



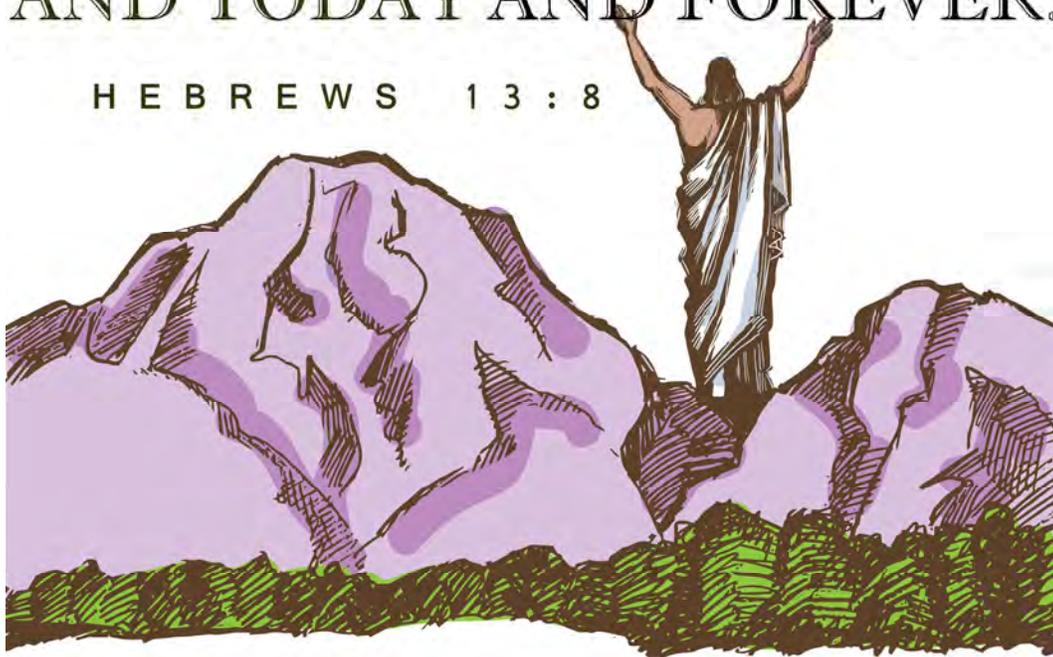
Bethany Lutheran Outlook
September 2019

Serving God, Community, and Individuals

JESUS CHRIST

IS THE SAME YESTERDAY
AND TODAY AND FOREVER.

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PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

“Sometimes you want to go where everybody knows your name, and they’re always glad you came.” You perhaps recognize those words as part of the theme song from the old Cheers TV show that ran from 1982-1993. I mentioned in the sermon a couple of weeks ago that the purchase of a “smart” TV in July has changed my life as, among other things, endless hours of viewing many old favorite TV shows is now available. In the case of “Cheers” that’s 275 episodes with no commercials! It was one of my favorite shows, set as it was in a Boston bar with, among other things, the same Larry Bird poster I had displayed in my middle school classroom also hanging on the wall in the back room of the bar. Plus, it had that great theme song with “You want to go where everybody knows your name” as the refrain.

After so many years of not seeing it, Cheers is still pretty funny, but it’s the refrain of the theme song that got my attention. While your friendly neighborhood tavern might be a place where everybody knows your name, and while there are other such places, church is that kind of place too. Obviously, church is about worship of God, learning about the faith and caring for the neighbor, but it’s also a place where a community is formed, something of an extended family where everybody knows your name and...they’re always glad you came.

I suppose we all also have those times when we just as soon be anonymous, times when we want to be able to go where nobody knows our name. For some that desire for anonymity might even include church and if so there are plenty of large churches you can attend where that can be the case. But, there are also times when you want to go and, I would argue, when you need to go where everybody knows your name because you need support, because you need to know that people care. That’s the kind of support a church community can offer and it’s different; it’s different because it’s support that goes deeper because it represents the presence of God. I know that many of you know exactly what I’m talking about.



Those who are part of a church community know this and value it, but smaller or even non-existent Sunday Schools are evidence that there are many who don't know and who don't see the value. I'm thankful for those young people we do have in Sunday School and Confirmation and for the commitment of their families. They learn from us, but we also learn from them. As for the others, all we can do is extend an invitation and pray that the Holy Spirit moves them to see that when you want to go where everybody knows your name, there are lots of choices, but only the church offers Jesus.

