



Bethany Lutheran Outlook
May 2018

Serving God, Community, and Individuals



THE
HOLY
SPIRIT
FELL ON ALL
WHO HEARD
THE WORD.

ACTS 10:44, ESV



PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

You have perhaps noticed that work has begun on the building projects approved at the Annual Meeting back in January. Despite being slowed down by our mid-April snowstorm, the roofers are well into their part of the work and might even be done by the time you read this. As the snow has melted from the parking lot side of the roof, the condition of the old shingles has made the need for these improvements even more apparent. In retrospect, some maintenance improvements have probably been put off longer than they should have. It's clear that everything that was approved represents a need, not a want.

Ultimately then it becomes a matter of mission and stewardship. For the church to continue to be mission focused as a strong Christian witness in our community a sound physical plant is necessary. We don't worship the building, but as a house of worship we do honor God in the way that we care for it. Mission begins in worship so it is important to care for the place where we worship with due respect and reverence.

From there, it becomes a matter of stewardship. Whenever a church takes on projects like this it presents an additional stewardship challenge as the regular day to day and week to



week budgetary responsibilities don't go away. We are fortunate to have some existing funds and gifts to help finance the improvement projects but still, the reality for any church is that the members and friends of that church are the ones who have to come through. Here at Bethany, that has always happened, whether it was building the present facility, or rebuilding the organ, or replacing the flooring in the fellowship hall and sanctuary along with redoing the pews. With everyone pitching in and doing what they can, we've always avoided incurring significant debt. In addition, we have consistently met the challenge of deficit budgets and wound up balanced or in the black by the end of the year.



With that in mind I would first of all, encourage you to make sure that you keep up to date with your annual pledge to the general fund. If you find that you're in a position to do more than you thought, that is always appreciated. Second, if you are able to and haven't done so already, make an offering designated to help pay for the building projects. The less we have to borrow the better, as it will help to ease future budget concerns. Again, it's all a matter of stewardship and the people of Bethany have always proved to be good and gracious stewards.



On behalf of myself and the church council I thank you for your consideration and generosity.

Pastor Geier

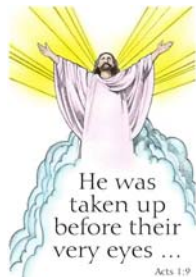
Assurance of the Ascension

After the Resurrection, the risen Lord instructed his followers not to leave Jerusalem. It was there, Jesus said, that they would receive "the promise of the Father" (Acts 1:4, NRSV). What was that promise? It was that they would be baptized not with water but with the Holy Spirit.

Shortly after that utterance, Jesus was "lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight" (v. 9).

The Ascension reminds us that even though Jesus isn't physically present on earth, as the living Christ, he is as near as we allow him to be.

Jesus' Ascension offers us the assurance that God is now available to all people all the time. He lives as a guiding, loving Spirit in our midst.



Ascension Day Worship Service

Thursday, May 10

6:30 pm

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 2018

1 Psalm 80

Isaiah 32:9-20

James 3:17-18

Readings for Philip and James, Apostles

Isaiah 30:18-21

Psalm 44:1-3, 20-26

2 Cor. 4:1-6

John 14:8-14

2 Psalm 80

Isaiah 65:17-25

John 14:18-31

3 Psalm 98

Isaiah 49:5-6

Acts 10:1-34

4 Psalm 98

Isaiah 42:5-9

Acts 10:34-43

5 Psalm 98

Deuteronomy 32:44-47

Mark 10:42-45

6 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48

Psalm 98

1 John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17

7 Psalm 93

Deuteronomy 7:1-11

1 Timothy 6:11-12

8 Psalm 93

Deuteronomy 11:1-17

1 Timothy 6:13-16

9 Psalm 93

Deuteronomy 11:18-21

Mark 16:19-20

10 Ascension of Our Lord

Acts 1:1-11

Psalm 47

Ephesians 1:15-23

Luke 24:44-53

11 Psalm 47

Exodus 24:15-18

Revelation 1:9-18

12 Psalm 47

Deuteronomy 34:1-7

John 16:4-11

13 Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Psalm 1 1 John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19

