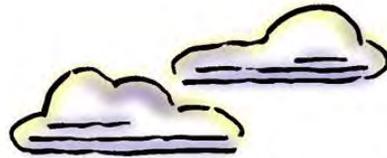


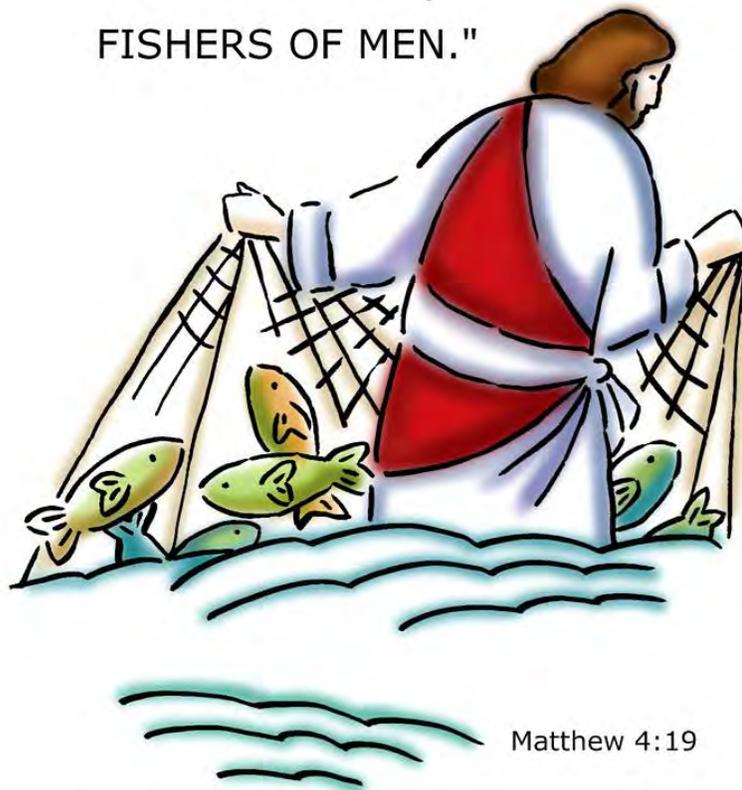


**Bethany Lutheran Outlook**  
**July/August 2014**

**Serving God, Community, and Individuals**



"Come, FOLLOW me," Jesus said,  
"and I will make you  
FISHERS OF MEN."



Matthew 4:19



## PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Many of you know that I get up early and run pretty much every morning; I've been doing it for forty years now, although not as far or as fast these days, but I'm still out there. Some people say they love to run, but I don't; I do it to stay in shape. Jokingly I say that I'm like the guy who likes to bang his head against the wall because it feels so good when he stops. I don't particularly enjoy running, but then I miss it if I don't go out, and I do feel better when I'm done.

This time of year it is a little different though. For much of the year it's dark when I run; it's dark when I go out and dark when I get back, not to mention cold and icy a lot of the time. In the fall the colors are beautiful, but at 6:30 in the morning you can't see them. Winter mornings with snow covered trees can be spectacular, but at 6:30 it's just dark. In June and July though, it's light! It's warm(er). At 6:30 the sun is coming up, the first light shining on the tops of the trees, the birds are singing, the colors of the sky softly shaping the new day. By August it starts to change as the days get shorter and it gets early later (as Yogi Berra might have put it). The days get shorter in the morning before they do in the evening and soon I'm back in the darkness. Before that though, there is a very special few weeks.



It's the gift of summer, a gift that almost makes us forget a bitterly cold winter...almost. At this time of year people ask me, "Do you have any vacation plans this summer?" My response is that this is a pretty nice place to be in the summer; this where other people come for vacation. I will be going back to New England for a week in August, but mostly I prefer to sneak a day or an afternoon once in awhile as a way to "vacate." The long evenings less encumbered with meetings and other commitments also help to provide for more down time.

Things do slow down at church during the summer. It used to bother me but it doesn't anymore; it's OK, in fact it's good! There's still plenty to do, but I appreciate the slower pace with more time for rest. After all God rested on the seventh day and not only that, he blessed the seventh day and hallowed it.

That's a good reminder to all of us!

Enjoy the summer!

Pastor Geier



## How God Comes

Each morning, when the eastern sky  
With opalescent tints grows bright,  
From out the dawn for those who hear  
There comes a whisper, 'I am light!'

When spring  
arrives in  
bright array,  
Transcending  
storms and  
winter strife,  
The budding trees  
and opening  
flowers  
Tell their sweet story: 'I am life!'



Then through the glorious summer days,  
Long hours of bliss without alloy,  
The sun, the birds, all nature joins  
The great, glad chorus: 'I am joy!'

