



Bethany Lutheran Outlook

July—August 2011

Serving God, Community, and Individuals



God the Sculptor of the Mountains....



PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

When the lectionary that we use for the Sunday Bible readings was revised back in the mid 1990's, two choices were provided for the first lesson and the Psalm on the Sundays after Pentecost, the half of the church year that we started at the end of June and which will continue until Advent begins on the last Sunday of November. Choice number one is called the "complementary readings" in which the first lesson from the Old Testament in some way complements or connects to the gospel reading for the day. The Psalm selected for the day is always related to the first lesson as it is intended to be a response or a reflection on it.

Choice number two is called the "semi-continuous readings" in which the first readings take you through larger portions of different books from the Old Testament but without any intended connection to the gospel for the day. This is how the second lessons always work as we read through the various New Testament letters. Sometimes a connection can be made to the other lessons, but the readings aren't chosen with that in mind. With the semi-continuous Old Testament readings, the Psalms appointed for each week are also different as they are intended to reflect on the first lesson.



The complementary readings represent the choice most frequently made and are the readings that I have always gone with...until now. Here in year A of the lectionary cycle it seems a good time to make use of the full lectionary and to use the semi-continuous readings. So...throughout the summer and into the fall this year there will be readings from Genesis and Exodus about Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and Joseph eventually getting to Moses and the story of the Exodus. From the names you know that these represent some of the classic stories of the Bible and using these semi-continuous readings means hearing them more fully than we would otherwise. It also gives me some different options for preaching. It's not that I will necessarily preach on these lessons every week, but the possibility will be there. My hope would be that this might help you to hear again some stories that you're probably somewhat familiar with but maybe haven't thought about too much or maybe you've wondered about them.

For those who use the daily lectionary, it too will be geared to these different Sunday readings and in many cases will take you through parts of Genesis and Exodus that are not read on Sunday thus providing you with further background on these stories. If you haven't been using the daily readings, this provides a good opportunity to begin; it will enhance your Sunday worship.

The worship schedule for the summer remains the same with Sunday worship at 10:30 and Monday evening worship at 6:30. Enjoy the summer days and the long evenings but make worship a part of your day and week too.



Pastor Geier

Quad Parish Outdoor Worship Service and Picnic



On Sunday July 17, 2011, the four Ishpeming ELCA Churches will be participating in an outdoor worship service with a picnic to follow. The churches include Bethel Lutheran, Trinity Lutheran, Faith Lutheran, and Bethany Lutheran. Worship starts at 10:30 AM at the Al Quaal Pavilion in Ishpeming. The picnic will follow the worship service.

Congregational members wanting to fulfill their pledge to their home church may use their own church's offering envelopes. Any non-designated donations will be considered part of the free will offering that will go to a local charity.



DAILY LECTIONARY



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

Daily Lectionary for July-August 2011

July 2011

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| 1 | Psalm 45:10-17 | Genesis 27:1-17 | Romans 7:7-20 |
| 2 | Psalm 45:10-17 | Genesis 27:18-29 | Luke 10:21-24 |
| 3 | Third Sunday after Pentecost | | |
| | Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 | Psalm 45:10-17 | Romans 7:15-25a |
| | Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 | | |
| 4 | Song of Solomon 2:8-13 | Genesis 27:30-46 | Romans 1:18-25 |
| 5 | Song of Solomon 2:8-13 | Genesis 29:1-14 | Romans 3:1-8 |
| 6 | Song of Solomon 2:8-13 | Genesis 29:31-35 | John 13:1-17 |
| 7 | Psalm 119:105-112 | Exodus 3:1-6 | Romans 2:12-16 |
| 8 | Psalm 119:105-112 | Deut. 32:1-10 | Romans 15:14-21 |
| 9 | Psalm 119:105-112 | Isaiah 2:1-4 | John 12:44-50 |
| 10 | Fourth Sunday after Pentecost | | |
| | Genesis 25:19-34 | Psalm 119:105-112 | Romans 8:1-11 |
| | | | Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 |
| 11 | Psalm 142 | Micah 1:1-5 | 1 Thess. 4:1-8 |
| 12 | Psalm 142 | Jeremiah 49:7-11 | Eph 4:17 - 5:2 |
| 13 | Psalm 142 | Obadiah 15-21 | Matthew 13:10-17 |
| 14 | Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 | Isaiah 44:1-5 | Hebrews 2:1-9 |
| 15 | Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 | Ezekiel 39:21-29 | Hebrews 6:13-20 |
| 16 | Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 | Exodus 14:9-25 | Matthew 7:15-20 |

17 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 28:10-19a Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 Romans 8:12-25
Mathew 13:24-30, 36-43

