



Bethany Lutheran Outlook
April 2017

Serving God, Community, and Individuals

ALLELUIA!



**“He is not here; for he has been raised,
as he said.”**

Matthew 28:6



PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

April this year is going to be an especially busy month here at Bethany. Most years, Holy Week and Easter take place in April and that is the case this year as well. That in itself is enough to make it a special month as the Three Days followed by Easter Sunday represent the center of the church year as we recall and celebrate the events that define our Christian faith. As always we will mark these days in their fullness starting on Maundy Thursday, then with the Seven Last Words ecumenical service (this year at Bethany) on Friday afternoon and a Tenebrae service in the darkness and shadow of Friday evening. On Saturday we'll gather again in the evening around an outside fire to begin the Easter Vigil before moving inside by candlelight to continue the service in word and song and baptism. Following that, some will stay and keep watch through the night until Easter morning. These are all unique worship experiences, worth staying up late and losing some sleep over, culminated of course by the great celebration of Easter on Sunday.

That would be enough to make April special, but there's more. Our annual Pie Social will begin the month on Saturday, April 1st. It's always a nice time of fellowship, not to mention a vast array of delicious pies. It might violate your Lenten fast, but we'll ask for a day of special dispensation!

On April 23rd, the Sunday after Easter, our former vicar Terry Frankenstein will be ordained at First Lutheran Church in Gladstone. Easter is a season of celebration and this will help contribute to that feeling as we celebrate with Terry. At her request, people from Bethany will be involved in the service and I know she will be pleased to see anyone who is able to be part of this special day.

A few days after that, we will have what for us will be the highlight of this Reformation 500 year. On Wednesday evening, April 26th Kurt Hendel, the Bernard, Fischer, Westberg Distinguished Ministry Professor Emeritus of Reformation History at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago will speak at Bethany. There is much more about him and what he will talk about elsewhere in the Outlook, but I would more simply say that in addition to being an insightful, engaging teacher of Luther and the Reformation, Kurt is also a genuinely nice guy, a very pastoral presence in addition to being a scholar and teacher. When I interviewed potential interns at LSTC a few years back, out of curiosity I would ask them who their favorite professors were and Kurt Hendel was one of the most frequent responses. I was only able to have one class with him when I was at LSTC as he was away on sabbatical part of that time so I am very much looking forward to this opportunity!

It's been a few years since we've had a speaker here but we've always had excellent turnouts and I'm sure that will be the case again. Mark your calendar, plan to be present and invite others to be part of an enjoyable evening. You'll leave with new insights concerning the significance of the Reformation 500 years later and what it means to call yourself a Lutheran Christian in the year 2017!

All in all, a very full month.

Pastor Geier

Baptism: Awakening

Christ's resurrection is to us as
the dawning of the Sun into new day;
Christ's resurrection is to us as
the bursting forth of life into the vine;
Christ's resurrection is to us as
the blossoming of spring out of winter's death;
Christ's resurrection is to us as
the crossing of the Red Sea into new freedom;
It is a baptism, this resurrection,
deep into blue water to new life;
it is a spring rain that springs green;
it is a drink of cool water in a thirsty land;
this resurrection, it is a fountain pouring forth
at the center of life.

A fountain.
Come, all who are thirsty,
And drink.

By Susan Palo Cherwien, *From Glory into Glory;*
Reflections for Worship



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

April 2017

1 Psalm 130 Ezekiel 36:8-15 Luke 24:44-53

2 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45

3 Psalm 143	1 Kings 17:17-24	Acts 20:7-12
4 Psalm 143	2 Kings 4:18-37	Ephesians 2:1-10
5 Psalm 143	Jeremiah 32:1-9, 36-41	Matthew 22:23-33
6 Psalm 31:9-16	1 Samuel 16:11-13	Philippians 1:1-11
7 Psalm 31:9-16	Job 13:13-19	Philippians 1:21-30
8 Psalm 31:9-16	Lamentations 3:55-66	Mark 10:32-34

9 Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

Procession with Palms: Matthew 21:1-11
Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 26:14 - 27:66



10 Monday in Holy Week

Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 36:5-11 Hebrews 9:11-15 John 12:1-11

11 Tuesday in Holy Week

Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 71:1-14 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 John 12:20-36

12 Wednesday in Holy Week

Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 70 Hebrews 12:1-3 John 13:21-32

13 Maundy Thursday

Exodus 1-14 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 1 Cor. 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Romans 6:3-11 John 20:1-18

14 Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12 Psalm 22 Hebrews 10:16-25 John 18:1 - 19:42

