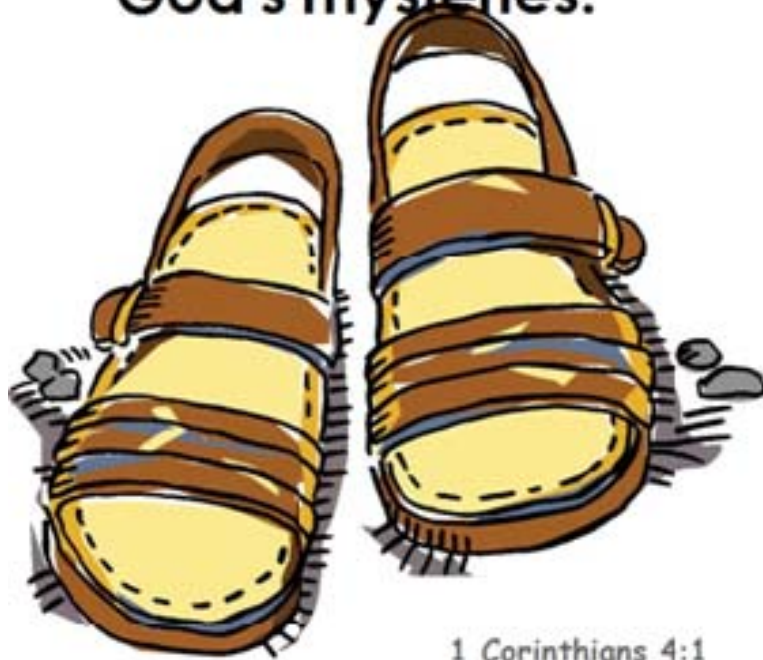




**Bethany Lutheran Outlook**  
October 2011

Serving God, Community, and Individuals

**Think of us in this way,  
as servants of Christ  
and stewards of  
God's mysteries.**



1 Corinthians 4:1



## PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

As we reach the time of year when you are asked to make your pledge of financial support for the work of the church in the year 2012, I first want to thank you for your generosity *this* year. At our Annual Meeting last January we passed a budget with a “challenge factor” of almost thirty-four thousand dollars. Heading into the final months of the year our books are within a thousand dollars or so of being balanced! In addition to that, Bethany’s support of the mission outside the church has been very generous this year with our “noisy offerings” and other outreach projects. On the Sunday we said farewell to the Gonyea-Alexanders over \$5000 was gathered in support of Ann’s seminary education! In what are rather difficult economic times your commitment to the mission of this church is witness to the tradition of Christian stewardship that has existed at Bethany for many years and I know the commitment will continue as you consider your pledge for 2012.

Thank You

I also want to let you know about the challenges facing Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp and Lutheran Campus Ministry at NMU, two of our partner ministries. Because of budget cuts within the ELCA, support for camps and campus ministries has decreased. Some of the other funding sources within the synod have also become smaller or have disappeared altogether. What all that means is that ministries like Fortune Lake and Campus Ministry have to be increasingly dependent on congregation and individual support if they are to survive.

As a congregation we have supported and will continue to support these partners as best we can. What will really help them though, is if more individuals are able to make contributions. The problem of course is that everyone’s resources are limited and there are so many worthy causes within and outside the church that are in need of support. At every council meeting we go through the mail and make decisions on all the agencies and groups that have appealed to the church for help. All of us do the same thing with the mail we receive at home. There are many worthy causes but individually and collectively we can only do what we can.

Fortune Lake and Lutheran Campus Ministry are not the only causes worthy of support. I highlight them as two partners to which we here at Bethany have been closely connected, both of them involved in the faith formation of young people. Many seminarians highlight camp and/or campus ministry experiences as being influential in their spiritual growth. In addition, both Fortune Lake and LCM at NMU will be going through transitions in leadership during the next year so financial stability will obviously be helpful to new leaders coming in. If it is within your means, I would encourage you to help to support these ministries however you can. Addresses for each of them are:



Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp  
138 Fortune Lake Camp Road  
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Lutheran Campus Ministry at NMU  
701 W. College Ave.  
Marquette, MI 49855



Thanks for your consideration and for your continuing generosity!