18 Psalm 139:13-18 Genesis 32:3-21 Rev. 14:12-20
19 Psalm 139:13-18 Genesis 33:1-17 Gal. 4:21 - 5:1
20 Psalm 139:13-18 Genesis 35:16-29 Matthew 12:15-21
21 Psalm 105: 1-11, 45b Genesis 29:1-8 1 Cor. 4:14-20
22 Psalm 105: 1-11, 45b Genesis 29:9-14 Acts 7:44-53
23 Psalm 105: 1-11, 45b Genesis 29:31 - 30:24 Matthew 12:38-42

24 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 29:15-28 Psalm 105:1-11, 45b Romans 8:26-39 Matt. 13:31-33, 44-52

25 Psalm 65:8-13 Genesis 30:25-36 James 3:13-18
26 Psalm 65:8-13 Genesis 30:37-43 Ephesians 6:10-18
27 Psalm 65:8-13 Genesis 46:2 - 47:12 Mark 4:30-34
28 Psalm 17:1-7, 15 Isaiah 14:1-2 Phil. 4:10-15
29 Psalm 17:1-7, 15 Isaiah 41:8-10 Romans 9:6-13
30 Psalm 17:1-7, 15 Genesis 31:1-21 Matthew 7:7-11

31 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 17:1-7, 15 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:13-21

August 2011

1 Psalm 17:1-7, 15 Genesis 31:22-42 Romans 1:8-15
2 Psalm 17:1-7, 15 Genesis 32:3-21 Acts 2:37-47
3 Psalm 17:1-7, 15 Isaiah 43:1-7 Matthew 15:32-39
4 Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b Genesis 35:22b-29 Acts 17:10-15
5 Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b Genesis 36:1-8 Acts 18:24-28
6 Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b Genesis 37:5-11 Matthew 16:1-4

7 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33

8 Psalm 28 Genesis 37:29-36 2 Peter 2:4-10
9 Psalm 28 Genesis 39:1-23 Romans 9:14-29

10	Psalm 28	Genesis 40:1-23	Matthew 8:23-27
11	Psalm 133	Genesis 41:14-36	Revelation 15:1-4
12	Psalm 133	Genesis 41:37-57	Acts 14:19-28
13	Psalm 133	Genesis 42:1-28	Matthew 14:34-36

14 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 45:1-15 Psalm 133 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15:21-28

15	Psalm 130	Genesis 43:1-34	Acts 15:1-21
16	Psalm 130	Genesis 44:1-34	Romans 11:13-29
17	Psalm 130	Genesis 45:16-28	Matthew 8:1-13
18	Psalm 124	Genesis 49:1-33	1 Cor. 6:1-11
19	Psalm 124	Genesis 49:29 - 50:14	2 Cor. 10:12-18
20	Psalm 124	Genesis 50:15-26	Matthew 16:5-12

21 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 1:8 - 2:10 Psalm 124 Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20

22	Psalm 8	Exodus 1:1-7	Romans 2:1-11
23	Psalm 8	Exodus 2:11-15a	Romans 11:33-36
24	Psalm 8	Exodus 2:15b-22	Matthew 26:6-13
25	Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b	Exodus 2:23-24	Ephesians 5:1-6
26	Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b	Exodus 3:16-25	2 Thess. 2:7-12
27	Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b	Exodus 4:1-9	Matthew 8:14-17

28 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 3:1-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28

29	Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18	Exodus 4:10-31	Rev. 3:1-6
30	Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18	Exodus 5:1 - 6:13	Rev. 3:7-13
31	Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18	Exodus 7:14-25	Matthew 12:22-32



Quiet Space

“Rest is not idleness,” said John Lubbock, “and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water or watching the clouds float across the sky is hardly a waste of time.”

Most of us need more, not less, rest built into our daily routine. Only when we are quiet can we hear God’s whisper. Summer is a great time to find a peaceful, outdoor spot to read, rest and pray — even if only for a few minutes. God is eagerly waiting for us to make space for him.



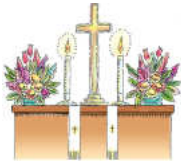
The Generous Sunshine of Summer



Sit in the generous sunshine of summer —
A bright blue sky overhead.
Join millions of leaves.
Join grasses and trees.
Soak up the warmth from heaven.

Pause in the generous sunshine of summer.
Look for a cool, clear brook.
Rest in the shade
That summer has made.
Rest and refresh the soul.