14 Psalm 115 Exodus 28:29-38 Philippians 1:3-11

Readings for Matthias, Apostle

Isaiah 66:1-2 Psalm 56 Acts 1:15-26 Luke 6:12-16

15 Psalm 115 Numbers 8:5-22 Titus 1:1-9
16 Psalm 115 Ezra 9:5-15 John 16:16-24
17 Psalm 33:12-22 Genesis 2:4b-7 1 Corinthians 15:42b-49
18 Psalm 33:12-22 Job 37:1-13 1 Corinthians 15:50-57
19 Psalm 33:12-22 Exodus 15:6-11 John 7:37-39

Readings for the Vigil of Pentecost

Exodus 19:1-9a Psalm 130 Romans 8:14-17, 22-27 John 7:37-39

20 Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b Romans 8:22-27 John 15:26-27

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

27 Holy Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17

28 Psalm 20 Numbers 9:15-23 Revelation 4:1-8

29 Psalm 20 Exodus 25:1-22 1 Corinthians 2:1-10

30 Psalm 20 Numbers 6:22-27 Mark 4:1-25

31 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-28 1 Samuel 1:1-18 Acts 25:1-2

Readings for Visit of Mary to Elizabeth

1 Samuel 2:1-10 Psalm 113 Romans 12:9-16b Luke 1:39-57

Enjoy the Poetry of Hymns

Come, O Creator Spirit , Come

Come, O Creator Spirit, come,
and make within our heart thy home;
to us thy grace celestial give,
who of thy breathing move and live.

O Comforter, that name is thine,
of God most high the gift divine:
the well of life, the fire of love,
our souls' anointing from above.

Thou dost appear in sev'n-fold dower,
the sign of God's almighty power,
the Father's promise, making rich
with saving truth our earthly speech.

Our senses with thy light inflame;
our hearts to heav'nly love reclaim;
our bodies' poor infirmity
with strength perpetual fortify.

Our mortal foe afar repel;
grant us henceforth in peace to dwell;
and so to us, with thee for guide,
no ill shall come, no harm betide.



"Receive the Holy Spirit."

John 20:22

May we by thee the Father learn,
and know the Son, and thee discern,
who art of both, and thus adore
in perfect faith forevermore. Amen.

Praise God the Father and the Son,
who from the dead arose in power;
like praise to the consoling one,
forevermore, through ev'ry hour.



Come, O Creator Spirit, Come was translated from the Latin in 1899 by Robert Seymour Bridges in 1899. The original hymn is *Veni Creator Spiritus* was written by Rabanus Maurus. As an invocation of the Holy Spirit, it is still sung during liturgical celebrations on the feast of Pentecost. Martin Luther used the original as the basis for his chorale for Pentecost "*Komm, Gott Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist*", first published in 1524.

One place that it is always sung every year on Pentecost is at the Pantheon in Rome.

The Pantheon, dedicated in 126 A.D. as the home of ancient Roman gods, is now a Catholic basilica. In a tradition dating back to the seventh century, on Pentecost Sunday thousands of rose petals are dropped through the roof's opening onto worshipers below. The red petals symbolize the Holy Spirit descending on Jesus' disciples, as well as the blood Jesus shed on the cross.

To accomplish this "rose rain," five firefighters climb to the roof after mass. While the choir sings the ancient hymn *Veni Creator Spiritus* ("Come Creator Spirit"), firefighters empty seven bags of petals through the building's 27-foot-wide oculus, or eye in the sky.



~From the Bishop



The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, **to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ...** ~ Ephesians 4:8

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Every May, your congregation sends two or more members to attend the Synod Assembly on behalf of your congregation. Every year, we as congregations joined together in ministry gather together for 2-3 days to learn, worship, network, celebrate, discern, discuss, and remember that we are the body of Christ together.

This is no small thing.

So often it seems there is a temptation to get overwhelmed with the demands of ministry in our own setting. We can get bogged down in the details. The mail keeps coming, the bills need to get paid, there are the continual challenges of finding volunteers, getting acolytes, arranging for funerals, attending to relationships, navigating opinions and personalities, scheduling activities around school and community calendars...I could go on and on.

Yet each one of our congregations is not an island unto itself. You are in partnership with neighboring ELCA congregations and ecumenical churches. You are connected to 79 other ELCA congregations in your Synod. In terms of the Body of Christ, you might consider yourself a toe, or a finger, or an elbow. Together as a Synod, when we think of all 80 congregations as connected, then we might be a whole arm with a hand, or perhaps a leg with a foot attached.

