



**Bethany Lutheran Outlook**  
June 2016

Serving God, Community, and Individuals



LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR  
AS YOURSELF.

MATTHEW 22:39



## PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

2017 will mark the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. More specifically, what it marks is the anniversary of Martin Luther posting the 95 Theses, the event commonly thought to have triggered the beginning of his challenge to the Catholic Church. In actuality there had been challenges before that and the struggle went on long after that but the posting of those statements in 1517 got the attention of both the religious and political authorities and thus serves as a convenient marker, one which made Martin Luther himself a marked man.



There will be many opportunities to observe this anniversary in the coming year but already it has been the impetus for reflection within the ELCA. At their meeting in March, the ELCA Conference of Bishops discussed the denomination's future direction and priorities in a new process known as "Called Forward Together in Christ." As an expression of the Lutheran Church, the ELCA has only been around for 28 years. During those years, being a church that is committed to engagement with society, there have been points of disagreement and tension along the way. Some of those points have been quite divisive, especially the 2009 decisions regarding issues around homosexuality. As we approach 2017 and move into the future "Called Forward Together in Christ" represents an opportunity to think about who we are as a church in light of decisions that have been made over the past 28 years and also an opportunity to think about what it means to be Lutheran 500 years after Luther.

One of the accusations directed at the ELCA is that it doesn't stand for anything. Considerable diversity is allowed within the ELCA relative to worship styles as well as on theology and biblical interpretation. This diversity leads to the aforementioned disagreements on social issues. Decisions are made and statements regarding those decisions are issued but dissent is allowed, even encouraged. Whether it's bishops, pastors, lay people or congregations, no one is required to follow in lock step meaning that there can be considerable diversity in how the faith is approached from one church to another and also within churches. For me, one of the big questions is whether this diversity is a good thing or a bad thing. Is the tension that results healthy and creative, or does it just cause alienation and hard feelings?



My sense is that it's some of each, but I fear that much of the time alienation and hard feelings hangs in the air and results in a lack of substantive conversation among those who disagree. We muddle along and at our best we even work together, but there can also be unspoken suspicion especially with questions about who is welcome and on what terms. As a denomination we've sometimes allowed ourselves to be defined by what divides us rather than what it means to be "in Christ, together."

My hope would be that "Called Forward Together in Christ" might be a way to honestly address this. While these aren't front burner questions for a lot of people, for the sake of mission in a world that can be very skeptical about the church I think we have to be more clear about who we are as ELCA Christians. Lock step uniformity is not required, but mission is not served when the perception of those outside the church is that we don't even have our own house in order.

I don't pretend to have the answers, but I look forward to the conversation.

Pastor Geier

## Called Forward Together in Christ



### **A Statement of Faith**

The light of God surrounds us,  
The love of God enfolds us,  
The power of God protects us,  
And the presence of God watches over us;  
Wherever we are, God is.

- James Dillet Freeman

## 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 2016

1 Psalm 5	Isaiah 56:1-8	Mark 7:24-30
2 Psalm 30	2 Samuel 14:1-11	Acts 22:6-11
3 Psalm 30	2 Samuel 14:12-24	Acts 26:1-11
4 Psalm 30	2 Samuel 14:25-33	Matthew 9:2-8

#### 5 Third Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 17:17-24 Psalm 30 Galatians 1:11-24 Luke 7:11-17

6 Psalm 68:1-10, 19-20	Genesis 22:1-14	Galatians 2:1-10
7 Psalm 68:1-10, 19-20	Judges 11:29-40	Galatians 2:11-14
8 Psalm 68:1-10, 19-20	Jeremiah 8:14-20	Luke 8:40-56
9 Psalm 32	2 Samuel 13:23-39	James 4:1-7
10 Psalm 32	2 Samuel 15:1-12	Romans 11:1-10
11 Psalm 32	2 Samuel 18:28-19:8	Luke 5:17-26

#### 12 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 11:26 — 12:10, 13-15 Psalm 32 Galatians 2:15-21 Luke 7:36 — 8:3

13 Psalm 130	2 Chronicles 29:1-19	Galatians 3:1-9
14 Psalm 130	2 Chronicles 30:1-12	Galatians 3:10-14
15 Psalm 130	2 Chronicles 30:13-27	Mark 2:1-12
16 Psalm 22:19-28	Isaiah 56:9-12	Romans 2:17-29
17 Psalm 22:19-28	Isaiah 57:1-13	Galatians 3:15-22
18 Psalm 22:19-28	Isaiah 59:1-8	Matthew 9:27-34

**19 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 65:1-9 Psalm 22:19-28 Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39

20 Psalm 64	Job 18:1-21	1 Corinthians 1:18-31
21 Psalm 64	Job 19:1-22	Ephesians 2:11-22
22 Psalm 64	Ezekiel 32:1-10	Luke 9:37-43a
23 Psalm 16	Leviticus 9:22 — 10:11	2 Corinthians 13:5-10
24 Psalm 16	2 Kings 1:1-16	Galatians 4:8-20
25 Psalm 16	Deuteronomy 32:15-17, 39-43	Luke 9:21-27

**26 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21 Psalm 16 Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Luke 9:51-62

27 Psalm 140	Genesis 24:34-41, 50-67	1 John 2:7-11
28 Psalm 140	Jeremiah 3:5-18	Ephesians 5:6-20
29 Psalm 140	Jeremiah 23:16-22	Matthew 10:16-25
30 Psalm 66:1-9	2 Kings 21:1-15	Romans 7:14-25

**Running Blind**

Years ago, I worked at a summer Bible camp with my cousin Erik. As an evening staff meeting concluded, a sprinkle suddenly became a downpour. Counselors sprinted off toward cabins, while Erik and I, who didn't supervise youngsters, debated whether to wait out the storm.

