



**Bethany Lutheran Outlook**  
November 2011

**Serving God, Community, and Individuals**



**I come to your altar, O LORD,  
<sup>7</sup> singing a song of thanksgiving  
and telling of all your wonders.  
<sup>8</sup> I love your sanctuary, LORD,  
the place where your glorious presence  
dwells.**

Psalm 26: 6-8



## PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

During the first part of November, Kathy and I will make what has become our annual fall trip back to New England to visit the family there, to clean up my mother's yard a little bit before winter and to get a break prior to Advent and Christmas. We've found it's a nice time to travel because usually the weather is still pretty good, there's less traffic and congestion and, I have to admit, I really like the feeling of gray, late fall days, the chill in the air and the starkness of the November landscape.

What I'll miss though, among other things, is not being here for All Saints Sunday on November 6<sup>th</sup>. For the past few years (and it will be the case this year too), as the names of the saints are read and the bell tolls and a candle is lit, the choir has sung "We Are Surrounded" while quite literally surrounding the congregation. "We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, looking on, encouraging us to do the will of the Lord." It's very emotional in a sad, but also a good way as we're reminded that the church is not just those present, but includes those who have gone before us. For a pastor there is also the reminder of what a privilege it is to have been involved in some way in the lives of many of those people. There's sadness that they are not around anymore, but their lives continue to be a blessing.

Later in November we celebrate Thanksgiving. I often think that there isn't a whole lot of thanks given on Thanksgiving Day itself as other aspects of the day can easily take over. Not all of those things are bad and they can make for a very enjoyable day; but it may be that we come closer to a sense of what we have to be thankful for on All Saints Day. As we think about those saints who have been part of our lives, we realize how we have been blessed. To be sure, some of those memories can be complicated by flaws and old scars; as Luther rightly noted, all of us are simultaneously saints and sinners. However, the names being read and the bell being tolled does have a way of focusing us on those things in life that are most important, things for which we do owe God thanks.

As the anthem says, "We *are* surrounded by a great cloud of witnessed, let us walk worthy and be faithful to God's call."

Pastor Geier

All Saints' Day is November 1 of each year. The Sunday following, November 6, Bethany will give special remembrance to those who have gone before us. All Saints' Day affords Christians the opportunity to remember those who have faithfully served Christ in special, often sacrificial, ways.



We offer our gratitude to God for those devoted and devout souls who have set worthy examples for us.

ALL SAINTS' DAY



### **BETHANY REMEMBERS...**



Cathie Beinlich  
Esther Robinson  
Terry Holmgren  
Basil Stolen  
Ernest Henson  
Ethel Aho  
Donald Frederickson

**“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.”  
Psalm 116:15**

## 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.*

### Daily Lectionary for November 2011

1	Psalm 28	Joshua 6:1-16, 20	Acts 13:1-12
2	Psalm 28	Joshua 10:12-14	Matthew 15:1-9
3	Psalm 78:1-7	Joshua 5:10-12	Rev. 8:6 -- 9:12
4	Psalm 78:1-7	Joshua 8:30-35	Rev. 9:13-21
5	Psalm 78:1-7	Joshua 20:1-9	Matthew 24:1-14

#### 6 All Saints Sunday

Rev. 7:9-17    Psalm 34:1-10, 22    1 John 3:1-3    Matthew 5:1-12

7	Psalm 78	Joshua 24:25-33	1 Cor. 14:20-25
8	Psalm 78	Nehemiah 8:1-12	1 Thess. 3:6-13
9	Psalm 78	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Matthew 24:29-35
10	Psalm 123	Judges 2:6-15	Rev. 16:1-7
11	Psalm 123	Judges 2:16-23	Rev. 16:8-21
12	Psalm 123	Judges 5:1-12	Matthew 12:43-45



#### 13 Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Zeph. 1:7, 12-18    Psalm 90:1-12    1 Thess. 5:1-11    Matthew 25:14-30

