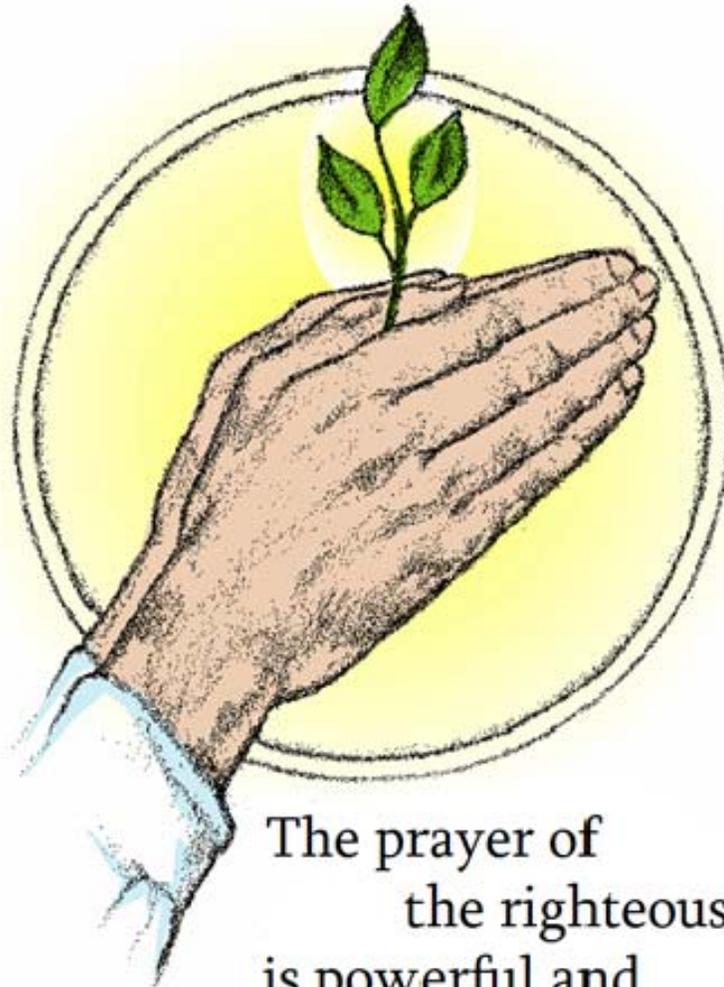




Bethany Lutheran Outlook
October 2013

Serving God, Community, and Individuals



The prayer of
the righteous
is powerful and
effective.

James 5:16



PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Most of you have heard by now that the Rev. Elizabeth Eaton was elected as the ELCA Presiding Bishop at the Churchwide Assembly in Pittsburgh in August. It was a moment that provided evidence that the Spirit moves in mysterious ways as I don't think anyone saw it coming. The expectation was that Mark Hanson would be elected to a third term as bishop; but despite the fact that he continues to be well liked and respected and has been an articulate leader and spokesperson for the ELCA, the Spirit moved in a different direction giving us our first female presiding bishop. (to show how things have changed relative to women in ministry, the fact that a woman was elected didn't seem like a big deal)



For most of us, including me, who the presiding bishop is doesn't directly affect us all that much. In a church like the ELCA there is considerable congregational autonomy. The path the ELCA has mapped out for 25 years does allow for differences of opinion, differences in biblical and theological interpretation. One perspective might become the dominant one, the one on which policies are based, but it is never intended to exclude others. We are not a "top down" church and we are not required to follow the presiding bishop in lock step.

However, presiding bishops and synodical bishops do set a tone for the church (witness the change in tone Pope Francis is bringing to the Catholic church). As bishop for almost half of the ELCA's 25 years Bishop Hanson has played a significant role in establishing an identity for this church. He has guided the church through some difficult issues and decisions, decisions that caused some to leave the ELCA, but I think that he, along with the synodical bishops and other church leaders, has made a real effort to make this a church that allows for ambiguity and the creative tension that diversity brings. Some see that as a weakness of the ELCA; I see it as a blessing and a strength that makes us open to new possibilities.



I give thanks for the ministry and leadership of Bishop Hanson and I pray for the Spirit to guide Bishop Eaton and the ELCA into a future of new possibilities.

