



**Bethany Lutheran Outlook**  
**November 2012**

**Serving God, Community, and Individuals**



*Unto thee, O God,  
do we give thanks,  
unto thee do we give thanks:  
for that thy name is near  
thy wondrous works declare.*

Psalm 75:1-3





## PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

One of the things that happens every year in November is that the church year comes to an end. The liturgical year is about a month out of sync from the calendar year as a new church year begins in late November or early December with the four Sunday's of Advent, the four Sundays that precede Christmas. The old year ends with little fanfare or festivity though. Christ the King Sunday is the last Sunday of the church year, but no particular note is made of it being a transition Sunday. The next week the paraments are blue and we start lighting the candles of the Advent wreath to mark the beginning of the new year.



Our Jewish friends do more with the end of the year. I had found something about this and then when the Lay School class visited the synagogue in Ishpeming in late October, Dan Arnold mentioned it as well. They have a custom called Simchat Torah. Jewish worship is similar to ours in that they have assigned readings for each Sabbath of the year, part of which is reading through the entire Torah (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy) every year. On Simchat Torah, the last day of their liturgical year, they ceremoniously re-roll the Torah scroll back to the beginning, singing and marching around the temple with it. In some congregations little kids get flags or banners to wave to make it even more festive. During this time, the Ark where the Torah scroll is kept is filled with candles symbolizing that God is the true light.

As part of this ceremony, the last verses of Deuteronomy are read, *“And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, none like him for all the signs and the wonders which the Lord sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, and the all the might power and all the great and terrible deeds which Moses wrought in the sight of all Israel...”*

...followed by the first verses of Genesis, *“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth,* and so forth. All of this is to symbolically show that the reading of scripture is never at an end.

I like that. Obviously our scripture readings are different from those of Judaism as the central change from one year to the next is from one gospel to another, this year from Mark to Luke. However, because our lectionary isn't as sequential as the Jewish lectionary, we don't go from the end of Mark to the beginning of Luke, in fact this year the gospel reading for Christ the King Sunday isn't even from Mark, it's from John which further complicates things. Still, I like the idea of somehow symbolizing the continuity of reading from one year to the next. Part of Martin Luther's legacy is that we are a scripture based church, so anything we might do to highlight that would certainly be appropriate.



I don't have anything in mind as an end of the year ritual, but if nothing else, maybe we'll be a little more aware of the continuity of our Bible readings as this church year comes to an end.

Pastor Geier



**Thanksgiving Service**  
**Tuesday, November 20 @ 7:00 PM**  
**Wesley Methodist Church**

Join us for 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.



## 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.*

### November 2012

“The Bible is the cradle wherein Christ is laid.”  
—Martin Luther

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|-----------|---|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1         | Psalm 146                                   | Ruth 1:18-22     | Hebrews 9:1-12                      |
| 2         | Psalm 146                                   | Ruth 2:1-9       | Romans 3:21-31                      |
| 3         | Psalm 146                                   | Ruth 2:10-14     | Luke 10:25-37                       |
| <b>4</b>  | <b>All Saints Sunday</b>                    |                  |                                     |
|           | Isaiah 25:6-9                               | Psalm 24         | Revelation 21:1-6a    John 11:32-44 |
| 5         | Psalm 18:20-30                              | Ruth 2:15-23     | Romans 12:17-21 ; 13:8-10           |
| 6         | Psalm 18:20-30                              | Ruth 3:1-7       | Acts 7:17-29                        |
| 7         | Psalm 18:20-30                              | Ruth 3:8-18      | John 13:31-35                       |
| 8         | Psalm 127                                   | Ruth 4:1-10      | Romans 5:6-11                       |
| 9         | Psalm 127                                   | Ruth 4:11-17     | Hebrews 9:15-24                     |
| 10        | Psalm 127                                   | Ruth 4:18-22     | Mark 11:12-14, 20-24                |
| <b>11</b> | <b>Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost</b> |                  |                                     |
|           | Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17                         | Psalm 127        | Hebrews 9:24-28    Mark 12:38-44    |
| 12        | Psalm 113                                   | Genesis 24:1-10  | 1 Timothy 5:1-8                     |
| 13        | Psalm 113                                   | Genesis 24:11-27 | 1 Timothy 5:9-16                    |
| 14        | Psalm 113                                   | Genesis 24:28-42 | Luke 4:16-30                        |
| 15        | 1 Samuel 2:1-10                             | 1 Samuel 1:21-28 | 1 Timothy 6:11-21                   |
| 16        | 1 Samuel 2:1-10                             | 1 Samuel 2:18-21 | Colossians 2:6-15                   |
| 17        | 1 Samuel 2:1-10                             | 1 Samuel 3:1-18  | Mark 12:1-12                        |