We start Sunday School again on September 8th and with that I think about kids I have seen and continue to see grow up as part of this community we call Bethany Lutheran Church. It may not be that everybody knows their name, but especially for those who are in church fairly regularly, everybody recognizes them, enjoys seeing them and enjoys watching them grow up. For those kids, it gives them another place they can feel safe and welcome, another group of people around whom they can feel safe and welcome and that's a good thing! Even more important, besides knowing that a lot of people know their name, they also learn that Jesus knows their name.



Pastor Geier

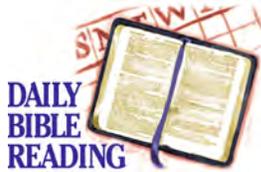
The Need to Worship Together

Sometimes life is hard to affirm, and when the blows of circumstances descend upon me, I want to go someplace with other people and be reminded by the acts of a community that affirmation is a fact larger than my private sorrow or trouble, that it exists in spite of me at the moment, and that if I just hang on I will come to church and praise life again

-Mary Jane Irion



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 2019

1 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 2:4-13 Psalm 81:1, 10-16 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14

2 Psalm 58	Jeremiah 2:23-37	Hebrews 13:7-21
3 Psalm 58	Jeremiah 3:1-14	Titus 1:1-9
4 Psalm 58	Jeremiah 3:15-25	Luke 14:15-24
5 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18	Jeremiah 15:10-21	Philippians 2:25-30
6 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18	Jeremiah 16:14 — 17:4	Colossians 4:7-17
7 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18	Jeremiah 17:14-27	Matthew 10:34-42

8 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 18:1-11 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14:25-33

9 Psalm 2	Jeremiah 28:12-23	1 Timothy 3:14 — 4:5
10 Psalm 2	Jeremiah 19:1-15	1 Timothy 4:6-16
11 Psalm 2	Jeremiah 20:1-18	Luke 18:18-30
12 Psalm 14	Jeremiah 13:20-27	1 Timothy 1:1-11
13 Psalm 14	Jeremiah 4:1-10	2 Peter 2:1-10a
14 Psalm 14	Jeremiah 4:13-21, 29-31	John 10:11-21

Readings for Holy Cross Day

Numbers 21:4b-9 Psalm 98:1-4 1 Cor. 1:18-24 John 3:13-17

15 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 Psalm 14 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10

16 Psalm 94	Jeremiah 5:1-17	1 Timothy 1:18-20
17 Psalm 94	Jeremiah 5:1-17	2 Peter 3:8-13
18 Psalm 94	Jeremiah 14:1-10, 17-22	Luke 22:31-33, 54-62
19 Psalm 79:1-9	Jeremiah 12:14 — 13:11	Romans 3:1-8
20 Psalm 79:1-9	Jeremiah 8:1-13	Romans 8:31-39
21 Psalm 79:1-9	Jeremiah 8:14-17 ; 9:2-11	Mark 12:41-44

Readings for the Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Ezekiel 2:8 — 3:11 Psalm 119:33-40 Ephesians 2:4-10 Matthew 9:9-13

22 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 8:18 — 9:1 Psalm 79:1-9 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13

23 Psalm 106:40-48	Jeremiah 9:12-26	Acts 4:1-12
24 Psalm 106:40-48	Jeremiah 10:1-16	1 Cor. 9:19-23
25 Psalm 106:40-48	Jeremiah 10:17-25	Luke 20:45 — 21:4
26 Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16	Jeremiah 23:9-22	2 Corinthians 8:8-15
27 Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16	Jeremiah 23:23-32	Ephesians 2:1-10
28 Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16	Jeremiah 24:1-10	Luke 9:43b-48

29 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31

Readings for the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels

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

30 Psalm 119:49-56 Jeremiah 32:16-35 Revelation 3:14-22

At the Center of It All

Psalm 118:8, the verse that falls in the middle of the Protestant Bible, reads, “It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in humans” (NIV).

The center of God’s Word reminds us to make God the center of our lives! No other person or possession can fulfill or save us. Only God is a safe, certain refuge, and we grow closer to him by grounding ourselves in his Word and his will.



