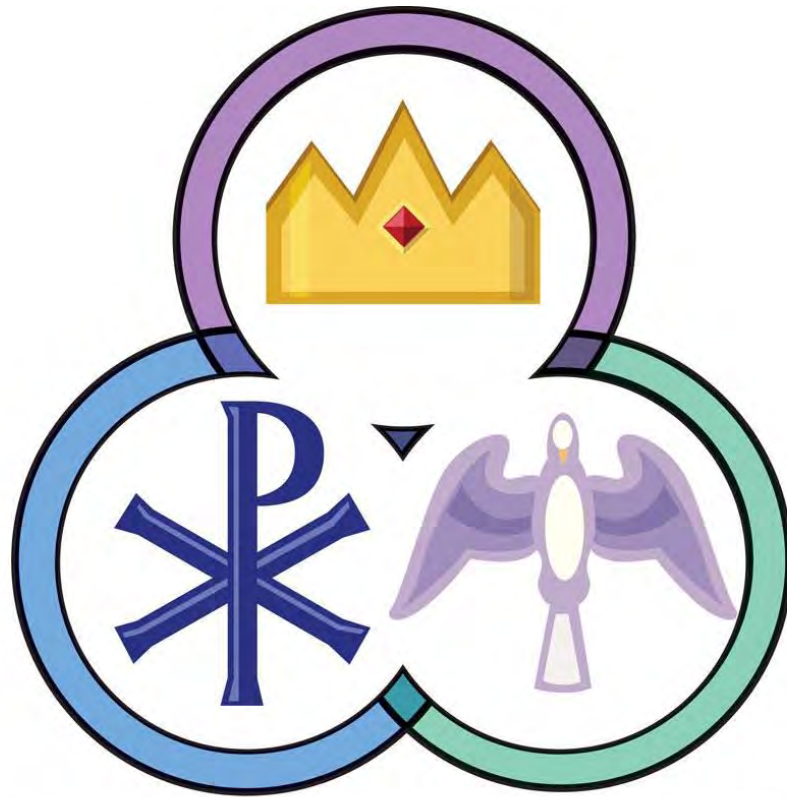




Bethany Lutheran Outlook
May 2015

Serving God, Community, and Individuals



THREE IN ONE



PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

May is always Synod Assembly month in the Northern Great Lakes Synod and this year we will be gathering from Friday the 15th to Sunday the 17th at Finlandia University in Hancock. I can't honestly say that I look forward to Synod Assembly every year, but once I'm there I find that it's always a time for wonderful worship and fellowship, good speakers, plenty of good conversation along with the business of the church. Some of that business can be rather dry and mundane, but obviously it's necessary and I always come away from the assembly with a renewed appreciation for the bishop and his staff, the Synod Council and many others across the synod who serve in various ways and...take care of business.

Some questions that come up from time to time though, are why do we have a synod? Why do we need a synod? What does the synod do for us? The short answer to the first two questions, both of which could have much longer answers, is...because we can do so much more together than we can by ourselves. The word "synod" can loosely be translated as "walk with" which emphasizes the togetherness aspect of what we do as a church made up of 85 congregations. Remember that Christianity was never just a "Me and Jesus" thing; it was always about the assembled gathering and a synod is an expression of that.



There are many examples of what we do together that we couldn't do alone, but here's a couple, the first one very close to home, that being Lay School. Every church is able to provide Christian education for adults, Bible Study, whatever one chooses to call it these days. But no one church, no one pastor can provide the theological and biblical depth that Lay School provides. Much more is possible when churches join together in this ministry that for 23 years has served so many across all of Upper Michigan and northern Wisconsin.

Another synodical ministry that has impacted a huge number of people over the years is Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp. Again, no one congregation could make Fortune Lake happen, but together, every summer kids are provided with a camp experience that leaves them counting the weeks until next summer when they can go back. Increasingly, people of all ages are benefitting throughout the year from various programs that Fortune Lake offers.



As far as “What does the synod do for us?” it might be better to turn it around (like John F. Kennedy) and say, “Ask not what the synod can do for you, ask what you can do for the synod.” The synod does depend on the financial support of its congregations, for example Bethany pledges 10% of the offerings we receive, but it also depends on the time and talent of individuals who serve on various boards and committees of the synod. Compared to other synods of the ELCA, the Northern Great Lakes Synod is very much a bare bones operation in terms of paid staff. Those who volunteer do make a difference; those who participate in workshops and other events that are offered do make a difference.

We do “walk together” in this ministry; we are part of a wider church. Synod Assembly each year is a reminder of that.

