



**Bethany Lutheran Outlook**  
**June 2018**

Serving God, Community, and Individuals



*Psalm 81:10, NIV*



## PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

On May 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Bob Nadeau, Bob Clark and I attended the 31<sup>st</sup> Northern Great Lakes Synod Assembly in Marquette. For me it was the 18<sup>th</sup> NGLS assembly I have attended, along with (I think) five New England Synod Assemblies. After awhile, memories of them kind of run together but there are always similarities: the worship is always uplifting, the keynote speakers and other representatives of the wider church are always engaging and worth listening to, there are always times of enjoyable fellowship and connecting with colleagues one doesn't see very often.



All of that was true of this year's assembly; the similarities were all there. One thing that stood out for me as being different from at least some of the assemblies I've attended though, was that I found the overall tone of it was very positive and hopeful. For a long time we've heard about the decline of the church...attendance is down, younger families aren't in church, Sunday Schools are smaller or non-existent, finances are tight. All of that is true and has to be acknowledged, but I think we are finally at a point where that is not the dominant narrative. Rather than being a source of despair and a longing for the good old days, we're beginning to see what is going on as another chapter in church history, one that provides new opportunities and being open to the possibilities. What it means to be the church has changed and is continuing to change, but that shouldn't be seen as a bad thing.

The ELCA representative and keynote speaker at the assembly was Linda Bobbitt whose official title is Congregational Vitality Project Coordinator. In her address, she talked about some of the things I mentioned above and as she talked about congregational vitality, she made it clear that vitality isn't about numbers, that a congregation with twenty people in worship can be a vital congregation. She didn't come with a one size fits all "solution" to what congregations are facing these days but instead echoed what Bishop Katherine Finegan has been saying which is that the dynamics in every congregation are different: what works in one place won't necessarily work in another. We can learn from each other, but ultimately each congregation has to determine its own path.



All in all it was a hopeful message! It's so easy to become cynical and focus on negativity but across our synod and across the ELCA there is vitality and lots of good ministry going on in large and small congregations as well as in the work of other partners and committees! We're not perfect, there's always room for improvement, but there is much to feel good about as we move together into the future. It feels like we've turned a corner and it will be exciting to see where things are headed!

Pastor Geier



### **Connecting the Dots**

Commencement speeches and greeting cards are full of advice for graduates, yet good intentions and careful plans can't guarantee a perfect life — whatever that might mean.

“You can't connect the dots looking forward,” said Steve Jobs. “You can only connect them looking backwards. So you have to trust that the dots will somehow connect in your future. You have to trust in something — your gut, destiny, life ...”

As Christians, we can do more than that: We can trust in God. Yes, he may speak to us through a “gut” feeling, and our eternal “destiny” is assured. And we know that life, not death, will win out. But recent grads — and all of us — need not just sit and wait to see how the dots of our lives will someday connect. God has shown us through Scripture, the church and, above all, Jesus that the dots connect this way: from God's heart, to Jesus' sacrifice for us, to our entry into relationship with God, to our heart and finally to our own loving outreach to others.

Whatever shape your education, work and family take through the years, “commence” with this: God has drawn your life to connect with him and your neighbors. If you follow those Spirit-etched lines, you'll be fine.

—Heidi Mann

## 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

### June 2018

1 Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18                      1 Samuel 1:19-27                      Romans 8:31-39  
2 Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18                      1 Samuel 2:1-10                      John 7:19-24

### 3 Second Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 3:1-10    Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-28    2 Cor. 4:5-12    Mark 2:23 - 3:6

4 Psalm 99                      1 Samuel 2:11-17                      Romans 9:19-29  
5 Psalm 99                      1 Samuel 2:18-21                      Acts 15:1-5, 22-35  
6 Psalm 99                      1 Samuel 2:22-36                      John 5:1-18  
7 Psalm 138                      1 Samuel 4:1-22                      1 Peter 4:7-19  
8 Psalm 138                      1 Samuel 5:1-12 2                      Cor. 5:1-5  
9 Psalm 138                      1 Samuel 6:1-18                      Luke 8:14-15

