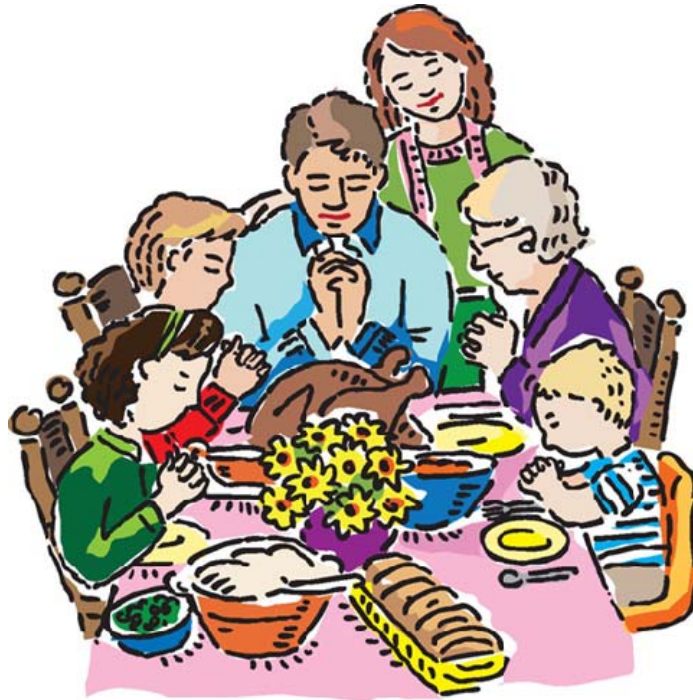




**Bethany Lutheran Outlook**  
November 2010  
Serving God, Community, and Individuals



*"Blessing and glory and  
wisdom and thanksgiving and  
honor and power and might  
be to our God.  
forever and ever! Amen."*

*Revelation 7:12, NRSV*



## PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

While paddling my kayak out on Teal Lake on a relatively warm Friday afternoon a couple of weeks ago, I came to the realization that this time of year, in between leaves and the onset of snow and winter, is maybe my favorite time of year. I like the cooler, but still pleasant temperatures; I like the silhouette of the bare tree branches against the sky whether it's clear blue or steely gray; I like the different quality the sunlight has at this time of year and how you can see different things when the leaves are down. I wind up at the church a lot of evenings when the sun is setting and find the late autumn sunsets to be especially beautiful.

November is a month when our thoughts turn to giving thanks as we celebrate our national day of Thanksgiving. Hopefully it's a time when we are more conscious of many of the things we tend to take for granted, like the beauty of the changing seasons. As I mentioned in a sermon a few weeks ago, in the Bible, saying thank you in some fashion might be the most characteristic way that people address God. It's something that it's good to be aware of all the time but still it's helpful to have a holiday that specifically brings giving thanks to mind.

As is true with many of our holidays, religious and otherwise, Thanksgiving takes on trappings that don't have much to do with the original intent of the holiday. Thanksgiving (along with Christmas) has become associated with "family" which is not a bad thing, but that association can evoke a host of emotions and sentiment, often pleasant emotions and sentiment, which nonetheless can distract us from giving thanks to God. I have to confess that most of my thoughts and memories concerning Thanksgiving don't have much to do with actually giving thanks.

But that October day out in the kayak, I think I got it. I wasn't planning on that being a time of thanksgiving, but that's what it was. I'm sure that you have your own "kayak moments," those times when you get it and your sense of thanksgiving to God is real. I hope that on November 25<sup>th</sup>, amid all the trappings that make Thanksgiving Day special, we can all remember those times and call them to mind, and again...give thanks.

Pastor Geier



All Saints' Day is November 1 of each year. The Sunday following, November 7, 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



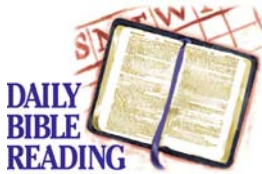
**BETHANY REMEMBERS...**



Dorothy Lanyon  
Paul Blewett  
Seth Johnson  
Martha Ulrickson  
Lois Ryan  
Juanita Racine  
Barbara Waters