Pastor Geier

FORTUNE



SHIP FUND

LAKE SCHOLAR-

In my main article I mentioned Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp as one of our synodical partners in ministry. Here at Bethany, through our campership fund, we have always been able to provide generous support to anyone who wants to attend camp. Our general policy is that the family pays \$100 and the church covers the rest. If a family can't afford the \$100, we have covered the total expense. The cost for a full week at camp is now \$395.



My most recent financial report says that currently there is only \$522 in the campership fund. Do the math and you see that amount wouldn't pay for two kids to attend camp. We don't want any child (or adult) not to attend camp because they can't afford it. If you are able to help with this fund please let me know or just make a check out to Bethany and put "Campership Fund" on the memo line.

Thanks!!
Pastor Geier

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 2015

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| 1 Psalm 22: 25-31 | Amos 8:11-13 | Acts 8:9-25 | |
| 2 Psalm 22:25-31 | Amos 9:7-15 | Mark 4:30-32 | |
| 3 Fifth Sunday of Easter | | | |
| Acts 8:26-40 | Psalm 22:25-31 | 1 John 4:7-21 | John 15:1-8 |
| 4. Psalm 80 | Isaiah 5:1-7 | Galatians 5:16-26 | |
| 5 Psalm 80 | Isaiah 32:9-20 | James 3:17-18 | |
| 6 Psalm 80 | Isaiah 65:17-25 | John 14:18-31 | |
| 7 Psalm 98 | Isaiah 49:5-6 | Acts 10:1-34 | |
| 8 Psalm 98 | Isaiah 42:5-9 | Acts 10:34-43 | |
| 9 Psalm 98 | Deut. 32:44-47 | Mark 10:42-45 | |
| 10 Sixth Sunday of Easter | | | |
| Acts 10:44-48 | Psalm 98 | 1 John 5:1-6 | John 15:9-17 |
| 11 Psalm 93 | Deut. 7:1-11 | 1 Timothy 6:11-12 | |
| 12 Psalm 93 | Deut. 11:1-17 | 1 Timothy 6:13-16 | |
| 13 Psalm 93 | Deut. 11:18-21 | Mark 16:19-20 | |
| 14 Ascension of Our Lord | | | |
| Acts 1:1-11 | Psalm 93 | Ephesians 1:15-23 | Luke 24:44-53 |
| 15 Psalm 47 | Exodus 24:15-18 | Revelation 1:9-18 | |
| 16 Psalm 47 | Deut. 34:1-7 | John 16:4-11 | |

17 Seventh Sunday of Easter


Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	Psalm 1	1 John 5:9-13	John 17:6-19
18 Psalm 115	Exodus 28:29-38	Philippians 1:3-11	
19 Psalm 115	Numbers 8:5-22	Titus 1:1-9	
20 Psalm 115	Ezra 9:5-15	John 16:16-24	
21 Psalm 33:12-22	Genesis 2:4b-7	1 Cor. 15:42b-49	
22 Psalm 33:12-22	Job 37:1-13	1 Cor. 15:50-57	
23 Psalm 33:12-22	Exodus 15:6-11	John 7:37-39	

24 Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Romans 8:22-27	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
25 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Joel 2:18-29	1 Cor. 12:4-11	
26 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Genesis 11:1-9	1 Cor. 12:12-27	
27 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Ezekiel 37:1-14	John 20:19-23	
28 Psalm 29	Isaiah 1:1-4, 16-20	Romans 8:1-8	
29 Psalm 29	Isaiah 2:1-5	Romans 8:9-11	
30 Psalm 29	Isaiah 5:15-24	John 15: 18-20, 26-27	

31 The Holy Trinity

Isaiah 6:1-8	Psalm 29	Romans 8:12-17	John 3:1-17
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Ascension Day Worship Service

Thursday, May 14

7:00 pm

He was taken up before their very eyes ...
Acts 1:9

Enjoy the Poetry of Hymns



Praise Ye the Triune God

Praise ye the Father for His lovingkindness;
Tenderly cares He for His erring children;
Praise Him, ye angels, praise Him in the heavens,
Praise ye Jehovah!

Praise ye the Savior—great is His compassion;
Graciously cares He for His chosen people;
Young men and maidens, older folks and children,
Praise ye the Savior!

Praise ye the Spirit, Comforter of Israel,
Sent of the Father and the Son to bless us;
Praise ye the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Praise ye the Triune God!

Elizabeth R. Charles



Saints and angels join in praising Thee, the Father, Spirit, Son -
Evermore their voices raising to the Eternal three in One.

