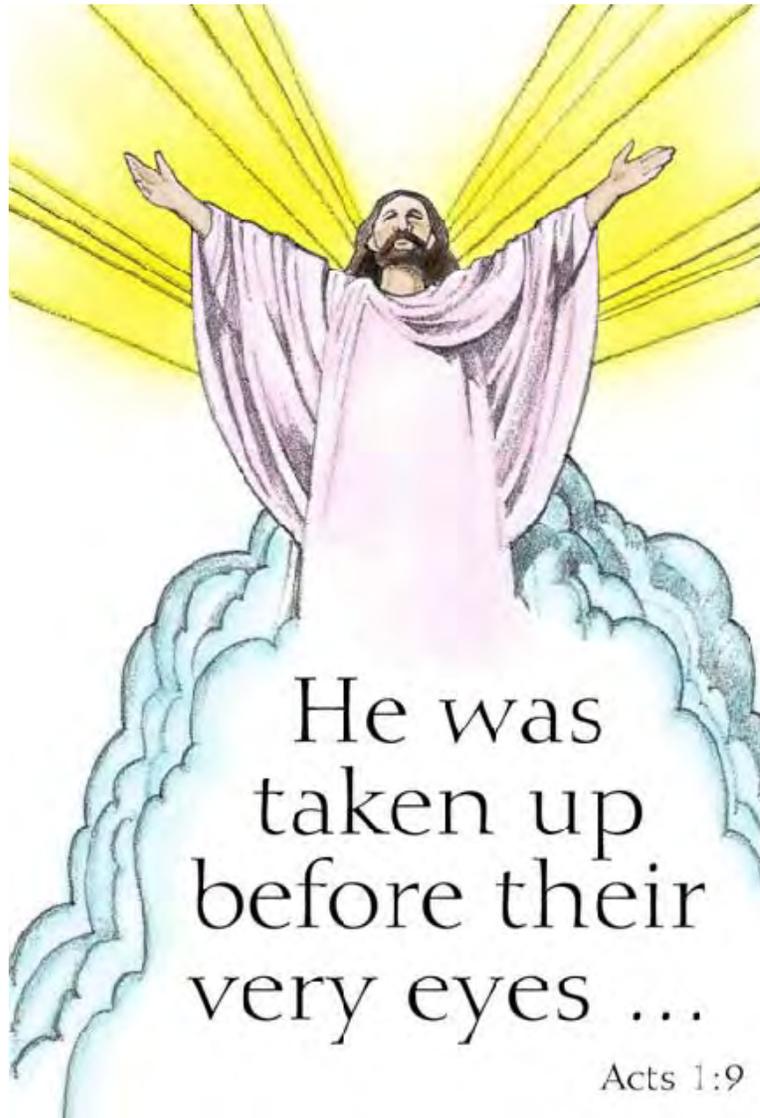




Bethany Lutheran Outlook
May 2014

Serving God, Community, and Individuals



He was
taken up
before their
very eyes ...

Acts 1:9



PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Every year as part of our Annual Meeting there is a courtesy resolution that extends thanks to people who serve in various capacities at the church, some paid, mostly volunteer. Right now seems like a good time to do something similar. Lent, Holy Week and Easter represent the busiest time of the church year and a lot goes into making it happen. Sometimes people know who does what, but sometimes they don't so at the risk of overlooking someone, let me offer thanks to a bunch of people.

In no particular order...

Sue Holmgren...for all she does in coordinating the work of the altar guild, setting up for services, ordering and arranging flowers and also palms for Palm Sunday, polishing and cleaning altar ware and lots of other things that only she knows about.



The other members of the Altar Guild.

Everyone who made soup for the Lenten Soup Suppers as well as taking care of the set up and clean up.

Tonya Perry for organizing the cast for the Lenten dramas and for everyone who participated in them; special thanks to Gary Sundblad and Tom Perry for playing the lead roles in all of them!



Tonya Perry and Linda Hurrell for providing leadership for the choir.

The choir for all they do to enhance our worship and for their support of all the special worship services.

Pam Allen and Tom Brown for making sure the church is always clean.

The Worship and Music committee for organizing, setting up and cleaning up the Palm Sunday brunch; also for setting up for Easter Vigil.

Confirmation students and Sunday School students who served and helped clean up the Palm Sunday brunch.

