



Bethany Lutheran Outlook

June 2011

Serving God, Community, and Individuals

And what does the
LORD require of you



To act justly
& to love mercy and to
walk humbly with your

GOD.

M I C A H 6 : 8



PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

June 7th is the 15th anniversary of my ordination. I was ordained on the evening of June 7th, 1996 at Notre Dame Catholic Church in Southbridge, Massachusetts as part of the opening worship at the New England Synod Assembly that year. (It was at a Catholic church because there aren't many Lutheran churches in New England large enough to hold such gatherings). I can't think about that night without thinking about my father and that is perhaps appropriate in this month that we celebrate Father's Day. What I think about is how proud he was that night.



In a way it's funny, because about four and a half years before that I remember asking him when I was home for Christmas, "Would you think I was crazy if I told you I was thinking about going to seminary?" and without a bit of hesitation he answered, "Yes." Mind you, he was a churchman's churchman, always in worship, active on the Church Council and other committees pretty much his whole adult life so this wasn't an anti-church thing; he was a very faithful man. But he was of a generation that had trouble understanding giving up the security of a seventeen year teaching career for what was essentially a big unknown.

As part of our conversation that day, he also asked me a really good question. My father was not a big talker, but he was the type, when he said something, it was usually worth paying attention to. If he had more to say it was more likely to be in written form in a letter where he could measure his words more carefully. (I remember my brother saying to me once, "You mean you get those letters too?") Anyway, he asked me, "How do you know you're not already doing what God wants you to do?" It was a good question. It wasn't an effort to talk me in or out of anything, just a question for me to think about.

Once I made the final decision to go to seminary, he couldn't have been more supportive as he always was in whatever I did. My mother was more of the nurturer, but I never had any doubt that my father would be there for me and would support and encourage me in whatever ways he could. It made him feel better when I said Kathy and I were getting married because he thought for me to do this all alone would have been tough and he was right. On the warm June night of my ordination though, I know that among the several hundred people gathered in that big church there was no one prouder of me than he was.



My father died quite suddenly eleven years ago in May of 2000 just a couple of months after I had begun my call back in Massachusetts. The last memory I have of him he was fixing the broken leg of our coffee table. It's quite fitting, as he was always fixing something for me.

At seminary, when we talked about the church year in worship classes, days like Mother's Day and Father's Day were pretty much dismissed as Hallmark holidays, not to be bothered much with in church. It's true that they are not liturgical holidays, but in my case and I hope yours too, they are an opportunity to honor and give thanks for blessings of love that we have received.

And then you

We arrange our lives as best we can,
to keep your holiness at bay,
with our pieties,
our doctrines,
our liturgies,
our moralities,
our secret ideologies,

Safe, virtuous, settled.

And then you -

you and your dreams,
you and your visions,
you and your purposes,
you and your commands,
you and our neighbors,

We find your holiness not at bay;
but probing, pervading,
insisting, demanding.

And we yield, sometimes gladly,
sometimes resentfully,
sometimes late...or soon.

We yield because you, beyond us, are our God.

We are your creatures met by your holiness,
by your holiness made our true selves.

And we yield. Amen.

(from [Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth: Prayers of Walter Brueggemann](#))



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 June 2011

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|-----------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | Psalm 93 | Deuteronomy 31:1-13 | John 16:16-24 |
| 2 | Ascension of Our Lord | | |
| | Acts 1:1-11 | Psalm 47 | Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53 |
| 3 | Psalm 93 | 2 Kings 2:1-12 | Ephesians 2:1-7 |
| 4 | Psalm 93 | 2 Kings 2:13-15 | John 8:21-30 |
| 5 | Seventh Sunday of Easter | | |
| | Acts 1:6-14 | Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 | 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 John 17:1-11 |
| 6 | Psalm 99 | Leviticus 9:1-11, 22-24 | 1 Peter 4:1-6 |
| 7 | Psalm 99 | Numbers 19:41-50 | 1 Peter 4:7-11 |
| 8 | Psalm 99 | 1 Kings 8:54-65 | John 3:31-36 |
| 9 | Psalm 33:12-22 | Exodus 19:1-9a | Acts 2:1-11 |
| 10 | Psalm 33:12-22 | Exodus 19:16-25 | Romans 8:14-17 |
| 11 | Psalm 33:12-22 | Exodus 20:1-21 | Matthew 5:1-12 |
| 12 | Day of Pentecost | | |
| | Acts 2:1-21 | Psalm 104:24-34,35b | 1 Cor. 12:3b-13 John 20:19-23 |
| 13 | Psalm 104:24-34, 35b | Joel 2:18-29 | Romans 8:18-24 |
| 14 | Psalm 104:24-34, 35b | Ezekiel 39:7-8, 21-29 | Romans 8:26-27 |
| 15 | Psalm 104:24-34, 35b | Numbers 11:24-30 | John 7:37-39 |
| 16 | Psalm 8 | Job 38:1-11 | 2 Timothy 1:8-12a |
| 17 | Psalm 8 | Job 38:12-21 | 2 Timothy 1:12b-14 |
| 18 | Psalm 8 | Job 38:22-38 | John 14:15-17 |