Bask in the generous sunshine of summer.
Indulge in its timelessness — the quiet unfolding of nature itself,
Abundantly giving,
Abundantly living.
Beauty transcends the earth, and leads to eternal worth!
—Peggy Ferrell



Worship and Music



June 14, 2011

Dear Bob Bucan, Carol Papaleo, and Members of Bethany Lutheran Church Choir:

Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.
I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.

Psalm 86: 11-12

Our theme at the 2011 Northern Great Lakes Synod Assembly - **Walking Together** - reminds us that though we are diverse and many, we are united in Jesus Christ as we journey together in faith. We all have time, talents and possessions to share.

Today I am giving thanks for your willingness to share your time, talents, and possessions at our Synod Assembly, **THANK YOU** for your willingness to provide musical support for worshipers, as well as a phenomenal anthem, during the opening worship on Thursday evening, May 12, 2011, as you served as choir director, accompanist, and choir. The anthem sung during worship stirred the hearts of many. I am so appreciative of the extra efforts all of you made so you could participate in the opening worship.

As the colors and warmth of the summer season unfold into full bloom, I hope that you will have abundant opportunities to experience the richness of God's presence in the beauty of creation, reunions with family and friends, as well as the joys and delights of worship, personal prayer and reading of scripture.

Once again, thank you for sharing your time and talents as Jesus works and moves through the ministries and mission of the Northern Great Lakes Synod. God's richest blessings to you.

In Christ
Pastor Jennie Johnson Wrege
Assistant to the Bishop



Enjoy the Poetry of Hymns

God the Sculptor of the Mountains



God the sculptor of the mountains,
God the miller of the sand,
God the jeweler of the heavens,
God the potter of the land:
You are womb of all creation,
We are formless;
Shape us now.

God the nuisance to the Pharaoh,
God the cleaver of the sea,
God the pillar in the darkness,
God the beacon of the free:
You are fount of all deliv'rance,
We are sightless;
Lead us now.

God the dresser of the vineyard,
God the planter of the wheat,
God the reaper of the harvest,
God the source of all we eat:
You are host at ev'ry table,
We are hungry;
Feed us now.

God the unexpected infant,
God the calm, determined youth,
God the tableturning prophet,
God the resurrected truth;
You are present ev'ry moment,
We are searching;
Meet us now.

Text by John Thornburg ELW # 736

Kids!

Vacation Bible School
August 1 - 4
Bethel Lutheran Church
6:00-8:30 pm

Ages 4—8
Suggested donation: Cost \$5
Snack provided
Registration forms
are available at the church
Pre-registration is encouraged
but not required.



God Made You!
God creates the world.



God listens to you!
Elijah confronts the prophets of Baal.



God watches over you!
Jonah tries to escape from God.



God loves you, no matter what!
Jesus dies and comes back to life.



God gives good gifts!
God gives Hannah a baby.



Bethany, Bethel, and Trinity will participate in this year's Vacation Bible School and will share the responsibilities for the week.

Bethany is responsible for:

- **“Wild Bible Adventures”** - dramatizing of Bible stories and accompanying activities
Props will be needed for this station; check on the kiosk for items needed.
- Day 2 snacks
- Volunteers: Bethany has some volunteers already, but we can always use more. If you would like to help, call Pastor Geier.

In addition to the “Wild Bible Adventures” station, there will be three other stations: Bible Content; Party Time: Sing and Play; and Bamboo Blast Games.

Mission Project: Collect school supplies for school kits (The list of items needed for the school kits can be found elsewhere in the Outlook.)



PandaMania: Where God is Wild About You! bases many of its lessons on Psalm 139. In *PSALMS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN* by Marie-Hélène Delval, the author has paraphrased Psalm 139, using language and imagery appropriate for children while remaining faithful to the spirit of the biblical text.

Psalm 139

God, you know me so well.
You always know what I'm thinking
And feeling. You know what I am
Going to say before I say it!
Even in the night, you can see me –
You know my secrets,
You know my fears.
I praise you for making me
Who I am.

El Camino de Santiago de Compostela



During the past few months, as part of a visit with my son's family in Spain, I walked parts of the Camino Frances, the medieval pilgrimage route across northern Spain that runs from Roncesvalles in the east to the city of Santiago de Compostela in the west, where the tomb of St. James the Apostle of Jesus lies in the cathedral.



I'm very grateful for the opportunity I had to do this, and for the help and encouragement of my family, especially my son and daughter-in-law in Spain. In this and following issues of the Outlook, I'd like to write something about the pilgrimage and my own journey, which was full of challenges, surprises and beauty that saturated my soul.



Eric and Eli

Kathy Geier.