15 Resurrection of Our Lord - Vigil of Easter

Readings and Responses for Easter Vigil

First Reading: [Genesis 1:1-2:4a](#) - Creation

Response: [Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26](#)

Second Reading: [Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13](#) - Flood

Response: [Psalm 46](#)

Third Reading: [Genesis 22:1-18](#) - Testing of Abraham

Response: [Psalm 16](#)

Fourth Reading: [Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21](#) - Deliverance at the Red Sea

Response: [Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18](#)

Fifth Reading: [Isaiah 55:1-11](#) - Salvation freely offered to all

Response: [Isaiah 12:2-6](#)

Sixth Reading: [Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6](#) - The wisdom of God

Response: [Psalm 19](#)

Seventh Reading: [Ezekiel 36:24-28](#) - A new heart and a new spirit

Response: [Psalm 42 and Psalm 43](#)

Eighth Reading: [Ezekiel 37:1-14](#) - Valley of the dry bones

Response: [Psalm 143](#)

Ninth Reading: [Zephaniah 3:14-20](#) - The gathering of God's people

Response: [Psalm 98](#)

Tenth Reading: [Jonah 1:1-2:1](#) - The deliverance of Jonah

Response: [Jonah 2:2-3 \[4-6\] 7-9](#)



Eleventh Reading: [Isaiah 61:1-4, 9-11](#) - Clothed in the garments of salvation
Response: [Deuteronomy 32:1-4, 7, 36a, 43a](#)

Twelfth Reading: [Daniel 3:1-29](#) - Deliverance from the fiery furnace
Response: [Song of the Three 35-65](#)



16 Resurrection of Our Lord

Acts 10:34-43 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Col. 3:1-4 Matthew 28:1-10

17 Psalm 118::1-2, 14-24 Exodus 14:10-31 ; 15:20-21 Col. 3:5-11

18 Psalm 118::1-2, 14-24	Exodus 15:1-18	Col. 3:12-17
19 Psalm 118::1-2, 14-24	Joshua 3:1-17	Matthew 28:1-10
20 Psalm 16	Song of Solomon 2:8-15	Col. 4:2-5
21 Psalm 16	Song of Solomon 5:9 - 6:3	1 Cor. 15:1-11
22 Psalm 16	Song of Solomon 8:6-7	John 20:11-20

23 Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31

24 Psalm 114	Judges 6:36-40	1 Cor. 15:12-20
25 Psalm 114	Jonah 1:1-17	1 Cor. 15:19-28
Mark the Evangelist		
26 Psalm 114	Jonah 2:1-10	Matthew 12:38-42
27 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19	Isaiah 25:1-5	1 Peter 1:8b-12
28 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19	Isaiah 26:1-4	1 Peter 1:13-16
29 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19	Isaiah 25:6-9	Luke 14:12-14

30 Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35





HOLY WEEK *Worship Services*

April 9 Palm Sunday

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Palm Sunday brunch follows worship.

As we ponder what it would've been like to throw coats and branches in your path as you entered Jerusalem, Lord, help us lay our lives at your feet.

April 13 Maundy Thursday 8:00 p.m.

God, after the first Passover, you delivered Israel from slavery. Today we share that meal, transformed by your Son, and trust in your delivery from slavery to sin. Amen.

April 14 Good Friday

Ecumenical Service @ Bethany Lutheran Church 12:30—3:00 p.m.

Tenebrae Service 9:00 p.m.

Holy God, mighty and immortal, have mercy on us. We praise you, for by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

April 15 Easter Vigil 9:00 p.m.

All Night Vigil 11:00 p.m.

April 16 Easter Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Hallelujah! Christ is risen! Welcome into Easter joy. The power of God raised Jesus from the dead and offers eternal life to all.



Enjoy the Poetry of Hymns

There is a Green Hill far Away

There is a green hill far away,
outside a city wall,
where our dear Lord was crucified
who died to save us all.

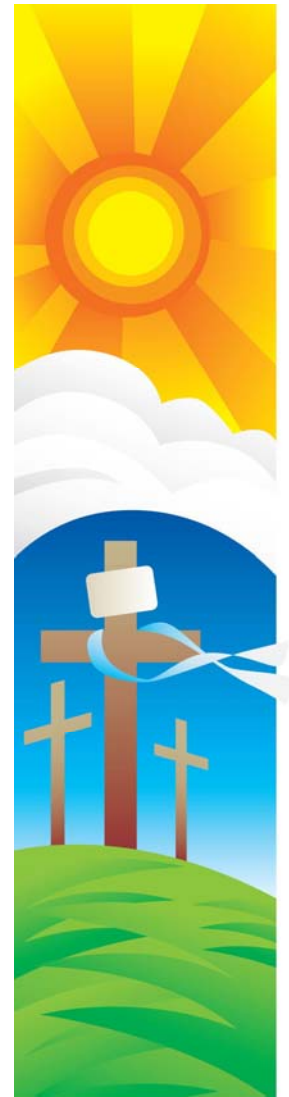
We may not know, we cannot tell,
what pains He had to bear,
but we believe it was for us
He hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiven,
He died to make us good,
that we might go at last to heaven,
saved by His precious blood.

