



**Bethany Lutheran Outlook**  
**June 2017**

Serving God, Community, and Individuals

**SEND  
FORTH  
YOUR  
SPIRIT.**



**PSALM 104:30**



## PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Every year in May, the Northern Great Lakes Synod holds its annual assembly. Some years, apart from uplifting, inspiring worship services and the opportunity to see people from around the synod who you don't see very often, the assembly can be relatively uneventful; informative, as important information is shared, but uneventful. Every six years though, a bishop is elected which always makes things more interesting. This year, with the retirement of Bishop Tom Skrenes after eighteen years of service, things were even more interesting as a new leader for the synod would be elected. By now, most of you know that the bishop-elect is Pastor Katherine Finegan who has served as assistant to Bishop Skrenes for the past five years. During that time she and her family have been members here at Bethany so I know that all of you join me in congratulating Katherine!

The election of a bishop is different from other elections as an ecclesial ballot is used. On the first ballot a vote can be cast for any pastor in the ELCA and to win one would have to receive 75% of the votes cast. It's possible, but not likely as many names are brought forward. For example, a few years ago I received one vote for bishop of the North Carolina Synod. (I still have no idea who might have cast that vote!) Anyone who receives even one vote though is eligible to be on the second ballot but many remove themselves.

The second ballot then consists of the remaining names and 75% of the votes are still required for election. Occasionally that does happen, but more commonly things move to a third ballot consisting of the top seven vote getters each of whom has had the opportunity to offer a short introductory statement. On this ballot 66.6% of the votes are required for election. Short of that, things move to a fourth ballot with the top three names on it and prior to that vote there is a question and answer period among the candidates. 60% of the votes are required on the fourth ballot. If there is still no election the top two vote getters appear on a fifth and final ballot with a simple majority required for election.

With this kind of election the process is important. I always think it's good if it goes to at least a fourth ballot because that ensures a good conversation among the candidates. For any synod that is a healthy and helpful conversation. That's why I allowed my name to go forward six years ago. I didn't want to be bishop but I thought the conversation was important; the Spirit moves through the conversation.

The Spirit was moving in this year's process as well. Pastor Katherine was elected on the fifth ballot with Pastors Peter Jonas and Keith Kolstad as the other finalists. I was pleased that there were such good people open to what is a very difficult call. The Spirit was moving, and I am confident that in Katherine Finegan we have the right person for our synod at this moment in time.

Congratulations to her and may the Spirit continue to work through her leadership!

Pastor Geier



**Bishop-Elect Katherine Finegan**

**Retiring Bishop Tom Skrenes surrounded by his family**



**Northern Great Lakes Synod Assembly Sunday Festival Eucharist**



## 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 2017

1 Psalm 33:12-22	Exodus 19:1-9a	Acts 2:1-11
2 Psalm 33:12-22	Exodus 19:16-25	Romans 8:14-17
3 Psalm 33:12-22	Exodus 20:1-21	Matthew 5:1-12

### 4 Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-21   Psalm 104:24-34, 35b   1 Cor. 12:3b-13   John 20:19-23

5 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Joel 2:18-29	Romans 8:18-24
6 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Ezekiel 39:7-8, 21-29	Romans 8:26-27
7 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Numbers 11:24-30	John 7:37-39
8 Psalm 8	Job 38:1-11 2	Timothy 1:8-12a
9 Psalm 8	Job 38:12-21 2	Timothy 1:12b-14
10 Psalm 8	Job 38:22-38	John 14:15-17

### 11 Trinity Sunday

Genesis 1:1 - 2:4a   Psalm 8   2 Cor. 13:11-13   Matthew 28:16-20  
Commemoration of Barnabas, Apostle

12 Psalm 29	Job 38:39 - 39:12	1 Cor. 12:1-3
13 Psalm 29	Job 39:13-25	1 Cor. 12:4-13
14 Psalm 29	Job 39:26 - 40:5	John 14:25-26
15 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19	Genesis 21:1-7	Hebrews 3:1-6
16 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19	Genesis 24:1-9	Acts 7:35-43
17 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19	Genesis 24:10-52	Mark 7:1-13

**18 Second Sunday after Pentecost**

Genesis 18:1-15 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 Romans 5:1-8 Matthew 9:35 - 10:8

19 Psalm 126

Genesis 23:1-19

1 Thess. 3:1-5

20 Psalm 126

Genesis 25:7-11

2 Thess. 2:13 - 3:5

21 Psalm 126

Nehemiah 9:1-8

Luke 6:12-19

22 Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

Exodus 12:43-49

Hebrews 2:5-9

23 Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

Genesis 35:1-4

Acts 5:17-26

24 Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

Ezekiel 29:3-7

Luke 11:53 - 12:3

Commemoration of John the Baptist

**25 Third Sunday after Pentecost**

Genesis 21:8-21 Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 Romans 6:1b-11 Matthew 10:24-39