Linda Dahl for organizing the Passion Sunday gospel reading.



The Circles for remembering the shut-ins at Easter.

Tom Sodergren for rearranging our piles of snow and giving us back lots of parking spaces for Good Friday and Easter.

Tony Elliot for stepping in to help with the sound system as well as serving as a counter when Bob Nadeau was laid up.



Bob Kaukola for providing the fire for Easter Vigil.

Carrie Goldsworthy for the extra office work this time of year requires.

Everyone who served as a reader, communion assistant, acolyte, usher or bread baker.



The Sunday School students for being part of the Palm Sunday procession.

Kathy Geier for putting together the gift bags for the Easter children's sermon.

Sophie Horne for turning pages for me during the Easter children's sermon.

Courtney Allen, Pam Allen, Tom Brown, Sabrina Holm-Brown and Tom Perry for being foot "washees" on Maundy Thursday.

Courtney Allen and Pam Allen for covering the nursery during the ecumenical Good Friday service.



Gary Sundblad for the Easter Sunday trumpet.

I've probably forgotten someone, or something or some group and for that I apologize, but what this lays out is a lot of the extra contributions that are required and freely given during this part of the church year. On top of that are all the people who continue to do what they do in serving the church all year long. For me what this means is that I can do what I have to do knowing that all these things are taken care of.

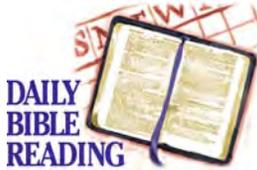
It's another example of what the church is supposed to be! I extend thanks to all of you for another meaningful Lent and Easter!

Alleluia! He is Risen!

Pastor Geier

Alleluia!

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

May 2014

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|------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 | Isaiah 25:1-5 | 1 Peter 1:8b-12 |
| 2 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 | Isaiah 26:1-4 | 1 Peter 1:13-16 |
| 3 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 | Isaiah 25:6-9 | Luke 14:12-14 |

4. **Third Sunday of Easter**

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35

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| 5 Psalm 134 | Genesis 18:1-14 | 1 Peter 1:23-25 |
| 6 Psalm 134 | Proverbs 8:32 -- 9:6 | 1 Peter 2:1-3 |
| 7 Psalm 134 | Exodus 24:1-11 | John 21:1-14 |
| 8 Psalm 23 | Exodus 2:15b-25 | 1 Peter 2:9-12 |
| 9 Psalm 23 | Exodus 3:16-22; 4:18-20 | 1 Peter 2:13-17 |
| 10 Psalm 23 | Ezekiel 34:1-16 | Luke 15:1-7 |

11 **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10

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| 12 Psalm 100 | Ezekiel 34:17-23 | 1 Peter 5:1-5 |
| 13 Psalm 100 | Ezekiel 34:23-31 | Hebrews 13:20-21 |
| 14 Psalm 100 | Jeremiah 23:1-8 | Matthew 20:17-28 |
| 15 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 | Genesis 12:1-3 | Acts 6:8-15 |
| 16 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 | Exodus 3:1-12 | Acts 7:1-16 |
| 17 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 | Jeremiah 26:20-24 | John 8:48-59 |

18 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14

19 Psalm 102:1-17	Exodus 13:17-22	Acts 7:17-40
20 Psalm 102:1-17	Proverbs 3:5-12	Acts 7:44-56
21 Psalm 102:1-17	Proverbs 3:13-18	John 8:31-38
22 Psalm 66:8-20	Genesis 6:5-22	Acts 27:1-12
23 Psalm 66:8-20	Genesis 7:1-24	Acts 27:13-38
24 Psalm 66:8-20	Genesis 8:13-19	John 14:27-29

25 Sixth Sunday of Easter

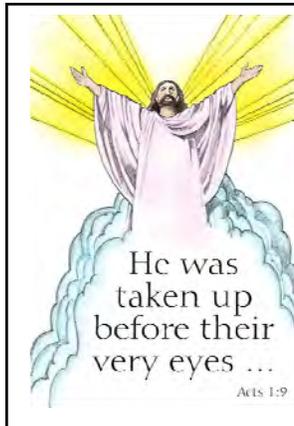
Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:18-20 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21

26 Psalm 93	Genesis 9:8-17	Acts 27:39-44
27 Psalm 93	Deuteronomy 5:22-33	1 Peter 3:8-12
28 Psalm 93	Deuteronomy 31:1-13	John 16:16-24