**18 Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Samuel 1:4-20    1 Samuel 2:1-10    Hebrews 10:11-25    Mark 13:1-8

19 Psalm 3	1 Samuel 3:19 -- 4:2	Hebrews 10:26-31
20 Psalm 3	Deut. 26:5-10	Hebrews 10:32-39
21 Psalm 3	1 Kings 8:22-30	Mark 13:9-23
22 Psalm 132:1-18	2 Kings 22:1-10	Acts 7:54 -- 8:1a
23 Psalm 132:1-18	2 Kings 22:11-20	1 Cor. 15:20-28
24 Psalm 132:1-18	2 Kings 23:1-14	John 3:31-36

**25 Christ the King Sunday**

2 Samuel 23:1-7    Psalm 132:1-18    Revelation 1:4b-8    John 18:33-37

26 Psalm 63	2 Kings 23:15-25	Revelation 11:1-14
27 Psalm 63	1 Samuel 17:55 -- 18:5	Revelation 11:15-19
28 Psalm 63	2 Samuel 2:1-7	John 16:25-33
29 Psalm 25:1-10	Nehemiah 9:6-15	1 Thess. 5:1-11
30 Psalm 25:1-10	Nehemiah 9:16-25	1 Thess. 12-22



**COME WORSHIP TOGETHER**

**Confirmation Sunday**

**NOVEMBER 25**



ALL SAINTS' DAY



All Saints' Day is November 1 of each year. On the following Sunday 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.



**BETHANY REMEMBERS...**



Nancy Hendrickson  
Edward Seem  
William Goldsworthy  
James Chapman  
Paul Blomgren  
Leonard Truscott  
Craig Stille  
Pauline Toivonen

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

## The Song of Saints



From lonely haunts the song beckons  
like whispered lullabies  
its power not diminished  
when divided and borrowed

marveling at the stars  
creates the song

loving unto death  
creates the song

weeping at the grave  
creates the song

exulting at the rising Sun  
creates the song -



the song of a thousand voices  
saints in rock and root and flesh  
a thousand voices  
the saints bursting into light  
the saints rising into song

the morning stars

singing

together

By Susan Palo Cherwien  
*From Glory Into Glory: Reflections for Worship*

# Enjoy the Poetry of Hymns

## Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.  
All be safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin.  
God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.  
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield;  
Wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.  
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.  
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his harvest home;  
From his field shall in that day all offenses purge away;  
Give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
But the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home.  
Gather then thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,  
There, forever purified, in thy garner to abide.  
Come, with all thine angels. come, raise the glorious harvest home!

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871  
ELW #693



## The Story Behind the Hymn

**It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord,  
And to sing praises unto Thy name, O most high. (Psalm 92:1)**

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* is considered to be one of the choice harvest-thanksgiving hymns in all of hymnody. It was written for the English harvest festivals, a movable feast varying with the harvest time in the various villages. Its author, Henry Alford, is generally regarded as one of the most gifted, Christian leaders of the nineteenth century, distinguishing himself as a theologian, scholar, writer, poet, artist, and musician.



