



Bethany Lutheran Outlook
November 2015

Serving God, Community, and Individuals



"Your people
will be
my people
and your God
my God."

RUTH 1:16, NIV



PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Before I write these articles I usually look back at what I wrote a year ago to make sure I don't say the same thing I said last year. What I discovered when I did this in mid-October was that last November I wrote about the possibility of making some changes in the carpeting and pews in the worship space and also to the floor in the fellowship hall. I'd forgotten that it was just a year ago that I wrote that, and to be honest, at the time, I didn't think it would happen and besides that, I wasn't sure it was a good idea anyway.

As you read this though, it is happening! The pews were re-covered and re-cushioned a couple of weeks ago, the fellowship hall has been painted and the flooring will be re-done the first week in November. What's been done so far looks great, and I'm sure when the project is finished it will serve to make a beautiful church even more beautiful!



Such projects are seldom without controversy though, and that was the case with this one. In the twelve years I've been here the meeting to approve or disapprove the refurbishing was the first time we've had a really contentious congregational meeting...but that was a good thing! There were legitimate questions about whether or not it was a good idea. As I said, I had questions about it, especially about the timing of it when we had just asked for help in addressing a deficit in the general fund. Those questions and others were raised and I greatly respect the people who raised them. It's never good at a meeting like that if people have concerns but are afraid to say anything. In this case the issues were raised and addressed and in the end the vote to go ahead was quite overwhelming and the money needed to fund the project has been generously given.

The overriding question with projects like this one is does it represent good stewardship? When it comes to replacing a roof or a boiler it's not really debatable; such things have to be taken care of. What we've done though, is make cosmetic changes so it's fair to ask if this has anything to do with mission or are we just



serving ourselves? That was the main question I had and in the end, based on comments made at the meeting, I was convinced that it does have to do with mission. When a building starts to show wear and tear and nothing is done, the impression that's given is that the people who are supposed to care for that building don't care. It says that what goes on in that building isn't really important, it says that the mission isn't important. By taking the action that we have, we are saying that what we do here is important, that we care about it. It is about mission and it does represent good stewardship.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to make the project possible and thanks to those who have done preparatory work and cleaning. Thanks to Bob Bruhnke for re-configuring some of the pews to make the worship space more wheelchair accessible. A big thank you to Karen Plaisier for being the driving force behind it all from doing the research, procuring bids and overseeing the work!

Karen helped the rest of us to imagine the possibilities!

Thank You

Pastor Geier



Thanksgiving Service
Tuesday, November 24 @ 7:00 PM
Bethany Lutheran 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.

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

November 2015

1 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 6:1-9 Psalm 119:1-8 Hebrews 9:11-14 Mark 12:28-34

2 Psalm 51	Deuteronomy 6:10-25	Romans 12:17-21 ; 13:8-10
3 Psalm 51	Deuteronomy 28:58 — 29:1	Acts 7:17-29
4 Psalm 51	Micah 6:1-8	John 13:31-35
5 Psalm 146	Numbers 36:1-13	Romans 5:6-11
6 Psalm 146	Deuteronomy 15:1-11	Hebrews 9:15-24
7 Psalm 146	Deuteronomy 24:17-22	Mark 11:12-14, 20-24

8 Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 17:8-16 Psalm 146 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44

9 Psalm 94	Ruth 1:1-22	1 Timothy 5:1-8
10 Psalm 94	Ruth 3:14 — 4:6	1 Timothy 5:9-16
11 Psalm 94	Ruth 4:7-22	Luke 4:16-30
12 Psalm 16	Daniel 4:4-18	1 Timothy 6:11-21
13 Psalm 16	Daniel 4:19-27	Colossians 2:6-15
14 Psalm 16	Daniel 4:28-37	Mark 12:1-12



15 Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Daniel 12:1-3 Psalm 16 Hebrews 10:11-25 Mark 13:1-8