Pastor Geier

CELEBRATE BETHANY'S 143rd ANNIVERSARY

**ANNIVERSARY DINNER
OCTOBER 27**

AFTER 10:30 WORSHIP SERVICE/CONFIRMATION



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.**

Congregation members are needed to help with food prep from 8:00-10:00am on October 27. If you are able to help, please call Brent Clark at 458/-0910

Remembering the Saints



For the past few years we have celebrated All Saints Day with the anthem "We are surrounded with a great cloud of witnesses" and specifically remembered those saints of Bethany who have died in the past year. This year we would like to extend those memorials to all the departed saints of Bethany...those members of your families who have joined that great cloud of witnesses. We propose to do this by inviting you to bring a photo of someone you would like to remember and displaying it on a special table which will be set up in the sanctuary. There will already be candles lit there, but you may also choose to light one as your special remembrance. In this month of October when we celebrate another Bethany anniversary, let's make All Saints Day the climax of that celebration as we remember before God all the Bethany saints who have gone before us. Please consider joining us in this addition to our Anniversary and All Saints celebration!



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.

October 2013

“The Bible is the cradle wherein Christ is laid.”

—Martin Luther

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| 1 Psalm 119:49-56 | Jeremiah 32:36-44 | James 5:1-6 |
| 2 Psalm 119:49-56 | Jeremiah 33:1-13 | Matthew 19:16-22 |
| 3 Lamentations 3:19-26 | Jeremiah 52:1-11 | Revelation 2:8-11 |
| 4. Lamentations 3:19-26 | Jeremiah 52:12-30 | Revelation 2:12-29 |
| 5 Lamentations 3:19-26 | Lamentations 1:7-15 | Mathew 20:29-34 |

6 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Lamentations 1:1-6 Lamentations 3:19-26 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10

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| 7. Psalm 137 | Lamentations 1:16-22 | James 1:2-11 |
| 8 Psalm 137 | Lamentations 2:13-22 | 1 John 5, 1-5, 13-21 |
| 9 Psalm 137 | Lamentations 5:1-22 | Mark 11: 12-14, 20-24 |
| 10 Psalm 66:1-12 | Jeremiah 25:1-14 | 2 Timothy 1:13-18 |
| 11 Psalm 66:1-12 | Jeremiah 27:1-22 | 2 Timothy 2:1-7 |
| 12 Psalm 66:1-12 | Jeremiah 28:1-17 | Luke 5:12-16 |

13 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 Psalm 66:1-12 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19

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| 14 Psalm 102:1-17 | Jeremiah 29:8-23 | Acts 26:24-29 |
| 15 Psalm 102:1-17 | Jeremiah 29:24-32 | Ephesians 6:10-20 |
| 16 Psalm 102:1-17 | Jeremiah 25:15-32 | Matthew 10:5-15 |
| 17 Psalm 119:97-104 | Jeremiah 26:1-15 | Acts 17:22-34 |
| 18 Psalm 119:97-104 | Jeremiah 26:16-24 | 2 Timothy 2:14-26 |
| 19 Psalm 119:97-104 | Jeremiah 31:15-26 | Mark 10:46-52 |

20 Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 31:27-34 Psalm 119:97-104 2 Timothy 3:14 -- 4:5 Luke 18:1-8

21 Psalm 129	Jeremiah 38:14-28	1 Corinthians 6:1-11
22 Psalm 129	Jeremiah 39:1-18	James 5:-12
23 Psalm 129	Jeremiah 50:1-7, 17-20	Luke 22:39-46
24 Psalm 65	Joel 1:1-20	2 Timothy 3:1-9
25 Psalm 65	Joel 2:1-11	2 Timothy 3:10-15
26 Psalm 65	Joel 2:12-22	Luke 1:46-55

27 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost, Reformation Sunday

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

28 Psalm 87	Joel 3:1-8	1 Peter 4:12-19
29 Psalm 87	Joel 3:9-16	1 Peter 5:1-11
30 Psalm 87	Joel 3:17-20	Matthew 21:28-32
31 Psalm 119:137-144	Jeremiah 33:14-26	2 Corinthians 1:1-11

A Prayer

Give us, O Lord, a steadfast heart,
Which no unworthy affection may drag downwards;
Give us an unconquered heart,
Which no tribulation can wear out;
Give us an upright heart,
Which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside.
Bestow upon us also, O Lord our God,
Understanding to know you,
Diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you,
And a faithfulness that may finally embrace you;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

—Thomas Aquinas



Enjoy the Poetry of Hymns

Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ



Eternal Spirit of the living Christ,
I know not how to ask or what to say;
I only know my need, as deep as life,
and only you can teach me how to pray.

