moon were the words of Jesus Christ, who made the Earth and the moon - and Who, in the immortal words of Dante, is Himself the "Love that moves the Sun and other stars."

Make a HANDPRINT BUTTERFLY



The butterfly is a symbol of new life and of the Resurrection. After three days, Jesus rose from the dead and gave us hope for a new life.

What you need:

- Bible verse Luke 24:5-6
- Tempera paint or acrylic paint
- Paintbrush
- 1 sheet of light-colored construction paper
- Paper towel or baby wipe

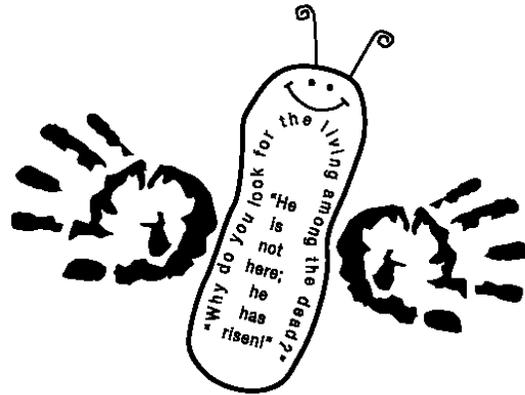
What to do:

1. Draw a picture of a butterfly's body. Make it wide enough to write this verse inside the body:

***“Why do you look for the living among the dead?
He is not here; he has risen!”***

Luke 24:5-6 (NIV)

2. Use the paintbrush to paint the palm of your hand.
3. Make a butterfly wing with your handprint by pressing your hand down next to the butterfly body.
4. Clean your hand with the paper towel or baby wipe.
5. Repeat steps 2-4 with the other hand.
6. Let the butterfly remind you of the sacrifice Jesus made for us and of the beauty of his Resurrection.





It Came upon a Sunrise Bright
(Tune: "It Came upon a Midnight Clear")

It came upon a sunrise bright,
that glorious promise anew,
That Jesus, though he was crucified,
now lives for me and for you.
Peace on earth, goodwill to all,
from Heaven rejoicing on high,
The world with joyful dancing
shares the news that He is alive.
The women with their spices came,
the body to anoint,
They found the tomb was empty
and they heard an angel appoint.
The time, the place, the reason why,
you'll find your Jesus on high,
And then in joy the women shared
the news that He is alive.

Fortune Lake April and May Events

April 6 Annual Meeting

April 13 Second Sunday Concert/Dance

May 2- 4

Adoptive Family Retreat

Adults: Retreat lodge: \$75 Duplex: \$65 Youth(10 & up):
\$58 (5- 10) \$35 Under 5: free Family Max: \$210

May 12- 13

Seniors Go to Camp \$45

Why let the kids have all the fun? This is a special overnight experience designed just for seniors! During your time at camp we will have opportunities for Bible study and worship, plus optional hikes, crafts, and boating opportunities. Experience begins Monday at 10 and ends Tuesday at 2 pm.



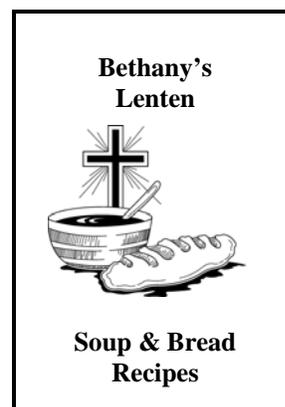


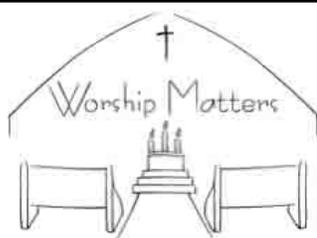
Bethany Lenten Soup and Bread Recipe Booklet to be Revised

Some people have suggested that it's time to create another Bethany Lenten Soup and Bread Recipe booklet; the last one was done in 2008. That can be reprinted, and new recipes can be added! Anyone wishing to submit new recipes, please give them to Kathy Geier, either as a paper copy or an email to kwgeier@sbcglobal.net.