29 Ascension of Our Lord

Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53

30 Psalm 93	2 Kings 2:1-12	Ephesians 2:1-7
31 Psalm 93	2 Kings 2:13-15	John 8:21-30



Ascension Day Worship Service

Thursday, May 29

7:00 pm

Enjoy the Poetry of Hymns

Jesus Shall Reign



Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom spread from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
The prisoners leap to lose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honors to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748
Music: attr. John Hatton, d. 1793
Tune: Duke Street
ELW #434



Jesus Shall Reign: The Story Behind the Hymn

The mighty God, even the Lord, hath spoken,
and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the setting down thereof.
Psalm 50:1



One of the earliest hymns written with a missionary emphasis, this is another of the more than 600 hymns by Isaac Watts, often called the father of English hymnody. When this text was written in 1719, the evangelical missionary movement had scarcely begun. It was not until 1779 that William Carey began to stir Christians with their responsibility of fulfilling the Great Commission to the heathen. Even then, an Anglican bishop expressed the attitude of his Church to missions in his reply to Carey, “Young man, if God wants to save the heathen, He will do so without any help from you.”

This is still considered one of the finest missionary hymns ever written and one of the most widely used. The text is a paraphrase of Psalm 72. It has been sung by countless missionaries in numerous tongues. The story is told of an event in the South Sea Islands in 1862 when 5,000 natives sang this hymn as the native king replaced a pagan constitution with a Christian one.

Other hymns by Isaac Watts include “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”, “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”, “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”, and “Joy to the World!”.

The tune, “Duke Street,” was composed for this text by John Hatton in 1793. Nothing much is known of Hatton except that he was born in Warrington, England, and that he was killed in a stagecoach accident shortly after composing this tune. The tune is thought to be named after the street on which he lived in the village of St. Helens, England.

From *101 Hymn Stories: The Inspiring True Stories Behind 101 Favorite Hymns* by Kenneth W. Osbeck





Social Ministry April 2014

The February Noisy Offering total for Lutheran Campus Ministry was inadvertently omitted in the last update. The amount donated was \$187.97. Thanks again for your generous support.

The March/April noisy offering is for the St. Vincent Home Heating fund, and \$220.21 had been collected as of 3/24/14.

The May/June Noisy offering will be designated as follows: ELCA is doing the Quarters for Hunger Drive on May 4th and May 11th so money collected on those two May Sundays will be donated to this ELCA Drive. Please donate your quarters, AND dimes, nickels, pennies for this worthy cause.



May 18th and 25th, along with all Sundays in June will go to the proposed Room at the Inn/Warming Shelter. You probably know that Room at the Inn has been providing overnight shelter for the homeless through winter months. Unfortunately, there has been no place for these people during the daytime, and, especially after our 2014 record cold winter, we are aware of the importance of providing a daytime Warming Shelter for the homeless, too.

Some people will always be in need and our congregation is generous with donations of groceries and money. Other people may be in need, but the need is not for things. Sometimes giving means giving of ourselves, and there are many ways of doing this. Sharing the peace each Sunday in church is one way of giving to others.

An extension of this after the service is simply saying hello to someone you may not have spoken with recently. Visiting a shut-in is another way of giving, or offering your help to someone who is unable to perform some task, or offering a ride to someone who cannot drive. Thank you to all of you who give in so many ways.

This is reminiscent of a verse of a song:

**Here I am lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**



The May Noisy Offering will be given to ELCA's Quarters for Hunger and Room at the Inn/Warming Shelter. Thanks to everyone for your generosity!



Bethany's Homework Club

Homework Club Ministry

The Bethany Lutheran Church Homework Club served 12 – 15 Birchview School students each Thursday afternoon through the end of March. Since spring break, we've had fewer students. The last day of Homework Club will be May 15.

This year our largest group was second grade, with 5 to 8 students attending weekly, and the smallest was 3rd which had just one student. This year, Debbie Cain and Tonya Perry served the 2nd grade, Marian Medlyn and Sarah Waters served the K-1 students and Pastor Geier took on 3rd and 4th grades. Sue Holmgren served as our super substitute. Jackie Marra, a member of the Ishpeming community, also helped out when she could.