## **CELEBRATE BETHANY'S 141<sup>st</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**ANNIVERSARY DINNER**

**OCTOBER 16**

**AFTER 10:30 WORSHIP SERVICE**

**Invite family and friends to celebrate with us.**

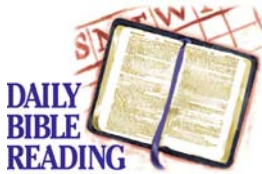
**Community and guests are welcome.**

**Proceeds from meal's goodwill offering will go to the  
Fortune Lake Scholarship Fund.**



**BETHANY'S 141<sup>ST</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY**

## DAILY LECTIONARY



*The foundational premise of this set of daily readings is their relationship to the Sunday lectionary. The readings are chosen so that the days leading up to Sunday (Thursday through Saturday) prepare for the Sunday readings. The days flowing out from Sunday (Monday through Wednesday) reflect upon the Sunday readings.*

### Daily Lectionary for October 2011

- |    |  |                        |                      |
|----|--|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1  | Psalm 19   | Exodus 23:10-13        | John 7:40-52         |
| 2  | <b>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b><br>Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20   Psalm 19   Philippians 3:4b-14   Matthew 21:33-46 |                        |                      |
| 3  | Psalm 119:49-56  | Deuteronomy 5:1-21     | 1 Peter 2:4-10       |
| 4  | Psalm 119:49-56  | Deuteronomy 5:22 - 6:3 | 2 Cor. 5:17-21       |
| 5  | Psalm 119:49-56  | Deuteronomy 6:10-25    | John 11:45-57        |
| 6  | Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23   | Exodus 24:1-8          | 1 Peter 5:1-5, 12-14 |
| 7  | Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23   | Exodus 24:9-11         | James 4:4-10         |
| 8  | Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23   | Exodus 24:12-18        | Mark 2:18-22         |
| 9  | <b>Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</b><br>Exodus 32:1-14   Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23   Philippians 4:1-9   Matthew 22:1-14 |                        |                      |
| 10 | Psalm 97   | Exodus 32:15-35        | Jude 17-25           |
| 11 | Psalm 97   | Exodus 33:1-6          | Phil. 3:13 - 4:1     |
| 12 | Psalm 97   | 2 Kings 17:7-20        | John 6:25-35         |
| 13 | Psalm 99   | Exodus 33:7-11         | 3 John 9-12          |
| 14 | Psalm 99   | Exodus 31:1-11         | 1 Peter 5:1-5        |
| 15 | Psalm 99   | Exodus 39:32-43        | Matthew 14:1-12      |



**16 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Exodus 33:12-23 Psalm 99 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22

- 17 Psalm 63:1-8 Exodus 40:34-38 Rev.18:1-10, 19-20
- 18 Psalm 63:1-8 Numbers 12:1-9 Rev.18:21-24
- 19 Psalm 63:1-8 Numbers 13:1-2,17-14:9 Mathew 17:22-27
- 20 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 Deut. 31:14-22 Titus 1:5-16
- 21 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 Deut. 32:1-14, 18 Titus 2:7-8, 11-15
- 22 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 Deut. 32:44-47 John 5:39-47

**23 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 1 Thess. 2:1-8 Matthew 22:34-46

- 24 Psalm 119:41-48 Numbers 33:38-39 James 2:8-13
- 25 Psalm 119:41-48 Exodus 34:29-35 James 2:14-26
- 26 Psalm 119:41-48 Deut. 26:16-27:7 Matthew 19:16-22
- 27 Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 Joshua 1:1-11 Romans 2:17-29
- 28 Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 Joshua 2:1-14 2 Peter 2:1-3
- 29 Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 Joshua 2:15-24 Matthew 23:13-28

**30 Reformation Sunday**

Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 46 Romans 3:19-28 John 8:31-36

- 31 Psalm 128 Joshua 4:1-24 1 Thess. 2:13-20



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**Confirmation - October 30**

On Reformation Day, Bethany will confirm the following young people :

Courtney Allen  
Joshua Argall

Join them on October 30 in the celebration of their affirmation of baptism.





## **Freed in Christ to Serve**

### **Bishop Mark Hansen An Excerpt from the Report of the Presiding Bishop At the 2011 ELCA Assembly August 16, 2011**

I have come to this Churchwide Assembly more hopeful and more grateful for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America than I ever have been. The reason is simple. We are a church with clarity about who we are and about our shared commitment to being engaged in God's mission for the life of the world. I am so hopeful because living Lutheran as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America means being part of a community of faith with clarity about our identity and where God is leading us. We are a church called to discern what the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ mean for the world and for our common life.

We are Lutherans. That means that we are evangelical. At the heart of who we are is the good news that in Christ we are free.” Did you hear that? Do you believe that? In Christ you are bound to be free—free from bondage to sin, guilt, and shame. Free from the power of death and evil. You are free in Christ from fear—your fear of the future, your fear of the stranger, your fear of failure, fear of discord, disease, and disaster. For some, fear of deportation.

Oh, yes, in Christ, you are not only bound to be free, but in Christ you are freed to be bound—bound to God through faith, bound to God's creation as stewards, bound to the world as peacemakers and justice seekers.

In the words of our assembly theme, we are Freed in Christ to Serve. This is who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America: we are freed to live as everyday evangelists, using our words and deeds to share the good news of Jesus Christ and claiming our daily work as God's calling.