Come, and pray in me the prayer I need this day;
help me to see your purpose and your will
where I have failed, what I have done amiss;
held in forgiving love, let me be still.

Come with the vision and the strength I need
to serve my God and all humanity;
fulfillment of my life in love outpoured;
my life in you, O Christ; your love in me.

Words by Frank von Christierson

Born in Lovisa, Finland, in 1900, Frank von Christierson emigrated to the United States and became a prominent American hymn writer. He graduated from Stanford University and San Francisco theological Seminary. He served for 14 years as pastor of Calvary Presbyterian Church, Berkeley, and subsequently began new churches in North Hollywood and Citrus Heights, California. After retirement he was interim pastor for a number of churches in Nevada and California.

Many of von Christierson's texts were first published by the Hymn Society of America. Some of his hymns include 'Break forth, O living light of God', 'Christ is risen, raise your voices', and 'As saints of old their first fruits brought'. Many of his hymns are in English-language hymnals; his hymns have also been translated into Norwegian and Portuguese. A collection of his hymns, poems, and meditations, *Make a Joyful Noise: Hymns and Verses by Frank von Christierson* was published by Q.E.D. Press in 1987. Von Christierson died on April 24, 1996 in Roseville, California.

From *The Hymn* (Hymn Society of America), Vol.47 No.3 July 1996

Why Appreciate Your Pastor?

The most important reason may be that pastors are gifts of God to the churches (Ephesians 4:11). These sermon makers and life changers are more than educated public speakers, trained counselors and apt administrators. They are people called of God to lead churches and draw individuals to faith that flows from believing the gospel.



Pastors are also guides for ascending the hills and going through the valleys of life.

The word “pastor” means “shepherd.” Faithful pastors lead their flocks into green pastures and beside still waters when storms are raging around them. They walk with them through dark valleys and lead them to the One who is the source of goodness and mercy. Pastors are gifts, guides and givers of themselves. They deserve our prayers, our participation and our appreciation.

- Roger Campbell

Pastor Geier Has Tenth Anniversary at Bethany

On September 3, 2013, Pastor Geier celebrated his tenth year at Bethany. The people of Bethany appreciate you and celebrate your anniversary and your presence here among us.

We're grateful that you're here with us
To teach us from His word,
And we will try to do our best
In service of our Lord.

We thank you for your ministry,
Your guidance and your care.
His greatest blessings for your life
Is our most humble prayer.





Social Ministry Update October 2013

By Rae Elliot

A recent note in the postings of *WELCA'S Daily Grace App* offered this prayer: "Lord, to those who hunger, give bread. And to those who have bread, give the hunger for justice. (A Latin American prayer).

The posting goes on to explain that "...here in the U.S. one in 10 households goes without at least one meal a day. The U.S. Conference of Mayors reported that 40% of the adults requesting food were employed, but due to high rents and low wages, they could not provide enough food for themselves and their families. Jesus calls us to love, to feed others and to be witnesses of God's love."

These words serve as a solid reminder of why our on-going efforts to contribute to the Salvation Army and St. Vincent's food bank are valuable. Thank you for your continued support to Bethany's Food Table.



In September, Social Ministry contributed \$100 to the Jerry Hebert Benefit, \$100 for Fortune Lake Camp and \$100 to completion of LWR kits. WELCA is still collecting items for the various kits. All kits will be shipped out on Box Car Day – October 12.

The October/November Noisy Offering will be donated to the Upper Peninsula Food Bank and the December/January Noisy Offering will be donated to Fortune Lake. Watch the Free Trade Items table during Fellowship Hour for the addition of some new items!



The October/November Noisy Offering will go to the Upper Peninsula Food Bank.

Thanks to everyone for your generosity!

Prayer Chain

If you have a request for prayer for yourself or someone else, please contact Pastor Geier who will direct the request to Bethany's Prayer Chain.