**“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 2010

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|-----------|--|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1         | Psalm 50                                   | Nehemiah 13:1-3, 23-31 | 1 Cor. 5:9-13                  |
| 2         | Psalm 50                                   | Zechariah 7:1-14       | Jude 5-21                      |
| 3         | Psalm 50                                   | Amos 5:12-24           | Luke 19:11-27                  |
| 4         | Psalm 17:1-9                               | Deut. 25:5-10          | Acts 22:22-23-11               |
| 5         | Psalm 17:1-9                               | Genesis 38:1-26        | Acts 24:10-23                  |
| 6         | Psalm 17:1-9                               | Exodus 3:13-20         | Luke 20:1-8                    |
| <b>7</b>  | <b>All Saints Sunday</b>                   |                        |                                |
|           | Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18                        | Psalm 149              | Ephesians 1:11-23 Luke 6:20-31 |
| 8         | Psalm 123                                  | Job 20:1-11            | 2 Peter 1:16-21                |
| 9         | Psalm 123                                  | Job 21:1, 17-34        | 2 John 1-13                    |
| 10        | Psalm 123                                  | Job 25:1-26:14         | John 5:19-29                   |
| 11        | Psalm 98                                   | 1 Samuel 28:3-19       | Romans 1:18-25                 |
| 12        | Psalm 98                                   | 2 Samuel 21:1-14       | 2 Thess. 1:3-12                |
| 13        | Psalm 98                                   | Ezekiel 10:1-19        | Luke 17:20-37                  |
| <b>14</b> | <b>Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost</b> |                        |                                |
|           | Malachi 4:1-2a                             | Psalm 98               | 2 Thess. 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19   |
| 15        | Psalm 141                                  | Ezekiel 11:14-25       | Ephesians 4:25-5:2             |
| 16        | Psalm 141                                  | Ezekiel 39:21-40:4     | 1 Cor. 10:23-11:1              |
| 17        | Psalm 141                                  | Ezekiel 43:1-12        | Matt. 23:37-24:14              |
| 18        | Psalm 46                                   | 2 Chron 18:12-22       | Hebrews 9:23-28                |
| 19        | Psalm 46                                   | Zechariah 11:1-17      | 1 Peter 1:3-9                  |
| 20        | Psalm 46                                   | Jeremiah 22:18-30      | Luke 18:15-17                  |

**21 Christ the King Sunday**

Jeremiah 23:1-6      Psalm 46      Col. 1:11-20      Luke 23:33-43

22 Psalm 24      Jeremiah 46:18-28      Revelation 21:5-27  
23 Psalm 24      Isaiah 33:17-22      Revelation 22:8-21  
24 Psalm 24      Isaiah 60:8-16      Luke 1:1-4  
25 Psalm 122      Daniel 9:15-19      James 4:1-10  
26 Psalm 122      Genesis 6:1-10      Hebrews 11:1-7  
27 Psalm 122      Genesis 6:11-22      Matthew 24:1-22

**28 First Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 2:1-5      Psalm 122      Romans 13:11-14      Matthew 24:36-44

29 Psalm 124      Genesis 8:1-19      Romans 6:1-11  
30 Psalm 124      Genesis 9:1-17      Hebrews 11:32-40

**Thanksgiving Service  
Tuesday, November 24 @ 7:00 PM  
Wesley Methodist 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.



## Bethany Celebrates and Give Thanks for 140 Years

**What is this place where we are meeting?**

**Only a house, the earth its floor,  
Walls and a roof sheltering people,  
Windows for light, an open door.  
Yet it becomes a body that lives  
When we are gathered here,  
And know our God is near.**



What is this place? What is Bethany? Bricks and mortar, wood and nails, windows—stained glass or otherwise – make up the church building whether it be on Division Street or on Mather Avenue, but it is the presence of God in this place and within its people that give this place meaning – that give us a reason to celebrate and give thanks for the place that lives because our God is here within us.

*What is This Place?* was the opening hymn of Bethany's celebration of its 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It began a service which highlighted Bethany's past, yet which looks to the future of Bethany as the congregation continues collectively and individually on its journey of faith.



The Swedish roots of Bethany's congregation were honored by Pastor Bob Sutherland's reading of the Gospel in Swedish and with the choir's singing of the well known Swedish hymn *Day By Day* (Blot en Dag). The choir sang the first verse in the language of its ancestors. The congregation also sang two other cherished Swedish hymns: *How Great Thou Art* and *Children of the Heavenly Father*

Pastor Geier, in the children's sermon, showed the children pictures of the old and new churches.



Pastor Geier also referenced the Dedication from Bethany's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary booklet which said, "We would remember the days of old with gratitude to God for his faithful servants and for the spiritual blessings which have come through Bethany Church. We would go forward into the future with faith in God. God opens the doors. It is for us to enter."