26 Psalm 86:11-17

Genesis 16:1-15

Revelation 2:1-7

27 Psalm 86:11-17

Genesis 25:12-18

Revelation 2:8-11

28 Psalm 86:11-17

Jeremiah 42:18-22

Matthew 10:5-23

29 Psalm 13

Micah 7:18-30

Galatians 5:2-6

Commemoration of Peter and Paul, Apostles

30 Psalm 13

2 Chronicles 20:5-12

Galatians 5:7-12



**The June Noisy Offering will be given to ELCA Hunger.**

**Thanks to everyone for your generosity!**

# Enjoy the Poetry of Hymns

## O God Beyond All Praising

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end:  
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,  
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.



The flow'r of earthly splendor in time must surely die,  
Its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high;  
But hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown -  
Though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:  
For Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,  
And we through him are given the final victory.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
that we who know your favor may serve you as our king;  
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:  
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

—by Michael Perry, 1942-1996  
ELW #880

This favorite hymn of Bishop Skrenes was the Hymn of the Day at the Sunday Festival Eucharist at this year's Northern Great Lakes Synod Assembly. "O God beyond all praising" was written specifically for the melody THAXTED in 1982, a composition by the early 20th-century British composer Gustav Holst (1874-1934). The melody THAXTED, named for a small town in the Uttlesford district of Essex, comes from the middle section of the "Jupiter" movement in Holst's orchestral suite, *The Planets* (1914-1916).

**Affirmed in Baptism—May 21, 2017**



**Kyra Holmgren**

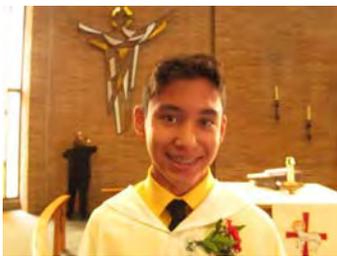
“From there you will seek the Lord your God, and you will find him if you search after him with all your heart and soul.”

Deuteronomy 4:29

**Morgan Rhoades**

“For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.”

Jeremiah 29:11



**Matthew Skewis**

“In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

Matthew 5:16



CONFIRMED IN CHRIST

## Thank You from Pastor Terry Frankenstein

Dear Bethany Family,

It is late May as I write my thank you to my wonderful internship family. My life has been a whirlwind of activity since starting at Zion on March 1st - with Lent and Holy Week and then my installation after ordination - and in between buying a new house in Manistique and a new car... Whew!

I can't thank you enough for the show of love and support at my April 23rd ordination: Pastor Geier's sermon, Linda's piano-playing, the choir's involvement with Tonya's direction, Rae's reading, Gary's videotaping, and everyone taking time to drive down to Gladstone to be part of this amazing service. You can't know how much your involvement meant to both John and me.

There are many of you I will be thanking for beautiful and generous gifts in the weeks ahead. There were so many wonderful cards and messages, and I was - and am — deeply touched.

This all started, this lifelong relationship, with Pastor Katherine (now bishop-Elect Katherine!) and her willingness to recommend me to Bethany, and Pastor Geier's willingness to take a chance on me. I am forever grateful.

Peace and Blessings and Love to you all!

Pastor Terry

**THANK YOU!**  
*THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!*

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### Social Ministry Supports “Answer the Call”



The Noisy Offering for June and July is designed for “Answer the Call”, a synod initiative to provide financial help with the expenses of seminary education to those studying for ministry. Costs continue to rise, and amount to about \$30,000 a year for tuition, room and board, and books. The average debt load of new pastors graduating in 2017 with debt from our seminaries, 70% of all graduates, will exceed \$40,000 as they begin their ministries.

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and its predecessor church bodies have a long history of theological education for pastors and other rostered persons who serve this church in the ministries of Word and Sacrament, and the synod is asking for financial gifts to continue our support for seminarians from the Northern Great Lakes Synod.

Most recently in Bethany's history, we can look to Pastor Ann Gonyea-Alexander as an example of what Synod support means to a seminarian, and how the whole church benefits from that support as well.