-J. Montgomery

The Sunday after Pentecost Sunday is the time when the Christian church has especially recognized the doctrine of the Trinity, the existence of the triune Godhead. This doctrine has been called one of the mystic truths of scripture because of the difficulty in fathoming and explaining it. Yet it cannot be denied that the Bible does teach that while God is one, He exists in three coequal Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Scripture ascribes each member with such attributes as eternal, omnipotent, omniscient, and creator of the universe. Although the word trinity is not used, there are several passages in which all three Persons are expressly mentioned together: the Great Commission (Matt. 28:19) and the apostolic blessing (2 Cor. 13:14)

The best of human analogies for explaining the trinity, such as ice, water, and steam being three distinct forms of the same element, always fall short. In the final analysis, we must accept this truth by faith and offer our worship and praise to each member of the Godhead.

This hymn text by Elizabeth R. Charles, one of England's gifted women of her day—author, poet, translator of German texts, musician, and painter—is one of our finest Godhead hymns. The hymn does not present any complicated arguments. It simply directs a childlike praise to each member of the Trinity for His loving care and concern for us. This we can understand.

From *Amazing Grace: 366 Inspiring Hymn Stories for Daily Devotions* by Kenneth W. Osbeck



Triquetra

This early symbol for the Holy Trinity is formed from three equal arcs. The arcs represent equality, the continuous line expresses eternity and the interweaving represents indivisibility. At the center is a triangle, another symbol of the Trinity. Because of its beauty and simplicity, the triquetra is often used as a design element in church architecture.



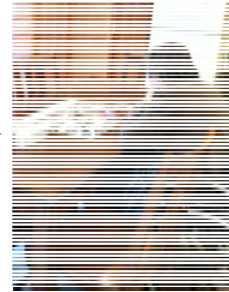
Social Ministry

Our Social Ministry Committee was wondering about what help is available for the elderly in Ishpeming. This led us to explore MARQUETTE ADULT DAY SERVICES. The response of many people learning about these services is “I didn’t know that.” This article will hopefully provide information about this valuable community service.

By their own definition:

“Marquette Adult Day Services is a safe supportive place for people with Alzheimer’s disease and other types of memory loss, as well as for the isolated elderly.

Participants make new friends and choose to engage in programs and activities that are meaningful to them. Caring and professional staff are always available to reassure participants and to assist with their needs.”



Just some facts:

The number one goal of Marquette Adult Day Services is to improve quality of life for all people involved in elderly care.



Free Marq-tran door-to-door service (private bus) is provided to most areas of Marquette County, and a Marquette Adult Day Services staff member also rides on the bus.

This service is intended to provide a break for caregivers, but caregivers are also welcome to stay and participate.

A sliding fee scale makes this service affordable to all and no one is turned away for inability to pay.

Times may vary but the program is currently available Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

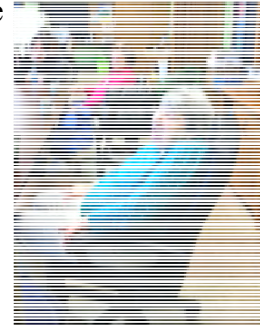
Participants may bring their own lunch or order lunch through Meals on Wheels.

Accommodations are available for twelve people, and one staff member is available for every 3-4 people.

Activities include music, storytelling, arts and crafts, light exercise and movement, field trips, manicures, and numerous other activities.

Staff members are CPR and First Aid certified, and background checks are run annually.

For more information call Marquette Adult Day Services at 226-2142. They are located at 305 W Magnetic, Marquette, MI 49855 (east end Messiah Lutheran Church).



ALZHEIMER'S CAFE is a social activity provided once a month in Marquette, Gwinn, and Negaunee for people living with various types of memory loss AND their caregivers. Light refreshments are served. Days and times vary. For additional information call:

Marquette 226-2142 or 228-3910

Gwinn 346-3727 or 226-2142

Negaunee 475-6266

LIVEWISE, another support service available, is a partnership between the Alzheimer's Association, YMCA, Community Care, and the Brain and Spine Center. Call 228-3910 for more information.



The May Noisy Offering will be given to Northern Great Lakes Synod Quarters for Hunger.

Thanks to everyone for your generosity!

After 53 Years, Mr. Pellonpaa is Finnished
Michigan's Yoopers Tuned in Faithfully for a Finland Fix
By Anne Steele



On Sunday, Carl Pellonpaa is marking the end of an era in television history with two words: “siina kaikki” – that’s it.