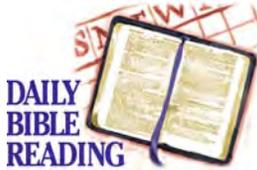
And when the heart is strangely stirred  
With mystic echoes from above,  
A voice divine speaks to the soul -  
Ecstatic moment! - 'I am love!'

Or if life's problems vex us sore  
And from our woes we seek release,  
God sends His dews of quietness  
And gently whispers, 'I am peace!'

And should there come the darker hours,  
The shadowy vale can hold no fear;  
That reassuring voice speaks forth,  
'Courage, my children, I am here!'

-St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Saratoga, California

## 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

### July 2014

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|--|-------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Psalm 119:161-168                    | 1 Kings 21:17-29        | 1 John 4:1-6     |                         |
| 2 Psalm 119:161-168                    | Jeremiah 18:1-11        | Matthew 11:20-24 |                         |
| 3 Psalm 145:8-14                       | Zechariah 1:1-6         | Romans 7:1-6     |                         |
| 4. Psalm 145:8-14                      | Zechariah 2:6-13        | Romans 7:7-20    |                         |
| 5 Psalm 145:8-14                       | Zechariah 4:1-7         | Luke 10:21-24    |                         |
| <b>6 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</b> |                         |                  |                         |
| Zechariah 9:9-12                       | Psalm 145:8-14          | Romans 7:15-25a  | Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 |
| 7 Psalm 131                            | Jeremiah 27:1-11, 16-22 | Romans 1:18-25   |                         |
| 8 Psalm 131                            | Jeremiah 28:10-17       | Romans 3:1-8     |                         |
| 9 Psalm 131                            | Jeremiah 13:1-11        | John 13:1-17     |                         |
| 10 Psalm 65:9-13                       | Isaiah 48:1-5           | Romans 2:12-16   |                         |
| 11 Psalm 65:9-13                       | Isaiah 48:6-11          | Romans 15:14-21  |                         |
| 12 Psalm 65:9-13                       | Isaiah 52:1-6           | John 12:44-50    |                         |
| <b>13 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</b> |                         |                  |                         |
| Isaiah 55:10-13                        | Psalm 65:9-13           | Romans 8:1-11    | Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23   |
| 14 Psalm 92                            | Leviticus 26:3-20       | 1 Thess. 4:1-8   |                         |
| 15 Psalm 92                            | Deuteronomy 28:1-14     | Eph. 4:17 -- 5:2 |                         |
| 16 Psalm 92                            | Proverbs 11:23-30       | Matthew 13:10-17 |                         |
| 17 Psalm 86:11-17                      | Isaiah 41:21-29         | Hebrews 2:1-9    |                         |

18 Psalm 86:11-17	Isaiah 44:9-17	Hebrews 6:13-20
19 Psalm 86:11-17	Isaiah 44:18-20	Matthew 7:15-20

**20 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 44:6-8 Psalm 86:11-17 Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

21 Psalm 75	Nahum 1:1-13	Revelation 14:12-20
22 Psalm 75	Zephaniah 3:1-13	Galatians 4:21 -- 5:1
23 Psalm 75	Daniel 12:1-13	Matthew 12:15-21
24 Psalm 119:129-136	1 Kings 1:28-37	1 Cor. 4:14-20
25 Psalm 119:129-136	1 Kings 1:38-48	Acts 7:44-53
26 Psalm 119:129-136	1 Kings 2:1-4	Matthew 12:38-42

**27 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Kings 3:5-12 Psalm 119:129-136 Romans 8:26-39 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

28 Psalm 119:121-128	1 Kings 3:16-28	James 3:13-18
29 Psalm 119:121-128	1 Kings 4:29-34	Ephesians 6:10-18
30 Psalm 119:121-128	Proverbs 1:1-7, 20-33	Mark 4:30-34
31 Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21	Proverbs 10:1-5	Philippians 4:10-15

**August 2014**

1 Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21	Isaiah 51:17-23	Romans 9:6-13
2 Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21	Isaiah 44:1-5	Matthew 7:7-11

**3 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 55:1-5 Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:13-21

4. Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29	Deuteronomy 8:1-10	Romans 1:8-15
5 Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29	Deuteronomy 26:1-15	Acts 2:37-47
6 Psalm 78:1-8, 17-29	Exodus 16:2-15, 31-35	Matthew 15:32-39
7 Psalm 85:8-13	1 Kings 18:1-16	Acts 17:10-15
8 Psalm 85:8-13	1 Kings 18:17-19, 30-40	Acts 18:24-28
9 Psalm 85:8-13	1 Kings 18:41-46	Matthew 16:1-4

**10 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Kings 19:9-18 Psalm 85:8-13 Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33