### 10 Third Sunday after Pentecost

1 Samuel 8:4-20, 11:14-15    Psalm 138    2 Cor. 4:13 - 5:1    Mark 3:20-35

11 Psalm 108                      1 Samuel 7:3-15                      Revelation 20:1-6

### Readings for Barnabas, Apostle

Isaiah 42:5-12    Psalm 112    Acts 11:19-30 ; 13:1-3    Matthew 10:7-16

12 Psalm 108                      1 Samuel 8:1-22                      Revelation 20:7-15  
13 Psalm 108                      1 Samuel 9:1-14                      Luke 11:14-28  
14 Psalm 20                      1 Samuel 9:15-27                      Hebrews 2:5-9  
15 Psalm 20                      1 Samuel 10:1-8                      Hebrews 11:4-7  
16 Psalm 20                      1 Samuel 13:1-15a                      Mark 4:1-20

**17 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13    Psalm 20    2 Cor. 5:6-17    Mark 4:26-34

18 Psalm 53	1 Samuel 13:23 - 14:23	Galatians 6:11-18
19 Psalm 53	1 Samuel 15:10-23	Revelation 21:22 - 22:5
20 Psalm 53	1 Samuel 15:24-31	Luke 6:43-45
21 Psalm 9:9-20	1 Samuel 16:14-23	Acts 20:1-16
22 Psalm 9:9-20	1 Samuel 17:55 - 18:5	Acts 21:1-16
23 Psalm 9:9-20	1 Samuel 18:1-4	Luke 21:25-28

**24 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Samuel 17:32-49    Psalm 133    2 Cor. 6:1-13    Mark 4:35-41

**Readings for John the Baptist**

Malachi 3:1-4    Psalm 141    Acts 13:13-26    Luke 1:57-67

25 Psalm 119:113-128	1 Samuel 18:6-30	Acts 27:13-38
26 Psalm 119:113-128	1 Samuel 19:1-7	Acts 27:39-44
27 Psalm 119:113-128	1 Samuel 19:8-17	Mark 6:45-52
28 Psalm 130	1 Samuel 19:18-24	2 Cor. 7:2-16
29 Psalm 130	1 Samuel 20:1-25	2 Cor. 8:1-7

**Readings for Peter and Paul, Apostles**

Acts 12:1-11    Psalm 87:1-3, 5-7    2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18    John 21:15-19  
 30 Psalm 130    1 Samuel 20:27-42    Luke 4:31-37

**To Pray**

“To pray is to seek communion with the very spirit of a holy God. To pray is not primarily to ask for things, but reverently to receive a Presence. To pray is to open our innermost self to the royal entry of the eternal Lord. To pray is to expose one’s secret being to the purifying fires of God’s holy grace and love.”

—John Henry Jowett



# Enjoy the Poetry of Hymns

## I'd Rather Have Jesus

I'd rather have Jesus than silver of gold;  
I'd rather be His than have riches untold;  
I'd rather have Jesus than houses or lands.  
I'd rather be led by His nail-pierced hand.  
Than to be the king of a vast domain or be held in sin's dread sway;  
I'd rather have Jesus than anything this world afford today.

I'd rather have Jesus than men's applause;  
I'd rather be faithful to His dear cause;  
I'd rather have Jesus than world-wide fame;  
I'd rather be true to His holy name.  
Than to be the king of a vast domain or be held in sin's dread sway;  
I'd rather have Jesus than anything this world affords today.

He's fairer than lilies of rarest blood;  
He's sweeter than honey from out the comb;  
He's all that my hungering spirit needs,  
I'd rather have Jesus and let Him lead.  
Than to be the king of a vast domain or be held in sin's dread sway;  
I'd rather have Jesus than anything this world affords today.

—Rhea F. Miller



## **“I’d Rather Have Jesus”: A Story Behind the Hymn**

The inspiring and challenging words of this hymn written by Rhea F. Miller, so influenced twenty-three-year-old George Beverly Shea that they determined the direction of his entire life. As he began to compose a melody for these moving lines, he decided to devote his singing talent to God’s glory alone.



Growing up with devoted Christian parents, Shea was encouraged to use his fine singing voice often in the services of the Wesleyan Methodist churches of which his father was a minister. Financial needs of the family made it necessary for him to leave college and work in an insurance office. However, he continued singing in churches and for Christian radio programs. Unexpectedly, he was offered an audition for a secular singing position in New York City and passed the test. The opportunity for a substantial salary and wide recognition made Shea’s decision very difficult.

One Sunday as Shea went to the family piano to prepare a song for the morning service, he found there the poem “I’d Rather Have Jesus.” His mother, who collected beautiful quotations and literary selections, had begun to leave some of them around the house for her son to read, hoping to guide him spiritually. Shea was deeply moved with the challenging message of this text. Immediately he began to compose the music for the lines and used the song that same day in his father’s church service.