"A quiet moment of reflection. A talk with Jesus. A recited text celebrating faith. Though very different, all of these are valid definitions for "prayer." Prayer is an intentional and meaningful way that every individual — no matter of age, race or background — can deepen his or her personal relationship with God." ELCA website.



Praying Twice

According to legend, the early Christian theologian St. Augustine of Hippo said, "He who sings prays twice." (The Latin wording is actually "He who sings well prays twice," but more on that in a moment.)



Singing, a common element of worship, is a handy way to help children pray.

My 6-year-old, who loves to sing, was surprised and delighted when I told him a praise song he'd just learned could also be his bedtime prayer. He sings off-key, forgets some words and doesn't want help from Mom; he just sings his little heart out.

But what of older churchgoers who stay silent during hymns, fearful that they don't sing well enough? Forget the Latin translation! Long before Augustine, a psalmist wrote, "Make a joyful *noise* unto the LORD, all ye lands!" (Psalm 100:1, KJV; emphasis added). Why not pray twice today?



—Heidi Mann



Board of Stewardship



A wry observer commented on Revelation 5:3 - "And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon" - wondering if the book in question was the pocketbook. Fortunately, this has never been the case at Bethany. We have always been a giving community of believers, filling needs as they arise, and for that tradition we must all be grateful. Our members give, counting not mere percentages, but thoughtfully managing all that God has first given us.

This year, Pledge Sunday will be on October 20, 2013 and once again we look forward to the opportunity to reflect on our giving as we make a commitment for the coming year. If it is true that we belong to Christ, surely all we have received belongs to Him.

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

May God bless all our deliberations, as he will surely bless our gifts.

Dave Leverton
Board of Stewardship



**Each one must do as he has made up his mind,
not reluctantly, or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.**

(2 Corinthians 9:7)

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
October 20





**Marquette County CROP Hunger Walk 2013
Ending Hunger One Step at a Time
Sunday, October 6 at 1:15 pm**

CROP Hunger Walk

Location: Bethel Lutheran Church in Ishpeming

Registration 12:45 p.m.

Blessing and Sending of Walkers 1:15 p.m.



The Walk is 6 miles on the Heritage Trail. Walkers may walk all or part of that route. Refreshments will be available after the walk until 4:30 pm at Bethel.

Neighbors walk together to take a stand against hunger in our world. Together we raise awareness and funds for international relief and development, as well as local hunger-fighting

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.

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



**Lutheran World Relief
Boxcar Drop Off**

**Saturday, October 12, 2013
9 AM—Noon**

At the Railroad Siding on Lakeshore Drive, Ishpeming

September 16, 2013

U.S. Flooding: Colorado

Sisters and brothers in Christ,

Record rainfall in September has produced major flooding in Colorado. According to news reports, hundreds of people remain unaccounted for or are missing and as many as seven people are feared dead. Three ELCA church buildings have sustained damage. More than 18,000 homes and businesses have been destroyed or impacted. Some areas continue to experience mudslides, damaged roads and downed power lines. Your help is needed to make a difference in affected areas.

Gifts designated to "U.S. Floods" will be used in full -- 100 percent -- to help disaster survivors clean-up, rebuild and recover. Your generous offerings of prayer and financial support will help those affected in Colorado and other areas on the long road to recovery.

We are a church that rolls up our sleeves and gets to work. Through congregations, pastors and Lutheran-affiliated social ministries, we are working together to help serve those most affected.

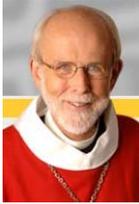
Please join me in praying for all who are affected by floods in Colorado.

In service,



The Rev. Daniel Rift
Director, ELCA World Hunger and Disaster Appeal

Bishop Hanson Sees Holy Spirit at Work in ELCA



In his last report as presiding bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), the Rev. Mark S. Hanson said there is an opportunity for the 4-million-member church -- in anticipation of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation -- to let go of being competitive in a religious marketplace and embrace the opportunity to be who we are in Christ.

“We are ambassadors bearing the good news that God is not in the sin-accounting business,” said Hanson. “To do that, to bear the witness of whom God is in the world is to be who we are as evangelical Lutherans. As Paul wrote, ‘we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ.’”

Hanson said that in his past 12 years as ELCA presiding bishop he has been blessed “to witness the Spirit’s power at work throughout this church and among our global and ecumenical partners.”