If you have thought about volunteering for Homework Club but don't want to make a long-term commitment, consider offering your services as a substitute next year. We all need a day off now and then, so a little longer sub list would be helpful. If volunteering with kids isn't your thing, juice and snacks are appreciated. We found that juice in boxes or pouches were a great help, as spills were much less of a problem.

I'd like to offer thanks for the continued support this ministry has received from the church body. Please keep this ministry and those it serves in your prayers.

Thank You



Josh Argall's family includes his mom Terra, stepdad Pete, and siblings Savannah, Garret, and Reid, and his grandparents Dan and Sharon Argall and his Great Grandma Rosten. He has also always been part of Bethany's church family having been baptized and confirmed at Bethany.



Josh is particularly proud of how well he has done in wrestling, especially when the Westwood Wrestling team won the Districts. Josh is also proud of his carpentry skills, a talent he may have inherited from his Grandpa Dan and Great Grandpa Rosten.

His parents, wrestling coaches, pastor and teachers have all had a major influence on him, helping him to stay mentally focused and encouraging him to do the best he can do. This attitude is in keeping with his favorite Bible verse Philippians 4:13. "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." Josh feels that he can ask God for that inner strength as he goes through life.

For the past two years, Josh has worked at Lawry's Pasty Shop. After graduation, however, Josh proudly faces a new challenge. Josh has enlisted in the U.S. Army. On August 19 he will be reporting to Fort Benning, Georgia, for Basic Training. After Basic Training, Josh will go to Missouri for AIT schooling where his training will specialize in carpentry and masonry. We wish him well.

Josh graduates from Westwood High School On May 29.



Courtney Allen has been working at Wilderness Sports and plans to continue working there after graduation. She sees working for her aunt as her greatest accomplishment. While working with family isn't always easy, she says, she wants to show that she can work anywhere and do that work at the best of her ability.

In addition she wants to continue her education online in design and veterinary assistance. She loves designing shirts and working in the sports store.

Courtney will also continue to work at Northern Veterinary Associates where she had an internship during high school. She was commended for her work during her internship because she was a positive example of the internship program. Being a hands-on person, Courtney loves working with animals, and she excels at what she loves. She likes dog sitting, being their best friend, and being in charge of their well-being. It is no surprise that the Noah's Ark Bible story is her favorite. Courtney says how Noah brought the animals into the ark two by two is "so me". She loves and cares for animals and would do anything to save them.

Courtney is a caring and sharing person. She loves to do volunteer work in the community. Her basketball coach this year has asked her to continue helping with IHS basketball because of her positive attitude. She is also a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary for the Ishpeming Township Fire Department. Besides helping others, Courtney enjoys being outside, swimming, biking, and babysitting.

Not many people can claim the role of Baby Jesus in the manger, but Courtney Allen can. As a baby, she was already active at Bethany and she carried out her role without shedding one tear! Later in life, Courtney helped with VBS by bringing in her animals and by helping her brother Travis paint the scenery for the VBS skits. Courtney was baptized at Bethany and had her First Communion and Confirmation here. She is often seen helping her mom out at Bethany. Her mom Pam is her best friend, and Courtney loves doing things with her and for her. She would like to thank Pastor Geier and Kathy for helping her out and believing in her.

Courtney's Grandpa Doney has been the biggest influence in her life. She says he has been through so much and has had twenty lives. She has seen God by his side as well as at the side of the entire family. She feels God will be there for her too.

Courtney graduates from Ishpeming High School on June 6.



**Don't be anxious about things that may happen in the future.
Always remember that God is at your side,
and that he surrounds you with his love and mercy.**



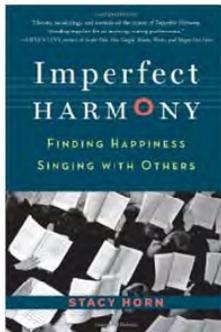
.Books for May 2014

By Keenan Tunnell

We have celebrated the mystery of the Resurrection, and the Easter Season now continues for fifty days until the celebration of another great mystery: the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. We here at Bethany are especially aware of the importance of music in our worship here and so my concentration this month has been on choirs, both in fiction and non-fiction. Ms. Horn's book will strike many chords with anyone who has sung in a choir...and you can check out her choir and many of the works she mentions on-line! The short stories in the collection beginning with "The Choir that couldn't sing" are amusing and instructive. **Preaching to the Choir** is largely about managing choirs and choral programs; and **The Choir** is a truly incredible story about an English cathedral choir, made into a Masterpiece Movie by the BBC in the late 1990's (unfortunately unavailable for purchase!!) Take and Read.... and be inspired by the wonder of choirs!!



