

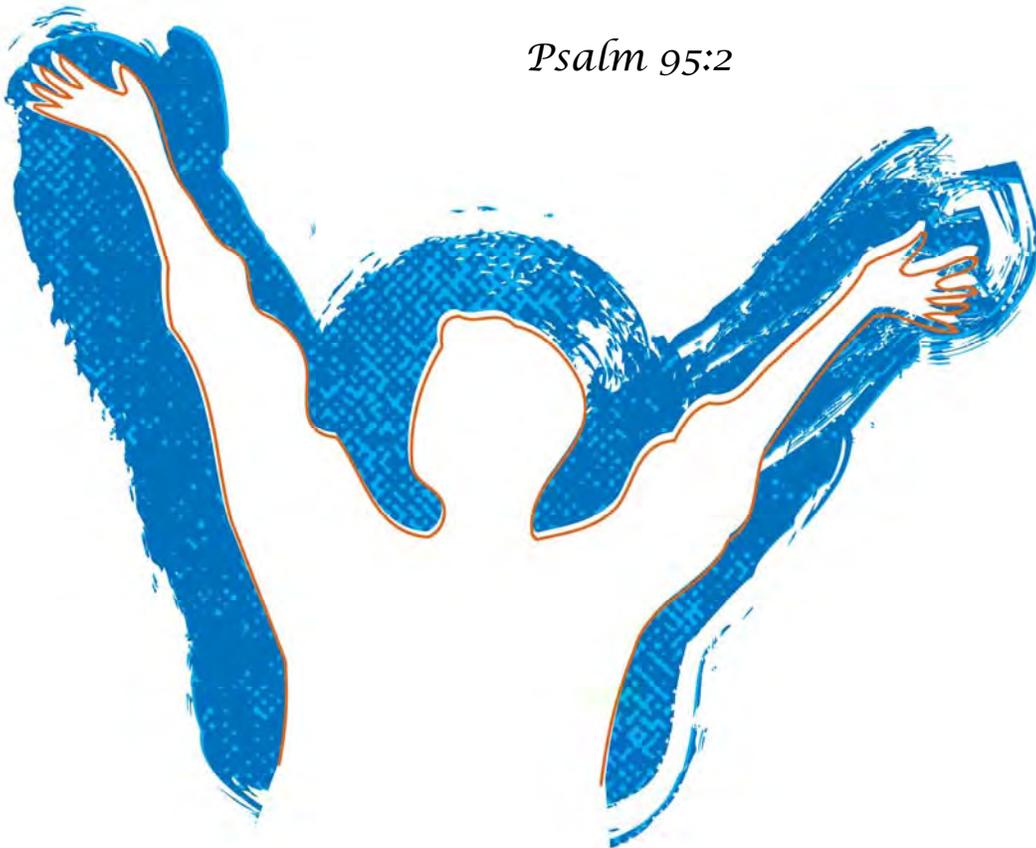


Bethany Lutheran Outlook
November 2017

Serving God, Community, and Individuals

*Let us come into his presence
with thanksgiving.*

Psalm 95:2





PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Most years Kathy and I take a vacation in early November and that will be the case this year as well. By now you know that it has nothing to do with hunting season! Instead, I think it started back in the late 90's when I served on the Board of Directors of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. There was always a meeting in November so we would drive from L'Anse to Chicago and then following the days of the meeting we would extend the time with some additional travel. Most years pleasant weather has lingered into November helping to make it a nice time to get a break before Thanksgiving and the "Holiday Season" that follows. The one year we didn't go anywhere in November was three years ago. That was the year we got three feet of snow during the time we normally would have been gone. For your sake, I think it's important that we go so that doesn't happen again!

I have to confess though that I like November. I like the cooler days, I find beauty in the branches of the bare trees against the sky; I like the crisp, sunny days but even more I like the gray, cloudy days. Maybe having been born in November, I have November in my bones.

To be sure, November is a time of endings, most notably in the natural world as the growing season comes to an end and the cycle of organic life goes dormant until spring. In church though, there are also endings to consider. For one thing, at the end of the month there's Christ the King Sunday that marks the end of the church year. In addition to that, on the first Sunday of the month, this year on November 5th, there's another reminder of endings with the celebration of All Saints' Day. For many of us it's one of the most moving moments of the church year as the names of those who died during the past year are read, candles are lit, the bell tolls and the choir sings "We Are Surrounded." It does represent a reminder of endings, but it's a hopeful reminder as we celebrate the communion of saints that includes the living along with those no longer physically present.



