



**Bethany Lutheran Outlook**  
**March 2015**

**Serving God, Community, and Individuals**



**“Blessed is the one  
who comes in the  
name of the Lord!”**

Mark 11:9



## PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

The month of March doesn't have much to recommend it, at least not around here, apart from the fact that it means February is over. I think you would be hard pressed to find someone who would say that March is their favorite month of the year. If you're a college basketball fan there is March Madness, the beginning of the NCAA tournament and a lot of people do look forward to that. In this part of the world though, March Madness might have more to do with actually being mad, angry at winter's unwillingness to ease the grip of its icy fingers. Even for those who like winter, enough is enough. You know that somewhere spring is beginning to make its appearance, but most years it's very slow in arriving in Upper Michigan. March can drive you to madness! On the other hand, as I drove over to church the other morning it was stunningly beautiful; the sun rising a little earlier these days, clear blue sky, a coating of fresh, clean snow. If only the sign at the Credit Union didn't say 22 below!



This year in March we settle into the heart of the Lenten season and then Holy Week beginning at the very end of the month. I don't know if winter's lingering makes it easier or harder to maintain a Lenten focus. Forty days (plus Sundays) isn't a real long time but in a culture of short attention spans, after beginning with good intentions on Ash Wednesday it is easy to lose track of Lent as a time of repentance and honesty and renewal. It's easy to fall back into what Pope Francis in his Lenten message calls "indifference," indifference that spreads a feeling of powerlessness and causes individuals and communities to withdraw into themselves. This in his words, winds up "closing the door through which God comes into the world and the world comes to him."

The pope nicely articulates the challenge of Lent. Some people don't take on any Lenten discipline because they figure it won't make any difference in their spiritual life, others lose focus somewhere along the way having drawn a similar conclusion. That does close a door through which God might come and be a living presence in one's life. The challenge then is to be persistent throughout the forty days, finding some practice or discipline that causes you to think about your relationship with God, what's good and what's not so good. It might not lead to a great spiritual awakening, but then again, who knows? If nothing else it can be a beginning that will hopefully carry you beyond Lent and into the rest of the year and into the rest of your life.



At this point in Lent we don't want to be in a rush to Holy Week and Easter; Lent needs its own space and time with the Sunday and Wednesday worship services helping to mark the time. However, as Holy Week does begin at the end of



March I'll offer a reminder that we again will be observing the week in its fullness, beginning with Palm/Passion Sunday, then Maundy Thursday, the Good Friday ecumenical service (at Bethel this year,) Good Friday Tenebrae, Easter Vigil on Saturday followed by the all night vigil leading into Easter morning. It is a lot of church but as always I urge you to plan to be present for as much as you can. They are all unique, once a year services worth making a part of your Lenten discipline!

May you continue to experience a blessed and meaningful Lent!

Pastor Geier

### **The Waiting Game**

Life involves lots of waiting. We wait in groups, in lines, in cars. We wait for packages, for the bus, for the sun to rise. We wait in doctors' offices, at the post office, at the DMV. Waiting implies we're at someone else's mercy, but it's also usually linked to hope. Perhaps that's why Paul Tillich called waiting a metaphor for faith. Why would one wait if there weren't the firm belief that the object of one's wait will eventually materialize?

Waiting can be enervating, which is why Isaiah 40:31 is so promising: "They who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength." Yet waiting is tough if you have nothing to do while waiting. That's why Jesus, when talking about waiting, also talked about working — work for the night is coming. Sometimes it's less tiring to work than it is to wait.

There's a lot of waiting during Lent. You're waiting for a payoff. You're waiting for the Resurrection. You're waiting for spiritual growth. And then you realize this isn't waiting at all. It's life. It's joy. It's opportunity. It's blessing.

—Timothy Merrill



## 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

**March 2015**

### **1 Second Sunday in Lent**

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16    Psalm 22:23-31    Romans 4:13-25    Mark 8:31-38

2 Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45

Genesis 21:1-7

Hebrews 1:8-12

3 Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45

Genesis 22:1-19

Heb. 11:1-3, 13-19

4. Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45

Jeremiah 30:12-22

John 12:36-43

5 Psalm 19

Exodus 19:1-9a

1 Peter 2:4-10

6 Psalm 19

Exodus 19:9b-15

Acts 7:30-40

7 Psalm 19

Exodus 19:16-25

Mark 9:2-8

### **8 Third Sunday in Lent**

Exodus 20:1-17    Psalm 19    1 Cor. 1 18-25    John 2:13-22

9 Psalm 84

1 Kings 6:1-4, 21-22

1 Cor. 3:10-23

10 Psalm 84

2 Chron. 29:1-11, 16-19

Heb. 9:23-28

11 Psalm 84

Ezra 6:1-16

Mark 11:15-19

12 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Genesis 9:8-17

Ephesians. 1:3-6

13 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Daniel 12:5-13

Ephesians 1:7-14

14 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Numbers 20:22-29

John 3:1-13



**15 Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Numbers 21:4-9    Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22    Ephesians 2:1-10    John 3:14-21

