



Bethany Lutheran Outlook
September 2018

Serving God, Community, and Individuals

*Their **VOICE**
goes out through
all the earth,
and their **WORDS** to the
end of the world.*



Psalm 19:4



PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

During August I had a couple of interesting worship experiences. On Friday the 10th, having been invited by the Marquette Interfaith Forum, I attended the Shabbat service at the new Jewish synagogue in Marquette. Then, on Sunday the 19th, with Michael Holman and Doug Holmgren leading worship at Bethany, I drove to Iron Mountain and worshiped at St. Mary's Orthodox Church.

In both cases I was a bit of a fish out of water. While the general pattern of worship in both places was not totally unlike what we do, much of it was unfamiliar. In the case of the Jewish service large portions were in Hebrew and while I did take Hebrew at seminary, it wasn't nearly enough to be able to join in. In both cases I often didn't know what page I was supposed to be on which gave me an appreciation for the struggles an outsider might have coming to one of our services. I found though, that when I was lost, rather than fumbling around trying to find the right page I did better to just be present and take in the atmosphere of the worship space and the beauty of what was going on. In both traditions there is no musical accompaniment and pretty much the entire liturgy is chanted by the priest or rabbi in dialogue with the congregation, sometimes with a cantor leading the congregational parts. Even while feeling a bit lost, I found beauty in both liturgies and found both experiences to be very worshipful.

Both gatherings were rather small, maybe 25 people, but, with the eyes of an outsider, what occurred to me was that what they were doing was very countercultural, these small groups practicing their faith and preserving an ancient tradition. But then I thought, it's not just them; what we do in our churches is also very countercultural. In the face of all that is modern and trendy and commercial, we too gather and say that there is something worth preserving in our tradition. Each of us, whether Lutheran, Orthodox or Jewish, have different ways of approaching our faith, but as we worship we all hold God at the center. We all faithfully continue to do what we do and with that, a statement is made concerning what is important in life and what it is to be human.



For the Jewish and Orthodox communities I visited, I'm pretty sure that their numbers have never been very large; unlike us they don't look back and long for a time when the pews were full. After many years though, they're still around, vibrant, faithful communities still worshiping and honoring their tradition, not expecting huge numbers of people to join them, but continuing their practice simply because it's important and because it honors God.

I think we can learn something from that.

Pastor Geier



We Plow the Fields and

Scatter

We plough the fields, and scatter the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand:
he sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes, and the sunshine, and soft, refreshing rain.

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.

He only is the maker of all things near and far;
He paints the wayside flower, he lights the evening star;
the winds and waves obey him, by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children, he gives our daily bread.

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.

We thank thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer for all thy love imparts,
and, what thou most treasure, our humble, thankful hearts.

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.

- Matthias Claudius



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

September 2018

1 Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 Hosea 3:1-5 John 18:28-32

2 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Song of Solomon 2:8-13 Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 James 1:17-27 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

3 Psalm 144:9-15	Song of Solomon 3:6-11 1	Timothy 4:6-16
4 Psalm 144:9-15	Song of Solomon 5:2-6:3	1 Peter 2:19-25
5 Psalm 144:9-15	Song of Solomon 8:5-7	Mark 7:9-23
6 Psalm 125	Proverbs 1:1-19	Romans 2:1-11
7 Psalm 125	Proverbs 4:10-27	Romans 2:12-26
8 Psalm 125	Proverbs 8:1-31	Matthew 15:21-31

9 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 Psalm 125 James 2:1-17 Mark 7:24-37

10 Psalm 73:1-20	Proverbs 8:32 — 9:6	Hebrews 11:29 — 12:2
11 Psalm 73:1-20	Proverbs 11:1-31	Hebrews 12:3-13
12 Psalm 73:1-20	Proverbs 14:1-9	Matthew 17:14-21
13 Psalm 19	Proverbs 15:1-17	Hebrews 11:17-22
14 Psalm 19	Proverbs 19:24-29	James 2:17-26

Readings for Holy Cross Day

Numbers 21:4b-9	Psalm 98:1-4	1 Cor. 1:18-24	John 3:13-17
15 Psalm 19	Proverbs 21:1-17		Matthew 21:23-32

16 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 1:20-33 Psalm 19 James 3:1-12 Mark 8:27-38

17 Psalm 73:21-28	Proverbs 22:1-21	Romans 3:9-20
18 Psalm 73:21-28	Proverbs 25:1-28	Colossians 3:1-11
19 Psalm 73:21-28	Proverbs 29:1-27	John 7:25-36
20 Psalm 1	Proverbs 30:1-10	1 Cor. 2:1-5
21 Psalm 1	Proverbs 30:18-33	Romans 11:25-32

Readings for Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Ezekiel 2:8 — 3:11 Psalm 119:33-40 Ephesians 2:4-10 Matthew 9:9-13
 22 Psalm 1 Ecclesiastes 1:1-18 Matthew 23:29-39