16 Psalm 13	Daniel 8:1-14	Hebrews 10:26-31
17 Psalm 13	Daniel 8:15-27	Hebrews 10:32-39
18 Psalm 13	Zechariah 12:1 — 13:1	Mark 13:9-23
19 Psalm 93	Ezekiel 28:1-10	Acts 7:54 — 8:1a
20 Psalm 93	Ezekiel 28:20-26	1 Cor. 15:20-28
21 Psalm 93	Daniel 7:1-8, 15-18	John 3:31-36

22 Christ the King Sunday

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 Psalm 93 Revelation 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37

23 Psalm 76	Daniel 7:19-27	Revelation 11:1-14
24 Psalm 76	Ezekiel 29:1-12	Revelation 11:15-19
25 Psalm 76	Ezekiel 30:20-26	John 16:25-33
26 Psalm 25:1-10	Nehemiah 9:6-15	1 Thess. 5:1-11
27 Psalm 25:1-10	Nehemiah 9:16-25	1 Thess. 5:12-22
28 Psalm 25:1-10	Nehemiah 9:26-31	Luke 21:20-24



29 First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36

30 Psalm 90 Numbers 17:1-11 2 Peter 3:1-18



Transformations

Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings,
turn routine jobs into joy and
change ordinary opportunities into blessings.

-William Arthur Ward



Enjoy the Poetry of Hymns

We Gather Together

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known.
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to His Name; He forgets not His own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, were at our side, all glory be Thine!

We all do extol Thee, Thou Leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our Defender will be.
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy Name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

Author - Unknown
Music—Netherlands Folk Melody
Arranged by Edward Kremser, 1838-1914
Tune Name—"Kremser"



The Story Behind the Hymn

No Thanksgiving Day service would be complete without the singing of this traditional Dutch hymn. Today, we sing this hymn as an expression of thanks to God as our defender and guide throughout the past year. The text was originally written by an anonymous author at the end of the sixteenth century to celebrate the Dutch freedom from the Spanish overlords who had been driven from their land and the freedom that was theirs, both politically from Spain and religiously from the Catholic Church. It was first published in 1626 in Haarleem, and for the next two centuries, the singing of this hymn was limited to the Dutch people. In 1877 it was discovered by Edward Kremser, a Viennese musician, who published it in his collection.

“We Gather Together” must be understood and appreciated from its historical setting. For many years, Holland had been under the scourge of Spain, and in 1576, Antwerp was captured and sacked by the Spanish armies. Again, in 1585, it was captured by the Spanish and all of the Protestant citizens were exiled. Many other Dutch cities suffered similar fates. One of the revered leaders of this struggle against Spain was William the Silent, who eventually was murdered by a Catholic assassin. In 1625, his youngest son, Frederick Henry, Prince of Orange, assumed the leadership of the Union of Dutch Provinces. Under his able leadership for more than a quarter century, a great golden age of prosperity and rich post-reformation culture developed throughout Holland. Commerce was expanded around the world, and this was the period of great Dutch art, with such well-known painters as Rembrandt and Vermeer. In 1648, the Spanish endeavors to control Holland were finally destroyed beyond recovery.

One can readily see the references to these historical events throughout the hymn's text: “the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing,” “so from the beginning the fight we were winning,” as well as the concern, in the final stanza, that God will continue to defend—and pray that Thou still our defender will be.”

The tune, “Kremser,” was named after the Viennese musician, who discovered and published this hymn after two centuries of neglect. The original melody is thought to be a folk song from the Netherlands. Edward Kremser was born on April 10, 1838, in Vienna, Austria, and died there on November 27, 1914. He was a noted choral director, as well as the composer and publisher of numerous vocal and instrumental works.

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

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...