### **Breaking News: Bethany Memorial Garden**

On this Memorial Day weekend many of us will be visiting the graves of departed loved ones to show our ongoing love and respect. This is part of my inspiration for establishing a memorial garden here at Bethany...a colorful, living symbol of eternal love within the Bethany family. We have already cleared the area for the initial planting just outside the entrance and it will soon become reality under the skilled professional direction of Barb Kelly. Ms Kelly has many examples of her work available for you to check out around Marquette and one at the Catholic Credit Union in Negaunee.

This is our first call for funding for the project. The area of the garden is 210 square feet, and you can seal your involvement with a \$20 donation per square. If you use one of the gift envelopes available in each hymnal rack at church, be sure to check MEMORIAL FUND FOR...(and add) GARDEN, followed by the name of the person(s) you are memorializing and include your name OR you can also use the form on the back of the Sunday bulletin for the next few weeks; enclose the completed form with your donation and drop it off at the church office or place it in the offering plate. Be sure to print clearly so we can acknowledge your donation and memorial. As with flower gifts at Christmas and Easter, the names of those being remembered will be listed in upcoming issues of the OUTLOOK and in a special Bethany Memorial Garden gift book. Although Ms. Kelly's crew will provide periodic check-ups on the progress of the plantings, we will also be looking for a few volunteers to train for minor upkeep chores during the summer. Please take this new opportunity to remember your departed loved ones every week! We look forward to the progress of the garden and your ongoing support.





### **Congratulations Sabrina Holm-Brown**

I graduated from Hartman High on May 17, 2017. I plan on going to college for accounting. I had an accounting class in school and I always liked it and my teacher said I was really good at it and wanted to even see me go into accounting.



My family includes my parents, Emilie and Tom, sister, Shyann, and my daughter, Lily. Most of my free time is spent with my daughter and sometimes I have some time to read. I decided to continue with high school after I had my daughter so she could see that graduating high school is important and for myself to bring me forward and to not drop out or just get my GED. I wanted to provide a good example for her and to bring myself further than I thought I was going to go. I am really glad I did it too because now I actually have an idea what I want for me and my daughter's future.

I have been going to Bethany for about ten years now and I really like everything about it.

I have been on the honor roll for my school for the whole year. I currently am working for the Mining Journal delivering papers and have been during school.

My parents and my boyfriend have been good influences in my life. My parents have been the ones to push me to get done with school for Lily and have helped me a lot with everything. My boyfriend was the one that pushed me to actually go to school when I wasn't too sure about leaving Lily for that long during the day. He told me that I had to graduate not only for Lily but for myself too so that I could get to a good place in life.

In the future I hope to be married with Lily and possibly a few more children. I want to be working at a good job with a bachelor's degree in accounting, living in a big home, and just being in a good place in life.



In addition to Sabrina, congratulations the other Bethany high school graduates:

Jacob Clark  
Noah Kaukola  
Savannah Marietti  
Hannah Skewis



### **Congratulations Christina Mariani**

On May 13, 2017 Christina Mariani graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing, from the College of St. Scholastica, in Duluth, MN. She has accepted a position at the University of Iowa Hospital and Medical Center in Iowa City, Iowa beginning in August.

### **Beginning ... and beginning again**

During the coming weeks, as you or loved ones celebrate graduation, remember it isn't a closed door, an end or a farewell. Instead, it's an entryway threshold, a beginning, a hello — and one of many such opportunities that mark life.

“God wants us to know that life is a series of beginnings, not endings, just as graduations are not terminations but commencements,” writes Bernie Siegel. “Creation is an ongoing process, and when we create a perfect world where love and compassion are shared by all, suffering will cease.”

Of course, we can “create a perfect world” only by letting God guide our actions. So, dear graduates, may you partner with God to meet suffering with love, kindness and compassion through all the new beginnings of your life!





## Northern Great Lakes Synod Report

As one of Bethany's delegates to the Northern Great Lakes Synod Assembly last month, I have the pleasure of reporting what you already know: the great news that Pastor Katherine Finegan is now Bishop-Elect for the Synod, and will begin her six-year term in the fall. She will be installed as Bishop on Saturday, October 21, at St. Peter's Cathedral in Marquette. For more information on the election, see Pastor's article.

The Synod assembly, gathered under the theme of "Called", began on Sunday, May 21, with a festive Eucharist at Messiah Lutheran Church in Marquette. The music of combined church choirs, organ, brass ensemble and the voices of an SRO congregation filled the church to overflowing. The offering collected at worship will be used for Lay School for Mission and synod office expenses for the transition to a new bishop. After the worship service, a banquet honoring retiring Bishop Tom Skrenes and his family featured the announcement of the "Bishop Thomas and Luanne Skrenes Fund for Ministry." Annual distributions from this fund will support the clergy of our Synod as well as the work with our companion synod in Tanzania.



