



Bethany Lutheran Outlook
October 2010
Serving God, Community, and Individuals



COMMUNITY
of FAITH

Bethany Lutheran Church 1870 - 2010



PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

For my article this month I quote part of the dedication from Bethany's 75th Anniversary booklet (1945).

"I will remember the days of old; I will meditate on all thy doings."
Psalm 143:5

We would remember the days of old with gratitude to God for His faithful servants and for the spiritual blessings which have come through Bethany Church. We would go forward into the future with faith in God. God opens the doors. It is for us to enter.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." He also said "You are the light of the world" and "So let your light shine before others that they may see your good words and glorify your Father who is in heaven" and "You are my witnesses." We cannot escape the implications of all this.

Our Diamond Jubilee does not mark our first dedication to God and His church, but it should most assuredly be a time of re-dedication.

The altar, the baptismal font, the pulpit and the pews are all symbolic of Word and Sacrament which give us spiritual birth and sustenance in Christ Jesus, and of the fellowship which we call the communion of saints. They are symbolic of all that will embody life and growth in Bethany and of all that will give her a world mission. To this end Jesus assures us, "Lo, I am with you always."

These are good words. As we celebrate our 140th anniversary as a church we are reminded that while much has changed since these words were written, the basic mission remains the same. We will move forward into the future with faith and confidence, entering the doors that God opens for us, continuing to build on the foundation that has been prepared for us! From the beginning in 1870, that has been and continues to be our mission.

Pastor Geier

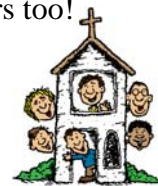
**140th Anniversary Dinner
Swedish Smörgåsbord Style**

Get your taste buds ready for a special treat after the worship service on October 3rd.

An authentic Swedish smörgåsbord style dinner will be served complete with potato sausage, ham balls, Swedish meatballs, Swedish brown beans, lingonberries, Janssen's Temptation potato casserole, smoked salmon, fruit soup, pepperkakor (ginger) cookies, rice pudding, ice cream, rye and limpa breads and much more.

This dinner is open to the public so invite your friends and neighbors too!

This is not a pot-luck, just bring your appetites.



A free will offering will be collected for the benefit of the Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp Scholarship Fund.



**BETHANY'S 140TH
ANNIVERSARY**

Faith, like light, should always be simple and unbending; while love, like warmth, should beam forth on every side and bend to every necessity of our brethren.

Martin Luther

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 2010

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| 1 | Psalm 37:1-9 | 2 Kings 19:8-20, 35-37 | Rev. 2:12-29 |
| 2 | Psalm 37:1-9 | Isaiah 7:1-9 | Matthew 20:29-34 |

3 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 Psalm 37:1-9 2 Tim 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10

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| 4 | Psalm 3 | Habakkuk 1:5-17 | James 1:2-11 |
| 5 | Psalm 3 | Habakkuk 2:5-11 | 1 John 5:1-5, 13-21 |
| 6 | Psalm 3 | Habakkuk 2:12-20 | Mark 11:12-24 |
| 7 | Psalm 111 | Lev. 14:33-53 | 2 Tim 1:13-18 |
| 8 | Psalm 111 | Numbers 4:34--5:4 | 2 Timothy 2:1-7 |
| 9 | Psalm 111 | Numbers 12:1-15 | Luke 5:12-16 |

10 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c Psalm 111 2 Tim 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19

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| 11 | Psalm 61 | 2 Kings 5:15-19a | Acts 26:24-29 |
| 12 | Psalm 61 | 2 Kings 5:19b-27 | Eph. 6:10-20 |
| 13 | Psalm 61 | 2 Kings 15:1-7 | Matthew 10:5-15 |
| 14 | Psalm 121 | Isaiah 54:11-17 | Acts 17:22-34 |
| 15 | Psalm 121 | Gen. 31:43 -- 32:2 | 2 Tim 2:14-26 |
| 16 | Psalm 121 | Gen. 32:3-21 | Mark 10:46-52 |

17 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 121 2 Tim. 3:14 -- 4:5 Luke 18:1-8

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| 18 | Psalm 57 | 1 Samuel 25:2-22 | 1 Cor. 6:1-11 |
| 19 | Psalm 57 | 1 Samuel 25:23-35 | James 5:7-12 |
| 20 | Psalm 57 | 1 Samuel 25:36-42 | Luke 22:39-46 |
| 21 | Psalm 84:1-7 | Jeremiah 9:1-16 | 2 Tim. 3:1-9 |
| 22 | Psalm 84:1-7 | Jeremiah 9:17-26 | 2 Tim 3:10-15 |
| 23 | Psalm 84:1-7 | Jeremiah 14:1-6 | Luke 1:46-55 |