Looking forward is part of the journey of faith we are all on as we move into the future. Pastor Geier stated in the final words of his sermon:

As Luther did, we see the Bible as a living word of God that requires interpretation in light of changing realities in the world, just as those who wrote it, inspired as they were, were responding to changing realities in their world. We take the Bible very seriously, but not literally. As always, it speaks words of forgiveness and hope about a God who invites us into a relationship, a God who cared enough about us to become one of us, a God who invites us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus in ways that lead to the future and don't confine us to the past.

That's the direction in which we are headed here and I feel good about that. As we celebrate this anniversary day, it is a direction that honors a proud tradition of Christian witness established by those 50 Swedish families, 140 years ago. We remember the past, but we're not bound by it. God is still opening doors; it is for us to enter.



**Join us on the journey of faith.**



### 140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Swedish Smörgåsbord

Bethany members and many family and friends helped celebrate the anniversary at an authentic Swedish smorgasbord style dinner which featured potato sausage, ham balls, Swedish meatballs, Swedish brown beans, lingonberries, smoked salmon, fruit soup, pepperkakor cookies, rice pudding and rye bread.





**Thank you  
for celebrating  
and  
giving thanks for  
Bethany's 140 years.**



## Bethany Is Witness to Local History



Miners paraded down unpaved Division Street during the 1895 labor strike. Carrying musical instruments and the American flag, miners marched past Bethany and the lot which one day would be the home of Bell Memorial Hospital. Prominent in the background is the Bethany Evangelical Swedish Church.

“Let the thankful heart sweep through the day and, as the magnet finds the iron, so it will find, in every hour, some heavenly blessings.”  
—Henry Ward Beecher

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THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!  
140<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Smorgasbord Dinner a Resounding Success!

Trying to list all those who contributed to the success is nearly impossible without missing someone. But kudos to all who prepared/brought the Swedish delicacies, those who worked to setup, serve and/or cleanup, and even those who came to enjoy the culinary delights. Thanks also to Sandee Sundquist and the crew that made the wonderful potato sausage. Finally, special thanks to Marian Medlyn, Rae Elliott and Cheryl Sleeman – the committee members who made it happen. Their enthusiasm and insight made it a wonderful experience.



As a result of all the hard work, approximately 230 dinners were served and nearly \$1200 was raised for the benefit of the Fortune Lake Scholarship Fund. As a bonus, the congregation of Bethany Lutheran demonstrated to itself and the community how the Holy Spirit is alive in our midst and empowers us to do good works! Thanks for the memories and God’s peace to all,  
Peg and Bob Clark

## Greetings to Bethany

Tusen tack, Bethany!

I was moved by the October 3<sup>rd</sup> celebration of Bethany's 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary .



My great-grandparents, Abraham Andersson and Anna Johanna Pettersdotter Andersson , with their five children, came from Uddevalla, Sweden, then lived in Salisbury location and became members of Bethany in 1883. Abraham was one of the men who worked on the steeple of the old church.

My grandmother, Thorborg Alida, was confirmed at Bethany the year your old/new organ was ordered, and I was thrilled when I attended the re-dedication service for that re-built organ, knowing that she probably heard that wonderful instrument as she was confirmed that day.

Later, the family moved to Ironwood, and were owners of the Svenska Hem (Swedish home) a boarding house which served Swedish workers in the nearby mines. In the large living room of Svenska Hem, the organizational meeting of Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church was held, so my ancestors were charter members.

I was able to further my search for these grandparents' history with the help of Paul Blomgren, who found their church records for me in your Old Books. I would love to help any of your church members to find more about their family history, especially the Swedes and Swede-Finns, if they visit me at Peter White Library, second floor, from 1 to 4 on Thursday afternoons.

Since so many of your old church members came from Atvidaberg in Sweden, I have given a book about that city in Sweden to your librarian, so that you might learn more about the historic and beautiful town that your ancestors came from.

Lycka till!

Marguerite Waters, 475-4549.



