



Bethany Lutheran Outlook
April 2016

Serving God, Community, and Individuals



JOHN 10:30, NRSV



PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

April is National Poetry Month. I've mentioned on more than one occasion that while I never would have believed it a few years ago, I have come to enjoy reading poetry. I'm not an expert; far from it. When I read technical, literary analysis of poetry, I really don't know what they're talking about. What I have come to appreciate however, is how poets imaginatively use words to create images, images that affect you emotionally and at least potentially, images that reveal truth that can't be revealed in other ways. Poets have the ability to see things that most of us don't see and as we make use of their vision they help us to consider things from angles we hadn't considered before.

Poets have the ability to affect the imaginative, feeling part of us. They don't teach us facts but instead they shatter settled reality and evoke new possibilities. In many ways that is what faith is about. Faith isn't an accumulation of facts, it's the ability to imagine the reality of God and how that changes us and the world. Poets can help us do that.

What I have found is that reading poetry has changed how I read the Bible. It starts with the fact that reading poetry requires that you slow down. You don't read poetry the same way you read other kinds of writing; you go slower and pay closer attention to the words and images. You let your imagination work rather than simply looking for information or trying to find a right answer; you look for deeper meaning and deeper truth.

The Bible, of course, is full of writing that would be classified as poetry. The Psalms are the most obvious example, but the prophetic books of the Old Testament are largely poetry as well. There are poetic fragments throughout the New Testament and you could argue that much of the book of Revelation is a poetic vision. I would argue though, that there are poetic sensibilities that run through much of the Bible including parts that would not be classified as poetry. The gospel of John is a good example.



Every year during the Easter season we have a series of gospel readings from John. More than the other gospel writers, John includes imaginative dialogue and imagery to tell his story of Jesus and to convey what he believes to be the truth about Jesus. I used to struggle with John because it seems so different from the other gospels, but seeing the author as a poetic theologian rather than someone trying to write a biographical sketch,

I think I get much closer to the truth he wanted to convey. There are biographical elements to what he writes; John recounts some of the same events the other gospel writers do but the recollection of those events is secondary to the deeper theological truth about Jesus. With the eye of a poet John tells us more than just what happened.

Keep this in mind as you hear the gospel readings during the Easter season. Take you bulletin home and re-read the lesson during the week. Read it slowly and enter the poetic world of John.

Pastor Geier

In the Beginning

“In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with god
and the Word was God.
He was in the beginning with God.
All things came into being through him,
and without him not one thing came into being
that has come into being.
In him was life,
and the life was the light of all people.
The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness did not overcome it...
And the Word became flesh and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory,
The glory as of a father’s only son,
full of grace and truth.
From his fullness we have all received,
grace upon grace.”

John 1:1-5,14-16 NRSV



APRIL 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

1. Psalm 150 1 Samuel 17:19-32 Acts 5:17-26
2. Psalm 150 1 Samuel 17:32-51 Luke 24:36-40
3. **Second Sunday of Easter**
 Acts 5:27-32 Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150 Revelation 1:4-8 John 20:19-31
4. Psalm 122 Esther 7:1-10 Revelation 1:9-20
5. Psalm 122 Esther 8:1-17 Revelation 2:8-11
6. Psalm 122 Esther 9:1-5, 18-23 Luke 12:4-12
7. Psalm 30 Isaiah 5:11-17 Revelation 3:14-22
8. Psalm 30 Isaiah 6:1-4 Revelation 4:1-11
9. Psalm 30 Genesis 18:1-8 Luke 14:12-14
10. **Third Sunday of Easter**
 Acts 9:1-6 [7-20] Psalm 30 Revelation 5:11-14 John 21:1-19
11. Psalm 121 Ezekiel 1:1-25 Acts 9:19b-2:1
12. Psalm 121 Ezekiel 1:26-2:1 Acts 26:1-18
13. Psalm 121 Isaiah 6:1-8 Luke 5:1-11
14. Psalm 23 Ezekiel 11:1-5 Revelation 5:1-10
15. Psalm 23 Ezekiel 20:39-44 Revelation 6:1-7:4
16. Psalm 23 Ezekiel 28:25-26 Luke 12:29-32
17. **Fourth Sunday of Easter**
 Acts 9:36-43 Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30

18.	Psalm 100	Ezekiel 17:15-28	Revelation 15:1-4
19.	Psalm 100	Ezekiel 45:1-9	Acts 9:32-35
20.	Psalm 100	Jeremiah 50:17-20	John 10:31-42
21.	Psalm 148	Ezekiel 2:8-3:11	Revelation 10:1-11
22.	Psalm 148	Daniel 7:13-14	Revelation 11:15
23.	Psalm 148	Daniel 7:27	Revelation 11:16-19

24. Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1-6 John 13:31-35

Monday, April 25, 2016 - Mark, Evangelist

25. Psalm 133 1 Samuel 20:1-23, 35-42 Acts 11:19-26

Readings for Mark, Evangelist

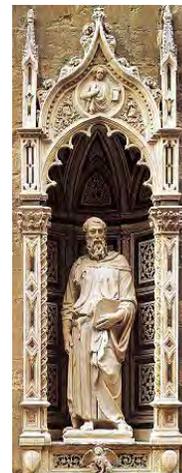
Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 57 2 Timothy 4:6-11, 18 Mark 1:1-15

26.	Psalm 133	1 Samuel 1:4-27	Acts 11:27-30
27.	Psalm 133	Leviticus 19:9-18	Luke 10:25-28
28.	Psalm 67	Proverbs 2:1-5	Acts 15:36-41
29.	Psalm 67	Proverbs 2:6-8	Acts 16:1-8
30.	Psalm 67	Proverbs 2:9-15	Luke 19:1-10

Mark the Evangelist

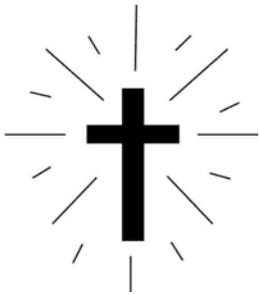
Did you know.....

- The Gospel of Mark was the first Gospel written (A.D. 70).
- Mark was the first Bishop of Alexandria.
- Mark was martyred on Easter Sunday (64 C.E.) because of his attempt during the reign of the emperor Trajan to stop the worship of Serapis.
- Mark the Evangelist is symbolized by a winged lion.
- Some Christian legends refer to Saint Mark as "Saint Mark The Lionhearted". These legends say that he was thrown to the lions and the animals refused to attack or eat him. Instead the lions slept at his feet while he petted them. When the Romans saw this, they released him, impressed by this sight.
- Mark the Evangelist is most often depicted writing or holding his gospel.



Enjoy the Poetry of Hymns

In the Cross of Christ I Glory



In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me,
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me.

Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming
light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming
adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.

In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.

— John Bowring, 1792-1872
ELW #324

In the Cross of Christ I Glory: The Story Behind the Hymn

The cross has been the most significant symbol of the Christian faith throughout church history. It is said that as many as four hundred different forms or designs of it have been used—among them the usual Latin Cross, the Greek Cross, the budded Cross. Regardless of design, the symbol of the cross should always remind us of the price that was paid by the eternal God for man's redemption. "In the Cross of Christ I glory" is generally considered one of the finest hymns on this subject. It was written by John Bowring, one of the most remarkable men of his day as well as one of the greatest linguists who ever lived. It is said that he could converse in over one hundred different languages before his death.

Some writers claim that John Bowring had visited Macao, on the South Chinese Coast, and was much impressed by the sight of a bronze cross towering on the summit of the massive wall of what had formerly been a great cathedral. This cathedral, originally built by the early Portuguese colorists, overlooked the harbor and had been destroyed by a typhoon. Only one wall, which was topped by the huge metal cross, remained. This scene is said to have so impressed Bowring that it eventually served as the inspiration for this hymn text.

The writing of the tune for this hymn is also most interesting. It was composed twenty-four years after Bowring's text by an American organist and choir leader of the Central Baptist Church of Norwich, Connecticut. The composer, Ithamar Conkey, was sorely disappointed at one Sunday morning service when only one choir member appeared, a faithful soprano by the name of Mrs. Beriah Rathbun. Before the evening service Conkey composed a new tune for this text and named it after his one faithful choir member.

The preaching of the cross may be a foolish message to many "but unto us which are saved it is the power of God." (1 Corinthians 1:18)

"May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
through which the world has been crucified to me,
and I to the world."

Galatians 6:14



—from
Grace:

spiring Hymn Stories for Daily Devotions by Kenneth W. Osbeck

*Amazing
366 In-*

The Cross



Tau Rho

The symbol of salvation is composed of the Greek letters tau (T) and rho (P). It was first used in ancient New Testament manuscripts as an abbreviation for the Greek word for "cross." The symbol also seems to visually represent Jesus on the cross.



Ankh

Also known as an ansate cross, this originated in Egyptian hieroglyphics. It represented life and regeneration. Its shape and meaning made perfect sense to ancient Christians, who appropriated it as a symbol for eternal life.