24 Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 Psalm 84:1-7 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14

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| 25 | Psalm 84:8-12 | 1 Samuel 2:1-10 | 1 Peter 4:12-19 |
| 26 | Psalm 84:8-12 | Daniel 5:1-12 | 1 Peter 5:1-11 |
| 27 | Psalm 84:8-12 | Daniel 5:13-31 | Matthew 21:28-32 |
| 28 | Psalm 32:1-7 | Proverbs 15:8-11, 24-33 | 2 Cor. 1:1-11 |
| 29 | Psalm 32:1-7 | Job 22:21 -- 23:17 | 2 Peter 1:1-11 |
| 30 | Psalm 32:1-7 | Isaiah 1:1-9 | John 8:39-47 |

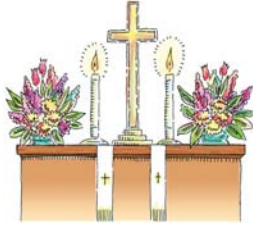
31 Reformation Day

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



**Reason must be deluded, blinded and destroyed.
Faith must trample underfoot all reason, sense and understanding,
and whatever it sees must be put out of sight and ...
[know] nothing but the Word of God.**

Martin Luther



Worship and Music



VÄLKOMMEN

In 1870, a group of Swedish Lutherans founded Bethany Lutheran Church in Ishpeming. Our roots run deep into the community - and together like our community we are growing, changing, and responding to the needs around us.

Several months ago at a Worship Committee meeting, an idea emerged to celebrate our history with a year-long observance and to that end, the committee planned a number of events and activities that will showcase our church to the surrounding communities.

Our first activity was held during the past spring. Members of the congregation were invited to come together and make tree ornaments for our Christmas celebration this year. The group successfully made enough Swedish themed ornaments to decorate the entire tree!

On Sunday, October 3, our next event will be the celebration of our anniversary at the 10:30 service followed by an authentic Swedish Smorgasbord. Swedish words and songs will help us remember those who have gathered to worship in this place for so many years!

Continue to watch the newsletter for up-coming events that celebrate our anniversary and be sure to welcome neighbors, relatives and friends to join us as Bethany continues to be a witness to Christ and his church in our community.

**I die in the faith of Jesus Christ
and in the firm hope of a better life.**

Michelangelo

The Smorgasbord Tradition

Smorgasbord is a custom as deeply rooted in Scandinavian tradition as the Viking legends. In Sweden eating is more than a routine necessity; each meal is approached as if it were a pleasant adventure.

Smorgasbord is not merely a buffet dinner; this table laden with fish, meat, and cheese delicacies is a gracious gesture of hospitality, a welcome to the meal to follow. Smorgasbord is symbolic of the Swedish zest for life, for good living; it brings you the salt of the sea, the fat of the land, the wings of the sky!

Smorgasbord had its origin in Viking feast days. Distances were long; upon the rare occasions when people could gather together—a wedding, a christening, a funeral—they invariably stayed for days or weeks. They brought with them food—and the heavily laden tables became contests, each guest trying to outdo the other. Those from the farms brought cheeses and greens; while those from the forest brought game and other woodland delicacies.

To unaccustomed palates the Smorgasbord is surprisingly rich; so it is best to sample a little of each and return to those dishes which have particularly taken your fancy. Dine entirely off the Smorgasbord if you wish. If you do, start with the pickled fish, then the cold cuts, the hot dishes, and later the cheese; and, of course, dessert and coffee.

Skal! Whether you say it as you lift your aquavit or your cocktail with the Smorgasbord; as you drink your wine at dinner; or your Swedish Punsch and coffee after dinner—Skal is a toast to the health of your dinner companions, to gracious living. It is "Thank you" on the part of the guest and "Come again" on the part of the host.



Enjoy the Poetry of Hymns

On Faith Alone

On faith alone I stand,
There is no higher ground;
I give You all I am
For my soul will never doubt.

Tho' the storms they may be raging
You have always held my hand;
To Thy cross my heart will always cling,
On faith alone I stand.

On faith alone I live,
Not in what I say or do;
But the blood You freely give,
Covers me and makes me new.

For Your love is ever with me,
Lord Jehovah, Great I Am:
O, my trust grows stronger on my knees,
On faith alone I stand.



Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
On faith alone I stand.
Sola fide, sola fide, sola fide,
On faith alone I stand

When I reach my final breath
And I fall into Your arms;
I'll proclaim with no regret,
On faith alone I stand

By Robert White Johnson, Al Denson, Karla Pierre, and Scott Pierre

The writers of **On Faith Alone (Sole Fide)** received their inspiration from the highly acclaimed movie, Luther released by MGM in 2003. The film is an amazing portrayal of the life, spiritual sacrifice and struggles of Martin Luther.