Part One: The story of El Camino de Santiago de Compostela, or, the Way of St. James (A Short Version)

Tradition tells us that St. James, the Apostle of Jesus, brought the Christian message to the people of the Iberian peninsula. After his martyrdom in Jerusalem, his remains were brought back to the northwest coast of what is now the province of Galicia in Spain. The stories of how this happened, and how his bones were lost and later found, tell us why the Way of St. James became one of the three most important pilgrimage routes during the Middle Ages. Although the journey to Jerusalem or Rome may have been impossible for most, the Camino in northern Spain was manageable for many. Over time, people from all over Europe began to visit the place where St. James was laid to rest, in the present-day city of Santiago de Compostela.

Towns grew along the routes to Santiago as the number of pilgrims increased. To meet their needs, and to counter the Islamic presence in northern Spain, kings and religious orders established hospitals, monasteries, fortresses and other facilities to improve conditions for travelers. Many of these are still to be found along the way. As a pilgrim walks the Camino, one foot is often in the Middle Ages or earlier, along the remains of a Roman road or bridge, or a track so old the traveler is far below ground level.



Medieval bridge over the Rio Ulzama in Trinidad de Arre. The white building on the other side is part of a monastery that has an aubergue (hostel) and I stayed there one night. (You're only allowed to stay one night in aubergues.)

In the religious sensibility of the Middle Ages, being physically present at a holy site related to Jesus' life, or in the presence of the relics related to saints, was a deeply spiritual experience for many. During the Reformation and into modern times, the practice of pilgrimage was called into question, and the number of pilgrims declined. However, the Camino never entirely disappeared. Today more and more people are walking (or cycling) the ancient roads for spiritual renewal, for their historical and cultural treasures, for the beauty of the land, or just for the sport of it.



Statue in Leon of medieval pilgrim resting his sore feet. One person told me, "If your feet are ok, so is your head." How true.



Santo Domingo de Calzado, a helper of pilgrims. He was not allowed to enter a monastery because he was illiterate, so he stayed where he was, took care of pilgrims and improved the route during the 11th century. He built bridges and roads, a hospital and a church, and is now the patron saint of engineers. To this day the people in this town keep up his mission of helping pilgrims. The cathedral that replaced the church he built has a chicken coop with a live hen and rooster in it. There's a story there...

Here's a poem that was written on a wall along the Camino, loosely translated:

Dust, mud, sun and rain:
That's the Way of Saint James.
Thousands of pilgrims, a thousand years.
Pilgrim, who calls you? What hidden voice brings you here?
It's not the Way of the Stars, nor the grand cathedrals.
Neither is it the bold beauty of Navarra,
Or the wine of the people of La Rioja.
It's not the seafood of Galicia;
it's not the countryside of Castilla.
Pilgrim, who calls you?
What mysterious force attracts you?
It's not the people of the way or their rural customs.
Nor is it their history and culture.
It isn't the cockerel of la Calzada,
Gaudi's palace,
Nor the castle in Ponferrada.
Everything you see in passing is a joy;
and the voice which calls me,
Makes me feel much deeper.
The force which pulls me, attracts me,
I cannot explain it.
Only God knows why.

in Spanish by
Eugenio Garibay
Amigos Camino Santiago (Najara)



Statues of pilgrims on the very windy Alto de Perdon

Stay tuned for Part Two in the next Outlook.



Social Ministry Update July-August 2011

Social Ministry supported Lutheran Campus Ministry with a \$50 donation for the month of April. We served lunch to 25 workers for a Habitat for Humanity House project in Ishpeming. The workers were from a Methodist congregation in Charlotte, MI. They planned to stay a week at the housing project.



Noisy Offering collections for July and August will be donated to the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. Looking ahead to September and October, Noisy Offering will be sent to Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan.

Please Consider a Contribution for Items for Our Troops

Pastor Geier informed Social Ministry about a need for certain items for a group of soldiers in a remote area of Afghanistan. We are collecting items for those troops. The items needed are not direct military supply, and there are no local shops which makes it difficult to get personal supplies in these small remote outposts.



We have a direct shipment address and hope to fill some of these needs. Items needed are: man-size towels, toothpaste and brushes, non aerosol shaving cream, kool-aid mix, gallon size zip lock bags and comfortable underwear for men and women (army supplies t-shirts and socks but not underwear).

There is a collection box in the Narthex and we will continue to collect items until after the first week in July. We would also appreciate monetary donations to help cover shipping costs.

Thank you for your prayers and support.