14	Psalm 83:1-4, 9-10, 17-18	Judges 4:8-24	Romans 2:1-11
15	Psalm 83:1-4, 9-10, 17-18	Exodus 2:1-10	1 Thess. 5:12-18
16	Psalm 83:1-4, 9-10, 17-18	Esther 7:1-10	Matthew 24:45-51
17	Psalm 100	Genesis 48:15-22	Rev. 14:1-11
18	Psalm 100	Isaiah 40:1-11	Rev. 22:1-9
19	Psalm 100	Ezekiel 34:25-31	Matthew 12:46-50

20 **Christ the King Sunday**

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24      Psalm 100      Eph. 1:15-23      Matthew 25:31-46

21	Psalm 28	Numbers 27:15-23	2 Timothy 2:8-13
22	Psalm 28	Zechariah 11:4-17	Rev. 19:1-9
23	Psalm 28	Jeremiah 31:10-14	John 5:19-40
24	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19	Zechariah 13:1-9	Rev. 14:6-13
25	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19	Zechariah 14:1-9	1 Thess. 4:1-18
26	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19	Micah 2:1-13	Matthew 24:15-31



27 **First Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 64:1-9      Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19      1 Cor. 1:3-9      Mark 13:24-37

28	Psalm 79	Micah 4:1-5	Rev. 15:1-8
29	Psalm 79	Micah 4:6-13	Rev 18:1-10
30	Psalm 79	Micah 5:1-5a	Luke 21:34-38



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**Bethany Confirms Two During October 16th Worship Service**



Joshua Argall

**And the people said to Joshua, “We will serve the LORD our God and obey him.”**

—Joshua 24:24



Courtney Allen

**Know that the LORD is God.  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

—Psalm 100:3

**Thanksgiving Service**  
**Tuesday, November 22 @ 7:00 PM**  
**Bethany Lutheran Church**

Join us at Bethany and Wesley Methodist's joint  
Thanksgiving worship service.  
Together, let us express our gratitude to God,  
the giver of every good and perfect gift.



**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and do not forget all his benefits—  
who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,  
who redeems your life from the Pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,  
who satisfies you with good as long as you live  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.



—Psalm 103:2-5, NRSV

The psalmist's all-encompassing list is a good example of all the gifts of God we should gratefully acknowledge. Personalize this ancient prayer by pondering your own experiences of God's forgiveness, healing, redemption, love, mercy and satisfaction of your daily needs.

**LONGING**  
**(A Poem About the Cycle of the Church Year)**

Christ the King -  
Sunday of the Fulfillment -  
or, simply, Last Sunday in the church  
year...



This cycle, the church year -  
shaped by the life  
of Jesus Christ,  
Built on the Jewish festival cycle  
Drawn from earlier religions,  
culled from the natural seasons  
of the northern hemisphere  
this cycle, this circle confronts us anew  
at each turning  
with Life's deepest questions  
Life's most necessary truths  
we enter each turning  
as different people  
changed people  
and thus the confrontation  
is different  
changed  
at each time,  
at each turning  
of the year



Now the natural world  
is dormant  
now is the time of darkness  
sunlight is waning  
life is in seeming stasis  
and in this dark time  
this time of dormancy  
and twilight  
the church  
moves into Advent.

Longing is at  
the heart of the  
darkness  
in Advent  
Longing  
for possibility  
longing  
for fulfillment  
as children  
it is a longing  
for Christmas  
and the birth of the baby Jesus  
and that is enough  
But as we age  
the longing  
broadens  
deepens  
includes  
more than ourselves  
and family  
it is a longing  
for  
completion  
justice  
for peace  
in the dark time of the  
year  
woven in the darkness of time  
fulfillment is growing a body  
in the dark time of the year  
in the dark  
all earth is hopeful.



—Susan Palo Cherwien  
*From Glory into Glory: Reflections  
for Worship*



## *Worship and Music*



### **Assistant Ministers Have an Important Role in Worship**

Thank you to all who have served as Assistant Ministers/lectors during the past year. You have been a rich blessing to Bethany's congregation. It is good to hear the Word of God read by people of a variety of ages and backgrounds. We can appreciate the diversity of Christ's church as we hear the Word through different voices.



Presently we are preparing the list of Assistant Ministers for 2012. In addition to those who already take part, you too can share your voice in reading the Word of God. If you think you may want to be a part of this, here are some things to consider.