Horn, Stacy. **Imperfect Harmony; finding happiness singing with others**
782.5 HOW



Why do we sing? For Stacy Horn, singing in a community choir is the one thing in her life that never fails to take her to a transcendent place and remind her that everything good is possible. She's not particularly religious and her voice isn't exactly the stuff of legend, but like the 32.5 million other amateur chorus members throughout this country and the world, singing with other people makes her happy. As Horn relates her funny and profound experiences as a choir member, she treats us to an eclectic history of group singing and the music that moves us, whether we're hearing it for the first time or the hundredth; the dramatic stories of conductors and composers; and discoveries from the new science of singing, including the remarkable physical benefits of song.



Reed, Bob. **The Choir that couldn't sing and other merry tales.**
808.83 REE

These stories are surefire spirit lifters that celebrate life and enrich the soul. Reed's seven tales not only come alive with hilarity and warmth, they show how God works through even the most bumbling and misdirected human efforts. In the lead story, "The Choir That Couldn't Sing," Reed's description of a hopelessly off-key church choir assembled from eccentrics and misfits will trigger gales of laughter. But tears are sure to flow when readers feel the impact of the choir's humble but grand, accomplishment. The book's other stories come equally alive with humor, insight, and inspiration that demonstrate how the least in the kingdom of heaven can touch the heart of God. (Note: many of these stories are based on real people and events!)

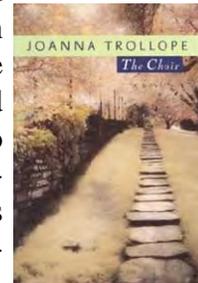


Trollope, Joanna. **The Choir**



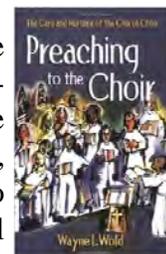
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The Choir is set in the gentle world of one of England's beautiful old cathedral towns. Crisis looms. Funds are short and the cathedral is in need of major repair. One faction of the community concludes that the obvious way to finance the work is to put an end to the expensive and nowadays rather irrelevant boys' choir. The other faction is prepared to fight to the death to save the choir. As the rift in the community widens, many other characters are dragged into the battle....Their stories are marvelously woven into a compulsively readable novel about modern life in old-world England.



Wold, Wayne L. **Preaching to the choir** 782.5 WOL

"...Wold gives church musicians a welcome reminder of what we are really about and why we are about it....[he] discusses planning for worship, choosing music, leading rehearsals, teaching and caring for the spiritual life of both choir members and directors in an easily accessible, often humorous and ultimately profound way. His 'Eleven Things Not to Say at Choir Rehearsal' is worth the price of the book." (says Carl Schalk, emeritus professor of music, Concordia Univ., River Forest, IL)





The Lutheran - 2014 Mental Illness



- **Connecting to God's love**
My journey through mental illness to faith
- **Maintaining stability**

by Deb Karch



Cover story
What we can do
by Bob Mitchell



Features
9 reasons to get involved in the ELCA Malaria Campaign
by Jessica Nipp Hacker



Features
Lutherans, Catholics forget who's who in rare ecumenical community
by Steve Lundeberg



Features
What you don't see
Blessed be those who bring children to worship
by Elizabeth Paul



Challenging conversations:
The Ten Words
by Peter W. Marty



Presiding bishop:
Sharp sword, polished arrow
by Elizabeth A. Eaton



Women, Children and Friend Dessert

Monday, May 12 @ 6:30 pm

**Program: Westwood High School's Voices in Motion
directed by Tony Beacco**



Join us in an evening of fellowship with other women from Bethany and their guests.



Did you know that all women of Bethany are members of WELCA whether or not you currently belong to a circle? All are welcome and feel free to bring your mother, children, and friends for this evening of entertainment and fellowship.

Joy Circle arranged the program, and Martha Circle will be providing the dessert for this special evening at Bethany. Hope to see you all there to celebrate Mother's Day.