Christina Mariani  
holding Swedish flag

## Carol Papaleo's ArtPrize entry "I'm different" Is an Inspiration

*Carol Papaleo is a musician, an artist, and an entrepreneur. This fall, Carol entered ArtPrize, the annual art competition held in Grand Rapids. Her entry, "I'm different," was inspired by and a reflection of her granddaughters' lives. Carol's entry moved many, including Tom Rademacher who wrote the following article which was published in The Grand Rapids Press on September 26, 2010.*

For the sake of every special-needs kid who wants you to know he or she is a kid first and special-needs second, I am just going to ask you to cut out the next paragraph with a pair of scissors and take it with you to ArtPrize:

*Enter the Trade Center Building at 50 Louis Street NW from the northwest door. Follow the signs reading "Open Concept Gallery" to a freight elevator, and ride it to the sixth floor, taking care not to pinch your fingers in the double doors. Exit and walk east into what looks like a former ballroom. You're there.*

Against the south wall there, you will find a row of six wheelchairs with six shadow boxes resting on them, an ArtPrize entry that its creator says has nothing to do with winning, unless you count the heads she is trying to gather and have fathom the sacred space that is a part of every child – special-needs or not.



This exhibit should be required viewing for anyone majoring in any affair of the head or the heart, a drawing card for people who hurt, who need a subtle lesson in sensitivity, and especially for anyone who actually metes out labels such as "spaz" and "gimp" and "tard."

It took Carol Papaleo, of Marquette, months to create and, still, she weeps in her attempts to discuss it.



**I'm different, and that's what makes me special.**

A piece of art will do that to you when it's about your own granddaughters in need, and your own two hands shaped the paintings and found objects that represent both the freedoms those granddaughters enjoy and the prisons in which they are trapped. Carol's piece is entitled "I'm different," and it reflects the dual lives of Gwendolyn, nearly 8, and her younger sister Eliza, 6 months. They are the daughters of Carol's daughter, Gina Gort, and her husband, Tim, who live in Grand Rapids. Gwendolyn was born with severe cerebral palsy and while she comprehends, is not able to walk or talk.

Little Eliza was born "normal," but a complication shortly after she was born caused brain damage.

The couple's middle child, Violet, 2, is not affected by any disorder or malady.

More than one person viewing "I'm Different" was overheard to use the word "powerful."

That it is.

Each shadow box tells a story, but evokes the same theme – that kids with tumors and in wheelchairs and battling autism and muscular dystrophy and spina bifida crave the same things as normal kids.

"I play with my Puppy," letters across the first box say, but a close look reveals medical tubing snaking through the same space, a string of lettered beads that solemnly proclaims "You are my life line."



**I play with my puppy.**



In another box, you will read "I play peek-a-boo with my mommy," then struggle to view syringes, and beads that announce how "I wish I could move my hands by myself."

**I play peek-a-boo with my mommy.**

“You have to look closely at each box,” says Carol the artist, wiping tears away.

“There’s a lot going on.”



Though it’s too early to know how Eliza might emerge from her hurdles, Gwendolyn has developed a personality that manifests itself in lots of smiles, a love of music, affinity for hiking and an absolute fascination for the Pixar movie “The Incredibles,” which her father Tim says she has seen “at least 3000 times.”

**I love to listen to music.**

His wife, Gina is impressed not only with how “I’m different” is being received, but how her mother – who has a master of fine arts degree and owns a gallery in her hometown – persevered to make it happen,

“A symbol of strength and determination,” says Gina, just for her to be competing.

Carol, though, insists “It’s not about the prize. It’s about getting the word out.” How true – especially if we consider for a moment that, aside from marveling at paintings of landscapes and sculptures of animals, there is now one more reason to celebrate ArtPrize.

For the sake of every kid who is special.



**I swim in my pool on hot sunny days.**

**‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’  
Matthew 25: 40**

## November Worship Assistants

### November 7

Assisting Minister - Sally Grant  
Acolytes - Jessica Penhale and Sabrina Holm-Brown  
Altar -  
Coffee Hosts -  
Flowers - In memory of Vendla Larson by Lorraine Haack  
Nursery - Mindy Harrington  
Bread -

### November 14

Assisting Minister - Carol Waters  
Acolytes - Nora Seppanen and Joshua Argall  
Altar - Sue Holmgren  
Greeters - Ida Anderson and Kaye Frederickson  
Coffee Hosts - WELCA  
Flowers - In memory of Tom Medlyn by his family  
Nursery - Natalee Dobson  
Bread -

### November 21

Assisting Minister - Terra Frustaglio  
Acolytes - Courtney Allen and Jarrin Kipling  
Altar - Doris & Carl Pellonpaa  
Greeters -  
Coffee Hosts - Board of Finance  
Flowers - In memory of Donald Swanson by Nancy Swanson  
Nursery - Megan Hough  
Bread -