In 1521, Luther had been summoned before the civil and religious authorities of his day to answer charges of heresy for teaching that we are saved by faith alone. Surrounded by his accusers and under intense pressure to recant, this is how he answered:

“Your Imperial and Your Lordships demand a simple answer. Here it is, plain and unvarnished. Unless I am convicted of error by the testimony of Scripture or by manifest reasoning, I stand convicted by the Scriptures to which I have appealed, and my conscience is taken captive. I cannot and will not recant anything. For to act against our conscience is neither safe for us, nor open to us. Here I stand. I can do no other. God help me. Amen.”

In researching Luther’s past, it was clearly stated that he used the Latin phrase, sole fide (by faith alone), as a rallying cry to the faithful.

Though our political situation is much different than Luther’s, Christians today are under similar pressure. We are surrounded by both human wisdom and by trying circumstances, which threaten our faith by intimidation. **On Faith Alone (Sole Fide)** is a call for us to take our stand along side Martin Luther.



FAITH

Pillars of the Faith

Because Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses, or thoughts, to a church door in Wittenberg, Germany, on October 31, 1517, many Christians remember that day and the major changes, or Reformation, that resulted.

Luther's theses contained three main pillars, which have stood for almost 500 years:

1. **Sola Scriptura (Scripture Alone)** - The Bible is the sole authority in matters of faith, life and conduct. 'All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness' (2 Timothy 3:16, NRSV).

2. **Sola Fide (Faith Alone)** - Christians are justified, or declared righteous, only through believing in Jesus Christ as Savior. Although morality and good works are important, they alone cannot lead to salvation. 'A person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ' (Galatians 2:16, NRSV).

Sola Gratia
Grace Alone

Sola Fide
Faith Alone

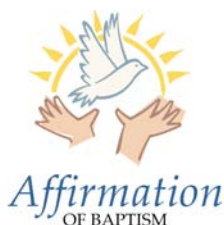
Sola Scriptura
Scripture Alone

3. **Sola Gratia (Grace Alone)** - Grace is God's unmerited, or undeserved, favor. Salvation is a free gift from our gracious God. 'For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God - not the result of works, so that no one may boast' (Ephesians 2:8-9, NRSV).

**'Faith is a living and unshakeable confidence,
a belief in the grace of God so assured
that a man would die a thousand deaths for its sake.'**

Martin Luther

Confirmation - October 31



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

Natalee Dobson,
Kara Harrington,
Megan Hough,
Christina Mariani,
Katelyn Ombrello



Join them on October 31 in the celebration of their affirmation of baptism.

Let Me Live By Faith

Dear God, let me live by faith:
Not faith in myself, but in You;
Not faith in my own abilities,
But faith in Your Power and Wisdom.



Help me to faithfully
Walk past any playing field flooded with the glare of my own self-centeredness,
And walk toward the unknown pathways which You have charted for me -
Some less visible than candle glow.

In the midst of the unknown I shall find Your gifts to me;
In the midst of darkness, I shall find the Light of Your Love.
And in the midst of Faith's victory, I shall find Your abiding Grace.
Dear God, let me live by faith!
___ Peggy Ferrell

With St. Paul, let us affirm:

**“The life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who
loved me and gave himself for me”**

Galatians 2:20, NRSV

Bethany—the Beginning

The world was quite a place in 1870. Ulysses S. Grant was President of the United States. The 15th Amendment to the United States Constitution was passed guaranteeing African-Americans the right to vote. Women gained the right to vote in Utah Territory. John D. Rockefeller incorporated Standard Oil. Virginia, Mississippi, Texas, and Georgia were readmitted to the Union. The Chicago Base Ball Club, which ultimately became the Chicago Cubs, played their first game. Napoleon III of France was deposed. Russian revolutionary Vladimir Lenin and Italian educator Maria Montessori were born. And it was the year when British novelist Charles Dickens and Confederate Civil War general Robert E. Lee died. It was also the year that opera singer Jenny Lind, known as the Swedish Nightingale, gave her last performance in Dusseldorf.

1870 was also the year that fifty men signed their names and, along with women and children, became the first members of Bethany, the new Swedish Evangelical Bethany Lutheran congregation. The new church was formed as an explicit attempt to bring civilization to the rough woods and its tough inhabitants. The church became the heart of the Swedish community and offered the Swedish immigrants religious and social support. Two years prior, the first large group of Swedes arrived in Ishpeming. By 1870, 800 of the 1013 Swedish born residents of Marquette County lived in Ishpeming. Ishpeming was, in fact, referred to as the “mother colony for Swedish settlements and groups in other parts of the country.”