In a culture and world where lines are constantly being drawn in the sand—in fact those lines in the sand now seem to be set in concrete—lines that divide, exclude, and demean. To “live Lutheran” means to embody the message and ministry of reconciliation that God entrusts to us. Particularly at this time, when we are so preoccupied with economic indicators and political infighting, to “Live Lutheran” is to heed these words of Martin Luther: “We should learn well how to please Christ. We do please Him by dedicating our entire life . . . solely to the service of our neighbor.

Down, down, says Christ; you will find me in the poor; you are raising too high if you do not look for me there. Therefore, this high command of love should really be written on all the foreheads of the poor with letters of gold that we may see and grasp how close Christ is to us on earth” (from a sermon preached on Matthew 22:34–46, 15–26).

As the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, we are defined by our life in Christ, who was nailed to a cross for having the audacity to cross the lines that are drawn by the protectors of religious purity and political power. Jesus crossed those lines set in concrete, extending God’s merciful embrace to encompass both those who passed judgment and those who received it. Let the ELCA be known throughout this land and the world, not only as a church that serves those in poverty, but as a church that will work tirelessly to bring poverty to an end.

I am so grateful and hopeful because we are a church that shares a living daring confidence in God’s grace. These are Martin Luther’s words. He described faith as “. . . A living, daring confidence in God’s grace, so sure and certain that believers would stake their life on it a thousand times. . . . Because of faith, without compulsion, a person is glad and ready to receive everyone, to serve everyone, to suffer everything out of love and praise of God.”

This is who we are. We are a people of faith justified by God’s grace for Jesus’ sake. Friends, in a culture that offers so many compelling and competing answers to the questions “What is the good life?” and “What is a life well-lived?” we have a story to tell, a story to live, a story that changes lives. It is the story you know well. It is the story of Jesus Christ. It is the story of the abundant life that comes to you in Christ purely out of God’s tender mercy.

I am absolutely convinced that there are people you know, with whom you work or go to school, meet in your neighborhood who are ready to hear an invitation to share this “living, daring confidence in God’s grace.”

Yes, I believe that we all know people who are ready to be part of a church like the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. For we are freed in Christ to serve. We have work to do, God’s work. We have a story to tell, the story of Jesus and his love.



# Enjoy the Poetry of Hymns

## I Love to Tell the Story

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.  
I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
the message of salvation from God's own holy word.  
I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long.  
I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911  
ELW #661



“For you will be his witness to all the world of what you have seen and heard.”  
(Acts 22:15)

## **I Love to Tell the Story: The Story Behind the Hymn**



The girls in the class were eager to learn about the gospel. They had been taught well. Their enthusiastic teacher, Katherine Hankey, was a natural for such leadership because she herself had been a student of the gospel from childhood. Born in England in 1834, her family guided her in the faith. As members of the Anglican Church, they actively shared the gospel among the wealthy in their elite suburb of London. The evangelistic spirit, however, was moving rapidly among all classes of people. So it was fitting that Katherine would reach out to teach Sunday school classes among the poor as well as the rich.

At age thirty, Kate was taken ill and spent the time while in recovery writing poetry that told the story of Jesus. She organized this poetry into two sections entitled, “The Story Wanted” and “The Story Told.” Each section had fifty verses. From the first section of her poem, she adapted her words into the familiar hymn “Tell Me the Old, Old Story,” which has become a classic children’s hymn. From the second section she condensed her thoughts into the hymn “I Love to Tell the Story.” It fully covers Jesus’ life, focusing on his glory and love but just touching on his birth, life, and Resurrection. It creates a desire to know more. New believers ask, “Who is Jesus? Where do I learn the details of his life?”

In 1867, Major General Russell, while speaking at an international YMCA convention, quoted the verses from Katherine Hankey’s hymn texts. In the audience that day was a noted gospel musician, William H. Doane, composer of more than 2000 gospel songs. Doane was greatly moved by these lines and promptly composed musical settings for both hymn texts.

Later a new musical setting, which replaced Doane’s music for “I Love to Tell the Story,” was composed by William G. Fischer, a Philadelphia musician and piano dealer. Fischer also added the refrain, “I love the tell the story! ‘Twill be my theme in glory—to tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.”

Both of Katherine Hankey’s hymns are widely used today.



Adapted from *52 Hymn Story Devotions* (Lucy Neeley Adams) and *101 Hymn Stories* (Kenneth W. Osbeck)

## **My Dear Bethany Family,**



Well, we are here in Chicago and we've been going at an pretty hectic pace, so it took longer than I wanted to get this letter written to all of you. Primarily, I wanted to say "Thank You!" for the wonderful send off, prayers, emotional and financial support and simply the abundance of love you have so freely offered me, Larry and Max. Through good and difficult times throughout my life I have felt blessed and accompanied by God. But my Bethany family just continues to prove to me that God does provide what we need in life in surprising and amazingly abundant ways.