Bethany Quilters Need Sheets



Bethany Quilters are in need of clean, unstained flat sheets. The quilters can use plain or printed sheets, and the sheets can be twin, full, queen or king sized sheets. If you have any sheets that you could donate, please bring them to church and put them on the table by the office door. One of the quilters will make sure the sheets are put with the quilters' supplies. Thank you.



Choral Prayer

At the conclusion of each Sunday's service during Lent, the choir sang Adoramus te Christe — Christ, we do all adore thee.

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday began in celebration with the Procession of Palms and continued with the reading of the Passion story according to the Gospel of Matthew.



After the Palm Sunday service, we had a brunch.



Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday's evening service included the receiving of individual Absolution, the Washing of Feet, and Holy Communion. The service concluded with the Stripping of the Altar while Pastor Geier and Keenan Tunnell sang Psalm 22.



Tenebrae of Good Friday

This service of shadows or darkness featured the extinguishing of candles following each reading from the Gospel of John. Only the large Christ candle remained lit. Finally, even that candle was removed from view. The liturgy concluded after a loud noise was made. The noise symbolized the death of Jesus and his descent into hell.



Easter Vigil

Pastor Geier began the Vigil with the blessing of the new Paschal candle. The Service of Readings which followed included Old Testament stories of God's deliverance. The service concluded with the Renewal of our Baptismal Vows, prayers for our church, and the Lord's Prayer.



An all-night Vigil followed the Easter Vigil service.



EASTER

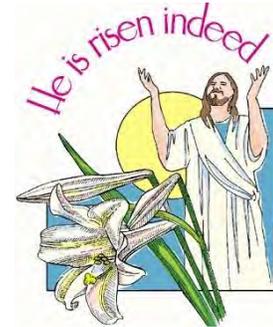
Christ is Alive!
Alleluia!



Bishop Eaton's Easter Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

My favorite story in scripture is the account in John's gospel of Mary Magdalene going to the tomb. It was the first Easter, but Mary didn't know that. She expected death. In her profound grief she couldn't recognize Jesus.



It was only when Jesus called her by name that she was able to see the risen Lord. Jesus saw Mary. Jesus knew Mary. Jesus spoke, "Mary." It was being completely seen, utterly known, and lovingly called that opened Mary Magdalene to the hope of the Resurrection and into a deeper relationship with Christ. Because **she** was seen, she could see. This is what I call Easter vision. We have been seen, known, and called by God through the Crucified and Risen Savior. And having received the Spirit through Baptism, we can all now see. We can see Christ, and we can see Christ in our neighbor. No one is invisible to God, and no one is invisible to us. What wondrous love is this!

So beloved, with newly opened eyes, let us be bold to say, "Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Hallelujah!"

Blessed Easter.



Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Alleluia!



Soup Suppers & Lenten Dramas



Kids!

What's Up?



May 4: We'll be practicing for the Mother's Day Concert.

May 11:



**Mother's Day Concert
during worship service**



May 18: Last day of Sunday School—Special Activities



Bethany's Homework Club

**Homework Club: Last day for the school year is
Thursday, May 15.**

Looking Ahead:

- **Vacation Bible School —
Details will be forthcoming**



- **Fortune Lake Summer Camp - Summer Camp begins on June 9. Soon it will
be time register for the week you will go to camp.**





Mothers in the Bible

Children have always had a special place in their mother's heart..

Directions: first, cover up the second column and see if you can name some of the mothers' children from the Bible. Then write the circled letters on the correct lines below to complete Proverbs 23:25, NIV

MOTHERS

CHILDREN



Eve ³¹	bore	Cain, Abel and Seth ¹¹
Sarah ²³	bore	Isaac ¹⁸
Rebekah ⁷	bore	Jacob and Esau ¹⁵
Rachel ¹³	bore	Benjamin and Joseph ⁴¹
Leah ¹²	bore	Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun and Dinah ²⁴
Zilpah ⁴⁴	bore	Gad and Asher ²⁸
Bilhah ³⁴	bore	Dan and Naphtali ³⁶
Jochebed ¹⁹	bore	Moses ²⁹
Naomi ²	bore	Mahlon and Kilion ³²
Ruth ¹⁴	bore	Obed ⁸
Hannah ²⁶	bore	Samuel ⁵
Bathsheba	bore	Solomon ²¹
Elizabeth ¹⁰	bore	John the Baptist ⁴²
Mary ³	bore	Jesus ⁹
Eunice ⁶	bore	Timothy ¹⁶