Victor's Cross

Also called the conqueror's cross, the victor's cross is composed of the Greek cross, recognized by its four equal arms, adorned with Greek letters in each quadrant. The top left letters stand for "Jesus" and the top right, for "Christ" (the horizontal lines above them indicate they're abbreviations). The four letters across the bottom spell the Greek word for "conqueror."



Latin cross

The Latin cross is the simplest and most common form of the Christian cross, possibly dating from the second or third century. Roman Catholic and Orthodox Christians typically display a crucifix — an image of Jesus hanging on the cross — to remember his death for the sake of the world, while Protestant churches often favor the empty cross, commemorating Jesus' resurrection.



Cross Crosslet

This cross is formed of four smaller Latin crosses joined at their overlapping bases. The cross as a whole represents the spreading of the gospel to the four corners of the earth. This cross is often used in connection with missions.



Jerusalem Cross

This complex cross, also called the Crusader's Cross or Fivefold Cross, has several interpretations. The main cross is composed of four tau (T) crosses representing the Old Testament law. The four small Greek crosses symbolize the fulfillment of the law in the gospel.

The five crosses together represent the church's mission: to spread the gospel to the four corners of the earth. They're also said to symbolize Christ's five wounds (hands, feet and side). Godfrey de Bouillon, the first ruler of Jerusalem after it was liberated from the Muslims, used the cross on his coat-of-arms. It was also embodied in the heraldry of the Crusaders.



Cross of Triumph

Also known as the Cross of Victory, this cross symbolizes Christ's final triumph and his reign throughout the earth. The Cross of Triumph is often depicted atop Jesus' scepter when he's shown in his kingly office.



Anchor Cross

The anchor is a symbol of the Christian's hope in Christ. "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure" (Hebrews 6:19, NIV). The early Christians used this cross during the days of persecution. They saw hope in the anchor's cross, while non-Christians saw nothing but an anchor.



Internship Midway Point

In March, I reached the halfway point of my Internship at Bethany. It's hard to believe because the time has flown by for me. Internship has been an amazing learning opportunity, from preaching in front of a larger congregation to rotating pastoral care visits for our hospitalized, homebound, and nursing home/assisted living members; from participating at funerals to furthering my understanding of Lutheran theology, I keep very busy.

When I "look back" later this year, my most memorable event may very well end up being my experience with Holy Week. The period from Palm Sunday through Easter has been more than I imagined, a series of firsts: beginning with Palm Sunday, the palm procession with children and dramatic reading; Morning Prayer just after receiving the news of the Belgium bombings; two days later the Maundy Thursday footwashing, a ritual I have never before seen. I was able to preach one of the Seven Last Words, "forgive", at the Ecumenical service, participating with other clergy. Later that day, there was the Good Friday Tenebrae service starting after nightfall, moving from light to darkness in the sanctuary, and ending with the Paschal candle shining before the altar. The Easter Vigil, again starting outside in the dark, with the new Paschal candle lit from the outdoor flame, and moving indoors to listen to the twelve "stories of God's people." Afterward John and I drove back to Marquette and set the alarm for 2:00 a.m. so we could return for the all-night vigil. We didn't know what to expect, but ended up keeping watch with Gary, Marilyn, Carl, Doris, and Kathleen, and hearing more stories about Bethany; I was surprised to lose track of time, heading back home at 4:00 a.m., later than expected. And then we were back to Ishpeming in time to join with everyone for the beautiful Easter celebration. Throughout these days, I was inspired by the liturgies, music, and preaching.

You all here at Bethany are used to your Lenten traditions and may not realize the "unique-ness" of your practices. I've been around for a long time and have never before experienced such a meaningful Holy Week. You definitely do things right.

Alleluia. He is Risen!!

= Vicar Terry Frankenstein

Continuation of Morning Prayer - Wednesdays

Pastor Geier and I would like to invite you to continue morning prayer beginning **Wednesday, April 6th**. We will worship together in the sanctuary using the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Morning Prayer Service. **The services will begin at 8:30 a.m. and last approximately 20 minutes.**

Join us as we read a morning psalm of praise, sing a familiar seasonal song, share the daily readings, and pray together. We will end with a blessing and then head off into our daily routines.

Morning Prayer continues to be an opportunity to enrich our spiritual lives and bring us closer to God. We encourage you to consider joining us whenever you can make it.

World Day of Prayer: Receive Children, Receive Me



Friday, March 4th at Trinity Lutheran Church was the worldwide, ecumenical women's World Day of Prayer gathering for 2016. The worship theme for this year was "Receive Children, Receive Me," written by the women of Cuba. Christian women in more than 170 countries & regions gather on the first Friday of March each year for prayer, celebration, & fellowship.

Following worship we enjoyed tea, coffee, & baked treats in fellowship hall.