**The July-August Noisy Offering
will go to LSTC (Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago).
Thanks to everyone for your generosity!**



New Books for July-August

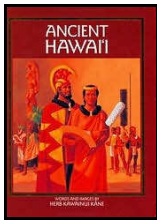
By Keenan Tunnell



Most of us have a very romantic view of our fiftieth state, Hawaii, but probably don't know much about its history. This month (7 July to be exact) marks the 113th anniversary of the Kingdom/Republic of Hawaii's annexation to the United States...an action condoned in Hawaii by only a minority of its people, mostly American businessmen, many of whom were descendants of the New England Protestant missionaries who had converted most of the kingdom to Christianity in previous generations. The last queen of Hawaii, Liliuokalani, had been deposed by that same group in 1893 and the country had limped along as a pseudo-republic until the annexation they had been lobbying for in Washington finally became fact in 1898. As an interesting footnote to that sad history, the U.S. Congress, on behalf of the American people, formally apologized for its participation in the overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii in 1993 in an act signed by President Clinton in November of that year.

So...the books this month give a brief look at some other aspects of beautiful Hawaii, from its ancient origins, through its dealing with lepers and the downfall of the kingdom. Kathy Geier has personal connections to Hawaii and I have enjoyed many visits; maybe you have too. I hope these new additions to the library will broaden your vision. Mahalo.

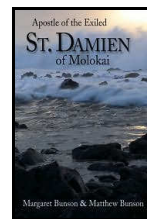
Kane, Herb Kawainui. Ancient Hawai'i



"This is the story of a people of an ocean world: how they found the most remote islands on Earth; how they lived; how they viewed themselves and their universe; and how—without metals or the fuels and inventions necessary for life today—they survived and prospered." (from the jacket). NOTE: the illustrations are a highlight of the book!

Bunson, Margaret and Matthew. St. Damien of Molokai; apostle of the exiled.

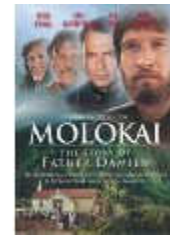
"Azure skies, lush vegetation, and sugar-white beaches: Hawaii brings such idyllic scenes to mind. But Hell invaded Paradise when the incurable disease leprosy was discovered there.



An 1865 law segregated lepers by forcibly exiling individuals even children to the island of Molokai. It was onto these forlorn shores that Father Damien de Veuster stepped in the spring of 1873.... A missionary to Hawaii, Damien soon volunteered to become the permanent chaplain to Molokai. There, victims of horrible disfigurement with the promise of a lingering death, the lepers led a harsh existence. Father Damien became their caregiver, companion, and champion. In so doing, he brought hope to the hopeless, ironically losing his own life to their affliction. In an age in which an increasing number of people suffer their own personal exile on account of illness, handicap, or emotional distress, the shining example of Father Damien shows the true power of one person and how, when anchored in God's love, one person can have an impact on the world.” (from the jacket)

Molokai; the story of Father Damien (DVD, 112 min.)

To deal with the leprosy problem in the Hawaiian Islands in 1872, sufferers were relentlessly exiled to Molokai, a barren isle off the coast. There they lived in miserable surroundings, abandoned by the outside world. To alleviate their fate, Father Damien was the first priest to go to Molokai. His bishop's last words were that "he must not touch anyone." Little by little, Damien earned the trust of the lepers, and eventually, his appeals for nuns and supplies resonated throughout the world, much to the displeasure of his superiors. Even when Damien got sick himself, his energy did not abate, and he carried on working for the well-being of his "fellow lepers" to the end. When he crumbled during Mass, he was taken to his own hospital to die. All the residents gathered at the entrance to pray for their Father... “ (from the cover) NOTE: Father Damien became St. Damien in 2009.

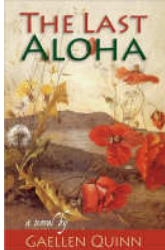


Brennert, Alan. Moloka'i; a novel.

“This richly imagined novel, set in Hawai’i more than a century ago, is an extraordinary epic of a little-known time and place--and a deeply moving testament to the resiliency of the human spirit. Rachel Kalama, a spirited seven-year-old Hawaiian girl, dreams of visiting far-off lands like her father, a merchant seaman. Then one day a rose-colored mark appears on her skin, and those dreams are stolen from her. Taken from her home and family, Rachel is sent to Kalaupapa, the quarantined leprosy settlement on the island of Moloka’i. Here her life is supposed to end—but instead she discovers it is only just beginning. ...Leprosy may seem a macabre subject, but Brennert transforms the material into a touching, lovely account of a woman's journey as she rises above the limitations of a devastating illness. (a review from the book jacket)



Quinn, Gaellen. *The Last Aloha*.