### November 28

Assisting Minister - Ned Johns  
Acolytes - Nora Seppanen and Sabrina Holm-Brown  
Altar - Shirley Tyni and Kaye Frederickson  
Greeters -  
Coffee Hosts - Social Ministry  
Flowers - In honor of our grandchildren by Tony & Rae Elliot  
Nursery - Kara Harrington  
Bread -

*Thank You!*

### November Ushers

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





### December Ushers

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



# November 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1 ALL SAINTS DAY</b> 7:00 Prayer Shawls  No Bible Study No Monday worship	<b>2 9:00 Quilters</b> 3:00-8:30 Lay School 6:30 Worship & Music 7:00 Property	<b>3 10:00 Men's Group</b> 5:15 Bells 6:30 Choir	<b>4</b>  No Bible Study	<b>5</b>  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">             November 5—7              FLLC              High School Youth Gathering              </div>	<b>6</b>
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<b>14</b> 9:00 Sunday School 9:30 Choir 10:30 Worship 6:00 Confirmation	<b>15 11:00 Bible Study</b> 6:00 Christmas Ornament Workshop 6:30 Worship 7:00 Christian Ed	<b>16 9:00 Quilters</b> 3:00-8:30 Lay School	<b>17 10:00 Men's Group</b> 5:15 Bells 6:30 Choir	<b>18 6:30 Bible Study</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21 CHRIST THE KING</b> 9:00 Finance 9:00 Sunday School 9:30 Choir 10:30 Worship	<b>22</b> 11:00 Bible Study 6:30 Worship 7:00 Joy Circle 7:30 Council	<b>23 9:00 Quilters</b> 7:00 Thanksgiving Service @ Wesley Methodist Church	<b>24 1:30 Mary Circle</b> 5:15 Bells 6:30 Choir 7:00 Martha Circle	<b>25</b>  THANKSGIVING	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
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*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      36 years



## OBERAMMERGAU – THE PASSION PLAY

Anne Frank’s House in Amsterdam, the Netherlands American War Cemetery, in Margraten, majestic castles along the Rhine River, medieval towns still functioning today, Juliet’s balcony in Verona, the Grand Canal of Venice. Master leather crafters and jewelers of Florence, major superhighways and tunnels, the ruins and monuments of Rome, the Sistine Chapel, the Colosseum. The leaning tower of Pisa, Lake Garda in Italy, Lake Lucerne in Switzerland, and throughout Germany, Italy and France – vast vineyards bearing lush fruit.

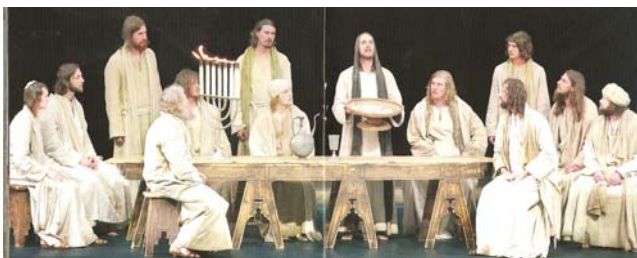
But surpassing all these wondrous sights in our 22 day tour of 8 countries was the experience of Oberammergau and its world-renown Passion Play, held every 10 years since the village’s vow in 1633 to do the play which ended their people succumbing to the Black Plague that was sweeping Europe.

Approaching Oberammergau, Germany, nestled in a perfect valley between picturesque mountain peaks, the highest ones topped with a cross, we felt we were arriving on the set for “The Sound of Music.” This storybook village is filled with homes whose exteriors are painted with colorful murals, most of them of a religious theme, but also including Hansel and Gretel as



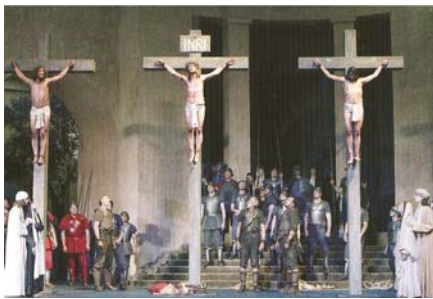
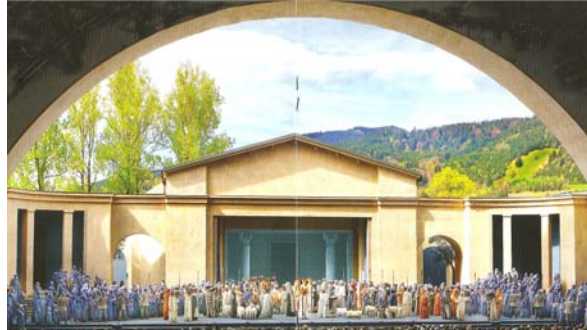
well as Little Red Riding Hood! Cascades of flowers spill out of windowboxes, the fresh mountain air is invigorating, and a shaded walking path follows along a little brook running through the town. The major industry is woodcarving with many shops selling intricate carvings of Mary and Jesus as well as Christmas ornaments. Across the street from our quaint Bavarian hotel was a pasture with dairy cows, their bells softly clanging.