Enjoy the Poetry of Hymns

God's Work, Our Hands

God's work, our hands: working together,
building a future, repairing the world,
raising up homes, planting new gardens,
feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
sharing the good news of your Gospel.



God's work, our feet: trav'ling together,
following Jesus to places unknown,
walking as friends, marching for freedom,
running the race with God's future the goal.
Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,
sharing the good news of your Gospel.

God's work, our voice: singing together,
praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,
praying for peace, shouting for justice,
claiming God's love for the lost and the least.
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
sharing the good news of your Gospel.

God is at work in and around us:
seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise!
Washed and set free, humbled and honored,
gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.
Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call,
sharing the good news of your Gospel.

Text: Wayne L. Wold

May be sung to the tune of "Earth and All Stars"

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Fellowship Hall Floor original 1962 Will patch asbestos floor and put down carpet squares which are replaceable if ruined.

Sanctuary original 1970 Carpet

Church Pews and Choir Chairs 1970 reupholster both

“God’s Work, Our Hands” is Winner of Sunday Hymn Contest

A hymn titled “God’s Work, Our Hands,” written by Wayne Wold, was selected as the winning entry in the ELCA’s “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday hymn contest. More than 120 entries were submitted to be considered as a hymn for the ELCA’s annual dedicated day of service. The selected hymn represents the official tagline of the ELCA and expresses how the people of this church live in service for the life of the world. We offer our thanks to all who submitted original compositions — the large number of entries gives witness to the enthusiasm that “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday has inspired throughout this church and in our communities. The selected hymn includes music to a familiar tune as well as music to an original composition. The hymn is available as a year-round worship resource.

Wold is a professor and chair of the music department at Hood College in Frederick, Md., where he also serves as concert manager and college organist. He is also the director of music ministry at First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ellicott City, Md.

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday is Sunday, September 8, 2019. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ — every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life — flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.

You work every day to make your community a better place. Let us continue doing this work together in 2019!





LAY SCHOOL NEWS Fall 2019

Over the past couple of years, at all of the sites where Lay School has been offered there have been challenges mostly having to do with difficulty in finding teachers along with a smaller number of students; weather has also been a complicating factor. Because of this, the Lay School Board has decided that the program needs to be re-imagined. Bishop Katherine and the Board agree that Adult Faith Formation is a high priority but we're afraid that the current format (which worked well for a long time) isn't as effective as it once was.

For that reason, a decision was made to suspend regular operations for the fall as we gather information and explore other possibilities. **However... to keep the flame burning...**

Two classes will be offered at Messiah, Marquette beginning Tuesday, September 3rd.

Other Voices: Old Testament Writings September 3 to October 8, 3-5pm
Focus will be on Psalms, Proverbs, Job and Ecclesiastes. (Pastor Warren Geier)

Apocalyptic in the Bible and in Contemporary Society September 3 to October 8, 6-8

An exploration of the apocalyptic books (Daniel and Revelation). The use of texts from Revelation in the liturgy is a particular focus. (Pastor Doug Norquist)

A third class will begin on October 15

Prophets II/Ezekiel and the Book of Twelve October 15 to November 19, 3-5
Ezekiel along with the so called minor prophets will be the focus. The time and context of their prophecy will be looked at along with a discussion of the message they bring to us today. (Pastor Andrew Plocher)



The plan then is that Pastor Allan Johnson will offer an online class during the winter as an experiment to help determine the viability of online learning (more to come on that) and that by Synod Assembly next May we will introduce a new approach to Adult Faith Formation that will begin in the fall of 2020.

As a church “Always Being Made New” this represents an exciting time! You will be asked for input as to what you would like to see in a program of adult faith formation. Prayerfully guided by the Holy Spirit we will develop an appropriate plan for our synod.

In the meantime, take advantage of what is offered at your church. If there isn’t anything, talk to your pastor and encourage others to get involved!

If you have questions or ideas for the future contact Pastor Warren Geier 906-486-4351; pastor@bethanyishpeming.org



**Learn
&
Grow**

Education Never Ends

Learning about Christ is a lifelong pursuit. It doesn’t end when we grow up. If we are to love God with our minds as well as our hearts, our souls and our strength, we should keep learning even into old age. We need to be well informed about our faith, our church and its beliefs so that we can express to non-Christians what Christianity is.

