



**Bethany Lutheran Outlook**  
**July/August 2015**

**Serving God, Community, and Individuals**



*As long as  
the earth endures,  
seedtime and harvest,  
cold and heat,  
summer and winter,  
day and night will  
never cease.*

*Genesis 8:22*



## PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

“Do not fear. Why are you afraid?”

I don't know how many times Jesus uses those words or similar words but it's quite a few. His context usually has to do with fear as an obstacle to faith, but at an even more basic level, what he might have been getting at is fear as an obstacle to life. You can't live fully and be the person God would have you be if you're afraid.

And yet, there are so many things to be afraid of, or at least that's what we're led to believe. I write this in the days after nine people were shot and killed in a South Carolina church. Going to church shouldn't make you afraid. In response to the shooting there was an article on the internet about how some churches now feel like they have to have a “plan” ready in case of an attack or threat, similar to what schools are now required to have. Churches shouldn't have to have such a plan; neither should schools, but that's the world we live in.

The media then report on the latest tragedy which is their job, but with the need to fill 24 hours of airtime such reporting can degenerate into rumors and speculation and opinion which stops being helpful after awhile. Such information can wind serving up as much misinformation as information with fear as a by-product. “Why am I afraid, Jesus? Just turn on the TV; you'll see.”

On July 4<sup>th</sup> we celebrate Independence Day. It should be a day that brings to mind the founding principles of this country, and with that a reminder of what it means to be a citizen of the United States. Being a good citizen includes being informed—but when the information becomes a constant source of fear, it's time to rethink things. What we watch and listen to and read does affect us; it puts thoughts and images in our mind, for better or for worse. It becomes important to counter fear inducing information with images that are more life giving.



One would hope that attending church is such a life giving experience as is prayer and some kind of regular devotional practice. As a pastor, that's what I'm supposed to say (and it is true), but there's more. Especially as we settle into July and August, try turning off the TV news along with whatever other electronic devices, platforms and formats that feed your need for information. Give it all a rest. Read a book, listen to music, if you're going to watch TV watch a baseball game or reruns of Andy Griffith, something funny or entertaining or uplifting that distracts you a little bit from the latest meth bust that TV 6 thinks you need to know about. Sit on the porch or at camp. Relax in the backyard or by your favorite body of water with your favorite cold beverage and do nothing; just be.

I think you'll find that life will look a little more hopeful as you bring to mind the good that is out there. Whatever information you really need to know will still find its way to you but maybe the fear factor will be turned down a notch.

It's summer! Find ways to enjoy it!

Now I'm going to go see if I can take my own advice.

Pastor Geier



### 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.

## 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 2015

1 Psalm 88	2 Kings 20:1-11	Mark 9:14-29
2 Psalm 123	Jeremiah 7:1-15	1 Cor. 4:8-13
3 Psalm 123	Jeremiah 7:16-26	2 Cor. 10:7-11
4 Psalm 123	Jeremiah 7:27-34	Matthew 8:18-22

### 5 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 2:1-5	Psalm 123	2 Cor. 12:2-10	Mark 6:1-13
6 Psalm 119:81-88	Ezekiel 2:8 — 3:11	2 Cor. 11:16-33	
7 Psalm 119:81-88	Jeremiah 16:1-13	James 5:7-12	
8 Psalm 119:81-88	Jeremiah 16:14-21	John 7:1-9	
9 Psalm 85:8-13	Amos 2:6-16	Colossians 2:1-5	
10 Psalm 85:8-13	Amos 3:1-12	Colossians 4:2-18	
11 Psalm 85:8-13	Amos 4:6-13	Luke 1:57-80	

### 12 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 7:7-15	Psalm 85:8-13	Ephesians 1:3-14	Mark 6:14-29
13 Psalm 142	Amos 5:1-9	Acts 21:27-39	
14 Psalm 142	Amos 9:1-4	Acts 23:12-35	
15 Psalm 142	Amos 9:11-15	Luke 7:31-35	
16 Psalm 23	Jeremiah 10:1-16	Col. 1:15-23	
17 Psalm 23	Jeremiah 10:17-25	Acts 17:16-31	
18 Psalm 23	Jeremiah 12:1-3	Luke 18:35-43	

**19 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 23 Ephesians 2:11-22 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

20 Psalm 100	Jeremiah 50:1-7	Hebrews 13:17-25
21 Psalm 100	Zechariah 9:14 — 10:2	Acts 20:17-38
22 Psalm 100	2 Samuel 5:1-12	Luke 15:1-7
23 Psalm 145:10-18	1 Kings 19:19-21	Col. 1:9-14
24 Psalm 145:10-18	2 Kings 3:4-20	Col. 3:12-17
25 Psalm 145:10-18	2 Kings 4:38-41	John 4:31-38