23 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 31:10-31 Psalm 1 James 3:13 — 4:3, 7-8a Mark 9:30-37

24 Psalm 128	Proverbs 27:1-27	James 4:8-17
25 Psalm 128	Ecclesiastes 4:9-16	James 5:1-6
26 Psalm 128	Ecclesiastes 5:1-20	John 8:21-38
27 Psalm 124	Esther 1:1-21	Acts 4:13-31
28 Psalm 124	Esther 2:1-23	Acts 12:20-25
29 Psalm 124	Esther 3:1-15	Matthew 5:13-20

Readings for Michael and All Angels

Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3 Psalm 103:1-5, 20-22 Rev. 12:7-12 Luke 10:17-20

30 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

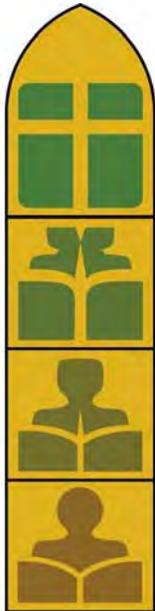
Esther 7:1-6, 9-10 ; 9:20-22 Psalm 124 James 5:13-20 Mark 9:38-50

A Well-Shaken Tree

For several years I have read the Bible through twice in 12 months. It is a great and powerful tree, each word of which is a mighty branch. Each of these branches have I well shaken, so desirous was I to know what each one bore and what it would give me. And the shaking of them has never disappointed me.



—Martin Luther



LAY SCHOOL NEWS

At one point it seemed unlikely that we would be able to offer all of the classes scheduled for the Fall 2018 semester, but thanks to the cooperation of our pastors, we will have a full schedule of five classes! Five classes does present some scheduling difficulties as for part of the semester three courses will be offered which means during those weeks we will start a little bit earlier than in the past. Hopefully, that's not an inconvenience. Unlike last fall, all classes will be offered on Tuesdays which has been our normal practice.

- The Fall 2018 Semester will begin on September 4 and will continue every Tuesday until late November.
- Classes will be held at Messiah, Marquette (305 W. Magnetic) with Pastor Warren Geier as the site coordinator.

**Learn
&
Grow**

- Five classes will be offered in the Fall 2018 semester **(please note the dates and times for each class as they do vary)**

Spiritual Development September 4-October 23 (2-3:30pm) (8 sessions)

An exploration of spiritual practices, especially prayer, and how as we develop them they develop us in our faith journey. There will be an emphasis on engaging in spiritual practices, not just learning about them. (Pastor Doug Norquist; Community Lutheran Parish, Palmer/Suomi)

Pentateuch September 4-October 9 (3:30-5:30) (6 sessions)

A study of the first five books of the Old Testament. The stories of the Pentateuch will be examined, not merely as history, but as theological statement. The legal material will be considered in light of our contemporary culture. (Pastor Warren Geier; Bethany, Ishpeming)

Christian Theology II Second Article September 4-October 9 (6-8pm)
(6 sessions)

A study of the second article of the Nicene Creed concerning who Jesus is and what he represents, and what is it about the human condition that necessitates Christ and the cross? What are the historical foundations, especially regarding the nature of Christ? (Pastor Steve Solberg; Immanuel, Negaunee)

Lutheran Confessions October 16-November 20 or 27) (6-8pm) (6 sessions)

This course will introduce and explore the Lutheran confessional documents, especially the Augsburg Confession and Luther's Large Catechism. Other confessional documents will also be noted. (Pastor Allan Johnson, Messiah, Marquette)

Ethics October 23-November 13 (3:30-5:30) (4 sessions)

As people of faith we often struggle with the proper response to the issues of the day. This is a course on ethical behavior in light of the cross and God's call to righteousness. (Pastor Jim Duehring; NGLS Assistant to the Bishop)

Normally we don't hold classes during Thanksgiving week but that is subject to change at the discretion of teachers and students.

A reminder that there is no tuition; the only cost is for books and instructors do the best they can to keep that within reason. Many of the books can be bought used which can also provide significant savings. Students have been responsible for purchasing their own books.



As is always the case, we need new students! It should be emphasized though that one does not have to sign up for all the classes, one does not have to complete all the classes in a certain period of time, one does not even have to complete all the classes ever. You can take as much or as little as works for your schedule and your interests. There is reading to do outside of class and some teachers suggest an occasional short paper but the program is designed to be flexible. Also, please note that Lay School is not designed to produce Licensed Lay Ministers. While that is a possibility and some graduates have gone in that direction and some have gone on to seminary, most students are just interested in growing in faith and becoming more active in their own congregations.

To register for classes, or for more detailed information or if you have specific questions, contact your pastor or Pastor Geier (486-4351; pastor@bethanyishpeming.org).