He said he sees “the Holy Spirit at work” among ELCA congregations who are responding to the call to be engaged in mission planning, among the thousands of ELCA youth gathered in New Orleans in 2011 for worship and service, in the wisdom, patience and strength of the ELCA’s 65 synod bishops and the ELCA Church Council, among people who are affected by natural disasters and in the lives of people overseas.

“Yes, we can trust the Holy Spirit, who is at work through this church as we are deeply rooted in Christ and always being made new,” Hanson told the assembly.



“We have something to say to people who are searching for the good life. It is the story of a gracious God who calls each one of us by name through baptismal waters, gathers us into the community of faith, the living body of Christ and sends us forth in so many varied callings in daily life to love and serve the neighbor, to care for family and friends and God’s creation to strive for justice and peace and in word and deed to share the good news of Jesus Christ,” he said.

In his report, Hanson shared that on a flight back to Chicago he noticed a bottle of soap in the airplane restroom. “I took it out and asked the flight attendant if I could borrow it for a few minutes ... to copy down the brand and description [which] is called ‘Pure Grace.’”

“Think how prevalent this message is in our lives: if you live more purely, invest wisely, pray fervently, think positively, give generously, advocate passionately, then you will have achieved a state of grace and made your life whole,” he said. “People deserve to hear a different Gospel, the message about the God who really is pure grace, the God who really does wash us clean -- body, soul and spirit. What an opportunity we have in the coming years when attention will focus on the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.”



Throughout his report, Hanson responded to the question, “What if the Holy Spirit is writing new chapters for the Book of Acts? What will those chapters tell of what the Holy Spirit is doing among and with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?”

He said that it is his hope that the writer of the new chapters of Acts would describe how the Spirit empowered the people of the ELCA with attentive listening, spiritual renewal in the personal lives of members and in the nearly 10,000 congregations of the ELCA, moving into becoming communities of radical hospitality and deepening this church’s engagement globally.

Among the videos shown in his presentation, Hanson shared a video of Archbishop Kawak of the Syrian Orthodox Church and invited the assembly “to witness to the power of the cross and resurrection in the midst of unimaginable suffering and death” in Syria. Hanson also offered a prayer for the people of Egypt in light of lives lost there.

“Such is the work of the Holy Spirit in the Book of Acts and in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Planting the church and being uprooted, moving on for the sake of the Gospel, we are committed to respond to those who have been uprooted by war and famine, by natural disasters and political oppression, by poverty and ecological destruction,” he said.



In his continued response to what would be written in the new chapters of Acts, Hanson said that “let it be told with all humility that the generosity of ELCA members became the occasion for jubilation and thanksgiving for God’s amazing grace” and that in the coming years for the ELCA, “let us build upon our strong system of theological education” and leadership development in this church, particularly recognizing and supporting the leadership already being given by youth and young adults.

As he concluded his report Hanson said, “May those chapters added to the Book of Acts declare the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America was anointed with the power of the Holy Spirit and in Christ is always being made new.”



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

Excerpt from ELCA News Service August 15, 2013



From the Library: October, 2013

By Keenan Tunnell

Fall is upon us and there are many things to celebrate during the month of October, so the emphasis will change almost weekly...displaying books old and new around the following topics:

- Saints' Days: Celebrating St. Francis of Assisi (4 Oct) and St. Luke the Evangelist (18 Oct)
- Reformation Day and Martin Luther (31 Oct.)
- Bethany's 143rd Anniversary/Swedish Roots
- All Saints Day preparation / Halloween (1 Nov.)

So....keep an eye on the Library Kiosk for titles that might catch your attention. **HINT:** there will be a new St. Francis volume penned by Robert Kennedy, Jr.



The Lutheran: October 2013

Beyond Tolerance



Cover story

Beyond tolerance

Living together in a diverse world
by Kathryn Kleinhans



Features

A new future

Lutherans resettle young refugees who are on their own
by Jocelyn Breeland



Features

Peace in Joplin, Mo.

Two years after a tornado, church has new home
by Abigail Accettura



Features

Gone fishin'?