11 Psalm 18:1-19

Genesis 7:11 -- 8:5

2 Peter 2:4-10

12 Psalm 18:1-19

Genesis 19:1-29

Romans 9:14-29

13 Psalm 18:1-19

Job 36:24-33; 37:14-24

Matthew 8:23-27

14 Psalm 67

Isaiah 45:20-25

Revelation 15:1-4

15 Psalm 67

Isaiah 63:15-19

Acts 14:19-28

16 Psalm 67

Isaiah 56:1-5

Matthew 14:34-36

**17 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 Psalm 67 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15:21-28

18 Psalm 87

2 Kings 5:1-14

Acts 15:1-21

19 Psalm 87

Isaiah 43:8-13

Romans 11:13-29

20 Psalm 87

Isaiah 66:18-23

Matthew 8:1-13

21 Psalm 138

Ezekiel 28:11-19

1 Cor. 6:1-11

22 Psalm 138

Ezekiel 31:15-18

2 Cor. 10:12-18

23 Psalm 138

Ezekiel 36:33-38

Matthew 16:5-12

**24 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 51:1-6 Psalm 138 Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20

25 Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32

1 Samuel 7:3-13

Romans 2:1-11

26 Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32

Deuteronomy 32:18-20, 28-39

Romans 11:33-36

27 Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32

Isaiah 28:14-22

Matthew 26:6-13

28 Psalm 26:1-8

Jeremiah 14:13-18

Ephesians 5:1-6

29 Psalm 26:1-8

Jeremiah 15:1-9

2 Thess. 2:7-12

30 Psalm 26:1-8

Jeremiah 15:10-14

Matthew 8:14-17

**31 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

Jeremiah 15:15-21 Psalm 26:1-8 Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28



## Church Archives



### Bethany 's Archives Being Digitized at NMU

Recently, Bethany donated a collection of old papers, some of them dating back to the late 1800s, to the Central Upper Peninsula and Northern Michigan University Archives. The old membership books and ministerial acts books will also be housed at the archives and are on permanent loan.

There are two reasons why this was done. The first reason is that the archives has climate controlled, secure storage, which will protect the materials. Secondly, in donating the materials, we make them available to the general public for use in research.

Right now, the donated materials are waiting to be processed. During the processing they will be inventoried and then accessioned. The collection will be given a name and accession number, along with a short description about the collection and where it came from.

I volunteer at the archives one day a week and I am currently working on digitizing Bethany's ministerial acts books and the old membership records from microfilm that was made in 1995. As I digitize the old records, I am indexing the pages to make it easier for researchers to find what they are looking for. When they are complete, the records will be hosted on the archives website and available for anyone to look through.

For genealogists, the old records hold a wealth of information, including birth and baptism records, marriage records and death and funeral records. The membership records sometimes also have where in Sweden an immigrant came from and when they were born, which can be very helpful.

If you are interested in researching your ancestors who may have been members of Bethany, please send me an email at [karen\(dot\)kasper\(at\)gmail\(dot\)com](mailto:karen(dot)kasper(at)gmail(dot)com) and I can help with that research.

Karen Kasper



# Enjoy the Poetry of Hymns

## Tell Me the Stories of Jesus



Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;  
Things I would ask Him to tell me if He were here;  
Scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,  
Stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

First let me hear how the children stood round His knee,  
And I shall fancy His blessing resting on me;  
Words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,  
All in the love light of Jesus' face.

Tell me, in accents of wonder, how rolled the sea,  
Tossing the boat in a tempest on Galilee;  
And how the Maker, ready and kind, chided the billows,  
and hushed the wind.



Into the city I'd follow the children's band,  
Waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;  
One of His heralds, yes, I would sing  
Loudest hosannas, "Jesus is King!"



Show me that scene in the garden, of bitter pain;  
Show me the cross where my Savior for me was slain;  
Sad ones or bright ones, so that they be  
Stories of Jesus—tell them to me

By William H. Parker, 1885

**“Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart.  
Recite them to your children and talk about them.”**

Deuteronomy 6:6a

The Sunday school class was almost over and the children were restless. Their teacher, Mr. William Parker, put away all the materials and began to tell them a story. It worked every time. Quickly they became quiet and attentive.

Later that afternoon after church, Parker thought about the countless times his students had said, “Please tell us another story.” Suddenly an idea flashed into his mind, and he gathered his thoughts and arranged them in a poem: “Tell me the stories of Jesus.”

With those first words as a beginning, he continued to write with vivid description about many events in Jesus’ life. The verses explain what it must have felt like to be blessed at his knee, to sing glad hosannas while waving palm branches, and to stand at the cross of bitter pain.

William H. Parker was born in Nottinghamshire, England, on March 4, 1845, and died there in 1929. He worked for an insurance company and was a dedicated Christian Layman in his home church, Chelsea Street Baptist. A friend described him as a person who was “quiet in demeanor, kindly in disposition, always trying to see the best in others. He was one of God’s true gentlemen, respected and loved by all.”