After 53 years and more than 2,650 straight weekly episodes of hosting “Finland Calling,” Mr. Pellonpaa will cap a career that far outpaces David Letterman, Johnny Carson and “Saturday Night Live.” Some might say he is Finnished.

Mr. Pellonpaa isn’t some yokel with a program on public-access. In the sprawling tundra of Michigan’s Upper Peninsula, his Sunday morning show about music, history, politics, travel and anything else Finnish has built the one-time weatherman into a legend, stirring debate over whether he can be replaced.

Known as a land of “Yoopers” – often stereotyped as talking with a Scandinavian brogue and living on baked meat pies – Michigan’s U.P. is packed with ethnic Finns. And Mr. Pellonpaa is the link to their homeland, also hosting Finnish dance parties and leading dozens of trips to Finland (but not before pre-taping episodes to be aired in his absence).

“The guy’s an icon,” said Kim Parker, a marketing executive at the NBC affiliate, TV6, that airs “Finland Calling.” Mr. Parker worked on the show as a camera man in the 1970s and says “for a while, people thought he owned the station because he was so ubiquitous.”

In Marquette, the U.P.’s biggest city, Mr. Pellonpaa posts better Nielsen ratings than “Fox News Sunday” and NBC’s “Meet the Press.” “Finland Calling” is as ingrained in the Sunday routine as attending church or watching professional football.

“Sunday mornings will never be the same,” Todd Axford, a 52 year old who grew up watching “Finland Calling,” said while tending bar at the local Elks Lodge at one of Mr. Pellonpaa’s dance parties. The TV show, aired since 1962 and translated as “Suomi Kutsuu” in Finnish, was always on “whether you wanted it or not.”



Over the years, guests included two presidents and a prime minister of Finland, as well as entertainers, choirs, teachers and students. “It’s always been understood that if anyone has a relative visiting from Finland they are to call me and set up a show date,” Mr. Pellonpaa says. In addition, the show featured clips of Finnish folk groups, polkas, waltzes, tangos and schotisches.

At 84, Mr. Pellonpaa says he is feeling his age and needs to focus on what matters most. His wife, Doris, has helped keep the TV star’s head on straight for decades, but now has sore knees and shoulders. The couple have been married 61 years.



“I’d like to be able to hang tight with her now,” he says. Fifteen years ago, when he fell into the habit of broadcasting his show with an open collar, Mrs. Pellonpaa said he looked like a ‘dumb Finn’ and needed to wear a tie. After Mr. Pellonpaa’s heart surgery, she pinched his cheeks so he wouldn’t look so pale on television.

Mr. Pellonpaa expects “Finland Calling” to end with him and insists no one else should continue “my show.”

But Mr. Parker said unique content is hard to find. “To lose a program like “Finland Calling” will be a huge gap in that local service,” he said. “It’s so local and ingrained in the market.” He declined to comment on the station’s future plans.

Fans who turned out for Mr. Pellonpaa’s final dance party last Sunday afternoon were split. Mary Ann Karling, one year younger than Mr. Pellonpaa, said it would be nice for someone to take over the Sunday spot. “People have become accustomed to tuning in at that time.”

Helen Lepola would like to see another Finnish show, but some things are sacred. “There will never be another Suomi Kutsuu.”

Others would prefer no one try. “If a new person takes over, he’s going to have to create his own image and his own program because everybody’s going to be skeptical,” said Donald Luoma. “There’s going to be a comparison and that’s not going to work for a new guy.”

In his tenure as host, Mr. Pellonpaa has had cancer, open-heart surgery, and two new hips. He also never missed an episode.



Mr. Pellonpaa and his children

“In November I did a swan dive onto my garage floor and fractured my knee cap and sprained my right wrist and battered my face up a little bit like in a boxing match,” he says. “I had a brace on my leg from my ankle to my hip and the kids piled me into the back seat and I laid there and they took me to the studio and I did the show.”

Some say he missed a show in the 1960s. He dismisses this. “The kids gave me the mumps,” Mr. Pellonpaa says. He says he did the show live on the telephone from the confines of his bedroom.

These days, Mr. Pellonpaa – wearing his signature blue sport coat – has been taping his program on Wednesdays with a one-man crew on mics and cameras. Once a purely Finnish-language show, he now repeats much of the content in English.

Last Sunday, Mr. Pellonpaa took a break from setting up the final “Finland Calling” dance at the Elks Lodge to grab a sprinkled doughnut. Between sips of black coffee, he calls to his granddaughter and suggests using a marker to alter a poster congratulating him on 52 years in the business.