In 1886, following the tragic deaths of her father and her fiancé, Laura Jennings, now alone in the world, travels to Hawaii to live with missionary relatives. Laura imagines she'll live in a grass hut and minister to savages, but, on arriving in Honolulu, she's surprised to find that, far from being savages, the Hawaiians have developed a sophisticated and prosperous kingdom-and Laura's family is among the wealthy elite plotting to overthrow the monarchy. To avoid her conniving uncle's control, Laura goes to work for the royal family. Hawaii's last queen, Lili'uokalani, struggles to save the kingdom. As the Missionary Party's opposition intensifies, the queen's efforts reveal a power that can restore the spirit of a people caught up in a turbulent, changing world, and Laura discovers how her own family's long-hidden secrets can lead the way to reconciliation.



Collecting items for school kits is the focus of this year's Vacation Bible School Mission Project. It will also be part of Bethany's October collection for Lutheran World Relief. Summer is a great time for collecting items all of the LWR kits.

School Kit

- Notebooks totally 150-200 pgs.
- 1 blunt scissors
- 1 ruler with centimeters included
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 6 unsharpened pencils secured with a rubber band
- 1 2½ inch eraser
- 12 sheets of assorted colored construction paper
- 1 box of 16 or 24 crayons
- 1 cloth bag approximately 12"x14" with handles or drawstring closure

Remove excess packaging and place items in the cloth bag.



**School Kits
Needed**



The Lutheran: June 2011

Pastoral calls a work in progress. E-giving. Pentecost.

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Churchgoers will want to take note and keep up

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Help for the seminary-bound



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Movement is grounded in theology

Columnists



**A Lutheran Christian Life for Today:
Inhaling the Spirit**

by Peter W. Marty



Christ Present in Challenges

by Mark S. Hanson



Strawberry Social
July 10th
After Sunday's worship service

Donations will be taken for the victims of the Joplin, Missouri tornado disaster.

Bethany Will Have a "Kitchen Shower"

As part of September's WELCA Reorganization Salad Supper, members will have the opportunity to resupply some of the much needed kitchen supplies. Please bring one or more of the following items to the reorganization supper to donate for our kitchen.

Here is a list of the items needed:

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|-------------------------------|--|
| 6 in. paper plates | Coffee, reg. or decaf. |
| Napkins | tea bags |
| 6-8 oz plastic juice cups | coffee stirring sticks |
| Paper towels | empty containers (such as Cool Whip) |
| Dish towels | Ziploc bags (quart or gallon size) |
| Dish cloths | plastic wrap from GFS 15" wide, 200 ft. |
| Take-out Styrofoam containers | aluminum foil from GFS 18" wide, 500 ft. |

Throughout the summer, be on the lookout for bargains on these supplies.

**WELCA Reorganization
 Salad Supper
 Monday, September 12th
 6:30p.m.**





Welcome Peter Lemire



Bethany's Cradle Roll

Peter Joseph Lemire was born on June 3rd. He joins his proud parents Addy Cain and Joe Lemire and his big sister Faith. He weighed in at 8 lbs. 10ozs. and measured 19 1/2 inches long.



Congratulations Mindy Harrington

Mindy Harrington was named the co-valedictorian of Westwood High School's class of 2011. Bethany congratulates Mindy on her scholastic achievement.



Bethany Celebrates Its High School Graduates

Victoria Mattson, Katie Johns, Alex Goldsworthy and Mindy Harrington were honored at the June 5 worship service and social time after the service.

We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed but not driven to despair; persecuted but not forsaken; struck down but not destroyed (2 Corinthians 4:8-9).

June 2, 2011

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Our hearts have been breaking for weeks as we have watched incessant storms devastate many parts of the United States. From the plains of North Dakota to the bayous of Louisiana, floodwaters and torrential rain have washed out communities and cropland. Destructive tornado strikes leveled homes for miles in cities and towns including Joplin, Mo., and Cullman, Ala. Two ELCA church buildings -- one in each state -- were destroyed.

The winds destroyed the building of Peace Lutheran Church in Joplin, but not the faith of its members. Last Sunday they gathered in the parking lot in the midst of debris and shattered hopes to worship in the strong name of the risen Christ.



In the aftermath of storms that seem relentless, we may feel overwhelmed and anxious, but not powerless. For God's promise is clear: nothing in all creation will separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Trusting in God's promise and the power of the Holy Spirit, we respond by joining together in God's work of restoring community. The liberating power of the gospel frees us to repair roofs in Cullman and fill sandbags in Fargo, on behalf of people we don't know and may never meet.