Parker’s poem, “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus,” was written to honor the devotion of the pupils he taught each Sunday. It was not used as a hymn for several years because it had no music. The beautiful melody, written by Frederick A. Challinor, was chosen as a result of a competition held by the Sunday School Union of the Church of England in 1903.

“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus” is dear to me because Sunday school thoughts flood my memory whenever I hear it. My teacher, Jane McDonald, was a petite woman who had a light of happiness on her face when she told us stories of Jesus. Reading them in the Bible was not as exciting as when she told them. She wanted us to feel what the people felt when they were with Jesus.

Jesus told his disciples that the children who eagerly came to him were an example for all: “Whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” (Mark 10:15)

From 52 Hymn Story Devotions by Lucy Neeley Adams

# Kids!

## Vacation Bible School



It's hard to believe that we are talking about July already, but here it is. I am proud to say that Bethany is going to host Vacation Bible School **Monday, July 28 - Thursday, July 31**. Trinity, Bethel and Faith will also be joining us in our VBS fun.



This year we will start at 5:30 for dinner and continue with our fellowship until 8. This year we will be taking a trip on the water. **Gangway to Galilee** is a wonderful adventure where Jesus and his disciples voyage around the Sea of Galilee. We will be learning about his work, creating beautiful crafts, doing science experiments and singing his praises.

The cost is \$5 a child or \$10 for a family. Please invite friends and family to come and worship with us. Keep an eye on your mailbox for a registration form. We are also looking for volunteers to help be crew leaders, to work in the kitchen, and to take care of registration. Please contact me if you are interested in helping at [ad7e17c7@gmail.com](mailto:ad7e17c7@gmail.com) or at 250-4732. Thank you ! Hope to see you there!

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Donations are appreciated.

- Time
- Talent
- Monetary Donations
- Paper plates, cups, spoons, forks, and napkins
- Jello cups, water, juice, veggies, or fruit



## Gangway to Galilee



### Jesus Calls His Disciples

“I have called you by name, you are Mine.”  
Isaiah 43:1



### Jesus Teaches from the Boat

“Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for You are the God of my salvation.”  
Psalm 25:5



### Jesus Calms the Storm

“Grace to you and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ”  
Romans 1:7



### Jesus Walks on the Water

“Jesus said, ‘Take heart; it is I.  
Do not be afraid.’ ”  
Matthew 14:27



### Jesus Appears to Seven Disciples

“For by grace you have been saved through faith.  
And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,”  
Ephesians 2:8



## Jesus Gives Amazing Grace



Board of Stewardship



I found this article on the ELCA.org website. It is the introduction to a worksheet to help you discover your gifts from God and how you can use them as a guide in your stewardship to do God's work.

Board of Stewardship

### DISCOVERING YOUR PERSONAL GIFTS

**“Now there are different kinds of gifts, but it is the same Holy Spirit who is the source of them all. There are different kinds of services in the church, but it is the same Lord we are serving. There are different ways God works in our lives, but it is the same God who does the work through all of us. Gifts are given to each of us as a means of helping the entire church.”**

1 Corinthians 12: 4-7

God has given each person many gifts, which make each of us unique in the Lord's eyes. Through the sacrament of baptism, God calls us to ministry. We carry forth God's plan for us by using the gifts God so generously bestows. All of these gifts make us who we are: individual and gifted. When we come forward together as individuals, each of us brings our own gifts as an offering. Each is vital to God's plan. Blended together we create a ministry on earth. If we do not come forward we fall short of the celebration to which they were to be a part. The same can be true of God's church. When we let our gifts go undiscovered or unshared, we risk letting our part of God's plan fall.



## Social Ministry July 2014

### FREEDOM

During this Fourth of July holiday month, people often think about the many freedoms we have in our country. As we contemplate these freedoms, we realize that freedom is not necessarily one size fits all. And one freedom that too many people do not have is freedom from hunger.

Pastor Geier noted at our June Social Ministry meeting that food bank supplies are very low. The winter holiday season always has many people opening their hearts to others in need, and a lot of food and money is collected to help provide freedom from hunger. Unfortunately, we are about six months past Christmas 2013, and we are about six more months until Christmas 2014. Six months is a long time to wait for freedom from hunger. Therefore, Social ministry is donating \$200 as well as the September/October Noisy offering to the Central Upper Michigan Food Bank in Ishpeming.



Pastor's Discretionary fund was also low, so \$200 as well as the July/August Noisy offering will go to this fund that provides help for so many.

Our Bethany congregation is generous with food donations year round. The first Sunday of each month is designated as "**Fill the Table Sunday**," and the table is filled. Thanks to your generosity, the table is, also, usually filled on other Sundays. Please continue your donations of food as well as household paper products. Freedom from hunger is a generous gift to give to our neighbors in need.