Performed entirely by local residents, the play runs for 104 performances from May into October. The men grow their hair long and also grow beards. The costumes and backdrops are authentic, and goats, sheep, horses, and camels are included in several scenes.



The Last Supper

The performance takes place on an outdoor stage, one of the largest in the world. Starting at 2:30 pm, the play broke for intermission at 5:15, then resumed at 8:00 pm, concluding at 10:45. The audience of 4,700 is protected by a roof and has comfortable seating, but the temperature drops significantly for the evening performance (47 degrees!) and we were told to dress warmly – blankets were distributed as we arrived and we needed them!



Told entirely in German, we followed along with our English texts, using a little flashlight during the evening performance. As we were already familiar with the story of the Passion from Palm Sunday through the Resurrection, the text was referred to sparingly. The actor who portrayed Christ had piercing blue eyes and an intensity that delivered a strong and unwavering Jesus unlike any portrayals I have seen in the past. When he cried out to his Father, it was heartrending.

The choir of 64 featured several superb soloists, and all were dressed in identical costumes to conceal all individuality – also, no makeup and no gestures. At times they moved en masse about the stage, in different groupings. This all gave a tremendous impact to their magnificent music, which was accompanied by an accomplished orchestra of 57. Another significant feature of the play was through Living Images, snapshots of the Old Testament, consisting of actors in motionless scenes such as Moses leading the Israelites through the Red Sea, and these added a contemplative element to the dramatic events unfolding on the stage.



The audience was totally mesmerized by the production and greatly moved by its universal message of the hope that lives in Christ. This, then, was the peak event of a wonderful journey through Europe. The care and obvious use of the churches in little villages raised our hopes that the grand cathedrals built over the centuries to glorify God are still valid, their spires pointing to the Creator of this beautiful world.

Two days in Paris – the Louvre, Notre Dame, the Eiffel Tower, then the Eurostar train through the Chunnel to London. The Thames River, Westminster Abbey, Big Ben, the Tower of London, Churchill’s War Rooms underground, then the flight bringing us back home, with many wonderful memories, new friends, and a renewed faith. The treasure of Oberammergau lives on in our hearts.

LaVerne Koski



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### Stahlmanns Visit Family in Germany

During a three week trip to Germany, Greg and Donna Stahlmann visited their son Sam, daughter-in-law Michaela, and their first grandchild Kristof Leveret Stahlmann. Kristof was born in Bavaria, Germany, on July 11, 2010, to his parents who are both lieutenants in the U.S. Army and are stationed in Grafenwoehr, Germany. While in Germany, the family made a trip to Munich’s Oktoberfest which was quite an experience!



Donna, Sam, Michaela and Kristof at an abandoned castle in Flossenburg , Germany



Donna and Kristof

## The Lutheran: October 2010



### Cover story



**First Lutheran seeks what should be first.** Since the closing of the town's largest employer, members have learned to focus on discipleship and mission.



**If you're like me**  
It really is "your money or your life"

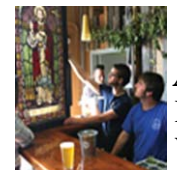


**Resources for lifestyle simplicity**  
Books and websites for your household or congregation



### Features

**A very Lutheran love for teaching** N.Y.C. school spells success for troubled students



**A crazy idea' with walls**  
Luther's Table: coffeehouse by day, pub by night in Renton, Washington



**How to embrace yourself**  
And why you need to

## Pass the faith



### **Bible babies**

Faith-inspired names gain in popularity



**Now what? Stewardship is for all ages** Putting money in the offering plate teaches children to share with others



### **Youngchurch: Amazing, active kids**

They do God's work by serving others.

