

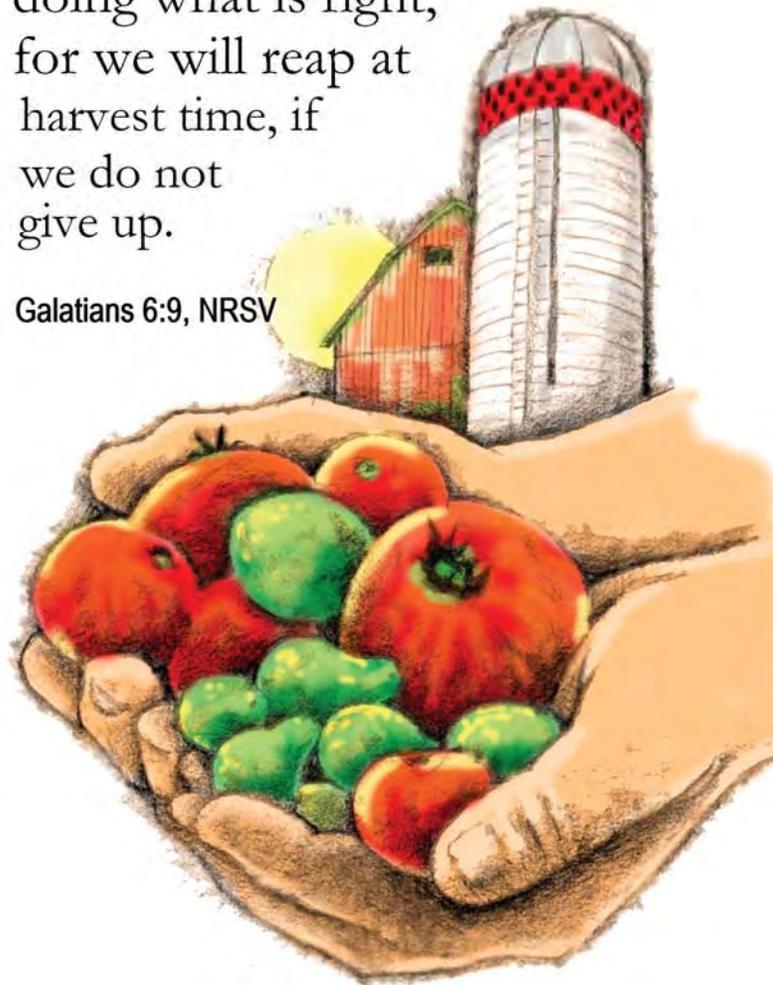


Bethany Lutheran Outlook
October 2015

Serving God, Community, and Individuals

So let us not grow weary in
doing what is right,
for we will reap at
harvest time, if
we do not
give up.

Galatians 6:9, NRSV





PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

In my September Outlook article I talked about imagination as it applies to the Old Testament. This article will focus on the New Testament and the ways those writers used imagination.

The resurrection of Jesus was probably the most significant event not just in the history of the church but in the history of the world. The fact that people experienced Jesus as raised from the dead changed how they thought about him. He was no longer just a martyred prophet, he was more than that; but exactly what or exactly who was he? His followers had thought that he was the Messiah but his crucifixion seemed to preclude that. With his resurrection, those followers came to believe that they were right after all; Jesus was the Messiah, just not what they had expected.



From early on though it is clear that stories had circulated about Jesus, about the things he said and the things he did. There were memories; there was an oral tradition. He was a figure who attracted attention. On the other hand, there was no one following Jesus taking notes, no one walked beside him with a tape recorder. The challenge then for the writers of the New Testament, writing 40 or 50 years later, was to use the stories and memories to convey the truth that Jesus was the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy, that he was the long expected Messiah. In part, the way that they did that was to take the memories and stories about Jesus and to tell those stories in ways that caused people to connect Jesus with familiar themes and familiar heroes from the Old Testament.

For example, Matthew crafts his birth narrative of Jesus in ways that would remind people of the story of Moses. As an infant Jesus parents fled to Egypt to avoid the wrath of King Herod. Moses had to flee from Egypt to avoid the wrath of Pharaoh. Both however, returned to act as savior for their people. In Luke's familiar Christmas story, the central role of the shepherds would bring to mind images of David. Several of Jesus' miracles are told in ways that would remind people of the miraculous acts of Elijah and Elisha. In Luke, Mary's Magnificat echoes Hannah's prayer in First Samuel.