19 Holy Trinity Sunday

Genesis 1:1--2:4a	Psalm 8	2Cor. 13:11-13	Matthew 28:16-20
20 Psalm 29	Job 38:39--39:12	1 Cor. 12:1-3	
21 Psalm 29	Job 39:13-25	1 Cor. 12:4-13	
22 Psalm 29	Job 39:26--40:5	John 14:25-26	
23 Psalm 13	Micah 7:18-20	Galatians 5:2-6	
24 Psalm 13	2 Chronicles 20:5-12	Galatians 5:7-12	
25 Psalm 13	Genesis 26:23-25	Luke 17:1-4	

26 Second Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 22:1-14	Psalm 13	Romans 6:12-23	Matthew 10:40-42
27 Psalm 47	Genesis 22:15-18	1 Thess. 4:9-12	
28 Psalm 47	1 Kings 18:36-39	1 John 4:1-6	
29 Psalm 47	Isaiah 51:1-3	Matthew 11:20-24	
30 Psalm 45:10-17	Genesis 25:19-27	Romans 7:1-6	

Use All Your Strength



A boy and his father were walking along a road when they came across a large stone. The boy said to his father, "Do you think if I use all my strength, I can move this rock?"

His father answered, "If you use all your strength, I am sure you can do it."

The boy began to push the rock. Exerting himself as much as he could, he pushed and pushed. The rock did not move. Discouraged, he said to his father, "You were wrong; I can't do it."

The father placed his arm around the boy's shoulder and said, "No, son, you didn't use all your strength - you didn't ask me to help."

-David J. Wolpe



Worship and Music



Ascension Worship Service

Bethany will observe the Ascension of our Lord with a worship service on June 2 at 7 pm.

The Ascension of Christ is celebrated 40 days after Easter. It focuses upon the ascent of Christ into heaven shortly before Pentecost.

The Ascension is important to Christians because it reminds us that while Christ's human body could not be present everywhere, Christ's spiritual presence can be experienced universally. St. Matthew's Gospel tells us Christ's last words to his friends were, "Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20 NRSV). And so Christ is!



Summer Choir



Can't commit to a weekly rehearsal? Consider singing in Summer Choir. Anyone is welcome to come before the start of the service to learn a simple anthem. Come any Sundays that you are available and help lead the congregation in worship. We especially invite families including children to join us. Invite a friend to church and help us praise the Lord in song. Music will be simple and fun and the view from the choir loft is spectacular!!

In preparation for the 10:30 a.m. service, rehearsal is at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday throughout the summer months. If you haven't sung in a choir before, please come and join us for some summer fun.

Enjoy the Poetry of Hymns

When the Poor Ones

When the poor ones, who have nothing, still are giving;
When the thirsty pass the cup, water to share;
When the wounded offer others strength and healing:
We see God, here by our side, walking our way;
We see God, here by our side, walking our way.

When compassion gives the suffering consolation;
When expecting brings to birth hope that was lost;
When we choose love, not the hatred all around us:
We see God, here by our side, walking our way;
We see God, here by our side, walking our way.



When our spirits, like a chalice, brim with gladness;
When our voices, full and clear, sing out the truth;
When our longings, free from envy, seek the humble:
We see God, here by our side, walking our way;
We see God, here by our side, walking our way.

When the goodness poured from heaven fills our dwellings;
When the nations work to change war into peace;
When the stranger is accepted as our neighbor:
We see God, here by our side, walking our way;
We see God, here by our side, walking our way.

Text: Jose Antonio Olivar, b. 1939; tr. Martine A Seltz, b. 1951
ELW #725

For the National Lutheran Choir, and the 2009 Conference on Liturgy,
Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Walking Together at the 2011 NGLS Assembly

By Ann Gonyea

The word “synod” comes from the roots “syn” meaning together and the Greek word “*hodos*,” which means a way or a journey, but also can be used as a traveling metaphor for a course of conduct, a manner of thinking or feeling or deciding. And so it was appropriate that the theme of the 2011 Northern Great Lakes Synod Assembly was “Walking Together.” And the origins of the word, as shared in a synod assembly bible study by Delaware-Maryland Synod Bishop Wolfgang Herz-Lane, was a good reminder that “Walking Together” wasn't just a theme for an annual meeting. It is the natural state of being part of a group like the Northern Great Lakes Synod of the ELCA.



A lot of business and conversation was undertaken by the 240 or so people gathered for the assembly. Representing Bethany were Pastor Warren Geier, council president Tom Ryan, and me. Those gathered deliberated and made decisions on who the bishop would be for the next six years, filled a handful of other synod committee vacancies and considered a number of resolutions. Through all of this, the common message was not only that we walk together, but also that we do so in order to fulfill God's will.