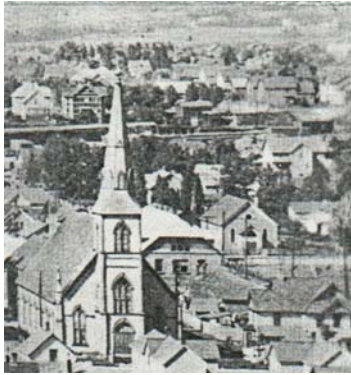
Often, those attracted to the Ishpeming area had experience in mining. For example, more than 600 persons from the copper mining regions of Atvidaberg, Sweden, moved to the Ishpeming area, mostly in the 1870s.



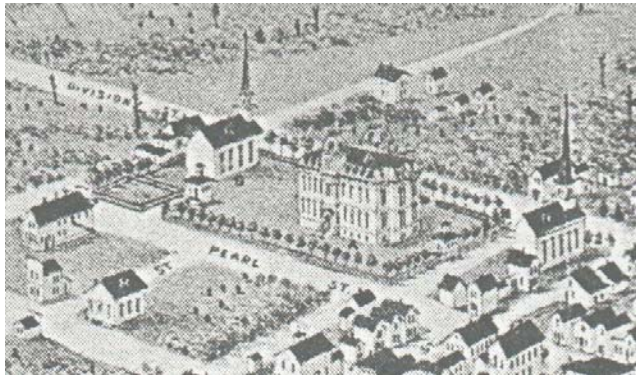
Bethany’s first pastor was Pastor N. Th. Winquist. He began his ministry with a salary of \$1000 and a \$75 stipend for wood. No other church in the Synod paid as well! In the spring of 1873, Reverend Aron Lindahl served for seven weeks and wrote a letter to the Augustana Newspaper stating that the Bethany congregation is strong because of its feeling of unity and love of the Lord! Bethany sometimes faced difficulties, but, given the large Swedish population of the town, the church grew over time and was at one point considered to be “the strongest church of the Augustana [Lutheran] Synod.” The congregation struggled with pastor problems throughout the century, but the church itself grew consistently, dividing from the Norwegian members to form into two churches in 1881 and building a school and a new church. By 1920, however, a church anniversary volume lamented the loss of young members to urban migration and older persons to death and illness.

“Listen! God still offers to you His grace! Behold, the doors of the temple themselves are opening.”

(translation of inscription on Bethany’s bell)



Raising the bell 1912



Aerial view Ishpeming High School and Bethany Lutheran

**Faith is to believe what we do not see;
and the reward of this faith is to see what we believe.**

St. Augustine

New Books For October

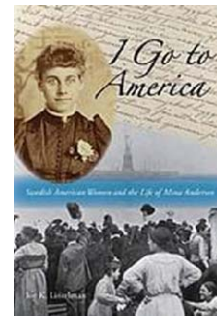
By Keenan Funnell



In keeping with the beginning of Bethany's 140th Anniversary Year, I thought I'd get a few Swedish-related books...quite a range, really, so I hope you'll find something you enjoy! Of course the month begins with St. Francis and the Animals and ends with Reformation, so there will be other book collections featured on the kiosk. By the way, books are more expensive every year, so if you'd like to make a contribution to the library just drop it in the slot on the Library Desk...every little bit helps. As a frame of reference, the five books purchased for this month totaled just over \$100. As always, thanks for your support!

Lintelman, Joy K. **I go to America: Swedish American women and the life of Mina Anderson.**

Near the end of her life, Mina Anderson penned a lively memoir ... "*I Go To America*" traces Mina's trip across the Atlantic to Wisconsin and then the Twin Cities, where she worked as a domestic servant, and her move to rural Mille Lacs County, where she and her husband worked a farm, raised seven children, and contributed to rural Swedish community life.



Author Joy Lintelman greatly expands upon Mina's memoir, detailing the social, cultural, and economic realities experienced by countless Swedish women of her station. Lintelman offers readers both an intimate portrait of Mina Anderson and a window into the lives of the nearly 250,000 young, single Swedish women who immigrated to America from 1881 to 1920 and whose courage, hard work, and pragmatism embody the American dream.



Ljungmark, Lars. **Swedish exodus**

The story of Swedish immigrants in the United States is the story in miniature of the greatest mass migration in human history, that of thirty-five million Europeans who left their homes to come to America. It is a human story of interest not only to Swedes and Swedish Americans but to everyone.