When you begin your calendar for 2017, please reserve the first Friday of March to join other women around the world for World Day of Prayer!





Social Ministry

My apologies: I had a virus on my computer and after it was repaired, my email has not been working as well. Unfortunately the article in the March Outlook was one I had written for the Outlook last year. So, for this April Outlook, the intended March 2016 article appears.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!!!!!!!

This update is for those of you who missed the annual meeting and/or our annual report for 2015 as well as for any one else who may be interested.

Thank you Doug and Jill Carter for coordinating the Bethany Blood Drives, and thank you to all who donated.



Thank you to all who buy the Equal Exchange products. All sale profits directly support small scale farms around the world.

Thank you to all who donated directly to Social Ministry as well as those who donated to our once a month coffee hour. Total contributions of \$1,247.62 provided \$100 to Fortune Lake, \$102.77 to the Salvation Army Kids Program, \$69.85 purchased lunch for Habitat for Humanity workers, \$200 went to Feeding America Food Bank, \$100 bought items for baby kits, \$200 went to NGLS-ELCA Flood Relief, \$200 went to NGLS-ELCA Malaria Fund, and \$275 provided Holiday Food Baskets.

Thank you to all who threw their loose change and dollars into the Noisy Offering bread pans. Total 2015 donations were \$3,418.67, and provided \$957.21 to the Salvation Army-Greatest Need, \$536.22 was used for Fortune Lake Scholarships, \$145.58 went to NGLA-ELCA Malaria Fund, \$354.51 went to NGLS-ELCA Quarters for Hunger, \$256.12 went to Northwoods Air Life Line, \$615.39 went to Room at the Inn, and \$553.64 went to Voices for Youth.

Thank you to the Bethany women who assembled and sent 35 layettes, 11 health kits, 108 school kits, and 8 sewing kits to Lutheran World Relief.

Thank you to our dedicated quilters: Kaye Frederickson, Betty Geier, Sue Holmgren, Loreth Johnson, Barb Kinnunen, Marilyn Pontti, and Shirley Tyni. They made 119 quilts and sent them to Lutheran World Relief.

Thank you to all of you who filled our table with 2400 pounds of food in 2015. This food was donated to the Salvation Army, St. Vincent De Paul, and people in and out of our church at Social Ministry's and Pastor's discretion.



Thank you again to all. You are a generous congregation. Keep up the good work in 2016.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!!!!!!!

- Marie Chilman



The April Noisy Offering will be given to the Lutheran Social Services in the Great Lakes Synod for their area of greatest need.

Thanks to everyone for your generosity!



All God's blessings go together, like links in a golden chain. If he gives converting grace, he will send "showers of blessing." Look up today, O parched plant, and open thy leaves and

flowers for a heavenly watering. He will also give comforting grace. He will

—Charles H. Spurgeon



Board of Stewardship

When many Christians hear the word "stewardship" they think of an annual sermon or layperson's talk reminding us to fill out a pledge card - "that time again." We aren't the only believers to need a reminder of our obligation to Him, however, and it doesn't take long to find another example in God's Word of a prosperous people who sometimes neglected their obligation to Him.

In Deuteronomy, for example, we hear Moses lecturing the people of Israel, reminding them of their long journey in the desert and the laws they were given. He goes on to remind them to be obedient to the law and to not forget God as their success and prosperity grew.

"Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today."

A latter day writer, C.S. Lewis, puts it this way:

"Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service, you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already."

God's promises continue and He does not forget us - may we never forget that we and all we have are His already, ours only in choosing how to use them.





The Lutheran—March 2016

All Are Welcome



COVER STORY

All are welcome

Pastors and members break down the not-so-simple concept of welcoming

BY WENDY HEALY



COVER STORY

The essential ingredient is old-timers

BY JESSICAH DUCKWORTH



FEATURES

21st century's new-old-new Easter

BY GAIL RAMSHAW



FEATURES

Women clergy thankful for gains, frustrated by leadership gap

BY ERIN STRYBIS



DEEPER UNDERSTANDINGS

Science and faith

Why both matter for churches

BY LEONARD HUMMEL, ANN PEDERSON



A LEXICON OF FAITH:

Sin

BY PETER W. MARTY



PRESIDING BISHOP:

Holy Saturday

BY ELIZABETH A. EATON

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



Library Thoughts for April 2016

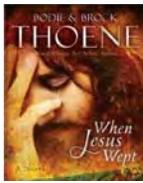
By Keenan Tunnell

The whole month of April is part of the post-Easter season and the library kiosk will be featuring a selection of our beautiful children's Easter books. The three new books I'm reviewing here will take us back to Lent with a deeper look at Judas Iscariot and a couple of alternative views of the later years of Jesus' life on earth. If you haven't read any books by Bodie & Brock Thoene, there are others in the Fiction Section and they're all a good read. Enjoy the month of April...spring must really get here eventually!!