Henry Alford was born in London, October 7, 1810. His father, as well as his ancestors in several previous generations, were respected clergymen in the Anglican Church, and early in life, young Alford decided to follow their examples. At the age of sixteen he wrote in his Bible these words which characterized his entire life: "I do this day, in the presence of God and my own soul, renew my covenant with God, and solemnly determine henceforth to become His, and to do His work as far as in me lies."

At Trinity college, Cambridge, Alford distinguished himself as a student and writer, and upon graduation in 1832, he began his public ministry in London. He rose rapidly from one position to another, until he was named Dean of Canterbury Cathedral at the age of forty-seven, where he remained, until his death in 1871.

Hymnology was one of Alford's major interests, and he translated and composed numerous hymns. Of his many works, *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* is still in general use in most evangelical hymnals. The hymn which first appeared in 1844 contained seven stanzas and was originally titled *After Harvest*.

The first stanza of this harvest hymn is an invitation and an exhortation to give thanks to God in the earthly temple—His church—for the heavenly care and provision of our earthly needs. The following two stanzas are an interesting commentary on the Parable of the Wheat and the Tares as recorded in Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43. The final stanza is a prayer for the Lord's return—"the final harvest home" - the culminating event that Alford sees as the ultimate demonstration of God's goodness in His eternal purpose of man's Redemption.



It is said that at the end of a hard day's work, as well as after every meal, it was customary practice for Alford to stand and give thanks to God for the blessings just received or enjoyed during the day. This spirit of perpetual gratitude is clearly evidenced throughout this hymn.

Because of Alford's strenuous efforts and unlimited activities in the Christian ministry, he suffered a physical breakdown in 1870, and died on January 12, 1871. His passing was mourned throughout the entire Christian world. During his lifetime one of Alford's unfulfilled, cherished dreams was to visit the Holy Land. Although this dream was never realized, it was said of him that his eyes were ever fixed upon the Heavenly Jerusalem toward which he journeyed. On his tombstone the following appropriate inscription is found: "The Inn of the Pilgrim Traveling to Jerusalem."

**It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord,  
And to sing praises unto Thy name, O most high. (Psalm 92:1)**

From *101 More Hymn Stories* by Kenneth W. Osbeck



### **A Family Prayer**

Lord, behold our family here assembled.  
We thank you for this place in which we dwell  
for the love that unites us,  
for the peace accorded us this day,  
for the hope with which we expect the morrow,  
for the work, the health, the food, and bright skies  
that make our lives delightful  
for our friends in all parts of the earth. Amen



—Robert Louis Stevenson



## Board of Stewardship

*From the Board of Stewardship -*

As you read this, you will likely have offered your pledge to Bethany for the coming year. This is often seen as a once-per-year event, best when it's over and done, like any other pledge drive or fund raiser.

In fact, it requires a plan, based on each family's decision to allocate resources ahead of time, to reflect the commitment we make to God and our church family. It's part of our larger, daily plan to commit ourselves and our resources. Stewardship is about money, but it's not only about money.

God's plan (*oikonomia* in Greek, referring originally to a household manager or steward) reflects his commitment to us, his plans and intentions. God is the Steward (*or oikonomos*) of all that is, and on whom we rely. This Greek word finds its way into the English language as "economy."

As we consider our own personal economies, involving money, time and talent, thoughtful reflection reminds us that all we have, we owe to Him. What we offer, or return, reflects our plan and intentions.

As we honor the promise we make, please consider the advantages to the Thrivent-based program, Simply Giving, a convenient way to schedule contributions through an automatic deduction from your checking account. Vanco Services is the administrator for this program and they can be reached at 800-675-7430 or see a member of the Board of Stewardship for assistance.