Shea comments: “Over the years, I’ve not sung any song more than ‘I’d Rather Have Jesus.’ but I never tire of Mrs. Miller’s heartfelt words.” As a young man of twenty-three, Shea allowed the message of this text to guide him wisely to a wonderfully productive and worthwhile life of service to Christ as he shared his musical “theme song” with audiences around the world.

by Kenneth W. Osbeck, *Amazing Grace; 365 Inspiring Hymn Stories for Daily Devotions*

**“For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.”**

Philippians 1:21

After Trinity Sunday, the church enters the period known as Ordinary Time. Below is a blessing written for this time of our church year. It was written by the poet Jan Richardson and is from her book *Circle of Grace*.

### **Blessing the Ordinary**

Let these words  
lay themselves  
like a blessing  
upon your head,  
your shoulders,

as if,  
like hands,  
they could pass on  
to you

What you most need  
For this day,

as if they could anoint you  
not merely for  
the path ahead

but for this  
ordinary moment  
that opens itself  
to you -

opens itself  
like another hand  
that unfurls itself,  
that reaches out  
to gather  
these words  
in the bowl  
of its palm.

You may think  
this blessing  
lives within  
these words,

but I tell you  
it lives  
in the opening  
and in the reaching;

it lives  
in the ache  
where this blessing  
begins;

it lives  
in the hollow  
made by the place  
where the hands  
of this blessing  
meet.



**Affirmed in Baptism—May 20, 2018**



“Fear not, for I *am* with you;  
Be not dismayed, for I *am* your God.  
I will strengthen you,  
Yes, I will help you,  
I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.”

Isaiah 41:10

**Abbi Bruhnke**

“Indeed I have all and abound.”

Philippians 4:18



**Abby Koski**



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## Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Schedule



### **Week 1 – Victory Camp**

June 11 - 15, 2018

**Ages:** Mentally/physically challenged adults This program empowers adults with special needs and gives them the experience of a lifetime! Activities are adapted to meet individual needs; small cabin groups allow staff to provide all the individual attention necessary.

### **Week 1: Guys in the Skies- A tree house adventure camp for men & Kids**

June 13 - 15, 2018

**Guys in the Skies:** Tree House Adventure Camp for Men and kids Calling all dads, grandpas, uncles, godfathers- come enjoy this half week camp with kids (girls and boys) in the tree houses. Make awesome memories as you grow in faith and enjoy all the fun adventures camp has to offer. Note EARLY check-in time for this Camp which runs Wednesday morning (check-in 8:30-10 a.m.) through Friday morning Closing. Minimum age 6 is recommended, due to the Tree House Experience...

### **Week 2 – Women & Kids Week**

June 17 - 22, 2018

**Ages:** Women and kids of all ages

**Week 3 – Junior High Night Owls**

June 24 - 29, 2018

**Ages:** 6th - 8th Grade



### **Week 3 – Onsite Day Camp #1**

June 25 - 29, 2018

**Ages:** K - 5th Grade

K-5 campers experience camp during the day, but go home each evening.

**Week 3 – Veterans**

June 24 - 29, 2018

Ages: 9th - 12th Grade

**Week 4 – Vagabond Sampler Week**

July 1 - 3, 2018

Ages: 5th - 6th Grade

**Week 4 – Mighty Ones – Sampler Week**

July 1 - 3, 2018

Ages: Grade 1

**Week 4 – Mini Camp Sampler Week**

July 1 - 3, 2018

Ages: 2nd Grade

**Grandparent/Grandkid Sampler Week**

July 1 - 3, 2018

Ages: All Ages

Bring your grandkids; stay in one of our comfortable retreat lodges and make camp memories together!



**Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Report**

On May 5, 2018 the Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Association held its Annual Meeting. Both Kay Chartre and Sheree Mariani were appointed as FLAMES to represent our church. A FLAME meeting was held prior to the Annual Meeting, where we discussed various issues concerning the camp. The meeting was conducted by the Interim Camp Director, Sara Jonasen. There are 11 day camps planned for the summer of 2018. This year they will be introducing Grandparent Week. More campers are needed for Victory Camp (those with disabilities). They also need more volunteer nurses (R.N.'s) for that week. The general staff needs 2 more male counselors and a Health Officer for this summer. A wish list of needs can be found on the website ([www.fortunelake.org](http://www.fortunelake.org)). We would like to thank our congregation for their continued support of Fortune Lake Lutheran camp.

