



Bethany Lutheran Outlook
October 2014

Serving God, Community, and Individuals

"Whoever drinks the water I give him
will never thirst."



John 4:14



PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

As many of you know, my mother has been living with us since the end of August. It's a big adjustment for all of us (especially for her) but we're all working at it and so far it is about as good as it can be. She is especially appreciative of the warm welcome she has received from the church community and I'm appreciative of that as well.

One of the things that I've found interesting since my mother has been with us is that, as she goes upstairs to bed pretty early, one of the things she most enjoys is looking out the west facing window of her room and watching the sun set. The sun sets back in



Massachusetts too, but her view there wasn't as good as what she gets here plus the fact that I think sunsets in the UP are particularly beautiful because of how far north we are and how the color lingers in the sky and around the clouds for quite a long time.

Thinking about that I ran across a story in a book I have called *A Pilgrim's Almanac*, by Edward Hays. An alien arrived from outer space and was being shown around by a welcoming delegation. He wanted to see as much of earth as he could that first day and he marveled at the beauty of mountains and rivers and lakes along with rolling prairies and lush green vegetation. As evening approached he became absorbed in watching a magnificent sunset. But then he started to cry and his hosts couldn't figure out why until the alien said to his earth hosts, "Look, your beautiful sun is dying. How can you not be sad?"

His hosts were a little amused but reassured him that the sun wasn't dying. "This happens every day," they said. "We don't mourn because we know that the sun will appear again in the morning."

The alien shook his head. "How can that be?" he said. "Look, it has almost disappeared and all the light is fading! What faith you have to believe that it will ever appear again."

Edward Hays goes on to reflect that autumn is a good time to think about how our lives are filled with sunsets. We're in the time of year when creation moves from the beauty of fall color toward the cold and death of winter; the end of October will likely look and feel quite different from the beginning. The change of seasons represents a kind of sunset but we also experience personal sunsets in different ways as we move through the various stages of life. It happens when loved ones die or move away or, for example, when we have to move away from home and friends and all that is familiar to live with family in the Upper Peninsula.

There certainly is sadness that comes with our personal sunsets; it would be strange if there wasn't. Through the sadness though, we can also see these personal sunsets with eyes that are filled with faith. The central truth of our Christian faith is the reality and mystery of new life out of Jesus' death on the cross. It seemed like the end, the final sunset, but on Easter morning the sun came up again, and there was new life. That's the promise we hang on to. God is not finished... new life is possible.



With that in mind I would say to my mother, enjoy the sunsets; we're glad you're here.

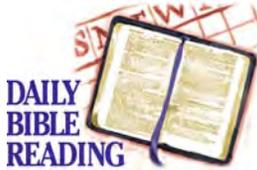
Pastor Geier



**"When I admire the wonder of a sunset, or the beauty of the moon,
my soul expands in worship of the Creator."**

– Mahatma Gandhi

DAILY LECTIONARY



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

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

October 2014

1 Psalm 28	Judges 16:23-31	Matthew 9:2-8
2 Psalm 80:7-15	Jeremiah 2:14-22	Colossians 2:16-23
3 Psalm 80:7-15	Jeremiah 2:23-37	Phil. 2:14-18; 3:1-4a
4. Psalm 80:7-15	Jeremiah 6:1-10	John 7:40-52

5 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:7-15 Philippians 3:4b-14 Matthew 21:33-46

6 Psalm 144	Ezekiel 19:10-14	1 Peter 2:4-10
7 Psalm 144	Isaiah 27:1-6	2 Cor. 5:17-21
8 Psalm 144	Song of Solomon 8:5-14	John 11:45-57
9 Psalm 23	Isaiah 22:1-8a	1 Peter 5:1-5, 12-14
10 Psalm 23	Isaiah 22:8b-14	James 4:4-10
11 Psalm 23	Isaiah 24:17-23	Mark 2:18-22

12 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 25:1-9 Psalm 23 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14