I am simply astounded and so thankful for the financial contributions so many of you made to help meet the costs of my seminary education. I truly cannot do this in the way I would like without that support – a way that makes it possible for me to keep my educational debt low so I can answer God's call and be ordained in four years without having to worry too much about student loans and the like. That's been very important to me. Between Bethany, the Northern Great Lakes Synod and the scholarships and grants I've worked on, that has been an attainable reality so far.

Just as sustaining for me have been the kind words, prayers and the affirmation all of you have so freely given. And in these first days of getting acclimated to a life of academics and pushing myself in my classes (this term they include Biblical Greek, Church History I, Pentateuch and Wisdom Literature and Intro to Worship), I lean heavily on that love and support. When I am doubting my ability to understand Greek syntax or wondering if I can fully understand and appreciate the cultures and people that shaped early Christianity, I think of all of you and it gives me strength and confidence. And while I miss all of you terribly, it's almost as if you are all here with me. You are among my cloud of witnesses and evidence of God's kingdom here in our world and our times.

Max and Larry are doing well too. Max has started his senior year at Kenwood Academy. He already has new friends and is involved in the Poetry Club. We are in two choirs together – the Augustana Cantorei Choir and the LSTC Gospel Choir. He is also joining the youth group at Augustana Lutheran Church across the street. His hair, as shocking as it may be, has turned out to be quite the conversation-starter at school and

elsewhere. God does work in mysterious ways. Plus, even in the busy streets of Chicago, it's easy to find him in a crowd. Larry continues his job search and we are really hoping he is able to find something by Thanksgiving. In the meantime, he has been busy developing his own business of laying out books and designing websites for self-published authors. He's also taking advantage of events and classes open to the community here at LSTC. On Thursday nights he is participating in a class called Jesus in the Movies and today he is at an Anti-Racism Workshop being hosted by the seminary. The opportunities to grow and learn here are plentiful.

I also wanted to remind all of you that we would love to see you if you are in the Chicago area. We could visit over a cup of coffee or meal if the opportunity presents itself. So please let us know if you are going to be in the area. I've included our new contact info, although I suspect it's circulating somewhere since we've been receiving some communications, including photos from the Blessing and Godspeed service in August (thanks Teddy and Rae!).

Please continue to keep all of us in your prayers, especially Larry's job hunt. You are certainly in ours, especially our prayers of thanksgiving.

In Peace and with much love,  
Ann Gonyea



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### **Thrivent Presents Check to Support Ann Gonyea's Seminary Studies**



Craig Etelamaki, Financial Associate for the U.P. Chapter of Thrivent Financial, presents a check to Pastor Geier and congregational coordinator Robert Nadeau for \$1000 in supplemental funds to support the seminary studies of Ann Gonyea.

## El Camino de Santiago de Compostela



### On the Road: The Camino Part III

The Plaza del Obradoiro fronting the cathedral of Santiago de Compostela is the final destination of the Camino. It's easy to tell who the pilgrims are in the crowded square; they are the somewhat scruffy looking people crying or celebrating, hugging each other and taking lots of pictures to capture the moment. Whatever reasons they had for their pilgrimage, no one is unmoved by arrival. It's a joyful occasion but also a sad realization that the pilgrim way is finished.

Following tradition, pilgrims have some special things to do in Santiago.



They place their hand on the marble column of the Portico de la Gloria that depicts the tree of Jesse. So many pilgrims have done this over the centuries that the marble has worn away and there is a negative handprint on the column.



They visit the tomb of the Apostle underneath the main altar of the cathedral, and climb a staircase behind the statue of St. James over the altar and give it a hug!



They line up to receive their Compostela, a document proving that they made the pilgrimage on foot, by cycle or, in some few cases, by horse or burro. The proof required is the "Pilgrim's Passport", that has been stamped at every stop along the way.



They attend the Pilgrim's Mass, where the national origins of the newly arrived pilgrims are announced.



**Pilgrim's Passport**

But the pilgrimage to Santiago is as much concerned with the journey as with its end. A traditional piece of advice given to pilgrims is that each person's camino is their own; even as it is a shared experience, it is also unique to each individual. For me, it was the fulfillment of a longtime dream, a wished-for experience of the art, history, religion and culture of northern Spain and of our European heritage. It was a connection with my Spanish family. It was a distillation of life, a less distracted look at the world and my place in it, and at myself.



Traveling at a walking pace made me more aware of the speeded up culture we live in and how different it must have been when all journeys were slower. I had to carry everything I needed in a backpack, so, as a simplicity lesson, I quickly discovered what was really necessary and what was not. When I lost items that could not easily be replaced, I had to do without them. I carried no books, even though I love to read, and access to the media was infrequent. I found out what a distraction, and what a seduction, those things can be. I spent much time with my own thoughts, and wanted to pay close attention to the places and people around me during this special time. (However, I was very happy to arrive at a place with an internet connection so I could “talk” to my family, and finding a book in English to read was one of the first things I did once the pilgrimage was over!) Because my knowledge of Spanish was minimal, the simplest transactions did not come easily. I was always struggling to translate, but with the help of a tiny dictionary and the kindness of others, it was possible to get by. Most of my conversations of necessity were with those who understood English to some degree. Even so I felt privileged to speak with people from Spain, France, Germany, Holland Australia, England, Finland and even a few from the U.S. The pilgrimage was a living reminder that that, as different as we may be, we are all members of the same human family.