Here are the books for the fall classes

Spiritual Development

Experiencing God by Henry Blackaby (there are a variety of editions out there and all are OK but don't get the Experiencing God workbook or devotional book)

Daily Texts 2018 Bible Verses and Prayers for Every Day of the Year (Mount Carmel Ministries)

Pentateuch

The Pentateuch by Terence Fretheim

Not required but useful as a general Old Testament reference is Walter Brueggemann's An Introduction to the Old Testament: The canon and Christian Imagination.

Christian Theology II

Introduction to Christian Theology by Bradley Hanson

Lutheran Confessions

The Book of Concord (the Kolb/Wengert version is preferred, but others are OK)

Ethics

The Promise of Lutheran Ethics (Fortress)

All of these are available from Amazon. Except for the Book of Concord all are reasonably priced and even cheaper if bought used. Some are on Kindle if that appeals to you.

Let's Get Connected

On Sunday June 17, 2018 Houghton County experienced record breaking rain and catastrophic flooding resulting in damage to hundreds of homes and causing \$100 million in destruction to their infrastructure. The following day, Bishop Katherine Finegan contacted Bethany Ishpeming, requesting our church be the drop off site for public donations to assist those affected by the devastating floods, with a deadline for donations being late Tuesday afternoon.

Pastor Geier contacted the Board of Social Ministry to assist in this endeavor and by Tuesday afternoon, the narthex was overflowing with donated items from the public. It was this event that founded the question discussed at recent church council meetings of "How does Bethany notify it's congregation of an urgent matter that involves our community and the need for assistance?" The answer to that question was found in the computer software the church currently uses called "Shepherds Staff."

Shepherds Staff provides numerous resources for running the business of the church, but the reason for this article is to explain its ability to send critical and timely information electronically to our congregation, using both email and cell phone texting. It's kind of an "electronic directory" capable of storing each members name, address, home and cell phone numbers, and email addresses.

Adding your email address and cell phone number to this database will allow members to receive information from the church as an entire group, like the call for assistance in the Houghton County disaster. Furthermore, Bethany can send other informational topics electronically regarding church business **at no cost**, such as updates on the building renovations and upcoming events.

This is not a campaign to bombard you with more emails and texts regarding every crisis in the state, nation, or world. It's about communicating more effectively and using the technology most of us engage in daily to fulfill a spiritual need. There is a table in the narthex where you can register your email address and cell phone number should you decide to participate. Talk to your family and encourage them to become part of this, even if they don't attend church regularly. Together we can make a difference simply by being more informed Christians.

Bethany Church Council



Your Skills Are Needed for Building Project



The project committee is working on the next remodeling project work plans to be completed yet this year. We would like to see how much interest there is from members of the congregation to help in doing some of the work. If we can save money by performing some of the easier tasks ourselves (“self-help”) we may have money available to do additional work, like replacing narthex and stairway carpeting. The timeframe for this “self-help” work is late September/early October. We can schedule the work either during the week or Saturday or both, depending on whether the volunteers are retired or still working.

The projects being finalized are: ladies and men’s bathroom upgrades, repair the roof over the main entrance, new fire door for the boiler room(contractor) and paint the west and north gable ends. See the specifics below.

1. Bathrooms,
 - a. demo/remove all sinks and toilet partitions, 2-3 people, 1 half day
 - b. If we have the talent and know how, remove one commode in each bathroom and cap the pipes, demo one urinal in the men’s room, repair the walls, 3-4 people, 2-3 days
 - c. If we have the talent and know how, remove the existing floor and wall tiles, 3-4 people 1, 2-3 days. This could be a difficult task and hard work which may be prudent to contract.
 - d. Install new vanity sinks in both bathrooms, 2 people, 1-2 day
 - e. Install new toilet partitions in both bathrooms, 2 people, 1-2 days
 - f. Paint all walls above the tile and both ceilings, radiation and exhaust fan grills, 1-2 people, 1-2 days
2. Repair the roof over the main entrance.

Background: The rubber roof membrane has come partially loose around the edges (adhesive failed) and it is also no longer attached to the outside wall of the church. It appears that the membrane has shrunk over time. As a result, water has gotten under the membrane and rotted some of the sheathing and possibly joists. The membrane seems to be in good shape with one small tear. It was laid over asphalt rolled roofing.

Estimated scope of work: Peel off the membrane, tear off the asphalt rolled roofing and haul it away, assess the extent of the rot (I think it's about 3-4 4' x 8' pieces of OSB.), replace drip edging, reinstall the membrane, glue/seal the edges, add a piece of membrane and terminate it properly to the church wall. There is one small 2" tear in the membrane that needs to be repaired.

If we have the talent and know-how I estimate 4-6 people, 2 days (If we have the proper materials purchased and on site when we start.)

3. Power wash and paint the gable ends with a manlift. Approximately 600 SF of total area.
 - a. Power wash, 2-3 people, less than 1 day
 - b. Wait a couple of days
 - c. Spray paint, 2-3 people, less than 1 day

Once we determine how many volunteers we have, we will schedule a couple of planning meetings and put more details to the plans. Contact Tom Perry or Bob Bruhnke if you would like to help.