We opted to run for it, but being visually impaired, I soon realized the sheets of rain, added to the dark, hindered my view. "I can't see!" I yelled through the wind to Erik. Immediately, he grabbed my hand, pulling me along. "It's okay!" he shouted back. "I can!"

The sensation of running blindly yet feeling so secure became a metaphor for me about what I can handle and accomplish through faith. When I let God grab my hand and guide me, even when I'm running through dark, stormy times, I experience peace. For though I cannot see what lies ahead, I know God can.

—Heidi Mann



# Enjoy the Poetry of Hymns

## The Lord Bless You and Keep You

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord lift His countenance upon you,  
And give you peace,  
And give you peace;  
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,  
And be gracious unto you,  
Be gracious.  
The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you.



—Numbers 6:24-26

The Dead Sea Scrolls were, until recently, our oldest copies of biblical text. But in 1979, Villanova professor, Judith Hadley, was assisting archaeologist, Gabriel Barkay, in excavating a site in Jerusalem's Hinnom Valley. In a burial cave, she saw something resembling the metal cap of a pencil. It was a sensational find, a tiny silver scroll of great antiquity. Another was found nearby. These tiny amulets, dating to the Hebrew monarchy seven centuries before Christ, were so small and fragile they took several years to painstakingly clean and open.

When scientists finally unrolled them, they found the world's oldest extant copy of a biblical text, the words of Numbers 6:24-26: *The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.*

While the amulets date from the seventh century B.C., the original words are far older, coming 1,400 years before Christ. As the Israelites wandered in the wilderness, the Lord commanded the priests to bless the people with this three-fold blessing.

These ancient lyrics have been set to music many times, but never more beautifully than by Peter Christian Lutkin in his classic tune BENEDICTION. During the Fanny Crosby/Ira Sankey era of gospel music, when so much was written for easy congregational singing, Lutkin wrote more elaborate melodies with a classical flair.

Lutkin was born in Wisconsin in 1888, and he devoted his life to church music, studying the masters in Europe, excelling on the organ, and founding the School of Music at Northwestern Illinois.

In his *Notes from My Bible*, D. L. Moody said about the priestly blessing of Numbers 6:

“Here is a benediction that can give all the time without being Impoverished. Every heart may utter it, every letter may conclude with it, every day may begin with it, every night may be sanctified by it. Here is blessing - keeping - shining - the uplifting upon our poor life of all heaven’s glad morning. It is the Lord Himself who (gives us) this bar of music from heaven’s infinite anthem.”

—from *Then Sings My Soul; 150 of the World’s Greatest Hymn Stories*  
by Robert J. Morgan





## **Focus on Our Kids!**

On Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, a small group gathered in the Social Room to talk about Youth Worship Participation, and our conversation generated a number of helpful ideas and suggestions:

### **Worship Tool Kits**

- Move the Worship Tool Kits to the back of the sanctuary so kids and parents are reminded of the contents at the beginning of the church services.
- Involve our Youth Ushers in encouraging kids to use the items in the Kits.
- Buy “blank” bags to hold items in the Kits, and then have our kids draw pictures using fabric markers. (Make sure the kids are in old clothes in case the markers extend beyond the bags!)

### **Youth Ushers**

- Continue encouraging intergenerational usher combinations, with grandfather and grandsons, nephews and uncles, etc.
- Have youth continue volunteering to serve as ushers, and don't go the “assignment” route.
- Use kiosk sign-up sheets for Youth Ushers, and have the youth coordinate volunteer dates with their families.
- Instead of using mailed reminder cards, just send our youth text messages, which will save on postage.
- Be sure to contact our recent confirmands and ask that they continue with ushering come September.

### **Children's Sunday Morning Messages**

- We have some really good story-tellers at Bethany who would likely be willing to take turns with Pastor Geier doing the Children's message.
- Have Pastor Geier choose which weeks he'd like to do sermons and which Sundays he would like to leave open for others to participate.