October Worship Assistants

October 3

Assisting Minister - Carl Pellonpaa
Acolytes - Megan Hough & Katelyn Ombrello
Altar - Jean Johns
Coffee Hosts - Anniversary Dinner
Flowers - In memory of Aaron Sundblad by
Colleen & Ray Sundblad
Nursery - Mindy Harrington
Bread - Bob Bucan

October 10

Assisting Minister - Marie Chillman
Acolytes - Natalee Dobson & Jessica
Penhale
Altar - Ruth Solberg
Coffee Hosts - Social Ministry
Flowers - In memory of Edmund & Laura
and family
Nursery - Kate Clark
Bread - Kaye Fredrickson

October 17

Assisting Minister - John & Marilyn Pontti
Acolytes - Kara Harrington & Sabrina Holm-Brown
Altar - Jean Johns
Coffee Hosts - Joy Circle
Flowers - In memory of Carl & Katherine Lemin
by Colleen & Ray Sundblad
Nursery - Max Alexander
Bread - Ann Gonyea

October 24

Assisting Minister - Mindy Harrington
Acolytes - Joshua Argall & Jarin Kipling
Altar - Harriet Maki
Coffee Hosts - Worship & Music
Flowers -
Nursery - Tory Mattson
Bread - Kay Chartre

Thank You!

October 31

Assisting Minister - Sandee Sundquist
Acolytes - Courtney Allen & Nora
Seppanen
Altar - Carol Waters
Coffee Hosts -
Flowers - In memory of Clayton
Simons by Colleen & Ray Sundblad
Nursery - Kate Clark
Bread - Rae Elliot

Holmgren by Ed & Sue Holmgren

October Ushers:

Jaak Liivoja
Mike Richards
Tom Ryan
Ted Swanson
Jim Penhale
John Waters
Paul Waters



November Ushers:


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



October 2010



BETHANY'S 140TH
ANNIVERSARY

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 3 9:00 Sunday School 9:30 Choir 10:30 Worship/Anniversary Dinner 2:00 Crop Walk | 4 11:00 Bible Study 6:30 Worship 7:00 Prayer Shawls | 5 9:00 Quilters 3:00-8:30 Lay School 7:00 Property | 6 10:00 Men's Group 5:15 Bells 6:30 Choir | 7 6:30 Bible Study | 8 | 9 FLLC Fall Fiesta  |
| 10 9:00 Sunday School 9:30 Choir 10:30 Worship | 11 11:00 Bible Study 6:30 Worship 7:00 Worship & Music 7:30 Christian Ed | 12 9:00 Quilters 3:00-8:30 Lay School | 13 5:15 Bells 6:30 Choir | 14 6:30 Bible Study | 15 | 16 |
| 17 9:00 Sunday School 9:00 Finance 9:30 Choir 10:30 Worship | 18 11:00 Bible Study 6:30 Worship | 19 9:00 Quilters 3:00-8:30 Lay School | 20 10:00 Men's Group 5:15 Bells 6:30 Choir | 21 6:30 Bible Study | 22 | 23 |
| 24 9:00 Sunday School 9:30 Choir 10:30 Worship STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY | 25 11:00 Bible Study 6:30 Worship 7:00 Joy Circle | 26 9:00 Quilters 3:00-8:30 Lay School | 27 1:30 Mary Circle 5:15 Bells 6:30 Choir 7:00 Martha Circle | 28 6:30 Bible Study | 29 | 30 |
| 31 9:00 Sunday School 9:30 Choir 10:30 Worship/ Confirmation REFORMATION DAY | | | | | | Deadline for November Outlook is October 21. |

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!

Donald & Kay Frederickson
10/7/1961 49 years

Marvin & Jan Swanson
10/7/1972 38 years

Ken & Carol Carlson
10/8/1971 39 years

Duane & Marlene King
10/13/1962 48 years

Bob & Cindy Warner
10/13/1984 26 years

Robbie & Susan Dobson
10/15/1988 22 years

James & Wendy Penhale
10/15/1994 16 years

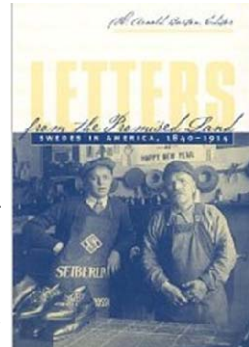
Michael & Donna DuBord
10/24/1981 29 years

Marvin & Pauline Toivonen
10/29/1949 61 years

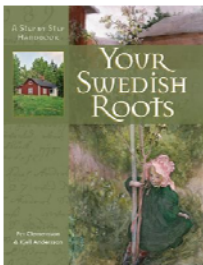


Barton, Arnold. **Letters from the promised land: Swedes in America, 1840-1914.**