It may seem that we are always asking you to donate, donate, donate, donate, but we think most people may want to give, but simply need reminding. We are not really ASKING, but simply REMINDING. THANKS!

**"There but for the grace of God, go I."**

John Bradford, 19<sup>th</sup> Century



**The July/August Noisy Offering will be given to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.**

**Thanks to everyone for your generosity!**

## Dan Argall Creates New Stained Glass for Bethany

Last year, Bethany's Council approved a new stained glass window to be placed above the exit door near the sacristy. Below Dan Argall relates the process and steps in the completion of this project.

I started the window project last fall. The first step was to measure the window opening. It is 8 feet high and 4 feet 6 inches wide. The next step was to make a work table big enough to hold the window. I made the work service before we went on our winter vacation. I also had time to design and make the master pattern.

The window is so large and heavy that it requires the window to be made in three sections - the main and largest center section and two side sections. If one looks at other very large windows you will see that they are in sections and are made that way because of the weight.

This spring I worked with Bill Heavyside, the chairperson of the Property Committee, on getting a quote for a new thermal pane window which would be more energy efficient. The window that is in place now is just a single pane. The property committee installed a Plexiglas sheet to the outside for a storm window. We received two quotes and decided on a commercial grade thermal pane window because of the window strength needed to hold the heavy stained glass window. We don't think a residential grade window would hold up to the weight of the stained glass window.



The new window is on order, but at this time I don't know the installation date. I needed to get the thermal pane window ordered and secured so I could get the final measurements I needed to proceed with the stained glass window pattern.



I tweaked the master pattern to fit the new thermal pane window and made the glass cut out patterns. Recently I purchased most of the stained glass and zinc came. The zinc came holds the glass together and is soldered together. I am using zinc came instead of the "old school" lead came. The zinc came is substantially stronger, but it is harder to work with. It's not as flexible as the lead came and requires a tool to bend the came to fit the curved glass pieces. It also requires a saw to cut it instead of just using a hand held nipper.

Now I have started cutting out glass and came pieces and securing them to the work table and pattern with pins and clips. This process will take the most time. I'm hoping to have this step completed by the end of July.



The next step will be to solder the came and then clean the solder flux off the glass.

The next step is one of the hardest, I will need to flip the window over so I can solder the back side. The jig I will use will help stabilize and protect it when we flip it.

Once I solder and clean the back side I need to putty the glass to the zinc came and put the patina on the zinc came. Then I need to flip the window again and apply the putty and patina on the front side. This step seals the new window and gets it ready to install.

My goal is to have the main part of the new stained glass window installed by this fall.

My thanks to our Bethany Family for allowing me to have the pleasure and privilege to build this magnificent addition to our worship sanctuary.

Dan Argall



## Dan Argall Completes Martin Luther Stained Glass Project for Bethel

Dan Argall recently completed a stained glass project for Bethel Lutheran Church. The project began with the discovery of a box of stained glass pieces and fragments that were found in the attic by the Bethel Quilters. It appeared that they were pieces of a glass window. It seemed that something should be done with this find, but what? Margo Rantantan, one of the quilters, thought it might be worthwhile to show the contents of the box to Dan Argall. Dan's artistic eye saw the potential of what could be done

Included among the shattered pieces was a picture of Martin Luther painted on glass. Actually the picture was first etched on glass and then painted. The glass itself appeared to be from the 1800s. Dan says it is of the same age as the three windows he restored for Bethany which were dated from 1895 to 1917. The original design for the window was unknown. No one knew the story behind these pieces of glass. It was up to Dan to create a new window with what he now had. Dan was able to use much of the old glass but needed to match the old with some modern glass to complete the project.



One of the first things Dan needed to do was clean the glass. He needed to remove and dispose of the old lead came and clean the years of grime covering the glass. When the beauty of the glass came to light, Dan could then work on creating a new design which brought new life to the broken pieces of glass.



**The completed window**



## The Lutheran - July 2014 Economic and Income Inequality



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Elizabeth Eaton

## Lutheran World Relief Kits

### School Kits (New guidelines)

- Four 70 sheet spiral notebooks (no loose-leaf paper)
- One blunt scissors
- One ruler with inches and centimeters
- One pencil sharpener
- One eraser, approx. 2 1/2" long
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils secured with a rubber band
- Five ballpoint pens secured with a rubber band
- One box of 24 crayons
- All items except crayons should be removed from packaging



### Personal Care Kits (New guidelines)

- One dark colored bath towel (approx. 52x27)
- Two bath size bars of soap
- One adult size toothbrush left in packaging (if multiple toothbrushes in packaging are purchased, put each toothbrush in an envelope)
- One wide too comb (removed from packaging)
- One nail clippers with file (removed from packaging)
- Do not enclose any item in plastic bags.