### **Other Thoughts**

- The additional involvement by youth has been exciting to see on Sunday morning. It will be important to have someone who will coordinate youth participation in the future as it won't just "happen". Pastor is too busy to add this responsibility to his plate, so someone else will need to have these responsibilities. For instance, it will be important to have someone coaching kids on Assisting Minister responsibilities including prayers once Fall arrives.
- It has been nice to see the contributions of our young people as ushers, readers, and communion assistants, and it would be great if we could also increase the level of involvement by youth musicians. There are some excellent singers and quite a number of kids who play musical instruments. The confirmands had fun playing chimes at Christmastime. What can we do to increase the musical contributions of our youth?
- Is it possible for some of our church leaders to act as mentors for our youth (e.g. Choral Director, Organist/Pianist) to give them an idea of the responsibilities and joy in their work with the church?
- Could there be more servant opportunities for the youth?
- Could there be more fun activities for the youth?
- Could we look at alternate ways of communicating with youth generally (e.g. text messaging)?
- Are there alternative times that Sunday School/Confirmation might be held?

I want to say thank you to those who got together for our meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Your input was valuable and very much appreciated. Thank you too to Ruby Kaukola who has expressed interest in sewing Worship Activity Kit bags for us. Your offer is much appreciated!

For those unable to attend, I would love to hear from you. If you have ideas that you'd like to pass along, feel free to let me know anytime. I'd be glad to get together with you!

Vicar Terry

**Affirmed in Baptism—May 15, 2016**

**Blake Forbes**

I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

*Joshua 1:9*



**Hope Kaukola**

Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

*Psalms 33:22*

**Mackenzie Ryan**

Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life.”

*John 8:12*



**Kayla Koski**

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

*Micah 6:8*

**Garrett Frustaglio**

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

*Proverbs 3:5-6*



**DJ Bivins**

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near.

*Isaiah 55:6*

**Jackson Cardoni**

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

*Psalms 46:1*



**Confirmed  
In  
Christ**



## Social Ministry

**Christmas is coming, the goose is getting fat  
Please put a penny in the old man's hat  
If you haven't got a penny, a ha'penny will do  
If you haven't got a ha'penny, then God bless you.**

But Christmas isn't coming. And at this point in time, not many people think to "Put a penny in the old man's hat."

And some people don't have a penny to put in "the old man's hat", or a 'ha'penny' either.

With summer coming, people are looking forward to getting out to enjoy the warm (questionable) weather. Plans may include summer getaways for a day, or maybe a week. Our minds are in a summer relaxation mode, and after our wonderful winter, we are looking forward to it. And we should!

But that does not mean we should suspend everything else. Donations to the food pantry are much lower at our church as well as at the Salvation Army. The sign on the outside wall of their building reads: "We need food."

Not everyone can "put a penny or a ha'penny in the old man's hat" so those of us who can---Should!

We can still continue to enjoy our summer as we strive to help others who are less fortunate enjoy theirs.

Let's fill the table this Sunday and as many Sundays as we are able. And remember, we welcome food drop-offs every day of the week. So if you are near, "Drop in and drop off!"

God bless you, gentlemen, God bless you. If you haven't got a ha'penny, then God bless you. And may God bless all of you, ha'penny or not!



**The June Noisy Offering will be given to the Fortune Lake Scholarship Fund.**

**Thanks to everyone for your generosity!**



### **Homework Club Ministry Completes Fifth Year**

The Bethany Lutheran Church Homework Club celebrated its final day for the 2015-16 school year on May 12. Fifteen students showed up for ice cream sundaes with lots of toppings and outside games. A good time was had by all! Three of our fourth grade students (Braxton, Faith, and Malcolm) had nearly perfect attendance every year and have attended homework club since kindergarten! They move on to middle school next year.



Bethany's Homework Club

We had a strong team of volunteers this year and appreciate their dedication to this ministry. The team included: Pastor Warren Geier, Debbie Cain, Marian Medlyn, Vicar Terry Frankenstein, Tonya Perry, John Leverton, and Sarah Waters. The contribution of the congregation should not be overlooked -- we appreciated the prayers for this ministry and the many contributions of snacks and drink boxes. This ministry does not exist without the dedication of volunteers who are willing to share their time with students in grades K-4. Please consider joining the team for the 2016-17 school year as a regular volunteer or substitute. Many hands make light work!

## Blessings Bestowed

When author Gary Smalley asked 100 people to share how they knew they'd received their parents' blessing, they offered these memories of fatherly love:

- My father put his arm around me at church and let me lay my head on his shoulder.
- When my father faced a transfer at work, he purposely took another job so I could finish my senior year in high school.
- When I wrecked my parents' car, my father's first reaction was to hug me and let me cry instead of yelling at me.
- My father went with me to the store when I had to return a purchase I regretted.
- My father let me practice pitching to him for a long time after work.
- My father cried during my wedding because he was going to miss me being at home



Every man who desires to become a true father has to look continually to the Lord, that he might learn of him how to relate to his own children.

The

on the Post

Turtle

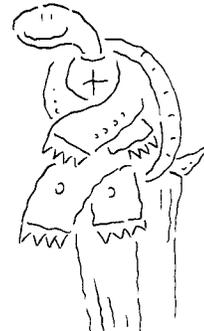
Two retired men met for dinner one evening. They began to talk about the influence their fathers had on them. One man, Ev, recalled that every time something went wrong his father would remark, "Well, remember the turtle on the post," then the father would walk away. Ev did not pay much attention to what the father was communicating. However, when Ev was a college student and a bit more mature and prone to listen to his father, he heard his dad make the statement again. "Remember the turtle on the post." Then the father turned and started to walk away.