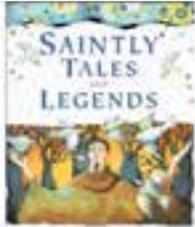




## New Books for November 2012

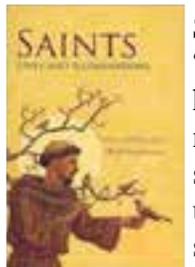
By Keenan Tunnell

November brings a range of celebrations, so we'll see books on the saints for All Saints Day (01 NOV), for Thanksgiving (22 NOV) and a taste of Advent, which opens the new church year on 02 December. Hope you find something of interest....and remember to mark your calendar for 18 NOV, which is the beginning for the Library's annual card/book sale.



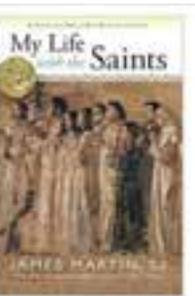
Rock, Lois. **Sainly Tales and Legends.** JUV 270 ROC

“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)

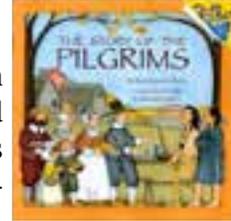


Martin, James, SJ. **My Life with the Saints.** 235.2 MAR

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)



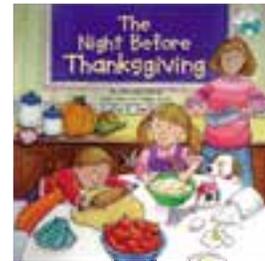
McGovern, Ann. **The Pilgrim’s First Thanksgiving**  
JUV FIC MCG

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)



**“Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them,  
is the true measure of our thanksgiving.”**

—W.T. Purkiser



## The Lutheran: November 2012

### Faith: The power of the Lutheran word



#### **The power of Lutheran words**

Theology is where theory and practice meet  
by Rolf A. Jacobson



#### **Aging well**

Congregations help seniors connect & serve  
by Cindy Novak



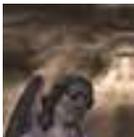
#### **Caring for former enemies**

by William Yoder



#### **Hello baby!**

Parents can help older children welcome a new sibling to the family  
by Diana Dworin



#### **End-times**

Scripture a witness to ways Christians can ignore fear-mongering  
by Sarah S. Henrich, Dirk G. Lange



#### **Organ lessons come full circle for teacher**

by Jeff Favre

### Columnists



#### **Consider goal of stewardship**

by Daniel J. Lehmann



#### **Time for evangelical witness**

by Bishop Mark S. Hanson

**Library's Annual Sale**  
**Begins November 18 and will continue throughout December**

Below are some of the things you can expect at the sale. What strikes your fancy?? Be sure to come early because all items are in limited supply.

Note that all children's titles will have a note re: suggested age of readers. Books are pricey but they're a valued gift for children and YOURSELF.



**Christmas Cards**  
\$5/box

Also Sympathy, Birthday, Get Well, Thank-you, and Thanksgiving cards. Also check out the card kiosk for single cards at \$1.00 each...and look for the Christmas card special coming in December.



**Christmas napkins**  
\$3.50/pkg.

**Two-year Planners**

Floral, country, or religious  
\$3.50 each



**Christmas Ornaments**  
Prices vary up to \$5

**Books for all Ages**



Boardbooks, all under \$10, for the youngest children -



Books for older kids. Many are hard cover. All under \$15



Books for kids, assorted ages, Non-Christmas  
Wide range of prices



Christmas titles for adults many BRAND NEW for 2012.



**Social Ministry Update**  
**November 2012**  
By Rae Elliot



Special thanks to the Quilters and the Prayer Shawl knitters for contributing a quilt and a shawl to the Salvation Army Annual Harvest Festival Auction. Social Ministry donated \$100 to Lutheran Campus Ministry in September and \$50 to the Salvation Army's October Auction.

Thanks to everyone who contributed in any way to the kits which WELCA sent to Lutheran World Relief. Sue Holmgren tallied and the results are as follows:



Bethany sent the following to LWR:



Backpacks lined up and ready to go.