16 Psalm 107:1-16	Exodus 15:22-27	Heb. 3:1-6
17 Psalm 107:1-16	Numbers 20:1-13	1 Cor. 10:6-13
18 Psalm 107:1-16	Isaiah 60:15-22	John 8:12-20
19 Psalm 51:1-12	Isaiah 30:15-18	Heb. 4:1-13
20 Psalm 51:1-12	Exodus 30:1-10	Heb. 4:14 — 5:4
21 Psalm 51:1-12	Habakkuk 3:2-13	John 12:1-11

**22 Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Jeremiah 31:31-34    Psalm 51:1-12    Heb. 5:5-10    John 12:20-33

23 Psalm 119:9-16	Isaiah 43:8-13 2	Cor. 3:4-11
24 Psalm 119:9-16	Isaiah 44:1-8	Acts 2:14-24
25 Psalm 119:9-16	Haggai 2:1-9, 20-23	John 12:34-50
26 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29	Deut. 16:1-8	Phil. 2:1-11
27 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29	Jeremiah 33:1-9	Phil. 2:12-28
28 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29	Jeremiah 33:10-16	Mark 10:32-34, 46-52

**29 Sunday of the Passion**

Procession with Palms: Mark 11:1-11

Isaiah 50:4-9a    Psalm 31:9-16    Phil. 2:5-11    Mark 14:1 — 15:47

**30 Monday in Holy Week**

Isaiah 42:1-9    Psalm 36:5-11    Heb 9:11-15    John 12:1-11

**31 Tuesday in Holy Week**

Isaiah 49:1-7    Psalm 71:1-14    1 Cor. 1:18-31    John 12:20-36

**Lenten Hope**

Lent is an occasion for us to journey with Christ ... into tomorrow. For you never walk with Christ long but what the dawn breaks, the sun shines and hope breaks through.

—C. Neil Straight



# Enjoy the Poetry of Hymns

## Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

Tree of Life and awesome myst'ry,  
in your death we are reborn;  
though you die in all of hist'ry,  
still you rise with ev'ry morn.

We remember truth once spoken,  
love passed on through act and word;  
ev'ry person lost and broken  
wears the body of our Lord.



Christ, you lead and we shall follow,  
stumbling though our steps may be;  
One with you in joy and sorrow,  
we the river, you the sea.

Light of life beyond conceiving,  
mighty spirit of our Lord;  
give new strength to our believing,  
give us faith to love your word.

From the dawning of creation  
you have loved us as your own;  
stay with us through all temptation.  
make us turn to you alone.

In our call to be a blessing,  
may we be a blessing true;  
may we live and die confessing  
Christ as Lord of all we do.

Living Water of salvation,  
be the fountain of each soul;  
springing up in new creation,  
flow in us and make us whole.

Give us eyes to see you clearly;  
make us children of your light.  
Give us hearts to live more nearly  
as your gospel shining bright.

God of all our fear and sorrow,  
God who lives beyond our death,  
hold us close through each tomorrow,  
love as near as ev'ry breath.

Text and music by Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
ELW#334



### **Marty Haugen**

Marty Haugen was born in Wanamingo, Minnesota, on December 30, 1950. He has become one of the foremost American composer of liturgical music.

Haugen holds a B.A. degree in psychology from Luther College and a M.A. degree in Pastoral Studies from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. For much of his professional life, Haugen has pursued a career as a liturgical composer and workshop presenter.



Haugen is a performing musician and has recorded a number of CDs. He holds a position as composer in residence at Mayflower Community Congregational Church in Minneapolis.

Haugen has written several liturgies for the ELCA. These include "Now the Feast and Celebration," "Unfailing Light", an evening communion service, "Setting Two" for the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book (ELW), and an evening prayer service, "Holden Evening Prayer". He has also composed dozens of hymns, including "Here in this Place (Gather Us In)", "Canticle of the Sun", "We Are Many Parts", "We Remember", and "Shepherd Me, O God".