### Layettes (New guidelines)

- New or gently used items can be used.
- Two cotton t-shirts
- Two gowns or sleepers without feet
- Two receiving blankets
- Four cloth diapers
- One dark colored hand towel
- One sweater with hat or sweatshirt jacket with hood
- Two diaper pins
- Two bath size bars of gentle soap



Bethany will be collecting kits for Lutheran World Relief during September and early October. Please consider making some kits and/or bringing in items to help complete individual kits.

Deadline for final collection will be in October with the specific to be announced at a later date.

### Fabric Kits (New guidelines)

- Two pieces of cotton or cotton blend fabric (no knits of 100% polyester) measuring:
  - 2 1/4 yds of 60" wide fabric or
  - 3 yds of 44" or 45" wide fabric or
  - 4 yds of 36" wide
- Two spools of neutral colored thread
- Tie items together with ribbon, yarn, string, or a strip of fabric (No plastic bags)





### Strawberry Social—July 20

Join us following morning worship on July 20, 2014, and enjoy some delicious strawberry shortcake and good fellowship. Hope to see you there.



### Women, Daughter, Friend Dessert 2014



Voices in Motion  
sang.



### Five Gifts from God

.Love makes our friends a little dearer.  
Joy makes our hearts a little lighter.  
Faith makes our paths a little clearer.  
Hope makes our lives a little brighter.  
Peace brings us all a little nearer.

—Author unknown

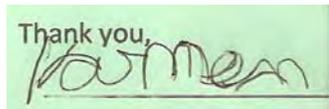


## Women and Kids Week 2014



Dear Bethany Lutheran Church Family,

Thank you for helping me go to Victory Camp, June 9-13, 2014 at Fortune Lake Camp. I had an awesome time! We talked about God's Time/the seasons of the church year. My favorite was campfires at night.



Karmen Slown



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**Attention former staff members of Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp,  
families and friends of FLLC staff alums!**

**It's time for a Gazebo-nanza!**

FLLC will celebrate its 85th anniversary on June 7, 2015. Part of the celebration will include the dedication of a new, larger gazebo that is more functional than the present aging one. Since the gazebo has been the setting for most staff meetings for many years, it seems fitting to involve current and former FLLC staff members in funding this project. Gifts by FLLC staff alumni (or given in honor or memory of staffers) are encouraged during this summer's camping season to help pay for the new gazebo. In exchange for a donation of \$85, the name and year(s) the staffer worked at camp will be inscribed inside the new gazebo. Gifts can be donated either online or sent directly to 138 Fortune Lake Camp Rd., Crystal Falls, MI 49920.



For more details about **Gazebo-nanza**, please visit <http://www.gofundme.com/fortunelake>

## PASTOR KATHERINE FINEGAN IS ON A MISSION TO AFRICA!

On June 9<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Katherine Finegan, Assistant to the Bishop, her husband David and her brother Dr. Stephen Volz traveled to Tanzania. They spent two weeks visiting our companion synod, the Eastern and Coastal Diocese in Dar es Salaam. This “safari” to East Africa is the latest in a twenty year connection between the people of the Northern Great Lakes Synod and the people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. While in Tanzania, Pastor Finegan and her group visited our Lutheran institutions including the Kisarawe School which our synod has been instrumental in establishing. Also, Pastor Finegan led a retreat for women clergy. We pray that this visit was an important growing experience for our church to church relationship as well as a safe and healthy trip.



Prior to going on the trip, Pastor Finegan shared with Bethany information about the upcoming trip. During the service, Pastor Geier blessed Pastor Finegan and her husband and their mission to Tanzania.



## Cradle Roll



Jacob and Danielle Carlson are the proud parents of their daughter Myla Lynn born April 23rd. She weighed in at 7lbs 4ozs. and was 19 inches long. Myla's big sister Emmi loves giving her baby sister hugs and kisses.

Denise Kaukola welcomed her baby daughter Elaina Verna Ruby on June 14th. She weighed in at 8lbs. 7ozs. and was 20 1/2 inches long. Proud grandparents are Bob and Ruby Kaukola.

## Beverly Matherne Performs at Poetry Festival

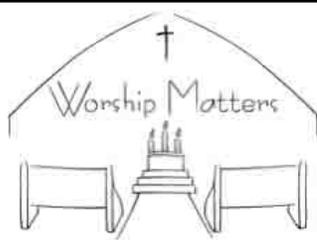


Beverly Matherne, NMU poet, and Maria Formolo, NMU dancer, beam after their performance at Word on the Wind, an international poetry festival in Manchester-by-the-Sea, north of Boston, MA. As a team, Beverly sings her blues and prose poems in French, then Maria joins her in the English versions, interpreting them in dance. The audience went crazy over them, and many said they had never seen anything like it.