These are our commitments as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America:

- **We will pray.** Pray with me that those affected may have the strength and courage they need to face these difficult days.
- **We will stand together,** roll up our sleeves and work with partners to rebuild lives and restore hope. In Alabama, we are already at work with the Mennonites and the Christian Reformed Church in a rapid rebuilding project. Elsewhere, partnerships are unfolding with the United Methodist Church and others to coordinate volunteers to repair and rebuild homes and lives in the months and years to come. Working together we can achieve more on a scale and scope than we could ever achieve alone.

- **We will give generously.** We are already organizing volunteer opportunities in response to the unmet needs of these communities. To support our efforts, please give now to [ELCA Disaster Response](#). Your gift designated to Severe Spring Storms will be used in full -- 100 percent -- for the people and communities deeply affected by these storms.
- **We will stay until the work is done.** One of our strengths as Lutherans is our practice of sustained response after a natural disaster, built on local networks of congregations and social ministries. Central States Synod Bishop Gerald Mansholt compared our work to long-distance running. [ELCA Disaster Response](#) was one of the first to arrive in Missouri and Alabama, and they will be the last to leave. Even as we begin this journey, our work continues on the Gulf Coast and in Haiti.
- **We will witness to our living faith** in Christ Jesus as we join together to do God's work with our hands.
In all these things, I give thanks for each of you. May we be about God's healing and restoration in a time of despair. May we bring God's message of hope in the wake of spring storms.

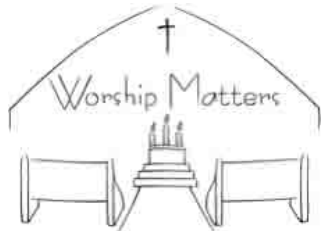


In God's grace,
Mark S. Hanson
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

I would like to thank the members of Bethany for the many cards, notes, and prayers for me during my recent surgery and recovery in Cary, Illinois. Special thanks to Pastor Geier for keeping in touch with my family for updates on how I was doing and for his visit to our home within days of my return. God bless all of you for your thoughtfulness during this time, which meant so much to me.

Gratefully,
Harriet Maki





June Council Highlights

- Received thanks from Lutheran Campus Ministry, Fortune Lake (\$444.39 from Noisy Offering), and OK Auto
- Pastor conducted funeral for Terry Holmgren 6/16/11
- Community church worship service and picnic will be July 17.
- Pastor will be attending the 1st session of the Grace Institute Program in Dubuque, Iowa in August.
- Jennifer Johnson Wrege, Assistant to Bishop Skrenes has resigned. No replacement at this time.
- Sunday school families have received Fortune Lake information. Registrations are up.
- Budget process is stable.
- Looking into leasing options for a new copier
- Tonya Perry will be the new chairperson of the Board of Worship and Music.



If you have done something interesting or unusual this summer, could you share your story and/or picture (with caption) with other Bethany members? I would like to publish them in September highlighting summertime activities of Bethany members.

If you have something to contribute to the newsletter, drop it off in the Outlook mailbox or email it to Linda Dahl at linkarzig@netscape.com.



YTD Income: \$84,567.26
YTD Expenses: \$84,046.61



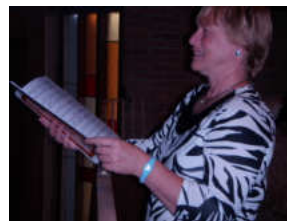
Memorial Day Service at Ishpeming Cemetery



On June 5 the Ishpeming Township Fire/Rescue officers and Fire fighters worshiped at Bethany.



Thank you Karen Johns for offering your gift of song during the June 5 worship service.



Pine Mountain Music Festival Has Organ Recital at Bethany



J. Neves, C. Harmon, M. Flaherty

On June 27 Christina Harmon gave an organ recital at Bethany that featured music from Italy, France, Norway, Slovenia, Sweden, Finland, England, Ireland, Scotland and Germany—countries whose inhabitants played a prominent role in the 19th and 20th century development of Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

She was accompanied on trumpets by Mark Flaherty, Associate Professor at NMU, and Joel Neves, Assistant Professor of Music and Director of Orchestra at MTU. Some of the highlights were Jean Sibelius' **Finlandia**, Edvard Grieg's **Wedding Day at Troldhaugen**, **Fantasy on "O Store Gud" (How Great Thou Art)** arranged by Christina Harmon, and **Highland Cathedral** which closed out the amazing recital.



Bethany's Website

www.bethanyishpeming.org

The picture quality of the photos in the printed edition of the Outlook is often not good. To see the crystal clear photos in color, please visit the website.