## Lay School Winter Semester is Underway

The final two classes for the Lay School Winter semester began in February. Worship and Liturgics with Pastor Tamra Harder (Bethany, Negaunee and Emanuel, Skandia) began on February 17<sup>th</sup> and will end on March 24<sup>th</sup>

(6 sessions, 3:30-5:15). This will be an excellent opportunity to learn more about what we do in worship and why we do it as well as to look at the pattern of the church year. Suggested texts are *Centripetal Worship* by Tim Wengert and *Central Things* by Gordon Lathrop. Both are part of the Augsburg "Worship Matters" series and are available from Augsburg or Amazon for \$10 each.

The World Religions class began on February 24<sup>th</sup> and will end on March 24<sup>th</sup> (5 sessions, 6:00-8:15). Jon Magnuson from the Cedar Tree Institute led the first session and talked about the dynamics of religious experience. There will special guest speakers for the middle three weeks. Paul Lehmborg, a priest in the Zen Buddhist tradition will speak on Buddhism on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. On March 10<sup>th</sup> we will go to Temple Beth Shalom in Ishpeming for a presentation on Judaism with Dr. Michael Grossman and Rachel Grossman. On March 17<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Keith Kendall from NMU will discuss Islam. The final class on March 24<sup>th</sup> will be a wrap up designed to look from a Lutheran Christian perspective at what has been learned in the previous sessions. No text is necessary for this class but speakers may have suggestions for further reading. Students are encouraged to attend all the sessions, but are still welcome to attend an individual session or two depending on interest.

All classes meet at Bethany except the evening at the synagogue.

Please contact me to let me know what classes you plan to take. For those teaching it helps them prepare (but if you just show up you will still be most welcome!)

Pastor Geier





## Board of Stewardship

We have published a number of newsletter articles regarding stewardship over the past couple of years. The usual tone of the article is to emphasize the fact that we should be generous in sharing our gifts and give out of a sense of living as God would have us live. But there is another facet of giving to the church that I would like to discuss in this article.

The church is also a going concern and we have bills to pay. I have been on the church council for three budget cycles. I can tell you the council puts together a very bare bones budget and we stay within that budget throughout the year. There is no “fat” in the budget. We have put together a deficient budget each of those years. That is, we plan to spend more than is pledged by our members. We have to do this in order to maintain our church programs, staffing and building operations. By the end of the year the necessary offerings have always come in to cover the yearly expenditures of the church. As you know even the best laid plans (or budgets) can sometimes be changed by factors outside of our control. So as a council we adapt as we go to make sure we meet our church’s financial obligations.

That being said, it is vital that we as individuals do the best we can to honor our pledges, and then some, if we can. We don’t want to wait until November and then come to the congregation and say we are in crisis and may not meet our budget. That’s why I’m writing about this now, so we can keep up as we go. Over the past couple years some of our most generous members have been called to the Lord, which has made a significant reduction on our pledges and offerings. We haven’t added enough new members yet to make up that difference in giving. Also, a couple of harsh winters in a row have caused us to have to spend extra money on gas and electricity. We really do need everyone’s financial support because it enables us to witness as disciples of Christ

Tom Perry  
Chair  
Board of Stewardship





## Social Ministry

Social ministry is looking for a few good people, or more than a few.

What is involved? Here it is: “Everything you want to know about Social Ministry but were afraid to ask,” Social Ministry’s mission is to help various groups and/or individuals who are in need. The help usually involves monetary support, but it can also be the gift of time.

We are NOT a line item in our church budget. The larger part of our money comes from noisy offering totaling \$3134.96 in 2014. Noisy offering is self-explanatory and loose change is appreciated. The other portion of our budget comes as money received from serving Sunday morning coffee, as well as from people who make memorial and miscellaneous donations. That total was \$1450 in 2014. Committee members have no responsibility to directly donate money.



Now let’s look at the time commitment.

The first gift of time is attending meetings. Social Ministry meets in the church social room on the second Tuesday of each month at 11:00 a.m. The meeting usually takes an hour or less depending on our socializing. One person VOLUNTEERS to do devotions for each meeting.



The next gift of time involves the Sunday morning coffee hour. We usually serve on the second Sunday of each month. This involves a small monetary commitment as we need at least five people to bake or purchase some goodies to serve. These same people set up, make and serve coffee, and clean up afterwards. Occasionally, we are asked to help out with a special event.