Even as we consider the whole ELCA together, we are still not a complete body, as the Church also includes Presbyterians, Roman Catholics, Methodists, Episcopalians, and on and on. Together we are the Church on earth and the body of Christ in world. So this work we do, the mission we strive to accomplish, is not just about what your church does in your community. The World is a big place, and God so loved it all, so our efforts are not exclusively local or global, but rather both.



So that is where the Synod expression of the Church and the global expression of the Church come in very handy. Such expressions enable us to be faithful in our efforts, both locally and globally as these expressions provide the opportunity for each congregation to participate in mission and a purpose that is bigger than any one congregation or any singular community.

You are faithful to our wider mission with every gift of Mission Support that you send to the Synod. Your Synod bookkeeper, Betsy Koski, then continues that faithfulness by sending a portion of what you have sent on to the churchwide expression of the ELCA. The percentage of that portion is one of the decisions that the Synod Assembly makes as we seek to be faithful, not only to the mission and ministry here in the Northern Great Lakes, but also the wider and bigger impact we can have as the ELCA together. The Synod Assembly is one way that we seek to Equip the Saints for Ministry. Those who attend will return to your congregation with stories of how our work together is building up the body of Christ, not only here, but across the Church and throughout the world. They will return to you with ideas, new knowledge, and a deeper understanding of what it is that we strive to do together that has greater purpose and broader possibilities.

I pray that the people you send will find meaning and joy in the time spent with other Northern Great Lakes Synod Lutherans. And perhaps next year, it will be your turn.

Yours in Christ,
Bishop Katherine Finegan



**“I love to think of nature as an unlimited broadcasting station,
through which God speaks to us every hour,
if we will only tune in. “**

-George Washington Carver

*Divided tongues, as of fire,
appeared among them, and a
tongue rested on each of them.
- Acts 2:3*

This Grace That Scorches Us

Here's one thing
you must understand
about this blessing:
it is not
for you alone.

It is stubborn
about this.
Do not even try
to lay hold of it
if you are by yourself,
thinking you can carry it
on your own.

To bear this blessing,
you must first take yourself
to a place where everyone
does not look like you
or think like you,
a place where they do not
believe precisely as you believe,
where their thoughts
and ideas and gestures
are not exact echoes
of your own.

Bring your sorrow.
Bring your grief.
Bring your fear.
Bring you weariness,
your pain,



your disgust at how broken
the world is,
how fractured,
how fragmented
by its fighting,
its wars,
its hungers,
its penchant for power,
its ceaseless repetition
of the history it refuses
to rise above.

I will not tell you
this blessing will fix all that.

But in the place
where you have gathered,
wait.
Watch.
Listen.
Lay aside your inability
to be surprised,
your resistance to what you
do not understand.

See then whether this blessing
turns to flame on your tongue,
sets you to speaking
what you cannot fathom

or opens your ear
to a language
beyond your imagining
that comes as a knowing
in your bones,
a clarity
in your heart
that tells you

this is the reason
we were made:
for this ache
that finally opens us,

for this struggle,
this grace
that scorches us
toward one another
and into the blazing day.

- Jan Richardson, *Circle of Grace*

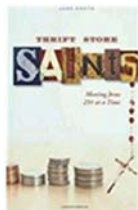


Library Notes for May 2018

By Keenan Tunnell

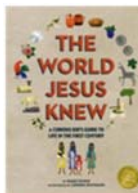
We are still in the Easter season, but I've gone on a different path for this month. A member of the congregation asked for books which would give a clearer idea of what life was like in Palestine at the time of Jesus and I've found three books which are very different in their approaches to that theme. Also, as noted elsewhere in this edition of the OUTLOOK, I became interested in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and I've found one book which illustrates in a rather unique manner that admirable group's mission to serve Jesus through caring for the poor. I hope one of these will provide an interesting Spring-time read!

Knuth, Jane. **Thrift Store Saints.** 261.8 KNU



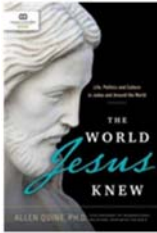
Thrift Store Saints is a collection of true stories based on Jane Knuth's unexpected, soul-stirring experiences at a St. Vincent de Paul thrift store in the inner city of Kalamazoo, Michigan. The book makes clear that it doesn't require heroic Mother Teresa-types to make a difference in the world; rather than viewing society's poor as a problem to be solved, Jane begins to see them, one at a time, in a completely different light—as saints who can lead us straight to the heart of Christ. She discovers (quite to her surprise!) that in serving the poor, they may end up giving us more than we could ever give them.. Her moving stories demonstrate the profound joy any of us can experience when we seize the opportunities to meet Jesus—25 cents at a time!