Sheree Mariani & Kay Chartre

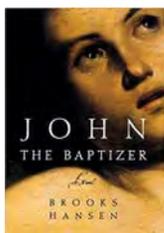


## Library Notes for June 2018

By Keenan Tunnell

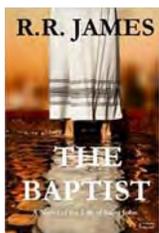
As I have written elsewhere in this issue of OUTLOOK, we celebrate the Nativity of St. John the Baptist in the month of June. I am a great fan of historical fiction and I think I have chosen a pair of winners in this category this month! Accept the challenge and see what you can learn about this “voice crying in the wilderness”.

Hansen, Brooks. **John the Baptizer.** FIC HAN



Traditionally, John the Baptist is seen as little more than an opening act...in the great Christian drama. In presenting the epic of John's life, novelist Brooks Hansen draws on an extraordinary array of inspirations, from the works of Caravaggio, Bach, and Oscar Wilde to the histories of Josephus, the canonical gospels, the Gnostic gospels, and the sacred texts of those followers of John who never accepted Jesus as Messiah. Gripping as literary historical fiction, and fascinating as a diligent exploration of ancient and modern sources, this book brings to eye-opening life the richly textured world...into which both John and Jesus were born. *John the Baptizer is a captivating tapestry of power and dissent, ambition and self-sacrifice, worldly and otherworldly desire, faith, and doubt.* (from Amazon.com's intro.)

James, R.R. **The Baptist** FIC JAM



A voice of one crying out in the desert... Even before his conception, John the Baptist has a mission, to herald the arrival of the Messiah. His aged mother dies soon after childbirth. His father foretells John's destiny to the Jewish hierarchy, and they exile him and his infant son. The stress is too much for the old man. By age eight, John is an orphan, with no use for the religion that destroyed his family. So starts the jagged path that takes John through adoption by a Roman soldier, combat in service to the Empire, and falling in love. But there is no escaping his calling when an angel appears and ignites the flame of faith long dormant within him. Crises of conviction plague this new direction, as well as personal danger, because John has made royal enemies in ways he could never imagine. (from book jacket)

## Corpus Christi

*“I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever.” (John 6:51)*



The Thursday after Trinity Sunday has been celebrated as Corpus Christi in the Church since the 14<sup>th</sup> century, when it was proposed as a special way of honoring the Holy Eucharist. While the institution of the Eucharist is one of the themes of Maundy Thursday, being under the shadow of Good Friday was not seen as conducive to celebration of this joyous event. The Lutheran church kept Corpus Christi on its liturgical calendar until the 1600's, and it is still celebrated by some Lutheran churches as well as some churches of the Anglican rite on the Sunday following Trinity Sunday. Lutherans have a growing veneration of the Eucharist, which is why it is the primary rite employed in most ELCA churches today. Take a few extra minutes during worship on Sunday, 3 June to consider the depth of that mystery and the love which Jesus shows us in this sharing of himself.

## 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



## Living Lutheran— May 2018

### Cover Story:

- Mercy and addiction (Wendy Healy)

### Features:

- Lutheran legacy of peacemaking: Bonhoeffer and the way of peace (Katie Day)
- Graceful engagement: A conversation between Lutheran leaders on intersectionality (John Potter)
- A shared calling in a multireligious world (Megan Brandsrud)
- Rewriting the narrative: Small congregation makes big impact with global giving (Francine Knowles)
- Farm bill brings Lutherans together (Angela Denker)
- Two-wheeled welcome (Susan B. Barnes)
- Tracing roots: The ELCA and Ancestry.com partner on project (Jay Saunders)

### Reflection:

- Jesus prayed for me (Tiffany C. Chaney)

### Faith & Family:

- Our first calling (Kimberly Knowle-Zeller)

### Deeper Understandings:

- Deeper conversations (Mark Oldenburg)

### Highly recommended books:

- Stranger God: Meeting Jesus in Disguise (Richard Beck)
- Exploding Stars, Dead Dinosaurs, and Zombies: Youth Ministry in the Age of Science (Andrew Root)
- The Angry Christian: A Bible-based Strategy to Care for and Discipline a valuable Emotion (Bert Ghezzi)

### From Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton

- God loves



Fellowship Hall Floor original 1962 Will patch asbestos floor and put down carpet squares which are replaceable if ruined.