There was no other good enough
to pay the price of sin,
He only could unlock the gate
of heaven and let us in.

O dearly, dearly has He loved!
And we must love Him too,
and trust in His redeeming blood,
and try His works to do.

Words by Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895),



There is a Green Hill Far Away: the Story Behind the Hymn

A mark of greatness is the ability to make profound truths understandable to children. Such was the gift of Mrs. Cecil Frances Alexander, generally regarded as one of the finest of English women hymn writers.

Mrs. Alexander was born in Tyrone, Ireland. Before her marriage in 1850 to the Rev. William Alexander, who later became archbishop and Primate of the Anglican Church for all of Ireland, she was active and successful in the Sunday School movement just beginning in Great Britain. Mrs. Alexander never lost her love for children and the desire to teach them sound spiritual truths, which she maintained could best be done through the use of suitable hymns.

In 1848 she published a volume of children's hymns that has never been excelled. It covered a wide range of doctrinal subjects such as Baptism, the Apostles' Creed, the Ten Commandments, and the Lord's Prayer. Practically all of the 400 poems and hymns written by Mrs. Alexander throughout her life were intended for children, and for this reason the language is direct and easily understood, as in this hymn. A child has no difficulty in comprehending it, yet this lovely hymn expounds in a most touching and meaningful way the story of Christ's atonement.

This hymn text was written especially by Mrs. Alexander for the purpose of teaching her own Sunday School class the meaning of the phrase from the apostles' Creed, "suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried." The text, though intended for children, has been greatly used by adult congregations for more than a century. Like most of her writings, this text is said to have a simplicity that an adult Christian person need never outgrow.

After her marriage, Mrs. Alexander maintained a keen interest in her husband's parish duties, and her life continued to be filled with deeds of helpfulness and charity. Her husband once wrote this tribute to her, "From one poor home to another she went. Christ was ever with her, and in her, and all felt her influence." Those who knew her intimately claimed that her life was even more beautiful than her hymns and poetry. She was a very humble woman who disdained praise for her accomplishments. However, the account is given that on one occasion when someone wrote to tell her of the change in heart and life which had come to a worldly man through the influence of one of her hymns as it was sung, Mrs. Alexander sprang to her feet, joyfully exclaiming, "than God, I do like to hear that."

From *101 Hymn Stories; the Inspiring True Stories Behind 101 Favorite Hymns* by Kenneth W. Osbeck

*Palm Sunday
Brunch*



*Bethany's Palm Sunday Brunch
April 9
after worship service*



*Decorated Eggs
Ham & cheese on rolls
Fruit
Muffins
Coffee
Milk*

*Sponsored by the
Board of Worship and Music*



Terry Frankenstein will be ordained April 23

Terry Frankenstein's ordination will be at 3:00 pm on April 23 at First Lutheran Church in Gladstone, Michigan (1212 Minneapolis Ave.). Hopefully many of Bethany's congregation will be able to share this day with Terry.



A sign up sheet has been placed on the kiosk for anyone wanting to pay for bus arrangements to Gladstone. Several options are presented. Sign up for all you would be willing to do.

- Option 1—\$28 if 32 people sign up
- Option 2—\$36 if 22 people sign up
- Option 3—\$50 if 13 people sign up

These arrangements need to be made soon to see if any of these options is a viable one. If not, carpooling can be arranged.

Bethany's Pie Social - April 1 1:00 - 3:00 pm \$5.00

Please come and join us for a day of fellowship and friends on Saturday April 1st from 1-3 for Bethany's Pie Social. Bring a friend or two and enjoy an afternoon of yummy pies and fellowship. Hope to see you there!



Organ Music for Lent Continues Organist: Lucas Wickstrom

Lucas Wickstrom shared organ music for Lent at Bethany on March 29th. On April 5th he will continue this Lenten musical series at Bethel Lutheran Church in Ishpeming. The recital begins at noon and lasts 45 minutes.