Tom Perry, perryte@att.net, 486-4861; Bob Bruhnke, rbruhnke@chartermi.net



WELCA Reorganization Meeting and Salad Supper

September 10th @ 6:30

Bethany will continue to collect items during September for the Lutheran World Relief Kits. A complete list of items needed is listed in the July/August Outlook.





2018 ELCA Youth Gathering

The 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering took place in Houston, Texas on June 27 through July 1, 2018. The overall theme was "This Changes Everything". The primary scripture was Ephesians 2:8 "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."

The youth attendees from Bethany were Abbi Bruhnke and Abby Koski, along with their friend Megan Racine. The adult attendees were Nathan Jarvi and Gwen Bruhnke.



Report from Abbi, Abby, and Megan

The theme of the whole gathering was: This changes everything.

There were also daily themes:

- Day 1: God's call changes everything
- Day 2: God's love changes everything
- Day 3: God's grace changes everything
- Day 4: God's hope changes everything
- Day 5: Jesus changes everything

Each day we had assigned activities. One of the days was called **INTERACTIVE LEARNING**. This was a day to learn, have a blast, and socialize with new people. Some of the things we did were:

- * Unfair Four Square - This was a game based off of normal four square. It was called this because there were different sized squares and the referee made up rules on the spot. It taught us that life is not at all fair.
- * Drum Circle - This was a place for meditation and expressing ourselves through music.
- * College Experience - There were representatives from 24 Lutheran Colleges in the U.S. We got to talk to each one to find out a little about what each school had to offer.
- * Human Trafficking Booth - We wrote encouraging messages to victims of human trafficking.



Drum Circle

Another one of our days was the **SERVICE LEARNING DAY**. This was a day where kids from the Youth Gathering went out into the community and completed service projects that were assigned to them. Our service project was called The Red Sand Project. It took place at the University of Houston and was about spreading awareness and educating ourselves on the issue of human trafficking. We spent a great amount of time learning about human trafficking. We then went out on the college campus and spread red sand along the cracks in the sidewalk and used chalk to write facts about human trafficking, including the hotline number (1-888-3737-888). After we went back to NRG Arena for a Celebration of Service which included a dance party.

Another one of our days was **SYNOD DAY**. There was a youth band made up of kids from our synod. Bishop Finegan gave a sermon with the theme that God accepts everyone. We got prayer rocks with the name of someone from our synod on them, we played interactive games, and met new people.



In addition, when we were finished with our assigned daily activity we could go to **COMMUNITY LIFE**. This was a place where we could relax, cool off, get food, or just have fun. We watched lip sync battles and raced each other on the bouncy house obstacle courses.

Finally, everybody's favorite part was the **MASS GATHERING** each day! There was great live music, dancing, and inspiring speakers!

These are the things that has the biggest impact on us during the week:

Abbi B. - There was an 11 year old girl named Rebekah Bruesehoff who spoke at a Mass Gathering. She was an advocate for transgender rights which is really inspiring since she is only 11.

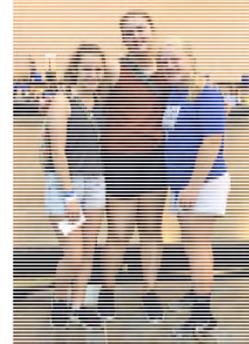
Megan - The Service Day project made an impact on me because it opened my eyes to the issue of human trafficking.

Abby K. - There was an 18 year old speaker at a Mass Gathering named Carson McCullar who talked about his struggle with addiction. He made an impression on me because it taught me how much drugs can affect your life and how I never want to go down that path.

Additional Information from Nathan and Gwen

Some additional info from the 2018 Youth Gathering...

- * 31,242 registered Gathering participants
- * 437 hair donations to children with hair loss
- * 1,248 units of blood donated
- * 40,000 books donated at Blast off for Books
- * More than \$260,000 raised for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America/ELCA World Hunger's Global Farm challenge
- * \$261,226.43 total offering received on Sunday will support Prison Congregations of America, Inc., global new starts, and the Gulf Coast Synod, ELCA



Thank you to everyone for your generous donations and support for this trip!

We are looking forward to the 2021 ELCA Youth Gathering which will be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota!!



Join Our Choir Family



Do you like to sing? Has anyone ever told you that you should sing in the choir? New choir members are welcome as we begin Fall rehearsals. We meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM, beginning September 5, and Sunday mornings at 9:30 to share the gift of song in worship. Please join us!

Bells at Bethany: Ringers Wanted!