13 Psalm 34	Exodus 19:7-20	Jude 17-25
14 Psalm 34	Amos 9:5-15	Phil. 3:13 — 4:1
15 Psalm 34	Song of Solomon 7:10 — 8:4	John 6:25-35
16 Psalm 96:1-13	Judges 17:1-6	3 John 9-12
17 Psalm 96:1-13	Deut. 17:14-20	1 Peter 5:1-5
18 Psalm 96:1-13	Isaiah 14:3-11	Matthew 14:1-12

19 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 45:1-7 Psalm 96:1-13 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Matthew 22:15-22

20 Psalm 98	Daniel 3:1-18	Rev. 18:1-10, 19-20
21 Psalm 98	Daniel 3:19-30	Rev. 18:21-24
22 Psalm 98	Daniel 6:1-28	Matthew 17:22-27
23 Psalm 1	Numbers 5:5-10	Titus 1:5-16
24 Psalm 1	Deut. 9:25 — 10:5	Titus 2:7-8, 11-15
25 Psalm 1	Proverbs 24:23-34	John 5:39-47

26 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost - Reformation Sunday

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

27 Psalm 119:41-48	Deut. 6:1-9, 20-25	James 2:8-13
28 Psalm 119:41-48	Deut. 10:10-22	James 2:14-26
29 Psalm 119:41-48	Proverbs 16:1-20	Matthew 19:16-22
30 Psalm 43	1 Samuel 2:27-36	Romans 2:17-29
31 Psalm 43	Ezekiel 13:1-16	2 Peter 2:1-3

Remembering the Saints



For the past few years we have celebrated All Saints Day with the anthem “We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses” and specifically remembered those saints of Bethany who have died in the past year. This year on November 2 - All Saints Sunday - we would like to again extend those memorials to **all** the departed saints of Bethany...those members of your families who have joined that great cloud of witnesses. We invite you to bring a photo of someone you would like to remember and display 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!

Please bring your pictures to the office before November 2.





Board of Stewardship

The time of year is approaching when, as a faith community, we focus for a time on stewardship and giving. Paul reminds us to be "cheerful givers," saying the Lord loves those who give without reluctance or hesitation. This isn't really a once-a-year call to step up, however.

The original Greek word is hilaros meaning, not only cheerful and joyous, but even more, referring to one who is "cheerfully ready to act because they are already persuaded."

"Persuaded of what?" we might ask. The Bible answers that question in many places and with varied wordings. In a nutshell, we are reminded where everything we possess came from, what we owe, what it's used for, and finally, God's promise to us.

"Every good gift" comes from God, who "did not spare" His own Son but gave Him to save us, and who reminds us to not hesitate to help others, even as He keeps His promise "give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap."

As we examine our giving and prepare our commitment for the coming year, may God give us wisdom to make decisions pleasing to Him.

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
November 2**

Bethany Celebrates 144th Anniversary on Reformation Sunday



**ANNIVERSARY DINNER
OCTOBER 26
AFTER 10:30 WORSHIP SERVICE/FIRST COMMUNION**

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 26. If you are able to help, please call Tonya Perry at 486-4861

**FIRST.
Communion**



**Ten Young People Will Have First Communion
on Reformation Sunday**

First communicants are Faith Cain, Ashley Chartre, Luke Holmgren, Jarin Johnson, Griffin Argall, Abbi Bruhnke, Abby Koski, Kyra Holmgren, Morgan Rhoades and Matthew Skewis.

Communion Sunday

The Holy Supper is kept indeed
In what we share with another's need;
Not what we give, but what we share:
For the gift without the giver is bare.
Who gives himself with his alms feeds three:
Himself, his hungering neighbor, and Me.



-James Russell Lowell

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).
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).

'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.



Enjoy the Poetry of Hymns

The Board of Worship and Music has decided to include the following hymn at the conclusion of the Rite of Holy Baptism.

Good Shepherd, Take This Little Child

Good Shepherd, take this little child
Into your loving hands;
And in the days that lie ahead
Protect this little lamb.

Good Shepherd, we commit ourselves
In everything we do
To be Your family here on earth
And love this child for You.

Good Shepherd, now we place this child
Into Your gentle trust;
This precious gift we give to You
Is one you've given us.