36 layettes  
17 health kits  
86 schools kits  
4 sewing kits  
138 quilts



Members of the Martha Circle helped assemble kits.



Sheryl Tyni brings in batting for the quilters.

This undertaking involves people who contribute, assemble, pack and move everything to the shipping train. Thanks everyone!

The Noisy Offering for September and October for the Room at the Inn Homeless Shelter is on going. We will have the contribution total in the December Outlook.

**The November Noisy Offering** will be contributed to the expenses incurred by the Atkins Family for their son Zander's medical care and treatment for an atypical choroid plexus papilloma. There is a board posted in the Narthex with photos, information and correspondence sent to us from the Atkins family. Please continue to remember Zander and his loving family in your prayers.



The Atkins Family



**The November Noisy Offering  
will go to the Atkins family for the medical care  
and treatment of their son Zander.**

**Thanks to everyone for your generosity!**

### **Non Perishable Food Collection**

The food collection area has now been set up in the Narthex. We thank all who are faithfully contributing items. Please check the expiration dates on items. The Salvation Army is unable to accept outdated food items or dented cans.



Donations may be placed on the table in the Narthex at any time. We ask you make the **first Sunday of the month** a priority for any donations. As in the past, we will also be using selected food items for basket donations for members of our congregation.

**All Bethany Members Are Invited to Participate in  
Operation Christmas Child**

**Touch the heart of a needy child this Christmas with a gift-filled shoe box  
and the Good News of Jesus Christ.**



Once again WELCA is sponsoring Operation Christmas Child here at Bethany. Though WELCA is spearheading this project, it involves everyone who would like to take part. You may pick up a shoebox in the narthex and fill it with simple gifts that will bring joy to children in need this holiday season. You may use a plastic shoe size box with a cover if you prefer. It is a wonderful project to do with your children or grandchildren. Seventy-five boxes were ordered and we hope to fill all of them.



**The Power of a Simple Gift**



Each shoe box costs \$7.00 to ship. If anyone would like to make a donation to help with the shipping, it would be greatly appreciated. Collection week is November 12-17, 2012.

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**Assistant Ministers are a Valued Part of the Worship Service**



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.

Presently I am preparing the list of Assistant Ministers for 2013. In addition to those who already take part, you too can share your voice in reading the Word of God.

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.

Linda Dahl

# Kids!



**In November you will hear more about Moses  
and learn about Deborah and Samuel**

November 4 **Manna, Quail and Water**  
Exodus 16:1-18; 17:1-7



How does Moses take care of  
his people in the wilderness?



November 11 **The Story of Deborah**  
Judges 4:1-5 : 31

How did the prophet Deborah  
help the Israelites?

November 18 **God calls Samuel**  
1 Samuel 3:1-20



How did Samuel answer when God  
called him in the night?

November 25 **Confirmation Sunday: Come to church with your family**  
(No Sunday School or confirmation class)

**Jessica Penhale and Thomas Finegan will be confirmed  
during this worship service.**



## Sunday School News

- Brent and Denise Clark are beginning rehearsals for the **Children's Christmas Concert on December 16.**



- Tonya Perry is teaching Sunday School students to play the chimes.



**Thank you for celebrating  
and giving thanks for  
Bethany's 142 years.**



Proceeds from the dinner  
went to Bethany's Fortune  
Lake Scholarship Fund.



## Northern Great Lakes Synod: Superior Central - Conference 8 News



Delegates from churches in the Conference 8 region of the Synod met October 21, 2012, at Grace Lutheran Church in Gwinn. Kathy Geier and Bob Nadeau represented Bethany.

Bishop Tom Skrenes reported on pastoral vacancies, staff changes, and the financial situation at this time (up 2% from last year). On a Synod-sponsored trip to Tanzania during the summer, two dentists from this area conducted clinics, and \$15,000 worth of dental equipment was donated. Bishop Skrenes and others were on hand to celebrate the 125th anniversary of Lutheran evangelism in East Africa.