There will be a short organizational meeting on Sunday, September 16 immediately following worship to determine how many octaves we can play together as well as set a rehearsal day and time. Bells have met on Monday nights in the past. Beginning, experienced, and youth ringers (grades 6+) are welcome. If you cannot attend the meeting, but want to ring, please contact Tonya Perry. (486-4861, tonyaperry@gmail.com)



Sunday School

**Sunday School; begins on September 9th.
Can't wait to see you there!**



Confirmation Class

**Confirmation classes begin this month.
During September, classes will meet on the
16th @ 5pm and on the 30th @ 6 pm.**

Interested in Joining a Bible Study?

Two Bible Study groups are available at Bethany. The Monday class begins on September 10th at 11:00 am. The Thursday class begins on September 6th at 6:30 pm. Hopefully one of these will fit your schedule and you can join in the conversation.



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Sanctuary original 1970 Carpet

Church Pews and Choir Chairs 1970 reupholster both



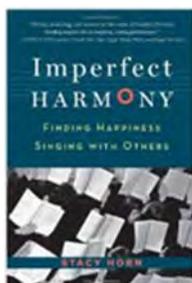
Library Notes for September 2018

By Keenan Tunnell

As the “new year” begins and choir moves into the new season with a new director, I thought I’d bring back a number of books in which church choirs are featured. There is great variety ranging from non-fiction to short stories and complete novels. Bethany has a great musical heritage...see if any of these selections join our song!

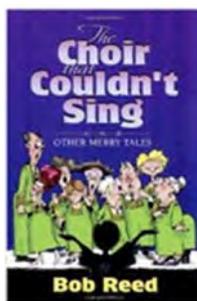
BishopHorn, Stacy. **Imperfect Harmony; finding happiness singing with others** **782.5 HOR**

Why do we sing? For Stacy Horn, singing in a community choir is the one thing in her life that never fails to take her to a transcendent place and remind her that everything good is possible; singing with other people makes her happy. As Horn relates her funny and profound experiences as a choir member, she treats us to an eclectic history of group singing and the music that moves us, whether we're hearing it for the first time or the hundredth; the dramatic stories of conductors and composers; and discoveries from the new science of singing, including the remarkable physical benefits of song.



Reed, Bo **The Choir that couldn't sing & other merry tales.**

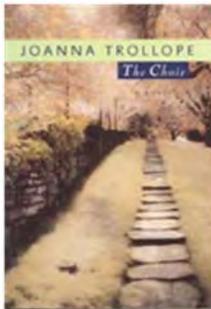
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Reed's seven tales come alive with hilarity and warmth, but also show how God works through even the most bumbling and misdirected human efforts. In the lead story, "The Choir That Couldn't Sing," Reed's description of a hopelessly off-key church choir of eccentrics and misfits will trigger gales of laughter. But quickly readers will feel the impact of the choir's humble but grand, accomplishment. The book's other stories continue to demonstrate how the least in the kingdom of heaven can touch God's heart.

Trollope, Joanna. **The Choir; a novel.**

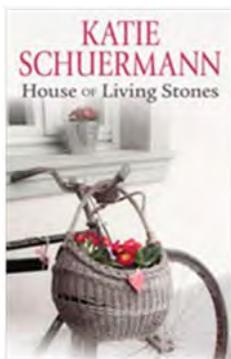
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The Choir is set in one of England's beautiful old cathedral towns. Crisis looms. Funds are short and the cathedral is in need of major repair. One faction of the community concludes that the obvious way to finance the work is to put an end to the expensive and nowadays rather irrelevant boys' choir. The other faction is prepared to fight to the death to save the choir. As the rift in the community widens, Trollope's wonderfully drawn characters are all dragged into the battle....Their stories are marvelously woven into a compulsively readable novel about modern life in old-world England.

Schuermann, Katie. **House of Living Stones**

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In the small Illinois town of Bradbury, change doesn't come often, and it certainly doesn't come easily. So when Pastor Fletcher hires Emily Duke as the new choir director at Zion Lutheran Church, he unknowingly sets in motion a chain of events that turns the life of his congregation upside down: the crusty church secretary must learn to adjust her ways; Zion's talented but pompous organist must recognize his shortcomings; Emily must come to terms with her past. Even Pastor Fletcher must face reality when Emily shakes his world and by the handsome Zachary Brandt who pursues her. (Book One in the Anthems of Zion series; see also Bk2: the Choir Immortal and Bk3: The Harvest Raise)

The Gift of Music

Music is a fair and glorious gift from God. I would not forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and they smile through their troubles in song.



Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am persuaded that after theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God.

—Martin Luther



Three Sides Podcast (new ELCA program)

Typically, it's said there are two sides to every story. But often a middle or third side of the story is revealed, providing another perspective to consider

ABOUT

Three Sides is a monthly podcast featuring stories from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). As a church that believes God is calling us into the world – together, Three Sides will present diverse voices from across the ELCA. Listen as we share unique stories from the many expressions of this church.

- From our members whose lives are grounded in faith, love of God and neighbor.
- From our congregations that work every day to share the love of Christ with all God's people.
- From our global companions and partners that join us as we work to build up Christ's church throughout the world.