**26 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

2 Kings 4:42-44 Psalm 145:10-18 Ephesians 3:14-21 John 6:1-21

27 Psalm 111	Genesis 18:1-15	Philippians 4:10-20
28 Psalm 111	Exodus 24:1-11	Romans 15:22-33
29 Psalm 111	Isaiah 25:6-10a	Mark 6:35-44
30 Psalm 78:23-29	Exodus 12:33-42	1 Cor. 11:17-22
31 Psalm 78:23-29	Exodus 12:43 — 13:2	1 Cor. 11:27-34

**August 2012**

1 Psalm 78:23-29 Exodus 13:3-10 Matthew 16:5-12

**2 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15 Psalm 78:23-29 Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:24-35

3 Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43	Numbers 11: 16-23, 31-32	Ephesians 4:17-24
4 Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43	Deuteronomy 8:1-20	1 Cor. 12:27-31
5 Psalm 107:1-3, 33-43	Isaiah 55:1-9	Mark 8:1-10
6 Psalm 34:1-8	1 Samuel 28:20-25	Romans 15:1-6
7 Psalm 34:1-8	2 Samuel 17:15-29	Galatians 6:1-10
8 Psalm 34:1-8	1 Kings 2:1-9	Matthew 7:7-11

**9 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Kings 19:4-8 Psalm 34:1-8 Ephesians 4:25 — 5:2 John 6:35, 41-51

10 Psalm 81	1 Kings 17:1-16	Ephesians 5:1-14
11 Psalm 81	Ruth 2:1-23 2	Peter 3:14-18

12 Psalm 81	Jeremiah 31:1-6	John 6:35-40
13 Psalm 34:9-14	Job 11:1-20	Acts 6:8-15
14 Psalm 34:9-14	Job 12:1-25	Romans 16:17-20
15 Psalm 34:9-14	Job 13:1-19	John 4:7-26

**16 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

Proverbs 9:1-6    Psalm 34:9-14    Ephesians 5:15-20    John 6:51-58

17 Psalm 36	Genesis 43:1-15	Acts 6:1-7
18 Psalm 36	Genesis 45:1-15	Acts 7:9-16
19 Psalm 36	Genesis 47:13-26	Mark 8:14-21
20 Psalm 34:15-22	Joshua 22:1-9	1 Thess. 5:1-11
21 Psalm 34:15-22	Joshua 22:10-20	Romans 13:11-14
22 Psalm 34:15-22	Joshua 22:21-34	Luke 11:5-13

**23 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18    Psalm 34:15-22    Ephesians 6:10-20    John 6:56-69

24 Psalm 119:97-104	Nehemiah 9:1-15	Ephesians 5:21 — 6:9
25 Psalm 119:97-104	Nehemiah 9:16-31	Ephesians 6:21-24
26 Psalm 119:97-104	Isaiah 33:10-16	John 15:16-25
27 Psalm 15	Exodus 32:1-14	James 1:1-8
28 Psalm 15    Exodus 32:15-35	James 1:9-16	Psalm 15
Exodus 34:8-28	John 18:28-32	

**30 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9    Psalm 15    James 1:17-27    Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

31 Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48    Deuteronomy 4:9-14    1 Timothy 4:6-16



# Kids!

Vacation Bible School

Vacation  
BIBLE  
School

"Hometown Nazareth: Where Jesus was a Kid."

Bethel Lutheran Church

Monday, August 3 - Thursday, August 6

5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Dinner and snacks provided

Age 4 - Grade 6

Cost: \$5.00 - \$10.00 per family



We need  
youth  
teers,

several  
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Volunteers to prepare and serve dinner 1 night, actors and shopkeepers!  
Contact Tonya Perry if you can help.



# Enjoy the Poetry of Hymns

## Let Us Break Bread Together



Let us break bread together on our knees;  
Let us break bread together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord have mercy on me.

Let us drink the cup together on our knees;  
Let us drink the cup together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees;  
Let us praise God together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord have mercy on me.

—traditional African American spiritual  
ELW #471



## Let Us Break Bread Together: The Story Behind the Hymn

The local church has been described as a laboratory where believers learn to love one another regardless of color, nationality, or financial status. Our common heavenly citizenship is the one dominant tie that binds our hearts together. One of the basic results of our weekly corporate worship should be the growing bond of love and unity that develops between believers. This bond of fellowship should result in God's family members learning to care, honor, and serve one another in love. We should treat others with the same tenderness and understanding that we have experienced from God Himself. This determination to live in a love relationship with fellow believers is infinitely more important than the issues or differences that may separate us.