The first commandment for a pilgrim is to be grateful for what is provided each day, even if it's not quite what you would have ordered! To appreciate the beauty all around, and to extend and receive kindnesses as you can, is a simple but profound way to travel on a pilgrimage and through life. Here's a (loosely translated) prayer that was written by a friar at the Monastery of San Francisco next to the cathedral in Santiago:

"If I've gone on all the pilgrimages, crossed mountains and valleys from east to west, but have not discovered the freedom of being myself, I have arrived nowhere.

If I've shared what I have with people of other languages and cultures, befriended other pilgrims on a million trails, shared shelters with saints and princes, but am not able to forgive my neighbor tomorrow, I have arrived nowhere.



If I've carried my backpack from the beginning to the end, encouraged the other pilgrims on the way, given my bed to someone who arrived at the shelter after me, and freely given my water bottle to another, if I cannot create harmony and bring joy, peace and friendship when I return to my home and work, I have arrived nowhere.

If I had food and water each day, and enjoyed a shower and bed each night, and had my injuries attended to, if I have not seen in all those things the love of God, I have arrived nowhere.

If I've visited all the monuments, seen the most beautiful sunsets, learned greetings in many languages, found fresh waters in the fountains along the way, if I haven't learned who is the provider of such beauty and peace, I have arrived nowhere.

If at the end of the day I'm not seeking God's ways and living according to them, if at the end of the day I don't see in each person, friend or enemy, a companion on the journey, if at the end of the day I don't recognize the God of Jesus of Nazareth as the God of my life, I have arrived nowhere."

Kathy Geier



**CROP Hunger Walk**

**CROP Hunger Walk**  
**Ending Hunger One Step at a Time**  
**Sunday, October 2 at 2:00 pm**  
**Sign up or donate online at:**  
**[www.cropwalkonline.org](http://www.cropwalkonline.org)**

Walkers will meet at Bethel Lutheran Church in Ishpeming to walk the Heritage Trail together. Get your pledge envelope and fill it with donations to alleviate hunger, both around the corner and around the world. 25% of funds raised will meet the needs of the hungry in our community, supporting local food pantries and the West End Food Coalition, and the rest will go to address the many hunger related issues all over the world.

This effort involves all of Marquette County. Together we can do so much more than we can do alone. The small steps that we take together can make a big difference.

For example....

**\$25** can provide a farm family with everything they need to make succulent, nutritious honey—hives, training and equipment

**\$50** can provide 400 lbs. of much-needed food for a local church-run food pantry.

**\$100** can provide 250 baby chicks who will grow up to be egg-producing chickens

**Join the CROP Hunger Walk or donate to a walker today.**

In addition to the CROP Walk, other related events include:

- Lutheran Campus Ministry will be hosting a three-part series centered around the book Ending Hunger Now: A Challenge to Persons of Faith, by George McGovern, Bob Dole and Donald Messer. Pre registration is appreciated to allow for ample supply of books. Dates of the program are Mondays, October 10, 17 and 24 at Messiah Lutheran church from 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. each night.
- On Thursday, October 6 at 6:00 p.m. there will be a Soup Supper and the Roots of Poverty and Hunger at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
- On Monday, November 17 at 6:00 p.m. there will be a showing of the film One Man, One Cow, One Planet -A DVD Discussion at Peter White Library Community Room



**Pledge Commitment Sunday  
October 23, 2011**

As the end of the year approaches, so does the budget process of the Church. Council is beginning to work on the budget for 2012. A key piece of the budget puzzle is the pledge that each member gives to the Church. Knowing the planned giving of the membership provides the means of forecasting income with some degree of accuracy. This year, Council has set October 23<sup>rd</sup> as Stewardship Sunday, when we give the church our pledges.

An option available to using an envelope each week is the "Simply Giving" program. This service is provided to the Church through Thrivent. Fill out the necessary form, which is simple and straight forward. Mail it to Thrivent or you can give it to the Church for processing. Then each month, on the same day (approximately), your designated amount is taken from your account and sent to the Church. No checks to write, no envelope to write or remember. Those members using this service really appreciate it.

**Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Ishpeming, Michigan**

**With joy and thanksgiving, I offer my support to the  
mission of Bethany by giving as follows:**

**Please accept \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Per week/month/year (Circle one.)**

**Name \_\_\_\_\_**

## 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



## Fortune Lake Fall Fiesta October 8 and 9, 2011



Join us for a weekend filled with fun activities at Fortune Lake! \*If you would like to enter your Chili in the Chili Cook-off competition, please contact the camp office to register. Beautiful on-site lodging is available for the weekend: Emanuel Lodge = \$38 for Single, \$22 for Double. Retreat Lodge = \$32 for Single, \$18 for Double.