As a chaplain for UP Home Health and Hospice, during the year I'm involved with other events that serve as similar reminders. Like All Saints Day, such events are important because death doesn't end our relationship with loved ones. They continue to be part of who we are and it's helpful to have rituals that intentionally bring them to mind and honor their memory. One result might be tears, but they shouldn't just be tears of sadness, but tears of joy and thanksgiving too. At some of the hospice events, people are invited to share a memory of their loved one and it never takes long for the mood to shift as one person's good memory triggers that of another. Especially in community, even as people are at various stages of grief, they know that they're not alone, that there is much for which to give thanks.

With our national day of Thanksgiving having become increasingly co-opted by commercialism (i.e., Black Friday which now starts on Thanksgiving Thursday), it may be that we come closest to understanding what giving thanks is about on All Saints' Sunday. So...give thanks, and...find joy in the beauty of November!

Pastor Geier



Thanksgiving Prayer

Author and radio host Garrison Keillor put a unique spin on expressing gratitude for special meals. He painted the following table prayer on his dining-room wall, encouraging guests to sing it together before eating:

O Lord, we thank Thee for this food,
For every blessing, every good.
For earthly sustenance and love
Bestowed on us from heaven above.
Be present at our table, Lord.
Be here and everywhere adored.
Thy children bless and grant that we
May feast in paradise with Thee.



“It’s inspiring to hear 15 people find harmony around the Thanksgiving table,” Keillor writes. Singing together “sets a tone. No crying in the cranberries. ... There is much to be grateful for.”

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 2017

1 All Saints Day

Psalm 119:41-48 Deuteronomy 26:16 — 27:7 Matthew 16-22

2 Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37

Joshua 1:1-11

Romans 2:17-29

3 Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37

Joshua 2:1-14

2 Peter 2:1-3

4 Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37

Joshua 2:15-24

Matthew 23:13-28

5 All Saints Sunday

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

6 Psalm 128

Joshua 4:1-24 1

Thess. 2:13-20

7 Psalm 128

Joshua 6:1-16, 20

Acts 13:1-12

8 Psalm 128

Joshua 10:12-14

Matthew 15:1-9

9 Psalm 78:1-7

Joshua 5:10-12

Revelation 8:6 — 9:12

10 Psalm 78:1-7

Joshua 8:30-35

Revelation 9:13-21

11 Psalm 78:1-7 Joshua 20:1-9 Matthew 24:1-14

12 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 Psalm 78:1-7 1 Thess. 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13

13 Psalm 78

Joshua 24:25-33

1 Cor. 14:20-25

14 Psalm 78

Nehemiah 8:1-12

1 Thess. 3:6-13

15 Psalm 78

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Matthew 24:29-35

16 Psalm 123

Judges 2:6-15

Revelation 16:1-7

17 Psalm 123

Judges 2:16-23

Revelation 16:8-21

18 Psalm 123

Judges 5:1-12

Matthew 12:43-45

19 Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Judges 4:1-7 Psalm 123 1 Thess. 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30

20 Psalm 83:1-4, 9-10, 17-18

Judges 4:8-24

Romans 2:1-11

21 Psalm 83:1-4, 9-10, 17-18

Exodus 2:1-10

1 Thess. 5:12-18

22 Psalm 83:1-4, 9-10, 17-18

Esther 7:1-10

Matthew 24:45-51

23 Psalm 100

Genesis 48:15-22

Revelation 14:1-11

Readings for the Day of Thanksgiving

Deuteronomy 8:7-18 Psalm 65 2 Cor. 9:6-15 Luke 17:11-19

24 Psalm 100

Isaiah 49:1-11

Revelation 22:1-9

25 Psalm 100

Ezekiel 34:25-31

Matthew 12:46-50

26 Christ the King Sunday

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

27 Psalm 28

Numbers 27:15-23

2 Timothy 2:8-13

28 Psalm 28

Zechariah 11:4-17

Revelation 19:1-9

29 Psalm 28

Jeremiah 31:10-14

John 5:19-40

30 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Zechariah 13:1-9

Revelation 14:6-13

Readings for Andrew, Apostle

Ezekiel 3:16-21 Psalm 19:1-6 Romans 10:10-18 John 1:35-42

The Source



book of faith

Open Scripture. Join the Conversation.

“One day I read in
Romans,

the 10th chapter of

‘Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.’ I had up to this time closed my Bible and prayed for faith. I now opened my Bible and began to study, and faith has been growing ever since.”

—D.L. Moody



Enjoy the Poetry of Hymns

Shall We Gather at the River?

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod;
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, beautiful river;
Gather with saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
We walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day.
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, beautiful river;
Gather with saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown.
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, beautiful river;
Gather with saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.



Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease,
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, beautiful river;
Gather with saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

— Robert Lowry

**“And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal,
proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb.”**

Revelation 22:1

Shall we Gather at the River?: The Story Behind the Hymn

Often called the “Good Doctor,” Robert Lowry was a cheerful man with a big beard and a quick mind. He pastored Baptist churches in the Eastern U.S. during the mid 1800s. One friend said, “Very few men had greater ability in painting pictures from imagination. He could thrill an audience with his vivid descriptions, inspiring them with the same thoughts that inspired him.”

But he is best remembered for his hymns. Even in childhood he had composed tunes, and as he became acquainted with leaders in America hymnology - many of them based in New York - he realized he could reach more people through his songs than through his sermons.

He set many of Fanny Crosby’s hymns to music, including the classic, “All the Way My Savior Leads Me.” And he wrote both words and music to the popular gospel song: “What can wash away my sins? / Nothing but the blood of Jesus.”

The doctor’s best know hymn is “Shall We Gather at the River?” Though often used at baptisms, it’s actually a song about heaven. It cam to Lowry on a mid-summer’s day in New York, when, in the sweltering heat, he began musing about the cool, crystal river that flows through the city of God as described in Revelation 22.

Robert Lowry relates how he came to write this hymn.

One afternoon in July, 1864, when I was pastor at Hanson Place Baptist Church, Brooklyn, the weather was oppressively hot, and I was lying on a lounge in a state of physical exhaustion. I felt almost incapable of bodily exertion, and my imagination began to take itself wings. Visions of the future passed before me with startling vividness. The imagery of the apocalyp0se took the form of a tableau. Brightest of all were the throne, the heavenly river, and the gathering of the saints. My soul seemed to take new life from that celestial outlook. I began to wonder why the hymn writers had said so much about the “river of death” and so little about the “pure water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and the Lamb.” As I mused, the words began to construct themselves. Them cam first as a question of Christian inquiry, “Shall we gather?” Then they broke out in a chorus, “Yes, we’ll gather.” On this question and answer the hymn developed itself. The music came with the hymn.

From *Then Sings My Soul* by Robert J. Morgan

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...



Peter Argall

Joyce Lehto
Marjorie Rosten
Carl E. Pellonpaa
James Meyers
Mildred Merrill
James Hill
James Sodergren
Edward Johns
William Wooden
Sherwood Morcom



And all those who have gone before us

**“Precious in
the Lord is the
His saints.”**

**the sight of
death of**



Remembering the Saints

Bethany will celebrate All Saints Day on Sunday, Nov.5. We remember **all** the departed saints of Bethany, including our departed Veterans. As part of our memorials , we invite you to bring a photo of someone you would like to remember, light a candle and say a prayer as your special remembrance. You may display the photo yourself on Nov. 5th or leave it in the church office from 29 October onwards. You might also choose to make a donation to our new Memorial Garden by using the Bethany ELCA gift envelopes available in your pew; choose **Memorial Fund for.....Garden**. Thanks for your continuing generous support of our programs

God's Precious Saints

A man mourning the sudden death of his young wife wondered, "Where was God when Jenny died?" Unable to sleep one night, he turned to Scripture and read Psalm 116:3 (NIV): "The anguish of the grave came upon me: I was overcome by trouble and sorrow." The man's anguish echoed the psalmist's.

Reading on, he discovered verse 15: "Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints."

"What does it mean by precious?" the man wondered. The footnote proved helpful: "Not in the sense of highly valued, but of that which is carefully watched over." The widower pictured God watching over his wife in her last moments. "That's where God was," the man thought with relief, "with Jenny the whole time."

May we, too, be assured that God truly cares for his saints — not only at death but also in life, through grief and into healing.



Board of Stewardship

We will soon have another opportunity to plan, to prayerfully consider, and to commit ourselves and resources to God's work for the coming year. We will receive a stewardship letter and pledge card and a date will be appointed. This is the routine each year. What doesn't have to be routine is our approach to the process.

As we prepare to complete the pledge card, perhaps it's appropriate to give some thought to the direction found in Scripture. It's not hard to find. In Malachi, for example, we're reminded that the temple was the center of life and, as such, the instrument for assuring prosperity for the people. Tithes were used to be sure everyone had enough. The implicit message was that all blessings came from God and that the abundance of the land was impossible to fully experience without sharing.

Matthew's account of Jesus feeding the five thousand with five loaves and two fish tells a miracle story, to be sure, but also provides a message that it is from what we have, not what we don't, that we find what we need.....and that somehow there will be more than enough.

Luke's writing of the parable of the rich fool who built bigger barns to hold more possessions so he could be sure he had enough for himself rings just as true today. Working to acquire things may do little to relieve anxiety; is it really possible to have "enough?" Real abundance is not a private possession, but a shared experience.