“The challenge for us is not walking together, but who God is calling us to walk with,” said Pastor Rafael Malpica Padilla, executive director of the ELCA World Mission, in his keynote speech. Malpica Padilla was there representing the church-wide office of the ELCA and ELCA Global Mission. He also oversaw the election of bishop. “Most often we choose to walk with people who are just like us,” he added. Malpica Padilla used the story of Jonah to illustrate his point. Jonah was called by God to go on a mission trip, but when he found out God had Ninevah in mind, Jonah did everything he could to exercise his own will to be with the people of Tarshish, the people he chose for his mission. After ending up in the belly of a fish and spit out at Ninevah anyway, he still railed against God's will and delivered what Malpica Padilla called “the worst sermon in homiletic history ... 'In 40 days, you are all going to hell.’” Jonah's sermon worked: The people responded and repented and God had a change of heart and decided not to blot out the people of Ninevah. How did Jonah react to the success of his mission trip? His efforts to walk together with others to facilitate God's will? He got really mad. Malpica Padilla challenged those in the assembly audience: “Jonah decided Ninevah didn't deserve it. So when do we decide who deserves it?”

The process of electing the bishop culminated with the re-election of Bishop Thomas Skrenes on the fourth ballot, but not before a handful of candidates had the opportunity to talk about the office, how they would fill it and how the office of bishop does and can support congregations. Our own Pastor Geier, along with Pastor Pete Warmenen, were also in the running until the fourth ballot. Warmenen is Pastor of St. Paul's in Medford, Wis., and the program director at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp. Other bishop candidates who made it to the third ballot and had the opportunity to address the assembly included Pastor Lee Goodwin, executive director of the NGLS Sabbath Project and interim pastor of Bethel Lutheran in Menominee; and Pastor Kim Beckman, interim pastor of Faith Lutheran in Brookfield, Ill. The third ballot also included two candidates who were not present: Pastor David Echelbarger from Mt. Pleasant Lutheran in Racine, Wis., and Pastor Tari Stage-Harvey from Shepherd of the Valley in Juneau, Alaska.



Resolutions considered by the assembly included:

Clergy Compensation Guidelines for 2012: approved

An amended fiscal year 2011 budget in the amount of \$1.4 million: approved

A budget for fiscal year 2010 in the amount of \$1.37 million: approved

A resolution calling for the church to speak and act to prevent bullying, harassment and related violence: approved

A resolution on bound conscience and concerning a pastor's and congregation's ability to pass bylaws regarding calling pastors and performing weddings: defeated

A resolution on the Trinitarian name of God Father, Son and Holy Spirit: defeated

A resolution on welcoming "traditional" Lutherans: referred to Synod Council

In the cases in which resolutions were defeated or referred to Synod Council, the majority of recommendations to defeat centered on understandings that the issues were already provided for by the ELCA, NGLS or in individual parish bylaws.



Several other presentations were made during the course of the assembly gathering. Pastor Geier was asked to tell about Bethany's WLUC TV6 commercial spots inviting people to worship. He talked about the reasons Bethany wanted to try the approach and showed the three commercials that have been running on TV6 since last fall.

Pastor Jim Deuhring from Prince of Peace in Harvey and synod statistician shared some of the demographic information he's gathered from NGLS congregations. Among other things, he reported 191 people transferred into the synod, 36 congregations say community service is a significant part of the ministry they provide and 11 congregations reported that spiritual development is a priority.

Lon Buss from Lutheran Men in Mission and Catherine Sanborn from WELCA reported on upcoming events and efforts being undertaken in those organizations.

Pastor Malpica Padilla also delivered a message from the churchwide organization. He said the theme for the upcoming year was "God's mission of restoring community" and based in part on Galatians 5:13: "For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another."

"I come to you not with a list of accomplishments of the last year, or the lack thereof," Malpica-Padilla told assembly participants. "I come to you with an invitation: come let us rebuild."



Ann Gonyea, shown here with Bishop Skrenes and Bishop Wolfgang Herz-Lane, was the Assistant Minister for the opening worship service of the 2011 Synod Assembly. As part of her duties for the worship service, she composed the following Prayers of Intercession.

Walk With Your Church, Gracious God...

- **Walk with your church, Gracious God.** Fill us with the desire to spread the news that Christ's victory over death is for all. Send the Holy Spirit to work among us as we come together to do the work of this assembly including electing a bishop and others who will lead, support, inspire, pray for us and live with us on our journeys. Remind us that your son Jesus walks ahead of us as we navigate the roads we travel with our brothers and sisters in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Northern Great Lakes Synod, our partners in the Delaware-Maryland Synod and Bishop Wolfgang Herz-Lane and our companions in the Eastern and Coastal Synod of Tanzania and Bishop Alex Malasussa. Hear us, O God,