**Saturday, October 8:** (No admission fee for Saturday activities)

**10:00 a.m. CDT** Chili Cook Off begins\*  
Quilt and Fine Art viewing opens  
Country Market opens  
Activities for Kids available  
Pontoon Excursions  
Tours of the camp



**1:00 p.m. CDT** Quilt and Fine Arts Auction

**Sunday, October 9:**

**10:00 a.m. CDT** Festive Worship  
**1:00 p.m. CDT** Music Jam  
**4:00 p.m. CDT** Second Sunday Folk Dance\*\* with Whitewater and special guest \$7.00



**Also in October**

**October 21 - 22 Men's Retreat**

Fun, Fellowship, Music, Bible Study, presentations on Fly Fishing and Grouse Hunting = a great weekend at Fortune Lake! Invite your friends and feel free to bring along your kids. The retreat will begin at 7:00 p.m. (CTD) on Friday and conclude on Saturday at 3:00 p.m.

\$35 for Duplex housing + snack, breakfast and lunch \$50 for Retreat Lodge housing



## Social Ministry Update October 2011

Thanks to the incredible generosity of the congregation, we contributed \$455.07 from the July – August noisy offerings to the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. Social Ministry supported Lutheran Campus Ministry with a donation of \$100 for the month of September.

The Noisy Offering designation for the months September and October will be Lutheran Social Services of Upper Michigan and Northern Wisconsin.

The September issue of the Outlook listed items needed by the Harbor House Domestic Violence Shelter. Those items are still needed and people may contribute directly to Harbor House. To further assist in this effort, the Social Ministry Board contributed \$200 to Harbor House in September.

“Social Ministry’s activities are designed to serve people directly and to provide immediate and direct service to support people.” That statement originated in a 1985 document from Bethany’s Social Ministry Committee, Harriet Maki was chairperson at that time. The 3 basic dimensions to Social Ministry identified then were Study-Service-Action. These continue to guide our work on behalf of our congregation.

We thank all who contribute with prayer and offerings through coffee collections, envelope donations and memorial contributions. We can only do this work because of you.

Our current members are: Marie Chilman, Rae Elliot, Kathy Geier, Loreth Johnson, LaVerne Koski, Pat Liivoja, Harriet Maki, Marion Medlyn, Evelyn Nadeau, Ruth Solberg, Sue Ryan and Pastor Geier.

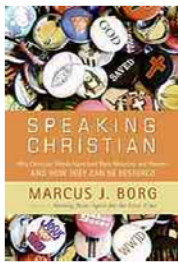




## New Books for October

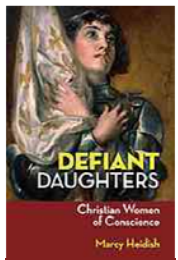
By Keenan Tunnell

Here are a few gift titles which span a wide range of interest: from some serious theology in *Speaking Christian*, to some unlikely saints in *Defiant Daughters*, and some down-to-earth folks in *North Haven* and *Ordinary People*, with a dash of serious humor in *Senior Moment*. I hope you'll find something to inspire you. There will also be a Library Kiosk display to commemorate St. Francis and the animals on 9th October...aimed primarily at the children. Recall that St. Francis is patron not only of animals but of the environment in general, a worthy model in the "great cloud of witnesses."



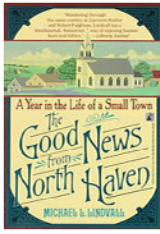
Borg, Marcus. *Speaking Christian* 230 BOR

"Modern Christians are steeped in a language so distorted that it has become a stumbling block to the religion, says internationally renowned Bible scholar Marcus J. Borg. He argues that Christianity's important words, and the sacred texts and stories in which those words are embedded, have been narrowed by a modern framework for the ...[and here uses an] "historical-metaphorical" method for understanding Christian language that can restore for us these words of power and transformation. In *Speaking Christian*, Borg delivers a language for twenty-first-century Christians that grounds the faith in its deep and rich original roots and allows it once again to transform our lives." (from Amazon.com Product Description)



Heidish, Marcy. *Defiant Daughters; Christian women of conscience* 920 HEI

"What do Joan of Arc, Immaculee Ilibagiza, Corrie ten Boom, and Sojourner Truth have in common? These women are among those whom best-selling author Marcy Heidish calls *Defiant Daughters*. This informative, challenging, and entertaining book spotlights the lives of more than 20 spiritual trailblazers and their responses to crises of conscience. They represent different races, denominations, and nations, but all are feisty--often fiery--and always faithful to their callings. What motivated these defiant daughters, who gave their all for God? Heidish seeks out the decisive juncture where they took a stand for conscience, regardless of the consequences. This stunning and compelling book will bring you face-to-face with an unforgettable female gallery of profiles in courage." (from jacket)