“...In 1800 the United States had a population of only 5.3 million...During the next century and a half more than 35 million immigrants came to these shores. Of these, some 1.2 million were Swedes, the overwhelming majority of whom arrived between 1840 and 1914, the period covered by this book. In absolute numbers, Sweden ranks seventh among the countries of origin for immigrants to the U.S. and first among the Scandinavian lands....The American census of 1930 showed the record number of 1,562,703 persons born in Sweden or in the U.S. of Swedish-born parents, out of a total population of 122,775,046. If the Swedish element forms only a small part of the total



American population, it has nevertheless played a proud and distinctive part in the history of the nation. Emigration has meanwhile had a profound impact upon Sweden: by 1910, it was estimated, one out of every five Swedes was in America. It is a rare family in Sweden that does not have relatives across the Atlantic....”(from the introduction)

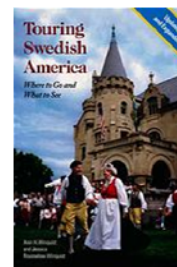


Clemensson, Per. **Your Swedish roots: A step by step handbook.**

Get a start on your Swedish family history with Your Swedish Roots, a step-by-step handbook to help guide you in researching your Swedish ancestors. First, learn general information about Sweden, Swedish naming practices, and the Swedish language. These basics will help you research names of ancestors and search through Swedish records ...

Winqvist, Alan H. **Touring Swedish America: Where to go and what to see.**

Published in conjunction with the Swedish Council of America, *Touring Swedish America* is the comprehensive guide to historic towns, homes, and churches erected during the mass Swedish migration beginning in 1840s. With over 1.3 million Swedish Americans in residence, it is no surprise that the United States has a wealth of landmarks that pay homage to the Swedish people and culture. *Touring Swedish America* details the locations, histories, and stories behind more than 1,000 such places, including the charming Holy Trinity Church, built in stone and brick in Wilmington, Delaware; the rustic S. M. Swenson log cabin in Austin, Texas; the water tower in the form of a rosemaled coffee cup in Stanton, Iowa; and actress Ann-Margaret’s handprints outside the Mann Chinese Theater in West Hollywood, California.





**Pledge Commitment Sunday
October 24, 2009**

As the end of the year approaches, so does the budget process of the Church. Council is beginning to work on the budget for 2011. 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 24th 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 |

CONGRATULATIONS!



Welcome Finley!

Dan and Ali Kaukola of Bakersfield, California, welcomed their son Finley Ryder into this world on September 14th. Finley weighed 7 pounds 2 ounces and was 21.5 inches long. Bob and Ruby Kaukola are Finley's proud grandparents.



Bethany Members Honored

Bruce Bussone was recognized as Bell Memorial's Volunteer of the Month, In addition Joanna Smail was recognized as one of Bell's Shining Stars. Joanna works in Bell Medical Billing.



Alex Goldsworthy was part of this year's Ishpeming High School Homecoming Court.

Carol Papaleo Takes Part in Grand Rapids' ArtPrize

As part of ArtPrize, Carol Papaleo has entered her work "I'm Different." Using acrylics and found objects, this artwork is an expression of her love for her "Special" grandchildren. Through her work, she helps to make people aware that children with special needs have the same feelings as others.



**The Crop Walk Is Coming!
And We're Going to be a Part of It!**

Sunday, October 3 at 2:00 pm



Walkers will meet at Trinity 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 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. Families, individuals, Sunday School classes, Adult and youth groups— Everyone can PLEDGE or WALK and MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD!

**Fortune Lake 80th Birthday Fall Fiesta
Saturday, October 9, 2010**

Quilt Viewing - 9:00 am CST; Auction - Noon CST



- Quilt & Fine Arts Auction
- Chili Cook Off
- Country Market
- Pontoon Excursions
- Birthday Games for Kids
- Opening the 25th season of White Water Concert/Folk Dance (Tickets \$7.00)



**Join us for Fortune Lake's special 80th Anniversary event
to benefit the camp!!!**





Social Ministry Update October 2010

The Central Upper Peninsula Food Bank will continue to be the designated recipient of our noisy offerings for the month of October. Please remember to contribute to the food cart in the Narthex. Items for donation are non-perishable foods, canned foods, boxed foods, cereals and paper products. Two for the price of one coupons and special in-store sales are always good spots to find deals. The Salvation Army will not accept dented cans and out of date items.



Noisy offerings helped us to contribute \$250 to Answer the Call and over \$330 for Room at the Inn. We have received a thank letter from Helen McCormick for our donation. She asks that we remember the homeless and the volunteers in our prayers.