Olson, Mark. **The World Jesus Knew** YA 225.9 OLS



Learn about the world as Jesus experienced it - from what they ate to what they knew. Jesus often told stories using everyday objects to help his listeners understand life with God. But for most of us, the deep imagery and meaning behind those objects has been lost to history. This book helps us discover the world Jesus lived in through maps, charts, graphs, and other infographic elements. We'll learn about the culture Jesus lived in---his Jewish religion, the power of the ruling Roman Empire, the role of fishermen and carpenters and shepherds. It's an invitation to explore the stories of Jesus in their cultural context, bringing new life to familiar biblical stories and events.

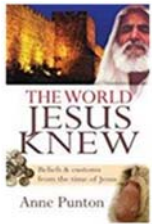
Pollinger, Seth, ed. **The World Jesus Knew; life, politics and culture in Judea and Around the World 225.9 POL**



The World Jesus Knew illustrates the rapidly developing cultures in the world of the first century AD. Experience the heart of Jerusalem from the perspective of major and minor characters mentioned in the Bible while Jesus lived his last days on earth. Follow along as they interact with Jesus as a follower, as a skeptic, or as an outspoken enemy. Immerse yourself in the drama as three entities collide: the venerable nation of Israel, the mighty Roman empire, and a small sect of passionate Jews who have decided to follow a man they believe to be the Messiah.

This story begins with Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and ends with his resurrection.

Punton, Anne. **The World Jesus Knew; beliefs & customs from the time of Jesus. 225.9 PUN**



This book is an attempt to explain, in lay terms, the world that Jesus took as his reference point. The kinds of houses in which he dwelt; the education he received; the clothes he would have worn; the language he spoke; the terrain and climate; the agricultural methods; the cultural assumptions; the religious customs; the festivals; the Temple; the synagogue; the scriptures; the opposition and the political currents - all of these formed the soil in which Jesus the man was nurtured. Each chapter covers a distinct aspect, and opens a whole new range of understanding which we are likely to miss. For instance, a rich symbolism concerned with water and light, and linked with the Feast of Tabernacles, underlies John 7 and 8, but much of this will probably escape us.

Word + Spirit

We must not be content to have the Spirit without the Word or the Word without the Spirit. Our lives must travel along these two, as the locomotive travels along parallel rails. It is only by our devout contact with the Bible that we shall be able to detect the Holy Spirit's voice. It is by the Word that the Spirit will enter our hearts, as the heat of the sun passes into our homes when its beams of light enter the open windows.

—F.B. Meyer





Living Lutheran— April 2018

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- The “e word; Why does the ELCA have the word “evangelical” in its name”? (Robert C. Blezard)

Features:

- Lutheran legacy of peacemaking: Peace is a journey (Kristen Opalinski)
- A chain of support (Erin Strybis)
- Waves of faith (Cindy Uken)
- One in Christ: Inside the development of the ELCA social statement on women and justice (John Potter)
- Holy possessions in an anxious age (Benjamin J. Dueholm)
- Rules for church (Kimberly Knowle-Zeller)
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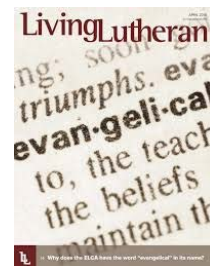
- A blessed goodbye (Nelson H. Rabell-Gonzalez)

Deeper Understandings:

- Easter: the best news in the world (Kathryn A. Kleinhans)

From Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton

- April fools



Included in this issue is an insert with news from our own Northern Great Lakes Synod.

Fellowship Hall Floor original 1962 Will patch asbestos floor and put down carpet squares which are replaceable if ruined.