## Baby Shower for Sabrina Holm- Brown





## Council Highlights - June 2014

1. Council approved replacing two windows over the east exit doors with clear glass in preparation for installing stained glass over them.
2. Referred to the board of property a request to replace the windows in the choir loft and possibly install air conditioning in the choir loft and pastor's office.
3. The church archives are now at NMU and being cataloged.
4. Council is starting an effort to develop a Capital Project List for the church to list needed building improvements for the future

## Ruth Solberg Says Thank You



Thank you to my Bethany Family for all the cards, get well wishes, your thoughts and prayers after my recent surgery. They meant so much and are greatly appreciated. God bless you all.

A special thank you to Pastor for his visits, kind words, and prayers. Having you in our lives is a blessing.



**YTD Income: \$81, 154.70**

**YTD Expenses: \$86,114.60**

**(January - May)**

On Sunday, August 10, 2014, the four Ishpeming ELCA churches will be participating in an outdoor worship service with a picnic to follow. The churches include Bethany Lutheran, Bethel Lutheran, Faith Lutheran, and Trinity Lutheran. Worship starts at 10:30 AM at the Al Quaal pavilion in Ishpeming. The picnic will follow the worship service.



## Quad Parish Worship & Picnic

**August 10 @ 10:30 AM**

Congregational members wanting to fulfill their pledge to their home church may use their own church's offering envelopes.



**Bethany honored high school graduates Courtney Allen and Josh Argall at the June 1 worship service.**



**It's great to see familiar faces return to Bethany. Welcome!**



**In May members of Joy Circle went out to dinner at the 41 Steak House.**



The Memorial Committee would like to thank all those who gave memorials in the name of....

Steven Leverton



### Thank You from the Sundblads



*Thank You*

We want to thank all who gave a memorial in memory of Ray and for all the support and prayers.

A special thanks to Pastor Geier for all his concern, support, prayers and visits during Ray's six years of dementia.

God's blessings,  
Colleen and Sons



Bethany's Website

[www.bethanyishpeming.org](http://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
- Sisters' Blend, Reg. & Decaf
- Teas
- Hot cocoa
- Baking Cocoa
- Milk Chocolate Bar
- Dark Chocolate Mini Bars



## 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), Jean Anderson (Valente), Allen Maki (Jacobetti). Geri Maki (Jacobetti)
- The family and friends of Steven Leverton who mourn his loss
- Kathy Carriere who mourns the death of her mother Delores Williams
- Addy and Joe Lemire and family who mourn the loss of Joe's mother Nancy Lemire
- Robert Maki
- Robert Nadeau
- Betty Geier
- Zander Atkins
- Larry Alexander
- Don Doney
- Nancy Lemire
- Steven Chartré
- Jim Sodergren, Sr.
- Emilie Brown
- Pastor Marcia Solberg
- Evelyn Nadeau
- Doris Pellonpaa
- Kathy Routhier
- Jim Bjerne
- Nancy Swanson
- Angie Kempainen
- Mary Bertucci
- Melissa Chartre
- June Forsberg
- Allen Beauchamp
- Carol and Juan Papaleo and family
- Pam Waters
- Those in the military that they may remain safe



**Dear God,  
I saw the Grand Canyon last summer.  
Nice piece of work.  
Love,  
Adam (age 9)**



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.

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Personnel, Tom Ryan  
Property, Bill Heavyside  
Social Ministry, Marie Chilman  
Stewardship, Tom Perry  
Worship & Music, Keenan Tunnell



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## July Worship Assistants

### July 6

Assisting Minister - Jean Johns  
Acolyte - Jackson Cardoni  
Altar - Sue Holmgren  
Coffee Hosts - Worship & Music  
Flowers - In memory of Byron & Fern Sundberg by family  
Bread - Shirley Tyni

*Thank You!*

### July 13

Assisting Minister - Barb Lucas  
Acolyte - Kayla Koski  
Altar - Jean Johns  
Coffee Hosts - Social Ministry  
Flowers -  
Bread - Bob Bucan

### July 20

Assisting Minister - Gary Sundblad  
Acolyte - Hope Kaukola  
Altar - Rae Elliot  
Coffee Hosts - Strawberry Social - WELCA  
Flowers -  
Bread - Kaye Frederickson

### July 27

Assisting Minister - LaVerne Koski  
Acolyte - Garrett Grustaglio  
Altar - Rae Elliot  
Coffee Hosts - 80th Birthday Party; Shirley Tyni &  
John  
Flowers - Tyni Family  
Bread - Kay Chartre



**Welcome!**

### July Ushers:

Jaak Liivoja  
Mike Richards  
Tom Ryan  
Ted Swanson  
John Waters  
Tim Grant  
John Hansen