We love God with our minds when we know the Bible, when we understand what we believe and when we’re able to tell others the reason for the faith we embrace.



~From the Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In this age of social media, I would guess that many of you have already received news of the resolutions, memorials, and social statements that were adopted and passed at the Triennial Churchwide Assembly that gathered in Milwaukee from August 5-10. With 960-some voting members and 500 visitors and volunteers, we gathered under the theme, “We Are Church.”

One of the actions of the assembly was to debate, amend, and eventually pass a statement that declares the ELCA a “sanctuary” body. While many people are receiving this news with joy and affirmation, there are many others who are concerned, and asking the very Lutheran question, “What does this mean?”

Again, in this age of social media and agenda driven news reporting, I will do my best to give you accurate information about what it means, and about what it does not mean. First, I think it is important to understand the context of the conversation, both in terms of our Lutheran traditions and considering our current culture.

Lutherans have a rich history of ministry to and with the refugee and immigrant. After World War II, millions of people were displaced. Lutherans formed the Lutheran World Federation and Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service to minister to the many who needed safety, welcome, and a new place to live. That ministry now extends not only to Lutherans, but to all who are displaced by violence and war. It has been a part of who we are as people of faith, that we welcome not because of who the refugee/immigrant is, but because of who we are as Lutheran Christians, welcoming the stranger for the sake of Christ.

As we gathered last week shaped by that tradition, the assembly considered the challenges and faults of our current immigration system. Wherever a person stands politically, I would hope we can agree that the current immigration system and practice needs reform.

By declaring the ELCA a sanctuary body, the assembly has voted to take a public stand that walking alongside immigrants, offering support and compassion, is a matter of faith. That support can take many forms, and will no doubt be very contextual. Some possibilities:

- Providing financial support or legal counsel to those working through the immigration system.
- Hosting English language classes.
- Contacting our government representatives to protest the detention of children and separation of families.
- Collecting offerings for the ELCA ministry AAMPARO who not only accompanies minors through the system but works in communities on the other side of the border to alleviate conditions that cause people to emigrate.
- Learning about how to support the LIRS and border congregations and ministries that are on the front line of the humanitarian needs of those seeking legal entry.

What this declaration does NOT mean is that every ELCA congregation has now been mandated to provide housing and protection for undocumented people fleeing the law. As always, each congregation discerns where and how to apply its ministry energy and resources. But if a congregation does discern a position of civil disobedience, they should also understand that they assume any attending legal consequences.

Please hear the declaration as public support of those who are the most vulnerable. We can want border security and still attend to the needs of those who are fleeing violence and war, or simply seek greater opportunity. As we learn all that it means to be a “sanctuary” church body, we seek to live into all that Christ challenges us to become, people who live our faith, answer his call, and serve the purposes of God.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Katherine Finegan



Servanthood

Orthodox Christians
ask themselves
a question
before proceeding
with a decision
or an act:
“Is it beautiful?”
Is it beautiful?
The beauty
we experience
in worship
finely proportioned spaces
carefully crafted fabrics
artfully chosen poetry
Skilled music performance -
the beauty we experience
is a reflection
of the supremely beautiful God
we worship
And it doesn't end at
“Go in peace” .
God
in beauty
has begun a great work
in us
named us
called us
filled us with divine light
and when we
move outside the sanctuary walls
we continue worship
not in voice alone
but heart

and so
before we speak about someone
we ask
“Is this beautiful?”
before we vote
“Is this beautiful?”
before we walk past
someone in need
“Is this beautiful?”

— by Susan Palo Cherwien, *From Glory
Into Glory*



Recruiting now: Bethany Singers!

Wanted: Singers for Bethany Choir!

Job qualifications: Must have the desire to sing for joy and the glory of God!

Salary: an increased feeling of well-being, reduced stress levels, strengthened immune system, and you get to sing with the Bethany Choir!

Job starts: Wednesday, September 4, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m.

All kidding aside, if you have the desire to sing with a bunch of good people, our choir would love to welcome you. All rehearsals are recorded so if you miss one, you can “attend” on your own schedule. We meet on Wednesdays to rehearse and at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday morning for warm up and rehearsal before worship. You do not need to be able to read music to join the choir. You can even join us for part of the year! Please prayerfully consider joining the choir this fall! For more information, speak with any choir member!