By Claire Cloninger



Claire Cloninger is an award-winning lyricist, a popular author of 16 books, and a sought-after speaker. A six-time Dove Award winner and Grammy nominee, her songs have been recorded by such artists as Amy Grant and Sandi Patty. She is the author of a number books, including *Postcards from Heaven*, *Kaleidoscope*, and *When the Glass Slipper Doesn't Fit*.



Lily Holm-Brown is Baptized

On September 14 Lily Holm-Brown, daughter of Sabrina Holm-Brown, became a child of God through Holy Baptism. Lily's sponsors were Tom and Emilie Brown, Taylor Bordeaux and Morgan Burnside. God's blessing to Lily and her family.



Lily Marie



Festival of Congregational Renewal October 10-11, 2014 Messiah Lutheran Church, Marquette

Only \$10 a person or \$50 per congregation
Register by October 3 at nglsynod.org or
send check and registration to NGLS
1029 N. Third Street, Suite A, Marquette MI 49855

Event Schedule

Friday, Oct. 10

6:30 pm	Registration
7:00 pm	Opening Worship
8:00 pm	Welcome
8:30 pm	Reception

Saturday, Oct. 11

8:30 am	Coffee & Registration
9:00 am	Workshops
Noon	Lunch
1:00 pm	Workshops
3:00 pm	closing Prayer

A wide variety of workshops is being offered.





Social Ministry October 2014

Some FOOD FOR THOUGHT on a local level...

The Central Upper Peninsula Food bank:

- Came into being around 2004.
- Provides food for 600 families twice monthly.
- Distributes 20,000 pounds of food each month.
- Allows clients to choose food they want.
- Receives fresh fruits and vegetables that are grown by Marquette Branch Prison trustees. Money to purchase seeds is donated by trustees.
- Receives produce donated by Target and the Marquette Food Co-op.
- Receives produce and eggs donated by Wal-Mart.
- Is always in need of paper products such as toilet paper.
- Can purchase one pound of food for sixteen cents, 10# for \$1.60, etc.



Some FOOD FOR THOUGHT on an international level from ELCA as they relate FACTs and talk about GOD'S MATH...

FACT: One out of every six of our neighbors around the world lacks access to a reliable source of clean water. Four million children will die this year from waterborne infectious diseases.

GOD'S MATH: Give a gift to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal for each time you use running water today.

FACT: The average life expectancy at birth for a female in the United States is 80 years: in Zimbabwe it is 37 years.

GOD'S MATH: Give a gift to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal for every year of your life.

FACT: The average food stamp benefit is \$1 per meal per person.

GOD'S MATH: Give a gift to the ELCA Hunger Appeal that represents the cost of your meals on a typical day,



That's a lot of **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**—You do the math.

Jesus said, "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."
John 13: 34-35

September-October noisy offering will go to Pastor's discretionary fund.



The October Noisy Offering will be given to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

Thanks to everyone for your generosity!

All He Wants....

When Jesus wanted to feed the crowds of 5,000 and then 4,000 people, his disciples instantly offered excuses. It would be too expensive. We won't be able to get enough food. This is a remote place. Plus, it's too late.

But Jesus didn't address any of those excuses. All he asked, in both instances, was "How many loaves do you have?" Then he miraculously satisfied everyone's hunger, with leftovers to boot.

Jesus doesn't want our excuses, either. All he wants is us — and what we already have. Watch in amazement as God blesses that and uses it mightily.





**Marquette County CROP Hunger Walk 2014
Ending Hunger One Step at a Time
Sunday, October 6 at 1:00 pm**

**Location: Bethel Lutheran Church in Ishpeming
Registration 1:00 PM
Blessing and Sending of Walkers 1:30p.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.**



Incentive Challenge: A gift of \$500 will be given to the walk if we reach our goal of \$15,000. Thanks to our generous donor.

**"When people were hungry, Jesus didn't say,
"Now is that political, or social?"
He said, "I feed you."
Because the good news to a hungry person is bread."**

- Desmond Tutu

Homework Club Ministry



Bethany's Homework Club

The Bethany Lutheran Homework Club is scheduled to start on Thursday, October 9th and will, again, serve K-4 students from Birchview Elementary School. The mission of Homework Club is to support student achievement through mentor relationships, focusing on math and literacy skills. The work we do for K-4 students is both rewarding and challenging and provides an opportunity to show the love of Christ to those who live in our community. We open the church doors to students who may or may not have church homes, and while we do not spend any time teaching about our faith, we share our faith through the service we provide.