The Assistant Minister should prepare and practice the scripture reading which is a central part of the worship service. Three guidelines to follow as one prepares the Scripture reading include these:

- **Pace:** read slowly, but use some variety in the pace
- **Space:** allow time for the text to be heard and absorbed.
- **Grace:** read with expression that makes Scripture come alive, yet not so much drama that it calls more attention to the reader than the message.

As listeners of the Word, the congregation may choose to follow along in Sunday's bulletin or may simply close their eyes and hear the Word without any visual distractions. Whichever way one listens, the Assistant Minister needs to offer the reading in a way that draws attention to God's Word more than to the one reading it. The goal should be for worshipers to return home with the words of the Bible on their minds and in their hearts.

If you are willing to add your name to those we already have, please notify Linda Dahl at 485-1625 or [linkarzig@netscape.com](mailto:linkarzig@netscape.com). The Board of Worship and Music gives thanks to all who will make this commitment.



# Enjoy the Poetry of Hymns

## Creating God, Your Fingers Trace



Creating God, your fingers trace  
the bold designs of farthest space;  
let sun and moon and stars and light  
and what lies hidden praise your might.

Sustaining God, your hands uphold  
earth's mysteries known or yet untold;  
let water's fragile blend with air,  
enabling life, proclaim your care.

Redeeming God, your arms embrace  
all now despised for creed or race;  
let peace, descending like a dove,  
make known on earth your healing love.

Indwelling God, your gospel claims  
one family with a billion names;  
let every life be touched by grace  
until we praise you face to face.



Text: Jeffery Rowthorn  
ELW #684





## Social Ministry Update November 2011

Social Ministry supported Lutheran Campus Ministry with a donation of \$100 for the month of October. We received a request from the Room at the Inn (Homeless Shelter) and contributed \$100 to support their work. The Noisy Offering collection for the months of November and December will be donated to the Upper Peninsula Food Bank (Ishpeming).

Through the fine work of the quilters, WELCA members and all who have contributed items, Bethany sent 144 quilts to LWR, 3 baby quilts for auction to Campus Ministry and 1 adult quilt and 1 baby quilt to Fortune Lake. 28 layettes, 81 school kits and 15 sewing kits were sent to LWR in October. This is a grand total of 293 items from our congregation. Thank you to everyone who helped in whatever way possible!

Items are needed to fill the grocery cart in the Narthex. The supplies for the food bank are quite low and any contributions will be greatly appreciated. Suggested items for contribution are canned goods, cereals, small boxes of juice, easy to prepare items as macaroni and cheese, peanut butter, soups, spaghetti and other pasta, all varieties of non-perishable food items (please no dented or expired date items), household goods and paper products.



Thanks again for prayers and contributions so our ministry can help others.



**The November Noisy Offering  
will go to the Upper Peninsula Food Bank.  
Thanks to everyone for your generosity!**



**BETHANY'S 141ST  
ANNIVERSARY**

**October 16, 2011**





## My Journey to China

By Linda Dahl

“You're going where???”

“Why would you want to go there?”

These were some of the reactions I received when I told friends and family that I was traveling to China. I could see the flicker of trepidation in their eyes, but I assured them that I was traveling with friends and we would be traveling in a group. While I wasn't afraid, I confess I did have a sense of anxious anticipation as I would make a journey that would catapult me halfway around the world and drop me twelve time zones in the future. It was going to be an adventure to a world which was alien to me.

Coming from a small Midwest town with a strong Scandinavian and Lutheran background, I wondered how I would react to all the experiences I would have.



**Food Writers Travel Group**



Arriving in Beijing, you learn right away to follow the crowd. Usually when you hear that phrase, it is a negative thing, but in China to follow the crowd was the way to get where you wanted to be. It helped in locating Baggage Claim, entry to historic sites, the parking lot, and even helped in crossing the street. It is difficult to imagine the size of the cities. We traveled to cities of 19, 9, and 3 million people. Can you imagine viewing a city of three million as a small city?



**Beijing's Ghost Market** opened at 4 am. We were up early and, armed with our flashlights, went to see what bargains could be had.