## Faces



### **A journey for knowledge**

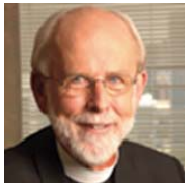
Lay minister helps congregation grow

### **Just one more Lutheran body**



Page 8 of this issue contains a 203-word article ("Another Lutheran body formed") on the founding of another Lutheran denomination. No more, no less. The North American Lutheran Church came about in response to the 2009 ELCA Churchwide Assembly decisions on sexuality. ...

Editor: Daniel J Lehmann



### **Our gospel must be Jesus**

The vitality of our life as the ELCA is inseparable from the clarity of what we proclaim. In my final report to the Lutheran World Federation Assembly in July, I asked the question I have asked throughout the ELCA over the last nine years, "What gospel are we proclaiming?"

Presiding Bishop: Mark S. Hanson



## Social Ministry Update November 2010

Social Ministry will be packing food items for the Salvation Army on Thursday, November 18 at Bethany. If you are planning to contribute to the food cart, **please have donated items in prior to the 18<sup>th</sup>**. Items for donation are non-perishable foods, canned foods, boxed foods, cereals and paper products. The Salvation Army is unable to accept dented cans or out of date items.



As of October 6, 2010, The Noisy Offering Account has accrued \$248.00 toward the Food Bank donations. The total September/October offerings will be contributed at the end of October. Noisy Offerings for the months of November and December will be donated to the Pennies for Peace Program. Information on Pennies for Peace is elsewhere in this issue.



Marion Medlyn has ordered chocolate from the LWR Divine Chocolate collection. Check out the delicious offerings during coffee hour. They will be on display with the Fair Trade coffees.

In the month of September, Social Ministry supported Lutheran Campus Ministry with a \$50 contribution and the Al Beauchamp Fundraiser with \$100 contribution. School kits, sewing kits and health kits were packed for shipping. We remain in **great need of cloth diapers**. Target, Walmart and occasionally Pamida stock the diapers (not the pre-folded but flat fold preferred).

Thank you for your prayers and generosity



If you can't feed a hundred people,  
then just feed one.

Mother Teresa.



**The November Noisy Offering  
will go to Pennies for Peace.  
Thanks to everyone for your generosity!**

The **Pennies for Peace** program was founded by Greg Mortenson, the author of the best-seller *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace... One School At A Time*. Pennies for Peace allows all of us to participate in building schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan. As of 2009, Mortenson has established or significantly supports 131 schools in rural and often volatile regions of Pakistan and Afghanistan, which provide education to over 58,000 children, including 44,000 girls, where few education opportunities existed before. The pennies are significant: in impoverished countries, one penny buys a pencil and opens the door to literacy. For more information, visit [www.penniesforpeace.org](http://www.penniesforpeace.org)

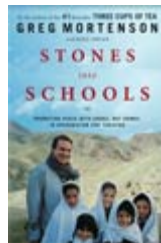
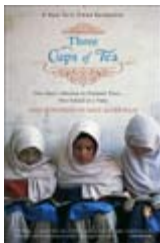


Greg Mortenson has received many honors for his work for his work to promote literacy and education in these remote rural and volatile regions of the world.

TV newscaster, Tom Brokaw, calls Mortenson, “one ordinary person, with the right combination of character and determination, who is really changing the world”.

Congresswoman Mary Bono (Rep – Calif.) says, “I’ve learned more from Greg Mortenson about the causes of terrorism than I did during all our briefings on Capitol Hill. He is a true hero, whose courage, and compassion exemplify the true ideals of the American spirit.”

Greg Mortenson’s is the author of *Three Cups of Tea*, *Stones for Schools*, and *Listen to the Wind* (children’s version). All are available in Bethany’s library.





Shoeboxes  
for kids

### **Operation Christmas Child**

Bring in your shoeboxes by November 14.  
National Collection Week is November 15—22.

**WELCA Sunday- November 14th** Women of the church will be serving in many aspects of our morning worship and fellowship.



### **Lutheran World Relief Kits & Quilts**

The many quilts and kits made and donated by Bethany members were boxed and brought by truckload and loaded in the box-car. They are now on their way to people in need.



### **Report of Fall Cluster Meeting**

The fall meeting of Superior Central Cluster 8 Women of the ELCA was held at Grace Lutheran Church in Gwinn on Sunday, September 26, with 51 women in attendance. The speaker was Rev. Jennifer Johnson-Wrege, assistant to the bishop of the Northern Great Lakes Synod. She talked about family and how important it is for us to act boldly about our faith in Jesus Christ. \$260 of the offering will go to Lutheran World Relief. The spring cluster meeting will be held at Bethany Lutheran Church in Republic on Sunday, May 1.