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PROVERBS 23:25, NIV



Bethany Is Invited to Courtney's Graduation Party



Graduation Party

Courtney Dawn Allen

May 17, 2014 1:00- 4:00 pm
Bethany Lutheran Church



Fortune Lake Events

May 2- 4

Adoptive Family Retreat

Adults: Retreat lodge: \$75 Duplex: \$65 Youth(10 & up):
\$58 (5- 10) \$35 Under 5: free Family Max: \$210



May 12- 13

Seniors Go to Camp \$45

Why let the kids have all the fun? This is a special overnight experience designed just for seniors! During your time at camp we will have opportunities for Bible study and worship, plus optional hikes, crafts, and boating opportunities. Experience begins Monday at 10 and ends Tuesday at 2 pm.



May 21

Spring clean-up day

Arrive anytime after 9 a.m. CT; projects both inside and out; lunch provided.

June 9

Summer camp begins with theme "What Time is It? God's Time!"

It's time to sign up for camp! Campers of all ages are welcome!

Synod Assembly will be May 18-19, 2014
(Sunday afternoon – Monday)

**Northern Michigan University and Messiah Lutheran Church
Marquette, MI.**

Bethany's delegates to the Synod Assembly are Pastor Geier, Tonya Perry and Robert Nadeau.



Holy Humor Sunday will be celebrated at Bethany on May 18. Here is a little something to get you into the mood. Just for a laugh.....

.Grin and bear it

A preacher decided to skip worship services one Sunday and head to the hills to do some bear hunting instead. As the man rounded a corner, he collided with a huge bear and tumbled down the mountain, losing his rifle and breaking both legs in the process. The bear charged toward him, but the preacher couldn't move.

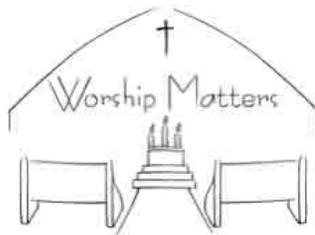


"Oh, Lord," he prayed, "I'm so sorry for skipping church today. Please forgive me and grant me just one wish: Please turn that bear into a Christian!"

Instantly, the bear screeched to a halt, fell to its knees, clasped its front paws together and began praying aloud at the preacher's feet.

"Dear Lord," the bear said, "bless this food I am about to receive. Amen."





Council Highlights - April 2014

1. May council meeting is moved to Tuesday, May 27, 2014.
2. New office computers and Shepherd's Staff software are installed.
3. Council authorized archive committee to work with NMU to archive our historical documents.
4. Delegates to the Synod assembly are Pastor, Bob Nadeau and Tonya Perry.
5. Dishwasher is repaired.
6. New coffee pot has been delivered.



Thanks Linda and Tonya

Linda Hurrell and Tonya Perry gave the congregation a special gift of music on Easter morning with their offertory and postlude organ/piano duet **Great is the Lord**. It was magnificent.



YTD Income: \$49,838.50

YTD Expenses: \$54,402.51

(January - March)



Holy Baptism

Calvin Robert Bertucci was baptized April 27th. Calvin is the son of Sara and Matt Bertucci. His sponsors are Mindy Chilman and Rachel Bertucci. He was born March 4th, weighing in at 7 lbs. 10 oz. Big brother Landon loves helping out with his new baby brother.



Welcome, Beverly Matherne

Beverly is the newest member of Bethany's choir.

Dog Visits Bethany

David Finegan brought Axel, a dog-in-training, to Bethany's Sunday morning worship service. This cute pooch is learning to be a service dog. During his visit to Bethany, he was getting used to being among a lot of people that included men, women, and children.



Thanks Tony Elliot

Tony Elliot stepped in to help with the sound System and also with the Tuesday morning counting. Thanks. We appreciate it.

Memorial Memorial Day Service
DAY @ Ishpeming Cemetery
May 26 @ 10:00 am

Order Geraniums for Pentecost



Bethany will be ordering geraniums from Meister's greenhouse for Pentecost Sunday which is June 8. The 4 1/2 inch plants may be purchased for \$3.00 each. Order forms will be in the Sunday bulletin, or you may call the church to place your order. The deadline to order plants is Sunday, June 1. We would appreciate getting your orders as soon as possible.

If you desire, you may leave your plants at the church for planting outdoors.