Pastor lives the dream as he fishes for people and bass
by Abigail Accettura



Features

Lutheran trump cards

You're holding all of them
by David Daubert



Challenging conversations:

Shame on you

by Peter W. Marty

Columnists

Presiding bishop:

Praise God for past, future

by Mark S. Hanson



Ann Gonyea Shares Newsletter Article



Ann Gonyea is now immersed in her Winds of the Prairie internship. She thinks of us often and writes to say hello to everyone at Bethany. Ann is also enjoying listening to the Bethany Choir recordings on Dropbox and listening to Pastor Geier's sermons on the Bethany website. Below Ann shares one of her first newsletter articles that she has written for Winds of the Prairie.

I told my field education director back in Chicago that one of the reasons I was interested in the Winds of the Prairie internship was the opportunity to develop my preacher self.

Weekly sermon delivery is not something all internship sites can offer. It's quite possible that some of my classmates have not delivered their first sermon. I've already been preaching weekly for a month. I'm exercising the muscles and developing the routines that, God willing, will help me come to the pulpit every week with a message that is clear, meaningful and held together by the Good News. For me, this is one of the most important – and scary – jobs of the pastor.

One of the things we talked about in seminary was that if you commit to living with the text in the week before worship, God will put people and experiences on your path that will reveal a facet of the text that was not apparent before, or turn the text upside down and inside out. And do you know what? It's true. Sure, you could argue these things cross one's path regardless, but I'm quite sure that living with that text provides a certain lens ... a frame of reference ... a point of view that make these gifts of revelation stand out. They become more colorful, more moving, more thought provoking.



For example, we read the difficult but wonderfully told story of The Binding of Isaac recently (we're working with the Narrative Lectionary out here on the prairie this year). That week, I attended a preaching workshop. One of the presenters was a woman whose vocation has been to develop a great website with commentaries and information about the lectionary texts many Christian churches use each week. (www.textweek.com, check it out.) She told us about her autistic son, now an adult, and the struggles and grief that came with learning to parent her child. She said if it were up to her, she would not choose this journey for herself or her child. But it did not change the fact that she loved him and she did what she needed to do.

I heard this story through the lens of The Binding of Isaac story. It had to be one of the most heartbreaking things ever asked of Abraham. He was already grieving the loss of Ishmael and then God asks him to sacrifice his beloved promised son Isaac too. I read the two accounts of Abraham's surrender of Ishmael and Isaac side by side. Soon the agony and grief in the actions and words of Hagar and Abraham were side by side too. In both cases I'm willing to bet neither of them would have chosen those experiences for themselves or their children. They both loved their sons and they both did what they needed to do – Abraham in obedience to God and Hagar because it was all she could do

The mash up of the woman at the workshop and Abraham and anyone who has had their hearts broken a little or a lot (which probably includes all of us, yes?) helped bring the text alive. It enriched the way I understood the story, the way I read it out loud and the way I saw Abraham.

As I continue to learn and grow as a preacher and a minister, I am really looking forward to how people and experiences will make the stories and people of our scriptures jump off the pages of the bible.

I invite you to intentionally join me in this journey too. When you are reading or listening to the scripture, if something really bowls you over, reminds you of someone or causes you to say something like, "I guess some things never change," please feel free to give me a call or drop me an email. I'd love to hear from you and get your take on the text. (beparsonage2@frontier.com, 507-530-1825) I hope I hear from you!

God's peace be with you,
Vicar Ann

"Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum"



Latin for "The Word of the Lord Endures Forever," this motto of the Lutheran arm of the Protestant Reformation comes from 1 Peter 1:25. Frederick the Wise, ruler of Saxony and one of Martin Luther's earliest and most powerful defenders, had the VDMA symbol sewn into the right sleeve of the official garments of his court. The symbol also appeared on banners, flags, swords and uniforms, representing the unity of the Lutheran laity in defending their beliefs.



Fortune Lake Fall Fest



Area quilters and crafters will be showcased Sat., October 5 at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp's Fall Fest.

Festivities begin at 9:30 a.m. CT with a hearty buffet brunch served in the camp dining hall, a country market of home-baked breads and pies, and quilt viewing in the chapel/auditorium.

The festival's main event, the quilt and fine art auction, begins at 11:00. Juried quilts, wall hangings, woodcraft, artwork, jewelry, and baskets are among the auction items. A variety of handmade items and crafts may also be purchased separately or through a "draffle" format.