In other words, the writers of Matthew, Mark and Luke used imagination to help their readers make connections and to convey theological truth much like the writers of the Old Testament did. While there are biographical elements in what they wrote, their intent wasn't to write a biography of Jesus, it was to convey the truth that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of God and they did so using familiar themes and stories, in a sense adding another layer to the theological tradition that already existed. Writing quite a bit later, while still following the general pattern of the other gospels but using a very different style, John added yet another layer to the tradition using many imaginative and poetic images to convey what he believed to be the truth of Jesus' identity.



The Apostle Paul, another major New Testament figure whose letters were all written before any of the gospels were written, used great imagination in reinterpreting the promises of God to the people of Israel. As a faithful Jew himself, for the story of Jesus as Messiah to make sense, those Old Testament promises had to be kept and so Paul experienced a conversion of imagination as he reinterpreted the promises of his tradition in light of the cross and resurrection. Writers of other New Testament letters did the same kind of thing, sometimes expanding on or reinterpreting what Paul had written. Of course the writer of Revelation used tremendous imagination in writing his vision of Jesus' ultimate triumph over the powers of this world.

That's a brief summary of some of the ways imagination is used in the Bible. Again, what approaching the Bible this way does is to change the kinds of questions we ask of a text, questions that wind up having much more to do with theology and meaning than with history. Importantly, recognizing that those who wrote the Bible used imagination, as readers we should also engage the text with imagination in order to fully appreciate the truth being conveyed.

The Bible is an ancient text and as such it can be a challenging read, but reading it with the same kind of imagination used in writing it can be helpful. It will certainly help you to ask better questions, and with that, in glimpses, the truth is found.

Pastor Geier



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 2015

1 Psalm 8	Genesis 20:1-18	Galatians 3:23-29
2 Psalm 8	Genesis 21:22-34	Romans 8:1-11
3 Psalm 8	Genesis 23:1-20	Luke 16:14-18

4 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 2:18-24 Psalm 8 Hebrews 1:1-4 ; 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16

5 Psalm 112	Deuteronomy 22:13-30	1 Corinthians 7:1-9
6 Psalm 112	Deuteronomy 24:1-5	1 Cor. 7:10-16
7 Psalm 112	Jeremiah 3:6-14	Matthew 5:27-36
8 Psalm 90:12-17	Deuteronomy 5:1-21	Hebrews 3:7-19
9 Psalm 90:12-17	Deuteronomy 5:22-33	Hebrews 4:1-11
10 Psalm 90:12-17	Amos 3:13 — 4:5	Matthew 15:1-9

11 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 Psalm 90:12-17 Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 10:17-31

12 Psalm 26	Obadiah 1-9	Revelation 7:9-17
13 Psalm 26	Obadiah 10-16	Revelation 8:1-5
14 Psalm 26	Obadiah 17-21	Luke 16:19-31
15 Psalm 91:9-16	Genesis 14:17-24	Romans 15:7-13
16 Psalm 91:9-16	Isaiah 47:1-9	Revelation 17:1-18
17 Psalm 91:9-16	Isaiah 47:10-15	Luke 22:24-30

18 Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 53:4-12 Psalm 91:9-16 Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45

19 Psalm 37:23-40	1 Samuel 8:1-18	Hebrews 6:1-12
20 Psalm 37:23-40	1 Samuel 10:17-25	Hebrews 6:13-20
21 Psalm 37:23-40	1 Samuel 12:1-25	John 13:1-17
22 Psalm 126	Jeremiah 23:9-15	Hebrews 7:1-10
23 Psalm 126	Jeremiah 26:12-24	Hebrews 7:11-22
24 Psalm 126	Jeremiah 29:24-32	Mark 8:22-26

25 Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost - Reformation Sunday

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

26 Psalm 119:17-24	Exodus 4:1-17	1 Peter 2:1-10
27 Psalm 119:17-24	2 Kings 6:8-23	Acts 9:32-35
28 Psalm 119:17-24	Jeremiah 33:1-11	Matthew 20:29-34
29 Psalm 119:1-8	Exodus 22:1-15	Hebrews 9:1-12
30 Psalm 119:1-8	Leviticus 19:32-37	Romans 3:21-31
31 Psalm 119:1-8	Numbers 9:9-14	Luke 10:25-37

Bethany Celebrates 145th Anniversary on Reformation Sunday



**ANNIVERSARY DINNER
OCTOBER 25
AFTER 10:30 WORSHIP SERVICE**

Invite family and friends to celebrate with us.