The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11-13

NOTE: The first podcast was entitled "Women who lead" and aired on 16 August. It is available at the followed website: www.livinglutheran.org/podcast/ There is also an introductory episode (also available on the same page) introducing the three moderators and giving a brief hint at the first episode which, of course, includes Bishop Eaton as one of the women who lead.



CROP Hunger Walk

**County Crop Walk
October 7, 2018
First Presbyterian Church, 120 N. Front St. Marquette MI
Registration is at 1:30 p.m.
Walk starts at 2 p.m.**

Please join us as we *walk* to stamp out hunger in our community! 25% of the funds raised will be going to **Room at the Inn**. Walkers collect money to be turned in the day of the walk. This is a community effort, all churches, businesses, groups and individuals are encouraged to participate!

The Marq. Co. Crop Walk is an effort to increase awareness of hunger and related issues and raise funds to address them. We seek to feed people – around the corner and around the world.

Check out the website: www.crophungerwalk.org/marquettemi for more information.

Contact Crystal Swanson at (906) 225-0595 or e-mail crystaljswanson@yahoo.com



**The September Noisy
Offering will be given to Lutheran Social Services.
Thanks to everyone for your generosity!**

St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist
21 September is his festival day



St. Matthew was also known by the name Levi in the Gospels. He was originally a tax collector by trade and thus would have been viewed by the Jewish populace as a traitor and sell-out to the Romans. The account of the Lord calling Matthew is found in his own gospel in chapter 9. Matthew was sitting at his tax booth one day when Jesus passed by. The Lord simply said, "Follow Me." The man who had devoted himself to acquiring money at the expense of his own people got up and walked away from his table, his money, his old life. Later Jesus joined him at his home for a meal that celebrated Matthew's newfound calling. Many of his friends, who were also tax collectors, joined in the feast. At this the Pharisees grumbled that Jesus was not more discriminating in his choice of dinner guests: "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" When He heard it, Jesus responded "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." (Matthew 9:9-13)

The New Testament records that as a disciple, Matthew followed Jesus, and was one of the witnesses of the Resurrection and the Ascension of Jesus. Matthew's apostolic activity was at first restricted to the communities of Palestine and nothing definite is known about his later life. Although the Roman Catholic Church and the Orthodox Church each hold the tradition that Matthew died as a martyr, the means of his death is uncertain.

The Gospel of Matthew is anonymous: the author is not named within the text, and the superscription "according to Matthew" was added some time in the second century. It is generally accepted that the Gospel was written in Greek, not in Aramaic or Hebrew, as formerly believed. Matthew's Gospel was written to fill a sorely-felt need by his fellow countrymen, both believers and unbelievers. For the former, it served as a token of his regard and as an encouragement in the trials to come; for the latter, it was designed to convince them that the Messiah had come in the person of Jesus in whom all the promises of the Messianic Kingdom embracing all people had been fulfilled in a spiritual rather than in a carnal way. Unique to Matthew's Gospel are the position of St. Joseph in the Nativity narratives; the visit of the Magi; the slaughter of the innocents; the flight to Egypt; and the fullest versions of the Beatitudes and the Lord's Prayer.

Matthew is recognized as a saint in the Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Lutheran and Anglican churches. His feast day is celebrated on 21 September in the West and 16 November in the East. His tomb is located in the crypt of Salerno Cathedral in southern Italy.

Let us Pray: God of mercy You chose a tax collector, Saint Matthew, to share the dignity of the apostles. By his example help us to follow Christ and remain faithful in Your service. We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Flood Recovery Goes On in the Keweenaw Community!

Here is the current status:

The United Methodist Church will be hiring one or two case managers that will be funded through that denomination, and will be able to access information from local sources. Clergy meetings to help with this effort continue to happen on a regular basis.

Monies donated to Lutheran Disaster Response/Lutheran Social Services will be distributed in conjunction with the long-term relief effort to identify needs that have not been met.

Financial donations can be made through Keweenaw Community Foundation (906-482-9673), Portage Health Foundation (906-523-5920), Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan / Lutheran Disaster Response (<https://www.lsswis.org/Keweenaw>).

The LSS Foundation is matching contributions up to \$10,000 for the Copper Country flood relief! Contributions can be sent to the Synod Office for the LSS matching funds and we will send it on to LSS or you may send the funds directly to LSS.

Your help is greatly appreciated, and still needed! Thank you!



FLLC Fall Fest



Quilt and Fine Arts AUCTION

Quilt & Art Viewing: 9:00 – 11:00



Auction begins at 11:00

Buffet Brunch: available 9:00 – 10:30

Country Market: homemade breads & pies

Country Store: featuring small handcrafted items

Kids Activities

Saturday, October 6, 2018

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp
138 Fortune Lake Camp Rd
Crystal Falls, MI
www.fortunelake.org (906) 214-2267





What's Happening at Fortune Lake



The summer camping season has ended.. We give thanks that it was a beautiful and safe summer! The board of directors served an appreciation dinner to honor the staff for their hard work, mentoring, enthusiasm and oodles of other stuff!!! We thank God for the examples these young folks set for more than 800 campers on and off site this summer! We give thanks for Sara's capable leadership as interim director and for the dedication of Mary, Chris, Zach, and Cindy!

