



**Bethany Lutheran Outlook**  
**July - August 2020**

Serving God, Community, and Individuals



... fear not,

*for I am with you;*

be not dismayed,

*for I am your God;*

I will strengthen you,

I will help you,

I will uphold you

with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10



## PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

On July 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:30, four months after services were shut down, we will resume an in-person worship opportunity. Unfortunately, it's not as simple as saying, "We're back!" There are many cleaning and sanitizing and physical distancing guidelines that are recommended to prevent further outbreaks of the virus and that complicates things. You've perhaps noticed that while restaurants have been allowed to re-open for quite a while, many have not because of the difficulties in doing so. For us then, while the doors will be open again, it will not be business as usual so please read this carefully.

- Worship for up to 50 people will take place in the Fellowship Hall with plastic chairs set up at safe distances. A plastic table will be used as an altar along with the movable podium as a pulpit. Any music will be on the portable keyboard. All of these are furnishings that are more easily sanitized than would be the case for those in our regular worship space. Also, the Fellowship Hall allows for multiple entrance and exit points which is another safety recommendation.
- **Masks must be worn.**
- Worship will be a spoken service that will include confession, the scripture readings and prayers for the day, a sermon, the creed, music played on the keyboard and wafers only communion. Communion will involve a momentary breach of the 6-foot distancing rule but with the pastor and those receiving wearing masks one hopes that the risk is minimal. All congregational responses will be softly spoken. There will be no singing.
- There will be no hymnals or bulletins used.
- The bathroom at the back of the Fellowship Hall will be available but it's use will be discouraged, again due to sanitization requirements before and after each use.
- There will be no coffee hour.
- Fellowship before and after church should take place outside.
- A list of the names of those present will be kept so that, in the event that someone tests COVID positive, others can be contacted.



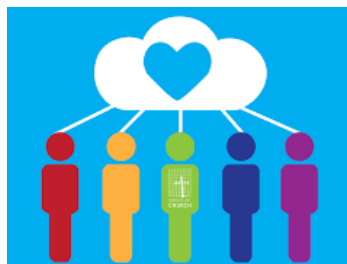
**The online worship option will continue to be available.**

**According to the governor's order, gatherings are limited to 50,** so...those who are in what are considered to be higher risk categories due to age or underlying health issues are strongly urged to continue to worship at home using the online option. If you feel that the in-person guidelines are too restrictive in any way, or that what is being proposed makes you uncomfortable in any way, you are strongly urged to continue to worship at home using the online option. If you are experiencing any symptoms of illness, COVID type symptoms or otherwise, you **MUST** continue to worship at home using the online option. Those who continue to worship at home and who would like to receive communion are encouraged to contact me so that arrangements can be made.

This is not a perfect solution. The general consensus of the Church Council, the Worship and Music Committee and me as pastor is that there is no perfect solution and that if we wait for one it might be a year to a year and a half before we have any in-person worship. What we are proposing is a good faith effort to provide an in-person option for those who desire it while still making health and safety a priority.

You know that this situation is fluid and changing constantly. If things continue to move in a positive direction it may be that some of the restrictions can be loosened and/or we can move into our regular worship space. If there is a spike in cases or if there's another wave of the virus late in the year as many expect, more restrictions could be required. Right now though, we're hoping that this represents a meaningful, safe option for those who desire to gather in person.

Pastor Geier



**Thank you, Lord of life,  
days!  
know the warmth of your presence  
your love.**

**for our beautiful summer  
May all who worship here  
and the sunlight of**

## 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

### July 2020

1 Psalm 119:161-168  
2 Psalm 145:8-14

Jeremiah 18:1-11  
Zechariah 1:1-6

Matthew 11:20-24  
Romans 7:1-6

3 Psalm 145:8-14

Zechariah 2:6-13

Romans 7:7-20

#### **Readings for Thomas, Apostle**

Judges 6:36-40  
4 Psalm 145:8-14

Psalm 136:1-4, 23-26  
Zechariah 4:1-7

Ephesians 4:11-16  
John 14:1-7  
Luke 10:21-24

#### **5 Sunday, Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

Zechariah 9:9-12 Psalm 145:8-14 Romans 7:15-25a Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