“It should be a three,” he says, “53 years.”

Thirty minutes later, he shuffles across the floor with the assistance of a cane and settles in below blue and white Christmas lights (Finnish colors) to watch his show, something he rarely does because it conflicts with church. Mrs. Pellonpaa introduces the show, taped a few days earlier, as the official 53rd anniversary telecast, and her recollections are interspersed among Finnish music and footage from old dances.



The show closes, as always, with a hymn. Sitting with both hands grasping his cane, he hums along to “Amazing Grace.”

A couple of hours later, hundreds of Yoopers, many casting aside their walkers and canes, dance around him.

“They say celebrity – no, I just do a job,” he says. Still, Mr. Pellonpaa is proud.

“It’s a sense of awe, like ‘holy crud, did I really do that?’ And I guess I did.”

The above article was reprinted from the Wall Street Journal, March 27, 2015.



Spring Cluster Meeting

May 3 @ Grace Lutheran, Gwinn
Registration @ 2:30 (If you would like to carpool, be at Bethany by 1:30)
Program and business meeting @ 3PM Dinner 5PM
Cost \$5.00
Program: Dave Blomquist—Prison Ministry
Special Music: Lois Juchemich

Mother, Child and Friend Dessert



Join us for an enjoyable evening
Monday, May 11, 2015 at 6:30 p.m
Bethany's Fellowship Hall.

WELCA invites all women, daughters, sons, and friends for an evening to hear an inspiring program and to enjoy some delicious desserts.

Mark your calendar and we hope to see you there!

Christian Women's Fellowship

Welcome ladies to our
Spring Christian Women's Fellowship
Immanuel Lutheran Church, US 41, Negaunee, MI
Thursday May 14, 2015 9:30 to 11:00 am
Come for fellowship and refreshments \$5.00
Guest speaker: Lois Carlson Juchemich
Music also by Lois

For reservations: Call Annette 475-5329





Books for May 2015

By Keenan Tunnell

Books for May, 2015

We may still be in the Easter Season, but the books this month are based on Old Testament stories and a bit of later Jewish history—the historic, bloody siege of Masada. **The Dovekeepers** was a TV min-series airing before Easter and the book will, no doubt, be even more disturbing. The Austin novels are based on stories of the Babylonian exile and the early return of a faithful few to Jerusalem after the pardon of the Persian King Cyrus. I don't know about you, but I enjoy my history with a liberal dose of storytelling! Enjoy!!

Austin, Lynn. **Return to Me.**

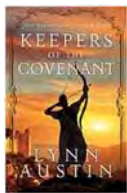
FIC AUS.1



After decades of exile, the prophecies are coming true--King Cyrus has declared the Jews may return to Jerusalem. Iddo, a priest, is sure this is a sign of God's renewed favor....only a few choose to leave everything to return--return to their home and their God and the rebuilding of the Temple. Nothing about their journey to the Promised Land is easy. Zechariah, Iddo's oldest grandson, feels torn between his grandfather's ancient beliefs and the family they left behind. But one life-changing encounter with the Holy One gives him insight that will change Zechariah--and history--forever. (based on the biblical books of Ezra and Nehemiah)

Austin, Lynn. **Keepers of the Covenant.**

FIC AUS.2



In one life-changing moment, the lives of the exiles in Babylon are thrown into despair when a decree from the king's palace calls for the annihilation of every Jewish man, woman, and child throughout the empire in less than one year. Ezra, a quiet but brilliant scholar, soon finds himself called upon to become the leader of his people. Forced to rally an army when all his training has been in the Torah, he struggles to bring hope in a time of utter despair, when dreams of the future--of family and love--seem impossible. (based on the biblical books of Ezra and Nehemiah)

Hoffman, Alice. **The Dovekeepers.**

FIC HOF.1

Nearly 2,000 years ago, nine hundred Jews held out for months against the armies of Rome on Masada, a mountain in the Judean desert. According to the ancient historian Josephus,

two women and five children survived. Based on this tragic and iconic event, Hoffman’s spins a tale of four extraordinarily bold, resourceful, and sensuous women, each of whom has come to Masada by a different path. The lives of these four complex and fiercely independent women intersect in the desperate days of the siege. All are dovekeepers, and all are also keeping secrets—about who they are, where they come from, who fathered them, and whom they love.



Synod Report Highlights Something Special at Bethany

In this year’s Synod Assembly Report by Bishop Skrenes, he has highlighted something special happening at Bethany.