Sanctuary original 1970 Carpet

Church Pews and Choir Chairs 1970 reupholster both

## Faith Cain's Lemon Crinkle Cookies

### Ingredients:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1//2 cup unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 1 tbsp. finely grated lemon zest
- 3 large eggs
- 3 tbsps. fresh lemon juice
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar, sifted



In a bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, and salt. Set aside. In a large bowl, using an electric mixer, beat butter, granulated sugar, and lemon zest on medium speed until creamy, about 2 minutes. Add the eggs one at a time, beating well after adding each one. Turn off the mixer. Add the flour mixture and mix on low speed just until blended. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 1 hour or up to overnight.

Position 2 racks evenly in the oven and preheat to 350°F. Line 2 cookie sheets with parchment paper. Put the powdered sugar into a shallow bowl.

Scoop up a tablespoonful of the chilled dough and roll it into a rough ball, then drop it into the powdered sugar and roll until completely covered. Place the balls on the prepared cookie sheets, spacing them about 2 inches apart. Press down on the dough ball to flatten them slightly.

Bake for 7 minutes, then rotate the cookie sheets. Continue to bake until the cookies are cracked and puffed and the edges are just starting to brown, about 6 minutes more. Let cool on a wire rack for 5 minutes, then use a metal spatula to move the cookies directly to the rack. Let cool completely and serve. Makes about 28 cookies.

Faith also thinks it's a good idea to make a lemon glaze and drizzle it on top of the cookies.

Submitted by Faith Cain from her America Girl Parties cookbook.

## **Nativity of St. John the Baptist: 24 June**



John the Baptist is a mysterious figure in the New Testament. The story surrounding his birth is among the first in the Gospel of Luke where we see an angel's proclamation (Luke 1: 5-25), the Visitation (Luke 1: 39-45) and his miraculous birth (Luke 1: 57-67). He was famous as a prophet in his own day, even before he became the herald of Christ. Here are a few things to know and share . . .

### **1) How was John the Baptist related to Jesus?**

John was related to Jesus through their mothers. In Luke 1:36, Elizabeth is described as Mary's "kinswoman," meaning that they were related in some way through marriage or blood. This means that Jesus and John were cousins of some type and close to the same age.

### **2) When did John the Baptist's ministry begin?**

Luke gives us a very precise date for the beginning of John's ministry. He writes: "In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar . . . the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness; and he went into all the region about the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins [Luke 3:1-3]." "The fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar" is understood as a reference to A.D. 29. This is important also because Luke suggests that Jesus' ministry began shortly after John's did, which places the likely date of Jesus' baptism in A.D. 29 or early A.D. 30.

### **3) What does Scripture have to say about why John came baptizing?**

John served as the forerunner or herald of the Messiah and was to prepare for him by fulfilling an Elijah-like role by calling the nation to repentance. In keeping with that, he baptized people as a sign of their repentance. He also came to identify and announce the Messiah. According to John the Baptist: "I myself did not know him; but for this I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel" (John 1:31). This identification was made when he baptized Jesus: "I saw the Spirit descend as a dove from heaven, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him; but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God" (1:32-34).

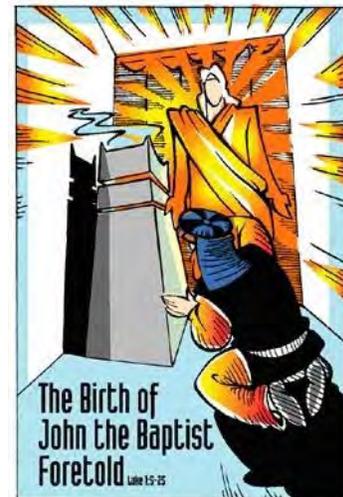
#### 4) Who killed John the Baptist?

That would be Herod Antipas, one of the sons of Herod the Great, who inherited the regions of Galilee and Perea as his territories. The gospels portray him as a complex man. For a start, he has an unlawful marriage; that put him in opposition to John the Baptist, who opposed the union (Mark 6:18), leading Herod to arrest John (Matt. 14:3). Although he had John in custody, Herod Antipas served as John's protector and had an unusual fascination with the fiery preacher (Mark 6:20) however, Herod Antipas's wife, Herodias, hated John with a passion (presumably for publicly criticizing her betrayal of her former husband and marrying his brother). Eventually, after her daughter Salome delighted Antipas with a special dance at his birthday party, Herodias was able to manipulate him into giving the order for John's death by beheading (Mark 6:21-28). Even John's death did not end Antipas's fascination with him. When he began to hear reports about Jesus, he thought Jesus might be John raised from the dead (Mark 6:14), and he sought to see Jesus for himself (Luke 9:9).