On Thursday, December 6, a Day of Theology on Christian Unity will be held at Messiah Lutheran Church in Marquette from 9:30 A.M. to 6:30 P.M. Bishop Richard Skylba, Roman Catholic Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee, and Pastor Lowell Almen, Former Secretary of the ELCA, will be presenters at the event, along with representatives from other area churches. All clergy and interested lay people are warmly invited to attend.

Pastor Jim Duehring, treasurer for Crop Walk, reported that \$10,612.23 has been raised to date. 193 people walked a total of 741 miles.

The next Conference meeting will take place at Trinity Lutheran Church in Ishpeming on March 17, 2013, at 3 P.M.

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### Discover the Iron

If one should give me a dish of sand and tell me there were particles of iron in it, I might look for them with my eyes and search for them with my clumsy fingers and be unable to detect them. But let me take a magnet and sweep through it, the magnet would draw to itself the almost invisible particles by the mere power of attraction.



The unthankful heart, like my fingers in the sand, discovers no mercies; but 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. ... The iron in God's sand is gold!

—Henry Ward Beecher



## Make a Difference!



Join us in November at Fortune Lake  
for this exciting event!

### Agape, Rachel Kurtz, Lost & Found Concert

**November 3 @ 6:30pm CST**

**Tickets \$15**

#### **High School Retreat**

**Nov 2 -4**

**\$85 for the weekend**

**Includes Concert Ticket**

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

Call 906.875.3697 to reserve your spot today!

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

138 Fortune Lake Camp Rd Crystal Falls, MI  
49920

David Scherer, better known as *AGAPE\**, has been touring full-time as a musician for the last 12 years, performing for hundreds of thousands of youth across the United States. His energy is contagious and his stories of faith transcend differences, bringing people of all backgrounds together and teaching them about God's love for the whole world.

*Rachel Kurtz* lives in Minneapolis, Minn., with her two children, Henry and Lucy, and her husband Michael. Her distinctive voice infuses her organic instrumentation to wash over and through the listener, with a style that reveals folk pop sensibilities and a healthy dose of soul.

The music of *Lost And Found* is not easy to describe, but those who have tried simply label it "speedwood" or "acoustic thrash." George and Michael have been playing together off and on since the age of 14, and do not have any plans to stop. They are most well known for being the writers of the "Lions" song.

**Help raise money to provide safe drinking water for people around the world.**



**For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,  
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink,  
I was a stranger and you invited me in.**

(Matthew 25:34-36)



**CROP Hunger Walk**

**Marquette County CROP Hunger Walk 2012  
Ending Hunger One Step at a Time  
Sunday, October 7 at 2:00 pm**

On October 7 one hundred ninety-three people walked the Heritage Trail helping to end hunger one step at a time as part of the 2012 Marquette County CROP Walk. As of October 19th \$10,612.23 had been given to this very worthy cause. Bethany contributed \$766. A total of 741.3 miles were walked by all the participants who came from many churches and various organizations throughout the county.



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**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



## Council Highlights

- Church bells will be chimed at noon on November 1 in recognition of National Hospice Month.
- Approved registration fee for Cheryl Sleeman and one other to attend workshop Tax Information Workshop for churches, Clergy and Church Finance Officials at Messiah on November 1
- Pastor's involvement with Campus Ministry will end on January 1, 2013.
- Membership rolls are being updated.
- Don and Linda Hurrell were received as members by affirmation of faith
- Memorial/Endowment Committee will meet after church service on Nov. 1
- Pastor Geier and the Council offered thanks to Brent Clark for coordinating the Anniversary Dinner. Brent acknowledged the help and support of many others. The leftover food items were donated to the Salvation Army.
- The Noisy Offering for November will be designated for the Atkins family to help with expenses resulting from their son's neurosurgery.
- Next Council meeting will be November 19 @ 7:30 pm

## Welcome Linda and Don Hurrell



At the October Council Meeting, Linda and Don Hurrell were received as members of Bethany through affirmation of faith. We are happy to have you as members of the Bethany family. Welcome!