Christian unity does not mean that we must eliminate all diversities. We should be able to differ with each other while maintaining love, respect, and a warm, unified spirit. When our difference get out of hand and hard feelings develop, however, the communion service should always be a reminder that we must reconcile our differences and once more restore a spirit of unity within the body of Christ. The bread and cup of the Lord's Supper should remind us of this truth each time we participate together.

From *Amazing Grace: 366 inspiring Hymn Stories for Daily Devotion* by Kenneth W. Osbeck



Perhaps the most commonly sung song during Communion among United Methodists is the African American spiritual “Let us break bread together on our knees.” For American Methodists, the usual posture for receiving the elements is kneeling at an altar rail. The procession to the rail offers the opportunity to sing. The simple structure of this spiritual provides the ideal music to accompany this ritual both because of its text and because of the spirit of the music. It is easily memorized and harmonized.

What are the roots of “Let us break bread,”? In a recently published article in the *Canterbury Dictionary of Hymnology*, written by *United Methodist Hymnal*/editor, Dr. Carlton Young, he reveals the probable roots of this spiritual. Dr. Young suggests that this “spiritual was formed in the West African Gullah/Geechee slave culture that developed in the coastal areas of South-Eastern colonial America, including St. Helena Island, Beaufort, and Charleston, South Carolina...”

The text of the version that is commonly sung in the United States was first published in the *Journal of American Folklore* (1925). The *Journal* included spirituals, as well as African American folk tales and proverbs that were collected by students at the Penn School on Saint Helena Island, South Carolina.

--C. Michael Hawn



### A Message from Ann Gonyea

And just like that ... it's been four years. Seminary is mostly behind me, except Larry and I haven't physically left Chicago yet. But that is in the works.

As many of you have probably already heard, things are moving along now in regard to what happens following these rich seminary years.

On the weekend of June 12, I interviewed and led services at Eden on the Bay Lutheran Church in Munising. The weekend went very well and the call committee voted to recommend to the congregation that Eden extend a call to me to be their pastor. Wow, that's that first time I've actually said it in that way ... they want me to be their pastor. I feel so blessed and humbled by it all. They will hold their congregational vote on June 27 and 28 and if it goes as expected and God willing, the lovely faith community at Munising will be my first call.

That vote will be followed in short order by my ordination, which is scheduled for July 12, 4 p.m. at Bethany. It's felt a little cart-before-the-horse-like, but Bishop Skrenes will be going on sabbatical and wanted to get the ordination on the calendar as soon as possible, which I really appreciated.

I also appreciate, the gift of being able to hold the ordination at Bethany, which no matter what transpires in the years and church seasons ahead, will always be home to me. I know I could have done this without the support you have so generously graced me and Larry with over the last four years, but in comparison, this journey would have been rather anemic without you. And so, I take the opportunity again to thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for ALL you have done to be part of this journey. The level of financial support, the encouragement, the commitment to the church outside the walls of Bethany have changed our lives forever. And it happened and continues to happen in myriad ways.

I remember the day I arranged to speak with Pastor Geier about this crazy idea of going to seminary. I entered his office that day fully expecting him to talk me off that cliff. I truly thought it was one of the most foolish ideas I'd every entertained. Foolish isn't so bad, as it turns out, and by the time I left not only was I jumping off that cliff, but the idea seemed plausible and I was enrolled in Lay School. (That was pretty smooth, Pastor.)

And it was during a conversation in Lay School that Pastor made an aside comment about a little Greek phrase Paul used in his letters that we typically translate as “faith in Jesus Christ,” but could also be translated as “faith of Jesus Christ.” It blew my mind. Four years later, that was the topic of what may be the most important paper I wrote during my seminary time. Plus it earned a pretty prestigious prize. Prizes are good.

I think of how much I thought about Bethany's outreach to people inside and outside of our faith community as I began to understand my own pastoral identity and how important it is to be the light of Christ in this world or how game-changing it is to understand ourselves as blessed to be a blessing to others. I think of how I enter my first call with very little educational debt and how that frees me to come back to the rural U.P. thanks in large part to Bethany's financial support. I smile and give thanks for other acts of grace like Tom Brown helping us with our Negaunee house until we were able to sell it or Danny Argall interrupting his day to unlock the doors for potential renters, or the host of people who have put us up when we visited and the opportunity to practice my preaching skills on you. I think about all the prayers that have been offered up for me and Larry in good and in trying times and how comforting it was to know that we are so beautifully cared for in this way.

This has truly been the work of the church for the benefit of Christ's Church and I am so thankful to have been part of that effort and the recipient of God's grace through all of you. Four years ago, during our Godspeed and Farewell at Bethany, Pastor talked about all the milestones we would pass through in the course of seminary . . . clinical pastoral education, ministry in context, internship, etc., but that we would still be members of Bethany through all of it. But then one day, I would receive my first call and I would no longer be a Bethany member. It was hard to hear those words. But home, I find, isn't the same as a membership and that is a most wondrous gift all on its own. No matter where we worship, no matter what organizations we belong to, no matter what zip code our mail comes to, Larry and I are always at home in our family at Bethany and you in us because what connects us is much bigger and much more powerful than any membership list could ever pretend to be.