Lectures explore Luther's 'hidden and revealed' God; faith active in love



MUNISING/ISHPEMING – Church history and Reformation scholar Dr. Kurt Hendel of Chicago, will be in the Upper Peninsula Tuesday and Wednesday, April 25 and 26, to present two public lectures and help mark the occasion of the 500th year since Martin Luther inspired a major reformation movement within the church.

While in the U.P., Hendel will offer two lectures. Both lectures will begin at 6:30 pm, and will be preceded by potluck fellowship at 5:30 pm. They are open to the public.

On Tuesday, April 24, Hendel will present “Christians and People of other Faiths: Luther on the Hidden and Revealed God,” at Eden Lutheran Church, 1150 W M-28, Munising. He will explore the traditional claim by many, including Luther, for almost two millennia, that there is no salvation outside the church. The second part of the lecture will examine Luther's notion of the hidden and revealed God and what it tells us about the church's mission in our time and our attitudes toward people of other faiths or no faith.

On Wednesday, April 25, he will present “Faith Active in Love,” at Bethany Lutheran Church, 715 Mather Avenue, Ishpeming. Here Hendel will examine Luther's assertion that Christians are both free lords and dutiful servants, his emphasis that faith is always active in love for God and the neighbor, and Luther's doctrine of vocation. This lecture is particularly relevant in our time when love, concern for the neighbor, and the role of faith in shaping our ethical life are either ignored or interpreted in very strange ways.

Hendel is the Bernard, Fischer, Westberg Distinguished Ministry Professor of Reformation History Emeritus at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. He is an ordained clergyman of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and has served as a professor at Concordia Seminary, Christ Seminary—Seminex, and the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. His teaching and scholarly interests have focused on Martin Luther and his theology, the Lutheran Confessions, and Reformation history. The recent publication of the two-volume set, *Johannes Bugenhagen*:

Selected Writings, marks the completion of a lengthy research project on the life and publications of the Pomeranian reformer who served as Luther's pastor and colleague in Wittenberg. Hendel also wrote the commentary on the Smalcald Articles in Augsburg's "The Annotated Luther," a new six-volume collection of Luther's essential writings.

In a recent tribute, Nathan Montover of Wartburg Theological Seminary said this about Hendel: "Dr. Hendel embodies the desire of the Reformers to keep proclamation and pastoral care at the center of their movement. Anyone who has attended one of Dr. Hendel's classes at LSTC or Christ Seminary-Seminex understood that they were both students and parishioners. To be a student of Dr. Hendel meant that you could assume you would be educated and loved."

Hendel is married to Jobey L. Hendel, and they have been blessed with three children and nine grandchildren. Recently retired, although still teaching as an emeritus professor at LSTC, he enjoys reading, sports, theater, and the beauties of nature.

Hendel's visit to the U.P. is sponsored collaboratively by Eden and Bethany Lutheran churches in Munising and Ishpeming, respectively. Bethany and Eden are among many Lutheran churches marking this anniversary year with time set aside to give thanks for what has grown out of our religious traditions in the last 500 years, and also to reflect on and seek healing for those places where the church remains divided.

For more information, contact Pastor Ann Gonyea at Eden, 906 387 2520, or Pastor Warren Geier at Bethany, 906-486-4351. Lectures may be used for clergy CE credit.

**"Faith is permitting ourselves to be
seized
by the things we do not see."**

—Martin Luther



Risen

For Easter Day

If you are looking
for a blessing,
do no linger
here.

Here is only
emptiness,
a hollow,
a husk
where a blessing
used to be.

This blessing
was not content
in its confinement.

It could not abide
its isolation,
the unrelenting silence,
the pressing stench
of death.

So if it is
a blessing
you seek,
open your own
mouth.

Fill your lungs
with the air
this new
morning brings

**“He is not here; for he has been raised,
as he said;”**

Matthew 28:6

and then
release it
with a cry

Hear how the blessing
breaks forth
in your own voice,

how your own lips
form every word
you never dreamed
to say.

See how the blessing
circles back again,
wanting you to
repeat it,
but louder,

how it draws you,
pulls you,
sends you
to proclaim
its only
word:

Risen.
Risen.
Risen



by Jan Richardson, *Circle of Grace*



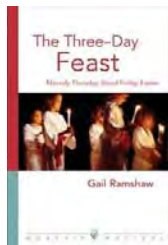
Library Notes for April 2017

By Keenan Tunnell

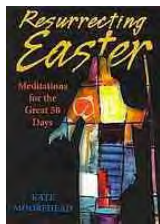
Lent is drawing to a close so let's look at Holy Week and Easter. As usual, the library kiosk will be overflowing with children's Easter books and they can also add a dimension to your Easter pilgrimage. Take some time in your busy days to pay some special attention to the continuing miracle of God's love.