Ed Vickstrom

John Argall
Teckla Holmgren
Mary Bertucci,
Kathy Richards
Hanna Begntson
Glenn Pohlman
Peter Cain
David Solberg
Ron Jensen



**“Precious in
of the Lord is**

**the sight
the death**

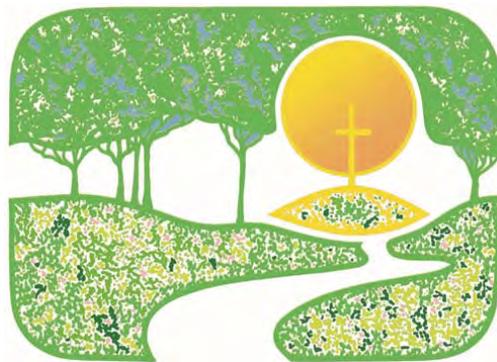
**of His saints.”
Psalm 116:15**

The Road of Life

God of our life,
there are days when the burdens we carry
chafe our shoulders and weigh us down;
when the road seems dreary and endless,
the skies gray and threatening;
when our lives have no music in them,
and our hearts are lonely,
and our souls have lost their courage.

Flood the path with light,
turn our eyes to where
the skies are full of promise;
tune our hearts to brave music;
give us the sense of comradeship
with heroes and saints of every age;
and so quicken our spirits
that we may be able to encourage
the souls of all who journey with us
on the road of life,
to your honor and glory.

—St. Augustine



Social Ministry



The world turns and we are once again entering the season of giving. What gifts will you give? We often give to family and friends, and of course, YOU give so much to so many throughout the year.

Some donations include:

Noisy Offerings:

The July/August Noisy Offering to Voices for Youth had not included August 30. With Aug. the final total given was \$553.64.

Sept./Oct. Noisy Offering goes to the Food Banks. So far, you've given \$237.79.

Nov./Dec. Noisy Offering is designated for Room at the Inn.

Sunday Coffee Donations:

\$200 to Feeding America Western Upper Michigan Food Bank

\$200 to ELCA Flood Relief

Thank you for all you have given!



In addition to all of the above, about **1500# of food** has been donated to Bethany's food table. The need never ends, so please keep it coming.

Please remember that not all gifts need to directly involve money.

The local Blood Banks are always in need of blood. Thanks to the work of Jill and Doug Carter, Bethany is sponsoring another Blood Drive. Mark the date:

DECEMBER 1st from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.



December 1
3:00—6:00 p.m.





Some of the nicest gifts are the gift of touch and the gift of time. Many elderly and or sickly people cannot perform such simple tasks as washing their hair or cutting their finger and/or toe nails. Is this a gift you could give? Maybe not, but do what you can. My sister was sick with a very debilitating illness. One friend came to her home, washed her hair, and gave her a perm when necessary. When my daughters and I visited, my daughters massaged her arms, hands, legs and feet. This would have been special for anyone, but for someone who spent her days confined to her chair and her bed, it was very special.

One group I know visited a shut-in once a week and played Mah-jong with her, and a second group visited her to play Bridge.

One person visited a friend in the nursing home who no longer spoke. Knowing that she, the patient, had always loved books and poetry, the friend would sit and read poetry to her. Occasionally the patient smiled, and that was all the thanks the reader needed.

Lutheran World Relief has received a generous donation from our church women and all of you who donated items. Because of you:

35 babies will receive layettes.

11 people will receive health kits.

108 children will receive school kits.

8 people will receive sewing kits which will be used for instruction.



AND 119 families will be warmer as they use the 119 quilts that were made for them.

**“...to even know that one life has breathed easier because you have lived.
This is to have succeeded.”**

--Ralph Waldo Emerson



**The November/December Noisy Offering will be given to
the Room at the Inn.**

Thanks to everyone for your generosity!



Youth Ushers, Assisting Ministers, and Musicians!

At our confirmation class on October 4th, students were invited to share their time and talents in three areas: as **ushers**, as **Assisting Ministers**, and as **musicians**.

Twelve youth have volunteered to learn to usher.

Five young people have offered to be Assisting Ministers, which includes reading the lessons and helping serve communion.