Mark tells us of Jesus' view of the widow who put two copper coins into the treasury. "Out of her poverty" she put in more than the rich people who gave from their abundance. The lesson here may be expressed, "What you are unable to give possesses you."

Mark also tells us of Jesus' answer to the scribes' question as to the greatest commandment: "you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." This echoes Deuteronomy's call to love and fear the Lord in all things and at all times.

As we make our choices for the coming year, how best to share our many gifts from God, may we love God so much that we love nothing else too much and may we fear God enough that we need fear nothing at all.

In Christ,

Bethany Stewardship Committee



Growth giving challenge

A challenge for all members of the church is to increase your giving through the congregation by 1% of your weekly income, and to consider similar growth at least annually, moving toward and beyond a tithe (10%).

WORKSHEET

Individual or household weekly income :\$ _____

Current weekly giving: \$ _____

Use the chart below to find the percentage closest to your current giving: _____

Consider growing by at least 1%.

Enter new percentage: _____

Use the chart again to determine your new weekly giving amount: \$ _____

(Enter this new dollar amount on your commitment form.)

INCOME	WEEKLY GIVING						
	1%	3%	5%	7%	10%	12%	15%
\$200	\$2	\$6	\$10	\$14	\$20	\$24	\$30
\$400	\$4	\$12	\$20	\$28	\$40	\$48	\$60
\$600	\$6	\$18	\$30	\$42	\$60	\$72	\$90
\$700	\$7	\$21	\$35	\$49	\$70	\$84	\$105
\$800	\$8	\$24	\$40	\$56	\$80	\$96	\$120
\$1,000	\$10	\$30	\$50	\$70	\$100	\$120	\$150
\$1,250	\$12.50	\$37.50	\$62.50	\$87.50	\$125	\$150	\$187.50
\$1,500	\$15	\$45	\$75	\$105	\$150	\$180	\$225
\$1,750	\$17.50	\$52.50	\$87.50	\$122.50	\$175	\$210	\$262.50
\$2,000	\$20	\$60	\$100	\$140	\$200	\$240	\$300

Pledge Commitment Sunday - November 5



Oh, What a Glorious Day!

**The Installation of
The Rev. Katherine Finegan
As Bishop of NGLS**

**October 21, 2017
St. Peter's Cathedral**



**Presiding Bishop of the ELCA
Elizabeth Eaton gave the message.**



Accepting the office of Bishop with the help of God



Laying on of hands



Giving of a pectoral cross by Bishop Skrenes



Bishop Finegan with the other clergy in attendance at the installation



Bishop Finegan takes her place with other bishops in attendance



Bishop Finegan with her proud family—husband David and sons Thomas, Noah, and Jacob



Ben Bruhnke

Thanks to Bethany members who took part in the installation of Bishop Katherine Finegan.

- Pastor Geier—Assistant Minister/Intercessory Prayers
- Nathan Jarvi - Acolyte
- Ben Bruhnke—Book Bearer
- Jacob Finegan—Lector
- Noah Finegan—Lector
- Kathy Geier—baked all of the Communion Bread
- Bethany Choir

Lutheran Bishop's Installation to be Witness of Hospitality, Christian Fellowship

By John Fee
The U.P. Catholic

As a gesture of ecumenical and Christian fellowship, the installation service for the new bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) will once again take place at St. Peter Cathedral in Marquette.

The Rev. Katherine Finegan is to be installed as bishop of the Northern Great Lakes Synod, ELCA, on Oct. 21. The installation ceremony of her predecessor, ELCA Bishop Thomas Skrenes, took place at the cathedral in 1999.

With many expected to be in attendance at the installation, and the cathedral being the largest church in Marquette, the ELCA requested to hold the ceremony there again. Since 1967, in light of the Second Vatican Council, diocesan bishops are able to grant permission for non-Catholic Christians to use Catholic churches and liturgical objects for these ceremonies on a limited basis.

Bishop John Doerfler said, "I am happy to extend a warm welcome to our Lutheran brothers and sisters who will be celebrating the installation of their new bishop in St. Peter. Such gestures of fellowship give witness to the love that is proper to followers of Jesus. In doing so, I also walk in the footsteps of my predecessor, Bishop Garland, who gave permission for the last installation of a Lutheran Bishop to take place in St. Peter Cathedral. Let us pray that the love of Christ helps us to overcome divisions among Christians."

Even though Catholics and Lutherans share a common baptism, there are differences in doctrine, disciplines and practices. Bishop Doerfler noted that granting permission to use a Catholic church is an ecumenical outreach, not the implied acceptance of these differences.