# Kids!

## What's Happening at Sunday School during November?

Nov 7  
Joshua 6:1-20



**The Battle of Jericho**  
Find out how the walls came tumbling down!

Nov 14  
1 Samuel 17:4-11, 32-50

**David and Goliath**  
Against all odds, David kills the Philistine giant, Goliath. How did he do it?



Nov 21

### **Swedish Christmas Ornaments**

The Sunday School classes will be making Swedish ornaments for the Christmas tree in the Fellowship Hall. The ornaments will include woven hearts and paper horses.



Nov 28

No Sunday School

Advent begins today. During Advent we prepare for Jesus' birth on Christmas Day. Come to church and see the first candle lit on the Advent wreath.





### Council Highlights

- Pastoral acts: Baptism of Kayla, Korey and Kadie Kaukola
- December 12: Sunday School will perform a St. Lucia program during the morning worship service. An Advent lunch will follow.
- There has been positive feedback from congregation and Synod on the TV6 presentation.
- Bethany contributed \$300 from the endowment fund for the Tanzanian Missionary Fund.
- The Mining Journal notice of service times will be reinstated.
- The furnace and chimney project has been completed.
- The November/December Noisy Offering donation will go to Pennies for Peace Program
- The Food Bank Drive is underway.



**Bethany thanks Maurice Hansen for donating a new American flag.**

### Final Workshop November 15 @ 6 pm



At this workshop, we will make the final additions to the Swedish Christmas ornaments that were made for the Anniversary Tree.

### Bethany's Finance Record

YTD Monthly Income \$128,147.97

YTD Monthly Expenses \$134,284.84



## Thank You Lord...

My thanks to you, Lord, for this bathroom,  
complete with all the splattered mirrors,  
soggy, grimy towels and dirty lavatory;  
they are so convenient.



Thank you for this finger-smudged refrigerator  
that needs cleaning.  
It has served us faithfully for many years.  
It is full of cold drinks and enough leftovers  
for two or three meals.

Thank you, Lord, for this oven that absolutely  
must be cleaned today;  
It has baked so many things over the years.



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**Turn your clocks back November 7**

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## **Congratulations Halley and Bobby Reichel**

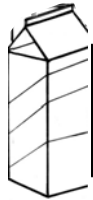
Halley Sodergren, daughter of Tom and Debbie Sodergren, and Bobby Reichel were married on August 21, 2010. The ceremony took place on Presque Isle and a reception followed at the Lake Superior Boathouse Theater. Halley and Bobby are making their home in Escanaba.



would like to publish them in September highlighting summertime activities of Bethany members.

### 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.



The Altar Guild is in need of milk or juice cartons for the Sunday flowers. Could you bring some in?



**Bethany's Website**

[www.bethanyishpeming.org](http://www.bethanyishpeming.org)

The picture quality of the photos in the printed edition of the Outlook is often not good. To see the crystal clear photos in color, please visit the website.

### Fair Trade Coffee, Tea, Cocoa and Chocolate Are Available at Bethany




Café Salvador Coffee  
Organic Decaf Coffee  
Whole Bean Coffee  
Whole Bean Decaf  
Teas  
Hot cocoa  
Baking Cocoa  
Milk Chocolate Bar  
Dark Chocolate Mini Bars

**From Small Farmers With Love**



## Keep In Your Prayers

- Remember our home-bound and nursing home residents: Teckla Holmgren (home), Barbara Crabb (home), Doreen Brown (Valente), Joyce Lehto (Mill Creek), Marjorie Rosten (home)
  - Allen Beauchamp
  - James Chapman
  - Erica Teichman, a member of the National Guard, who is deployed to Afghanistan
  - Alice Eman
  - Jim Chartre
  - Pauline Toivonen
  - Marvin Toivonen
  - Allen Maki
  - Carol Holmgren
  - Steven Leverton
  - Carol and Juan Papaleo and family
  - Don Doney
  - Paul Blomgren
  - Nancy Swanson
  - Pam Rushford
  - Those in the military that they may remain safe
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- Rosemary Clark
  - Family and friends of Barb Waters who mourn her loss
  - Melissa Chartre
  - Halley and Bobby Reichel as they begin their married life together



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BE A  
DECEMBER 2010 - JANUARY 2011 ISSUE.

If you have any event, meeting, or article that relates to December and/or January, please give it to Linda Dahl by November 22, the deadline for this issue. Thanks.

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