Bethany Bells will begin rehearsals on Monday, September 9, 2019 @ 6:00 p.m.



Thank you to Pastor Geier, Bethany Lutheran Church, and all its members. I am overwhelmed by your generosity. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Pauli Kniivila

*Thank
You!*



Library Notes for September 2019 By Keenan Tunnell

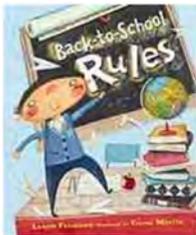
Well, another “new year” begins, especially for those attending school and more especially for those beginning school! Those students entering high school or even university might also empathize and/or learn from the small books included below. I’ve also included the movie tie-in edition of the classic The Giver. I just read it for the first time (and the three follow-up volumes, which round out the initial story) and found them truly thought-provoking. Welcome to the NEW YEAR!!

deGroat, Diane **Brand-new Pencils, Brand-new Books. JUV FIC DEG**



Gilbert's excitement over starting first grade turns to worry that the teacher will be mean, the work too hard, and his classmates too unfriendly, but throughout the day there are pleasant surprises.

Friedman, Laurie. **Back-to-School Rules JUV FIC FRI**



School's in session! When it comes to surviving school, Percy's at the head of the class. If you can follow his ten simple rules, making the grade will be a piece of cake (and school will be a lot of fun). But there's more to school than showing up on time and staying awake in class. If you have any doubts, Percy also shows exactly what not to do.

Winters, Kay. **This School Year Will Be The Best! JUV FIC WIN**

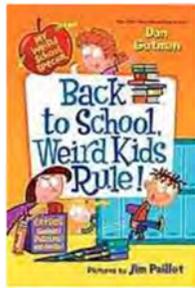


On the first day of school, new classmates are asked to share what they would most like to happen in the upcoming year. Some kids' hopes are familiar while others are off-the-wall. Whether it's looking good on picture day or skateboarding at school, everyone's wishes are shown in humorously exaggerated illustrations. As the first day draws to a close, there can be no doubt?this school year will definitely be the best!

Gutman, Dan. **Back to School. Weird Kids Rule!**

JUV FIC GU

Summer is almost over, and you know what that means—time to head back to school!

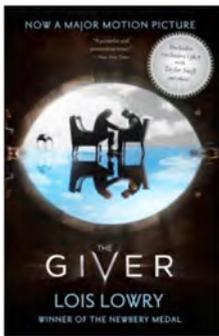


But when a tropical storm ends A.J.'s vacation earlier than expected, he and his family have to stay at Andrea's house. Ugh, disgusting! When everyone in the house starts getting cabin fever, and even back-to-school shopping won't calm the kids down, Andrea and A.J. are sent to Camp Ockatollyquay. The catch? It's a camp to get kids ready for school! But not to worry—Andrea and A.J. rally the Ella Mentry School gang to end their summer on a note they'll never forget. Includes My Weird School checklists and trivia plus tons of fun facts and puzzles.

Lowry, Lois. **The Giver.**

FIC LOW

In a world with no poverty, no crime, no sickness and no unemployment, and where



every family is happy, 12-year-old Jonas is chosen to be the community's Receiver of Memories. Under the tutelage of the Elders and an old man known as the Giver, he discovers the disturbing truth about his utopian world and struggles against the weight of its hypocrisy. With echoes of *Brave New World*, in this 1994 Newbery Medal winner, Lowry examines the idea that people might freely choose to give up their humanity in order to create a more stable society. Gradually Jonas learns just how costly this ordered and pain-free society can be, and boldly decides he cannot pay the price. (This is the movie tie-in edition) Other titles in the 4-part series: Gathering Blue, Messenger, Son...all located at **FIC LOW**.