Seven confirmands are willing to share their talents as musicians. We have young people who play clarinet, flute, piano, saxophone, snare drum, trumpet, and violin.



I met with a group of ushers on October 11th and explained how our young people want to learn to usher. They are very willing and enthusiastic about mentoring our young people. *We are hoping to see the young people take the reins for the Noisy Offering each week, following after the ushers who pass the offering plates. This will be a change that will take time to get off the ground, and we appreciate everyone's patience as we try this new way of passing the "metal loaf pans".*

And when I met with **Linda Dahl** who coordinates our Assisting Ministers, she was happy to hear of the interest, and she plans to assign one confirmation student to the schedule each month.

Tonya Perry is looking to involve our musicians during the Christmas Program, and we look forward to this sharing of gifts.

A special *thank you* goes out to parents who will be supporting involvement by the confirmands, ushers who will be mentoring our youth, Linda Dahl, and Tonya Perry. We are looking forward to these opportunities to have our youth helping with worship services!

Youth Usher Volunteer Schedule

November 1st	November 15th	November 29th	December 6th	December 20th
Matthew Skewis	Abbi Bruhnke	Kayla Koski	D.J. Bivins	D.J. Bivins
Garret Frustaglio	Abby Koski	Abby Koski	Garret Frustaglio	Jackson Cardoni
November 8th	November 22nd		December 13th	December 27th
Abbi Bruhnke	Kyra Holmgren		Hope Kaukola	Morgan Rhoades
Morgan Rhoades	Mackenzie Ryan		Mackenzie Ryan	Abbi Bruhnke



Board of Stewardship

I tried a number of times during the month of October to sit down and type up a stewardship article for the November newsletter. No luck. I even got on the internet and looked for inspiration. No luck. I especially wanted to do something good, seeing as how Dave Leverton did such a great job last month writing his article. He referenced Chronicles and King David providing resources for construction of the temple. It was an outstanding bit of inspired writing. It is a hard act to follow, to be sure.

Then I went to church on October 18 and listened to Vicar Terry's sermon. The timing was perfect. She had a message I needed to hear and deserves repeating. A portion of her sermon dealt with the ELCA giving campaign called, *Always Being Made New*. It is a giving campaign that our synod has voted to support in conjunction with the ELCA. In the Sunday bulletin that day was an insert explaining the campaign. In brief, it is a focused stewardship campaign to raise funds for three purposes:

- Renewing and creating new congregations in the ELCA
- Assisting in the good work at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp
- Encouraging congregational barrier-free projects.

Always
being made
New.

The money raised will be split 50/50 between the ELCA and our synod. This is a good example of how we, as Lutherans across the country, can work together to make the world a better place and spread the gospel message.

Tonya and I are going to support the *Always Being Made New* campaign and encourage you to do the same. I'm sure there is information at the church office or even in other places in this newsletter to learn how to contribute. You've heard it before, if we all just give a little, together we can do big things.

God's Work. Our Hands.

Tom Perry
Board of Stewardship

Stewardship is Heart Work

Young Worship Tool Box

Over the next three months, we will be introducing a “Young Worship Tool Box” for the younger members of our church. This Tool Box will contain items that will help our youngsters better understand and appreciate parts of the worship service.

The first item that’s already been shared with the children are the **colorful ribbons and streamers** that we’ve asked them to “sway” as the hymn music moves them. Each child is able to choose his/her favorite color stick of the day – red, yellow, blue, green, orange, or purple – from the blue box up front and carry it back to his/her seat. When kids are moved by the music, they’re encouraged to wave their ribbon over their head, wave it down low, or even take it into the aisle to twirl around.