Sanctuary original 1970 Carpet

Church Pews and Choir Chairs 1970 reupholster both

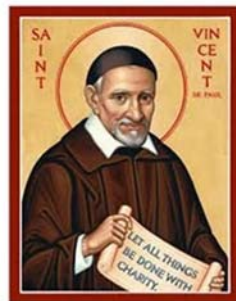
St. Vinnie's

Yes....everyone knows “St. Vinnie’s”, but do we really?? It happened to come up in a devotional earlier this week and I was inspired to look it up. The devotional was about caring for “the neighbor” and it turns out that a young law student in Paris (in 1833) was taunted by a fellow student to explain how his Christian faith was helping the poor, hungry, sick, homeless of the city. The student’s name was Frederic Ozanam and his response was to gather together six of his friends and go out and care for those needy ones! The lay volunteer society thus formed took St. Vincent de Paul as its patron and was quickly included in the Vincentian Family.

The Society soon spread beyond Paris and now has over 800,000 volunteers serving the needy in over 140 countries. The Society's nearly 100,000 trained volunteers in the United States provided 17.5 million hours of volunteer service in 2016, helping more than 20.9 million people through visits to homes, prisons and hospitals.

Of course most of our familiarity with the Society is through its Thrift Stores, but the Society as a whole has as its mission to put their faith into action by serving the needs of others. Volunteers in the Thrift Stores provide more than inexpensive stuff for needy college students (!), they also operate food pantries and provide assistance in times of natural disasters (or just helping a neighbor shovel out from April snow storms!)

The official date of the founding of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) was April 23, 1833 (Ozanam was born on April 23, 1813 and St. Vincent himself was born on April 24, 1581). To commemorate these events, the U.S. Society of St. Vincent de Paul celebrates the last Sunday of April as Ozanam Sunday. So the next time you visit “St. Vinnie’s” or add your contribution to the food table, remember that you are reaching out to your neighbors down the street and around the world.

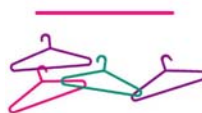


Bethany will be a Drop Off Site for The New Free Store

The New Free Store is a 501c3 faith-based non-profit to support community members in need. There is **NO** charge to the shoppers. It is located at 1420 M28 East, Marquette (next to Lakestate Industries and Chocoley Lions Park). Bethany now joins Messiah in being a drop off site for the Free Store. Below is a list of donations that will be accepted.

What donations are accepted?

- Shoes - all sizes
- Outer Wear
- Undergarments
- Sheets - all sizes
- Bed spreads and quilts
- Towels and wash cloths
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Toothbrushes
- Toilet Paper
- Laundry Soap
- Diapers
- Baby Wipes



The New Free Store
1420 M28 East
Marquette

Shopping Hours:
1st, 2nd, and 3rd Wednesday from 12 –4
pm
4th Monday from 6-8 pm

What else can be donated?

- Donations of volunteer time
- Financial donations - Without the help of churches, service organizations, and generous individuals, the Free Store would be unable to pay their rent and utilities.



**The May /June Noisy
Offering will be given to the Youth Houston trip.
Thanks to everyone for your generosity!**



Spring Gathering Features Rev. Ann Gonyea



May 15, 2018 @ 6:30 pm

Featured speaker: Rev. Ann Gonyea will speak on her trip to the Holy Land

Delicious desserts



Mark your calendar and bring your family and friends.
This event is open to everyone—men, women, & children.

There is a sign up sheet on the kiosk if you are planning on attending.
If you have any questions, please call Kay Chartre at 485-9229
or the church office at 485-4351

Quilters Need Sheets

The quilters are in need of good condition sheets.
Twin, full, queen, or king sheets can all be used in making quilts.
Thanks.