Thoene, Bodie & Brock. **When Jesus Wept** (the Jerusalem Chronicles, Book 1)

FIC THO JER.1

"When Jesus Wept" is the story of David ben Lazarus, and it is narrated in first-person by Lazarus himself. It's as if he were telling you his life story at the dinner table... a story that takes the reader into the his life as he meets a new man on the scene, Jesus. Jesus and his teachings seem to be having profound influence on the people and the religious authorities of the region, and the impact they had on Lazarus, his family, and his livelihood have relevance to any reader today. As Lazarus tells his story, the teachings and life of Jesus are inter-twined with Lazarus's everyday life. Familiar stories were made more personal -- like the blind beggar at Solomon's Portico (who was young and given a name) and the cripple at the pool of Siloam (who was a man who once defrauded Lazarus's father). Although the stories' details are not completely biblical, the fictional aspects add a little more personality and imagination to the biblical narratives. (adapted from an Amazon review)



Thoene, Bodie & Brock. **Take This Cup** (the Jerusalem Chronicles, Book 2)

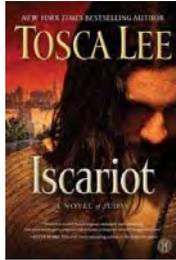
FIC THO JER.2



"In the lands where the Garden of Eden used to exist, young Nehemiah grows up hearing the prophecies of the Scriptures and tracking the movements of the stars. Time and again, these prophecies and movements point him to the imminent arrival of a Messiah who will free the world and restore Eden's innocence. When bandits force him from his childhood paradise to travel the lengthy road to Jerusalem, Nehemiah discovers and takes upon himself an unusual mission – to carry the legendary cup of Joseph, polished and shined, to the Messiah. This task – destined for him, whose name references the king's cupbearer of old - brings Nehemiah to Jesus of Nazareth, just as his earthly ministry, filled with parables and miracles, draws to its end. Could this respected and despised teacher and healer be the one for whom Nehemiah eagerly prepared the cup?" (from an Amazon review)

Lee, Tosca. **Iscariot; a novel of Judas.**

FIC LEE



This is a story you thought you knew: Judas Iscariot. History has called him many things: Thief. Liar. Traitor. Reviled throughout history and infamous for his suicide, he is the man whose very name is synonymous with betrayal...and the only disciple that Jesus called "friend". This is a portrait of Biblical history's most maligned character--from his tumultuous childhood to his emergence as the man known to the world as the betrayer of Jesus. But even more, it is an extraordinary view into the life of Jesus that forces us to reexamine everything we thought we knew about the most famous--and infamous--religious icons in history.

Here's another good read recommended by Kathy Geier.

Not in God's Name : Confronting Religious Violence by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

The former Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth, and the recipient of the 2016 Templeton Prize, Rabbi Sacks has written this book to address the thorny issue of religious extremism and violence committed in the name of God. He names religions as responses to, rather than causes of, violence, which is part of the human condition.

According to Rabbi Sacks, religiously inspired violence has as its source misreadings of biblical texts at the heart of all three Abrahamic faiths. By looking anew at the book of Genesis, with its foundational stories of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, he offers a radical rereading of many of the Bible's seminal stories of sibling rivalry: Cain and Abel, Isaac and Ishmael, Jacob and Esau, Joseph and his brothers, Rachel and Leah. "Abraham himself," writes Rabbi Sacks, "sought to be a blessing to others regardless of their faith. That idea, ignored for many of the intervening centuries, remains the simplest definition of Abrahamic faith. It is not our task to conquer or convert the world or enforce uniformity of belief. It is our task to be a blessing to the world. The use of religion for political ends is not righteousness but idolatry . . . To invoke God to justify violence against the innocent is not an act of sanctity but of sacrilege."

Carl Pellonpaa to be Honored

The Association of Finnish Culture and Identity will award its Honor Medal to Carl Pellonpaa at a special ceremony at the Marquette Regional History Center on April 9 at 2 pm. The award will be presented by the Honorary Consul of Finland for the U.S., James Kurtti. Also present will be Chairman of the U.S. Chapter of the League of Finnish American Societies Ron Hill of Marquette. Carl is being recognized for the contribution that he and his television program Suomi Kutsuu (Finland Calling) have made in promoting the Finnish culture.