**Climbing the Great Wall was arduous.** Steps varied in height, depth, and surface. Each step was taken with caution.



Each city was blanketed in a constant haze of smog. While I am used to seeing blue skies and puffy clouds, that was not to be the case for much of my trip. In the winter time, the smog is much worse aggravated by the pollution created by heating coal. We did find, however, that the government was making a focused effort to reduce the smog created by the use of coal burners. The government has purchased electric heaters for many citizens and even pays a significant part of the bill to encourage the use of these new heaters. In one city there were blue skies and it was a remarkable day in that city. One woman told us that she would not remember when she had last seen a blue sky. How lucky we are that blue skies are part of our lives and even gray skies are only weather related.



**Smog was ever present.**

Building is everywhere. In every city the skyline was dotted with cranes atop hundreds of new apartment skyscrapers. Citizens are encouraged to live in these urban centers which bustle with unbelievable traffic – traffic of all kinds. In the cities there may be up to eight lanes of traffic filled with cars, buses, motorcycles, mopeds, bicycles, carts, and bordered by pedestrians and even street sweepers. A person simply doesn't know where to look. I did feel an element of safety being in a big bus, but even that feeling gets challenged when the bus driver decides to make a u-turn during rush hour. Despite other vehicles edging within inches of the bus, bit by bit we turned around and were going in the direction we needed to go. In the United States, traffic may become very fast, but there are rules we follow and an orderliness exists. In China traffic rules seem to originate with the individual driver. As much as I studied the traffic, I wasn't able to figure what made it tick unless, of course, it was just chaos.



When it was time to leave each city, I found it startling to see how abruptly the city ended. We are used to seeing urban sprawl, but this is not the case in China. There was a very definite separation between the urban center and rural life, and it was abrupt. Even in rural areas, however, you continued to see a lot of building of infrastructure – roads, bridges, and dams. You also saw many poor and difficult living conditions. It was common to see a pile of coal outside of people's homes or businesses, as well as corn drying on the ground or on their roofs.



**Drying corn**

I have always been interested in history, but, I confess, my history was limited to the Western World. My knowledge of Chinese history was scant. In fact, while I knew of the Great Wall, the Forbidden City, and the terracotta soldiers, I knew nothing of Xi'an, Datong, Pingyao and Taiyuan – cities whose histories are measured in thousands of years. I had an opportunity to stay in Pingyao, a thousand year old walled city. Modern day golf carts provided motorized transportation into the city where the narrow streets were filled with pedestrians. I definitely felt that I had stepped back in time.

Traveling into the Mian Mountains to see the city built into the mountain was breathtaking. The journey was scary as we zigzagged our way to our destination. I could not comprehend how the temples, the city, the paths, and the gardens had been built into the face of the mountain without the aid of modern technology. Just climbing the terrain seemed insurmountable. It was here that the monks sought solitude for meditation. They achieved a perfect serenity in their seclusion. I couldn't fully realize the utter peacefulness of this place until I rode in the gondola up the face of the mountain and viewed the site from above.



**The gondola ride**



**Part of the city built in the mountain**



**We were invited into this woman's home, and she told of her family's life during the Cultural Revolution**



Another highlight for me was getting my picture taken with the farmer who was responsible for making one of the most important Chinese archaeological discoveries. In 1974 he had been digging a well and found broken pieces of terracotta pottery which led to the discovery of the Chinese terracotta soldiers. An estimated 8000 life-size and unique soldiers, as well as horses and chariots, had been buried to protect the emperor in the afterlife. It felt rather special to be this close to history.



This trip made me face a number of challenges. I found that I don't like to sleep on beds which feel like bricks. I like it when my head rests in a soft pillow and I can curl up in a warm cozy bed. I now appreciate even more modern bathroom facilities rather than the "squatters" that are prevalent throughout China. I like the clean and modern supermarket, and I don't like to see my food so up close and personal. I found that Chinese American food suits me, but the authentic Chinese food wore on me after awhile. Seeing what I hopefully thought was a bowl of white and dark chocolate turn out to be a bowl of goat's blood and tofu just didn't sit well with me. Standing next to the chef making one of his specialty soups hit me hard as he threw a bowl – yes a bowl – of hot peppers into a hot frying pan, I was sent into a full blown asthmatic attack. I guess, after that, I yearned for the food I was used to.