- **Walk with us on our earthly journeys, Creator God.** Embolden us to be the stewards and co-creators you intended. Inspire us with the awe and beauty of the world all around us. Where there is abuse or neglect of your creation, stir us to action. Rejoice with us in the rebirth of spring after our long winter and help us to see the Risen Christ in that awakening. Hear us, O God.
- **Walk with us world citizens, Attentive God.** Bless our leaders. Give them the courage and wisdom necessary to forge ahead into a time of healing, conversation and understanding in our world. Be with our brothers and sisters called to serve our country in the military and bring them home safe and whole. Give us strength to bear witness to all the world as people of God – to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly. Continue to guide the work of ELCA Global Missions as it responds to needs such as lifting up those suffering from the earthquake in Japan, and men, women and children living with HIV/AIDS in Latin American and the Caribbean. Hear us, O God.
- **Walk with us in our care of others, Merciful God.** Keep us mindful of those struggling to come out from under all forms of oppression, those who go without food, shelter or companions on their journeys. Use our voices to invite any and all of your children to the table where you meet us; where you open our eyes and reveal Jesus your son, in the life-giving act of communion. Comfort those who struggle with illness, joblessness and hopelessness, especially those we name silently and aloud. Hear us, O God.
- **Walk with us and our neighbors, Benevolent God.** Bless and guide our bishops Mark and Tom, our pastors, ministers and lay leaders as they work daily to enrich our congregations and communities. When we are walking our own roads to Emmaus, keep our eyes and hearts open to the presence of Christ as we converse, discuss and dream in the spirit of hope. Strengthen us to show compassion and seek justice for every person we meet on that road. Hear us, O God.
- **Walk with us in your kingdom, God of Salvation.** Comfort and inspire us with the knowledge that our loved ones who have gone before us enjoy salvation through the death and resurrection of our saving Lord – just as we will when our time comes to join them in your eternal kingdom. Let the Cross be for us, not only a sign of our redemption, but as a covenant that even when we falter, we are on a journey infused with your grace and leading to wholeness in your presence. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.



ELCA NEWS SERVICE

May 17, 2011

**Thomas Skrenes Re-elected Bishop of ELCA
Northern Great Lakes Synod**



CHICAGO (ELCA) -- The Rev. Thomas A. Skrenes was elected to a third six-year term as bishop of the Northern Great Lakes Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Skrenes, 56, was re-elected May 14 on the fourth ballot for bishop at the synod assembly in Marquette, Mich.

"Our calling to reach out with the good news of Jesus Christ to the lost and lonely does not stop, even when economic problems or internal dissensions afflict and distract us," he said to the assembly after he was re-elected. "We walk towards the cross of Jesus even if we are wounded and hurting. We walk together as sinners in the arms of a loving God. Christ is still risen."

Skrenes received 147 votes on the fourth ballot. Others who received votes on the fourth ballot were the Rev. Warren L. Geier, 52 votes, and the Rev. Peter M. Warmanen, 29 votes. Geier is pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church, Ishpeming, Mich. Warmanen is pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Medford, Wis., and program director, Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp, Crystal Falls, Mich. There were 26 names on the first, or nominating, ballot.

Skrenes' new term begins Sept. 1. He was first elected bishop in 1999, succeeding the Rev. Dale R. Skogman, who served two terms as bishop. Before he became bishop, Skrenes served six years as assistant to the bishop on Skogman's staff and was pastor for more than 12 years at Trinity Lutheran Church, Ishpeming.

Skrenes and his wife, Luanne, reside in Ishpeming and are parents of four grown sons.

The ELCA Northern Great Lakes Synod includes about 32,000 baptized members in 85 congregations across the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and six counties in north-eastern Wisconsin. The synod office is in Marquette.



Christina Harmon Organ Recital

Pine Mountain Music Festival

June 27 @ 7:30 pm

Bethany Lutheran Church

Ishpeming, Michigan

Tickets: Adults \$20 Student/Child \$10



International organist Christina Harmon will be joined by Keweenaw Symphony Orchestra's conductor Joel Neves and Marquette Symphony Orchestra's Mark Flaherty, on trumpet, in an evening of great music at Bethany Lutheran Church.



Christina Harmon received degrees in organ from Oberlin College and Southern Methodist University, and has completed a doctoral residency in organ at the University of North Texas. She has also studied at the Mozarteum Conservatory in Salzburg, Austria and at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. She has studied with several noted organists, including Robert Anderson, Robert Baker, Dale Peters, Guy Bovet, and Jean Langlais.

She has been awarded teaching fellowships in organ and theory at Southern Methodist University and at North Texas State University, and is a member of Pi Kappa Lambda, the honorary music society. Her past teaching experience includes teaching organ and theory at San Jacinto College in Pasadena, Texas and teaching organ at Eastfield and Dallas. Currently she teaches organ at Eastfield and Richland Colleges in Dallas, Texas and is organist at Park Cities Baptist Church.

For many years Christina Harmon has given concerts in churches in the United States and in Europe. Other accomplishments include directing an organ study program in France for the last six years and serving as Chariman of the Board for the Dallas Philosophers' Forum. In addition, she is a composer and has many published compositions to her credit.