Optional activities during the auction will include face and pumpkin painting, games for children, and pontoon cruises to view the fall colors on Fortune Lake.

This annual fundraiser benefits Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp, a camping and retreat facility owned by the 82 congregations of the Northern Great Lakes Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and several other Lutheran churches.

Pastor Tracy Polzin, camp director says, "It's a win-win situation! Quilters, crafters, artists, and bakers donate their work; shoppers get to purchase amazing, one-of-a-kind items, and proceeds support the work of outdoor ministry."



A bus to attend the Fortune Lake Fall Festival and quilt auction on October 5th will leave Messiah Lutheran church at 8:30 am with additional pick-ups at Immanuel Lutheran in Negaunee and Bethany Lutheran in Republic. The cost will be \$25 per person. A buffet brunch will be provided at Fortune Lake and served from 9:30-11:00 am (cst). The quilt auction begins at 11:00 am (cst). The bus will return to Marquette by 4:00 pm (est).

Reservation deadline is Wednesday, October 2nd. Please call 906-226-1119 to reserve your seat on the bus.



All Bethany Members Are Invited to Participate in Operation Christmas Child

Our church will once again be participating in Operation Christmas Child.

Girls and boys in more than 150 countries have experienced the joy of Christmas and heard the Good News of Jesus Christ, thanks to caring people like you who have packed over 100 million shoe box gifts for Operation Christmas Child since 1993. Take an ordinary shoe box (available at church), fill it with toys and presents, and you have an extraordinary gift for a child in need of joy and hope. The shoe boxes enable caring people to share God's love with hurting girls and boys in the far corners of the globe.

Donations are also needed to help cover shipping. If you would prefer to make a donation instead of filling a shoe box, it would be greatly appreciated. Each shoe box costs \$7 to ship. Please make your check out to Bethany, but indicate it is for Operation Christmas Child.

All materials will be on a table in the narthex starting in October. There are boxes that you fold, but you can also use the plastic shoe size boxes. Take the label and decide if you are packing for girl or boy and indicate the age category. Attach it to the top of the gift box. Please don't wrap the boxes. Our boxes will be brought to the drop-off site on November 16, 2013.

As we prepare to collect Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes, please pray for the children who will receive your gift and hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Thank you for making an eternal difference in the lives of those precious children.

If you have any questions, please call Kay Chartré at 475-9229.

Kay Chartré



Kids!



Bethany Will Confirm Four on Reformation Day

During the October 27 worship service on Reformation Sunday, four young people of Bethany will be confirmed. Those being confirmed are...



Jacob Clark
Noah Kaukola
Savannah Marietti
Hannah Skewis

After the worship service, celebrate with the confirmands at Bethany's 143rd Anniversary Dinner .

A Child's Prayer for Protection

If indeed childhood was ever carefree, it's hardly so now. Some children face bullying, while others deal with rough home lives. Many fret over their performance at school and in sports. News of dangers and tragedies makes parents want to shelter their kids from worldly harm.

Whether real or imagined, childhood anxieties are best confronted in the same way as adult anxieties: through prayer and the assurance of God's presence. Teach this traditional prayer to a young person in your life — and find comfort in it yourself:



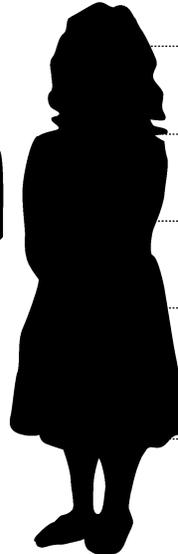
God in heaven, hear my prayer.
Keep me in thy loving care.
Be my guide in all I do.
Bless all those who love me too.
Amen.



Growing up!

You're growing each day in many different ways.
A verse from 2 Peter tells what will help you grow!

Directions: Fill in the blanks below, using the height measurements as guides, to complete 2 Peter 3:18.

3 1/4 ft.	knowledge		Savior	3 1/8 ft.
3 1/16 ft.	him		grace	3 ft.
2 3/4 ft.	now		forever	2 1/2 ft.
2 1/4 ft.	Lord		grow	2 1/8 ft.
2 1/16 ft.	glory		Jesus Christ	1 1/4 ft.
2 ft.	Amen			
1 ft.	our			

"But 2 1/8 ft. in the 3 ft. and 3 1/4 ft. of 1 ft.
2 1/4 ft. and 3 1/8 ft. 1 1/4 ft.
 To 3 1/16 ft. be 2 1/16 ft. both 2 3/4 ft. and 2 1/2 ft. ! 2 ft."