Lindvall, Michael L. *The Good News from North Haven* FIC LIN

“A collection of tales assembled to illuminate a year in the life of a Presbyterian minister and his small-town Minnesota flock, the novel reads more like a collection of autobiographical essays than fiction. .... most of the stories [conclude] with a biblical interpretation; indeed some of these could be applauded as enlightened sermons .... Wandering through the same country as Garrison Keillor and Robert Fulghum, Lindvall has a kindhearted, humorous way of exposing human fears and foibles. (from *Library Journal*)



Middleton, Faith. *The Goodness of Ordinary People*. 974 MID

“Middleton, host of National Public Radio's "Open Air New England, presents a ... collection of true stories from real Americans that has some surprising things to say about the moral state of the union. It explores the positive aspects of the news that are often overlooked and demonstrates that a simple gesture can restore our faith in community.” (from Amazon.com Product Description)



O'Connor, Karen. *Help, Lord! I'm having a senior moment*. 242.65 OCO

“Like it or not, senior moments happen. We might as well laugh about them and thank God for the way they add interest to our lives.... Some senior moments are more heartbreaking or embarrassing than funny. But in every case, we can take them to the Lord who cares for us. This book brings encouragement to people in their golden years. Each of the 90 short pieces contains a note to God about a topic of special interest to seniors....” (from Amazon.com Product Description)



Paterson, Katherine. *Brother Sun, Sister Moon*

Author Katherine Paterson re-imagines a hymn of praise called “The Canticle of the Creatures,” originally written by Saint Francis of Assisi in 1224. Illuminated with the exquisitely colored illustrations of cut-paper artist Pamela Dalton, this picture book offers a stunningly beautiful tribute to nature, celebrating the breadth of creation, from the sun, moon, wind, and fire to community, family, work, and contemplation. Paterson’s poetic language and Dalton’s images form a collaboration demonstrating respect, love and wonder for the world we inhabit.



## The Lutheran: September 2011 ELCA Assembly: Full Speed Ahead

### 2011 Assembly



#### **\$15 million goal by 2015 to fight malaria**

Effort will go above and beyond ELCA World Hunger gifts



#### **'Peace be with you'**

Islamic Society of North America leader shares deep appreciation for the ELCA



#### **Assembly acts on memorials from synods**

Voting members consider issues from energy stewardship to ministry policies



#### **Big changes in store for church operations**

LIFT report influences governance, mission outreach and business



#### **Hanson upbeat, confident of ELCA's future**

Report of the presiding bishop

### Feature



#### **My son's friend goes to the 'big' church**

What if my son likes it better than our small, less flashy congregation?

by Diana Dworin

### Columnists



10 Bible stories that breathe life:

#### **A God bent on relationship**

by Peter W. Marty

#### **Ready to be moved by Spirit**

by Mark S. Hanson





**Hand in by  
Sunday**

**November 13**



### **Fill a Shoe Box for Operation Christmas Child.**

If you would like to participate in the Shoebox Ministry, follow these steps. Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child. Use the gift ideas provided on the bottom of this page. Attach the appropriate boy/girl label and mark the correct age category on the label, and tape the label to the top of your box. Place a rubber band around each closed shoe box.

### **GIFT IDEAS**

#### **TOYS**

small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch A Sketch®, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), Slinky®, etc.

#### **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

#### **HYGIENE ITEMS**

toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

#### **OTHER**

Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

#### **A PERSONAL NOTE**

In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)

#### ***DO NOT INCLUDE:***

Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snowglobes or glass containers; aerosol cans



## September Council Highlights

- Received correspondence from Room at the Inn, LSTC, LSS, and Ann Gonyea
- Baptisms: Joseph Lemire, Peter Lemire 8/21/11
- Funerals: Ernest Hensen 9/6/11 and Ethel Aho 9/10/11
- First Family Worship will be September 25.
- Pastor Jon Magnuson will retire from Lutheran Campus Ministry in January. Pastor Geier will be involved in transition.
- Informational report by Kathy Geier regarding storage of Bethany's archival data. Marcus Robbins, archivist from NMU, has offered the option of storage of our items in a protected facility at NMU. The documents would remain the property of Bethany but would be in protected storage. Examination and discussion of this is ongoing.
- Council will continue to provide campers with scholarships as one way of supporting Fortune Lake.
- Anniversary Dinner will be October 16. Brent Clark is in charge. This will be a fundraiser for Fortune Lake Scholarship.
- Council authorized \$400 to Dan Argall to move forward with the stained glass project above the altar. The expenditure is for supplies only; the labor is Dan's gift to Bethany.
- Crop Walk will be October 2.