6 Psalm 131

Jeremiah 27:1-11, 16-22

Romans 1:18-25

7 Psalm 131

Jeremiah 28:10-17

Romans 3:1-8

8 Psalm 131

Jeremiah 13:1-11

John 13:1-17

9 Psalm 65:1-13

Isaiah 48:1-5

Romans 2:12-16

10 Psalm 65:1-13

Isaiah 48:6-11

Romans 15:14-21

11 Psalm 65:1-13

Isaiah 52:1-6

John 12:44-50

#### **12 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 55:10-13 Psalm 65:1-13 Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

13 Psalm 92

Leviticus 26:3-20

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

14 Psalm 92

Deuteronomy 28:1-14

Ephesians 4:17 — 5:2

15 Psalm 92

Proverbs 11:23-30

Matthew 13:10-17

16 Psalm 86:11-17	Isaiah 41:21-29	Hebrews 2:1-9
17 Psalm 86:11-17	Isaiah 44:9-17	Hebrews 6:13-20
18 Psalm 86:11-17	Isaiah 44:18-20	Matthew 7:15-20

**19 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 44:6-8 Psalm 86:11-17 Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

20 Psalm 75	Nahum 1:1-13	Revelation 14:12-20
21 Psalm 75	Zephaniah 3:1-13	Galatians 4:21 — 5:1
22 Psalm 75	Daniel 12:1-13	Matthew 12:15-21

**Readings for Mary Magdalene, Apostle**

Ruth 1:6-18 Psalm 73:23-28 Acts 13:26-33a John 20:1-2, 11-18

23 Psalm 119:129-136	1 Kings 1:28-37	1 Corinthians 4:14-20
24 Psalm 119:129-136	1 Kings 1:38-48	Acts 7:44-53
25 Psalm 119:129-136	1 Kings 2:1-4	Matthew 12:38-42

**Readings for Santiago Apóstol**

1 Kings 19:9-18 Psalm 7:1-10 Acts 11:27 — 12:3a Mark 10:35-45

**26 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Kings 3:5-12 Psalm 119:129-136 Romans 8:26-39 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

27 Psalm 119:121-128	1 Kings 3:16-28	James 3:13-18
28 Psalm 119:121-128	1 Kings 4:29-34	Ephesians 6:10-18
29 Psalm 119:121-128	Proverbs 1:1-7, 20-33	Mark 4:30-34
30 Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21	Proverbs 10:1-5	Philippians 4:10-15
31 Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21	Isaiah 51:17-23	Romans 9:6-13

**August 2020**

1 Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 Isaiah 44:1-5 Matthew 7:7-11

**2 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 55:1-5 Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:13-21

3 Psalm 78:1-8, 17-19	Deuteronomy 8:1-10	Romans 1:8-15
4 Psalm 78:1-8, 17-19	Deuteronomy 26:1-15	Acts 2:37-47
5 Psalm 78:1-8, 17-19	Exodus 16:2-15, 31-35	Matthew 15:32-39
6 Psalm 85:8-13	1 Kings 18:1-16	Acts 17:10-15
7 Psalm 85:8-13	1 Kings 18:17-19, 30-40	Acts 18:24-28
8 Psalm 85:8-13	1 Kings 18:41-46	Matthew 16:1-4

**9 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

1 Kings 19:9-18   Psalm 85:8-13   Romans 10:5-15   Matthew 14:22-33

10 Psalm 18:1-19	Genesis 7:11 — 8:5	2 Peter 2:4-10
11 Psalm 18:1-19	Genesis 19:1-29	Romans 9:14-29
12 Psalm 18:1-19	Job 36:24-33; 37:14-24	Matthew 8:23-27
13 Psalm 67	Isaiah 45:20-25	Revelation 15:1-4
14 Psalm 67	Isaiah 63:15-19	Acts 14:19-28
15 Psalm 67	Isaiah 56:1-5	Matthew 14:34-36