I am honored to enter into full-time ministry and the office of Word and Sacrament steeped in the love of the Bethany faith community.

Your sister in Christ, Ann





**Ordination of Ann Gonyea**

**Bethany Lutheran Church  
July 12 @ 4:00 pm**

**A celebration meal will follow the service**



**On Vocation? Use**

**GPS!**

Many vacationers rely on a global positioning system to get them easily to a destination. But in every season of life, God sends us on *vocation* — following his call to both feed our passions and serve others. Our “calling,” Frederick Buechner said, is “where [our] deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.”

But is there a GPS for *vocation*? It’s not as detailed or predictive as we’d like. It doesn’t name our destination at the outset, and it offers general instructions rather than specific directions. And we may end up “recalculating” our life route more often than our vehicle GPS recalculates our vacation route.

Even so, we travel in safety. This “GPS” might stand for *God’s Peace and Strength, or Gospel Promises Sustain, God Provides Salvation or Go! Proclaim! Serve!* The GPS guiding our vocation speaks to us through Scripture, worship, trusted Christian friends, life events and the silence of our heart. Listening, we hear our Guide’s calm voice and continue on vocation.

—Heidi Mann



**“Our calling is where our deep gladness  
and the world’s deep hunger meet.”**

**—Frederick Buechner**



## Books for July/August 2015

By Keenan Tunnell

### Seven Literary Sages #2 G. K. Chesterton

The second of the Seven Literary Sages we'll look at is G. K. Chesterton. Born in London in 1874, he was a student of art and literature at the Univ. of London, but never obtained a degree, having pursued his literary bent first as a free-lancer, then with the London *Daily News*, and finally with the *Illustrated London News* for the final 30 years of his life. Many readers know him as a slashing satirist, uproarious comic, master of paradoxes, deft apologist and defender of the faith. A famed journalist in his day, he also wrote over 100 books and became one of the most notable English converts to Roman Catholicism in the 20<sup>th</sup> century. While his reputation as an author of fiction orbits around his novels (especially *The Man Who Was Thursday*) and the Father Brown mysteries, his true legacy may turn out to be *Orthodoxy* and *The Everlasting Man*, two books that have become classics of Christian apologetics. A true Liberal and champion of the poor, he scorned both Socialism and Capitalism as worthwhile social systems and envisioned the church, for all its failings and compromises, as the world's one truly revolutionary force. Chesterton died in London in 1936, just two weeks after his 62<sup>nd</sup> birthday.

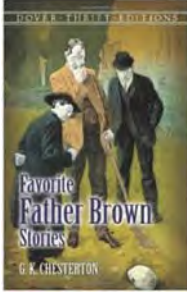
Chesterton, G. K. **The Everlasting Man (illustrated and annotated)**

**233 SLS CHE.1**



What, if anything, is it that makes the human uniquely human? This, in part, is the question that G.K. Chesterton starts with in this classic exploration of human history. Published in 1925, it is, to some extent, a deliberate rebuttal of [H. G. Wells' \*The Outline of History\*](#), disputing Wells' portrayals of human life and civilization as a seamless development from animal life and of Jesus Christ as merely another charismatic figure. Chesterton detailed his own spiritual journey in [Orthodoxy](#), but in this book he tries to illustrate the spiritual journey of humanity, or at least of [Western civilization](#).





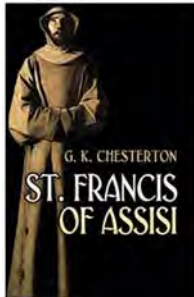
Chesterton, G. K. **Favorite Father Brown Stories**  
**FIC SLS CHE.2**



Father Brown is Chesterton's version of Sherlock Holmes. Here, in six well-plotted and suspenseful tales, he features the "little cleric from Essex" in "The Blue Cross," "The Sins of Prince Saradine," "The Sign of the Broken Sword," "The Man in the Passage," "The Perishing of the Pendragons" and "The Salad of Colonel Cray." The Father Brown stories are an essential in any mystery collection and will prove especially delightful to lovers of vintage detective stories. Enjoy!!

Chesterton, G. K. **St. Francis of Assisi.**

**920 FRA CHE.3**



The patron saint of animals, birds, and the environment, Francis of Assisi led the rediscovery of nature in the Christian West. With great affection, Chesterton explores the life and times of St. Francis — his joyous devotion, his sense of compassion and love for all creation, his visions and miracles, his stigmata, and his band of followers that became the Franciscan Order. Praising this great and original man who became one of the most popular figures in Christendom.