#### “As Good As Done”

Upon the birth of the one who'd become known as John the Baptist, his father, Zechariah, praised God. Zechariah broke his nine-month inability to speak with these words: “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old” (Luke 1:68-70, NRSV).

Notice how Zechariah describes God's actions as if they had already happened! In *Good News of Great Joy*, John Piper writes, “Nine months earlier, Zechariah could not believe his wife would have a child. Now, filled with the Holy Spirit, he is so confident of God's redeeming work in the coming Messiah that he puts it in the past tense. For the mind of faith, a promised act of God is as good as done.”



## Youth Gathering Trip



The time is drawing near for the Youth Gathering in Houston. Abbi Bruhnke, Abby Koski, and Megan Racine will depart on Tuesday, June 26, and they will return on Monday, July 2. The girls will be accompanied by chaperones Gwen Bruhnke and Nathan Jarvi.

This month will be the last of their fundraising. On June 3, they will be hosting the Sunday coffee hour, and this month's Noisy Offering will be directed to the Youth Houston trip. The girls have been very appreciative of everyone's generosity in supporting them.

This adventure is going to be an exciting time for all of them. Bethany wishes them a rewarding, uplifting experience as they become part of the thousands who gather in Houston to find how This Changes Everything! God bless you in your travels.



Raking was one way they earned money for the trip. They raked a lot, and their hard work was much appreciated.



**The June Noisy  
Offering will be given to the Youth Houston trip.  
Thanks to everyone for your generosity!**

### **Luther Tree to be Planted**

Honoring the 500 year Luther Legacy, a tree will be planted at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp during Women and Kids Week on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 following lunch.

This tree is a gift from the Immanuel Women of the ELCA in Negaunee, recognizing Martin and Katie Luther's determination to spread the faith in Jesus Christ to all generations, as our forefathers did in dedicating this Place of Grace for future generations.

You are invited to this short dedication ceremony and to participate in this event.

It is hoped that as we and our children watch this tree grow, our faith and love of Jesus and this beloved place will also continue to grow. If you plan to attend call the Fortune Lake office at 906-214-2267.

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### **Rev. Ann Gonyea Speaks at Spring Gathering**



At the May 15, 2018, Spring Gathering Event at Bethany, Rev. Ann Gonyea spoke about her trip to the Holy Land. It was a most interesting presentation.

Pictured are (left) Kelsy Gonyea, niece; Rev. Ann Gonyea; and Shirley Swanson (Ann's mother, who accompanied her on the trip).

### **Thanks for the Great Sunday School Year!**



Bethany gives thanks for Sunday School teachers: Addy Lemire, Amanda Bivins, and Denise Kaukola. Thanks also to Tonya Perry for doing the music and helping with Confirmation.



### **Congratulations, Ian Bivins!**

Ian Bivins was recently selected as the Student of the Week at Aspen Ridge Middle School. Congrats!

### **Ed and Sue Holmgren's Granddaughter to Compete at National Level**

Grace Holmgren, daughter of Darren and Jenny Holmgren, granddaughter of Ed and Sue Holmgren who has competed at the local, regional and state level for the National History Day competition is now preparing to compete as a finalist at the national level. This year's theme is "Conflict and Compromise in History." Grace, who is thirteen and is in the 8th grade, attends school at Bayshore Community Academy in Oconto, Wisconsin researched and created a website called "The Toledo War: Wisconsin's Loss of the Northern Territory." The information explains how a land dispute between Michigan and Ohio ended in a compromise that gave Michigan control of the entire U.P. despite protests from inhabitants. In June, Grace will travel to the University of Maryland to compete in the national competition.



Bethany's Hat Ladies looked great on Mother's Day. Pictured are Shirley Tyni, Sheryl Tyni, Beverly Matherne, and Bernice Bruhnke.



### **Meet Allan and Joan Beauchamp**

Joan Miller and Allan Beauchamp were united in Holy Matrimony in a beautiful ceremony at Bethany on May 26. Our best wishes and God's blessings be on them as they start this new journey in life together.

### *Jamie & Rick Rhoades*



### *Mirror Ball Winner*

Pictured with Jamie and Rick, from left, are daughters Morgan and Delanie, and dancing coach Kristen Frak.