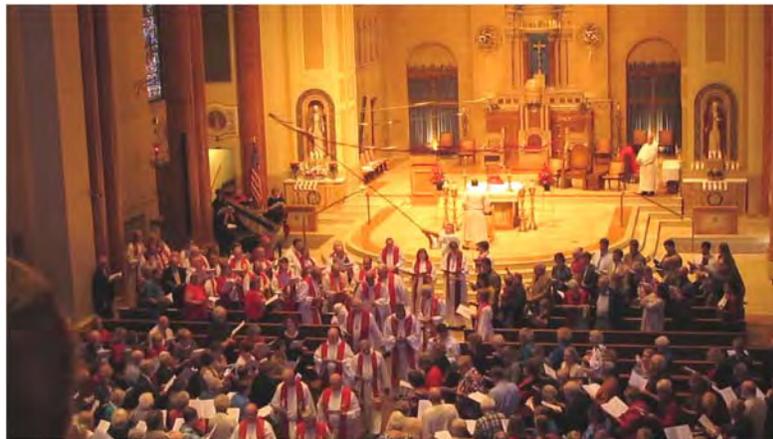
There are a number of examples of other Catholic churches and cathedrals being used in a similar fashion. Among these are two ELCA ordinations of bishops at the Cathedral of Our Queen in Baltimore in 1991 and 2000 and the 2016 ordination of the bishop of the Anglican Church in North America at St. Paul Cathedral in Pittsburgh.

Over the years there are examples of U.P. Catholic parishes using non-Catholic churches for services. For instance, Father Al Mott recalled that St. Ignatius Loyola Parish in St. Ignace used the United Methodist Church for Masses in the fall of 2007. Father John Martignon noted that St. Andrew Parish in Nahma was invited to use a closed Episcopal church in 2001 when a temporary facility was needed. He said, "People of both faiths were happy about the offers as we knew each other and were friends."

In a letter to parishioners of St. Peter Cathedral, Bishop Doerfler used the upcoming installation as a teaching moment. He wrote: "It is no secret that the United States is experiencing bitter divisions. The expressions of animosity among differing groups that we hear about in the news is very saddening. It seems that we Americans can at times forget how to love each other when there are divisions and disagreements among us.

"We Christians are called to manifest the love of Jesus and show that we love each other even though there are divisions among us. This witness to the love of Christ is the healing balm that our nation needs. Let the warm hospitality that we show our Lutheran brothers and sisters be a public witness of how people can and should love each other even when we are divided."

Pope St. John Paul II wrote in his encyclical, *Ut Unum Sint!*, on commitment to ecumenism, "it is absolutely clear that ecumenism, the movement promoting Christian unity, is not just some sort of 'appendix' (the Holy Father's emphasis) which is added to the Church's traditional activity." He went on to note Pope John XXIII's observation: "What unites us is much greater than what divides us."





Social Ministry

Summer Food Program

Late last spring, the board of social ministry was exploring ways to provide a summer food program for our community. We were given a timely opportunity from the Northern Great Lakes Synod to help us realize our plan. Through the Northern Great Lakes Synod's "Always Being Made New" hunger grant, we were able to support the Ishpeming School District's "Meet up and Eat Up" first summer lunch program.

When school is not in session during summer months, many children in our community do not receive adequate food and nutrition. Ishpeming School's summer program provided nutritious food for students and adults 5 days a week for several weeks. The support of a \$600 grant from the Synod, matched by \$600 from Bethany and \$300 from Social Ministry totaled \$1500 towards this successful program.

Thanks to the NGLS we were able to help provide summer lunches.

Individuals and congregations are encouraged to consider contributions to the NGLS "Always Being Made New" Campaign so future funds may be made available.

Help is need-



ed for food baskets and the

food pantry!



Bethany will be preparing special Thanksgiving food baskets. If you can give a little extra food at this time, it would be greatly appreciated.



Christmas Cook-



ies are Need-

ed on December 17



On December 17 Christian Education is helping at the coffee hour. They welcome donations of Christmas cookies from anyone who would like to contribute.



Don't forget....



- Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child should be turned in by Nov. 17
- Bring in children's pajamas for Pajama Palooza. These pajamas will go to needy children in our community



**Four ELCA churches in Ishpeming
Christmas Program and Fellowship**



Theme :Scandinavian Christmas
Date: Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2017
Time: 1:30 P.M.
Place: Trinity Lutheran Church

All women are invited to join us for an afternoon of enjoyment and fellowship.
You do not need to be in a circle.



Thanks to all who contributed to items sent to Lutheran World Relief. Many kits and quilts were packed and sent. Pictured is Sue Holmgren next to a table of layettes that will go to LWF.

Martha Circle: Mark your calendars. The Christmas party for the Martha Circle will be December 27 at noon at Marian Medlyn's home.