*Congratulations,
Graduate!*

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, so that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”
(John 3:16)



Alex Goldsworthy, a lifelong Bethany member, finds this Bible verse to be especially meaningful to him. He knows that if you believe in God and live your life for Him, you will be rewarded with an eternity in heaven. As sure as Alex is of this, he still questions things. In fact he remembers writing his confirmation worship notes, and the last question was always, “Do you have any questions/comments about today’s sermon?”. Alex said he always had a new question and Pastor Geier said his questions were always good ones.

Alex has a number of people who have been very important in his life. His parents, Carrie and William Goldsworthy, are important role models for him. He knows that they support him and his decisions. His brother Andy also plays a big part in his life. Andy says, “No matter how much we fight, I will always love him.” Though his cousin Ryan Filizetti was only with Alex a short time during his life, Alex says Ryan showed him how to be confident in his actions and how to take things in stride. Alex misses Ryan very much and wishes he were still here to see him graduate.

Alex gives music teacher Mrs. Sheila Grazulis all the credit for helping him discover the singing voice he possesses. He considers himself to be a very good singer. In fact, he loves to sing and has enjoyed his three years in Hematites in Harmony. His musical talent was recognized the last two years when he was selected for Superior Select Honors Choir.

Alex says that he is talkative and social when he finds himself in a big group of people, but he feels a bit shy when he is in a small group. He enjoys swimming and having bonfires in the summer with his friends. He likes playing tennis and basketball, video games, watching movies, and just being with his friends.

One of Alex’s dreams was to visit a foreign country which he did this year when he was able to go to Germany. He also has other dreams for the future: to become an elementary school teacher (preferably in the UP), to be married and have several children, and to live a long and happy life.

Alex would like to thank his family, his friends, and his teachers for sticking with him and never giving up on him. He says, “You don’t know how much I really appreciate it.”

On June 3, Alex will graduate from Ishpeming High School. In the fall Alex will attend Northern Michigan University and major in Elementary Education.

June Worship Assistants

June 5

Assisting Minister - Tom Perry
Acolytes - Jessica Penhale
Altar - Harriet Maki
Coffee Hosts - Graduation - Christian Education
Flowers - In memory of Aaron Sundblad by Colleen
and Ray Sundblad
Bread - Evelyn Nadeau

June 2 - Ascension Service

Assisting Minister - Ann Gonyea

Thank You!

June 12 PENTECOST

Assisting Minister - Carl Pellonpaa
Acolytes - Courtney Allen
Altar - Carol Waters and Alice Eman
Coffee Hosts - Social Ministry
Flowers - In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Toivo Mayry by Mr. & Mrs, Jim Chapman and
Mr, & Mrs, Al Palkki
Bread - Marian Medlyn

June 19 TRINITY SUNDAY

Assisting Minister - Ann Gonyea
Acolytes - Sabrina Holm-Brown
Altar - Ruth Solberg
Coffee Hosts -
Flowers - In memory of Roger Pohlman by the
Pohlman family
Bread - Terra Frustaglio

June 26

Assisting Minister - Barb Lucas
Acolytes - Nora Seppanen
Altar - Jean Johns
Coffee Hosts -
Flowers - In memory of Paul Silas and June Pontti by
Robert & Carol Waters and family
Bread - Tonya Perry

June Ushers:

Jaak Liivoja
Mike Richards
Tom Ryan
Ted Swanson
John Waters



July Ushers:

Robert Nadeau
James Anderson
John Carlson
Tom Brown
Maurice Hanson
Tom Sodergren
Greg Stahlmann
Roger Solberg

Happy Birthday!

- 1 Edmund Holmgren
- 1 Thomas Holmgren
- 1 Hannah Skewis
- 2 June Forsberg
- 2 Eric Nault
- 5 Curtis Hosking
- 7 Josie Connors
- 8 Jacob Christopherson
- 8 Katie Johns
- 9 Jean Johns
- 10 Peter Cain
- 10 Kara Harrington
- 10 Karen Johnson
- 13 Clara Carlson
- 14 Jean Anderson
- 16 Faith Cain
- 16 James Penhale
- 17 Denise Clark
- 17 William Goldsworthy
- 21 Donna Day
- 21 Ashley Chartre
- 21 Lois Palkki
- 23 Andrew Goldsworthy
- 24 Mary Bertucci
- 24 Michael DuBord
- 25 Barbara Kinnunen
- 26 Susan Dobson
- 26 Katelyn Hough
- 26 Ryan Jarvi
- 27 Sarah Waters
- 28 Donna DuBord



Happy Anniversary!