We realize that kids may want to get a bit **rambunctious** with the ribbon/streamers at times, and we hope to use these as **moments of learning opportunity**, letting them know:

- that we feel the ribbons are a way to praise God, adding color and delight to our worship service
- that we understand we’re in God’s house and want to be respectful – even when we’re expressing our joy
- that we always wave the ribbons close to our bodies and don’t “jab” the ribbons toward anyone or anything
- that we save ribbon waving time for the singing of hymns

We’re hopeful that our young people will enjoy **sharing their love of music through movement and color as a way to praise God for God’s love and grace through**

Jesus. As parents or congregants, should you see our youth behaving in a bit more high-spirited manner than appreciated, please help them understand what is appropriate. (And certainly, if you have specific concerns, please pass them along to me.)



In the weeks ahead, we will be making more additions to the Worship Tool Box.

Watch for tools that will help us:

- see Jesus as the light of the world
- be reminded of prayer
- be encouraged to become familiar with Bible stories
- use artistic skills
- give gifts of love to God
- remember how we are sent out in the world

As we work to help our young people become more involved in the worship services, we appreciate your patience, encouragement, and support. Having kids more active within the sanctuary space is definitely a change, and at the same time, we're hopeful that the enthusiasm of our youngsters will spill over into other parts of their lives, and our lives, celebrating life as children of God.

-Vicar Terry Frankenstein

**Anniversary
Dinner
2015**



**Bethany
Celebrates
145 years**





Books for November 2015

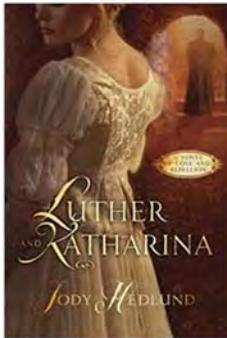
By Keenan Tunnell

I'm going to take a break from the Seven Sages for the remainder of the year. This month's new books look at St Luke (whose feast day was 18 Oct) and Martin and Katharina Luther ("saints" of the Reformation). These books are works of historical fiction which, in my opinion, give a more personal look at these figures, a look beyond the facts of their lives. Both of the authors are established writers in this genre, and "Dear and Glorious Physician" has been a classic since its initial publication in 1959. Other related books will be on display on the Library kiosk. Remember the "saints" in your lives every day!

Hedlund, Jody. **Luther and Katharina**

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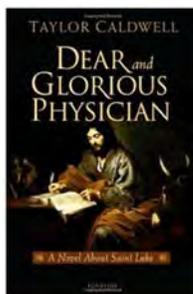
In the 16th century, nun Katharina von Bora's fate fell no further than the Abbey..until she read the writings of Martin Luther. His sweeping Catholic church reformation—condemning a cloistered life and promoting the goodness of marriage—awakened her desire for everything she'd been forbidden., including Martin Luther himself. Despite the fact that the attraction and tension between them is undeniable, Luther holds fast to his convictions and remains isolated, refusing to risk anyone's life but his own. While Katharina longs for love, she is strong-willed and clings proudly to her class distinction, pining for nobility over the heart of a reformer. They couldn't be more different. But as the world comes tumbling down around them, and with Luther's threatened life a constant strain, these unlikely allies forge an unexpected bond of understanding, support and love.



Caldwell, Taylor. **Dear and Glorious Physician**

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This is the story of St. Luke, man of science and Gospel writer. Today he is known as the author of the third Gospel of the New Testament, but two thousand years ago he was Lucanus, a Greek, a man who loved, knew the emptiness of bereavement, and later traveled through the hills and wastes of Judea asking, "What manner of man was my Lord?" And it is of this Lucanus that Taylor Caldwell writes. Lucanus grew up in the household of his stepfather, the Roman governor of Antioch. After studying medicine in Alexandria, he became one of the greatest physicians



of the ancient world and traveled far and wide through the Mediterranean region healing the sick. As time went on he learned of the life and death of Christ and saw in Him the God he was seeking. To find out all he could about the life and teachings of Jesus, whom he never saw, Lucanus visited all the places where Jesus had been, questioning everyone--including His mother, Mary--who had known Him or heard Him preach. At last, when he had gathered all the information possible, he wrote down what we now know as the Gospel according to St. Luke.