**Up to 20 different foods were served on the lazy susan at each lunch and dinner. Dishes often were stacked upon one another.**

**A mass of school children were just released from school. The girls wore red, and the boys wore blue.**



**In some of the remote areas we visited, there were few Western visitors. The local Chinese loved seeing these tall people often with white or blond hair. We were as much a sight for them as China was to us.**

China is officially an atheist state. Even though I knew that, I still thought I would see signs of religious influence in the everyday lives of the people. We visited numerous Buddhist temples, but even those seemed to be more historic sites rather than part of people's religious life. What seemed to have the greatest influence on the Chinese people's lives was their government. It dominates their lives – from where they live to the one-child policy (there are variations to that policy) which is strictly followed. Living in a town that has many churches, the absence of churches was startling to me. I guess I had foolishly thought how interesting it would be to join in Christian worship in China. It made me think how blessed I am to have my faith and how it makes my life richer. Someone on the tour bus saw a cross, but I didn't turn quickly enough to see it. It's a good thing you don't need to see it to have it in your heart.



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### **Prayer Chain Ministry Starts at Bethany**



Those who would like to participate in Bethany's Prayer Chain can add their name to the list posted on the kiosk. The prayer list will start with requests given to Pastor Geier who will initiate the call process. Each member of the prayer chain will receive a call list once the list is finalized.

### **Pastor's Discretionary Fund Needs Help**



As winter approaches, the demands on the Pastor's Discretionary Fund increase. There tends to be a lot more activity with people in need of heating assistance. Any contributions to this fund would be welcome. Thank you.



### Operation Christmas Child

There is still time to fill a shoebox to help brighten some child's Christmas. Shoeboxes need to be filled, labeled and brought to the church by Sunday, November 13.



Last year 7,237 boxes were collected in the Upper Peninsula. Of those, Marquette County collected over 1,300 shoeboxes.

Silver Creek Church will be our local drop off site. Once Bethany's shoeboxes are collected, they will be delivered to Silver Creek the week of November 14-18

### Box Tops and Labels for Education

We continue to collect Box Tops For Education and Labels For Education. Please cut out the box tops and labels and put them in the designated container which is placed in the hallway. The labels will be given to local schools to buy things for the students that tight budgets don't allow for. It is an easy way for all of us to help out!



### Report on Fall Cluster Meeting

The WELCA fall cluster meeting was held at Faith Lutheran Church on September 25, 2011.



Pastor Doug Norquist spoke on music as it pertains to our worship.

The offering was divided between the Northern Great Lakes Synod and the World Mission Prayer League. Sixty women from the churches in our cluster attended.

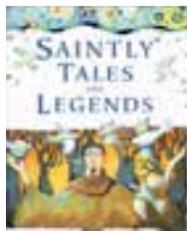
Information about the spring cluster meeting will be announced at a later date.



## New Books for November

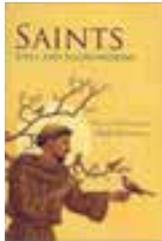
By Keenan Tunnell

November brings a range of celebrations, so we'll see books on the saints for All Saints Day (01 NOV), for Thanksgiving (24 NOV) and a taste of Advent, which opens the new church year on 27 NOV. Hope you find something of interest...and remember to mark your calendar for 20 NOV, which is the beginning for the Library's annual card/book sale.



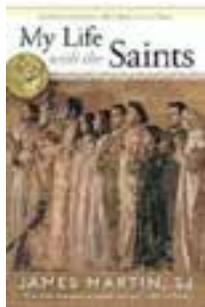
Rock, Lois. **Sainly Tales and Legends.** **JUV 270 ROC**

"This book of tales and legends draws from the rich and diverse heritage of the Christian faith in other times and other places. Some of the tales are widely known. Some have many variations. Others are rarely heard. All of them are evocative, inspiring and very memorable." (from jacket)



Sanderson, Ruth. **Saints: lives and illuminations.** **JUV 270 SAN**

"...tells the stories of over seventy remarkable men and women who have provided spiritual examples to Christians from the very beginning of the church up to the present day. In addition to well-known saints...this volume also explores the lives of such lesser-known figures as Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha... [contains both] biographical sketches and beautiful, detailed portraits..." (from jacket)