The next gift of time is for Habitat for Humanity. The workers are volunteers and various groups provide lunch for them. We commit to one lunch during the summer. Social Ministry purchases the groceries. We prepare sandwiches and other lunch items, and then we deliver the lunches to the worksite



One person commits time every Sunday to setting out and then putting away our Equal Exchange coffee and chocolate. We make no money, but committing to this program makes sure farmers and others receive fair prices for their products. This person is also responsible for ordering the Equal Exchange products. Thanks, Kathy!



Now you know everything about Social ministry. We would love to have you join us. See you at 11:00 a.m. on the second Tuesday. If you are unable to commit to these meetings, please consider volunteering in some other way. There is always a need for help somewhere.

Deuteronomy 15:11 World English Bible

For the poor will never cease out of the land: therefore I command you, saying, you shall surely open your hand to your brother, to your needy, and to the poor, in your land.



**The March and April Noisy Offering will be given to Bethany's Fortune Lake Scholarship Fund.**

**Thanks to everyone for your generosity!**

### **Day In, Day Out**

In *Walking With God Through Pain and Suffering* (Dutton), Timothy Keller says many people think spiritual growth is something akin to high diving, when really it's more like walking — nondramatic and rhythmic:

“A walk is day in and day out praying; day in and day out Bible and Psalms reading; day in and day out obeying; talking to Christian friends, and going to corporate worship, committing yourself to and fully participating in the life of a church. It is rhythmic, on and on and on. To walk with God is a metaphor that symbolizes slow and steady progress.



## Lenten Poem

Lent is a time to take time to let the power  
of our faith story take hold of us,  
a time to let the events get up  
and walk around in us,  
a time to intensify our living unto Christ,  
a time to hover over the thoughts of our hearts,  
a time to place our feet in the streets of  
Jerusalem or to walk along the sea and  
listen to his Word,  
a time to touch his robe  
and feel the healing surge through us,  
a time to ponder and a time to wonder....

Lent is a time to allow  
a fresh new taste of God!  
Perhaps we're afraid to have time to think,  
for thoughts come unbidden.  
Perhaps we're afraid to face our future  
knowing our past.  
Give us courage, O God,  
to hear your Word  
and to read our living into it.  
Give us the trust to know we're forgiven  
and give us the faith  
to take up our lives and walk.

By Ann Weems



*Palm Sunday  
Brunch*



*Bethany's*

*Palm Sun-*

*day Brunch  
March 29  
after worship service*



*Decorated Eggs  
Ham & cheese on rolls  
Fruit  
Muffins  
Coffee  
Milk*

*Sponsored by the  
Board of Worship and Music*





## **HOLY WEEK** *Worship Services*

### **March 29 Palm Sunday**

**Worship Service 10:30 a.m.**

**Palm Sunday brunch follows worship.**

As we ponder what it would've been like to throw coats and branches in your path as you entered Jerusalem, Lord, help us lay our lives at your feet.

### **April 2 Maundy Thursday 8:00 p.m.**

God, after the first Passover, you delivered Israel from slavery. Today we share that meal, transformed by your Son, and trust in your delivery from slavery to sin. Amen.

### **April 3 Good Friday**

**Ecumenical Service @ Bethel Lutheran Church 12:30—3:00 p.m.**

**Tenebrae Service 9:00 p.m.**

Holy God, mighty and immortal, have mercy on us. We praise you, for by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

### **April 4 Easter Vigil 9:00 p.m.**

**All Night Vigil 11:00 p.m.**

### **April 5 Easter Sunday 10:30 a.m.**

Hallelujah! Christ is risen! Welcome into Easter joy. The power of God raised Jesus from the dead and offers eternal life to all.



## Help For Lent!

Financial support of the church is important, but there is so much more that you can do to help out. During this season of Lent there are a lot of activities at the church. The Wednesday evening Lenten worship services and soup suppers are a great way for you to get involved. I think Tonya has all the “actors” she needs for the Lenten dramas. But if she asks you to help out.....please say yes. Thanks to those of you who have already volunteered. We can always use help with providing soup and bread for the Wednesday evening suppers. If you are thinking about making a soup or bread for one (or more) of the Wednesday suppers, please do. The more the merrier.



Finally, how about stepping up and being a greeter on Sunday morning. I know not everybody is an extrovert and is comfortable doing the greeting, but it's actually pretty fun. No training required, just a friendly face and a warm handshake to welcome



everyone to our church. There are a couple of frequent volunteer greeters who do it on the spur of the moment most Sundays (Thanks Jim, Tony and others). I'm sure they won't be offended if you step up next to them and help out. Or better yet, sign up for a Sunday of your choosing by using the sign-up sheet on the kiosk.