Community and guests are welcome.

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



Board of Stewardship

We are daily asked to contribute to worthy causes - it seems the demands never cease as we try to decide who, where and how to help. No one's means are inexhaustible, however, and we often find ourselves saying "no." While our bank balance is important as we consider opportunities to be good stewards, it's also important that we consider things from a Christian perspective.

As King David planned the building of the temple, and assigned the task to his son, Solomon, he led by example in providing the resources for its construction. He willingly offered gold, silver, and other rare materials and challenged others to do the same, as they were able.

The community of believers responded to complete the temple, and David gave thanks in this way, as described in I Chronicles, Chapter 29:

14 "But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. **15** We are foreigners and strangers in your sight, as were all our ancestors. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. **16** LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you. **17** I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things I have given willingly and with honest intent.

May we also seek wisdom as we make choices to give what was first given to us.

David 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 1**

Enjoy the Poetry of Hymns

Lord, Speak to Me

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
in living echoes of thy tone;
as Thou has sought, so let me seek
Thy erring children lost and lone.

O lead me, Lord, that I may lead
The wand'ring and the wav'ring feet;
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed
The hung'ring ones with manna sweet.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
the precious things Thou dost impart;
and wing my words, that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord,
until my very heart o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
Thy love to tell, thy praise to show.

O use me, Lord, use even me,
just as thou wilt, and when, and where,
until thy blessed face I see,
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879

ELW #676



Lord, Speak to Me: the Story Behind the Hymn

Frances Ridley Havergal came by her love of hymnology naturally. Her father, Rev. William Henry Havergal, was an Anglican clergyman who devoted his life to improving the music of the Church of England, writing over 100 hymns himself.

Frances, born in the rectory at Astley, Worcestershire, on December 14, 1836, was a delightful child who began reading and memorizing the Bible at age four. By age seven, she was already writing poems. At age nine, her family moved to the rectory of St. Nicholas, Worcester, and there she had her own room. “Dear child,” her mother told her, “You have your own little bedroom now, it ought to be a little Bethel.”

“I could not then make head or tail of what she meant,” Frances later wrote, “and often wondered, till some months later, when reading in Genesis, I came to the chapter; and then I understood it. Having that small room to myself developed me much as a child; it was mine, and to me it was the coziest little nest in the world.”

A deep sadness fell on her at age eleven, however, when her mother became ill. Calling Frances to her bedside, she said, “You are my youngest little girl, and I feel more anxious about you than the rest. I do pray for the Holy Spirit to lead and guide you. And remember, nothing but the precious blood of Christ can make you clean and lovely in God’s sight.”

“Oh, mamma, I am sure you will get better and go to church again.”

“No, dear child; the church mamma is going to is the general assembly and the church of the Firstborn in heaven. How glorious to know I shall soon see my Savior face to face! Now go and play and sing some of your little hymns for me.”



When her mother died shortly afterward, Frances crept again and again into the room when no one was near, drawing aside the curtain, looking at the stilled form. But she never forgot her mother’s last words to her, and soon thereafter she gained assurance of her salvation.

Frances Ridley Havergal went on to become a deeply spiritual writer of hymns and devotional books. This hymn was written for the use of lay helpers in the church.

—Robert J. Morgan, *Then Sings My Soul: 150 of the World’s Greatest Hymn Stories*



Worship and Music



A TIME FOR SINGING

We have a rare opportunity for all who love singing and wonderful music in the Lutheran tradition. Not only will you be entertained at a great concert—you will be participating in the experience yourself. Our Synod is sponsoring a hymn festival at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, October 2 at Messiah Lutheran Church in Marquette. The festival is a worship experience in which everything is sung. The festival has been constructed around the theme of “Time” based on Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8. “For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven. . .” All of the hymns and special numbers are related to the theme and are intermingled with reflections and hymn singing with various musical accompaniments on the organ. The organist for this event is Daniel Schwandt, Organist, Cantor, and Choir Director at Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago.