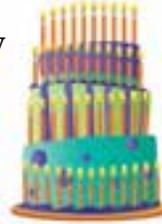
**YTD Income: \$136,199.96**  
**YTD Expenses: \$141,750.03**

**(as of 9/30/12)**





**Happy 85th Birthday  
Bob Waters!**



**Quilters Get  
Together with  
Joyce Lehto**



Joyce Lehto  
and her dog  
Corky

Bethany Quilters share good times with  
former quilter and strong supporter of the group  
Joyce Lehto



Ida Anderson with friend Betty Anderson

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**Welcome!**



The Bethany Choir is pleased to welcome its newest member Paul Kniivila. Thank you for offering your voice in song.

The Thursday Bible Study is also happy to welcome two new members: Hope St. Amour and Rick Rhoades. The Monday Bible Study welcomes Connie Penny to its group. New members are always welcome.

### 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.



**Remember to turn your clocks back on November 3.**



**Bethany's Website**

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

To view the latest edition of the Outlook in color, please visit Bethany's website.

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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 (Mather), Doreen Brown (Valente), Joyce Lehto (Mill Creek), Marjorie Rosten (home), Curtis Hosking (Mather), Shirley Sundblad (Valente), Betty Leverton (Valente)
- Zander Atkins
- Jerry Plaisier who will be undergoing surgery this month
- Mike Flynn who will be undergoing surgery this month
- John Hansen
- Doris Pellonpaa
- Jean Lawson
- Mary Bertucci
- Jim Smullen
- Kathy Routhier
- Jim Bjorne
- Nancy Swanson
- Angie Kempainen
- Ray Sundblad
- Marian Franti
- Melissa Chartre
- June Forsberg
- Allen Beauchamp
- Allen Maki
- Steven Leverton
- Carol and Juan Papaleo and family
- Pam Waters
- Those in the military that they may remain safe



### THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE OUTLOOK WILL BE A DECEMBER 2012 - JANUARY 2013 ISSUE.

If you have any event, meeting, or article that relates to December and/or January, please give it to Linda Dahl by November 24, the deadline for this issue. Thanks.

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

*Thank You!*

### November 4

Assisting Minister - John & Marilyn Pontti  
Acolytes - Jessica Penhale and Sabrina Holm-Brown  
Altar - Sue Ryan's team  
Coffee Hosts - Personnel  
Flowers -  
Nursery - Christina Mariani  
Bread - Marian Medlyn

### November 11

Assisting Minister - Robert Maki  
Acolytes - Liam Seppanen and Ben Bruhnke  
Altar - Sue Ryan's team  
Coffee Hosts - Worship & Music  
Flowers - In memory of Tom Medlyn by his family  
Nursery - Kara Harrington  
Bread - Terra Frustaglio

### November 18

Assisting Minister - Carol Waters  
Acolytes - Kayla Kaukola and Savannah Marietti  
Altar - Sue Ryan's team  
Greeters - Kaye & Cheryl Frederickson  
Coffee Hosts - WELCA  
Flowers - In memory of Bob Swanson by Nancy Swanson  
Nursery - Jessica Penhale  
Bread - Tonya Perry

### November 25

Assisting Minister - Greg Stahlmann  
Acolytes - Noah Kaukola and Jacob Clark  
Altar - Sue Ryan's team  
Coffee Hosts - Social Ministry  
Flowers -  
Nursery - Addy Lemire  
Bread - Cheryl Frederickson

### November Ushers

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



### December Ushers

Bruce Bussone  
Ed Johns  
Jim Kinnunen  
Craig Kitchen  
Roy Koski  
Ray Leverton  
Jerry Plaisier  
Knut Strom

*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!*

**David & Lori Tunnell**  
11/1/2011      1 year

**William & Bernadette Heavyside**  
11/2/1974      38 years