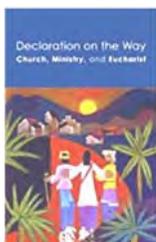
Library Notes for November 2017

By Keenan Tunnell

The Reformation 500

observance reached its peak on Reformation Sunday, 29 Oct. Here are a few new items that are ... the rest of the story. First is a thorough summary of the reformation and its immediate aftermath. Then there are some looks at the future in print and DVD. Check out the Reformation Display on the Library kiosk for additional titles and DVD's. The Reformation is ongoing...the church is *semper reformanda*, always in the process of reforming itself. Be informed and part of that reformation.

Declaration on the Way: Church, Ministry, and Eucharist 231.83 ELCA



Declaration on the Way celebrates fifty years of international and regional Lutheran-Catholic dialogues and harvests the results of those efforts into Statements of Agreement on church, ministry, and eucharist. It invites both communions to affirm the unity achieved through these agreements and establish church practices that reflect this growth. At the same time, this is a declaration "on the way." Not all differences on church, ministry, and eucharist have been reconciled at this time. The *Declaration on the Way* task force offers some possible ways forward and encourages Catholics and Lu-

therans to continue their journey together toward unity.

Aageson, Julie, et al. **One Hope; remembering the Body of Christ**

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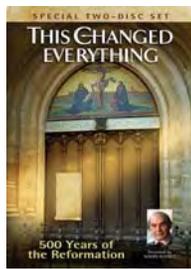
One Hope is a rich ecumenical resource designed to help Catholic and Lutheran communities mark the approaching 500th anniversary of the Reformation....The essays in *One Hope* are the product of an intense collaborative process by six gifted scholars and pastoral leaders, three Lutheran and three Catholic... They explore experiences and activities that Catholics and Lutherans share and which connect to the living of their faith in embodied ways: breathing, eating, singing, forgiving, serving, and dying.





A lone monk's actions 500 years ago continue to have a great impact. In *500: The Impact of the Reformation Today*, renowned Luther scholars from around the world reveal how the Reformation surrounds us more than we realize through religion, politics, and our society. This thought-provoking documentary was four years in the making, with portions shot on location throughout Germany where the actual Reformation events occurred. There is a free five-part Bible study available from concordiatheology.org. (104 minutes run time)

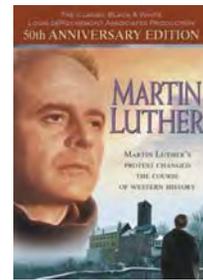
Other Reformation related DVD's:



This Changed Everything



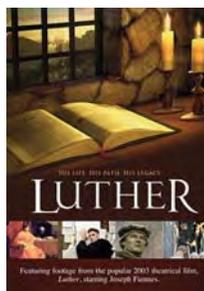
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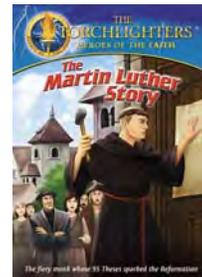
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The Martin Luther Story (for kids)



Living Lutheran— October 2017

Cover Story:

- Freed in Christ to serve the neighbor; 500 years of Lutherans in action [Study guide: livinglutheran.org] (Meghan Johnston Aelabouni)

Features:

- Reformation 500; 50 ways the Reformation still impacts pastors
- In tune with the Reformation (Wendy Healy)
- Reformation roots (Cindy Uken)
- Daughter of the Reformation; a von Bora expert highlights Katharina's bold example (Cara Strickland)
- Liberated by grace, encouraged by sisterhood; Seminars inspire a new generation of international women reformers (Kristen Opalinski)
- One paws-itively holy hound (Erin Strybis)
- Sewing for a mission (Marcia Hahn)

Reflection:

- The never-ending task of reformation (Martin Otto Zimmann)

Faith & Family:

- Teaching generosity (Scott Seeke)

Deeper Understandings:

- The continuing Reformation (David C. Ratke)

From Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton

- Oct. 32 and beyond



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

Updated Addresses You May Need

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c/o Corin Slown
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Ste. 105-253
Seaside CA 93955

Roger & Ruth Solberg
911 Woodingham Drive
East Lansing, MI 48823



Special Thanks

I wish to thank the members of Bethany for all your prayers, cards, gifts and food during my recovery from surgery. I feel truly blessed to be part of Bethany.

God bless.
Sharon Argall



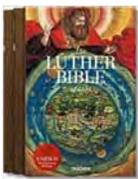
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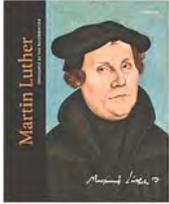
ther's German Bible

Barb Lucas and John Hansen were 2 of Bethany's members who walked for the fight against hunger in this year's Crop Walk. Bethany raised over \$800 for the Crop Walk.