We received letters of appreciation from Lutheran Campus Ministry, Marquette General Hospital Blood Mobile, the Northern Great Lakes Synod World Hunger Appeal, and the ELCA International Disaster Relief Program.

Social ministry supported Fortune Lake with \$100, The Central Upper Peninsula Food Bank, \$100, Lutheran Campus Ministry \$100 and the Al Beauchamp Fundraiser with \$100. The social ministry funds come from the coffee hours and those individuals who contribute specifically through envelope offerings. Social Ministry is grateful for the congregation's generosity.

School kits, sewing kits and health kits are in the final process of packing to ship to Lutheran World Relief. Sue Holmgren reports that we have more than enough items for layettes but are in **great need of cloth diapers**. Target, Walmart and occasionally Pamida stock the diapers (not the pre-folded but flat fold preferred).



**The October Noisy Offering
will go to the Central Upper Peninsula Food Bank.
Thanks to everyone for your generosity!**



What's Up with WELCA?

REMINDERS: We continue to collect Box Tops For Education and Labels For Education. Keep an eye out for these items on the products you buy. Cut them out and put them in the can in the hallway at church. They will be given to local schools to buy things for the students that tight budgets don't allow for. It is an easy way for all of us to help out!



Shoeboxes for kids

Also, for those of you who would like to fill a shoe box for Operation Christmas Child, it is a good time to start collecting items for your box. You can look at the website Samaritanspurse.org/occ for more information. This is a fun project to do with your child, grandchild, niece, or nephew who can help you pick out items for the box.



“Dark as my path may seem to others, I carry a magic light in my heart. Faith, the spiritual strong searchlight, illumines the way, and although sinister doubts lurk in the shadow, I walk unafraid toward the enchanted wood where the foliage is always green, where joy abides ... in the presence of the Lord.”

Helen Keller

Kids!



Psalm 13

Sometimes, when I'm very sad,
I worry that you will
Forget about me, god.
But then I remember that
You love me always.
So I will sing and be happy!

PSALMS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN
by Marie-Hélène Delval



This selection of Psalms, paraphrased for young readers, uses language and imagery appropriate for children while remaining faithful to the spirit of the biblical texts.

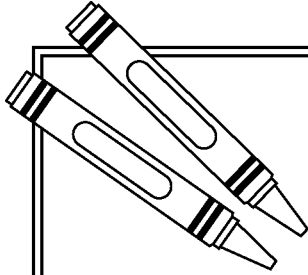


Dear God:

My Sunday School teacher says you always love me. Is that true? Even after what I did to Sara yesterday - or do you know about that? I really am sorry so I wish you would still love me.

Aaron





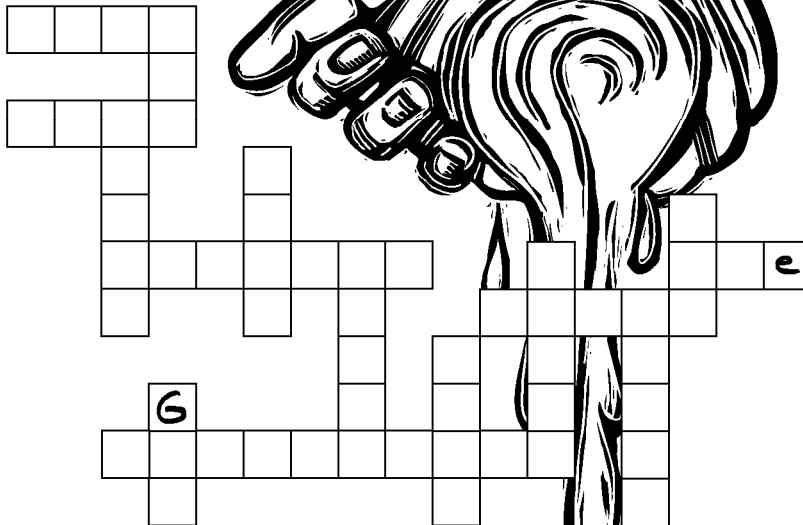
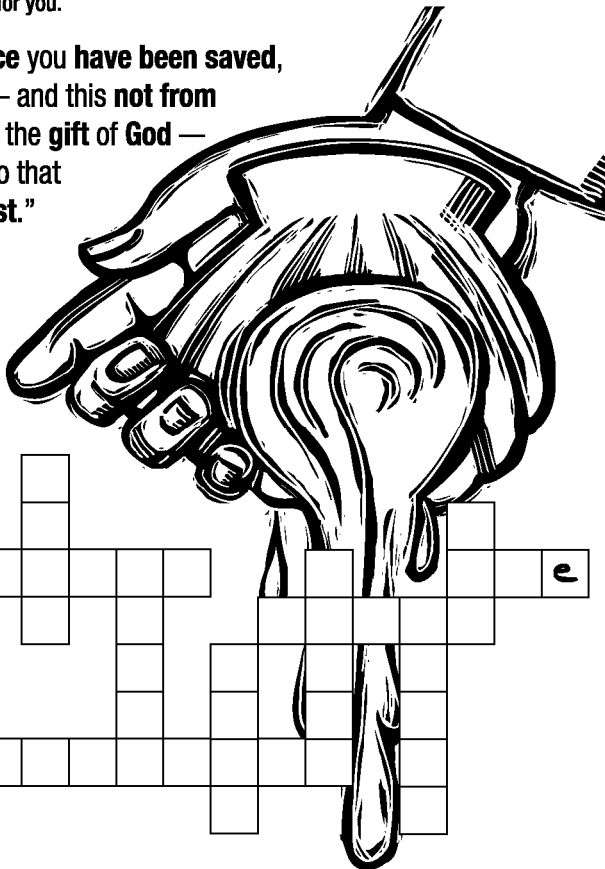
Just for **KIDS**