Translated from Finnish, the notification reads, “ From the Association of Finnish Culture to the legendary career of an American Finn and His Life Work! The Association is pleased to award Carl Pellonpaa, on this Kalevala Day, this HONOR MEDAL! Born in 1930 in Ishpeming, Michigan; it was in 1962 the Finland Calling Program began. Finnish and English were the languages used. It was on Sunday, March 29, 2015, when the last program aired. The Association wishes to thank Carl for his 53 years of promoting Finnish Culture and Finnish language, so says the Association Chairman, Sampo Terho.”

Carl is the twenty-sixth person to receive the Honor Medal. The last was given November 1, 2013, to Finland’s Defense Minister Jussi Niinistö.



**Association of Finnish Culture and Identity
Presents Honor Award to**

Carl Pellonpaa

**April 9, 2016 @ 2 p.m.
Marquette Regional History Center**

The public is invited to attend.

Jordan Anderson is Baptized



During the Sunday morning worship service on March 13, Jordan Ryan Anderson became a child of God through Holy Baptism. Jordan is the son of Ryan and Kim Anderson. His sponsors are Kelly Anderson and Jennifer Hurley. God's blessings to his little one and his family!



**Congratulations to
Hillary Bjorne and Andrew LaChapell
who were united in marriage
at Bethany on March 12.**

Thanks Linda Hurrell



The Bethany Bells would like to give a heartfelt thank you to Linda Hurrell for directing the Bells so we could add to the musical offerings of Holy Week. We would also like to thank those who joined the bells for the first time. They include Sue Holmgren, Cheryl Frederickson, Tonya Perry, and Kathleen Slown.



Pie Social

**Saturday April 9
2:00 - 4:00 P.M.**

**Cost \$5
(or \$4 plus 1 paper good product)**

**Bring a friend.
Enjoy delicious homemade pies with ice cream and coffee.**

All proceeds will be donated to Janzen House.

**Spring
Meet-**



**Cluster
ing**

Bethany Lutheran Church, Ishpeming

**May 1
Sign up and registration @ 2:30**

**Cost \$5
Please sign up on the kiosk.**

**Program: Vicar Terry Frankenstein will speak
on the seminary.**



Bishop Eaton's Easter Message

Easter is early this year, and in many places across this church trees will still be bare and fields barren. It might even snow. But on Easter morning we will gather to greet the risen Son and give thanks to God for the new life we have in Jesus Christ.

Two things come to mind this Easter when there is still only the hint of spring: Jesus' words to his disciples just before his crucifixion and a hymn.

Jesus said, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." Jesus was talking about his death, but he was also assuring his disciples and us that death is not the end, that, though it might seem impossible and even terrifying to step into the void, God brings life out of death.

The hymn is ELW 379.

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.



The tune is actually a French Christmas carol. How perfect that, in bleak midwinter, the promise of spring was planted.