Bethany's Website

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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



Keep In Your Prayers

- Remember our home-bound and nursing home residents: Teckla Holmgren (home), Doreen Brown (Valente), Joyce Lehto (Mill Creek), Marjorie Rosten (home), Shirley Sundblad (Valente), Anna Mae Collins (Mather), Ray Sundblad (Valente), Jean Anderson (Valente), Allen Maki (Jacobetti). Geri Maki (Jacobetti)
- Robert Maki
- Robert Nadeau
- Betty Geier, as she makes decisions about her future
- Zander Atkins
- Larry Alexander
- Don Doney
- Nancy Lemire
- Steven Chartré
- Jim Sodergren, Sr.
- Emilie Brown
- Pastor Marcia Solberg
- Evelyn Nadeau
- Doris Pellonpaa
- Kathy Routhier
- Jim Bjerne
- Nancy Swanson
- Angie Kempainen
- Mary Bertucci
- Melissa Chartre
- June Forsberg
- Allen Beauchamp
- Steven Leverton
- Carol and Juan Papaleo and family
- Pam Waters
- Those in the military that they may remain safe



Answer to puzzle **Mothers in the Bible:**

**“May your mother rejoice;
may she who gave you birth be joyful!”**

Proverbs 23:25, NIV

Contributions to and ideas for the newsletter can be made by contacting **Linda Dahl** by phone, e-mail, or by dropping a note in the newsletter mailbox at church.

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CHRIST IS ALIVE!

The logo consists of a stylized purple butterfly above the text "ALLELUIA!" in a bold, serif font, with "CHRIST IS ALIVE!" in a smaller, sans-serif font below it.

May Worship Assistants

May 4

Assisting Minister - Kathy Harrington
Acolytes - Garret Frustaglio and Liam Seppanen
Altar - Pat Liivoja and Loreth Johnson
Coffee Hosts - Stewardship
Flowers - In memory of Sue & Reno Norell by
Karen & Jerry, Bruce & Bunny, and
Kathy & Paul
Nursery - Savannah Marietti
Bread - Kay Chartre

May 11

Assisting Minister - Terra Frustaglio
Acolytes - Jackson Cardoni and Gavin Argall
Altar - Debbie Cain
Coffee Hosts - Social Ministry
Flowers -
Nursery -
Bread - Rae Elliot

May 18

Assisting Minister - David Leverton
Acolytes - Hope Kaukola and Kayla Koski
Altar - Carrie Goldsworthy
Coffee Hosts - Quilters
Flowers -
Nursery - Terra Frustaglio
Bread - Sunday School kids

May 25

Assisting Minister - Gwen Bruhnke
Acolytes - Mackenzie Ryan and Ben Bruhnke
Altar - Sue Holmgren
Coffee - No coffee hour planned
Flowers - In memory of Vendla Larson by Lorraine
Haack
Nursery - Hannah Skewis
Bread - Linda Dahl

May 29 Ascension Service @ 7pm

Assisting Minister - Robert Clark
Bread -

Thank You!

May Ushers:

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



June Ushers:

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

Happy Birthday!

- 1 - Sheri Wooden
- 5 - Mia Chilman
- 7 - Carol Holmgren
- 8 - Michael Carriere
- 8 - Eric Martin
- 9 - Paul Waters
- 10 - James F. Sodergren
- 11 - John Hansen
- 11 -- Kate Clark
- 11 - Dwayne Kaukola
- 13 - Carrie Atkins
- 14 - Ray Sundblad
- 15 - Sherry Lusardi
- 16 - Kathryn Chapman
- 17 - Natalee Dobson
- 17 - Jaak Liivoja
- 18 - Allen Beauchamp
- 19 - Duane King
- 22 - Philip Argall
- 22 - Sandee Sundquist
- 23 - Judy Kitchen
- 24 - Tim Nault
- 24 - Perry Wooden
- 28 - Mary Toivonen
- 29 - Janet Olgren
- 31 - Michael Waters



Happy Anniversary!

Jaak & Pat Liivoja
5/1/76 38 years

Thomas & Pat Varda
5/5/73 41 years

John & Clara Carlson
5/6/61 53 years

Cathy & Keith Barton
5/8/81 33 years

Perry & Sheri Wooden
5/14/83 31 years

Stan & Kris Hough
5/25/85 29 years