The business of the Assembly continued on Monday and Tuesday. In addition to the election of the new bishop and several other synod committee members, the budget for the next year and clergy compensation guidelines were considered and adopted, and reports on the work of the Northern Great Lakes Synod and the ELCA were given. I wanted to include information in this article about all of work that is being done in our synod, the United States and the world, but I couldn't do it; there is so much that it would take a book-length "Outlook". I invite you to visit the NGLS website at [nglsynod.org](http://nglsynod.org) and download the reports that interest you, or just browse the table of contents which in itself leads to an appreciation of what being a part of the ELCA section of the communion of saints means as we seek to follow Jesus in community. I'm mentioning only a few, but following are some highlights of the work that allows Bethany to participate in the wider church.

### **Report on the ELCA given by Pastor Linda Norman, ELCA Treasurer, who also oversaw the electoral process.**

"Called Forward Together in Christ" is a strategic initiative guiding the direction of the church in the next few years towards these goals and priorities for action in congregational vitality and leadership.

1. A thriving church spreading the gospel and deepening the faith of all people.
2. A church equipping people for their baptismal vocations in the world and in this church.
3. An inviting and welcoming church that reflects and embraces the diversity of our communities and the gifts and opportunities that diversity brings.
4. A visible church deeply committed to working ecumenically and with other people of faith for justice, peace and reconciliation in communities and around the world
5. A well-governed, connected and sustainable church.

Among the engagements of the ELCA in the wider church are: celebrating and providing resources for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation; supporting unaccompanied minor children who are migrating into the US; advocacy for fair and just public policies; participating in Lutheran-Catholic dialog which has resulted in the “Declaration on the Way” signed by bishops from the ELCA and Roman Catholic churches; work in global mission; Lutheran Disaster Response; South Sudan Outreach; Women and Justice; Care for Creation. More information may be found at [elca.org/future](http://elca.org/future).

#### **Reports on the Northern Great Lakes Synod included:**

##### **Always Being Made New**

In 2014, the ELCA announced a new four year campaign that would provide financial resources to both Synods and the Global ELCA to inspire and support renewal. Generated funds would be split between local and a more worldwide, greater Church focus. Last year the focus was on accessibility projects, and Bethany was one of the churches that received a grant that helped pay for our new church doors.

“Forward thinking people back in the 1960’s and 70’s did much to make Bethany, Ishpeming handicapped accessible with the worship space, fellowship hall, kitchen and classrooms all being on one level, no steps or stairs. One thing lacking though was easy entrance for anyone with mobility issues. Heavy, difficult to open doors at the main entrance were a major obstacle. The possibility of receiving grant money from the synod helped to move us forward on the installation of automatic doors.

Now, with the project completed, for anyone using a walker or wheelchair, or just someone carrying things, entrance is much easier.” NGLS Website

Applications are currently being accepted for projects addressing community hunger issues, and Bethany’s Social Ministry Board is considering a proposal that is still being negotiated. Next year’s grants will be for global church ministries, including our companion synod in Tanzania. It is suggested that congregations set a date to receive offerings for the “Always Being Made New” initiative.

### **NGLS Task Force on an Inclusive and Welcoming Church**

Pastor Matt Lamb reported on the work of the committee, which is designed to provide resources for respectful discussion around issues of sexuality, and to consider the possibility of becoming a “Reconciling in Christ” community. The ELCA statement on human sexuality called churches to move more publicly on a pastoral response to LGBTQ people, while recognizing that there are deeply held convictions that impact how this may be done. This task force is not a standing committee, and is not promoting an agenda or ignoring serious concerns, but works to promote a collective understanding on how to be a welcoming congregation for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities.

### **Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan**

LSS is a major player in bettering the living conditions of individuals, families and communities by their work in adoption, foster care, mental health, youth and families, senior living, housing and homelessness, disabilities, addiction, correction, and restorative justice. Especially pertinent at present is their work to combat human trafficking through their “Transitions” program and their experience and expertise with refugee resettlement.

### **World Hunger Committee**

The committee invited congregations to decorate a cardboard cow to generate interest in world hunger projects. The cows lined the stair rails and hallways leading to the Great Lakes Room where the assembly took place, and Bethany’s was easy to spot among a huge assortment of creatively endowed cows. Thank you to Bethany’s confirmation class for their contribution of a cow covered in hands with the theme “God’s Work Our Hands”. It now resides in the narthex by the food table. Whether it was because of the cow theme or not, this year’s offering for World Hunger broke a record: \$42,677.01.