FAMILY WORSHIP

**COME WORSHIP TOGETHER**

**FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE  
OCTOBER 30**



**YTD Income: \$128,192.16**  
**YTD Expenses: \$129,394.54**





## BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO BARB CRABB



Barb Crabb celebrated her 83rd birthday by coming to worship at Bethany. She not only graced us with her presence but also shared her radiant smile. Happy Birthday!



### Special Program Given at WELCA Meeting

Kathy Geier presented a talk, display, and slide show on her recent pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela at WELCA'S fall reorganization meeting.



### Bethany Choir Is Part of September 11 Service

Under the direction of Bob Bucan, the Bethany Choir led the Ecumenical Choir at the September 11th Memorial Service at St. Peter's Cathedral. The choir sang "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" and "This Is My Song."



Kaitlyn Marie Phillips, daughter of Angel Barnette and Mike Phillips, was baptized on July 10. Kaitlyn's aunt Michelle Valenti was her sponsor. Kaitlyn's grandparents, Margo and Mike Valenti, and her great-grandparents, Marion & Dave DeLarye, witnessed this special event in Kaitlyn's life.



**The October Noisy Offering  
will go to Lutheran Social Services of  
Upper Michigan and Wisconsin  
Thanks to everyone for your generosity!**



**Bethany's Website**

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

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

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



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

**From Small Farmers With Love**



## Keep In Your Prayers

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



**Thank you to all who contributed so generously to Bethany's kitchen shower.**



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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## October Worship Assistants

### October 2

Assisting Minister - Carl Pellonpaa  
Acolytes - Sabrina Holm-Brown and Hannah Skewis  
Altar - Doris Pellonpaa  
Coffee Hosts -  
Flowers - In memory of Aaron Sundblad by  
Colleen & Ray Sundblad  
Nursery - Jordan Dault  
Bread - Tonya Perry

### October 9

Assisting Minister - Sandee Sundquist  
Acolytes - Courtney Allen and Savannah  
Marietti  
Altar - Sue Holmgren  
Coffee Hosts - Social Ministry  
Flowers - In memory of Edmund & Laura  
Holmgren by Ed, Sue, & family  
Nursery - John Leverton  
Bread - Meta Leverton

### October 16

Assisting Minister - Mindy Harrington  
Acolytes - Joshua Argall and Jacob Clark  
Altar - Kay Frederickson and Shirley Tyni  
Coffee Hosts - Anniversary Dinner  
Flowers -  
Nursery - Kara Harrington  
Bread - Dan & Sharon Argall

### October 23

Assisting Minister - Kris Hough  
Acolytes - Nora Seppanen and Shy Ann Holm-  
Brown  
Altar - Sue Homgren  
Coffee Hosts -  
Flowers - In memory of Carl & Katherine Lemin  
by the Sundblad family  
Nursery - Jordan Dault  
Bread - Kathy Geier

*Thank You!*

### October 30

Assisting Minister - Jim Bjerne family  
Acolytes - Jessica Penhale and Noah  
Kaukola  
Altar - Sandee Sundquist  
Coffee Hosts -  
Flowers - In memory of Clayton  
Simons by Colleen & Ray  
Sundblad  
Nursery - Christina Mariani  
Bread - Shirley Tyni

### October Ushers:

Jaak Liivoja  
Mike Richards  
Tom Ryan  
Ted Swanson  
John Waters



### November Ushers:

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

*Happy Birthday!*

- 3 Kris Hough**
- 3 Paul Sundberg**
- 6 Kay Frederickson**
- 6 Tori Nault**
- 6 Patricia Suiste**
- 6 Michael Toivonen**
- 10 Ryan Lusardi**
- 12 Donald Meyer**
- 14 LaVerne Koski**
- 14 Paul Sandstrom**
- 15 Griffin Argall**
- 15 Penny Kipling**
- 15 Wendy Koski**
- 16 Jennifer Johnson**
- 18 Greg Meyer**
- 18 David Niemela**
- 18 Matthew Waters**
- 19 Bren Balzarini**
- 22 Kristen Rasmussen**
- 22 Jean Sandstrom**
- 23 Courtney Allen**
- 24 Jessica Dobson**
- 25 Anna Collins**
- 26 Robert Bucan**
- 27 Michael Harrington**
- 28 Jan Swanson**
- 30 Sarah Kinnunen**



*Happy Anniversary!*

**Marvin & Jan Swanson**  
**10/7/1972 39 years**

**Ken & Carol Carlson**  
**10/8/1971 40 years**

**Duane & Marlene King**  
**10/13/1962 49 years**

**Bob & Cindy Warner**  
**10/13/1984 27 years**

**Robbie & Susan Dobson**  
**10/15/1988 23 years**

**James & Wendy Penhale**  
**10/15/1994 17 years**

**Michael & Donna DuBord**  
**10/24/1981 30 years**

**Marvin & Pauline Toivonen**  
**10/29/1949 62 years**