Bethany's Library Sale

This year's Library Sale will be held from 15 – 29 November. I got a real deal on some adult titles, so there will be a nice selection in that area this year, in addition to the children's books. As usual, there will be greeting cards and napkins and a special small collection of Scandinavian gift items. Get ready to do some shopping for the holidays (or other occasions) and maybe something for yourself!! In addition to boxed Christmas cards, there will also be a selection of individual Christmas cards on the card kiosk beginning on 29 November. As always, I appreciate your support.





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From myths to ministry



COVER STORY
Free financial coaching

BY ADAM J. COPELAND



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BY ADAM J. COPELAND



FEATURES
Church a 'safe place' for veterans

BY DONALD E.H. MARSHALL



FEATURES
Jesus on the brain

BY DAWN RUNDMAN



DEEPER UNDERSTANDINGS
Reformation again

Forward march into the whole world

BY KRISTIN JOHNSTON LARGEN, J. JAYAKIRAN SEBASTIAN



A LEXICON OF FAITH:
Desire

BY PETER W. MARTY



PRESIDING BISHOP:
Coming to grips with happiness

BY ELIZABETH A. EATON

We Did It! The ELCA Malaria Campaign has reached its \$15 million goal!



Friends, we did it! The ELCA Malaria Campaign has exceeded its fundraising goal of \$15 million dollars! That means 15 million reasons to say **THANK YOU.**

Your generosity and dedication made this moment possible. As a result of your support, malaria programs in 13 African countries have been fully funded. Together we have had great success – millions of community members were educated about the disease, nearly 10,000 local volunteers were trained on disease prevention and treatment methods, 50,000 nets were distributed, 32,000 pregnant women received prevention medication and more.

Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton also thanks you for your hard work: "We began the Malaria Campaign in the depths of the Great Recession and at a time of considerable turmoil in this church. The goal of raising \$15 million might have sounded improbable at the time, but our people responded generously. We are honored to accompany our global companions in the Lutheran churches in Africa in their work to make malaria history." Although the campaign's financial goal has been met, the ELCA will continue its anti-malaria work post 2015 through ELCA World Hunger.

Please share this wonderful news with your synods, congregations and Facebook friends—we want everyone to know that ELCA members have stepped up in faith to make a difference and to end deaths from this preventable and treatable disease.

—Ashley Debilzen, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Notable Reported Results of Malaria Campaign

- Malawi: the malaria program developed and aired a TV documentary about rapid diagnostic testing and organized a "big walk" that aired on a local radio station, reaching up to 8 million people.
- Zimbabwe: In Milonga, 98% of households are now participating in Indoor Residual Spraying to keep mosquitoes away.
- Zambia: A new rural health post that serves 11 villages reported that the malaria mortality rate in the area declined to **zero** in 2014.
- Liberia: the Lutheran malaria program obtained membership in the National Malaria control program steering committee, affording the opportunity to participate in decision making and implementation processes of all malaria related activities in the country.
- Uganda: By the end of 2014, 98% of households in the project area had at least one mosquito net. The percent of households that report having a case of malaria in the last month has declined from 92% to 45%.

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

Sanctuary original 1970 Carpet

Church Pews and Choir Chairs 1970 reupholster both

Kids!



This Thanksgiving **U** – and every day –
let's thank our heavenly Father for all he has done.

*Directions: Write the capital letters in order on the lines
below to complete Psalm 9:1, NIV.*

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I f V g h E c T H y
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h L L t M b Y d H E
A R b T d I W I f L
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R W d O N t D E f R
F U s L D f E E D S

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PSALM 9:1, NIV



WELCA Christmas Program

The women of Bethel Lutheran Church will host this year's Tri-parish Christmas Program and fellowship on December 10 at 2:00 p.m.

The women of Bethany will play the chimes for a Christmas sing-a-long. All women are invited for this enjoyable afternoon



Operation Christmas Child

Deadline for shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child is Friday, November 20.