William and Anne Carne
6/9/63 48 years

Paul and Diana Sandstrom
6/15/68 43 years

Daniel and Sharon Argall
6/19/71 40 years

Tim and Patricia Nault
6/21/86 25 years

Ray and Colleen Sundblad
6/21/49 62 years



Walking with Grandpa and Grandma



I like to walk with Grandpa and Grandma,
Their steps are short like mine.
They don't say, "Now hurry up."
They always take their time.
I like to walk with Grandpa and Grandma,
Their eyes see things like mine do ...
Wee pebbles bright, a funny cloud,
Half hidden drops of dew.
Most people have to hurry,
They do not stop and see.
I'm glad that God made
Grandpa and Grandma
Unrushed and young like me.
—Author unknown

I Am a Man

I am a man created in God's image,
Of Adam's race now marred by pride and sin.
But thro' God's son, Lord Jesus Christ, my Savior,
I am a man who's now restored to Him.
The Mighty God who made me has redeemed me;
Now I'm His man, for Jesus reigns within.

I am a man appointed by my Savior
To show His love in all I do and say.
His Holy spirit is my source of power,
To live in light and point to Christ the Way.
Lord, fill me now, and help me seize this moment,
And as Your man, I'll serve Your cause today.

I'll be a man who walks with God in worship;
I'll be a man who walks with men as friend.
I'll be a man who loves and serves his fam'ly;
I'll be a man on whom God can depend.
Lord Jesus Christ, my King and my Commander,
I'll be Your man until my life shall end.



This poem by Jack W. Hayford may be
sung to *Finlandia* by Jean Sibelius.



Social Ministry Update June 2011

Social Ministry supported Lutheran Campus Ministry with a \$50 donation for the month of April. This is part of our on-going support to Campus Ministry.

Thanks to the generosity of the congregation to the Noisy Offering, we donated over \$440.00 to Fortune Lake from our collection in March and April.

Noisy offering for May and June has been designated to support Lutheran World Relief Emergency Services. 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.

We continue to look at having a prayer chain at Bethany.
Please contact Pastor Geier if you would like to be part of this.



On Monday, June 20, Social Ministry will assemble a lunch at the Church to be delivered to the work crew at a construction site for Habitat for Humanity. If you would like to help with this please contact Rae Elliot at 486-1207 or elliotr@sbcglobal.net
Thank you for your prayers and support.



**The June Noisy Offering
will go to Lutheran World Relief—Emergency Response.
Thanks to everyone for your generosity!**

May 23, 2011

Tornado in Joplin, Missouri

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

An outbreak of tornadoes tore across the Midwest this weekend, leaving a path of destruction from Texas to Minnesota. Especially hard-hit is Joplin, Mo., where a powerful tornado leveled parts of the community, killing at least 89 people. Residents say the city is completely unrecognizable.



Photo credit: REUTERS | Mike Stone

The building that housed an ELCA congregation has been destroyed, according to its pastor. Please keep the Rev. Bill Pape and the people of Peace Lutheran Church in Joplin in your prayers.

This outbreak is one of several destructive storms this spring. Communities throughout the Midwest and South have also faced widespread damage due to floods and severe storms. ELCA Disaster Response is already assessing the situation in Joplin and other areas affected by severe storms and flooding.

Your gifts are needed to help provide for the immediate and long-term needs of those affected by these disasters. All of your gifts—100 percent—designated for "U.S. Severe Storms" will be used for emergency and long-term assistance following these storms. Please give generously and continue to pray for those whose lives have been uprooted by this disaster.

The Rev. Daniel Rift
Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal

Ways to Give

Check or money orders sent to:

ELCA Disaster Response
39330 Treasury Center
Chicago, IL 60694-9300

Write "U.S. Severe Storms" on your check's memo line.

Give by phone at 800-638-3522 or online at www.elca.org/springstorms

The Grocery Cart *Angel(s)*

Webster's New 20th Century Dictionary literally defines "angel" as a "messenger." An additional definition defines an "angel" as a "ministering or guiding spirit." The grocery cart in Bethany's Narthex has several angels. On a weekly schedule, the cart begins to gather items such as canned goods, cereals, small boxes of juice, easy to prepare items as macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, soups, spaghetti and other pasta, all varieties of non-perishable food items, household goods and paper products are found there.



The cart has been doing this for many years. It is an outgrowth of the larger collections held around the holidays. Of course the need for food and other household items is year round so the cart helps address that need.

Pam Allen had made regular trips to the Salvation Army with items for quite awhile. A couple of years ago Kay Fredrickson started collecting whatever was in the cart on Sunday and delivering it to the Salvation Army. She says, "With so many out of work nowadays the need is very great."

Think about the cart when you see those very special deals in the stores (check the expiration date) and know that it will get to those in need thanks to Kaye.

*For it is God who is at work in you,
enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure
Philippians 2:13*



**Bethany Supports
Local Food Banks.**

Please bring in donations.

Message on the Death of Osama bin Laden

May 2, 2011

Sisters and brothers in Christ,

The death of Osama bin Laden is an occasion for solemn remembrance. We remember the lives of all whose deaths resulted from his choosing hatred and violence. We stand with those who continue to mourn the death of loved ones while giving thanks for their lives, their love and their faith. We also continue to hold in prayer all whose service in the military, in government and in humanitarian and peacemaking activities contribute to a safer and more prosperous world.