**List of Overdue Books 2014/2015: (More next issue)**

- Atlas of the Bible
- Beyond Macaroni and Cheese
- The Bronze Bow
- Francis, the Saint of Assisi
- Gathering Blue (Giver #2)
- How We Got the Bible
- The Journey Beckons
- Learning to Walk in the Dark
- Messiah
- Omnivore's Dilemma
- The Third Day (DVD)
- Three Cups of Tea

**Your Bethany Library  
Books are more than 40  
days overdue. Please  
return ASAP.**





## The Lutheran - July 2015

### Adages



#### COVER STORY

##### Adages



#### FEATURES

##### Angels watching over them

ELCA volunteers support children facing immigration court

BY MEGAN BRANDSRUD



#### FEATURES

##### Called to Detroit

BY ERIN STRYBIS



#### FEATURES

##### Little church on the mountain

BY EMILY DEMUTH ISHIDA, Y. FRANKLIN ISHIDA



#### FEATURES

##### Nice is not enough

Taking the pulse of your congregation's Christ-centeredness

BY DAVID DAUBERT



#### A LEXICON OF FAITH:

##### Mercy

BY PETER W. MARTY



#### RESIDING BISHOP:

##### Unglamorous yet vital

BY ELIZABETH A. EATON



## Social Ministry

Here we are, for the most part, putting the cold winter behind us. Warmer weather is teasing us. Sometimes we have it, and sometimes we don't. Yet people are at least getting a break from high heating costs.

Still, hunger knows no season. Those needing food, still need food throughout the summer. In fact summer can be more difficult for children and parents who are trying to provide for them. During the school year, many children receive a free lunch on school days. Those five lunches each week are not available until school resumes in the fall.

Please think about this added need as you purchase groceries each week. Many people bring a full bag of items to put on Bethany's food table on Sunday, and this is generous and definitely encouraged.

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Our church attendance runs somewhere around 100 each Sunday. If even fifty of you would bring in ONE item EVERY Sunday, those fifty items would fill the table. Sometimes it's not as convenient to fill a bag, carry it in, and place it on the table. But it's very easy to grab one item from your cupboard on your way out the door each Sunday morning. Fifty people=Fifty items. This doesn't have to be just Sunday morning. You can do it when you come for a meeting, class or any other reason.

--One half of our congregation with one item in one hand each Sunday...

--One person with one item in hand two or three times a week attending classes, meetings, etc....

--You get the idea. You do the math. Try not to leave home with an empty hand.





Other Social Ministry Info:

On June 24<sup>th</sup> we provided lunch for a Habitat for Humanity group from Bethlehem United Church of Christ in Ann Arbor. This was their 3<sup>rd</sup> trip to Marquette and they spent five days here working on a house.



**Group from Bethlehem United Church of Christ in Ann Arbor**



**Putting up the first wall**

Fair Trade items: We have lots of items for sale—some new and some of the regulars. Purchase of these items supports small farmers in Dominican Republic, Panama, Ecuador, Peru, Paraguay, and Madagascar. Thanks for your support!

Noisy Offerings are designated as follows:

July/August: Voices for Youth  
Sept./Oct: Salvation Army

Thanks for your support, and remember that we always welcome new members.



**The June Noisy Offering will be given to  
Voices for Youth.**

**Thanks to everyone for your generosity!**



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

June 18, 2015

It has been a long season of disquiet in our country. From Ferguson to Baltimore, simmering racial tensions have boiled over into violence. But this ... the fatal shooting of nine African Americans in a church is a stark, raw manifestation of the sin that is racism. The church was desecrated. The people of that congregation were desecrated.

The aspiration voiced in the Pledge of Allegiance that we are “one nation under God” was desecrated. Mother Emanuel AME’s pastor, the Rev. Clementa Pinckney, was a graduate of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, as was the Rev. Daniel Simmons, associate pastor at Mother Emanuel. The suspected shooter is a member of an ELCA congregation. All of a sudden and for all of us, this is an intensely personal tragedy. One of our own is alleged to have shot and killed two who adopted us as their own.

We might say that this was an isolated act by a deeply disturbed man. But we know that is not the whole truth. It is not an isolated event. And even if the shooter was unstable, the framework upon which he built his vision of race is not. Racism is a fact in American culture. Denial and avoidance of this fact are deadly. The Rev. Mr. Pinckney leaves a wife and children. The other eight victims leave grieving families. The family of the suspected killer and two congregations are broken. When will this end?

The nine dead in Charleston are not the first innocent victims killed by violence. Our only hope rests in the innocent One, who was violently executed on Good Friday. Emmanuel, God with us, carried our grief and sorrow – the grief and sorrow of Mother Emanuel AME church – and he was wounded for our transgressions – the deadly sin of racism.