Living Lutheran August 2019

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Saints and Notables for September

- 17 Hildegard von Bingen, German abbess, writer, composer, philosopher, mystic, (1179)
21 Matthew , Apostle
29 Michael & All Angels
30 30 Jerome, translator of the Bible from Hebrew & Greek into Latin, the Vulgate (420)

St. Michael and All Angels



Originally this was just the Feast of St. Michael the archangel. The idea of including all the angels on the day arose among the Anglican Christians and was carried over by English-speaking Lutherans. This was an easy adaptation since Lutherans from the time of the Reformation had used the feast to set forth the biblical teaching on the service of the holy angels to the children of God. Michael (the name means "Who is like God?") is said to be the captain of the heavenly armies. He is mentioned in the Scriptures in Daniel 10:13,31; 12:1 (where he is said to be the prince of the people of Israel); in Jude 9 (where he is said to have disputed with the devil about the body of Moses); and in Revelation 12:7 (where he is said to have led the heavenly armies against those of the great dragon). He is generally pictured in full armor, carrying a lance, and with his foot on the neck of a dragon. Various members of his heavenly army are seen constantly weaving in and out the both the Old and New Testaments, especially in the Gospels from the time of the Annunciation to the Ascension!

What is the value to us of remembering the Holy Angels? Well, since they appear to excel us in both knowledge and power, they remind us that, even among created things, we humans are not the top of the heap. Since it is the common belief that demons are angels who have chosen to disobey God and to be His enemies rather than His willing servants, they remind us that the higher we are the lower we can fall. The greater our natural gifts and talents, the greater the damage if we turn them to bad ends. The more we have been given, the more will be expected of us. And, in the picture of God sending His angels to help and defend us, we are reminded that apparently God, instead of doing good things directly, often prefers to do them through His willing servants, enabling those who have accepted His love to show their love for one another. As such, we remember them in both Morning and Evening Prayer when we pray to our heavenly Father, "Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil one may have no power over me."

Ten Commandments for Churchgoers

1. Thou shalt not come to service late
Nor for the Amen refuse to wait.
2. Thy whis'ring tongue thou shalt restrain
When speaks the organ its refrain.
3. But when the hymns are sounded out,
Thou shalt lift up they voice and shout.
4. The endmost seat thou shalt leave free;
For more must share the pews with thee.
5. The offering plate thou shalt not fear,
But give thine uttermost with cheer.
6. Thou wilt the bulletin peruse
And look here for the church's news!
7. Thou shalt the minister give heed
Nor blame him when thou'rt disagreed.
8. Unto thy neighbor thou shalt bend
And, if a stranger, make a friend.
9. Thou shalt in every way be kind,
Compassionate, of tender mind.
10. And so, by all thy spirit's grace,
Thou shalt show God within this place.



—John Haynes Holmes

Submitted by Natalia Goddes, Barnardsville NC



CROP Hunger Walk

**County Crop Walk
October 6, 2019
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.



**The September Noisy Offering will go to
Pine Ridge Apartments, Marquette.
(due to displacement by fire)**

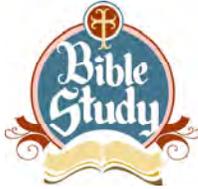
Thanks to everyone for your generosity!

Lutheran World Relief

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. Donated items should be handed in by the first weekend in October.



Interested in Joining a Bible Study?



Two Bible Study groups are available at Bethany. The Monday class begins on September 9th at 11:00 am. at Teal Lake. The Thursday class begins on September 5th at 6:30 pm. Hopefully one of these will fit your schedule and you can join in the conversation.

Interested in Joining a Circle?



The Women of the ELCA (WELCA) has two circles available. Martha Circle meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 1:30 pm. Usually the group meets at Bethany.

Joy Circle meets during the evening at Bethany. They meet at 7pm on the second Tuesday of the month. They will meet every other month beginning in October.

Interested in Joining Shawls or Quilting Groups?

The shawl group dedicates their time to making prayer shawls. They meet the first Tuesday of each month at 1:30 pm.

Quilters meet each Tuesday morning at 10 am.

Both groups would be happy to receive new members.



Sunday School begins September 8 at 9 am.

**Confirmation classes begin this month.
During September, classes will meet on the
September 15th and 29th**





Bethany Welcomes Jackson Jarvi

On August 11, 2019, Jackson Thomas Jarvi became a child of God through Holy Baptism. Jackson is the son of Nathan and Jordan Jarvi. Jackson's sponsors were Joseph Dalgord, Andrew Jarvi and Olivia Jarvi. God's blessings to family!

Jackson and his



150th Church Anniversary Update



Bethany Lutheran Church will be celebrating it's 149th Anniversary on Sunday, October 27th, with our annual dinner. This year's dinner will have a Scandinavian theme to kick off our year long celebration, which will take us to our 150th year!