Martin Luther's Bible, first printed in 1534, was not only a milestone for the printing press, but also a momentous event in world history. A UNESCO world heritage masterpiece, Luther's translation from Hebrew and ancient Greek into German made the Bible accessible to laypeople for the first time and gave printed reference to a whole new branch of Christian faith: Protestantism. In this meticulous two-volume reprint, TASCHEN presents both the Old and New Testaments of Luther's landmark publication. Based on a precious copy of the original and printed in color, it reveals the multilayered splendor of this bible, showcasing the meticulous script, elaborate initials, and exquisite color woodcuts from the workshop of Lucas Cranach. Bethany Library has purchased a copy of this classic reprint and it will be on display during Reformation observances and throughout the month of November. Of course you probably will not be able to read the German text, but you can appreciate the print job and the Cranach illustrations.



Bethany's Gift to Bishop Finegan



At Monday, Oct. 23rd's, monthly Council meeting, Keenan Tunnell presented a Reformation 500 related book as an appropriate installation gift for our new bishop, who shares her installation year with those anniversary observances. His suggestion was accepted by a unanimous vote. Keenan will present the gift to Bishop Finegan at her office on Wednesday, Oct 25.

As for the book itself, here's the official description from Amazon.com: A special international project called "Here I Stand" mounted a series of exhibitions which were shown in Minneapolis, New York, and Atlanta in Fall 2016. (Bishop Finegan viewed the exhibit in Minneapolis). These exhibitions present a comprehensive picture of the life and work of Martin Luther, his Reformation, its cultural-historical context and lasting impact. This catalogue brings together a thematically structured description of the various exhibits. Original Luther objects and autographs as well as archaeological finds from the Luther sites in Eisleben, Mansfeld, and Wittenberg illuminate the personality of the Reformer and his environment. They are supplemented by a spectacular collection of artistic and graphic masterpieces, sculptures, objets d'art and important printed works. Seen as a whole they offer a unique overview of the important cultural treasures of the birthplace of the Reformation.



Thanks Mike Holman for delivering the sermon on October 15.

Did you know...?



Pastor Geier's sermons are available on line Here's the direct link to the "Bethany Sermon Archive" with audio recordings of Pastor Geier's sermons dating back to 2006:

http://www.bethanyishpeming.org/sermon_archive.html



Youth are having a can drive

Beginning on Sunday, November 5th we will begin collecting empty returnable cans (pop cans, etc.) at church as a fundraiser for the group going to the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston next summer. Anyone wishing to help out can bring their empty cans to church and drop them off in the labeled garbage cans. Or, if that is not convenient, just contact Gwen Bruhnke or Nathan Jarvi to schedule to have your cans picked up at your house. This will be an ongoing fundraiser. Thank you for your support!

Thanks from Friends of the Library

The Ishpeming Carnegie Friends of the Library would like to thank the Bethany Council for allowing us to use the excellent facilities at the church for our Tea & Fashion Show, held on Saturday, October 14th. Using the church as our venue allowed for not only better parking and less disruption to the library's Children's area, but made it possible for more people to attend the event than last year. The Tea was a great success, and the proceeds will help fund upcoming library programs. Thank you so much for supporting us!



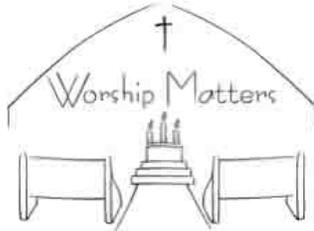
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President Carnegie F.O.L.



Baptism at Bethany

Addison Jo Rich was baptized as a child of God during the worship service on October 1, 2017. Addison's parents are Kaitlin and Josh Rich.

Council Highlights— October 2017



- Received thank you from Habitat for Humanity for the lunches Bethany provided
- Position of Assistant Executive Director of Church Council will be open in 2018.
- Approved gift for Bishop Katherine Finegan
- Pastoral Acts: Baptism of Addison Jo Rich (10/1/2017); Funeral of Sherwood Morcom (10/19/17)
- Pastor and Bob Nadeau attended the Conference meeting.
- Pastor will be on vacation Nov. 6—Nov. 17.
- Income continues to track behind expenses.
- NGLS will present a Healthy Congregation workshop at Bethany on April 23, 2018.
- Youth are planning a can drive to raise money for the Youth Gathering in Houston. Four Bethany youth are planning to attend.

Reminder

**Pledge Commitment Sunday
November 5**



"Even if friends did always call you a saint, I still have to look it up."