I urge all of us to spend a day in repentance and mourning. And then we need to get to work. Each of us and all of us need to examine ourselves, our church and our communities. We need to be honest about the reality of racism within us and around us. We need to talk and we need to listen, but we also need to act. No stereotype or racial slur is justified. Speak out against inequity. Look with newly opened eyes

at the many subtle and overt ways that we and our communities see people of color as being of less worth. Above all pray – for insight, for forgiveness, for courage.

Kyrie Eleison.



The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton  
Presiding Bishop  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

### Life at the Table

I have found that this life  
is short enough and long enough  
to laugh at honest clowns  
and to weep at requiem,  
to break bread with a beggar  
and to accept a gift from a king,  
to walk with a child at her pace  
and to stretch to the step of the wise.

This life with all its graces  
is a table spread for feasting.  
A Host who asks our presence has meat and  
bread  
and brimming cup we can never taste  
until we take them into ourselves with costly pledge.  
Some look through the window and walk by,  
while life is at the table.

—William Hogg

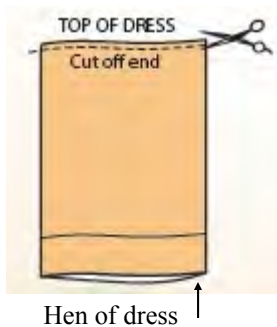


## Pillow Case Dresses

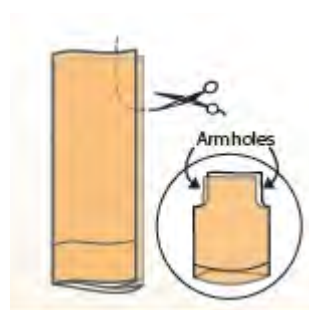
**“We’re not just sending dresses, we’re sending hope!”**

At the May WELCA Mother, Daughter Friend Dessert, Barb Kinnunen gave a presentation on making pillow case dresses for the Little Dresses for Africa organization. Ashley Chartre, Faith Cain, and Rachel Nelson modeled the dresses. Below are instructions on how to make a pillow case dress.

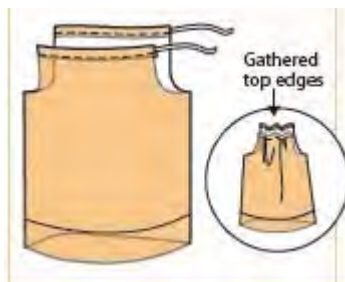
**Step 1:**  
Cut off the sewn end of the pillowcase.



**Step 2:**  
Fold pillowcase in half and cut armholes. Cut through all thicknesses, about 4 inches down and 2 inches in.



**Step 3:**  
Fold down the top about 3/8” at the front and the back. Edgestitch to make a casing. Slide 6 inches of 1/4” elastic through to case it to gather in the front and repeat for the back.



**Step 4:**  
Cut two 38-inch lengths of double-fold tape for armholes. Fold each in half and stitch along armholes, leaving extra at the top to tie dress at the shoulders. Trim is optional.



Barb had several helpful suggestions for making a pillowcase dress:

- Fold down the top 1/2"
- You may use 1/4" or 3/8" elastic
- Cut 36" bias tape
- You may use single-fold bias tape by pressing in half.



**PLEASE SIZE before sending: group small, mediums, large sizes.** Feel free to add pockets or lace! All styles and patterns will be appreciated by the little girls. Avoid buttons and zippers!

Sizing is determined by the length from the shoulder to the hem.

**Small** = 2, 3, and 4 (16-22 inches long)

**Medium** = 5, 6, and 7 (24-28 inches long)

**Large** = 8,9, and 10 (30-34 inches long)

**X-Large** - size 11 and above (anything over 35 inches long)

If you have any questions, you may call Barb Kinnunen at 475-5744. If you don't feel you can make one of the dresses, but would like to help, please consider donating new or gently used pillowcases, bias tape, or 1/4" or 3/8" elastic.



## Lutheran World Relief Kits

### School Kits

- 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

- One dark colored bath towel (approx. 52x27)
- Two bath size bars of soap
- One adult size toothbrush left in packaging (if multiple 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.



toothbrushes in packag-

### Layettes

- 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 August, 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 date to be announced at a later time.

### Fabric Kits

- 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)



## Upcoming Events at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

Villager Sampler Week (grades 3 & 4) \$)

**July 7 @ 8:00 am - July 10 @ 5:00 pm**

Venturer Sampler Week (grades 7 & 8)

**July 7 @ 3:00 pm - July 10 @ 11:00 am**



Mini Camp Sampler Week (first time campers)

**July 7 @ 5:00 pm - July 10 @ 11:00 am**

Night Owls

**August 2 @ 8:00 am - August 7 @ 5:00 pm**

A week at camp for those kids who love to stay up late!