## Indulge for Lent?

Rather than sacrificing something for Lent — especially something easy and spiritually insignificant, such as chocolate — Patty Kirk, in *Guideposts* magazine, suggests finding new ways to indulge in God's presence. Surely one can do this by having extra devotions or attending Lenten worship services. But Kirk also offers these ideas:

- Spend time outdoors, sensing God's magnificence.
- Spend time with others, extending generosity and compassion. Remember Jesus' promise that when you care for others, you care for him (Matthew 25:31-46).
- Pray for the “little things,” coming before God in childlike trust and feeling peace.
- Watch attentively for God's answers to prayer, and receive them as reminders of his presence.
- Turn anxiety into prayer. As you frame concerns as prayers and entrust them to God, you “sacrifice” the tendency to wallow in worry.



## Books for March 2015

By Keenan Tunnell

I'm still in California as I write this, but I'll be home soon after you receive this issue of the OUTLOOK...and I'm looking forward to it, snow and all!! But, down to business: Here's a brief look at a few of the holy days occurring this month, some of which we celebrate and others we don't, for various reasons. There will be materials on the Library Kiosk relating to most of them and I hope there will be something among them to enlighten your faith. Please observe Lent to the fullest with Prayer, Fasting, and works of charity and especially the drama of the Easter Vigil leading to the glorious celebration of Easter!! See you soon.

### 17 March – St. Patrick & the Saints of Ireland

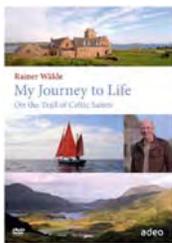
St. Patrick (c. 386-17 March 493) was a Christian missionary and patron saint of Ireland, along with Saint Brigid of Kildare and Saint Columba, and is traditionally considered the introducer of the Christian religion on the island. Born on the west coast of Britain, when he was sixteen he was captured and sold into slavery in Ireland, from where he escaped and returned home to his family six years later. Then he started his religious life and returned to Ireland as an ordained bishop in the north and west of the island, where he had fled to preach the Gospel. See the hymn "St. Patrick's Breastplate" in the hymnal for his devotion to the



Holy Trinity.

Wilde, Rainer. **My Journey to Life**; on the trail of Celtic Saints (DVD)

Journey back in time to the origins of Christianity in Ireland and Britain. Travel from Dublin to Lindisfarne and find out about St. Patrick, Columcille, Brigid, Aiden and Cuthbert. Be inspired by the many ancient prayers, songs and rituals. Discover how a daily rhythm of life -- with set times for solitude and for Christian Communion --benefit our spiritual well-being. Explore how a spiritual life following the course of nature and admiring creation can help us to draw near to God.



### 29 March – Palm/Passion Sunday (Beginning of Holy Week)

Palm Sunday has a dual focus today. The service begins with a joyful procession with palms to remember our Lord's jubilant entry into Jerusalem. The hymns, prayers, and lectionary Scripture readings also reflect this joy.



A second focus on Palm Sunday is our Lord's Passion. When this second focus is observed, the entire passion story (Matthew, Mark, or Luke) is read (in place of the sermon).

Originally, however, Passion Sunday was held two weeks before Easter (since the ninth century) and it began the two week period known as "Passiontide" in which special stress was placed on Christ's suffering and crucifixion. Actually, the two week Passiontide is older than Lent, having been observed since the third century.

### **25 March -- Annunciation to the Virgin Mary**

The Feast of the Annunciation always occurs sometime during Lent and its life-affirming message is a bright light in the darkness of the penitential season. Please join your voices in this prayer, which is the conclusion of the Prayer of the Church for this holy day:



“O Loving One,  
as your messenger came to Mary with words of your favor  
and the pledge of wondrous new life,  
may we, in our day, prove ourselves  
as ready to serve you, and as willing to bear the life you offer,  
for the blessing of our world. *Amen.*”

### **2 – 4 April --The Great Three Days: the Easter Triduum**

These days are the highlight of the Christian Year, including Maundy Thursday's institution of the Eucharist, Good Friday's crucifixion and death of our Lord, and the Easter Vigil celebrating our Lord's movement from death to life, His once for all sacrifice and conquest of sin and death for all mankind.



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### **31 March – Easter; Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord**

Eastertide begins today and we celebrate the season for fifty days, until the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost...but more about Eastertide next month.



Check out the Easter books on the kiosk. The majority of them are children's books but their message is probably clearer for that. See what you think!