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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)
- Harriet Maki
- The family and friends of Terry Holmgren
- Jim Bjerne
- Ray Sundblad
- Marian Franti
- Melissa Chartre
- June Forsberg
- Allen Beauchamp
- James Chapman
- Erica Teichman, a member of the National Guard, who is deployed to Afghanistan
- Alice Eman
- Pauline Toivonen
- Marvin Toivonen
- Allen Maki
- Steven Leverton
- Carol and Juan Papaleo and family
- Paul Blomgren
- Nancy Swanson
- Pam Rushford
- Those in the military that they may remain safe



Early Deadline for September Outlook



The September issue of the Outlook will be mailed the week of August 21. This issue will have the list of Lay School class offerings and the early publication will give people time to consider enrollment in these classes. Please have any articles/information handed in by Monday, August 15 so that the deadline may be met. Thank you.

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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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Northern Great Lakes Synod

July Worship Assistants

July 3

Assisting Minister - Gary Sundblad

Acolyte - Courtney Allen

Coffee Hosts -

Flowers - In memory of Karen Williams by Colleen & Ray Sundblad

Bread - Meta Leverton

Thank You!

July 10

Assisting Minister - Linda Dahl

Acolyte - Joshua Argall

Coffee Hosts - WELCA Strawberry Social

Flowers - In honor of our birthdays by Ruthie & Roger Solberg

Bread - Dan & Sharon Argall



July 17 Quad Parrish Worship Service and Picnic

Assisting Minister - Robert Nadeau and Ed Holmgren

July 24

Assisting Minister - Keenan Tunnell

Acolyte - Nora Seppanen

Coffee Hosts - Social Ministry

Flowers - In memory of Byron & Fern Sundberg by their family

Bread - Kathy Geier



July 31

Assistant Minister— Jean Johns

Acolyte—Sabrina Holm-Brown

Coffee Hosts

Flowers -

Bread - Shirley Tyni

Welcome!

July Ushers:

Robert Nadeau

James Anderson

John Carlson

Tom Brown

Maurice Hansen

Tom Sodergren

Greg Stahlmann

Roger Solberg



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!

Pastor & Kathy Geier
7/11/92 19 years

Kenneth & Patricia Suiste
7/15/95 16 years

Dale & Mary Toivonen
7/26/75 36 years

James & Kathryn Chapman
7/30/65 46 years



August Worship Assistants

Thank You!

August 7

Assisting Minister - LaVerne Koski

Acolyte - Josh Argall

Coffee Hosts -

Flowers - In memory of Roy Lemin by Barbara Lemin and Tom & Pat Varda

Bread - Bob Bucan

August 14

Assisting Minister - Tonya Perry

Acolyte - Nora Seppanen

Coffee Hosts - Social Ministry

Flowers - In memory of Esther Robinson by Alexandra Thebert

Bread - Kaye Frederickson



August 21

Assisting Minister - Ed Holmgren

Acolyte - Courtney Allen

Coffee Hosts -

Flowers - In memory of Stuart Sundblad by the
Sundblad family

Bread - Kay Chartre

August 28

Assisting Minister - Linda Dahl

Acolyte - Jessica Penhale

Coffee Hosts -

Flowers - In memory of Robert & Audrey Tunnell
by their children

Bread - Rae Elliot

August Ushers:

John Beerling

Jerry Hager

Bill Heavy side

Robert Maki

Donald Meyer

John Pontti

Dan Sleeman



September Ushers:

James Chapman

Ned Johns

Jim Kinnunen

Craig Kitchen

Roy Koski

Ray Leverton

Jerry Plaisier

Knut Strom

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 Kenneth Suiste
22 Gary Sundblad
23 Joelle Johns
23 Lindsey Young
24 Vera Blewett
24 Linda Hares

Happy Anniversary!

Gerald & Carol Anderson, Jr.
8/2/75 36 years

Edward & Jean Johns
8/7/54 57 years

Raymond & Kay Chartre
8/8/70 41 years



William & Carrie Goldsworthy
8/10/85 26 years

Elizabeth & Russell Aho
8/12/95 16 years

Debbie & David Paavo
8/18/84 27 years

Brian & Anita Ulrickson
8/19/78 33 years

Edmund & Sue Holmgren
8/21/65 46 years

Ray & Betty Leverton
8/21/54 57 years

Brent & Denise Clark
8/22/92 19 years

Robert & Ruby Kaukola
8/22/70 41 years

Robert & Harriet Maki
8/22/59 52 years

Craig & Judy Kitchen
8/27/87 24 years

Tom & Debbie Sodergren
8/28/76 35 years

Robert & Peggy Clark
8/29/70 41 years

Ralph & Lois Goethe
8/29/53 58 years

Greg & Carrie Meyer
8/29/09 2 years