It was then that Ev stopped him, "Well, Dad," he said, "what about the turtle on the post? You always say that and walk away. What do you mean?"

The father looked at the young man and said, "Do you know how the turtle got up on the post?"

"No," answered Ev.

"No?" replied the father, "Well, he had help."



**\*Highlights from the Northern Great Lakes Synod 29th Assembly  
“The Year of Witness”**

Bethany’s Delegates: Pastor Warren Geier, Robert Nadeau, & Kathleen Slown

\*Not all reports during assembly summarized/please see your delegates  
for questions & additional information.

*Friday, May 13, 2016*

**Pre-Assembly Workshops at Messiah Lutheran Church, Marquette:**

Who Are the Churchless? Rev. Steve Solberg, Faith Out Loud Rev. Jim Duehring  
Wondering with Children & Youth Lisa Johnson, and Congregational Constitutions, Rev. Chris  
Boerger, ELCA Secretary.

**Opening Eucharistic Celebration in the Sanctuary of Messiah Lutheran Church:**

Presiding Minister & Preacher: Bishop Thomas A. Skrenes

Assisting Minister: Rev. Amanda Kossow

Music: Organist & Accompanist: Kathy Strazzinski, 5<sup>th</sup> Street Brass, Voice & Guitar Soloist: Mary  
Fleury, Conference 8 Synod Assembly Choir (Rev. Katherine Finegan & Kathleen Slown represented  
Bethany), Choir Director: Dave Dagenais

Holy Communion Setting 9 was sung with Brass & voices raised; Scripture Jonah 3 & 4, Psalm 19, &  
Acts 16: 23-34.

After the Post Communion Prayer we celebrated with the 4  
graduates of Lay School for Mission; churches celebrating  
anniversaries (100 yrs. x 1; 125 yrs. x 2); 1 clergy retiring; and  
clergy celebrating anniversaries of ordination (65 yrs. x 1, 60  
yrs. x 2, 50 yrs. x 2, 45 yrs. x 2, 40 yrs. x 3, & 25 yrs. x 1).

We also remembered clergy who are now with our Lord:  
Rev. Chris Laursen, Bishop Emeritus Harry Andersen, &  
Rev. Rudolph Kemppainen.

Worship concluded with The Blessing, 3 fold Amen, Reces-  
sional Hymn, & Dismissal.



**Lay School Graduates**

*Sat. May 14, 2016*

**Plenary I**

As we gathered in the Great Lakes Rooms of Northern Michigan University in Marquette,  
Rev. Doug Norquist played “Let it Snow” on the piano & Rev. Jim Duehring during announcements,  
reminded us that “Spring has many flavors & colors.” Yes, it was snowing!  
Bishop Skrenes, in his 17<sup>th</sup> year as our bishop, opened Plenary I at 8:30 a.m.,  
with 227 registered participants ( 75 clergy, 152 lay representatives, & 42 visitors).

**Ad Campaign Update:** 4 thirty second ads completed working with Channel 6 WLUC TV, In the process of establishing a landing page ([www.churchisgood.org](http://www.churchisgood.org)) to help inquirers locate a congregation near them (links to the church's website & Facebook pages), & the NGLS & ELCA web pages. Continuing educating of congregations on "how to be welcoming" using Sneaky Visitor reports & tools available on NGLS website.

**Keynote Address:** Pastor Chris Boerger, ELCA Secretary

Thanks given for 100% timely completion of parochial reports by our NGLS churches since 2010. The emphasis of his address was church vitality & a challenge to stop thinking about shrinking & instead focusing on the fields that are ripe for harvest. Rev. Chris reminded us this year in the ELCA there were 62 new congregations & 80 companion congregations established for a total of 3.7 million people in 9,300 places that call the ELCA their church home. However, our call to discipleship is to talk about Jesus, not institutions & share the "why" of our belief/ how we are set free by the gospel. Yet we are not welcoming to all: we are the 2<sup>nd</sup> most racially divided church denomination. On a more positive note 94 young adults will be in Global Mission next year & as of 1/31/2016, \$80 million dollars has been raised for "Always Being Made New." We are called together in Christ!



**Bishop's Report:** Biblical Text: Mathew 28:19-20 "The warm & wonderful invitation of our Lord Jesus to go into the entire world is both calling & challenging...As your bishop, I am called to encourage as well as challenge all of us to carry out the 'Great Commission.'" Our synod is 81 congregations seeking to proclaim the Easter Story. He challenged our synod to "raise up more seminarians who love the Lord Jesus & wish to work with God's people as ministers of Word & Sacrament." For Mission Support, "we must teach stewardship grounded in scripture & prayer"; fiscal yr. completed 1/31/16, NGLS \$837,632 given through unrestricted mission support/congregations & individuals gave more than \$300,000 in restricted gifts. The synod is operating on less income than any year since the early 1990's. Our synod has contributed \$20,530 to Always Being Made New. He reported the Synod Council has established a "Task Force on an Inclusive & Welcoming Church" so that "we as a church continue to live into the ELCA Social Statement *Human Sexuality: Gift and Trust (2009)*." The task force will make regular reports to the Synod Council & Synod Assembly 2017 & 2018. A Jubilee booklet is being completed celebrating the 25 years of companion relationship with Tanzania. New this year is a Regional Gift Planner, Timothy Knutson. He is a member of the ECLA Foundation & working with Pastor Larry Westfield to serve the synod congregations & its members in estate planning/Endowment ministries. Bishop Skrenes concluded with thanks to the Synod Office Staff.