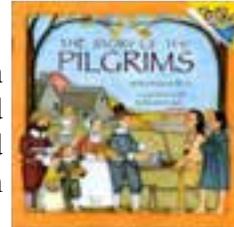


Martin, James, SJ. **My Life with the Saints.** **235.2 MAR**

Fr. Martin's best-selling memoir encompasses saints throughout Christian history—from St. Peter...to Mother Teresa—and chronicles his lifelong relationship with them. His witty, vibrant, and stirring stories enable readers to discover how the saints guide us throughout our earthly journeys and how they help each of us find holiness in our own lives." (from back cover)

Ross, Katharine. **Story of the Pilgrim E 974 ROS**

“From the dangerous voyage across the Atlantic to the first harsh winter to the delicious Thanksgiving feast, all the excitement and wonder of the Pilgrims’ first year in America is captured in this vivid retelling that is perfect for the youngest historians.” (Amazon.com product description)



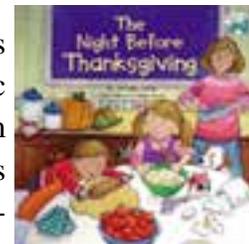
McGovern, Ann. **The Pilgrim’s First Thanksgiving JUV FIC MCG**

The Pilgrims' first Thanksgiving lasted three whole days. Ann McGovern's simple text introduces children to the struggles of the Pilgrims during their first year at Plymouth Colony and the events leading to the historic occasion we celebrate today....from the child’s point of view.



Wing, Natasha. **The Night Before Thanksgiving. E FIC WIN**

“What a fun book! With the familiar syntax of Clement Moore's "Twas the Night before Christmas", this story combines the hectic pace of preparation with all the familiar elements of the big day. From cooking to relatives to football to the parades, my 6 year old delights in the family’s preparations. The story promotes togetherness as family and includes a pause to give thanks for what they have. The illustrations are colorful and a delight to our youngsters eyes.” (Amazon.com Review)



***Annual Library Card/Book Sale  
Starts Sunday, November 20***



**The Lutheran: October 2011**  
**Lutheran Authors:**  
**11 share how their work 'faces the world'**



Living with words by Anne Basye  
 Lutheran writers share how their work 'faces the world'



As violence continues, so does Lutheran ministry by Stephen Deal  
 Uneasy calm returns to La Union neighborhood



Building Kindness — and bridges by Stephanie Pearson  
 New Mexico congregation helps low-income residents make home improvements



Harnessing the force of godparents by Kristin Berkey-Abbott  
 Plus: 12 ways to connect with your godchild



Prayer changes us by Cheri Mueller  
 Perhaps a greater miracle is what happens to us when we pray



Too much stuff? by Diana Dworin  
 How clutter can take a toll on your family's spirituality

**Columnists**



Climbing down: 10 Bible stories that  
 breathe life  
 by Peter W. Marty

Cause for hope, gratitude  
 by Mark S. Hanson





October 2, 2011



**On a beautiful autumn day, people walked the Heritage Trail to support efforts to end hunger one step at a time.**



## **Celebrating National Adoption Month: The Adoption Journey**

A message from Lutheran Social Services (LSS) of  
Wisconsin & Upper Michigan

November is National Adoption month, a month set aside to raise awareness about the adoption of children and youth. Join Lutheran Social Services in spreading the word about the adoption journey.

Each family is unique and so is their adoption journey. Many families have experienced other journeys before looking to build their family through adoption. Many children hope their journey leads them to a forever family of their own. Learn more about the Else family and their adoption journey below:



### **The Else Family's Adoption Journey**

David and Kimberly Else have been strong advocates for children since adopting son, Christopher, from the Philippines in 2000. They worked patiently through a total of four adoptions, each with unique struggles that included both passport and health issues and typhoon flooding. Dave and Kim were committed to adopting older children with full knowledge that there could be a long and sometimes difficult adjustment period. They tenaciously seek educational opportunities and stability for the children, accepting each as an individual with special gifts. After Kim's bout with breast cancer, the couple's second adoption application was rejected. However, in late 2006 the family eagerly agreed to participate in the LSS Adoption Ambassadors Program that advocates for the adoption of older and special needs children in the Philippines.