**Readings for the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, Mother of Our Lord**

Isaiah 61:7-11   Psalm 34:1-9   Galatians 4:4-7   Luke 1:46-55

**16 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8   Psalm 67   Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32   Matthew 15:21-28

17 Psalm 87	2 Kings 5:1-14	Acts 15:1-21
18 Psalm 87	Isaiah 43:8-13	Romans 11:13-29
19 Psalm 87	Isaiah 66:18-23	Matthew 8:1-13
20 Psalm 138	Ezekiel 28:11-19	1 Corinthians 6:1-11
21 Psalm 138	Ezekiel 31:15-18	2 Corinthians 10:12-18
22 Psalm 138	Ezekiel 36:33-38	Matthew 16:5-12

**23 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

Isaiah 51:1-6   Psalm 138   Romans 12:1-8   Matthew 16:13-20

24 Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32   1 Samuel 7:3-13   Romans 2:1-11

**Readings for Bartholomew, Apostle**

Exodus 19:1-6   Psalm 12   1 Corinthians 12:27-31a   John 1:43-51

25 Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32	Deut. 32:18-20, 28-39	Romans 11:33-36
26 Psalm 18:1-3, 20-32	Isaiah 28:14-22	Matthew 26:6-13
27 Psalm 26:1-8	Jeremiah 14:13-18	Ephesians 5:1-6
28 Psalm 26:1-8	Jeremiah 15:1-9	2 Thessalonians 2:7-12
29 Psalm 26:1-8	Jeremiah 15:10-14	Matthew 8:14-17

### **30 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Jeremiah 15:15-21	Psalm 26:1-8	Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28
31 Psalm 17	2 Samuel 11:2-26	Revelation 3:1-6	



### **God Amid Pandemic**

Last spring, life changed as we became familiar with terms such as social distancing, flattening the curve and self-quarantining. We could hardly believe the closed schools, businesses and especially churches — just as Holy Week and Easter drew near! The coronavirus ran rampant in the world. Where was God?

But as the spread continued, many civic leaders stepped up, calmly informing us of the facts, of actions being taken to mitigate the crisis and of how we could help. Healthcare professionals risked their lives and endured separation from families; teachers drew on astounding stores of creativity to teach online; pastors delivered sermons and lessons to empty sanctuaries as members listened and prayed while living in lockdown. Surely God was present — through them!

Then I remembered how God assures us through Isaiah, “Fear not! When you pass through the waters, the fires, yes, even the pandemics of this world, I will be with you” (43:1-2, paraphrased). And Jesus echoes, “I am with you always” (Matthew 28:20).

—Sandy Hyland

# Enjoy the Poetry of Hymns

## Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift every voice and sing, 'til earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
Let us march on 'til victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet  
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,  
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,  
Out from the gloomy past, 'til now we stand at last  
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;  
Thou who has by Thy might, Led us into the light,  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,  
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;  
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,  
True to our God, true to our native land.

James Weldon Johnson, 1871 – 1938  
ELW #841



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





### ***Lift Every Voice and Sing: The Story Behind the Hymn***

Most people remember when they first heard it. Perhaps it was elementary school. Church. A college graduation or special family occasion. For more than 100 years, “Lift Every Voice and Sing” (or “Lift Ev’ry Voice and Sing”) has been a staple musical celebration of black excellence and pride in finding ways to survive (and thrive) in America.

But where did the song originate and how are so many of us able to hum *at least* the first stanza from memory so many years later? Here’s the background:

“Lift Every Voice and Sing” started as a poem. It was first recited in the year 1900 by 500 schoolchildren at the all black Stanton School in Jacksonville, Florida, as a tribute to President Abraham Lincoln’s birthday.