Bethany in Ishpeming decided years ago that, “Our worship life would honor the church year in its fullness. We worship on Ascension Day, Epiphany and we commemorate the Easter Vigil because we are the church,” says Pastor Warren Geier. “The numbers might not be huge at these special worship services but these are festivals of the church. At Bethany the Easter Vigil includes an all-night presence of members who pray the prayers and read the Scriptures every hour on the hour all night in preparation for Easter morning”



Congratulations, Beverly Matherne, on being named the runner-up for the Upper Peninsula Poet Laureate for 2015-2017.



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The socially responsible thing



COVER STORY

A flourishing life

Living intentionally

BY JEREMY REHWALDT



COVER STORY

That socially responsible thing

Some Lutherans find love of neighbor influences buying, investing behavior

BY ANN HAFFTEN



FEATURES

10w: The way to start your day

BY JULIE B. SEVIG



FEATURES

Chase your church's history

BY ADAM KLINKER



FEATURES

Mothers, friends & a connection to last a lifetime

BY JULIE B. SEVIG



A LEXICON OF FAITH:

Promise

BY PETER W. MARTY



PRESIDING BISHOP:

Worship is the heart of all we do

BY ELIZABETH A. EATON

A Tribute to Mom

I had two mothers...two mothers I claim.
They were two different people, yet with the same name.
They were two separate women, diverse by design,
But I loved them both because both were mine.

She was the one whose features I bear,
Complete with the facial expression I wear.
She gave me some music, which follows me yet,
Along with examples in life that she set.



As I got older and she younger grew,
We'd laugh as just mothers and children can do.
But then came the year that her mind clouded so,
I sensed that the mother I'd know would soon go.

So quickly she changed and turned into the other,
A stranger who dressed in the clothes of my mother.
Oh, she looked the same, at least at arm's length,
But she was the child now, and I was her strength.

We've come full circle, we persons three,
My mother the first, the second and me.

And if my own children should come to a day
When a new mother comes and the old one goes away,
I'd ask of them nothing that I didn't do –
Love both of your mothers, as both have loved you.



Author unknown



Ann Gonyea Graduates on May 17

After four years of study and internship at LSTC, Bethany's Ann Gonyea completes her studies and will graduate from seminary on May 17. Ann's ordination will take place at Bethany at a later date, most likely this summer.

The board of directors, faculty, staff, students, and candidates for graduation announce the

155th Commencement Of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago

Sunday, the seventeenth day of May 2015
2:30 p.m,

Eucharist and Commencement

The Rev. Dr. Antje Jackelén, preacher

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church
5472 South Kimbark Avenue, Chicago, Illinois

Reception immediately following in the LSTC Refectory

Buffet luncheon (by ticket only) 11:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
LSTC Refectory 1100 East 55th Street Chicago, Illinois

With much love.

Ann



Kids!



Sunday School

May 3 We'll be practicing our songs for Mother's Day

May 10 Mother's Day Concert during worship service

May 17 Last day of Sunday School



Confirmation will meet May 3 and May 17

Ben Bruhnke will be confirmed on May 24 during the Pentecost worship service.

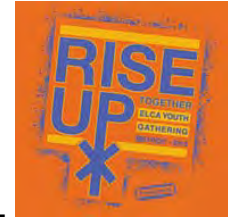


Abby Koski and Abbi Bruhnke will “graduating” from Sunday School this year. Next year they will take part in confirmation.

Thank You

A special thank you to Gwen Bruhnke and Wendy Koski who have taught Sunday School for many years. This year will be their last year teaching classes, and Bethany thanks them for their many years of service.

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



147 people representing 23 NGLS congregations will be making the trip to Detroit. Two Synod buses have been booked. The Synod has given each participating congregation a grant of \$200-\$500 to help defray expenses and will also give each participant a Synod Day T-shirt to wear on our Proclaim Story day.

Bethany's Noah Kaukola and Tonya Perry will be attending the National Youth Gathering



Upcoming Events at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

Calendar of events:

May 1-3 Adoptive Family Retreat

May 11 Senior Adult Day: program by Pr. Bob Langseth, camp historian



June 5-7 All Staff Camp Reunion

June 5 @ 5:00 pm - June 7 @ 5:00 pm

All FLLC Staff members from the past 85 years, along with their families, are invited to spend a weekend at Fortune Lake to reconnect with friends, reminisce about their time at this amazing place of grace, and imagine the future of FLLC as we Drive Faith Forward.

June 7 85th Anniversary Celebration featuring Fortune Lake 500



See more about the 85th Anniversary Celebration on the following page.