Upon arriving in the Philippines in 2007 and seeing Christopher interacting with a nine year old boy named Waren, Kim and Dave knew they had not only found their new son, but also their daughter, 13 year old Julie. Julie and Waren struggled to adjust, but Kim and David's unwavering love helped them find the light at the end of the tunnel. In 2009, 7-year-old Nica was welcomed home, completing the family. Due to the fact that their children were older when they joined the family, Dave and Kim have been tireless in their pursuit of opportunities to keep the children connected with the Philippines. They are members of several cultural groups, keep in close contact with former orphanage roommates, and the children can proudly say they are world-class athletes in the Filipino martial art of Eskrima/Doce Pares.

While Kim keeps the Else home comfortable and stable, David honorably serves as a Department of Defense civilian and colonel in the US Marine corps, traveling frequently to the Middle East to share his expertise. Dave and Kim are proud parents of four fantastic children, and they are humbled by the praise they receive for their hard work.

David and Kimberly Else were selected as a 2011 Angel in Adoption for their outstanding advocacy of adoption issues. For more families' adoption journeys and for more information about adoption visit [www.issadopt.org](http://www.issadopt.org).

### LEGACY OF AN ADOPTED CHILD

Once there were two women  
Who never knew each other  
One you do not remember  
The other you called mother



### Fortune Lake—November Events

- November 5-6: High School Youth Gathering
- November 13: Second Sunday folk Dance
- November 14: Senior Adult Day

### Happy Thanksgiving!

“I have never understood why anyone would roast the turkey and shuck the clams and crisp the croutons and shell the peas and candy the sweet potatoes and compote the cranberries and bake the pies and clear the table and wash the dishes and fall into bed exhausted when they could just as easily sit back and enjoy a hamburger or a pork sandwich.” —The Turkey





### October Council Highlights

- Received a thank you from Feeding America (Local Food Bank) and the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago
- Received into membership: Mikki Jago and Karen Merckx
- Pastor Geier has been appointed interim head Pastor for Lutheran Campus Ministry for approximately 1 year when Jon Magnuson leaves his position
- After school program is tentatively set up for Thursdays. Tonya Perry is heading this up and will be looking for volunteers. This is seen as a community outreach service.
- Pastor will be gone November 5-16. there will be no Monday services on Nov. 7 and 14.
- Thanksgiving Service will be held jointly with Wesley Methodist on November 22, The service will be at Bethany.
- Jim Kinnunen was appointed to fill Cheryl Sleeman's term as Director of the Board of Finance.

### Board of Personnel Will Meet on November 6



The Board of Personnel will meet after church on Sunday, November 6. Please call Debbie Bussone at 485-5901 if you can or cannot attend.



**YTD Income: \$139,599.70**  
**YTD Expenses: \$142,302.56**



# Kids!

## Give Praise

Solve this puzzle to read a Bible verse about praising God for all his blessings.

**Directions:** In each group, underline the word that doesn't belong. Then write the underlined words on the lines below.

- |                           |                             |                                       |                                |                        |                            |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Give<br>Take<br>Grab   | 2. peanut<br>praise<br>pear | 3. temple<br>house<br>Lord            | 4. proclaim<br>past<br>present | 5. name<br>boy<br>lad  | 6. ruin<br>destroy<br>make |
| 7. pine<br>acorn<br>known | 8. train<br>nations<br>bus  | 9. done<br>donut<br>muffin            | 10. Sing<br>Sleep<br>Yawn      | 11. she<br>him<br>girl | 12. sun<br>praise<br>moon  |
| 13. tell<br>fast<br>slow  | 14. red<br>all<br>blue      | 15. horrible<br>dreadful<br>wonderful | 16. acts<br>sisters<br>aunts   |                        |                            |

" \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_  
1                    2                    3                    4                    5

\_\_\_\_\_ among the \_\_\_\_\_ what he has \_\_\_\_\_ .  
6                    7                    8                    9

\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ , sing \_\_\_\_\_ to him; \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ his  
10                    11                    12                    13                    14

\_\_\_\_\_ ."  
15                    16

PSALM 105:1-2, NIV

### Snowbird Alert

Every year some Bethany members head south or west for the winter. In order for you to continue to receive your Outlook when you are gone, please notify us of your new address and the duration of the time you will be using this address. Without the updated information, the Outlook will not reach you because 2nd class mail is not forwarded and, even if you do not receive it, Bethany will be charged for each one that is returned. Another option is to view the Outlook online which would eliminate the cost of mailing.