Now, it's time to focus on fall!

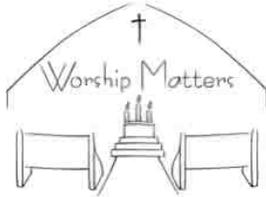
Sept. 10 (10 am - 2 pm) The first **Senior Day** of the new season will include two guest speakers! The morning session will welcome Vicky Prewitt, who is still remembered as Vicky Crystal, morning news broadcaster on TV6. Vicky has moved to Crystal Falls where she is serving as lay pastor of Christ United Methodist Church; she is continuing her education to become a licensed pastor. At 1:00, Elizabeth Benyi will explain the non-partisan issue of gerrymandering, which will be addressed as Proposal 2 on the November ballot in Michigan. Please email Ruth Warmanen ruth.warmanen@gmail.com or call the camp office at 906-214-2267 by Wed., Sept. 5 to make lunch reservations.

Sept. 14 - 16 Women's Fall Retreat (SWO Convention on Friday)

September 14 will be the last date to receive items for consideration for the Fall Fest auction. Fall Fest is Oct. 6!



Council Highlights— August 2018



- Received thanks from NGLS
 - Jim Bjorne will write article for article requesting emails and cell phone numbers to improve electronic communication
 - Thrivent will be at Bethany September 16 for the coffee hour. They will also help members who haven't done so assign choice dollars.
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- September 9 is the first day of Sunday School.
 - Jessica Penhale will take Amanda Bivins place on Sunday School staff
 - Confirmation will start September 16.
 - Trinity/faith will be installing their new pastor on September 9.

Christian Gift-Planning

Below is the eleventh part of a twelve part series explaining how Christians can incorporate the Church in their estate planning.

What is whole life stewardship? In large part it is a term referring to the completion of one's stewardship of possessions by providing for the continued work of the church after we leave this earthly realm. How do we do that? A key way is to name an ELCA ministry or ministries as a beneficiary in our will or living trust. It is estimated that as much as 80% of the major gifts to ELCA ministries are made in this manner. There are also other ways to practice whole life stewardship. Naming our Northern Great Lakes Synod your congregation or other ELCA ministry as the beneficiary (whole or partial) of a life insurance policy is a popular way to continue one's stewardship. Naming ministries as beneficiaries of gift annuities or deferred gift annuities is another way to practice whole life stewardship while assuring donors a fixed life income. Naming ministries as partial beneficiaries of IRAs and other qualified retirement plans avoids income taxes on the gifted portion of the asset that would otherwise be due at death. Consider your legacy to future generations and be a whole life steward of God's many blessings.

For more information: Contact Timothy Knutson, ELCA Foundation at (414) 477-9979 or timothy.knutson@elca.org, or Pastor Larry Westfield, ELCA Foundation at (262) 224-9574 or larry.westfield@elca.org, or Bishop Katherine Finegan at (906) 228-2300 or kfinegan@nglsynod.org

Midyear Finance Report, August 21, 2018:

We are pleased to report that the church finances thru July are doing better than budget. Donations to our General Fund currently are 3% more than budgeted. Bethany received an unexpected \$4,000 donation from the Blewett trust. The general fund expenses are \$1000 under budget. This leaves us just \$2,000 short of meeting our expenses thru July, much better than the budgeted \$10,000 deficit at this point in the fiscal year.

2018 Project funding update:

We have committed contracts for Roof, windows and doors totaling \$148,000. The remaining projects are in process and will be added to this amount.

Project funding donations received thru August 18 is \$46,990. We also have received pledges of \$280 per month. With the original \$72,243 from the memorial fund and bequest we have a total of \$119,233 of the \$200,000 that was approved to spend. This leaves \$80,000 to fulfill the commitment. We have taken out a loan to cover this and paying it off will add expense to our already deficit budget. The committee appreciates and are thankful for the donations to date but continued support will be needed.

The work that has been done so far has been wonderful and it feels good to be a part of maintaining this beautiful church. Thanks for your continued support.

Yours in Christ
Bethany Finance Committee
Jim Kinnunen, Chair



YTD Income: \$111,485.00
YTD Expenses: \$113,395.18

Jan.—July 2018



The Road of Life

God of our life,
there are days when the burdens we carry
chafe our shoulders and weigh us down;
when the road seems dreary and endless,
the skies gray and threatening;
when our lives have no music in them,
and our hearts are lonely,
and our souls have lost their courage.
Flood the path with light,
turn our eyes to where
the skies are full of promise;
tune our hearts to brave music;
give us the sense of comradeship
with heroes and saints of every age;
and so quicken our spirits
that we may be able to encourage
the souls of all who journey with us
on the road of life,
to your honor and glory.