**Treasurer's Report:** Larry Pagel referred those in attendance to the pre-assembly report highlighting current figures for Proposed Amended FY2016 Budget & Proposed FY 2017 Budget. For specific figures, please see one of your Bethany Delegates.

**Collections Announced:**

Opening Worship Offering: \$2,523.98 (to be divided between NGLS Mission Outreach Projects, Tanzania Projects, & Bishop's Discretionary Fund.

World Hunger: \$2,573.22 Congregation winner of Bread Basket Award, Eden Munising. Congratulations Pastor Ann & the members of Eden!



**Mission Meetings (by Conference):** discussions centered on the questions: "What are the needs in our conference communities?" "What is one thing we might do together as a conference to meet those needs?"

**Plenary II**

**2017 Youth Trip to Tanzania:** Pastor DJ Rasner invites 10 youth ages 16-25 to come to Tanzania in June/July 2017. An informational meeting will be held on June 5, 2016 3p.m. CT @ Fortune Lake Camp.

**Elections:** following a 2<sup>nd</sup> ballot, Ervin Sparapani (Retired University Professor; Bethany, Norway home church) & Philip Wirtanen (Retired Corporate Executive, St. Paul Ironwood home church) were chosen to be submitted for vote (1 to be chosen) @ New Orleans Churchwide Assembly for a 6 year term as Lay Male on ELCA Church Council.

**Witness Speaker:** Pastor Stephanie Franz, who was ordained in 2010 in Tanzania brought greetings from the Eastern & Coastal Diocese. With

Julieth Mutabilwa, she presented a khanga (wrap) to Fran Voyce, NGLS Synodical Women's Organization President. Her Biblical Text was Matthew 5:14 reminding us that we are the "light of the world."

While it is sometimes easier to witness in a different culture, "When did you last talk with/invite someone to worship?"



**Resolutions:** all resolutions passed

**Plenary 1-Resolution Number 1: Rules & Order; Resolution Number 2: Program & Agenda.**

**Plenary 2-Resolution Number 3: Clergy Compensation Guidelines 2017; Resolution Number 4: Synod Council( 5 members/terms expiring 2019); Number 5: Amended FY 2016 Budget (due to NGLS fiscal year of 1 February- 31 January); Number 6: Fiscal Year 2017 Budget; and Number 7: Endowment Fund Distribution.** For additional information, please see your Bethany delegates.

**Up-Coming Events:**

August 8-13, 2016: Churchwide Assembly New Orleans;

September 25-27, 2016: Reformation Celebration in Hancock;

30<sup>th</sup> NGLS Assembly in Marquette May 21-23, 2017

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as a Bethany Delegate to the 29<sup>th</sup> Synod Assembly.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kathleen Slown



## Christian History: Seven Literary Sages: June, 2016

C.S. Lewis

By Keenan Tunnell



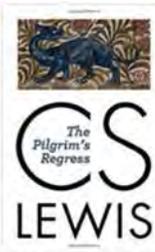
Gordon, Christopher. **C.S. Lewis: a Life Inspired.**

**920 LEW**

A man of reason and vigorous discourse and a renowned professor of literature and philosophy, C.S. Lewis never shied from intellectual debate, and through his written works encouraged others to wrestle with the difficult questions of faith....Lewis wrote with the intuitive understanding that his readers wrestled with the same questions about the Christian story, about pain, suffering, and notions of Heaven and Hell, as he himself. He also understood that others found reason and imagination to be incompatible aspects of an understanding of God and the universe. (Biography; Amazon intro)

Lewis, C. S. **The Pilgrim's Regress**

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The first book written by C. S. Lewis after his conversion to Christianity, *The Pilgrim's Regress* is, in a sense, a record of Lewis's own search for meaning and spiritual satisfaction, a search that eventually led him to Christianity.... Though the dragons and giants here are different from those in Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*, Lewis's allegory performs the same function of enabling the author to say with fantasy and simplicity what would otherwise have demanded a full-length philosophy of religion. In Lewis's skillful hands this fable becomes as effective a Christian apologia as Bunyan's. (Amazon intro)

Lewis, C. S. **Mere Christianity.**

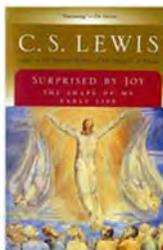
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This volume discusses the essence of Christian faith and the doctrine of the Trinity. It is a discussion of Christian belief that rejects the boundaries that divide Christianity's many denominations. The author finds a common ground on which all Christians can stand together, and provides an unequalled opportunity for believers and nonbelievers alike to hear a powerful, rational case for their faith. (WorldCat member)