Mark your calendars and make a special effort to attend. I promise that you will find this to be an exceptional musical evening. For those of you who would like to participate in the festival choir, a rehearsal will be held on Thursday evening October 1 at 6:30 p.m. at Messiah. Tickets for the concert are \$5 and are available at the door. None of the music is difficult. It will be familiar hymns.

The first reflection in the festival begins: “This time is a time for singing—for praying, for giving thanks, for hearing old words sung in new ways, with old friends and new sounds.”

See you there!

Bob Bucan



**The October Noisy Offering will be given to
the Salvation Army Food Bank.**

Thanks to everyone for your generosity!

Social Ministry



Life is what you make it. Life is what happens while you're making other plans. God helps those who help themselves, but sometimes God welcomes a little help. God doesn't always give us what we want, but he gives us what we need.

We all have sayings that cover lots of situations. A favorite of mine is: Life is what happens while you're making other plans. But all the sayings in the world are not going to help those in need unless those of us who can help—DO.

Another favorite saying: I felt sorry for myself because I didn't have any shoes; then I met a man who didn't have any feet. Think of all the blessings you have—and MOST of us have a lot. Then think of all the people who could use a little help—or a lot of help. We often do not appreciate what we have until we look at what others do not have—so take a look and then SHARE.

Fall seems to be the in-between season before all the hype of the holiday giving and the cold winter where people's needs increase. People need help over the holidays and winter, but these same people need help all year. Please remember that as you do your weekly grocery shopping. There are always a number of good sale items you can purchase and donate to our table, but the food table is just as content to be stocked with anything you choose. Don't forget that the need for food is constant and the need for fuel goes up as the temperature goes down .



The following donations have been made or are pending:

A donation of \$200 from our Sunday coffee donations was made to the Salvation Army's Food Bank.

Summer Noisy offerings:

July/August Noisy Offering of \$510.67 went to Voices for Youth.

Fall Noisy offerings:

Sept/Oct Noisy Offering will go to the Salvation Army Food Bank.

Nov/Dec Noisy Offering will go to Room at the Inn.

Thanks again for all you do. Remember that no donation is ever too small or too big!! It all helps!



An Opportunity for Silent Sanctuary Prayer

Monday through Thursday Mornings – 8:00 to 8:30
Bethany Lutheran Church Sanctuary

Bethany's sanctuary is a beautiful place in the quiet of October mornings, with autumn light streaming in through stained glass windows. Vicar Terry would like to invite you to begin your day by joining her in silent prayer within God's house.

Early morning is a wonderful time to settle in to a place of prayer, quiet our minds, talk with God, and listen to God speaking to us through the Scriptures. Stop in whenever you feel the Spirit moving you toward the sanctuary. Terry will be there from 8:00 to 8:30 on Monday through Thursday mornings.

Feel free to bring in any of your devotional materials, perhaps a Bible or a copy of *The Upper Room*. Maybe you would like to follow the daily lectionary as printed in *The Outlook* or you may want to bring in a laptop or notebook and then log-on to the Northern Great Lakes Synod Prayfaithfully.com website.

We invite you to a quiet place for prayer.



**“Prayer is the core of our day. Take prayer out, and the day
would collapse, would be pithless, a straw blown
in the wind.”**

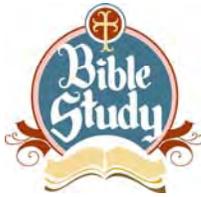
—Amy Carmichael

Taking a Closer Look at the Lectionary Readings

Thursday Evening Bible Study – 6:30 to 7:30
Bethany Lutheran Christian Education Classroom

Have you ever wondered how our ELCA Lutheran church comes up with its readings each week? Did you know that many other Christian denominations use the same texts?

Every Sunday we use specific Scripture readings based on the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL). The RCL follows the church year throughout the seasons: from Advent to Christmas and Epiphany; from Lent and Holy Week to Easter; and from Pentecost through Ordinary Time.



During Bible Study, we will be reminded that the selected hymns we sing and the prayers we speak are related to the selected readings. We will talk about how parament colors change according to the seasons, how banners connect us with the church year, and how Holy Days, vigils, and celebrations reflect the course of Jesus Christ's earthly life.