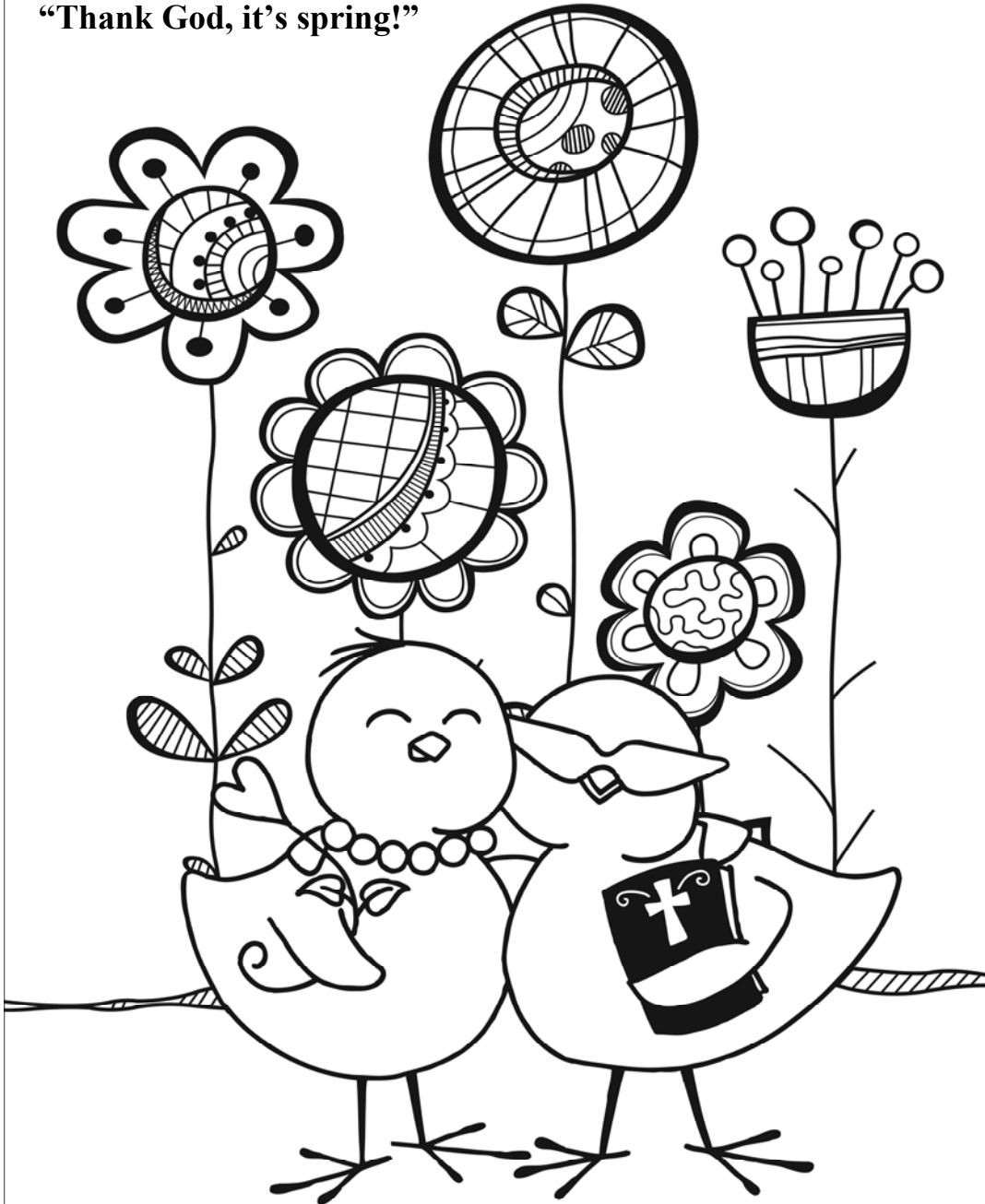


Congratulations Karen Plaisier



Karen Plaisier will be inducted into the Upper Peninsula Sports Hall of Fame at its 47th annual induction banquet on May 12 at the Island Resort and Casino in Harris. Karen is being recognized for being a former multisport coach in Negaunee and being a U.P. Ladies Golf Association champion.

“Thank God, it’s spring!”





Congratulations, Lucy and Kiara

On April 15, Lucy Williamina LaChapell became a child of God through Holy Baptism. Lucy is the daughter of Hillary and Andy LaChapell. Her sponsors are Jennie Johnson and Bryan LaChapell. God's blessings to Lucy and her family!

On April 29, Kiara Barbara Vikaria became a child of God through Holy Baptism. Kiara is the daughter of Sarah and Ashwin Vekaria. Her sponsors are her grandparents, Barbara and James Kinnunen. God's blessing to Kiara and her family!



Dear Members of Bethany,



Thank you so much for all the cards, gifts and prayers during my recent recovery from knee surgery. They all lifted my spirit and will always mean so much to me.
Kay Chartre



Bethany ladies in their Easter Hats.

Don't they look great!

Thank you everyone for



to your prayers, kindnesses and encouragement during the past months. You have been a source of strength for me and provided lots of good examples of grace-ful living during a healing process that has been a lot longer than anticipated!