At the same time we also recall who we are: people baptized into Christ, freed to serve our neighbors. We are people called as Christ's ambassadors of reconciliation with our neighbors, serving God's work of restoring community. We engage our neighbors of other faiths, including our Muslim neighbors near and far, in respectful, searching dialogue and shared commitment to build a world that reflects God's will for peace with justice. We pray for our neighbors, even those who are our enemies.

Most of all, in these 50 days of celebrating Christ's resurrection, joy finds its fullest and deepest expression not over a human death but in God's promise to unite all things in heaven and on earth, to reconcile the human family and to bring God's reign of peace. Confident in what God has promised, we witness our resolve against any act of violence in the name of religion and our renewed commitment of service to the neighbors and world God so deeply loves.



In God's grace,

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



New Books for June

By Keenan Tunnell

It's "Summer"....well, soon (we hope!) so it's time for some lighter reading. There will be a selection of various types of fiction on display on the Library Kiosk, but the titles listed below are NEW this month. Pick up a book to enjoy with your cup of coffee....or iced tea! Enjoy!

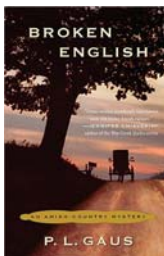


Borg, Marcus J. Putting Away Childish Things; a tale of modern faith.

"In Putting Away Childish Things, Borg has chosen fiction as the best vehicle for exploring Christianity, important questions of career and vocation, and thorny issues within the church such as fundamentalism and homosexuality. This imaginative excursion is handled with aplomb...A thought-provoking novel." (from a review) N.B. Marcus Borg is an emeritus professor of philosophy and author of many works of contemporary theology.

Cameron, Barbara. A Time to Love.

From a thought-provoking look at modern theology to a romance in Amish Lancaster County! "War correspondent Jennie King thinks she's just a temporary guest in her grandmother's Amish community while she recuperates from the devastating injuries sustained in a car bomb attack that changed her world. But when she meets Matthew Bontrager, the man she had a crush on as a teenager, she wonders if God has a new plan for her. Jennie has emotional and physical scars and though she feels she has come home to this man and this place, she's not sure she can bridge the difference between their worlds."



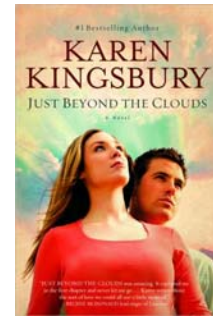
Gaus, P.L. Broken English

And a different Amish-related experience...Book 2 in the Amish-Country Mystery Series. "Former U.S. military specialist David Hawkins has traded in a life of violence for one of peace when he moves to a small, tranquil Amish town in Ohio. He has spent four years giving up his materialistic "English" ways, and has learned the tenets of the Amish faith and lifestyle. Alongside his fiancé, his future looks bright. When an ex-convict descends on the community and Hawkins'

daughter is brutally murdered, any hope for peace is shattered. When another body turns up, the local sheriff begins to view Hawkins as the only viable suspect. Professor Michael Branden and Pastor Caleb Troyer know better and their investigation leads them into the normally closed circles of an Amish family. Could Hawkins, a man who has everything to lose, possibly throw his life away for an act of revenge?"

Kingsbury, Karen. Just Beyond the Clouds.

A Romance with a twist! "Still aching over his wife's death, Cody Gunner can't bear the thought of also letting go of his Down's Syndrome brother, Carl Joseph. Cody wants his brother home, where he will be safe and cared for, not out on his own in a world that Cody knows all too well can be heartless and insecure. So when Carl Joseph's teacher, Elle, begins championing his independence, she finds herself at odds with Cody. But even as these two battle it out, they can't deny the instinctive connection they share, and Cody faces a crisis of the heart. What if Elle is the one woman who can teach Cody that love is still possible? If Cody can let go of his lingering anger, he might just see that sometimes the brightest hope of all lies just beyond the clouds." (from the cover)



Kingsbury, Karen. On Every Side.

And a Romance with First Amendment ties?? "In Bethany, Pennsylvania, the long standing Jesus statue in Jericho Park suddenly airs on national television when Jordan Riley, an attorney fighting against God, demands the statue be removed. The whole town of Bethany comes together to keep this from happening when a well loved citizen, Faith Evans, risks her career in order to save the statue and follow in her dad's footsteps. When all hope seems lost for Bethany, Faith Evans realizes that her enemy, Jordan Riley, is her long lost best friend. For Jordan Riley, this means fighting against the girl he once, and still is in love with. Which love is stronger to win the battle, the love of a career, a friend, or a belief?" (from a review)





The Lutheran: May 2011

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

Cover story



A Work in Progress by Charles M. Austin
Days of quick, smooth calls swept away by several factors



Episcopal-LCMS by Charles M. Austin
Similar changes are taking place in other denominations



Questions for Calling Congregations by Charles M. Austin
Evaluate mission, finances and culture

Features



E-giving Takes Root Where Checks, Cash Reigned by Sandra D. Guy
Many still want to put something in collection plate



Luther, Lutherans and Pentecost by Kathryn Kleinhans
How do we live as Christians in the world today?