For the last three years, nearly 25+ students showed up on the first day of Homework Club! Over the course of the year, we lost about half of them to sports and other programs. The students who stayed with us, however, told us they wished we could meet more often!

Homework Club relies on the work of volunteers and many hands can make the work light. In order for our ministry to continue, volunteers are needed. Please consider volunteering for one or more of the jobs below:

Schedule Organizer – This person would make sure there are people scheduled to work each Thursday and call subs if necessary!

Activity Group Leader- The activity group leader spends about 40 minutes with students, playing educational games, conducting a science inquiry, practicing spelling or math facts or engaging in conversation that encourages students to believe in themselves. We need a leader for each grade level.

Snack server - This job is simple! Put snacks out for students, inventory supplies on hand and let the coordinator know what's what. Assist students with cleanup.

Substitutes – Are you willing to help on a part time basis? Let me know which jobs you are interested in and sign up to be a sub!

If you are not able to volunteer for Homework Club, please keep the ministry in your prayers. I'm excited about year #3! For more information call Tonya Perry at 486-4861 or email me: tonyalperry@gmail.com



Books for October 2014

By Keenan Tunnell

Another month...another list...and lots of variety: from another “back to school” book (it arrived too late for September!), to the completion of the “Giver Quartet” (if you liked Book 1, you’ll have to read all four to resolve the confusion!), and some “heavy” theology bringing up the end with two of the books being considered for Thursday night Bible study (we’re currently pursuing “Surprised by Hope” via N.T. Wright’s own DVD and accompanying Study Guide...join us...we’ve just started!) enough excessive use of !!!! for one month. Hope you find something enjoyable/inspirational. Well...I guess that’s it *Keenan*.



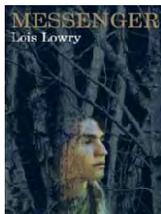
Jackson, Ellen. **It’s back to school we go; first day stories from around the world.** **JUV 371 JAC**

Easy-to-read text describes what the first day of school might be like for a child in Kenya, Kazakhstan, Canada, Australia, Japan, China, Peru, Germany, India, Russia, and the United States.



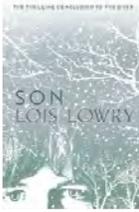
Lowry, Lois. **Gathering blue (Giver quartet Bk.2)** **FIG LOW.2**

Lame and suddenly orphaned, Kira is mysteriously removed from her squalid village to live in the palatial Council Edifice, where she is expected to use her gifts as a weaver to do the bidding of the all-powerful Guardians.



Lowry, Lois. **The Messenger (Giver quartet Bk.3)** **FIG LOW.3**

In this novel that unites characters from "The Giver" and "Gathering Blue," Matty, a young member of a utopian community that values honesty, conceals an emerging healing power that he cannot explain or understand.



Lowry, Lois. **Son (Giver quartet Bk.4)**

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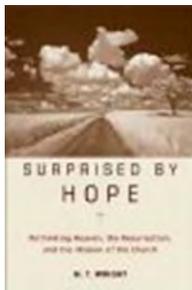
This novel unites characters from "The Giver" "Gathering Blue," and "The Messenger" in the person and dramatic quest of Claire for her son, taken from her at birth.



Taylor, Barbara Brown. **Learning to walk in the dark.**

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In *Learning to Walk in the Dark*, Taylor asks us to put aside our fears and anxieties and to explore all that God has to teach us "in the dark." ... [She] is our guide through a spirituality of the nighttime, teaching us how to find our footing in times of uncertainty and giving us strength and hope to face all of life's challenging moments.