### **Jamie and Rick Rhoades Win Dancing With Our Stars**

On May 24, Jamie and Rick Rhoades took home the Mirror Ball trophy in this year's Dancing With Our Stars competition. The fundraiser directly benefits the U.P. Hospice Foundation with the proceeds being donated to hospice patients and their families.



# Kids!



Sunday School kids shared some special songs during worship on Mother's Day. They sang "The Lord is Good" and "The Lord is My Shepherd." Later in the service, the kids led the congregation in the singing of "The Lord's Prayer."



## "The Lawn Ranger"

Abbi Bruhnke helps to maintain the lawns of Bethany.



# Beloved children

God our heavenly Father loves us so much that he calls us his.

*Directions: Follow the instructions below. Then read the remaining words, going across the rows from left to right, to complete 2 Corinthians 6:18, NIV.*

- Cross out the opposite of blessings.
- Cross out the disciple who betrayed Jesus.
- Cross out the opposite of love.
- Cross out a word for jail.
- Cross out what happened to Jesus.
- Cross out the opposite of friends.
- Cross out the opposite of found.
- Cross out a word for disobeying God.
- Cross out an animal.
- Cross out a place.
- Cross out a book of the Bible.

I	enemies	will	be	Judas
hate	a	Father	to	serpent
you	and	you	will	crucified
cursings	be	my	sons	and
sin	Golgotha	daughters	says	the
Lamentations	prison	Lord	Almighty	lost

## Council Highlights— May 2018



- Received thank you from ELCA and NGLS for hosting Healthy congregations seminar
- Bob Clark is coordinating with the Thrivent representatives to have them make a presentation at one of our Sunday coffee hours.
- Project Update:
  1. Stonehouse W & D - The education wing re-roof is complete. The work remaining to be scheduled is: fascia, soffits and bump-out siding.
  2. Window Outfitters - The education wing window replacement is complete. The work remaining to be scheduled is: doors and sanctuary windows.
  3. Funding - To date we have approximately \$105,000 cash on hand, including donations to pay for the work. Three lending institutions were consulted for loans: ELCA Mission Investment fund (MIF), Thrivent Credit Union and First Bank. A loan application through the ELCA MIF is being completed. The loan is for a maximum of \$100,000 with an interest rate of 5 3/8% for 10 years with a 5 year amortization. The monthly payment will be approximately \$1079.
- The concept of hosting a pre-school in our building in cooperation with the Ishpeming Public Schools is still ongoing.
- Pastoral Acts: Baptisms: Lucy Williamina LaChapell (4/15/18) and Kiara Barbara Vekaria (4/20/18); Funeral: Doreen Brown (4/6/18)
- The NGL Synod Assembly was held May 17-19. Pastor said there was a very positive tone to the assembly with an emphasis on healthy and active congregations.
- Pastor will be gone to an icon seminar June 10-16. Mike Holman will preach on the 10th.
- Bob Bucan has notified the Pastor that he will retire as Choir Director/Bell Choir Director in the fall. After discussion the Council decided to not advertise the position but instead appoint Tonya Perry to the positions. Tonya was interested and accepted the positions.
- Pastor Geier continues to serve as interim pastor at Bethany (Negaunee) and Emanuel (Skandia),

## Christian Gift-Planning

Below is the ninth part of a twelve part series explaining how Christians can incorporate the Church in their estate planning.

U.S. Bonds can be used to fund a life income gift such as a gift annuity. When U.S. bonds are cased the recipient pays ordinary taxes on the gain in the bonds, which is why so many are never cashed in by seniors. However, by casing bonds and using the funds to enter an ELCA gift annuity, seniors can use the charitable deduction obtained from the gift annuity to help offset the income taxes from the savings bonds. The best part is that they will then obtain a partly tax free income for life, and the net result may be far better than if they simple cased the bonds. If you have U.S. Bond, consider whether the cash from them may be used to make a gift that returns a life income for you.

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### Building Project Financial Update as of 4/22/2018

Goal	\$200,000.00
Memorial Fund	24,058.76
Bequest	48,183.83
Current gifts/ Building Fund	24,906.57
Balance needed	\$102,850.84



**YTD Income: \$63,057.86**  
**YTD Expenses: \$69,257.37**

**Jan.—Apr. 2018**





**THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE OUTLOOK WILL BE A  
JULY/AUGUST 2017 ISSUE.**

If you have any event, meeting, or article that relates to July and/or August, please give the information to Linda Dahl by June 22, the deadline for this issue. Thanks.