Bruce Bussone and his team have kindly volunteered to prepare this year's meal, which will include homemade potato sausage, baked beans, cole slaw, bread and butter pickles and Swedish rye bread.

As we get closer to the date, we will be posting a sign up sheet for volunteers to make desserts. In staying with the Scandinavian theme, we would like to see rice pudding, apple crisp, and pepperkakar. (Recipes will be available if needed.)

Other volunteer opportunities may be available as we approach the celebration.

The Anniversary Committee is planning a number of events during the next year to take us into the big celebration next October. We will keep you informed through the Outlook so that you don't miss out on these wonderful opportunities!



Ray's 90!



Please stop by for coffee and cake
and say "Happy Birthday"
to Ray Leverton

Sunday, September 8, 2019

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

**Bethany Lutheran Church
715 Mather Ave., Ishpeming**

The only gifts Ray would like
are your smile and a hug.



**At the July 28th coffee hour, Bethany
celebrated Shirley Tyni's 85th birthday
and her son John's 65th birthday.**





**FLLC
FALL Fest**



Saturday, October 5, 2019

Quilt & Fine Arts Auction

Previewing 9:00-11:00 – FLLC Chapel

Buffet Brunch (Dining Hall): 9:00 – 10:30

Market (Dining Hall): homemade breads & pies

**Country Store (Chapel): small handcrafted
items and gifts, artwork, etc**



**Auction begins promptly
at 11:00 CST**

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



Council Highlights— August 2019



- Received thanks from Fortune Lake, World Hunger, LSTC, Habitat for Humanity, and Synod Assembly
- New director for Room at the Inn is Nick Hemmendorfer.
- Carpeting is scheduled to be replaced. Final plans for stair carpeting replacement leading to the second floor are still pending.
- 150th anniversary Planning Committee will meet in September. Plans now include the participation of Sunday School kids in a procession honoring St. Lucia in December. Also Swedish ornaments will adorn the sanctuary Christmas tree this year and next.
- Pastoral acts: Baptism of Jackson Thomas Jarvi (8/11/19); Memorial service for John Pontti (7/19/19)
- Membership changes: Harvey Wise and Marcia Lawson have been received as new members.
- Bishop Eaton was overwhelmingly re-elected on the first ballot of the ELCA church wide assembly.
- There are approximately 15 vacancies in the NGLS that Bishop Finegan is working on filling.
- Sunday School begins on September 8 and confirmation begins the following week on September 15.
- Jim Kinnunen will present a mid-year financial report in the September Outlook.



Midyear Financial Report August 2019

Thru July our General Fund expenses have been less than budgeted by \$5,000 or 95.7% of budget. This is very good cost control. On the income side, we are almost exactly at what was budgeted. This is also okay. However, this leaves us \$12,000 short of covering our General Fund expenses for the first seven months of the year.



In addition, we have the project payment of \$1079 each month. So far this year we have made payments of \$8,473 and have only received about \$4,400 in donations for the project. Our outstanding balance on the loan is \$70,661.

In total we are \$16,000 short of meeting our expenses thru the month of July. Last year we were blessed with some one time donations that really helped along with a general increase in pledged offerings. This year we will need additional help to close the shortfall by year end.

The Finance committee has added the ability to do donations by text or using the link on Bethany's web site (www.bethanyishpeming.org) for our members or visitors to choose.

With our 150th Anniversary coming up, our council is looking for an individual to be our Facebook administrator with the goal of improving our online communications. Please contact Jim Kinnunen.

Jim Kinnunen,
Finance Director



YTD Income: \$105,951.25

YTD Expenses: \$117,884.61

January—July 2019

Labors of Love

Thomas Merton, an American monk, writer and social activist, said, “It is in the ordinary duties and labors of life that the Christian can and should develop his spiritual union with God.” As the United States observes Labor Day, may we find meaning not simply in marking summer’s end but in celebrating the ways nearly all “duties and labors of life” can empower ministry and faith.



Whether as a dentist, parent, artist, teacher, mechanic, gardener, city councilor, farmer, day laborer, attorney or anything else, a Christian can begin each workday or shift by praying for opportunities to serve whoever they’ll encounter. We also can pray for and seek ways to grow in “spiritual union with God”: cultivating spiritual fruits; actively loving God and neighbor; seeing Jesus in the vulnerable; practicing humility, gratitude and praise.