Ramshaw, Gail. **The Three-Day Feast.** 263 RAM

“The restoration of the Three Days at the heart of the church's year remains one of the great projects in the ongoing renewal of congregational life and mission. In rich and vivid detail, Gail Ramshaw shows us how the ancient and ever new Easter feast both tells the story of God's mercy in Jesus' death and resurrection and enacts its meaning for our lives, for this world. This book will inform, inspire, and delight all who seek to keep these days.” (Amazon.com review from the Dean of the Chapel, Wartburg Seminary) Moorehead, Kate.



Resurrecting Easter. 242 MOO



American Christians have forgotten the Easter season. We celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus on one day and then we return to ordinary time. But Christ appeared over and over again for forty days in resurrected form. We cannot sustain this resurrection season because that kind of sustained joy overwhelms us. This book is designed to help us sustain Easter.

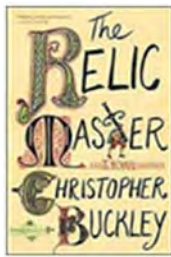
- o People love to read devotional books in Lent. This gives them something to read in Easter.
- o Readers will move more deeply into an understanding of the resurrection and how it impacts us now.
- o Christians have lost the most pivotal aspect of our faith: the radical nature of the resurrection. This is a reminder of that most incredible event and its claim on all of our lives

Reformation 500 Books

There will be an ongoing presentation of materials related to the Reformation for the remainder of this Reformation Year. This month the titles look at the importance of printing in the Reformation story and a look at the importance of relics in the time of Luther.

Buckley, Christopher. **The Relic Master** FIC BUC

The year is 1517. The place is the Holy Roman Empire. Meet Dismas, former Swiss mercenary and monk, now a prosperous dealer in holy relics. His clients use the relics to help them sell indulgences, the notorious get-out-of-Purgatory passes. But now indulgence sales have become so controversial that Martin Luther is about to nail his famous Ninety-Five Theses to the church door, triggering the Protestant Reformation. Dismas is a good and honest fellow - at least as honest as any relic dealer can be. He is devoted to his "uncle" Frederick the Wise, ruler of Saxony, whom he supplies with everything from pieces of the True Cross to the hair of Saint Apollonia. He cordially detests his other principal client, the Archbishop of Mainz, a power-hungry collector who keeps pressing Dismas to supply him with the burial cloth of Christ. Dismas yearns to retire to a mountain hut in the Alps. When his nest egg is embezzled, he is left despondent. His best friend, the painter Albrecht Durer, deviously proposes that he make a burial cloth of Christ for Dismas to sell to the Archbishop....and that's when the excitement begins!!



Christie, Alix. **Gutenberg's Apprentice**. FIC CHR

Youthful, ambitious Peter Schoeffer is on the verge of professional success as a scribe in Paris when his foster father, wealthy merchant and bookseller Johann Fust, summons him home to corrupt, feud-plagued Mainz to meet "a most amazing man."



Johann Gutenberg, a driven and caustic inventor, has devised a revolutionary—and to some, blasphemous—method of bookmaking: a machine he calls a printing press. Fust is financing Gutenberg's workshop and he orders Peter, his adopted son, to become Gutenberg's apprentice....[and so] Peter begins his education in the "darkest art." As his skill grows, so, too, does his admiration for Gutenberg and his dedication to their daring venture: copies of the Holy Bible. But mechanical difficulties and the crushing power of the Catholic Church threaten their work.

As outside forces align against them, Peter finds himself torn between two father figures: the generous Fust, who saved him from poverty after his mother died; and the brilliant, mercurial Gutenberg, who inspires Peter to achieve his own mastery. (NOTE: See Also YA FIC VER, **Ink on His Fingers** for a similar story for younger readers)

Pettigree, Andrew. **Brand Luther...** 284.1092 PET



When Martin Luther posted his "theses" on the door of the Wittenberg church in 1517 ... he was virtually unknown. Within months, his ideas spread across Germany, then all of Europe; within years, their author was not just famous, but infamous, responsible for catalyzing the violent wave of religious reform that would come to be known as the Protestant Reformation ... Luther came of age with the printing press, and the path to glory of neither one was obvious to the casual observer of the time... Pettigree illustrates Luther's great gifts not simply as a theologian, but as a communicator, indeed, as the world's first mass-media figure, its first brand. He recognized the power of pamphlets, written in the colloquial German of everyday people... But that wasn't enough--not just words, but the medium itself was the message. Fatefully, Luther had a partner in the form of artist and businessman Lucas Cranach, who together with Wittenberg's printers created the distinctive look of Luther's pamphlets. Together, Luther and Cranach created a product that spread like wildfire... Soon Germany was overwhelmed by a blizzard of pamphlets, with Wittenberg at its heart... This book fuses the history of religion, of printing, and of capitalism--the literal marketplace of ideas--into one enthralling story.--Adapted from book jacket