Because the readings change each week, it is easy to become part of our group at any time, and if you need to miss a Thursday night, no problem!

Come join us as Vicar Terry leads a weekly conversation that focuses on our four readings for the upcoming Sunday. We will use "Lectio Divina" (a spiritual practice) for the Psalm, as well as spend time listening to and "hearing" the other three texts, so we can begin anticipating Sunday worship!



**"Faith is not a once-done act
but a continuous gaze of the heart at the Triune God."**

—A. W Tozer

Ray's On A Mission

Ray Leverton, one of our own “Hometown Heroes,” had a wonderful opportunity to join other Upper Peninsula veterans from WWII and the Korean War on a whirlwind tour of Washington, D.C. this past September 16. He and his daughter, Karen Nardi, joined other vets (23 from WWII and 53 from the Korean era) and their guardians on Mission IX of the Upper Peninsula Honor Flight, along with organization representatives and members of the media as they visited several memorial sites in the capital. The approximately 160 passengers left early that Wednesday morning (reveille was 4:45 AM!) on a chartered flight, arriving at 8:30 AM at Reagan National Airport. The three busses were given a police escort, complete with sirens and lights to the WWII, Korea, Vietnam and Lincoln Memorials – all before lunch.



The afternoon saw them viewing the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery, a very moving experience, and a performance of the Marine Drill Team in a display of incredible precision and dexterity. Prior to departure for Reagan National, a visit to the Iwo Jima Memorial completed the sightseeing.

No detail was overlooked in the planning and execution of this event – training sessions for the guardians, hotel and meal arrangements, transportation to and between historic sites as well as a grand reception upon returning to Delta County Airport about 9:00 PM Wednesday night – all were expertly handled and the vets felt well cared for and secure at all times. As most of the vets were in their 80's, and the day was long and eventful, it was clear the first priority of the organizers was safety and comfort of these special guests.



The veterans often commented how many times they were greeted by citizens of all ages and thanked for their service. They had not expected such a moving tribute so long after their years of service, making the experience all the more thrilling. As the group arrived at Reagan National for the trip home, a young couple saw the large group enter the terminal and began to applaud, and immediately all the other airport patrons waiting for their own flights began to applaud as well. As they moved through the terminal, countless fellow citizens offered their hand in thanks for the service to their country willingly provided so many years ago. Upon arrival in Escanaba, a crowd of hundreds greeted the returning veterans, cheering and welcoming them home, a real red, white and blue reception.



The Hometown Heroes also were surprised on the return trip home by “Mail Call,” an announcement they hadn’t heard in decades. Letters, cards and other greetings and good wishes had been solicited from friends and family prior to the trip, without the veterans’ knowledge, providing a very personal thank you from those closest to them.

It’s hard to exaggerate the feelings of gratitude and pride shared by everyone connected with this extraordinary journey – all the more so because of the humble attitude of those who gladly did their duty so long ago



Ray Leverton Honored

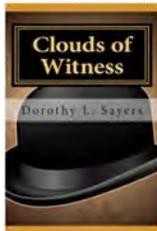
The Greater Ishpeming-Negaunee Area Chamber of Commerce recognized Ray Leverton at its 2015 Annual Award Dinner. Ray was named Volunteer of the Year. Congratulations, Ray!



Books for October 2015

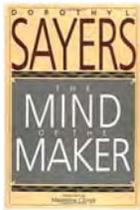
By Keenan Tunnell

Sayers, Dorothy **Clouds of Witness** **FIC SLS SAY.1**



“Clouds of Witness,” a Lord Peter Wimsey novel, is the best introduction to Wimsey and his world. The novel revolves around Wimsey’s brother Gerald, the Duke of Denver, being accused of murdering their sister Mary's fiancé. It also features Wimsey's friend Chief Inspector Parker, as well as introducing several recurring characters... The mystery itself is one of the more clever ones in the series, revolving around holes in Gerald's testimony which Wimsey must investigate, as well as the background of the murder victim... it's an entertaining book, featuring more moments of dramatic suspense than in the later novels, making it perhaps the most well-rounded Wimsey adventure.