James Weldon Johnson, a civil rights activist, lawyer, and principal of the Stanton School, wrote “Lift Every Voice and Sing” to introduce famed educator Booker T. Washington, who was visiting the school at the time. Johnson’s brother, John Rosamond Johnson put the poem to music and it officially became a song.



In 1919, the NAACP adopted the song as its official “Negro national anthem” and it enjoyed widespread distribution and celebration. According to historians, “Lift Every Voice and Sing” experienced a resurgence during the civil rights movement, and many parents, churches and predominantly black schools went out of their way to ensure children knew the words.

A remake of “Lift Every Voice and Sing” was done in the 1990s by Melba Moore, with fellow R&B artists like Stevie Wonder, Anita Baker, Dionne Warwick and Bobby Brown. (Watch the above video for *peak* 90s nostalgia and swag.) A stanza from the song was also recited by Rev. Joseph E. Lowery during the benediction at President Barack Obama’s first inauguration in 2009.

Of course, the song hasn't been free from controversy. In 2008 jazz singer Rene Marie sang words from "Lift Every Voice and Sing" instead of the "Star Spangled Banner" at Denver's State of the City Address, which led to criticism.

A black professor who studied "Lift Every Voice and Sing," once said despite its inspiring message, calling it the "black national anthem" could be seen as separatist and racially divisive.

Despite any criticisms, its lyrics are reminders for black Americans that each generation has had to "lift" their own voices to demand and protect their rights. It's a song we can still sing- and stand for- with pride.

- Natasha S. Alford

### **"Summer Rain"**

Oh, what is so pure as the glad summer rain,  
That falls on the grass where the sunlight has lain?  
And what is so fair as the flowers that lie  
All bathed in the tears of the soft summer sky?

The blue of the heavens is dimmed by the rain  
That wears away sorrow and washes out pain;  
But we know that the flowers we cherish would die  
Were it not for the tears of the cloud-laden sky.

The rose is the sweeter when kissed by the rain,  
And hearts are the dearer where sorrow has lain;  
The sky is the fairer that rain-clouds have swept,  
And no eyes are so bright as the eyes that have wept.

—Fannie Sherrick



## Lutheran World Relief Kits

### School Kits

- Four 70 sheet spiral notebooks (no loose-leaf paper)
- One blunt scissors
- One ruler with inches and centimeters
- One pencil sharpener
- One eraser, approx. 2 1/2" long
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils secured with a rubber band
- Five ballpoint pens secured with a rubber band
- One box of 24 crayons
- All items except crayons should be removed from packaging



### Personal Care Kits

- One dark colored bath towel (approx. 52x27)
- Two bath size bars of soap
- One adult size toothbrush left in packaging (if multiple are purchased, put each toothbrush in an envelope)
- One wide too comb (removed from packaging)
- One nail clippers with file (removed from packaging)
- Do not enclose any item in plastic bags.



toothbrushes in packaging

### Layettes

- New or gently used items can be used.
- Two cotton t-shirts
- Two gowns or sleepers without feet
- Two receiving blankets
- Four cloth diapers
- One dark colored hand towel
- One sweater with hat or sweatshirt jack-with hood
- Two diaper pins
- Two bath size bars of gentle soap



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Bethany will be collecting kits for Lutheran World Relief during August, September and early October. Please consider making some kits and/or bringing in items to help complete individual kits.

Deadline for final collection will be in October with the specific date to be announced at a later time.

### Fabric Kits

- Two pieces of cotton or cotton blend fabric (no knits or 100% polyester) measuring:
  - 2 1/4 yds of 60" wide fabric or
  - 3 yds of 44" or 45" wide fabric or
  - 4 yds of 36" wide

- Two spools of neutral colored thread

Tie items together with ribbon, yarn, string, or a strip of fabric (No plastic bags)



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## Message from Bishop Finegan

*“In all the travels of the Israelites, whenever the cloud lifted from above the tabernacle, they would set out; but if the cloud did not lift, they did not set out – until the day it lifted. So the cloud of the LORD was over the tabernacle by day, and fire was in the cloud by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel during all their travels”* ~Exodus 40: 36-38