Christ Risen and Realized



George Thompson tells of a Jewish rabbi's appeal to Christians during the tumultuous 1930s. On Easter Eve, the rabbi wrote in a newspaper: "I challenge the Christian world to measure itself by the standards of Christ. As long as any group is judged by its creed or color or country in place of its character, Christianity is a sacrilege rather than sanctity. To this end, I summon Christians everywhere to make this Easter to signify Christ realized and not merely Christ risen.



Living Lutheran — March 2017 Called, Gathered and Sent



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From Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton



- The good Samaritan

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

**Easter Trivia Challenge:
Easter Season: the time Before, During and After Each Year**

1. True or false? The date of Easter depends on the moon.
2. What does the word carnival mean? (Two famous carnivals include Mardi Gras in New Orleans, Louisiana and the Rio Carnival held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.)
 - A. Goodbye to meat
 - B. Energetic happy dance
 - C. March of the flowers
3. What do many Christians give up during Lent?
 - A. Eating meat
 - B. Eating a specific dietary item, for example, chocolate
 - C. Both a and/or B are common.
4. What is the significance of Shrove Tuesday?
 - A. It is the last day before Lent
 - B. It is customary to visit groves of trees or shroves.
 - C. It is the day that the Sermon on the Mount was given.
5. What do the ashes of Ash Wednesday symbolize?
 - A. sin
 - B. repentance
 - C. forgiveness
6. What is the liturgical color of Lent?
 - A. orange
 - B. green
 - C. purple
7. What does Palm Sunday commemorate?
 - A. Jesus' entry into Jerusalem
 - B. The Last Supper
 - C. The Sermon on the Plain



Answers to Easter Trivia Challenge

1. True the date of Easter depends on the moon. Easter occurs the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox.
2. A. Carnival means goodbye to meat.
3. C. Many Christians follow precise dietary restrictions and abstain from eating meat and/or fat during Lent. Many countries have traditional doughnuts that are made and eaten on Shrove Tuesday before Lent starts. Other Christians opt to give up a particular favorite food for Lent. So C is the best answer.
4. A. Shrove Tuesday is the last day before Lent. Pre-Reformation. It used to be customary to seek confession prior to Lent. A shrove is written prescription from a priest for what acts of penance are to be performed before the sinner is considered to be shriven and forgiven of his sins.
5. B. The ashes of Ash Wednesday symbolize repentance.
6. C. Purple is the liturgical color of Lent.
7. A. Jesus's entry into Jerusalem is commemorated on Palm Sunday.



The April Noisy Offering will be given to ELCA Hunger.

Thanks to everyone for your generosity!

Welcome Addison Jarvi



Nathan and Jordan Jarvi our proud parents of their baby girl, Addison Mae. Addison was born February 13th weighing in at 7 pounds 12 ounces and 19 3/4 inches long. We welcome them all to our Bethany Family!

Lacquered with Love

Japanese artisans practice a 500-year-old Japanese art called *kintsugi*, or “golden joinery,” to reassemble broken pieces of pottery using a lacquer mixed with gold, silver or platinum. The premise is that brokenness doesn’t render something useless or ugly. Indeed, another Japanese term, *wabi-sabi*, means “to find beauty in broken or old things.”



We come to Jesus broken, but he doesn’t discard us. He heals us, though our scars do often remain visible — just as the spear and nail prints remained in his own body when God raised him from death. The Holy Spirit coats our wounds and fractures with the lacquer of divine love, and we become uniquely beautiful, appealing to others so they can find support for their own healing. Our scars tell them they aren’t alone, while the brokenness that’s part of another’s faith journey assures us that we, too, have companionship along the way.

Congratulation Rick Rhoades

Rick Rhoades was recently named the new Vice-President/General Manager of WLUC-TV. Rick joined WLUC 14 years ago as an Account Executive and has served as Sales Manager for the past 7 years. He will begin his new job on April 1.



Congratulations, Rick.