85TH ANNIVERSARY HIGHLIGHTS



FORTUNE LAKE 500 PARADE

When FLLC celebrated its 80th anniversary in 2010, a new tradition was introduced. Photos of hundreds of cars parked outside the chapel, for early conferences in the 1930s and 40s, inspired the idea for the Fortune Lake 500.

The Fortune Lake 500 will take place just a few weeks after the famed Indy 500 race. But, instead of driving 500 miles, each vehicle will be sponsored by a \$500 gift to the anniversary fund. Individuals and/or groups in your congregation can pool resources to sponsor one or more vehicles. Classic cars are encouraged, but anything on wheels is welcome! As a prelude to the celebrative worship service on June 7, the vehicles will parade around camp.

This year, kids are invited to participate in the Fortune Lake 500, too! Kids can bring homemade cars made from cardboard boxes to "drive" in the parade. Sponsorship is not required for children's cars.



85TH ANNIVERSARY CAMPAIGN

The fundraising goal of the 85th anniversary celebration and Fortune Lake 500 is \$85,000, to mark FLLC's 85 years of ministry. Anniversary gifts will be used to replace the 30-year old tents in the Vagabond program with unique tree-house structures.

When Jesus called Zacchaeus down from a tree, Zacchaeus' life changed dramatically. In the future, FLLC campers will be called down from their tree house to meet Christ and spread the gospel.



Sketch of Tree House that will be built in Vagland

MATCHING FUNDS AVAILABLE

In honor of the 85th Anniversary of FLLC, you have the chance to make your dollars go even further. Thanks to a few generous donors, gifts to FLLC's 85th Anniversary Campaign will be matched up to \$45,000! That means if you donate \$100, Fortune Lake will receive \$200 to put towards building the new tree houses for Vagabond-land!

Fill out the enclosed form, visit
www.fortunelake.org or
call (906) 875-3697 to donate today!

Bishop Eaton's Easter Message

The Gospel of Mark ends abruptly. The women came to the tomb to care for the body of their friend and Lord, the expected death. Seeing the stone rolled away, they entered the tomb. They entered into death. They didn't find Jesus. Instead they saw a young man who told them not to be amazed, that Jesus had risen. This same stranger told them to tell the disciples and then head to Galilee. Is it any wonder that terror and amazement seized them? We are on the other side of the first Easter. We've grown used to the story of the Resurrection. The good news brings hope and comfort. It brings freedom and joy, but I don't think it causes terror and amazement. Maybe we are missing something. The Greek word for amazement, ekstasis, literally means change of place. And that is what has happened to us and all of creation because of the Resurrection. Before Easter we stood in a place of sin and death. After Easter we stand in a place of forgiveness and life. Everything is changed. We are not the same. The world is not the same. The deadly but familiar way of the world can no longer be counted on. This new reality of forgiveness, life and salvation is and should be unsettling. Terror and amazement indeed! The world is turned upside down. It might look the same, but we are standing in a different place. Christ is risen. We are risen. Hallelujah!



Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Hallelujah!

Easter 2015



The Passion according to St. Mark

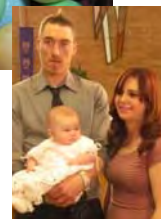


Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday Brunch



Baptism of Hadley Rose Bess



Maundy Thursday

Washing of feet

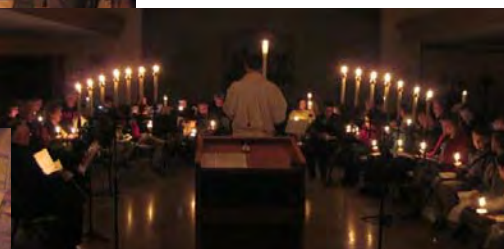


Stripping of the altar

Easter Vigil



Baptisms of Blake, D.J., Ian, & Jacob



**Easter
Christ is Risen! Hallelujah!**



Council Highlights - April 2015

1. Pastoral Acts: Baptisms: Hadley Rose Bess 3/29/15 and Bivins children Blake, D.J., Ian, and Jacob 4/4/15; Funeral: Mary Bertucci
2. The process of getting an intern on board is on track and progressing.
3. The finance committee has drafted a policy for who is authorized to disburse money from the different dedicated funds.
4. The council agreed in principle to enter into talks with the Ishpeming Public Schools about the possibility of having a day care center in our building.
5. The council approved a sexual harassment policy as required by Luther Seminary as a condition for the assignment of an intern.
6. Ann Gonyea graduates from seminary on May 17, 2015.
7. Discussed the need for wheel chair seating in the sanctuary, replacing the US Flag and repair/replacing the sign in front of the church.