### **Superior Central Conference**

Bethany is a part of this conference of congregations in Marquette County. The conference collected \$2000 from member churches to support missionaries to Tanzania Randy and Carol Stubbs. Pastor Amanda Kossow spoke about efforts at Messiah to study the issues of poverty in our communities, and recommended that study groups read What Every Church Member Should Know About Poverty by Bill Ehlig and Ruby K. Payne.

### **Synod Women's Organization**

Among their other activities, WELCA groups are making dresses for girls from pillow-cases and shorts for boys from T shirts, as well as sleeping mats crocheted from plastic bags.

The Women's Fall Convention and Retreat will take place at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp on September 15-17. The theme is "A Godly Touch", and the program will include workshops on children's literature, crafts, women of the Reformation and a presentation by Darley Kemppainen on Katarina von Bora Luther.

On Saturday, September 30, a workshop for all those who serve on Altar Guilds or who would like to is being given by Dr. Melinda Quivik and the Synod Worship Committee at Bethany here in Ishpeming. Cost of the workshop, which will take place from 8:30 A.M to 2:30 P.M, is \$20.00, which includes the program and lunch.

### **Synod Youth Committee**

"Marked" Events for 2018 will take place on Sunday, February 18 at Gloria Dei in Hancock from 4-7 P.M. ET, and Sunday, February 25 at First in Gladstone from 4-7 P.M. These gatherings provide opportunities for confirmation students to gather together for celebrations that include music, service, worship, learning, food and fun. Next year attendants will be collecting items for school backpack programs.

Fundraising and preparations are being made for 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering "This Changes Everything", June 27-July 1, 2018, Houston, Texas.

There's so much more: Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp, Finlandia University, Northland Lutheran Retirement Community in Marinette, WI, Lutheran colleges and seminaries, the ad campaign you may have seen on TV (visit [churchisgood.org](http://churchisgood.org) to see the videos), Lay School for Mission, "Pray Faithfully", Lutheran Campus Ministries, ecumenical activities including a response to those who suffer from addiction in our communities.

To attend a Synod Convention is to feel surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, not only visible in the gathering space but extending in unseen and powerful ways throughout the whole world.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathryn Geier

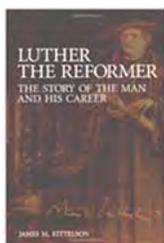


## Library Notes for June 2017

By Keenan Tunnell

The Easter Season has come to an end and with Pentecost behind us (June 4<sup>th</sup>) we proceed to the season called “Ordinary Time.” For us, of course, the Reformation 500 observance continues and this month there is a range of Luther biographies, including a “graphic novel” version...a biography for every taste! There will be more Reformation 500 material every month for the remainder of the year plus a few more fictionalized accounts of the lives of “fierce women” ... for those of you who need some inspiration to fierceness! Keep a book on hand for those periods of relaxation which should crop up frequently during these months of “ordinary time.”

Kittelson, James M. **Luther, the Reformer.** 920 LUT

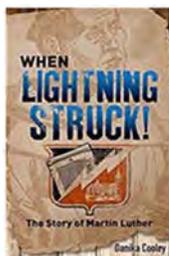


Engaging and authoritative, Kittelson's important and popular biography is here — represented with a new cover and new preface by the author. His single-volume biography has become a standard resource for those who wish to delve into the depths of the Reformer without drowning in a sea of scholarly concerns. Kittelson is a professor of Church History at Luther Seminary St. Paul, MN.

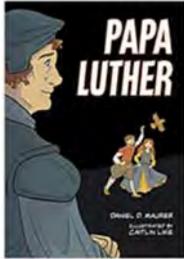
Cooley, Danika. **When Lightning Struck!**

**JUV 920 LUT**

Martin Luther's life was too exciting not to be written for teens and younger readers! In this fast-paced, action-packed novel of Martin Luther's life, teen readers (and more than a few adults!) will be introduced to a fascinating time ... when powerful forces lined up against each other and believing the wrong thing could get you killed. **When Lightning Struck!** is far more than just an adventure story, of course. It also tells a theological story. Drawing carefully from Luther's own words, this book introduces readers to a kindred spirit who struggled with what knowing God through Scripture means for daily life. They will understand what was at stake and how powerfully liberating Luther's idea of grace through faith was—in his time and in ours!



Maurer, Daniel D., Caitlin Like, Illus. **Papa Luther**      **JUV 920 LUT**



The story of Martin Luther is told through the eyes of his children Hans and Magda. This "comic book" is geared especially toward children ages 8 to 13, but will intrigue all ages. AMAZON REVIEW: This is going to be a valuable resource for my confirmation students for many years to come... The author weaves details of Luther's life into a story Luther is telling his children. The illustrations are bright and colorful and there are even discussion questions at the back. I've been an ordained Lutheran pastor for 17 years and I'll admit I learned a few nuggets of information ... about Martin Luther through this charming book.