13th Annual Earth Keeper Event!
Earth Day 2017: restoring Monarch Habitat in the Upper Peninsula



Since 1999, the Superior watershed Partnership has worked to enhance and restore important pollinator habitat areas in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. These nationally recognized efforts have benefited critical feeding, resting, and migratory staging sites utilized by the globally threatened monarch butterfly during migration. Their goal is to distribute more than one million milkweed plants and seed!

Bethany has requested 75 seed packets to help with the efforts of the Earth Keepers. You can help by taking a packet and following the easy to follow instructions for starting plants indoors or sowing seeds outside.

If you would like more information, please contact the SWP at 906-228-6095 ext. 10 or visit: www.superiorwatersheds.org

The Earth Keeper Network was established in 2004 by the Cedar Tree Institute and the Superior Watershed Partnership. For over a decade, the SWP has coordinated Earth Day events for over 200 Upper peninsula Earth Keeper congregations representing ten faiths. Earth Keep events have engaged thousands of volunteer with many events setting national records for pollution prevention.

**“What the caterpillar calls the end of the world,
the Master calls a butterfly.”**
—Richard Bach

The Butterfly as a Christian Symbol

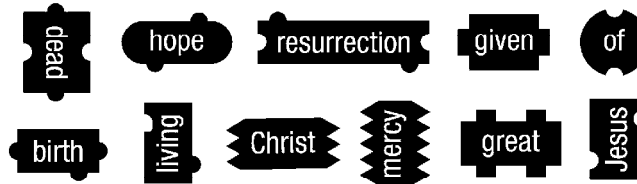
The butterfly symbolizes resurrection, Easter and the new life we have in Christ Jesus. As a caterpillar disappears into a chrysalis, so Jesus' dead body was hidden in a tomb. The emergence of the butterfly, rising into the sky in its beautiful new body, reminds us of Christ's resurrection — and ours

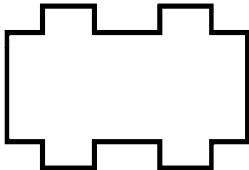



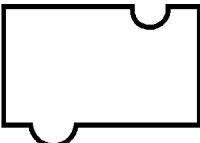
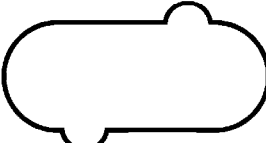
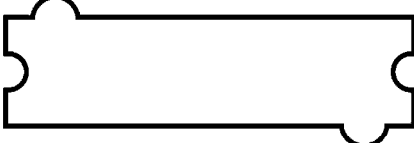
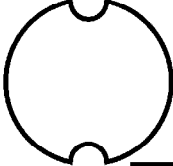
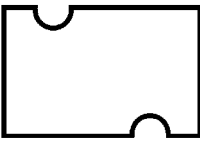

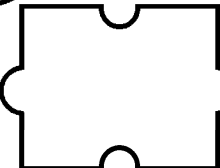


> NEW LIFE <

How did God work through Jesus to give us new life at Easter?

Directions: Use the puzzle pieces from the box to complete 1 Peter 1:3, NIV.



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1 P E T E R 1 : 3 , N I V



Council Highlights— February & March 2017

- Received thanks from NGLS and Fortune Lake
- Confirmation students attended Marked! Event in Munising on 2/26. They helped assemble relief kits for LSS.
- Rev. Brenda Smith was the guest preacher on 3/12. She is the ELCA church wide program director for faith practices.
- Terry Frankenstein's ordination will be on April 23 at 1st Lutheran in Gladstone. She has been called to serve Zion Lutheran in Manistique.
- Synod Assembly will be May 21-23. Bethany's delegates will be Pastor Geier, Bob Nadeau and Kathy Geier.
- Approved request for Lucas Wickstom organ recital 3/29 at noon.
- Pie Social will be April 1 1:00-3:00
- Bethany supports Earth Keeper's project.
- Lowe's did some repairs on the seams of the sanctuary carpeting.
- Pastoral acts: Funerals—Joyce Lehto (3/6), Carl E. Pellonpaa (3/24), and Jim Myers (3/31)
- Kurt Hendel will give lecture at Bethany 4/26 @ 6:30. A soup and salad meal will precede the meal at 5:30 and coffee and dessert will follow the lecture.



YTD Income: \$33,409.26

YTD Expenses: \$36,828.84



Easter Flowers



Easter Lilies will be \$14
Mums, Daffodils & Tulips will be \$15
Azaleas and Hydrangeas will be \$25

The deadline for ordering is April 7.

Easter Postcard Included in Outlook

Enclosed in each copy of March's Outlook is the Holy Week worship schedule. The schedule is written on a postcard.