## The Lutheran - February 2015 What draws people to ELCA



COVER STORY  
It's all about that grace



FEATURES  
**A quick reference guide for writing letters**  
BY TIMOTHY K. SNYDER



FEATURES  
**Beyond memos**  
Lutherans and the lost art of letter writing  
BY TIMOTHY K. SNYDER



FEATURES  
**Contemplate spiritual practices for Lent**  
BY JOANN NESSER



FEATURES  
**Finding faith tracks**  
How families become fluent in the language of faith  
BY ELIZABETH MORGENSTERN PAUL



A LEXICON OF FAITH:  
**Faith**  
BY PETER W. MARTY



PRESIDING BISHOP:  
**We need to talk**  
BY ELIZABETH A. EATON

## Bethany's Lenten Soup Recipe Book To Be Updated

### Bethany's Lenten



### Soup & Bread Recipes 2015

Bethany's Lenten Soup and Bread Recipe Book, first printed in 2008, is being updated with several new recipes. If you have a soup or bread recipe that you have made for one of Lenten Soup Suppers that you would like to have included in the updated edition, please give a copy of the recipe to Kathy Geier or Linda Dahl. A complete list of the recipes we currently have is listed in the January Outlook.

After Lent is over, the recipes will be compiled in the updated edition and will be available to members of Bethany.

## Bethany's Pie Social to be Rescheduled

Due to the blizzard on February 14, Bethany's annual Pie Social was canceled. The Pie Social is being rescheduled for April, with the specific date to be announced at a later date.



# Kids!

## Confirmation: MARKED!



**March 1:** Students will meet at the church at 3:15 and caravan to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Harvey to attend Marked!, a special event for Confirmation classes from Bethany and other Lutheran churches in the area. The event takes place from 4-7 P.M. and will include music, food, fun, learning and a service project. The service project includes assembling LWR “Baby Kits” for global mission, and “Baby Bundles” for local food pantries and shelters!!!!!! To prepare for this, congregations are collecting items needed for newborn care to be sent to the gathering.



**March 15:** Confirmation class, 6 to 8 P.M.

**March 29:** Confirmation class, 6 to 8 P.M.

**Looking Ahead: Rise Up Together: Detroit 2015 July 15-19, 2015  
ELCA National Youth Gathering**

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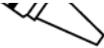
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Sunday School

at 9 A.M. as usual and **also on Palm Sunday, the last Sunday of this month.** On Palm Sunday you'll be coloring eggs for the Sunday Brunch and you'll be participating in the Procession at the beginning of the Palm Sunday service.





# POWER OF PRAYER

When life gets crazy, worry creeps in. But God tells us exactly what to do – any time and anywhere.

**Directions:** Circle the word in each group that doesn't belong. Then write those words on the numbered lines below.

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<b>1</b> apple anxious artichoke	<b>2</b> every eagle emu	<b>3</b> purple pink prayer	<b>4</b> Paul petition Peter	<b>5</b> taste touch thanksgiving
<b>6</b> rest requests relax	<b>7</b> God George Greg	<b>8</b> puddle peace pond	<b>9</b> transcends train truck	<b>10</b> unusual unique understanding
<b>11</b> guard giraffe gorilla	<b>12</b> hearts hold held	<b>13</b> many minds more	<b>14</b> Philadelphia Pennsylvania Philippians	

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“Do not be \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup> about anything, but in  
\_\_\_\_\_<sup>2</sup> situation, by \_\_\_\_\_<sup>3</sup> and  
\_\_\_\_\_<sup>4</sup>, with \_\_\_\_\_<sup>5</sup>,  
present your \_\_\_\_\_<sup>6</sup> to \_\_\_\_\_<sup>7</sup>. And  
the \_\_\_\_\_<sup>8</sup> of God, which \_\_\_\_\_<sup>9</sup>  
all \_\_\_\_\_<sup>10</sup>, will \_\_\_\_\_<sup>11</sup>  
your \_\_\_\_\_<sup>12</sup> and your \_\_\_\_\_<sup>13</sup>  
in Christ Jesus.” \_\_\_\_\_<sup>14</sup> 4:6-7, NIV



## World Day of Prayer 2015



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Women, men and children in more than 170 countries and regions will celebrate World Day of Prayer, Friday, March 6, 2015. This year, the women of the WDP Committee of The Bahamas call us to consider Jesus' words to the disciples after washing their feet: "Do you understand what I have done for you?" The women of The Bahamas describe what Jesus does when he washes the disciples' feet as "radical love." Radical love comes from humility, compassion and commitment. God's radical love is not static or self-centered; it draws others in.