**Vacation Bible School**

**August 5 - 9**  
**Wesley United Methodist Church**

**Theme: Shipwrecked!**



**Summer Choir Begins June 3**



If you would like to sing with the choir but don't want to commit to being a full time member, consider coming to Summer Choir. The choir meets only on Sunday morning. Practice begins at 9:30 am.

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**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.



## Keep In Your Prayers

Remember our home-bound and nursing home residents:

**Valente:**

**Jacobetti:** Carol Waters

**Teal Lake Senior Living Community:** Betty Geier, Jean Johns

**Mill Creek:** John Pontti

- Ann Wise
- Bob Maki
- Kay Chartre
- Gloria Clickner
- Kathy Geier
- Mark, Kathleen, and Karmen Slown
- Ruby Kaukola
- Dan Argall
- Ray Chartre
- Roger & Ruth Solberg
- Carl & Doris Pellonpaa
- John and Marilyn Pontti
- Jim Sodergren, Jr.
- Cindy Warner
- Bob Kaukola
- Ted Swanson
- Loreth Johnson
- Judy Hogan
- Brown family
- Mark
- Lois Goethe
- Zander Atkins
- Jim Bjorne
- Angie Kempainen
- June Forsberg
- Those in the military that they may remain safe



**Answer to Beloved Children puzzle:** “I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”



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## **June Worship Assistants**

### **June 3**

Assisting Minister - Keenan Tunnell

Altar - Sue Ryan

Acolyte - Ian Bivins

Coffee Hosts - Youth Group

Flowers - In memory of Shirley & Martin Kangas by Rae & Tony Elliot

Bread - Rae Elliot

*Thank You!*

### **June 10**

Assisting Minister - Mike Holman

Altar - Clara Carlson

Acolyte - Jared Johnson

Coffee Hosts - Social Ministry

Flowers - In memory of John Tyni by John, Shirley, and Sheryl

Bread - Marian Medlyn

### **June 17**

Assisting Minister - David Leverton

Altar - Clara Carlson

Acolyte - Luke Holmgren

Coffee Hosts - Property

Flowers - In memory of Olga Norell by the Blewett  
Trust

Bread - Linda Dahl

### **June 24**

Assisting Minister - LaVerne Koski

Altar - Marian Medlyn

Acolyte - Faith Cain

Coffee Hosts - Paul, Barb, and friends

Flowers - In memory of Ed Johns by Jean Johns

Bread - Terra Frustaglio

### **June Ushers:**

Jaak Liivoja

Mike Richards

Tom Ryan

John Waters

Tim Grant

John Hansen



### **July Ushers:**

John Beerling

Jerry Hager

Bill Heavyside

Don Meyer

Dan Sleeman

Bob Bruhnke

Rick Rhoades

## *Happy Birthday!*

- 1 Edmund Holmgren
- 1 Thomas Holmgren
- 1 Hannah Skewis
- 2 June Forsberg
- 2 Eric Nault
- 3 Peter Lemire
- 5 Curtis Hosking
- 5 Luke Holmgren
- 7 Josie Connors
- 8 Jacob Christopherson
- 8 Katie Johns
- 9 Jean Johns
- 10 Kara Harrington
- 10 Karen Johnson
- 10 Avery Horne
- 13 Clara Carlson
- 14 Elaina Kaukola
- 16 Faith Cain
- 16 James Penhale
- 17 Denise Clark
- 19 Hadley Riutta
- 21 Donna Day
- 21 Ashley Chartre
- 21 Lois Palkki
- 22 Jill Carter
- 23 Andrew Goldsworthy
- 24 Michael DuBord
- 25 Barbara Kinnunen
- 26 Susan Dobson
- 26 Katelyn Hough
- 26 Ryan Jarvi
- 26 Eric Horne
- 27 Sarah Waters
- 27 Sherri Holmgren
- 27 Dale Toivonen
- 28 Donna DuBord



## *Happy Anniversary!*

**David and Katherine Finegan**  
6/4/1988      30 years

**Keith and Sherri Holmgren**  
6/5/1999      19 years

**William and Anne Carne**  
6/9/1963      55 years

**James and Barbara Kinnunen**  
6/12/1982      36 years

**Mark & Kathleen Slown**  
6/12/1976      42 years

**Paul and Diana Sandstrom**  
6/15/68      50 years

**Daniel and Sharon Argall**  
6/19/71      47 years

**Tim and Patricia Nault**  
6/21/86      32 years