Dear Partners in Ministry,

Are we there yet? Any parent will tell you that they have heard this question called from the back seat of the vehicle any number of times, and not only on the longer car rides. Parents learn pretty quickly to prepare their children for the extended trip; gathering toys, games, and books, a favorite pillow, movies, whatever they can find to keep the children busy for the duration of the journey. Because without a sense of time or distance, children need to be given context, or other cues as in, “We will not arrive before supper time” or “We will be there before dark.” Such preparation helps the children be more resilient to the demands of travel. Knowing they will be in the car for awhile helps them settle in for a longer journey.

I wonder, if the Israelites had been more prepared for their wilderness wanderings, if that would have helped. The book of Exodus is full of accusations of being a “stiff necked people” as they complain about the conditions of their journey and never getting an answer to their incessant question (which isn’t actually recorded, but may as well have been) “Are we there yet?”

The Israelites didn’t arrive for 40 years. And while the actual question is not explicitly recorded, what we do have is a record of their disobedience, their complaining and doubts, the challenges of leadership, the lack of acceptable food and water, the weariness of the journey, and how people had trouble getting along. And yet, in the midst of all of this, all the griping and angst, the overwhelming witness of the book of Exodus and what is interwoven throughout this journey story, is the immediate, close, and faithful presence of God.

God travels with the Israelites, guides them, even feeds them. During this journey, the Israelites enjoy a relationship of intimacy and care with God, unequalled anywhere else in the whole history of salvation. I think of Charles Dickens’ words, “It was the best of times, it was the worst of times”. It was worst because the people struggled and suffered. There was uncertainty. There was pain and death. But it was also the best of times as God’s presence was visibly and palpably with them. Despite all the complaining, never before or since were the people of God so utterly dependent upon God’s care and guidance. Their trust was out of necessity, but it was trust well placed.

Our religious tradition is thick with wilderness stories and analogies. Wilderness times are marked by uncertainty and pain even as they are synonymous with complete dependence on God, and a deepening of that relationship, borne of desperation yes, but do we not cling to God all the more fiercely when our need is greater? The season of Lent is often likened to a wilderness time. Or the journey of grief. Or a time of healing from an illness, or any other time of trial and tribulation.

The Israelites wandered in the wilderness 40 years. Jesus was tempted in the wilderness 40 days. I suggest that this time of pandemic is also a wilderness time and a journey that is blessed with trust and dependence on God.

Like any wilderness story, our current time is marked with uncertainty. And as people of faith, we are blessed to once again and always depend upon the Spirit of God in Christ Jesus to sustain and guide us, weary travelers that we are.

Because the difficult truth is, we are not going to “arrive” for some time. We would do well to prepare ourselves and our children, our congregation members and our neighbors, to understand what it will mean to learn to live with this new virus until a vaccine is readily available, or until 60% to 70% of the population is immune. Such preparation creates resiliency. And we will need to be resilient to the demands of this journey else we start to gripe and complain and not get along well with each other.

The lifting of government restrictions does not mean that the virus is no longer a threat. Nor does it mean that life, and worship, can return to pre-pandemic rhythms. Even as we are legally allowed to gather in groups of less than 10 and then less than 50, we and those we love are still at risk and precautions must be taken to protect the most vulnerable among us.

Watch for the cues: We will arrive when widespread testing is available, when tracking is possible, and ultimately, when there is a vaccine. Like the Israelites, we do not have a map. Like the Israelites, our arrival time is still far off. And like the Israelites, we will arrive a different people than when our journey began.

But we are a resilient people, striving for patience and faithfulness in these wilderness days. Know that God travels with us, guiding us, sustaining us in our weariness.

Again, I ask you to seek out the blessing that is in these days. God is ever present, ever faithful, and will bring us to that day when there is an answer to the question, “Are we there yet?”. For now, the answer is no, not even close. Settle in for a longer journey. But we’ll get there, and we’ll get there together.