Sayers, Dorothy. **The Mind of the Maker** **230 SLS SAY**



In this work, Dorothy L. Sayers sheds light on a specific set of statements made in the Christian creeds. She examines anew such ideas as the image of God, the Trinity, free will, and evil, and in so doing, leads us to a wholly revitalized understanding of them. She finds key parallels between the creation of God and the human creative process, illuminating both.

Sayers, Dorothy. **The Man Born to be King.** **792.44 SLS SAY**

The Man Born to Be King, published toward the end of Dorothy Sayers's prolific career (1943), is peerless. This famous cycle of twelve plays, a faithful account of the four gospels in dramatic form, was written first for broadcasting and was performed on BBC Home Service. Sayers is completely true to the eyewitness material in the New Testament but, as a great literary artist, she brings us into direct contact with the living text and the reality of the life of Christ. She adds character introductions, minor characters, stage directions, dialogue all the details that help us to remember that, like us, these people breathed and lived messy lives together and yet they supped with Christ over a meal they had caught and grilled themselves. Through these plays, the incarnation newly dawns on us as readers and we remember that real oxygen circulated in those pairs of lungs.



Seven Literary Sages #4: Dorothy L Sayers

The fourth of the Seven Literary Sages we'll look at is Dorothy L Sayers. Born in Oxford, England in 1893, the daughter of an Anglican priest, she began her adult life as a teacher and a poet. She was one of the first women to be awarded a degree from Oxford University. Her first forays into fiction were the popular Lord Peter Wimsey detective novels, eleven of which were penned between 1921 and 1931. In the 1930's she turned her talents to writing drama and played a leading role in the renewal of Christian drama, applying her knowledge of the Bible and the creeds of the church to the problems of her generation. In 1937 she was commissioned by the Canterbury Festival to write their festival play, resulting in *The Zeal of Thy House*, which catapulted her into the world of theology. For the next few years her work took her in three directions: representing the Incarnation of Christ to the general public through a popular BBC series of radio plays; exploring a Christian understanding of the arts; and applying Christian doctrine to economic and employment issues, advancing a specifically Christian view of vocation and society.



Perhaps Dorothy Sayers' most surprising legacy has been derived from her 1947 Oxford presentation on "The Lost Tools of Learning" in which she proposes a return to the medieval model of teaching called the *trivium*, which focused on the three disciplines of grammar, dialectic and rhetoric as the foundations upon which all other learning is built. While it didn't gain much impetus at the time, her ideas became fundamental to the Christian homeschooling movement of the 1990's. This has grown into a full-blown Christian classical education movement, emphasizing reading great works of Western literature, learning Latin and Greek, and examining every subject through a Christian lens. Curricula based on this model are readily available, and there are universities which are happy to accept their students.

Whether in the arts, politics, economics, or education, Sayers' principle remained constant: "not to try and shut out the Lord Immanuel from any sphere of truth or activity." True to her classical leanings, she considered her translation of Dante's *Divine Comedy*, with commentary highlighting Christian themes, one of her greatest accomplishments, but died before completing *Paradise*, the final volume, in December, 1957.

Selected Works: Lord Peter Wimsey detective novels from *Whose Body?* To *Busman's Honeymoon* (1921-1931) *Creed of Chaos* (1940) *The Mind of the Maker* (1941) *The Man Born to be King* (1943)



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Women and the Reformation: Then & Now



COVER STORY

Fatima Bass Thomas: Contemporary reformer



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Women and the Reformation: Then & Now

BY KATHRYN KLEINHANS



FEATURES

#Kellyonmy mind

College professor accompanies death row inmate



FEATURES

Furry friend brings laughter, cheer to seniors

Rusty is 'top dog' at Trinity Place

BY KATIE SCARVEY



FEATURES

Through a glass darkly

Did I know that I was Jewish? Did I know that my grandfather died in a concentration camp?

BY HEIDI NEUMARK



A LEXICON OF FAITH:

Witness

BY PETER W. MARTY



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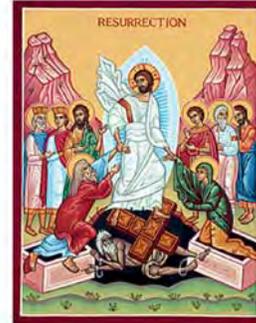
What is 'Lutheran'?