All referred to the property committee



Thank You from the Bivins Family

To all,
We would like to say thank you for the way you have welcomed us to the church. We enjoy taking part in the church activities.

The shawls given to the boys for their baptism were wonderful and very appreciated. Thank you again.

The Bivins Family



YTD Income: \$39,474.03

YTD Expenses: \$53,134.68

(March)



Baptism of Hadley Rose Bess

Hadley Rose Bess, daughter of Kellie Clark and David Bess, was baptized on Palm Sunday. Hadley's sponsors were Kim and Bryan Smith and Robert Bess and his fiancé Janelle Turino.

Sunday School children gathered at the baptismal font with their palms and had a close up view of Hadley's baptism.



Bivins Family Celebrates Four Baptisms

At this year's Easter Vigil, the four sons of David and Amanda Bivins were baptized. Blake Forbes, D.J., Ian, and Jacob Bivins were received into God's family through the rite of Holy Baptism. Their sponsors were Amy and Darryl Mattson





The Memorial Committee would like to thank all those who gave memorials in the name of....

Mary Bertucci



Order Geraniums for Pentecost

Bethany will be ordering geraniums from Nagelkirk's greenhouse for Pentecost Sunday which is May 24. The 4 1/2 inch plants may be purchased for \$3.80 each. Order forms will be in the Sunday bulletin, or you may call the church to place your order. 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

www.bethanyishpeming.org

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- Organic Decaf Coffee
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- 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:
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), Don Doney (Valente)
- The family and friends of Mary Bertucci who mourn her loss
- Doris Pellonpaa
- 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
- Jim Sodergren, Sr.
- Jim Bjerne
- Pastor Marcia Solberg
- Kathy Routhier
- Nancy Swanson
- Angie Kempainen
- June Forsberg
- Allen Beauchamp
- Carol and Juan Papaleo and family
- Pam Waters
- Those in the military that they may remain safe



**Memorial Day Service
@ Ishpeming Cemetery
May 25 @ 10:00 am**



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

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May Worship Assistants

May 3

Assisting Minister - Sally Grant
Acolytes - Blake Bivins & Gavin Argall
Altar - Sue Ryan
Coffee Hosts - Worship & Music
Flowers - In memory of Reno Norell by
Karen, Bruce & Kathy
Nursery - ShyAnn Holm-Brown
Bread - Linda Dahl

May 10

Assisting Minister - Rick Rhoades
Acolytes - Kayla Koski & Kyra Holmgren
Altar - Clara Carlson
Coffee Hosts - Social Ministry
Flowers - In memory of Cathy Swanson by her
family
Nursery - Jessica Penhale
Bread - Marian Medlyn

May 17

Assisting Minister - Ryan Lusardi
Acolytes - D.J. Bivins & Ben Bruhnke
Altar - Marian Medlyn
Coffee Hosts - Property
Flowers - In memory of Ray Sundblad by Colleen
Nursery - Terra Frustaglio
Bread - Tonya Perry

May 24

Assisting Minister - Terra Frustaglio
Acolytes - Garret Frustaglio & Hope Kaukola
Altar - Marilyn Pontti
Coffee - Christian Ed
Flowers -
Nursery - Savannah Marrietti
Bread - Cheryl Frederickson

May 31

Assisting Minister - Jerry & Karen
Plaisier
Acolytes - Mackenzie Ryan &
Morgan Rhoades
Altar - Sue Ryan
Coffee Hosts - Personnel
Flowers - In memory of Donald Tyni
by Shirley, John, & Sheryl
Bread - Dan & Sharon Argall
Nursery -
Bread -

May 14 Ascension Service @ 7pm

Assisting Minister - Bob Clark
Bread - Terra Frustaglio

Thank You!

May Ushers:

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



June Ushers:

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

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 Amanda Bivins
- 19 - Duane King
- 22 - Philip Argall
- 22 - Sandee Sundquist
- 23 - Judy Kitchen
- 24 - Tim Nault
- 24 - Perry Wooden
- 24 - D.J. Bivins
- 28 - Mary Toivonen
- 29 - Janet Olgren
- 31 - Michael Waters



Happy Anniversary!

Jaak & Pat Liivoja
5/1/76 39 years

Thomas & Pat Varda
5/5/73 42 years

John & Clara Carlson
5/6/61 54 years

Cathy & Keith Barton
5/8/81 34 years

Perry & Sheri Wooden
5/14/83 32 years

Stan & Kris Hough
5/25/85 30 years