Crop Walk 2015



November Events at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp



UNFINISHED OBJECT CRAFT RETREAT



November 6 @ 7:00 pm - November 8 @ 12:00 pm

Join us for an opportunity to work on those crafts you haven't had time to finish and get to know other great people in the process. There will be time for work and time for play, wonderful food and a setting that can't be beat. Sign up today for this crafters dream weekend!

Registration is from 5-7 on Friday evening. Retreat concludes on Sunday at noon.

Cost of event is \$75 includes housing, program fees and snack on Friday, Breakfast, lunch, dinner on Saturday, and brunch on Sunday.



Rise Up and Recharge: A High School Retreat!

November 7 @ 9:00 am - November 8 @ 12:00 pm

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 2016. 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 contact Linda Dahl at 485-1625. The Board of Worship and Music gives thanks to all who will make this commitment.

Linda Dahl

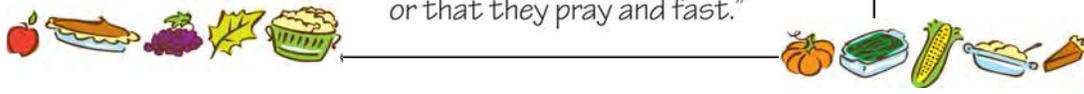


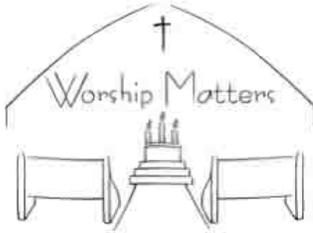
Making Swedish Blomma

In preparation for this year's Christmas season, a group of Bethany members met at Marian Medlyn's home to make Swedish blooma. The Swedish blooma are flower-like ornaments. They were made from strips of cedar and beads of willow. They were difficult to make, but under Marian's excellent guidance, two dozen ornaments were made to add to Bethany's Swedish Christmas tree.



"I'm praying they opt for fast food... or that they pray and fast."





Council Highlights— September & October September

- Remodeling project approved by congregation; work on pews will begin Oct. 15 and sanctuary carpeting will begin on November 2
- Church directories are now available—a \$5 donation is requested to defray costs
- Discussed Always Being Made New appeal
- Confirmation has begun with 13 students.
- Anniversary Dinner is set for Reformation Sunday.
- Pastoral Acts: funeral for Peter Cain (8/24); baptism of Jackson Joshua Rich (9/6)

October

- Received request for volunteers to take part in Ishpeming's Live Nativity
- Bethany is looking for new chairpersons of Property and Social Ministry.
- Pastor Geier, Vicar Terry Frankenstein, and Robert Nadeau attended the Conference 8 meeting at Prince of Peace on Oct. 25
- Pastoral Acts: graveside service for Ron Jensen (Oct. 7); memorial service for David Solberg (Oct. 10)
- Thanksgiving Service will be at Bethany on November 24 at 7:00 pm



**Pledge Commitment Sunday
November 1**



YTD Income: \$141,396.54

YTD Expenses: \$146,648.21

(January—September)





Congratulations Carrie Meyer

The Ishpeming School District recently selected Carrie Meyer as its new superintendent. Presently Carrie is superintendent for the L'Anse School District. Ishpeming is very fortunate to have Carrie Meyer as its new educational leader. Congratulations, Carrie!

Congratulations Rosemarie Strom



On Monday, October 25, Rosemarie Strom was selected as the recipient of the Evergreen Award of Marquette County. The Evergreen Award is handed out once a year to a Marquette County man or woman who is inspirational as a role model and a mentor for women and girls in the area.

Rosemarie Strom's contribution, among many others was creating the Main Street School of Cosmetology in 2008 to help over 175 girls complete their cosmetology education at no extra cost after the closing of another school left them with no way to move forward or get their tuition back.

Congratulations, Rosemarie!



New Church Directories

Bethany's new church directory is now available. If your picture is in the directory, one has been set aside for you with your name on it. Additional copies are available for members whose picture is not in the directory. A \$5 donation is requested to defray the printing costs.