## *Happy Birthday!*

- 1 Linda Dahl
- 1 Marsha Jarvi
- 1 Shirley Sundblad
- 2 Therese Korpi
- 2 Marcia Waters
- 3 Kellie Clark
- 3 Ned Johns
- 3 Nicholas Olgren
- 6 Kristina Mattson
- 6 Charles Stahlmann
- 8 Ann Gonyea
- 8 Florence Pohlman
- 9 Dan Argall
- 10 Loreth Johnson
- 10 Roger Solberg
- 12 Aaron Mattson
- 12 Jessica Penhale
- 13 Ruth Solberg
- 13 Tim Grant
- 14 Morgan Rhoades
- 14 Carol Anderson
- 15 Kyle Wooden
- 17 Donald Meyer
- 22 Judith Meyer
- 23 Brady James Johnson
- 24 Jeffrey Scanlon
- 25 Debbie Leaf
- 25 Mike Starrine
- 26 Kay Chartre
- 26 Jaren Johnson
- 27 Marian Franti
- 27 Shirley Tyni
- 27 Kathy Geier
- 28 Leigh Gugin
- 28 Wendy Penhale
- 28 Mallory Warner
- 29 Michelle Richards
- 31 Doreen Brown
- 31 Cory Clark
- 31 Sue Holmgren



## *Happy Anniversary!*

**Nicholas & Jenna Chartre**  
7/9/11                      3 years

**Pastor & Kathy Geier**  
7/11/92                      22 years

**Dale & Mary Toivonen**  
7/26/75                      39 years



## August Worship Assistants

### August 3

Assisting Minister - Tonya Perry  
Acolyte - Liam Seppanen  
Coffee Hosts - Prayer Shawl Ministry  
Flowers - In memory of Karl Dahl by Linda Dahl  
Bread - Rae Elliot

### August 10 Quad Parrish Picnic

Assisting Minister - Ed Holmgren  
Acolyte - Gavin Argall  
Coffee - Church Picnic  
Bread - Linda Dahl

### August 17

Assisting Minister - Bob Clark  
Acolyte - Jackson Cardoni  
Coffee Hosts - Property  
Flowers - In memory of Stuart Sundblad by Ann Sundblad  
Bread - Marian Medlyn

### August 24

Assisting Minister - Sally Grant  
Acolyte - Ben Bruhnke  
Coffee Hosts - Social Ministry  
Flowers - In honor of Ray & Betty's anniversary by David Leverton & Karen Nardi  
Bread - Terra Frustaglio



Sue Holmgren's  
team

*Thank You!*

### August 31

Assisting Minister - Linda Dahl  
Acolyte - Kayla Koski  
Coffee Hosts— Finance  
Flowers -  
Bread - Tonya Perry

### August Ushers:

Bruce Bussone  
Tom Perry  
Ned Johns  
Jim Kinnunen  
Craig Kitchen  
Jerry Plaisier  
Knut Strom  
Roy Koski



### September Ushers:

John Beerling  
Jerry Hager  
Bill Heavyside  
Robert Maki  
Donald Meyer  
John Pontti  
Dan Sleeman

## *Happy Birthday!*

1 Robert Bruhnke  
1 Jackson Vidlund  
3 Kaitlyn Thompson  
4 Kimberlee Smith  
7 Craig Kitchen  
7 Pat Liivoja  
7 Debbie Sodergren  
8 David Leverton  
11 Evelyn Nadeau  
12 Stephanie Swanson  
13 Rick Rhoades  
14 Kathy Richards  
15 Debra Cain  
17 Jamie Rhoades  
18 Dallas Leaf  
18 Dillon Leaf  
18 Barbara Lucas  
18 Jerry Plaisier  
19 Larry Alexander  
19 Jane Anderson  
22 Gary Sundblad  
23 Joelle Johns  
23 Lindsey Young  
24 Vera Blewett  
24 Linda Hares

## *Happy Anniversary!*

Gerald & Carol Anderson, Jr.  
8/2/75 39 years  
  
Edward & Jean Johns  
8/7/54 60 years  
  
Raymond & Kay Chartre  
8/8/70 44 years



Elizabeth & Russell Aho  
8/12/95 19 years

Debbie & David Paavo  
8/18/84 30 years

Brian & Anita Ulrickson  
8/19/78 36 years

Edmund & Sue Holmgren  
8/21/65 49 years

Halley & Bobby Reichel  
8/21/2010 4 years

Brent & Denise Clark  
8/22/92 22 years

Robert & Ruby Kaukola  
8/22/70 44 years

Robert & Harriet Maki  
8/22/59 55 years

Craig & Judy Kitchen  
8/27/87 27 years

Tom & Debbie Sodergren  
8/28/76 38 years

Robert & Peggy Clark  
8/29/70 44 years

Ralph & Lois Goethe  
8/29/53 61 years

Greg & Carrie Meyer  
8/29/09 5 years