### **Germany and the Luther Decade**

Last month (April 26) Bethany welcomed Dr. Kurt Hendel to share some of his encyclopedic knowledge of all things "Luther" as part of our observation of Reformation 500. During his presentation he mentioned Germany's official Luther Decade observations, during which there was a year-long emphasis on a variety of themes which were influenced by the Reformation. He couldn't remember all the themes, so I looked it up online later that evening and thought you might be interested in the list. You can also check them out (with additional information) at the official website: [www.luther2017.de/en](http://www.luther2017.de/en) and choose the entries related to the Luther Decade.



Here are the topics:

2008	Opening of the Luther Decade
2009	Confession
2010	The Reformation & Education
2011	The Reformation & Freedom
2012	The Reformation & Music
2013	The Reformation & Tolerance
2014	The Reformation & Politics
2015	The Reformation & Images and the Bible
2016	The Reformation & One World

Check them out....there's lots of great stuff



**Living Lutheran — May 2017**

**Living Out Our Commitments**



**Cover Story:**

- Living out our commitment; How is the ELCA carrying out its vision of diversity?  
Study guide: [livinglutheran.org](http://livinglutheran.org) (Karris Golden)

**Features:**

- Reformation 500: 50 Reformation publications
- ELCA colleges fight hunger in their communities (Krista Webb)
- Keep record; a look at the ELCA Archives (Jill Dierberg Clark)
- Closing gifts (Wendy Healy)
- Would they notice? (Kurt Lammi)
- Harvesting hope (Text by Stephen Deal, Photos by Sean T. Hawkey)
- Grief with no warning (Jennifer Ohman-Rodriguez)

**Reflection:**

- Trust the light (Kimberly Knowle-Zeller)

**Faith & Family:**

- Seasons of activity (J. Arthur Blyth)

**Deeper Understandings:**

- Made new is Christ: freed for ethical action (Kristin Johnston Lergen)

**From Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton**

- I wonder...



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



**Fortune Lake  
Summer 2017 Theme: The Water of Life!**



**WEEK 1 – ONSITE DAY CAMP #1**

June 12 - 16, 2017

Ages: K - 5th Grade

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

**WEEK 1 – VICTORY CAMP**

June 12 - 16, 2017

Ages: Mentally/physically challenged adults

**WEEK 2 – WOMEN & KIDS WEEK**

June 18 - 23, 2017

Ages: Women and kids of all ages

**WEEK 3 – JUNIOR HIGH NIGHT**

**OWLS**

June 25 - 30, 2017

Ages: 6th - 8th Grade

**WEEK 3 – VETERANS**

June 25 - 30, 2017

Ages: 9th - 12th Grade

**WEEK 4 – VILLAGER SAMPLER WEEK**

July 5 - 7, 2017

Ages: 3rd - 4th Grade

**WEEK 4 – MIGHTY ONES – SAMPLER WEEK**

July 5 - 7, 2017

Ages: Grade 1

**WEEK 4 – VAGABOND SAMPLER WEEK**

July 5 - 7, 2017

Ages: 5th - 6th Grade

**WEEK 4 – LEADERS-IN-TRAINING (LIT)**

July 5 - 7, 2017

Ages: 9th - 12th Grade

**WEEK 4 – MINI CAMP SAMPLER WEEK**

July 5 - 7, 2017

Ages: 2nd Grade

**"War is sweet to those who have not experienced it" \*\***

- Quoted by Erasmus in his Adages

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***Reflections by Matt Oser***

While in college in the early 2000's I worked at a grocery store with a rather rough, calloused, and quiet individual. He had every habit that a good Christian college student was told to avoid. I tried to strike up conversation with him, but to no avail. My only clue to his backstory was his black leather jacket with the POW/MIA emblem on the back. One day I stopped him and timidly said "I want to thank you for your service in Vietnam." I stood amazed as he told me through tears that in the 30 years since he came home from Vietnam, I was the first person to ever say that to him. He immediately added, "The ones who really deserve your thanks never came home."

We find similar sentiments over 500 years ago in *Adages, a collection of proverbs put together by the reformer and humanist Erasmus (1466–1536) and published in many editions throughout his life*: "**War is sweet to those who have not experienced it**" (*Dulce bellum inexpertis*). We owe many other common sayings of today to the book: from "a necessary evil" to "the cart before the horse" to "calling a spade a spade." And whatever nameless soldier came up with the proverb quoted above, it rings true to the human experience of war through the ages.