Meet the Luthers by Diana Dworin
Martin and Katie: Still role models for today's parents

Columnists



Walking Through Our Fears
by Peter W. Marty

People of the Resurrection
by Mark S. Hanson





RENEW, RESPOND, REJOICE!

8th Triennial Gathering

Spokane, WA

July 14th-17th

Bethany Shawl Ministry will be sending shawls to the Triennial Gathering. Shawls will be given to ministries in the host synod of Eastern Washington-Idaho.



**Mother/Child/Friend Dessert
May 9, 2011**



Ann Gonyea led the devotions.

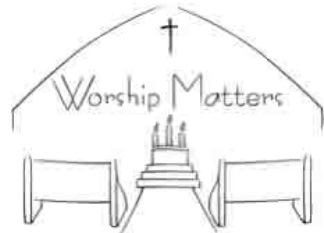
Kay Lee spoke on the life and culture of Oman.



Courtney Allen models traditional headwear.



Four generations of mothers and daughters



May Council Highlights

- Received thank you from St. Vincent's
- Pastoral acts: Esther Robinson's funeral 4/21/11
- Bethany was well represented at the recent Synod Assembly: Bethany's choir sang; Ann Gonyea was the Assisting Minister; Pastor Geier was on the ballot and noted good discussions were held.
- Council openings in the fall are: Stewardship, Property, Treasurer, Worship and Music, Executive/Assistant Executive Director
- Vacation Bible School will be at Bethel this year with Bethany, Bethel, Trinity, and Faith participating. Pastor recommended that Bethany send \$150 to Bethel to assist in last year's expenses.
- Council gave support of pastor's attendance to the Grace Shalom Institute of Luther College in Dubuque, Iowa for professional development. This will entail 4 weekends a year for 2 years. The first session in August 5-7.



As the school year winds down and summer vacation begins for our young people, we pray they will have a safe and healthy summer. Congratulations to our students for their successes this past school year in their academic and extracurricular life.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Kaitlyn Thompson who was on the Dean's List at Western Michigan University and to Eric Nault who earned a spot on the Dean's List at Northern Michigan University. Kaitlyn and Eric are the daughter and son of Claudia Thompson.



YTD Income: \$65,632.34
YTD Expenses: \$69,633.85



Honoring Our
Firefighters



June 5 is Fireman's Memorial Sunday

On June 5 the Ishpeming Township Fire/Rescue officers and Fire Fighters are invited to worship at Bethany. Members of Bethany who are part of this group include John Carlson and Travis Allen. Retired firefighters include Don Frederickson and Dan Sleeman of the Township Fire Department and Peter Cain of the Ishpeming Fire Department.

The Firefighter's Prayer

When I am called to duty, God, wherever flames may rage,
Give me the strength to save some life whatever be its age.
Help me embrace a little child before it is too late,
or save an older person from the horror of that fate.
Enable me to be alert and hear the weakest shout,
and quickly and efficiently to put the fire out.
I want to fill my calling and to give the best in me,
To guard my every neighbor and protect his property.
And if according to my fate I am to lose my life this day,
Please bless with your protecting hand my family this I pray.

Thank You

The family of Esther Robinson wishes to acknowledge all that the Bethany congregation has done for us during our time of loss. We would particularly like to thank Pastor Geier, all the people who helped with food preparation and service, those who sent cards, provided flowers and other memorials, those who helped with recording the service, and anyone else who consoled us. All of this contributed to a beautiful memory of our Mother.



Love and Peace,
Esther's Family



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

Esther Robinson
Jean Cain



Bethany's choir led the musical worship at the 2011 Synod Assembly. The choir's special musical offering was "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me".



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.

Fair Trade Coffee, Tea, Cocoa and Chocolate Are Available at Bethany



Café Salvador Coffee
Organic Decaf Coffee
Whole Bean Coffee
Whole Bean Decaf
Teas

Hot cocoa
Baking Cocoa
Milk Chocolate Bar
Dark Chocolate Mini Bars

From Small Farmers With Love



Keep In Your Prayers

- Remember our home-bound and nursing home residents: Teckla Holmgren (home), Barbara Crabb (Mather), Doreen Brown (Valente), Joyce Lehto (Mill Creek), Marjorie Rosten (home)
- Jim Sodergren Jr.
- Jim Bjorne
- Ray Sundblad
- Kathy Geier, who is visiting family in Spain and making a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela, the burial place of St. James
- 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
- Jim Chartre
- 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



A Father's Influence



Studies show that if the mother of a family attends worship, there's a 16 percent chance that the rest of the family will also attend.

Yet when a father attends worship, there's a 93 percent chance that other family members will be present, too.

Just think, Dad, of the clout you have. Hope to see you in church this weekend!

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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