Lewis, C. S. **Surprised by Joy**

**920 SLS LEW**

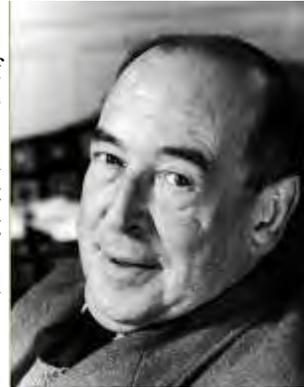


This book is not an autobiography. It is not a confession. It is, however, an insightful account of a person coming to faith. Here, C.S. Lewis takes us from his childhood in Belfast through the loss of his mother, to boarding school and a youthful atheism in England, to the trenches of World War I, and then to Oxford, where he studied, read, and, ultimately, reasoned his way back to God. It is perhaps this aspect of *Surprised by Joy* that we—believers and nonbelievers—find most

compelling and meaningful: Lewis was searching for joy, for an elusive and momentary sensation of glorious yearning, but he found it, and spiritual life, through the use of reason. (Biography; Amazon intro.)

### Seven Literary Sages #5: C.S. Lewis

The fifth Literary Sage we shall consider is Clive Staples (C.S.) Lewis. Born in Ireland in 1898, he became a fellow and tutor of English Literature at Oxford in 1925. Although raised in a Christian home, he was a professed atheist from childhood until embracing theism in 1929 and Christianity in 1931. Atheism seemed inevitable after a number of adolescent years with brilliant atheist tutor William Kirkpatrick, but a deeper thinking adult, following the harrowing years of WW I and association with such luminaries as Chesterton, MacDonald and Tolkien, eventually returned him to the fold of Anglicanism.



His academic work revolved around the late Middle Ages, but his scholarly output was hardly limited to his teaching responsibilities at Oxford. His first work of fiction was the *Pilgrim's Regress* (1933) followed by the *Screwtape Letters* and the *Chronicles of Narnia*, all with clear Christian themes. A series of BBC radio addresses on the essentials of the Christian faith during WW II were later adapted to his classic work, *Mere Christianity*.

Like Dorothy Sayers, Lewis was a great critic of modern education systems, which he called the “educational machine,” the tendency among parents, teachers, and governments to try to devise a fool-proof pedagogy. In this system, Lewis wrote: The educational machine seizes the pupil very early and organizes his whole life, to the exclusion of all unsupervised solitude or leisure...[without unsupervised time to read and ramble and think, to discover literature, nature and themselves] if another Wordsworth were born today, he would be “cured” before he was twelve. Lewis himself attended four schools between the ages of 9 and 15, but his father finally “gave up on the school experiment in despair” and hired Mr. Kirkpatrick to complete his final years of learning. His educational experiences are described in *Surprised by Joy* (1955).

Lewis died on 22 November 1963, overshadowed by the assassination of JFKennedy on the same day.

Selected Works: *Pilgrim's Regress* (1933), the *Space trilogy* (1938-45), the *Screwtape Letters* (1942), *Chronicles of Narnia* (1950-56), *Mere Christianity* (1952), *Surprised by Joy* (1955)

## Living Lutheran —May 2016

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Free prayer in a coffee shop

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**Salvation**  
By Peter Marty



**Love Your Neighbor**  
By Elizabeth A. Eaton,  
Presiding Bishop



**AVTT Traveling Vietnam Wall  
June 22-26, 2016  
NMU Superior Dome, Marquette**

The Marquette County Veterans Alliance, along with veteran organizations in Marquette, Baraga, Alger and Dickinson counties, proudly present the AVTT traveling Vietnam Wall coming to Marquette from June 22-26. This five day event takes place on NMU's campus on the northeast parking area of the Superior Dome, open to the public 24 hours a day beginning on June 23. This Wall is an 80-percent replica of the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, DC and the largest reproduction in the United States, paying tribute to the 58,286 lives lost in Vietnam.

As the largest veterans' event in Marquette County history, each day's ceremonies will honor the fallen with a special theme. The Wall will provide a venue allowing all veterans, their families, and local residents to educate themselves on the Vietnam War and to honor the sacrifices of those who served in support of our country.

**Wednesday, June 22:** The AVTT traveling Vietnam Wall will be escorted to Marquette by over 200 riders from local motorcycle groups and law enforcement agencies, traveling from western Marquette County into Marquette city limits. The escort will travel east through Ishpeming and Negaunee and into Marquette via Third Street. Local participation is encouraged.

**Thursday, June 23:** The Wall will be available for continuous viewing and quiet reflection beginning at 12 noon. The opening ceremony takes place at 6 p.m. honoring Native American participation in the Vietnam War. A traditional Native American ceremony will honor the fallen and will include local music and veteran testimonials.

**Friday, June 24:** Evening ceremony at 6 p.m. focusing on local involvement in the Vietnam War. Marquette American Legion Post 44 will host a veterans' rally at their post located at 700 West Bluff Street, beginning at 7:30. All veterans and their guests are invited to share in some food and drink, fellowship, camaraderie, and listen to music provided by local band Drew and the Geezers.