Here is the list of recipes included in the 2008 booklet:

- Sweet Potato and Carrot Soup with Cardamom (Ann Gonyea)
- Chili (Evelyn Nadeau)
- Dad's Meatball Soup (Ruthie Solberg)
- Wild Rice Soup (Bob Bucan)
- Cream of Reuben Soup (Ruthie Solberg)
- Tomato Barley Soup (Kathy Geier)
- Taco Soup (Marian Medlyn)
- Swedish Meatball Vegetable Soup (Boarding House Soup) (Karen Plaisier)
- Kielbasa Cabbage Soup (Ruthie Solberg)
- Meatball Soup (Marian Medlyn)
- Lentil Soup
- African Yam Peanut Soup with Ginger and Pineapple
- Split Pea Soup (Kathy Geier)
- Inspiration Soup
- Tomato Soup (Kathy Geier)
- Poppy Seed Bread
- Irish Soda Bread
- Swiss Oatmeal Bread
- Danish Puff (Sue Ryan)
- Communion Bread





Council Highlights - March 2014

1. Reminder of the special congregational meeting on March 30, 2014.
2. Pastor has been appointed to the Bell Hospital Advisory Board
3. New computers and software have been ordered for the church office.
4. The humidifier on the sanctuary furnace has been repaired and put back in service.
5. The coffee pot and dishwasher will be checked out and serviced this week.

Information on Charitable Giving Statements

Beginning in 2014, member's charitable giving statements will be sent quarterly. If you are interested in having your statement emailed to you, please send an email to Wendy Penhale at [contact@ bethanyishpeming.org](mailto:contact@bethanyishpeming.org) so that she has your email address.

Also, if anyone is interested in having your pledge taken directly from your checking account, there are forms on the kiosk. See Wendy Penhale if you have questions.



YTD Income: \$31,341.98

YTD Expenses: \$36,606.18

(figures for January—February)



Easter Flowers

Easter Lilies will be \$14
Mums, Daffodils, & Tulips will be \$15
Azaleas and Hydrangeas will be \$25

The deadline for ordering is April 14.

Easter Postcard Included in Outlook

Enclosed in each copy of April's Outlook is the Holy Week worship schedule. The schedule is written on a postcard.

Feel free to use it as...

- Your special reminder
- A book mark
- An invitation (Add postage and send it to someone inviting them to take part in our Holy Week services at Bethany.)



Lenten Services and Soup Suppers Continue

The Wednesday Lenten Services continue during April at 6:30 p.m. with the last two plays in the series *Knock, Knock: Jesus' Parables of Judgment* by John P. Trump. Will John ever be allowed entry through the Pearly Gates? Who will get the last word?

Prior to the service there will be the Lenten Soup Suppers which begin at 5:30 p.m.



These Boards of Bethany will provide the soups during April.

April 2 - Stewardship and Personnel

April 8 - Council



“An Easter bonnet? I thought you were Lady Gaga.”



Bethany's Website

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Keep In Your Prayers

- Remember our home-bound and nursing home residents: Teckla Holmgren (home), Doreen Brown (Valente), Joyce Lehto (Mill Creek), Marjorie Rosten (home), Shirley Sundblad (Valente), Anna Mae Collins (Mather), Ray Sundblad (Valente), Jean Anderson (Valente), Allen Maki (Jacobetti)
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- Melissa Chartre
- June Forsberg
- Allen Beauchamp
- Steven Leverton
- Carol and Juan Papaleo and family
- Pam Waters
- Those in the military that they may remain safe



ALLELUIA!
He Is Risen!

Answer to puzzle *He Has Risen!* from the Kids' Page.

Answer: 1. Don't be alarmed. 2. You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. 3. He has risen! 4. He is not here. 5. See the place where they laid him.

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CHRIST IS ALIVE!

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