Feel free to use it as...

- Your special reminder
- A book mark
- An invitation (Add postage and send it to someone inviting them to take part in our Holy Week services at Bethany.)



Lenten Services and Soup Suppers Continue

The Wednesday Lenten Services continue on April 5 at 6:30 p.m. with the last play in the series *Lost in Grace* by John P. Trump.



The Lenten Soup Supper will begin at 5:30 p.m prior to the service. The Boards of Personnel and Stewardship will provide the soup.





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

Joyce Lehto
Marjorie Rosten
Carl E. Pellonpaa



Bethany's Website

www.bethanyishpeming.org

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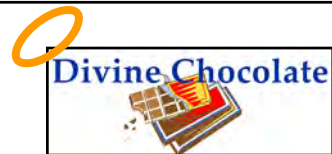


**Fair Trade Coffee, Tea, Cocoa and Chocolate
Are Available at Bethany**



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

From Small Farmers With Love



Keep In Your Prayers

Remember our home-bound and nursing home residents:

Valente: Doreen Brown, Jean Sandstrom

Jacobetti: Allen Maki, Bob Waters, Ned Johns, Pastor Bob Sutherland

Teal Lake Senior Living Community: Betty Geier, Jim Sodergren, Sr.

- Pastor Elect Terry Frankenstein
- Roger Solberg
- The family and friends of Carl Pellonpaa, Jr. who mourn his loss
- The family and friend of Marjorie Rosten who mourn her loss
- The family and friends of Joyce Lehto who mourn her loss
- John and Marilyn Pontti
- Danny Thompson
- PeeWee Oja
- Kay Chartre
- Jim Sodergren, Jr.
- Cindy Warner
- Carol Holmgren
- Karen Mattson
- Kaye Frederickson
- Bob Kaukola
- Ted Swanson
- Loreth Johnson
- Judy Hogan
- Karmen Slown
- Brown family
- Mark
- Lois Goethe
- Ruthie Solberg
- Doris & Carl Pellonpaa
- Robert Maki
- Zander Atkins
- Jim Bjorne
- Pastor Marcia Solberg
- Angie Kempainen
- June Forsberg
- Carol and Juan Papaleo and family



Answer to New Life Puzzle: In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3, NIV



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

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Stewardship, Tom Perry
Worship & Music, Keenan Tunnell



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April Worship Assistants

April 2

Assisting Minister - Gwen Bruhnke
Acolytes - Abbi Koski & Kyra Holmgren
Altar - Shirley Tyni
Coffee Hosts - Assorted volunteers
Nursery - Mackenzie Ryan
Bread - Kaye Frederickson
Youth Ushers -

April 9 PALM SUNDAY

Assisting Minister - Blake Forbes
Acolytes - Jarin Johnson & Morgan Rhoades
Altar - Rae Elliot
Coffee Hosts - W&M Palm Sunday Brunch
Nursery - Kayla Koski
Bread - Kay Chartre
Youth Ushers - Abby Koski & Mackenzie Ryan

April 16 EASTER

Assisting Minister - Tom Ryan
Acolytes - Matthew Skewis & Abby Bruhnke
Altar - Sue Homgren
Flowers - In memory of grandson Aaron Sundblad
by Colleen Sundblad
Nursery - Jackson Cardoni
Bread - Linda Dahl
Youth Ushers -

April 23

Assisting Minister - Terra Frustaglio
Acolytes - Ian Bivins & DJ Bivines
Altar -
Coffee Hosts - Joy Circle
Flowers - In honor of our grandchildren by Tony &
Rae Elliot
Nursery - Sabrina Holm-Brown
Bread - Marian Medlyn
Youth Ushers - Jarin Johnson & Kyra Holmgren

April 30

Assisting Minister - Tom Perry
Acolytes - Blake Forbes & Jarin
Johnson
Altar -
Flowers -
Coffee Hosts - Social Ministry
Nursery - Hope Kaukola
Bread - Terra Frustaglio
Youth Ushers - Ian Bivins &
Garrett Frustaglio

April 13 Maundy Thursday

Assisting Minister - Kay Ryan
Altar - Sue Holmgren
Bread - Rae Elliot

Thank You!

April Ushers:

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



May Ushers:

Bruce Bussone
Tom Perry
Jim Kinnunen
Craig Kitchen
Jerry Plaisier
Knut Strom
Roy Koski

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 Rich
- 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



Happy Anniversary!

Daniel & Cheryl Sleeman
4/16/1977 40 years

Donald & Judith Meyer
4/18/1964 53 years