**This year's service will be held on  
Friday, March 6 1pm  
Bethany Lutheran Church  
550 Cherry Street, Negaunee**

Everyone is invited to join the women of The Bahamas in prayer and song to support ecumenical efforts toward justice, peace, healing and wholeness. The annual offering supports the work of World Day of Prayer USA and helps meet the needs of families in The Bahamas and around the world who are victims of many forms of poverty, violence and injustice.

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday in March. World Day of Prayer was founded on the idea that prayer and action are inseparable. Services begin at sunrise in the Pacific and follow the sun across the globe on the day of celebration. Each year a different country's committee serves as the writers of the World Day of Prayer worship service.

## Babies



Babies are God's gifts from above  
Adorable and precious so easy to love  
Ten fingers and toes, a cute button nose  
Cuddles and coos, what could be better than that  
Nothing I think and that is a fact!



**Tom and Tonya Perry** are proud first time grandparents. Winter Marie Perry was born on February 7th to her parents Jacob and Ashley. She was 7 lbs. 7 ounces and 21 1/2 inches long. Welcome Winter!

**Ken and Carol Carlson** are also welcoming a new grandchild. Kenneth Foxen Alford is the son of Tyler and Sara Alford. He was born February 8th weighing in at 8 lbs. 13.3 ounces and 21 inches long. Welcome Foxen!



## Results of the Souper Bowl of Caring

The Sunday School kids collected \$122.66 during this year's Souper Bowl of Caring. Thanks for your generous gifts. All of these funds went to the local food bank.



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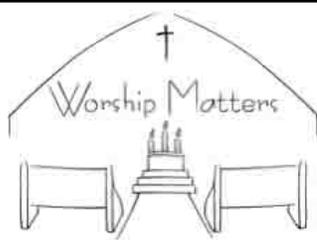
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## rick's Day Trivia

You may know that St. Patrick used shamrocks to teach about the Trinity, but did you know these other facts about him?

- St. Patrick wasn't Irish. (His parents were Roman citizens living in either Scotland or Wales.)
- He was kidnapped and sold as a slave at age 16. After escaping six years later, he joined a monastery in England.
- March 17 is the date of St. Patrick's death, not his birth. He died in 461 A.D.
- The color originally associated with St. Patrick is blue, not green.
- The harp, not the shamrock, is the national symbol of Ireland.





## Council Highlights - February 2015

1. The Council received an update on the progress of the new church directory.
2. The finance committee is developing policies and procedures for the use of dedicated money funds.
3. The council approved a special congregational meeting for March 22, 2015 right after church. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss Bethany being an internship site.

Special congregational meeting:

1. Sunday, March 22, 2015 right after the worship service.
2. The purpose of the meeting is to seek congregational approval for Bethany to be a pastoral internship site and approve the funding for a potential intern. The council recommends approval of the internship and the funding.



## Reminder

### Thrivent Choice Dollars

For those members with Thrivent investments, it is time to designate where you would like your 2014 Thrivent Choice Dollars to go. If you wish, your Choice Dollars can be designated to Bethany.

You can make your designation online or you may get help from your Thrivent representative. Your designation must be made before the end of March.



**YTD Income: \$12,388.50**

**YTD Expenses: \$19,770.90**

**(January)**



## Easter Flowers

Easter Lilies will be \$14  
Mums, Daffodils, & Tulips will be \$15  
Azaleas and Hydrangeas will be \$25

**The deadline for ordering is March 29.**

## Easter Postcard Included in Outlook

Enclosed in each copy of March's Outlook is the Holy Week worship schedule. The schedule is written on a postcard.

Feel free to use it as...

- Your special reminder
- A book mark
- An invitation (Add postage and send it to someone inviting them to take part in our Holy Week services at Bethany.)



## Lenten Services and Soup Suppers Continue

The Wednesday Lenten Services continue during March at 6:30 p.m. with the last four plays in the series *Call Me Sometime* by John P. Trump.

Prior to the service there will be the Lenten Soup Suppers which begin at 5:30 p.m.

These Boards of Bethany will provide the soups during March.

March 4 - Social Ministry

March 11 - Finance and property

March 18 - Stewardship and Personnel

March 25 - Council



### 2015 Flower Chart



The 2015 Flower Chart has been posted and is ready to be filled. Please consider remembering or honoring a loved one with flowers which will also beautify Bethany's sanctuary each week. Thank you.