Yours in Christ,  
Bishop Katherine Finegan



## Congratulations, Graduates!

This year six young people from Bethany are graduating from our local high schools. Bethany sends our special blessings and congratulations to the following graduates: Kayla Koski, Mackenzie Ryan, Hope Kaukola, Jackson Cardoni, DJ Bivins and Garrett Frustaglio. Two of the graduates shared a little about themselves.



**Jackson Cardoni** is very grateful for his caring and kind family. His grandma and great grandma have a special place in his heart because they pushed him to “put himself out there” by encouraging his involvement in many activities. While some activities didn’t work out, Jackson discovered others that brought him great enjoyment.

Two areas that Jackson excels at are music and acting. While in high school he was part of Voices in Motion, Drama, and Forensics. During his junior year, he reached the semifinals of the state forensic competition. What an accomplishment! Jackson also received drama’s Infinity and Beyond Scholarship. Jackson was a vital assistant to the new first year drama teacher. He had time to give that extra help because he had the gift of memorizing his lines very quickly, even though he often had the most lines to memorize. I’m sure his help was much appreciated.

In his spare time, Jackson likes playing video games and reading books, especially books in the dystopian category like The Hunger Games and The Maze Runner. While Jackson doesn’t often have the opportunity, he also likes working with his hands – fixing cars, wood working, and welding.

Jackson is a lifelong member of Bethany. After he was confirmed he volunteered to be an Assistant Minister. He did an admirable job.

Jackson graduated from Westwood High School, and in the fall he plans to attend NMU. While he is not sure what his field of study will be, Jackson is seeking an area that he will not only like but one at which he will be able to make a good living.

With the covid pandemic, Jackson hasn’t been able to celebrate his graduation yet. Nevertheless he does see this as a time to really enjoy one’s family. It’s a time not to waste.



**Mackenzie Ryan** is a quiet compassionate person. She easily connects with the people around her. This trait will help her as she pursues a career in special education. She has a strong connection with the special needs community and feels they are sometimes misunderstood. She hopes to be the kind of teacher who leaves a good lasting impression on her students.

In preparation for her career, Mackenzie will attend NMU in the fall. She is currently working at Iron Town Pasties, a job which she hopes to have throughout her college years.

Mackenzie worked hard in high school and graduated with high honors. She feels that that was her greatest accomplishment. She was on the honor roll throughout high school and was a member of the National Honor Society. Mackenzie was involved in Peer Coaching and received the Peer Coaching Department Award. She was also a member of Zonta. In addition to academic achievements, Mackenzie took part in golf and bowling.

About nine years ago, Mackenzie and her family moved to the area. Her family includes her parents Kevin and Kay and younger brother Killean and older sister Megan. The family became members of Bethany. Mackenzie remembers how grown up she felt when the kids were able to use bells during Sunday School. She says it made them feel special and privileged.

Mackenzie sees her mom Kay as having the greatest influence on her life. She says, “She taught me so many useful things and let me learn who I am while making sure I was safe.”

Mackenzie graduated from Negaunee High School. Graduation took place on the football field, followed by a parade of the students. She hopes that in the future they can have an open house with family and friends.

During this time of the covid pandemic, Mackenzie has some advice for everyone: **Don’t take anything for granted.** She goes on to say, “I thought I would have time to see my friends and classmates and do all the things any senior would want to do. It was all taken away from me so fast that I couldn’t even say goodbye.”

## Saints, Notables and Holy Days for July—August

(From the ELW)

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### 2 St. Thomas, Apostle

St. Thomas was born a Jew and was called to be one of the twelve Apostles. His birth and death dates are unknown, but his feast day is celebrated July 3. He lived before the formal establishment of the Catholic Church but is recognized as the patron saint of architects.

He was a dedicated but impetuous follower of Christ. When Jesus said He was returning to Judea to visit His sick friend Lazarus, Thomas immediately exhorted the other Apostles to accompany Him on the trip which involved certain danger and possible death because of the mounting hostility of the authorities.