OUR CHURCH'S
FINANCES

YTD Income: \$147,380.73

YTD Expenses: \$156,357.58

Jan. - Sept.



Christian Gift-Planning

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

Life Insurance Policies can make excellent gifts to ministry. By simply changing policy beneficiaries, your favorite ELCA ministry can ultimately receive all or a percentage of the death benefit of your life insurance policy. Transferring a cash value policy to a ministry avoids ordinary income tax while you receive a charitable income tax deduction. Purchasing a life insurance policy in the name of the ELCA or our synod or your congregation will ultimately leave a substantial gift to a favorite ministry. In turn, you receive an income tax deduction for the annual premium that you pay on the new policy. Life insurance gifts are a great help to your church ministries as they seek to carry out their Christian mission.

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



**Assistant Ministers
the Worship Service**

are a Valued Part of

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 2017. In addition to those who already take part, you too can share your voice in reading the Word of God. We are in need of more people to lighten the load.

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.



**THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE OUTLOOK
WILL BE A
DECEMBER 2017- JANUARY 2018 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.



**Daylight Savings Time ends
on November 5.**

Don't forget to turn your clocks back.



Bethany regretfully announces that it will no longer be carrying Fair Trade products.

Bethany's Website
www.bethanyishpeming.org

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



Keep In Your Prayers

Remember our home-bound and nursing home residents:

Valente: Doreen Brown, Jean Sandstrom

Jacobetti: Allen Maki, Bob Waters, Pastor Bob Sutherland

Teal Lake Senior Living Community: Betty Geier, Jean Johns

Mill Creek: John Pontti

- Mark, Kathleen, and Karmen Slown
- Sharon Argall
- Dan Argall
- Ray Chartre
- Roger Solberg
- Ruth Solberg
- Carl Pellonpaa
- Debbie Cain
- John and Marilyn Pontti
- Kay Chartre
- Jim Sodergren, Jr.
- Cindy Warner
- Kaye Frederickson
- Bob Kaukola
- Ted Swanson
- Loreth Johnson
- Judy Hogan
- Brown family
- Mark
- Lois Goethe
- Doris Pellonpaa
- Robert Maki
- Zander Atkins
- Jim Bjorne
- Pastor Marcia Solberg
- Angie Kempainen
- June Forsberg
- Those in the military that they may remain safe



The November Noisy Offering will be given to Feeding America (Upper Peninsula Food Bank).

Thanks to everyone for your generosity!



Contact **Linda Dahl** by phone, e-mail, or by dropping a note in the newsletter mailbox at church.

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November Worship Assistants

November 5

Assisting Minister - Rick Rhoades
Acolytes - Jarin Johnson and Abbi Bruhnke
Altar -
Coffee Hosts - WELCA
Flowers -
Nursery - Mackenzie Ryan
Bread - Kathy Geier
Youth Usher - Ian Bivins

Thank You!

November 12

Assisting Minister - Blake Forbes
Acolytes - Ian Bivins and Faith Cain
Altar -
Coffee Hosts - Social Ministry
Flowers - In memory of Tom Medlyn by his family
Nursery - Ben Bruhnke
Bread - Shirley Tyni
Youth Usher - Jarin Johnson

November 19

Assisting Minister - Kay Ryan
Acolytes - Luke Holmgren and Kyra Holgren
Altar -
Coffee Hosts - WELCA Sunday
Flowers - With thankful hearts from the Slown family
Nursery - Hope Kaukola
Bread - Kaye Frederickson
Youth Usher - Faith Cain

November 26

Assisting Minister - Gwen Bruhnke
Acolytes - Abby Koski and Abbi Bruhnke
Altar -
Coffee Hosts - Quilters
Flowers - given by Tom and Emilie Brown
Nursery - Kayla Koski
Bread - Kay Chartre

November Ushers

John Beerling
Jerry Hager
Bill Heavyside
Donald Meyer
Dan Sleeman



December Ushers

Jaak Liivoja
Mike Richards
Tom Ryan
Ted Swanson
John Waters
Tim Grant
John Hansen

Happy Birthday!

- 3 Sean Connors
- 5 Noah Kaukola
- 6 George Niemela
- 8 Raymond Chartre
- 8 Angela Vidlund
- 9 Kathy Harrington
- 9 Kiara Nelson
- 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
- 20 Justin Christopherson
- 20 Jacob Connors
- 21 George Holmgren
- 23 Jennifer Vallier
- 24 Halley Reichel
- 26 Jordan Dault
- 30 Traci Gugin



Happy Anniversary!

David & Lori Tunnell
11/1/2011 6 years

William & Bernadette Heavyside
11/2/1974 43 years