BY ELIZABETH A. EATON

Remembering the Saints



During the month of October we celebrate saints' days for St. Francis of Assisi (4 Oct) and St. Luke the Evangelist (18 Oct) and prepare for the celebration of All Saints Day on Nov. 1st. The choir celebrates All Saints Day with the anthem "We are surrounded with a great cloud of witnesses" and those saints of Bethany who have died in the past year are remembered in the prayers. In recent years we have extended those memorials to all the departed saints of Bethany...those members of our families who have joined that great cloud of witnesses. To make this memorial more visible, we invite you to bring a photo of someone you would like to remember and display it on special tables 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 Bethany's 145th 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. You may display the photo yourself on Nov. 1st or leave it in the church office from 25 October onwards. Please consider joining us in this addition to our All Saints celebration.



Pastor Ann Gonyea to be Installed at Eden Lutheran Church



The official installation of Pastor Ann Gonyea at Eden Evangelical Lutheran Church in Munising will take place on Sunday, October 11th at 3:00 pm. The installation and Holy Communion service will be followed by a time of meal and fellowship.

Ann and Larry's new address and phone number are:

221 E Varnum ST
Munising, MI 49862

906-202-9037



Pastor Ann and her stained glass gift from Bethany.

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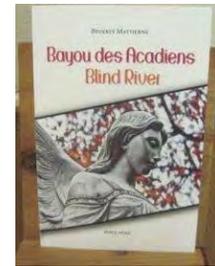
Help is Needed

Help is needed to transport the Lutheran World Relief quilts and kits to the boxcar on October 10 at 9:00 A.M. If you can help, please let Sue Holmgren know on October 4.



Beverly Matherne Releases Her New Book at Bethany

Beverly Matherne released her new bi-lingual book of stories and prose poems, **Bayou Des Acadiens/Blind River**, on September 1 at Bethany Lutheran Church. The large crowd enjoyed Beverly's readings of her stories and prose poems. It was an honor for Bethany to share this special occasion with Beverly.



The readings were followed by a book signing and light refreshments.



Change of Heart

God has nothing but the best, and he offers it to us, weeds us, sustains us and cares for us through his Son. That's the way our hearts are changed to follow Christ.

—Martin Luther



Jackson Rich is Baptized

During the September 6, 2015, worship service, Jackson Joshua Rich became a child of God through Holy Baptism. Jackson is the son of Kaitlin and Josh Rich. His sponsors are Casey Hares and Jessica Penhale. God's blessings to Jackson and his family!



**Happy
Maki!**



**Birthday Blessings to
Bob Maki
&
Ray Leverton**

80th birthday, Bob



Happy 86th birthday, Ray Leverton!



Women of the ELCA 

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. Last year more than 113 million Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts were provided by people like you., Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me.” (Matthew 19:14) Praise god that multitudes of these children become His faithful disciples. Pray for God’s blessing as we continue to share His love with children around the world.



Bethany will once again take part in Operation Christmas Child. All materials will be available on a narthex table the second week in October. Boxes are provided, but if you choose you can use a plastic shoe size box. Please do not wrap the box. Each box has a shipping charge of \$7.00. If you don’t want to fill a box, please consider donating money to help with shipping. Please make the check out to Bethany and in the memo section, write Operation Christmas Child.

Last year our 26 boxes went to children in Ecuador. Imagine the smiles that each child had as they received a gift from you. I pray that you will once again be willing to participate in this wonderful ministry and put a smile on a child’s face and the message of Jesus Christ in their hearts.

Your box must be at church by November 20, 2015. Thank you for helping make a difference in the lives of these precious children.

If you have any questions, please ask me at church or you can call me at 475-9229.

In Christ,
Kay Chartré



Bethany Congregation Approves Remodeling Project



Bethany held a special meeting on September 13 after the worship service to discuss and vote on a motion proposed by Bethany's Council.

The motion included the following:

- In the Fellowship Hall the original asbestos floor would be patched and carpet squares would be placed over the existing floor.
- In the sanctuary the original 1970 carpet would be replaced.
- The church pews and choir chairs would be reupholstered.
- The ceiling in the sanctuary would be repaired and painted. In addition the metal poles and radiators in the Fellowship Hall would be painted.