I have had the privilege to minister to and alongside many veterans. Whether they fought in Vietnam, Iraq, or Afghanistan, I have noticed that they do not desire to retell their stories or to be lauded as heroes. Often their desire is for us to simply say, "Thank you" and to continue to cherish the freedoms that their fallen comrades provided to us through their ultimate sacrifice.

This Memorial Day, take some time to thank a Veteran and honor the memory of those who never came home.

***Matt Oser is Vice President of Marketing at Vision Video***

**\*\*The original quote is from Pindar (518-438 BC), Fragment 110: "War is sweet to those who have no experience of it, but the experienced man trembles exceedingly at heart on its approach."**

## John Hansen Goes on UP Honor Flight



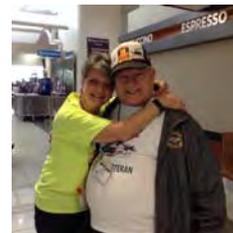
Bethany member John Hansen was part of the Upper Peninsula Honor Flight Mission XII. John, accompanied by his friend Craig Salo, departed in the early morning hours of May 17<sup>th</sup> from the Delta County Airport. After landing at Reagan International Airport, the group had a busy and very hot day ahead of them. Once they boarded the red, white, and blue busses, they had a strict schedule to follow. Their busses had a police escort throughout the day.

During their visit, they witnessed the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. They watched in silence under the blazing sun. They visited the World War II Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial, and the Korean Memorial. John was impressed by the beauty of the WWII Memorial with its beautiful water fountains. The veterans also saw the Washington Monument. The monument had been repaired, and John was surprised to find out that the top of the Washington Monument is now made of aluminum. During their visit, they also met with Michigan's Representative Jack Bergman.

The Vietnam Memorial was especially moving to John as he had served in Viet Nam from 1966-1968. While there, John put his hand on the memorial and said a silent prayer for his comrades. He felt it was a way he could touch them.



Throughout the day, many people came up to the veterans to express thanks for their service. John said, "So many came and shook my hand or hugged me that it was as if I was the President of the United States. Children - grownups - everyone wanted to shake our hands." For John, this was the biggest highlight of the trip – to be recognized and respected for the service they had given to our country.



# Kids!



## Beautiful voices on Mother's Day

Sunday School kids shared some special songs during worship on Mother's Day. They sang "I Want to be a Christian" and "Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands." Later in the service, the kids led the congregation in the singing of "The Lord's Prayer."

## A child's prayer for protection

If indeed childhood was ever carefree, it's hardly so now. Some children face bullying, while others deal with rough home lives. Many fret over their performance at school and in sports. News of dangers and tragedies makes parents want to shelter their kids from worldly harm.

Whether real or imagined, childhood anxieties are best confronted in the same way as adult anxieties: through prayer and the assurance of God's presence. Teach this traditional prayer to a young person in your life — and find comfort in it yourself:

God in heaven, hear my prayer.  
Keep me in thy loving care.  
Be my guide in all I do.  
Bless all those who love me too.  
Amen.

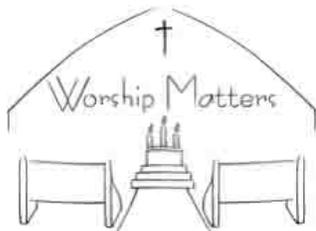


## Puzzle

Locate the names of all the Old Testament books, using your Bible's table of contents for reference. Numbered books, such as 1 Samuel, appear only once - without numbers.

S E T S A I S E L C C E D H T  
O E J D R I N Y G L E I N A D  
N J O S E E S T H E R G A I M  
G E S E E U B A H O S E A D U  
O R H Z S L T M I J O N I A H  
F E U E O E C E U A A E H B A  
S M A K M V H I R N H S C O N  
O I C I A I H A N O J I A A R  
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M I A Z E C H A R I A H M E H  
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K V M P S A L M S U D O X E U  
J U D G E S I S A M U E L U Z

## Council Highlights— May 2017



- Received thanks from ELCA and St. Vincent De-Paul
- Keenan Tunnell presented info about creation of Memorial Garden. Board approved fundraising for a memorial garden.
- Pastoral acts: graveside funeral for Mildred Mer-rilla
- Pastor attended a conference at Yale for professional development.
- Fortune Lake's annual meeting was April 30. Kay Chartre and Sheree Mariani represented Bethany.
- Pastor, Kathy Geier, and Bob Nadeau attended the NGLS Assembly. Katherine Finegan was elected Bishop. She will be installed in October at St. Peter's Cathedral in Marquette.
- Pastor will be gone June 11-17 to attend another iconography class.
- Income continues to track behind expenses, though not as much as last year at this time.
- VBS will be August 6-8 at Wesley United Methodist Church.
- Gary Sundblad donated a CD recorder for our sound system. Thank you.
- Social Ministry has submitted a request for \$1000 to NGLS to be used for summer lunch programs at Ishpeming Schools. If approved, Bethany will match the \$1000 amount.