Wright, N.T. **Surprised by hope; rethinking heaven, the resurrection, and the mission of the church.**

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"...After explaining why we ought to believe objectively in Jesus' literal resurrection, Wright argues that in his ministry resurrection is called the first fruits of the new creation because it demonstrated that the conditions of the new creation could be realized, however imperfectly, in the old, and by human agency. In the long run, Christian hope empowers and enjoins Christians to heal humanity and nature now, not to participate in general degradation through war, greed, and pollution." --Ray Olson, *Booklist*

**Christendom is one great people composed of persons of every country
in concord in their faith and their love
because there is One God, One Lord, One Spirit, One Hope.
That is the marvelous mystery of the people of God.**

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer



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Older adults: Assets to our church



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See each other as brother, sister
by Elizabeth A. Eaton

Kids!



A promise to the earth

After the flood in Genesis, God promised to “never again ...
destroy all living creatures” (Genesis 8:21, NIV).

Directions: Using the picture clues below, write each small word in the blanks
to complete God's promise in Genesis 8:22, NIV.

“As long as the  ___ th

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GENESIS 8:22, NIV



Bethany Contributes to Lutheran World Relief



This year Bethany quilters made more than 114 quilts for Lutheran World Relief. In addition Bethany will send 96 School Kits, 28 Layettes, 11 Health Kits, and 8 Sewing Kits. Thanks to Sue Holmgren and her volunteers for preparing the kits and getting them ready for shipment.

The kits will be delivered to the Boxcar Drop Off on Saturday, October 4. If you can help deliver them to the drop off site, please be at Bethany at 9 a.m.



Pastor Katherine Finegan Speaks about African Trip

Assistant Bishop Katherine Finegan, her husband Dave, and her brother traveled to Tanzania this summer. During the visit, Pastor Finegan saw that though our countries have many cultural differences, one could still see the Spirit at work. Visiting a city that is growing by 10,000 people each month, they saw worship experiences of opportunity. The Morning Glory Service was attended each morning by hundreds of commuters who had extra time before their work day began.



Pastor Finegan visited the Mkuza Girls' Secondary School which has been adopted as a mission project by Northern Great Lakes Synod WELCA Association. The Association's gift of \$2000 was used to purchase cots for the new dormitory. The school began with only four students but now has over 128 students.



Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child has brought the joy of Christmas and the good news of Jesus Christ to children in over 140 nations as they distribute more than 113 million Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts that are provided by people like you. Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me. (Matthew 19:14) Praise God that multitudes of these children have given their lives to Christ and become His faithful disciples. Pray for God’s blessing as we continue this year to share His love with filled shoe boxes for children around the world.

This year there will be table in the narthex the second week in October with the material for the shoeboxes, but you can use any shoebox or a good quality plastic box. Please do not use the hard plastic boxes as they tend to crack during shipping with extreme temperatures. Also please take the boy/girl label and mark the appropriate places. (girl/boy and what age group) This pamphlet also gives gift suggestions. Each box costs \$7.00 for shipping and if you like to help with shipping, please make a check out to Bethany and on the memo line write Operation Christmas Child or OCC. I will be taking our boxes to the drop off site on Saturday, November 22, 2014.

As you fill an Operation Christmas Child shoebox with gifts this year, pray that the children who receive them will hear the Gospel and ask to receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

Here is one of many precious stories about the children who receive the boxes. There was a young boy who lost both of his feet in a fire. He could no longer wear shoes only socks. He received a box by mistake that contained 12 pairs of socks which were supposed to go into 12 different boxes. They tried to exchange the box for him, but he held tight to the box and with a smile on his face, he said, “This is a gift from God.”

Blessings

Kay Chartre



Pack a shoebox



Fortune Lake Fall Fest Features Quilt Auction



October 4

Fortune Lake Camp invites you to celebrate the season at Fall Fest Sat., Oct. 4. Festivities begin at 9:30 a.m. CT with a hearty buffet brunch served in the 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. Activities for children will be offered during the auction.

Pastor Tracy Polzin, camp director says, "We are thankful for the talented crafters and quilters who invest countless hours in their projects, then donate their creations! Shoppers get to purchase amazing, one-of-a kind items, and proceeds support your church camp, an extension of your congregation!"



Also in October.....

October 12 Second Sunday Folk Concert/Dance
October 17 - 18 Junior High Youth Gathering
October 31 - Nov. 2 High School Gathering

Second Sunday Folk Concert/Dance
4:00—7:00 PM CST at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp
Admission \$7 (Children 15 and under are admitted Free.)