Family Camp

**August 2 @ 3:00 pm - August 7 @ 5:00 am**

A week for the whole family to have fun, grow in faith and create lifelong memories!



Explorer's Day Camp

**August 3 @ 9:00 am - August 8 @ 12:00 pm**

An on site day camp opportunity for those who have finished grades K-5.

### CENTUSA is Looking for Host Families

CENTUSA—Center for Educational Travel USA—has an amazing selection of high school students for whom we are interviewing host families. Students will arrive approximately 7 days before school begins and immerse themselves in a U. S. host family. Are you that family? Do you yearn to make a difference in the world? Do you desire to foster peace between nations? Why not consider opening your heart & home to an international exchange student? Hosting breaks down stereotypes, fosters understanding, and develops a life-long bond with a future leader from another country. Please contact us if you are interested in learning more about this opportunity! Contact Penny Barney at 906-287-0425 or via email at [pbarney@ishpemingschools.com](mailto:pbarney@ishpemingschools.com).



## Council Highlights - June 2015

- Fortune Lake Campership fund is down to \$13.72
- Ann Gonyea's Ordination will be at 4 pm on July 12
- Terri Frankenstein, the new intern, starts on Sept. 1
- Two Sunday School teachers have retired and we need volunteers to teach this fall.
- Next council meeting is at August 10 @ 6:30; the September meeting is on the 28th at 7 pm



### Sunday School Needs Volunteer Teachers



We are in need of at least one, possibly two teachers for Sunday School beginning in the fall. Might God be calling you to this important ministry?? We have a small but enthusiastic group of great kids! It would be your privilege to get to know them better and to help them grow in faith! Consider it and let Pastor Geier or Tonya Perry know.

### Fourth of July at the Geier's

Please feel welcome to join us at 604 N. Third Street to view the Fourth of July Parade again this year! Coffee, lemonade and snacks and pleasant







### **Beverly Matherne to Give Poetry Reading**

Beverly Matherne will read her poetry at Ishpeming Carnegie Public Library at 5 p.m. on July 1, followed by a book signing. Refreshments will be served.



Nora Seppanen, daughter of Meredith and Brian Seppanen, graduated from Ishpeming High School on June 5.



Victoria (Tori) Mattson, daughter of Lisa and Troy Mattson, graduated summa cum laude from Northern Michigan University with a degree in Psychology/ Behavior Analysis.



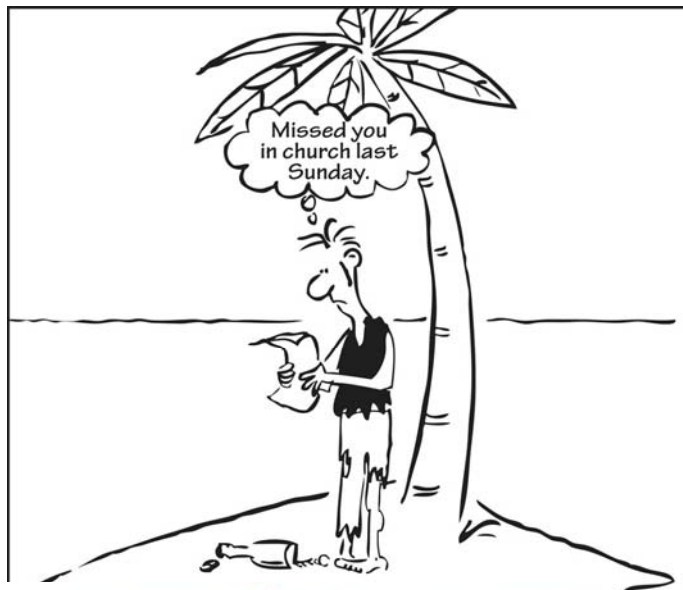
Carrie Meyer received an Educational Specialist degree in Administration/Supervision from Northern Michigan University.

### **Colleen Sundblad Says Thank You**



I want to thank all who sent cards, came to visit, and offered prayers during my recovery. Thank you Pastor for your prayers, care, and concern.

Colleen Sundblad



**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.



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## Keep In Your Prayers

- Remember our home-bound and nursing home residents:  
Doreen Brown (Valente), Joyce Lehto (Mill Creek), Marjorie Rosten (Valente), Shirley Sundblad (Valente), Anna Mae Collins (Mather), Jean Anderson (Valente), Allen Maki (Jacobetti). Geri Maki (Jacobetti). Bob Waters (Jacobetti), Don Doney (Valente)
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- Pastor Marcia Solberg
- Kathy Routhier
- Nancy Swanson
- Angie Kempainen
- June Forsberg
- Allen Beauchamp
- Carol and Juan Papaleo and family
- Pam Waters
- Those in the military that they may remain safe



**“Summer afternoon — summer afternoon;  
to me those have always been the two most beautiful words  
in the English language.”**

—Henry James



Contact **Linda Dahl** by phone, e-mail, or by dropping a note in the newsletter mailbox at church.