### Answer to Power of Prayer

Answers: 1. anxious, 2. every, 3. prayer, 4. petition, 5. thanksgiving, 6. requests, 7. God, 8. peace, 9. transcends, 10. understanding, 11. guard, 12. hearts, 13. minds, 14. Philippians



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.



### 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: Teckla Holmgren (Mather), Doreen Brown (Valente), Joyce Lehto (Mill Creek), Marjorie Rosten (Valente), Shirley Sundblad (Valente), Anna Mae Collins (Mather), Jean Anderson (Valente), Allen Maki (Jacobetti). Geri Maki (Jacobetti). Bob Waters (Jacobetti)
- Pastor Kenneth Lahners who mourns the loss of his mother
- Pastor Bob Sutherland who continues to recover from knee surgery
- Pastor Rudy Keppainen
- Ned Johns
- Bob Clark
- Carl Pellonpaa
- Peter Cain
- Ralph Goethe
- Robert Maki
- Robert Nadeau
- Betty Geier
- Zander Atkins
- Don Doney
- Jim Sodergren, Sr.
- Jim Bjorne
- Pastor Marcia Solberg
- Doris Pellonpaa
- Kathy Routhier
- Nancy Swanson
- Angie Kempainen
- Mary Bertucci
- June Forsberg
- Allen Beauchamp
- Carol and Juan Papaleo and family
- Pam Waters
- Those in the military that they may remain safe



**Daylight Savings Time begins  
March 8.**

**Remember to turn your clocks ahead.**



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

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Stewardship, Tom Perry  
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## March Worship Assistants

### March 1

Assisting Minister - Carrie Meyer  
Acolyte - Kayla Koski and Kyra  
Holmgren  
Altar - Sue Holmgren  
Coffee Hosts - Shawls  
Nursery - Sabrina Holm-Brown  
Bread - Linda Dahl

### March 8

Assisting Minister - Craig Kitchen  
Acolytes - Matthew Skewis and  
Morgan Rhoades  
Altar - Shirley Tyni  
Coffee Hosts - Social Ministry  
Nursery - Hannah Skewis  
Bread - Marian Medlyn

### March 15

Assisting Minister - Robert Maki  
Acolytes - Garrett Frustaglio and Ben Bruhnke  
Altar - Kaye Frederickson  
Coffee Hosts - WELCA (Outreach)  
Nursery - ShyAnn Holm-Brown  
Bread - Terra Frusstaglio

### March 22

Assisting Minister - Brent Clark  
Acolytes - Mackenzie Ryan and Hope Kaukola  
Altar - Sue Holmgren's team  
Coffee Hosts - Brent & Denise Clark & friends  
Nursery - Jessica Penhale  
Bread - Tonya Perry

### March 29 Palm Sunday

Assisting Minister - Gwen Bruhnke  
Acolytes - Jackson Cardoni and Gavin  
Argall  
Altar - Sue Holmgren  
Coffee Hosts - Palm Sunday Brunch  
Nursery - Terra Frustaglio  
Bread - Cheryl Frederickson

### March Ushers:

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



### April Ushers:

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

*Thank You!*

*Happy Birthday!*

- 1 Carol Carlson
- 2 Carol Heavyside
- 3 Heidi Sweet
- 4 Marvin Swanson
- 4 Calvin Bertucci
- 5 Addy Lemire
- 5 Joyce Lehto
- 7 Alexandra Kitchen
- 7 Evelyn Valente
- 8 Terra Frustaglio
- 8 Roberta Luokkala
- 9 Gwen Bruhnke
- 10 Rick Dault
- 11 Brett Sandstrom
- 12 Robert Clark
- 12 Trisha Gugin
- 14 William Carne
- 14 Marjorie Rosten
- 15 Jamie Healey
- 15 Beverly Matherne
- 16 Joshua Argall
- 17 Beth Bertucci
- 18 Peggy Clark
- 19 Sue Ryan
- 21 Gregory Stahlmann
- 22 Nicholas Chartre
- 24 Patricia Nault
- 25 Robert Kaukola
- 25 Joseph Lemire
- 27 Gavin Argall
- 27 Allen Maki
- 28 Kimberly Marks
- 28 Doris Pellonpaa
- 28 Donna Stahlmann



- 29 Chad Anderson
- 29 Catherine Barton
- 29 Marie Chilman
- 29 Kenneth Lawson
- 30 Sharla Riutta
- 31 Benjamin Bruhnke
- 31 Lois Goethe