October 12 – Arto and Antti Järvelä/Gerry O'Beirne

Arto & Antti Järvelä

Cousins Arto and Antti Järvelä are members of the famous Järvelä music family of Kaustinen, Finland. With centuries of family tradition behind them, they are touring the US in Fall 2014 playing music from their first album together. Growing up in a musical family means growing up with a respect for traditions and history. Arto's and Antti's roots are naturally in Ostrobothnian dance music and ceremonial tunes. With the influence of international traveling and late-night music sessions, both cousins are composers of original music, continuing and expanding the tradition while staying firmly rooted in it. For many years, Arto and Antti have been making music together and separately with different groups, most notably JPP and Frigg. The duo has toured in Canada, Denmark, Norway and United States.

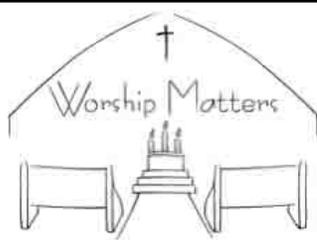
Gerry O'Beirne

Born in Ennis, County Clare, along Ireland's music-rich west coast, Gerry O'Beirne is a renowned singer, songwriter, and multi-instrumentalist (6 and 12 string guitar, tiple, and uku-
lele, slide guitar among others). He grew up in Ireland and in



Ghanain West Africa, and has since lived in England, California, and Mexico. His own compositions blend the passion found in traditional music with the freshness of contemporary song. Gerry has toured in Europe, Australia, New Zealand and the USA, performed solo at the Kennedy Center in Washington DC, and has taught musical composition from visual art at Swananoa Music Camp. He recently played on the new Lunasa album and his latest album with fiddler Rosie Shipley has featured in the US Folk DJ Radio Chart (www.gerryobeirne.com).





Council Highlights - September 2014

- Received letter of thanks from Lutheran School of theology at Chicago
- Mission interpreter from synod will give talk during worship on October 12
- Arrangements for Picture Directory are underway—Helpers will be needed to make phone calls to set up appointments (See more information below.)
- Pastoral Acts: Baptism of Lily Holm Brown 9/14/14
- Festival of Ministries will take place October 10-11 at Messiah in Marquette (\$10 per person, \$50 per congregation)
- October 26—Reformation Day, Anniversary Dinner, First Communion

Church Directory News



Photographers Doug Carter and Jim Sodergren have graciously agreed to take pictures of families and individuals by appointment, beginning Sunday, October 12 after worship. Please call Rae Elliot (362-1908) or Tonya Perry (486-4861) to set an appointment time. See the schedule of hours below:

Sunday, October 12 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 14 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Monday, October 13 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 16 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Sunday, October 19 12:00 p. - 3:00 p.m.



If you cannot make an appointment time, you can email a current photo to contact@bethanylutheran.org, or bring a current photo into the church office and we will scan it. All photos will be returned to you.



LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE EBOLA OUTBREAK RESPONSE

www.ELCA.org/disaster

In the last several months, the Ebola outbreak has claimed thousands of lives. The virus has spread rapidly and the World Health Organization is now calling it “one of the world’s most lethal diseases.” Ebola has spread to multiple countries, the hardest hit being Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea.

In addition to health care, one of the most urgent needs is food. As people in affected areas are quarantined to their homes, towns are being shut down and people are not able to work, harvest crops or purchase food. Food shipments have stopped because people fear contracting the virus.“

We need food,” says the Rev. D. Jensen Seyenkulo, bishop of the Lutheran Church in Liberia. “There is a saying now: ‘If we don’t die of Ebola, we will die of starvation.’” -

You can help. **Your gifts to the Ebola Outbreak Response will be used – 100 percent – to assist those impacted by this crisis.** Our partners and companion churches have requested our help in responding to the outbreak with food distributions, shipment of personal protective equipment, training health workers, outreach through education about prevention, and construction of an isolation unit at Phebe Hospital and School of Nursing in Liberia.

The ELCA and its predecessor church have walked with the people of Liberia for more than 150 years. Our long-standing relationship with our companions in Liberia and Sierra Leone provides a strong foundation to respond holistically to the needs of those who are suffering and living with the threat of Ebola.