At the Last Supper, when Christ told His disciples that He was going to prepare a place for them to which they also might come because they knew both the place and the way, Thomas pleaded that they did not understand and received the beautiful assurance that Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

St. Thomas is best known for his role in verifying the Resurrection of his Master. Thomas' unwillingness to believe that the other Apostles had seen their risen Lord on the first Easter Sunday earned him the title of "doubting Thomas." Eight days later, on Christ's second apparition, Thomas was gently rebuked for his skepticism and furnished with the evidence he had demanded - seeing in Christ's hands the point of the nails. Thomas even put his fingers in the nail holes and his hand into Christ's side. After verifying the wounds were true, St. Thomas became convinced of the reality of the Resurrection and exclaimed, "My Lord and My God," thus making a public Profession of Faith in the Divinity of Jesus. (Some early Christian writers criticized Thomas's faithless behavior. But others praised him for helping us cure our doubts. One of those who praised him was Pope St. Gregory the Great.)

This is all that we know about St. Thomas from the New Testament. Tradition says that at the dispersal of the Apostles after Pentecost this saint was sent to evangelize to the Parthians, Medes, and Persians. He ultimately reached India, carrying the Faith to the Malabar coast, which still boasts a large native population calling themselves "Christians of St. Thomas." (Text from "Catholics Online")

22 **Mary Magdalene, Apostle**



**23 Birgitta (Bridget) of Sweden, Renewer of the Church (1373)**

From age 7 on, Bridget had visions of Christ crucified. Her visions formed the basis for her activity—always with the emphasis on charity rather than spiritual favors. Bridget’s visions, rather than isolating her from the affairs of the world, involved her in many contemporary issues... She saw no contradiction between mystical experience and secular activity, and her life is a testimony to the possibility of a holy life in the marketplace.



She lived her married life in the court of the Swedish king Magnus II. Bridget constantly strove to exert her good influence over Magnus; while never fully reforming, he did give her land and buildings to found a monastery for men and women. This group eventually expanded into an Order known as the Bridgetines.

In 1350, a year of jubilee, Bridget braved a plague-stricken Europe to make a pilgrimage to Rome. Although she never returned to Sweden, her years in Rome were far from happy, being hounded by debts and by opposition to her work against Church abuses.

A final pilgrimage to the Holy Land, marred by shipwreck and the death of her son, Charles, eventually led to her death in 1373. (Text from Franciscan Media)

**25 James, Apostle**

**28 J.S. Bach and G. F. Handel, Musicians (1750, 1759)**

**29 Mary, Martha and Lazarus of Bethany**

**AUGUST:**

**15 Mary, Mother of Our Lord**

**24 Bartholomew, Apostle**

**28 Augustine, Bishop of Hippo (430)**

St. Augustine of Hippo is the patron of brewers because of his conversion from a former life of loose living, which included parties, entertainment, and worldly ambitions. His complete turnaround and conversion has been an inspiration to many who struggle with a particular vice or habit they long to break.



This famous son of St. Monica was born in Africa and spent many years of his life in wicked living and in false beliefs. Though he was one of the most intelligent men who ever lived and though he had been brought up a Christian, his sins of impurity and his pride darkened his mind so much, that he could not see or understand the Divine Truth anymore. Through the prayers of his holy mother and the marvelous preaching of St. Ambrose, Augustine finally became convinced that Christianity was the one true religion. Yet he did not become a Christian then, because he thought he could never live a pure life. One day, however, he heard about two men who had suddenly been converted on reading the life of St. Antony, and he felt terrible ashamed of himself. "What are we doing?" he cried to his friend Alipius. "Unlearned people are taking Heaven by force, while we, with all our knowledge, are so cowardly that we keep rolling around in the mud of our sins!"