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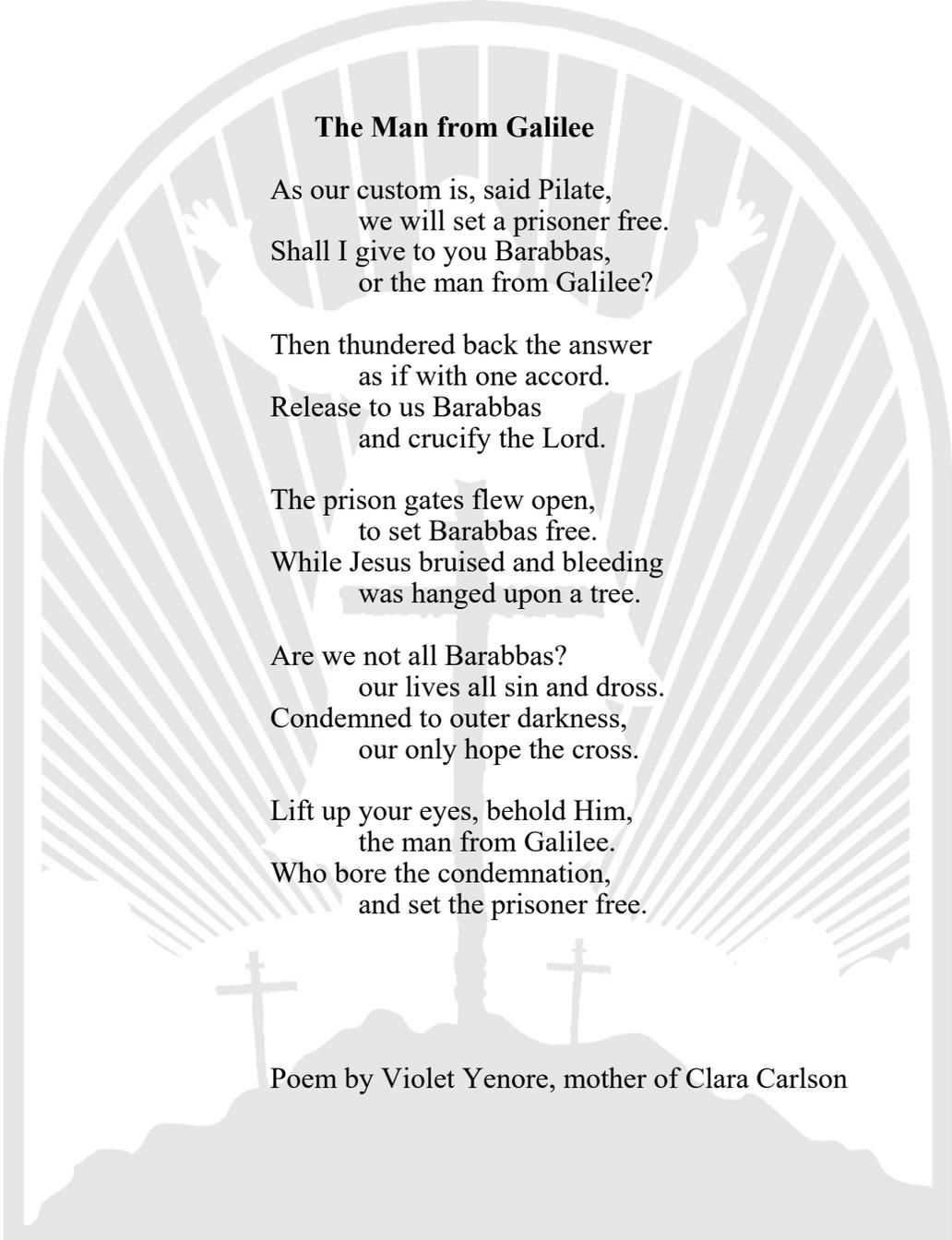
St. Paul wrote, "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?" We have already fallen into the earth and died. "For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his." We will not remain alone. We will bear fruit.

The seed has been planted in all the barren places in the world and in our lives. That gives us the power and the hope – especially in the face of our brokenness – to see life where the world only sees death ... in refugee camps and hospice units, in parched earth and in floods, in oppression and denied justice we are bold to confess. Now the green blade rises. Now love lives again. Now love comes again like wheat arising green.

Christ is risen.

Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America





The Man from Galilee

As our custom is, said Pilate,
we will set a prisoner free.
Shall I give to you Barabbas,
or the man from Galilee?

Then thundered back the answer
as if with one accord.
Release to us Barabbas
and crucify the Lord.

The prison gates flew open,
to set Barabbas free.
While Jesus bruised and bleeding
was hanged upon a tree.

Are we not all Barabbas?
our lives all sin and dross.
Condemned to outer darkness,
our only hope the cross.

Lift up your eyes, behold Him,
the man from Galilee.
Who bore the condemnation,
and set the prisoner free.

Poem by Violet Yenore, mother of Clara Carlson



Holy Week 2016



Palm Sunday

- Procession of the Palms
- Reading the Passion of our Lord According to Luke
- Palm Sunday Brunch



Maundy Thursday Footwashing



**Tenebrae Service of
Light and Shadows**



**Easter Vigil's Lighting of the
Paschal Candle**

**Easter
Christ has arisen!
Alleluia!**



Council Highlights— February & March



February

- Received thanks from Feeding America, Lutheran Social Services, St. Vincent de Paul, and NGLS
- Pastoral Acts: Baptism of Jordan Ryan Anderson (March 13); wedding of Hillary Bjorne and Andrew LaChapell (March 12)
- Many positive comments about Holy Week services; next year we could offer rides to those who do not want to go out after dark
- Pastor has taken on duties for hospice.
- Vicar Terry will be leading morning prayer on Wednesday mornings beginning April 6.
- Vicar Terry will be attending a candidacy retreat in Wisconsin and a stewardship event at Fortune Lake
- Approve use of the church for Beverly Matherne's poetry reading on April 28 and Thomas Finegan's graduation party on June 11.

March

- Received thank you from Room at the Inn
- Pastoral Acts: funerals for Shirley Sundblad and Geri Maki
- Approved requests by Sarah Waters and Wendy Penhale approved for use of facility
- Pie Social is April 9
- Approved resignation of Tom Brown



YTD Income: \$30,772.34

YTD Expenses: \$37,278.03

(Jan.—Feb.)





Thank You

Thanks to all who participated in our Lenten drama *Half-Baked Lent*. An extra special thanks to Amanda Bivins for portraying the major role in all of the dramas.