In Labor Day, may we find inspiration to make all our labors loving and faithful!

The Free Store

The Free Store is an interfaith non-profit group supporting people who express a need for free clothing, linens, hygiene and cleaning supplies. Anyone in need is welcome. Free things are offered as “in God’s economy there is always enough.” The Free Store is located at 1420 East M28 next to Lakestate Industries. It is open Wednesdays Noon-4PM (1st, 2nd 3rd weeks of month) Facebook@thenewfreestore.

There is a collection box in our church entry. Donation requests rotate on a monthly basis.

Suggested donations for September: Feminine pads and Tampons

Bethany’s Website
www.bethanyishpeming.org



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



Keep In Your Prayers

Remember our home-bound and nursing home residents:

Valente:

Jacobetti: Carol Waters

Teal Lake Senior Living Community: Jean Johns, Annette Larson,
Adeline Johnson

Mill Creek: Marilyn Pontti, Betty Geier



- Amanda Bivins
- Marilyn Pontti
- Sandee Sundquist
- Jerry Plaisier
- Paul Kniivila
- John Lusardi
- Cindy Warner
- Loreth Johnson
- Emilie Brown
- Bob Maki
- Mark, Kathleen, and Karmen Slown
- Ray Chartre
- Roger & Ruth Solberg
- Doris Pellonpaa
- Ted Swanson
- Judy Hogan
- Mark
- Zander Atkins
- Jim Bjorne
- Angie Kempainen
- June Forsberg
- Those in the military that they may remain safe

“Delicious autumn! My very soul is wedded to it, and if I were a bird I would fly about the earth seeking the successive autumns.”

—George Eliot



If you would like to make a submission, 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



September Worship Assistants

September 1

Assisting Minister - Tom Perry
Acolyte - Brady Johnson
Altar - Clara Carlson
Coffee Hosts - Tony & Rae Elliot, Marie Chilman,
& Ann Sundblad
Flowers - In memory of Carl Pellonpaa by Doris
Pellonpaa
Bread - Shirley Tyni

September 8

Assisting Minister - Linda Dahl
Acolyte - Leo Dockery & Jacob Bivins
Altar - LaVerne Koski
Coffee Hosts - in honor of Ray Leverton's
90th birthday by Karen Nardi & Dave
Leverton
Flowers - In honor of Ray Leverton's 90th birthday by
David Leverton and Karen & Phil Nardi
Bread - Kaye Frederickson
Nursery will be available.

September 15

Assisting Minister - Garrett Frustaglio
Acolyte - Ashley Chartre & Faith Cain
Altar - Sue Ryan
Coffee Hosts - Social Ministry
Flowers - In memory of Fred Blewett and Sue Norell
by the Blewett Trust
Bread - Kay Chartre
Nursery will be available.

September 22

Assisting Minister - Terra Frustaglio
Acolyte - Luke Holmgren & Reid Frustaglio
Altar - Marian Medlyn
Coffee Hosts - Christian Ed
Flowers - In memory of Roy Grigg by Diane Garrett
Bread - Rae Elliot
Nursery will be available.

September 29

Assisting Minister - Carrie
Meyer
Acolyte - Jacob Bivins &
Brady Johnson
Altar - Sue Ryan
Coffee Hosts - Quilters
Flowers -
Bread - Bob Bucan
Nursery will be available.

September Ushers:

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



October Ushers:

John Beerling
Jerry Hager
Bill Heavyside
Don Meyer
Dan Sleeman
Bob Bruhnke
Rick Rhoades

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
29 Jerry Luokkala
30 Kathleen Slown



Happy Anniversary!

Byron & Wendy Koski
9/2/2000 19 years

Ray & Barbara Yunkari
9/2/92 47 years

Clifford & Karen Mattson
9/8/1973 46 years

Ron & Sheree Mariani
9/8/79 40 years

Robert & Gwen Bruhnke
9/16/1995 24 years

Michael & Kathy Harrington
9/16/89 30 years

Tom & Sue Ryan
9/17/1966 53 years

John & Sherry Lusardi
9/28/1974 45 years