**Please fill me.**



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## Keep In Your Prayers

- Remember our home-bound and nursing home residents: Teckla Holmgren (home), Barbara Crabb (Mather), Doreen Brown (Valente), Joyce Lehto (Mill Creek), Marjorie Rosten (home)
- Pam Allen
- Ruth Solberg
- Jean Lawson
- Jim Jacobson
- Mary Bertucci
- Jim Smollen
- Kathy Routhier
- Jim Bjorne
- Nancy Swanson
- Angie Kempainen
- Ray Sundblad
- Marian Franti
- Melissa Chartre
- June Forsberg
- Alice Eman
- Pauline Toivonen
- Marvin Toivonen
- Allen Beauchamp
- James Chapman
- Erica Teichman, a member of the National Guard, who is deployed to Afghanistan
- Allen Maki
- Steven Leverton
- Carol and Juan Papaleo and family
- Paul Blomgren
- Pam Waters
- Those in the military that they may remain safe



## Answer to Kids' Puzzle: Give Praise

Answers: 1. Give, 2. praise, 3. LORD, 4. proclaim, 5. name, 6. make, 7. known, 8. nations, 9. done, 10. Sing, 11. him, 12. praise, 13. tell, 14. all, 15. wonderful, 16. acts

Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. (Psalm 105:1-2, 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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## November Worship Assistants

### November 6

Assisting Minister - John & Marilyn Pontti  
Acolytes - Sabrina Holm-Brown & McKenzie Atkins  
Altar - Debbie Cain  
Coffee Hosts - Worship & Music  
Flowers - In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Anderson, Norman, & Arnold by Lorraine Haack  
Nursery - Jordan Dault  
Bread - Bob Bucan

*Thank You!*

### November 13

Assisting Minister - Carol Waters  
Acolytes - Shy-Ann Brown & Kayla Kaukola  
Altar - Carrie Goldsworthy  
Coffee Hosts - Social Ministry  
Flowers - In memory of Tom Medlyn by his family  
Nursery - John Leverton  
Bread - Kaye Frederickson

### November 20

Assisting Minister - Terra Frustaglio  
Acolytes - Jessica Penhale & Liam Seppanen  
Altar - Loreth Johnson & Pat Liivoja  
Coffee Hosts - WELCA  
Flowers - In memory of Don Swanson by Nancy Swanson  
Nursery - Kara Harrington  
Bread - Kay Chartré

### November 27

Assisting Minister - Tom Perry  
Acolytes - Hannah Skewis & Savannah Marietti  
Altar - Sue Holmgren  
Coffee Hosts -  
Flowers -  
Nursery - Josh Argall  
Bread - Rae Elliot

### November Ushers

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



### December Ushers

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

*Happy Birthday!*

- 3 Sean Connors
- 5 Noah Kaukola
- 6 George Niemela
- 8 Raymond Chartre
- 8 Angela Vidlund
- 9 Steven Chartre
- 9 Kathy Harrington
- 9 Kiara Nelson
- 10 Donald Doney
- 11 Sara Carlyon
- 11 Kaitlyn Warner
- 12 Maria Mariani
- 13 Pastor Geier
- 14 Winter Cain
- 15 Daniel Price
- 16 Jayce Kipling
- 17 Maxwell Alexander
- 18 Abbagail Koski
- 18 Carla Scanlon
- 18 Ray Sundquist
- 19 Nancy Swanson
- 20 Justin Christopherson
- 20 Jacob Connors
- 20 Dorothy Rohrer
- 23 Jennifer Vallier
- 24 Halley Reichel
- 26 Jordan Dault
- 30 Traci Gugin



*Happy Anniversary!*

**William & Bernadette Heavyside**  
11/2/1974    37 years