2 PETER 3:18, NIV



Council Highlights—August

- Letter of thanks received from Medical Care Access Coalition
- Need to find replacements for chairpersons of Property and Worship & Music
- Pastoral Acts: funeral for Barb Crabb 8/22/13
- Anniversary Dinner will be held in conjunction with Confirmation on 10/27/13
- Bethany will co-sponsor with Earthkeepers presentations by Larry Rasmussen in March 2014. Bethany's contribution will come from the Hult Fund and Endowment Fund.
- Approved taking parking lot fees out of the Memorial Funds.
- Ryan Lusardi will conduct Bethany's audit.
- Pastor noted Bethany's Facebook page is getting activity.
- Stewardship Pledge Sunday is October 20, 2013.

**From Genesis to Revelation,
from 16th-century reformers to our lives today,
God is always “doing a new thing”
(Isaiah 43:19, NIV).**

Alleluia!



**YTD Income: \$127,858.14
YTD Expenses: \$124,962.78**

As of August 31



Congratulations to Marvin Toivonen who was one of the WW II veterans who made the UP Honor Flight to Washington, DC on September 18!



A special thank you to Katie Johns for singing *Amazing Grace* so beautifully during the August 25th worship service.



Campbell.

"Next time you're praying while you drive, I think you can skip bowing your head and closing your eyes."



The Memorial Committee would like to thank all those who gave memorials in the name of....



Barbara Crabb



New from Fair Trade

Sisters' Blend Coffee (14 oz cans)
Regular and Decaf

Twenty cents of each purchase of Sisters' Blend Coffee will support the LWR Quilt & Kit Shipping Fund.



Bethany's Website

www.bethanyishpeming.org

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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), Doreen Brown (Valente), Joyce Lehto (Mill Creek), Marjorie Rosten (home), Shirley Sundblad (Valente), Anna Mae Collins (Mather), Ray Sundblad (Valente)
- ShyAnn Holm-Brown
- Jim Anderson
- Emilie Brown
- Pastor Marcia Solberg
- Evelyn Nadeau
- Zander Atkins
- Doris Pellonpaa
- Kathy Routhier
- Jim Bjerne
- Nancy Swanson
- Angie Kempainen
- Jean Lawson
- Mary Bertucci



**Happy 80th Birthday
Jerry Plaisier!**



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 6

Assisting Minister - Greg Stahlmann
Acolytes - Noah Kaukola and Gavin Argall
Altar - Marian Medlyn
Coffee Hosts - Board of Stewardship
Flowers -
Bread - Kay Chartre

Thank You!

October 13

Assisting Minister - Jessica Penhale
Acolytes - Savannah Marietti and Hope Kaukola
Altar - Sue Ryan
Coffee Hosts - Social Ministry
Flowers - In memory of Carl & Katherine Lemin by Ann Sundblad
Bread - Rae Elliot

October 20

Assisting Minister - Robert Maki
Acolytes - Hannah Skewis and McKenzie Ryan
Altar - Marilyn Pontti
Coffee Hosts - Finance
Flowers -
Bread - Evelyn Nadeau

October 27 Reformation Day

Assisting Minister - Carl Pellonpaa
Acolytes - Ben Bruhnke and Jackson Cardoni
Altar - Clara Carlson
Coffee Hosts - Anniversary Dinner/ Christian Ed.
Flowers - In memory of Clayton Simons by
Colleen & Ray Sundblad
Bread - Marian Medlyn

October Ushers:

Bruce Bussone
Tomm Perry
Ed Johns
Jim Kinnunen
Craig Kitchen
Jerry Plaisier
Knut Strom



November Ushers:

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

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 41 years

Ken & Carol Carlson
10/8/1971 42 years

Duane & Marlene King
10/13/1962 51 years

Bob & Cindy Warner
10/13/1984 29 years

Robbie & Susan Dobson
10/15/1988 25 years

James & Wendy Penhale
10/15/1994 19 years

Michael & Donna DuBord
10/24/1981 32 years