**Saturday, June 25:** A full day of events begins with a veterans "Walk to the Wall" at 10 a.m. All veterans, regardless of era of service, are welcome to participate. The route takes us down Third Street with local residents lining the streets. Supporters and family members are invited to join the walk along the way. Arrangements are being made for those unable to walk the full route or have mobility issues. The Tribute Ceremony following the Walk will focus on local participation in the Vietnam War.

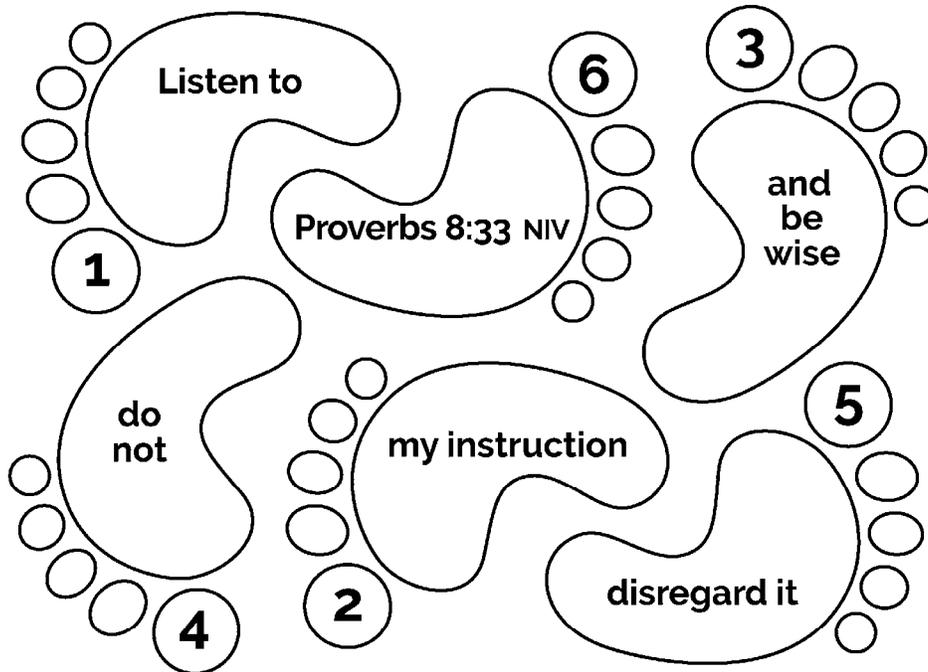
**Sunday, June 26:** Women's Day will focus on women's involvement in the War. The closing ceremony will mark the conclusion this special event.



# FOLLOW OUR FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS

In the book of Proverbs, a father urges his son to listen to his wisdom, which he received from his heavenly Father.

*Directions: Starting at 1, follow the footsteps and write the words in order on the blanks below.*



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### **Congratulations, Jordan Mitchell**

Jordan Mitchell, grandson of Ed & Sue Holmgren and former member of Bethany, graduated from Grand Valley State University on April 30. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Science.



### **Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp**

#### **Needs List**

- 12 or 15

- passenger van
- Minivan
- Pick up truck
- 6 or 8 person tents
- CO detectors
- Board games, children's books
- "Cranberry" hymnal (ELW)
- Holden Evening Prayer copies
- New vacuum cleaners
- Baseball gloves, kick balls, volleyballs, basketballs
- Drill bits (all sizes)
- Housing insulation (R19 face)
- Scaffolding/ladders
- Gravel for road
- Paddle boats
- Life jackets (youth and adult)
- Large doormats
- Shovels, rakes, hammers, and other hand tools
- Office supplies: Copy paper (white & colors), envelopes, stamps, pens, binder clips, printer ink, copier toner

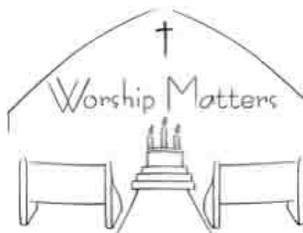
#### **Wish List**

- Four-wheeler or golf cart
- Wire-feed welder (Hobart/Miller 135/185 or larger)
- Music and media funding for equipment, musical instruments in good repair, guitar strings
- Computers - new, or nearly new
- Patio chairs
- Plow truck with plow, new or nearly new

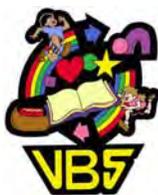


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## Council Highlights— May



- New locks will be installed by Mike Tonkin
- Confirmation took place on May 15.
- Pastor, Kathleen Slown, and Bob Nadeau attended Synod Assembly.
- Synod is looking for 100% congregational participation in its “Always Being Made New” ELCA World and local hunger fundraiser. Envelopes will be distributed July 3 as part of the worship bulletin.
- Pastor will be gone from June 12-18 (He will be here for worship.)
- Vicar Terry will be in St. Paul for classes June 10-12 and June 19-25.
- Youth worship participation meeting took place May 22.
- The Lay School Board will be offering a class online next April. Bishop Skrenes will do the first online class.
- A new book study began on Monday, May 23. The group is discussing the book *At the Still Point*. Twenty people attended the first study.
- Council will prioritize a Project List.
- A suggestion was made to apply for a grant from the synod for handicap accessible front doors.