God's blessings - Kathy Geier

St. Mark, the Evangelist



April 25th is the feast day of St. Mark, the Evangelist. Since the lectionary this liturgical year concentrates on his gospel, it seems like a good thing to consider who this person was. Much of what we know about St. Mark comes from the New Testament and early Christian traditions. He is believed to be the 'John Mark' referred to in the Acts of the Apostles, the history of the early Church found in the Canon of the New Testament.

He was the son of Mary of Jerusalem (Acts 12:12) whose home became a meeting place for the apostles. He is also the cousin of St. Barnabas (Colossians 4:10), a Levite and a Cypriot.

Mark joined St. Paul and St. Barnabas on their first missionary journey to Antioch in 44 A.D. When the group reached Cyprus, Christian tradition holds that Mark left them and returned to Jerusalem, possibly because he was missing his home (Acts 13:13). This incident may have caused Paul to question whether Mark could be a reliable missionary. This created a disagreement between Paul and Barnabas and led Paul to refuse Mark's accompaniment on their second journey to the churches of Cilicia and the rest of Asia Minor.

However, it can be assumed the troubles between Paul and Mark did not last long, because when Paul was first imprisoned, Mark, who was at the time in Rome with plans of visiting Asia Minor, visited him as one of his trusted companions (Col 4:10).

Mark's hopes to visit Asia Minor were most likely carried out, because during Paul's second captivity and just before his martyrdom, Paul wrote to Timothy at Ephesus advising him to "take Mark and bring him with you [to Rome], for he is profitable to me for the ministry" (2 Timothy 4:11). If Mark returned to Rome at this time, he was probably there when Paul was martyred.

According to Christian tradition, Mark also held a close relationship with St. Peter, who referred to Mark as 'his son' in his letter addressed to a number of churches in Asia Minor (1 Peter 5:13). Clement of Alexandria, Irenaeus and Papias all indicate that Mark was an interpreter for Peter. Much of the material in Mark's gospel is probably derived from his experience interpreting the sermons of Peter.

St. Mark is credited with founding the church in Alexandria and was its first bishop. As such he is therefore also credited with founding the church in Africa. He lived there for many years and made many enemies amongst the pagan population who finally killed him by placing a rope around his neck and dragging him through the streets until he was dead.

Mark's Gospel was probably written between 60 and 70 A.D., and was based upon the teachings of St. Peter. It is believed Mark provided both Luke and Matthew with basic sources for their Gospels.

In 828, relics of St. Mark were stolen from Alexandria and taken to Venice, Italy. There they are enshrined in a beautiful cathedral dedicated to the saint.

His symbol is a winged lion. He is often depicted as writing or holding his Gospel. He is sometimes shown as a bishop on a throne or as a man helping Venetian sailors.



The Birth of Mother's Day

Anna M. Jarvis (1864-1948) loved her mother dearly. It was Miss Jarvis who first suggested a national day to honor all mothers. At a memorial service for her mother on May 10, 1908, Anna gave a carnation, her mother's favorite flower, to each person in attendance. Within a few years, the idea to honor mothers gained popularity, and Mother's Day was soon observed annually in many large cities of the United States.

On May 9, 1914, by an act of congress, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday of May as Mother's Day. He established the day as a time for "public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country." By then, it had become customary to wear white carnations in honor of departed mothers and red carnations to honor the living. The custom continues to this day.



Kids!



May 13 - Sunday School kids will sing during the worship service on Mother's Day



May 20 - Abbi Bruhnke and Abby Koski will make their public affirmation of their baptism.

CONFIRMED IN CHRIST

May 20 - Last day of Sunday School

Youth Gathering Trip

- Thank you to everyone who has donated cans and bottle for the Youth Gathering trip. Returnables will continue to be collected, but only until May 31st.



- The kids did a great job at Super One (Negaunee)
- bagging groceries for tips. They did a great job!

Sevenfold Flame



Did you know that tongues of fire are a common symbol for the Holy Spirit? When the seven flames are depicted together, they represent the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, fear of the Lord and delight in the fear of the Lord (sometimes paraphrased “joy in the Lord’s presence”).

WORTHY OF RESPECT

On Mother's Day, we celebrate our moms and everything they do for us. How does God tell us to treat our moms?