OUR CHURCH'S  
  
**FINANCES**

**YTD Income: \$69,120.66**

**YTD Expenses: \$69,973.18**



## Thank You from the Argall Family

I would like to express special thanks for all the prayers, cards and memorials in memory of my mother, Marjorie Rosten. We have many fond memories and know she is at peace. Our church family is so important to us. We give special thanks to Pastor Warren for the many visits to mom. She was always happy when he came; even if she couldn't speak, her eyes would light up.



Love and God bless.  
Sharon & Dan Argall and family

### “Summer Flowers”

Behold the flowers of June!  
How fair and bright their buds appear,  
as, opening to the summer air,  
our eyes and hearts they cheer!

Who would have thought there could abound  
such beauty and delight  
beneath the cold and wintry ground  
that hid those flowers from sight?



That power which made and governs all —  
the mighty power of God —  
alone could life and beauty call  
out of the lifeless sod.

And he, who from the winter's gloom  
can summer thus disclose,  
shall one day make the desert bloom,  
and blossom as the rose.

—Anonymous



## Thank you from the Slown Family



To our Bethany Church Family,

Our heartfelt thanks for your prayers, your cards, & your words of encouragement following my Father's death & Celebration of Life.

Sincerely, Kathleen & Family



## Vacation Bible School

August 6 - 8

Wesley United Methodist Church



**Bethany's Website**

[www.bethanyishpeming.org](http://www.bethanyishpeming.org)

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



Café Salvador Coffee  
Organic Decaf Coffee  
Whole Bean Coffee  
Whole Bean Decaf  
Sisters' Blend, Reg. & 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:

**Valente:** Doreen Brown, Jean Sandstrom

**Jacobetti:** Allen Maki, Bob Waters, Pastor Bob Sutherland

**Teal Lake Senior Living Community:** Betty Geier

- The family and friends of Ned Johns who mourn his loss
- The family and friends of James Sodergren Sr. who mourn his loss
- Roger Solberg
- Ruth Solberg
- Carl Pellonpaa
- Debbie Cain
- John and Marilyn Pontti
- Kay Chartre
- Jim Sodergren, Jr.
- Cindy Warner
- Carol Holmgren
- Karen Mattson
- Kaye Frederickson
- Bob Kaukola
- Ted Swanson
- Loreth Johnson
- Judy Hogan
- Karmen Slown
- Brown family
- Mark
- Lois Goethe
- Doris Pellonpaa
- Robert Maki
- Zander Atkins
- Jim Bjorne
- 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 2017 ISSUE.**



**JULY  
AUGUST**

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.



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Stewardship, Tom Perry  
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## June Worship Assistants

### June 4

Assisting Minister - Craig Kitcheen  
Altar - Sue Holmgren  
Acolyte - Abby Bruhnke  
Coffee Hosts - Graduation Recognition  
Flowers -  
Bread - Kaye Frederickson

*Thank You!*

### June 11

Assisting Minister - Kay Ryan  
Altar - Carrie Goldsworthy  
Acolyte - Abbi Koski  
Coffee Hosts - Social Ministry  
Flowers - In memory of Olga Norell by the Blewett Trust  
Bread - Kay Chartre

### June 18

Assisting Minister - LaVerne Koski  
Altar - Kaye Frederickson  
Acolyte - Jarin Johnson  
Coffee Hosts - Worship & Music  
Flowers -  
Bread - Rae Elliot

### June 25

Assisting Minister - Barb Lucas  
Altar - Sue Holmgren  
Acolyte - Ian Bivins  
Coffee Hosts - Barb Yunkari and friends  
Flowers -  
Bread - Linda Dahl

### June Ushers:

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



### July Ushers:

John Beerling  
Jerry Hager  
Bill Heavyside  
Robert Maki  
Donald Meyer  
Dan Sleeman

## *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 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 54 years

**Paul and Diana Sandstrom**  
6/15/68 49 years

**Daniel and Sharon Argall**  
6/19/71 46 years

**Tim and Patricia Nault**  
6/21/86 31 years