Poetry Reading by Beverly Matherne

Bethany Lutheran Church
April 28 @ 7 P.M.



Happy Faces at Bethany





Many thanks to my Bethany family for your prayers, cards, visits, and well wishes during the time of my knee replacement surgery and recovery. God bless you all.

Jean Johns



Coming in April



On April 10th Pastor Jim Holmberg from Lutheran Social Services will be guest preacher.

April 24th will be Holy Humor Sunday



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www.bethanyishpeming.org

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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), Anna Mae Collins (Mather), Jean Anderson (Valente), Allen Maki (Jacobetti), Bob Waters (Jacobetti), Jean Sandstrom (Valente), Don Doney (Valente)
- The family and friends of Rev. Rudy Keppainen who mourn his loss
 - Cindy Warner
 - Judy Hogan
 - Jean Johns
 - Karmen Slown
 - Brown family
 - John Hansen
 - Mark
 - Jim Sodergren, Jr.
 - Lois Goethe
 - Kaukola family
 - Clara Carlson
 - Ruthie Solberg
 - Pam Allen
 - Mark Ulrickson
 - Doris Pellonpaa
 - Pastor Bob Sutherland
 - Ned Johns
 - Carl Pellonpaa
 - Ralph Goethe
 - Robert Maki
 - Betty Geier
 - Zander Atkins
 - Jim Sodergren, Sr.
 - Jim Bjorne
 - Pastor Marcia Solberg
 - Angie Kempainen
 - June Forsberg
 - Carol and Juan Papaleo and family
 - Pam Waters
 - Those in the military that they may remain safe



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April Worship Assistants

April 3

Assisting Minister - Rick Rhoades
Acolytes - Abby Koski and Abbi Bruhnke
Altar - Clara Carlson
Coffee Hosts - Stewardship
Nursery - Sabrina Holm-Brown
Bread - Kaye Frederickson
Youth Ushers - Hope Kaukola and Mackenzie Ryan

April 10

Assisting Minister - Blake Forbes
Acolytes - Mackenzie Ryan and Hope Kaukola
Altar - Marilyn Pontti
Coffee Hosts - Christian Ed.—Pies
Nursery - Noah Kaukola
Bread - Kay Chartre
Youth Ushers - Kyra Holmgren and Kayla Koski

April 17

Assisting Minister - Marilyn Pontti
Acolytes - Gavin Argall and Jackson Cardoni
Altar - Sue Ryan
Coffee Hosts - Social Ministry
Flowers - In memory of Aaron Sundblad
by Colleen Sundblad
Nursery - Hannah Skewis
Bread - Rae Elliot
Youth Ushers - DJ Bivins and Garrett Frustaglio

April 24

Assisting Minister - Mark Slown
Acolytes - Blake Forbes and Garrett Frustaglio
Altar - Marian Medlyn
Coffee Hosts - WELCA
Flowers - In memory of George F. & Teckla
Holmgren by Keith & Sherri Holmgren
Nursery - Ben Bruhnke
Bread - Linda Dahl
Youth Ushers - Jackson Cardoni and Matthew Skewis

Thank You!

April Ushers:

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

May Ushers:

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



Happy Birthday!

- 2 Tammie Sundquist
- 3 Casey Hares
- 3 Hope Kaukola
- 3 Raegan Niemela
- 4 Jennifer Bertucci
- 4 Michael Swanson
- 5 Joanna Smail
- 6 Sara Urcavich
- 6 Karen Plaisier
- 8 Sheryl Tyni
- 8 Ann Sundblad
- 9 Danielle Nelson
- 10 Eric Jarvi
- 11 Gerald Anderson Jr.
- 11 Clifford Mattson
- 13 Carlo Balzarini
- 14 Kay Ryan
- 15 Alex Goldsworthy
- 15 Katelyn Ombrello
- 15 Tom Sodergren
- 16 Pat Varda
- 17 Jeanne Sikkila
- 19 Lindsey Piercefield
- 19 Kaitlin Hares
- 19 Lisa Mattson
- 21 Nancy Scarffe
- 21 Sara Ombrello
- 21 Laura Sleeman
- 22 Melissa Chartre
- 22 James Bjerne
- 23 Myla Carlson
- 24 Claudia Thompson
- 25 ShyAnn Brown
- 25 Tammy Swanson
- 25 Jackson Rich
- 25 Paul Kniivila
- 27 Savannah Marietti
- 29 Marian Medlyn
- 30 Keenan Tunnell

April 

Happy Anniversary!

Daniel & Cheryl Sleeman
4/16/1977 39 years

Donald & Judith Meyer
4/18/1964 52 years