—St. Augustine



Keep In Your Prayers

Remember our home-bound and nursing home residents:

Valente:

Jacobetti: Carol Waters

Teal Lake Senior Living Community: Betty Geier, Jean Johns

Mill Creek: John Pontti

- Ann Wise
- People of the Keweenaw as they recover from the natural disaster that devastated their communities
- Bob Maki
- Kay Chartre
- Debra Cain
- Kathy Geier
- Mark, Kathleen, and Karmen Slown
- Ruby Kaukola
- Dan & Sharon Argall
- Ray Chartre
- Roger & Ruth Solberg
- Carl & Doris Pellonpaa
- John and Marilyn Pontti
- Jim Sodergren, Jr.
- Cindy Warner
- Bob Kaukola
- Ted Swanson
- Loreth Johnson
- Judy Hogan
- Brown family
- Mark
- Lois Goethe
- Zander Atkins
- Jim Bjorne
- Angie Kempainen
- June Forsberg
- Those in the military that they may remain safe



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www.bethanyishpeming.org



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

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Property, Robert Bruhnke
Social Ministry, Marie Chilman
Stewardship, Tom Perry
Worship & Music, Keenan Tunnell



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September Worship Assistants

September 2

Assisting Minister - Tom Ryan
Acolyte - Ian Bivins
Altar - Sue Holmgren
Coffee Hosts - Tony & Rae Elliot and Marie
Chillman
Flowers In honor of Barbara Karper's 91st birthday
by Kathleen & Mark Slown
Bread - Marian Medlyn

September 9

Assisting Minister - Abbi Bruhnke
Acolyte - Jared Johnson & Faith Cain
Altar - Debbie Cain
Coffee Hosts - Social Ministry
Flowers - In memory of Fred Blewett & Sue Norell
by the Blewett Family Trust
Bread - Terra Frustaglio
Nursery will be available.

September 16

Assisting Minister - Karen/Jerry Plaisier
Acolyte - Luke Holmgren & Kyra Holmgren
Altar - Sue Holmgren
Coffee Hosts - Thrivent
Flowers - In memory of Steven & Ethan Chartre
by the Chartre family
Bread - Tonya Perry
Nursery will be available.

September 23

Assisting Minister - Craig Kitchen
Acolyte - Ian Bivins & Faith Cain
Altar - Carrie Goldsworthy
Coffee Hosts - Quilters
Flowers - In memory of Inez & Clayton Simons
by Colleen Sundblad
Bread - Cheryl Frederickson
Nursery will be available.

September 30

Assisting Minister -
Acolyte - Luke Holmgren &
Kyra Holmgren
Altar - Carrie Goldsworthy
Coffee Hosts - Property
Flowers - In honor of Bob
Bucan's gift to Bethany's music
ministry by Linda Dahl
Bread - Bob Bucan
Nursery will be available.

September Ushers:

Bruce Bussone
Tom Perry
Jim Kinnunen
Craig Kitchen
Jerry Plaisier
Knut Strom
Doug Carter



October Ushers:

Jaak Liivoja
Mike Richards
Tom Ryan
John Waters
Tim Grant
John Hansen

Thank You!

Happy Birthday!

1 Daniel Gonyea-Alexander
2 Jennifer Carriere
2 Sally Grant
3 Travis Allen
4 John Lusardi
4 Preston Smith
5 Tom Ryan
7 Janet Anderson
8 Matthew Price
9 Ray Leverton
11 Jonathan Vallier
11 Killean Ryan
12 Kenneth Kinnunen
13 James Carlyon
13 James Chartré
13 Kathy Kish
13 Debora Paavo
13 James C. Sodergren
14 Alice Eman
14 Marlene King
15 Jeff Leaf
15 Cindy Warner
16 James Anderson
17 Pam Allen
17 Jacob Dault
18 Natalie Rasmussen
19 Amy Christopherson
19 Katherine Kitchen
21 Jaren Kipling
21 Chad Pohlman
22 Robert Maki
22 Bryan Smith
23 Janine Johns
23 Annette Larson
23 Jenna Chartre
26 John Leverton
27 John Waters
27 Robert Waters
29 Jerry Luokkala
30 Kathleen Slown



Happy Anniversary!

Byron & Wendy Koski
9/2/2000 18 years

Ray & Barbara Yunkari
9/2/92 46 years

Clifford & Karen Mattson
9/8/1973 45 years

Ron & Sheree Mariani
9/8/79 39 years

Robert & Gwen Bruhnke
9/16/1995 23 years

Michael & Kathy Harrington
9/16/89 29 years

Tom & Sue Ryan
9/17/1966 52 years

John & Sherry Lusardi
9/28/1974 44 years