Directions: Using the key below, fill in the blanks to complete Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV.

A	C	D	M*	N*	O*
E	F	G	P*	R*	S*
H	I	L	T*	U*	Y*

“ _____ your _____

and your _____ , _____

the _____ your _____ has

_____ .”

_____ 5:16, NIV

Council Highlights— April 2018



In place of the regular council meeting, council members and other Bethany members joined representatives from other churches within the Synod for a Healthy Congregations workshop. The workshop was hosted by Bethany.

“Healthy leaders focus on mission and strengths as a way to effectively respond to the challenges that occur in times of change, anxiety, or conflict. Healthy leaders accept that there will be differences with the congregation and that there may be negative reactions to decisions. Resiliency in congregations is created by embodying a clear sense of identity and purpose.”

“The point is not to pay back kindness but to pass it on.”

—Julia Alvarez

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Building Project Update

- New roof is completed.
- Window project will begin May 9.

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Building Project Financial Update as of 4/22/2018

Goal	\$200,000.00
Memorial Fund	24,058.76
Bequest	48,183.83
Current gifts/ Building Fund	21,063.57
Balance needed	\$106,693.84



YTD Income: \$44,682.70
YTD Expenses: \$54,126.06

March 2018



Christian Gift-Planning

Below is the eighth part of a twelve part series explaining how Christians can incorporate the Church in their estate planning.

Retirement Plans can lead to significant income taxes for heirs of a retiree. The fact is, often retirees do not draw installments (called annuitizing) from their IRAs or other retirement plans. This leads to substantial retirement plans passing at death to the named beneficiaries. These heirs will face ordinary income taxes at their frequently high income tax brackets. Changing the retirement plan beneficiary designation to make an ELCA ministry the beneficiary of a portion of the retirement plan provides the dual benefit of being a gift to ministry that also avoids income taxation on the portion of the retirement plan proceeds given to ministry. Utilization of a remainder trust may provide income to heirs, spread out the taxable income and ultimately provide a gift to ministry. Think about the needs of your heirs and talk to a gift planner in your synod about whether a portion of your qualified retirement plan or IRA should be given to an ELCA ministry at your death.

For more information: Contact Timothy Knutson, ELCA Foundation at (414) 477-9979 or timothy.knutson@elca.org, or Pastor Larry Westfield, ELCA Foundation at (262) 224-9574 or larry.westfield@elca.org, or Bishop Katherine Finegan at (906) 228-2300 or kfinegan@nglsynod.org

Dear Members of Bethany,



Thank you so much for all the cards, gifts and prayers during my recent recovery from knee surgery. They all lifted by spirits and will always mean so much to me.

Kay Chartre



Thank you to everyone for your prayers, kindnesses and encouragement during the past months. You have been a source of strength for me and provided lots of good examples of grace-ful living during a healing process that has been a lot longer than anticipated!

God's blessings - Kathy Geier



**Memorial Day Service
@ Ishpeming Cemetery
May 28 @ 10:00 am**



Just for Pun!

- Every calendar's days are numbered.
- A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.
- If you've seen one shopping center, you've seen a mall.
- Acupuncture is a jab well done.
- A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.
- Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?
- Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.
- When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.
- A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
- The worker who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.
- Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.



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visit Bethany's website.



Keep In Your Prayers

Remember our home-bound and nursing home residents:

Valente:

Jacobetti: Carol Waters

Teal Lake Senior Living Community: Betty Geier, Jean Johns

Mill Creek: John Pontti

- Ann Wise
- Bob Maki
- Kay Chartre
- Gloria Clickner
- The family and friends of Vicki Baldini who mourn her loss
- Kathy Geier
- Mark, Kathleen, and Karmen Slown
- Ruby Kaukola
- Sharon Argall
- Dan Argall
- Ray Chartre
- Roger & Ruth Solberg
- Carl & Doris Pellonpaa
- John and Marilyn Pontti
- Jim Sodergren, Jr.
- Cindy Warner
- Bob Kaukola
- Ted Swanson
- Loreth Johnson
- Judy Hogan
- Brown family
- Mark
- Lois Goethe
- Zander Atkins
- Jim Bjorne
- Angie Kempainen
- June Forsberg
- Those in the military that they may remain safe



Answer to Worthy of Respect puzzle: “Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord
your has god



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