What Can You Do?

Pray: Pray for those affected or threatened by the virus that they may be granted healing and hope.

Give: Give through your congregation or send your check directly to:
Lutheran disaster Response, 39330 Treasury Center, Chicago, IL 60694-9300
Write “Ebola Outbreak Response” or “Where Needed Most” on your check’s memo line.



October's Party

October gave a party;
The leaves by hundreds came—
The Chestnuts, Oaks and Maples,
And leaves of every name.
The sunshine spread a carpet,
And everything was grand,
Miss Weather led the dancing,
Professor Wind the band.

—George Cooper



Bethany's Website

www.bethanyishpeming.org

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



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



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



Keep In Your Prayers

- Remember our home-bound and nursing home residents: Teckla Holmgren (Mather), Doreen Brown (Valente), Joyce Lehto (Mill Creek), Marjorie Rosten (Valente), Shirley Sundblad (Valente), Anna Mae Collins (Mather), Jean Anderson (Valente), Allen Maki (Jacobetti). Geri Maki (Jacobetti)
- Tom Brown
- Peter Cain
- Ralph Goethe
- Bob Waters
- Rev. Justin Silvius
- Robert Maki
- Robert Nadeau
- Betty Geier
- Zander Atkins
- Larry Alexander
- Don Doney
- Jim Sodergren, Sr.
- Emilie Brown
- Pastor Marcia Solberg
- Evelyn Nadeau
- Doris Pellonpaa
- Kathy Routhier
- Jim Bjerne
- Nancy Swanson
- Angie Kempainen
- Mary Bertucci
- Melissa Chartre
- June Forsberg
- Allen Beauchamp
- Carol and Juan Papaleo and family
- Pam Waters
- Those in the military that they may remain safe



**Happy 85th Birthday
Ray Leverton!**



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

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Northern Great Lakes Synod



October Worship Assistants

October 5

Assisting Minister - Meredith Seppanen

Acolytes - Gavin Argall and Garrett Frustaglio

Altar - Jean Johns' team

Coffee Hosts - Karen & Jerry Plaisier and Kathy Kish

Flowers - In memory of Hilda & Lowell Holmgren, Ann & Eric Rex, and Althea Doney
by Ed & Sue Holmgren

Bread - Bob Bucan

Nursery - Sabrina Holm-Brown

Thank You!

October 12

Assisting Minister - John and Marilyn Pontti

Acolytes - Mackenzie Ryan and Morgan Rhoades

Altar - Jean Johns' team

Coffee Hosts - Social Ministry

Flowers - In memory of Carl & Kathryn Lemin by Ann Sundblad

Bread - Kaye Frederickson

Nursery - Noah Kaukola

October 19

Assisting Minister - Kathy Harrington

Acolytes - Hope Kaukola and Kyra Holmgren

Altar - Jean Johns' team

Coffee Hosts - Finance

Flowers -

Bread - Kay Chartre

Nursery - ShyAnn Holm-Brown

October 26 Reformation Day

Assisting Minister - Tom Ryan

Acolytes - Ben Bruhnke

Altar - Jean Johns' team

Coffee Hosts - Anniversary Dinner/ Christian Ed.

Flowers - In memory of Clayton Simons by
Colleen Sundblad

Bread - Rae Elliot

Nursery - Jessica Penhale

October Ushers:

Robert Nadeau

James Anderson

John Carlson

Tom Brown

Maurice Hansen

Tom Sodergren

Greg Stahlmann

Roger Solberg



November Ushers:

Jaak Liivoja

Mike Richards

Tom Ryan

Ted Swanson

John Waters

Tim Grant

John Hansen

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 Velaria



Happy Anniversary!

Marvin & Jan Swanson
10/7/1972 42 years

Ken & Carol Carlson
10/8/1971 43 years

Duane & Marlene King
10/13/1962 52 years

Bob & Cindy Warner
10/13/1984 30 years

Robbie & Susan Dobson
10/15/1988 26 years

James & Wendy Penhale
10/15/1994 20 years

Michael & Donna DuBord
10/24/1981 33 years