### Vacation Bible School

August 3—6



mark  
your  
calendar



YTD Income: \$58,971.62

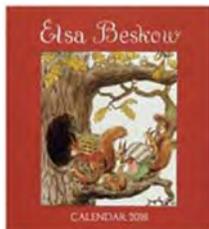
YTD Expenses: \$69,794.40

(Jan.—Apr.)



## 2016 Calendar Special:

\$14 and \$15 calendars now only \$3!!! That's over 20% off with more than 50% of 2016 left. Beautiful pictures (suitable for framing). I'm sure you have a place for one of these in your home. Help the library out and buy one from the library card kiosk today...only a few available. Thanks!!



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zen House Sends Thanks

To: Pastor Warren Geier and the Congregation of Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ishpeming

It is with sincere appreciation we have received your gift of \$500.00, a large supply of paper products and 4 hand made quilts to the Janzen House. Although there are many general things this donation will be used for, specifically I will be purchasing a volume of bus tickets for use by individuals using our Emergency Shelter Program and other individuals who have no financial resources or means of transportation. If any members of the Church Council or members of the congregation would like more direct information or to visit our facility, please contact me.

Thank you again  
Brent Clark, Director



Bethany's Pie Social raises money for Janzen House.

**Answer to "Follow Our Father's Footsteps" puzzle":**

"Listen to my instruction and be wise; do not disregard it."

Proverbs 8:33, NIV





Abraham in retirement



**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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Café Salvador Coffee  
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Whole Bean Decaf  
Sisters' Blend, Reg. & Decaf  
Teas  
Hot cocoa  
Baking Cocoa  
Milk Chocolate Bar  
Dark Chocolate Mini Bars

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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),  
Jean Anderson (Valente), Allen Maki (Jacobetti). Bob Waters (Jacobetti),  
Jean Sandstrom (Valente), Don Doney (Valente)
- Cindy Warner
- Family & friends of Anna Mae Collins who mourn her loss
- Ralph Goethe
- Ted Swanson
- Loreth Johnson
- Judy Hogan
- Karmen Slown
- Brown family
- Mark
- Jim Sodergren, Jr.
- Lois Goethe
- Kaukola family
- Ruthie Solberg
- Mark Ulrickson
- Doris Pellonpaa
- Pastor Bob Sutherland
- Ned Johns
- Carl Pellonpaa
- Robert Maki
- Betty Geier
- Zander Atkins
- Jim Sodergren, Sr.
- Jim Bjerne
- Pastor Marcia Solberg
- Angie Kempainen
- June Forsberg
- Carol and Juan Papaleo and family
- Those in the military that they may remain safe



### THE NEXT

### ISSUE OF THE OUTLOOK WILL BE A JULY/AUGUST 2016 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 24, the deadline for this issue. Thanks.



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

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## June Worship Assistants

### June 5

Assisting Minister - Craig Kitchen  
Altar -  
Acolyte - Matthew Skewis  
Coffee Hosts - Christian Ed.  
Flowers - In memory of Peter Cain by Debbie Cain  
Bread - Kaye Frederickson

*Thank You!*

### June 12

Assisting Minister - Bob Clark  
Altar -  
Acolyte - D. J. Bivins  
Coffee Hosts - Finance  
Flowers - In memory of Olga Norell by Blewett Trust  
Bread - Kay Chartre

### June 19

Assisting Minister - Bob Maki  
Altar -  
Acolyte - Garrett Frustaglio  
Coffee Hosts - Social Ministry  
Flowers - In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Toivo Mayry  
and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Chapman by Kathie  
Chapman  
Bread - Rae Elliott

### June 26

Assisting Minister - Kathleen Slown  
Altar -  
Acolyte - Jackson Cardoni  
Coffee Hosts - Barb Yunkari & friends  
Flowers -  
Bread - Linda Dahl

### June Ushers:

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



### July Ushers:

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

## *Happy Birthday!*

- 1 Edmund Holmgren
- 1 Thomas Holmgren
- 1 Hannah Skewis
- 2 June Forsberg
- 2 Eric Nault
- 3 Peter Lemire
- 5 Curtis Hosking
- 7 Josie Connors
- 8 Jacob Christopherson
- 8 Katie Johns
- 9 Jean Johns
- 10 Kara Harrington
- 10 Karen Johnson
- 13 Clara Carlson
- 14 Jean Anderson
- 14 Elaina Kaukola
- 16 Faith Cain
- 16 James Penhale
- 17 Denise Clark
- 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
- 27 Sarah Waters
- 27 Dale Toivonen
- 28 Donna DuBord



## *Happy Anniversary!*

**William and Anne Carne**  
6/9/63 53 years

**Paul and Diana Sandstrom**  
6/15/68 48 years

**Daniel and Sharon Argall**  
6/19/71 45 years

**Tim and Patricia Nault**  
6/21/86 30 years