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## July Worship Assistants

### July 5

Assisting Minister - Barb Lucas  
Acolyte - Hope Kaukola  
Altar - Sue Holmgren  
Coffee Hosts - Barb Yunkari and friends  
Flowers -  
Bread - Kay Chartre

*Thank You!*

### July 12

Assisting Minister - Gary Sundblad  
Acolyte - Kayla Koski  
Altar - Shirley Tyni  
Coffee Hosts -  
Flowers - No coffee hour  
Bread - Rae Elliot

### July 19

Assisting Minister - LaVerne Koski  
Acolyte - Mackenzie Ryan  
Altar - Kaye Frederickson  
Coffee Hosts - Strawberry Social - WELCA  
Flowers -  
Bread - Linda Dahl

### July 26

Assisting Minister - Beverly Matherne  
Acolyte - Matthew Skewis  
Altar - Sandee Sundquist  
Coffee Hosts - Barb Lucas and friends  
Flowers -  
Bread - Marian Medlyn



**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  
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  
14 Lily Brown  
15 Kyle Wooden  
17 Donald Meyer  
22 Judith Meyer  
22 Blake Forbes  
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  
29 Kevin Ryan  
29 Benjamin Meyer  
31 Doreen Brown  
31 Cory Clark  
31 Sue Holmgren

## *Happy Anniversary!*

Nicholas & Jenna Chartre  
7/9/11 4 years

Pastor & Kathy Geier  
7/11/92 23 years

Jim & Sandi Sodergren  
7/17/93 22 years

Dale & Mary Toivonen  
7/26/75 40 years

Tony & Lisa Ombrello  
7/29/89 26 years



## August Worship Assistants

### August 2

Assisting Minister - Kathleen Slown  
Acolyte - Blake Forbes  
Coffee Hosts - Personnel  
Flowers - In honor of Ray and Kay Chartre's  
45th anniversary  
Bread - Terra Frustaglio

### August 9

Assisting Minister - Ed Holmgren  
Acolyte - Kyra Holmgren  
Coffee Hosts - Social Ministry  
Flowers - In memory of Marvin and Evelyn  
Nadeau by Debbie Cain  
Bread - Tonya Perry

### August 16

Assisting Minister - Bob Clark  
Acolyte - Morgan Rhoades  
Coffee Hosts - Finance  
Flowers -  
Bread - Cheryl Frederickson

### August 23

Assisting Minister - Linda Dahl  
Acolyte - Gavin Argall  
Coffee Hosts - Quilters  
Flowers - In honor of Ed and Sue Holmgren's 50th  
anniversary  
Bread - Dan & Sharon Argall

*Thank You!*

### August 30

Assisting Minister - Rick Rhoades  
Acolyte - Kayla Koski  
Coffee Hosts— Christian Ed  
Flowers -  
Bread - Kathy Geier

### August Ushers:

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



### September Ushers:

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



Pat Liivoja's  
group

## *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  
9 Mackenzie Ryan  
10 Rosemarie Strom  
12 Stephanie Swanson  
13 Rick Rhoades  
14 Kathy Richards  
14 Joan Sundberg  
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  
24 Kimberlee Smith  
31 Tom Perry

## *Happy Anniversary!*

Gerald & Carol Anderson, Jr.  
8/2/75 40 years  
  
Edward & Jean Johns  
8/7/54 61years  
  
Raymond & Kay Chartre  
8/8/70 45 years



Elizabeth & Russell Aho  
8/12/95 20 years  
  
Debbie & David Paavo  
8/18/84 31 years  
  
Brian & Anita Ulrickson  
8/19/78 37 years  
  
Edmund & Sue Holmgren  
8/21/65 50 years  
  
Halley & Bobby Reichel  
8/21/2010 5 years  
  
Brent & Denise Clark  
8/22/92 23 years  
  
Robert & Ruby Kaukola  
8/22/70 45 years  
  
Robert & Harriet Maki  
8/22/59 56 years  
  
Craig & Judy Kitchen  
8/27/87 28 years  
  
Tom & Debbie Sodergren  
8/28/76 39 years  
  
Robert & Peggy Clark  
8/29/70 45 years

Ralph & Lois Goethe  
8/29/53 62 years  
  
Greg & Carrie Meyer  
8/29/09 6 years