The total cost from the low bids was \$53,000. In order to carry out the plan, at least \$28,000 or more would need to be pledged to this project. What is not pledged above this amount would come from the Memorial Fund.

Karen Plaisier, as leader of the remodeling committee, fielded questions about the project from the congregation.

There was a very productive discussion which highlighted the pros and cons of implementing this plan. After the discussion, the project was approved by a vote of 50 Yes to 13 No.

The congregation has responded with great generosity with much of the money for the project already being pledged. Bethany thanks all who were able to pledge their support for his project.



	<p>YTD Income: \$125,666.86</p> <p>YTD Expenses: \$131,615.33</p> <p>(January—August)</p>	
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October Events at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

Fortune Lake Fall Fest

October 3 @ 9:00 am - 2:00 pm \$10

Quilt & Fine Arts Auction
Buffet Brunch 9:30 – 11:00 am
Viewing begins at 9:30 am
Auction at 11:00 am

Other Highlights:

Country Market: selling homemade breads and pies
Country Store: Featuring smaller handcrafted items
Kids activities



Jr. High Gathering

October 16 - October 17 \$45



THE CROP HUNGER WALK **Sunday October 4 at 2pm.**

Registration begins at 1:30pm
We walk Rain, Snow, or Shine!

Participants should meet at Bethel Lutheran Church.





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

**Peter Cain
David Solberg**



David Solberg Memorial Service

A memorial Service will be held at Bethany
for David "Sudsy" Solberg, the son of Roger
and Ruthie Solberg, on Saturday, October 10
at 11 am.



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

From Small Farmers With Love



Keep In Your Prayers

- Remember our home-bound and nursing home residents:
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). Bob Waters (Jacobetti), Nancy Swanson (Valente); Jean Sandstrom (Valente)
- Florence Pohlman who mourns the loss of her daughter Kathy Pohlman Routhier
- Mark Ulrickson
- Doris Pellonpaa
- Pastor Bob Sutherland
- Pastor Rudy Keppainen
- Ned Johns
- Bob Clark
- Carl Pellonpaa
- Ralph Goethe
- Robert Maki
- Betty Geier
- Zander Atkins
- Jim Sodergren, Sr.
- Jim Bjerne
- Pastor Marcia Solberg
- Kathy Routhier
- Nancy Swanson
- Angie Kempainen
- June Forsberg
- Carol and Juan Papaleo and family
- Pam Waters
- Those in the military that they may remain safe



**Daylight Savings Time ends
on November 1.**

Don't forget to turn your clocks back.



Contact **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 4

Assisting Minister - Gwen Bruhnke
Acolytes - Gavin Argall & Kayla Koski
Altar - Sue Holmgren
Coffee Hosts - Property
Flowers -
Bread - Rae Elliot
Nursery - Sabrina Brown

Thank You!

October 11

Assisting Minister - Terra Frustaglio
Acolytes - Morgan Rhoades & Kyra Holmgren
Altar - Shirley Tyni
Coffee Hosts - Social Ministry
Flowers -
Bread - Rae Elliot
Nursery - Noah Kaukola

October 18

Assisting Minister - Tom Ryan
Acolytes - Mackenzie Ryan & Abigail Bruhnke
Altar - Kaye Frederickson
Coffee Hosts - Barb Yunkari and friends
Flowers - In memory of Edmund & Laura
Holmgren by Ed, Sue, and family
Bread - Marian Medlyn
Nursery - Savannah Marietti

October 25 Reformation Day

Assisting Minister - David Leverton
Acolytes - Hope Kaukola & Abigail Koski
Altar - Sue Holmgren
Coffee Hosts - Anniversary Dinner/ Christian Ed.
Flowers - In memory of Clayton Simons by
Colleen
Bread - Terra Frustaglio
Nursery - Ben Bruhnke

October Ushers:

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



November Ushers:

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

Happy Birthday!

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

OCTOBER



Happy Anniversary!

Marvin & Jan Swanson
10/7/1972 43 years

Ken & Carol Carlson
10/8/1971 44 years

Duane & Marlene King
10/13/1962 53 years

Bob & Cindy Warner
10/13/1984 31 years

Robbie & Susan Dobson
10/15/1988 27 years

James & Wendy Penhale
10/15/1994 21 years

Michael & Donna DuBord
10/24/1981 34 years