Thanks to all who worked hard on this project to make it as complete and accurate as possible. An extra special thanks to Tonya Perry and Rae Elliot who spearheaded the project.



**THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE OUTLOOK
WILL BE A
DECEMBER 2015- JANUARY 2016 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.



Bethany's Lenten Soup & Bread Recipes' Updated Cookbook is now available. It includes some great new recipes. Don't forget to pick up your copy.



Bethany's Website

www.bethanyishpeming.org

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



Café Salvador Coffee
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Whole Bean Coffee
Whole Bean Decaf
Sisters' Blend, Reg. & Decaf
Teas
Hot cocoa
Baking Cocoa
Milk Chocolate Bar
Dark Chocolate Mini Bars

From Small Farmers With Love



Keep In Your Prayers

- Remember our home-bound and nursing home residents:
Doreen Brown (Valente), Joyce Lehto (Mill Creek), Marjorie Rosten (Valente), Shirley Sundblad (Valente), Anna Mae Collins (Mather), Jean Anderson (Valente), Allen Maki (Jacobetti), Geri Maki (Jacobetti), Bob Waters (Jacobetti), Nancy Swanson (Valente); Jean Sandstrom (Valente)
- Don Doney
- Nancy Scarffe who mourns the loss of her mother Betty Peterson
- Clara Carlson
- Ruthie Solberg
- Pam Allen
- Mark Ulrickson
- Doris Pellonpaa
- Pastor Bob Sutherland
- Pastor Rudy Keppainen
- Ned Johns
- Bob Clark
- Carl Pellonpaa
- Ralph Goethe
- Robert Maki
- Betty Geier
- Zander Atkins
- Jim Sodergren, Sr.
- Jim Bjorne
- Pastor Marcia Solberg
- Kathy Routhier
- Nancy Swanson
- Angie Kempainen
- June Forsberg
- Carol and Juan Papaleo and family
- Pam Waters
- Those in the military that they may remain safe



Answer to puzzle: "I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds." Psalm 9:1 NIV



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November Worship Assistants

November 1

Assisting Minister - Kay Ryan
Acolytes - Gavin Argall and Jackson
Cardoni
Altar - Debbie Cain
Coffee Hosts - No coffee fellowship
Flowers -
Nursery - Hannah Skewis
Bread - Tonya Perry

November 8

Assisting Minister - Noah Kaukola
Acolytes - Garrett Frustaglio and Blake
Forbes
Altar - Pat Liivoja & Carol Holmgren
Coffee Hosts - Social Ministry
Flowers -
Nursery - Jessica Penhale
Bread - Cheryl Frederickson

November 15

Assisting Minister - Carrie Meyer
Acolytes - Matthew Skewis and D.J. Bivins
Altar - Rae Elliot
Coffee Hosts - WELCA
Flowers - In memory of Tom Medlyn by Medlyn Family
Nursery - Sabrina Holm-Brown
Bread - Dan & Sharon Argall

November 22

Assisting Minister - Meredith Seppanen
Acolytes - Abbi Bruhnke and Abby Koski
Altar - Carrie Goldsworthy
Coffee Hosts - Board of Stewardship
Flowers - In memory of Bob Swanson by Nancy Swanson
Nursery - Noah Kaukola
Bread - Kathy Geier

Thank You!

November 29

Assisting Minister - Brent Clark
Acolytes - Hope Kaukola and
Mackenzie Ryan
Altar - Sue Holmgren
Coffee Hosts - Prayer Shawls
Flowers -
Nursery - Hannah Skewis
Bread - Shirley Tyni

November Ushers

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



December Ushers

Bruce Bussone
Tom Perry
Ed Johns
Jim Kinnunen
Craig Kitchen
Jerry Plaisier
Knut Strom
Roy Koski

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 Bailey
- 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 4 years

William & Bernadette Heavyside
11/2/1974 41 years