THE GIFT

God has given us a gift that we can't work for or buy.
Discover what this gift is by reading Ephesians 2:8-9, NIV.

Fit the words in bold into the word puzzle below. We've provided two letters for you.

"For it is by **grace** you have been saved,
through faith — and this **not from yourselves**, it is the gift of God —
not by works, so that
no one can boast."





Council Highlights

- Pastoral acts: August 21—wedding of Haley Sodergren and Bobby Reichel; August 31—funeral for Barbara Waters
- Congregation approved necessary funds for chimney removal and furnace replacement.
- The TV6 Evangelism Outreach project is on schedule and will air in mid-October.
- Discussed the importance of having greeters each Sunday
- First Communion for grades 4,5, & 6 will be on October 3.
- Lay School is underway and attendance has increased.
- Stewardship Sunday will be October 24.



Special Meeting

At a Special Congregational Meeting on September 12, the Board of Property and the Council recommended the replacement of a boiler and removal of the chimney. Bids were evaluated and Trudell Plumbing and Heating presented the low bid. Repair/replacement options were discussed.

Carl Pellonpaa made a motion that the boiler be replaced and the chimney removed at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00. Don Doney seconded the motion. J. Bjorne called for the vote and it was passed unanimously.

Bethany's Finance Record

YTD Monthly Income \$115,256.22

YTD Monthly Expenses \$120,851.93



Thank You Lord...

Lord, thank you for this sink of dirty dishes;
We have plenty of food to eat.

Thank you for this pile of dirty stinky laundry;
We have plenty of nice clothes to wear.

And I would like to thank you, Lord, for those unmade beds;
They were so warm and comfortable last night.
I know that many have no bed.



The Grace of God

A man was met at the gates of heaven by St. Peter, who said, "It will take 1,000 points for you to be admitted. The way you lived your life will determine your points."



The man said, "Unless I was sick, I attended worship every Sunday and sang in the choir."

"That's 50 points," said St. Peter. "What else?"

"I gave liberally to the church," the man said.

"Twenty-five points," replied St. Peter. "Anything else?"

Realizing he had only 75 points, the man began to get desperate. "I taught Sunday school for several years."

"That's great work for God, but it's worth only 25 points," noted St. Peter.

The man became frantic. "You know," he said, "at this rate the only way I'll get into heaven is by the grace of God!"

Peter smiled as he said, "That's worth 900 points! Come on in!"



would like to publish them in September highlighting summertime activities of Bethany members.

Snowbird Alert

Every year some Bethany members head south or west for the winter. In order for you to continue to receive your Outlook when you are gone, please notify us of your new address and the duration of the time you will be using this address. Without the updated information, the Outlook will not reach you because 2nd class mail is not forwarded and, even if you do not receive it, Bethany will be charged for each one that is returned. Another option is to view the Outlook online which would eliminate the cost of mailing.



Thank You

Thank you so very much for all the cards, calls, thoughts and prayers.
—Lois Goethe



Bethany's Website

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



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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 (home), Doreen Brown (Valente), Joyce Lehto (Mill Creek), Marjorie Rosten (home)
- Allen Beauchamp
- James Chapman
- Erica Teichman, a member of the National Guard, who is deployed to Afghanistan
- Alice Eman
- Jim Chartre
- Pauline Toivonen
- Marvin Toivonen
- Allen Maki
- Carol Holmgren
- Steven Leverton
- Carol and Juan Papaleo and family
- Don Doney
- Paul Blomgren
- Nancy Swanson
- Pam Rushford
- Those in the military that they may remain safe



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

Barb Waters



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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