Full of bitter sorrow, Augustine flung himself out into the garden and cried out to God, "How long more, O Lord? Why does not this hour put an end to my sins?" Just then he heard a child singing, "Take up and read!" Thinking that God intended him to hear those words, he picked up the book of the Letters of St. Paul, and read the first passage his gaze fell on. It was just what Augustine needed, for in it, St. Paul says to put away all impurity and to live in imitation of Jesus. That did it! From then on, Augustine began a new life.

He was baptized, became a priest, a bishop, a famous Catholic writer, Founder of religious priests, and one of the greatest saints that ever lived. He became very devout and charitable, too. On the wall of his room he had the following sentence written in large letters: "Here we do not speak evil of anyone." St. Augustine overcame strong heresies, practiced great poverty and supported the poor, preached very often and prayed with great fervor right up until his death. "Too late have I loved You!" he once cried to God, but with his holy life he certainly made up for the sins he committed before his conversion. His feast day is August 28th. (Text from Catholic Online)

### **The Master's Work**

As a skilled inventor, John Muir was a prized factory employee in Indianapolis. If not for an industrial accident in his 20s, he may have spent his life making things indoors. But



after recovering from being temporarily blinded, Muir headed on a 1,000-mile walk to "consider the lilies." He then began doing that literally, as a botanist.

To his résumé, the 19th-century Renaissance man added naturalist, glaciologist, conservationist, founder of the Sierra Club, and Father of National Parks. Yet when Muir was asked what he did, he replied simply, "I study the inventions of God."

## Greetings from Fortune Lake!

We pray you are well. In the midst of the coronavirus pandemic and the bubbling up around the racial injustice that has plagued our country since its inception, I am grateful for your work, your faithfulness, and your partnership.



Fortune Lake has also been pivoting in an effort to reach people with the love of Christ in relevant, new ways. I'd like to draw your attention to a number of things in the hope that you'll share these opportunities with your congregations and communities.

1. We are preparing virtual camp experiences that will begin on Sunday, June 14. Opportunities include weekly devotions, arts-n-crafts projects, an outdoor scavenger hunt, a campfire cooking demo, and much more. Additionally, there will be two virtual campfires that will take place via Zoom. The first--a 90th birthday celebration worship--is on July 1 at 7 pm Central. The second-- a reflective thanksgiving service--is on August 8th at 7 pm Central. These experiences are free of charge and available to everyone. Links to these experiences--and many more--can be found on our website: <http://fortunelake.org/summer-camp/virtual/> and our facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/FortuneLakeLutheranCamp/> New material will be posted each week, and the resources will not expire so that people can revisit them at their convenience

2. Just like you, we are staying up on the latest recommendations and Executive Orders to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. With that in mind, we hope to be open for facility rental sometime in early July. There are plenty of outdoor experiences here, and our Place of Grace is too beautiful not to share! Rental options will include Emanuel Lodge, Grace Lodge, duplexes (Maple and Oak), Chapel, pavilion, and Villager cabins. Additional safeguards will be taken including extra cleaning, reduced capacities, and social distancing expectations. Groups will be responsible for bringing and preparing their own food. If you have family events or other small group gatherings, please consider Fortune Lake for your venue. Visit our site via our virtual camp tour: <https://fortunelake.org/retreats-rentals/camp-tour/>. Contact us for more information and available dates.

3. Our Fall Fest is on and scheduled for Saturday, October 3! We will gather in community via a virtual platform to bid on beautiful hand-crafted items, quilts, and even some Fortune Lake experiences! There will be a silent auction that begins September 23, a live auction on October 3, and plenty of other ways to support the ministry of Fortune Lake. Watch for more details as the event nears, For now, please let your artists and crafters know that we are seeking items for this event, with a deadline of September 1. Due to shipping costs, we ask that all donations have a value of \$50 or more. Donation forms are attached for you to share, print, and distribute.

We invite our close neighbors (or anyone up for a beautiful drive) to join us this coming Sunday at 7 pm Central for an Anti-Racism Prayer Vigil. We were honored to be selected as the location for this event, as lay leaders, clergy, and other Iron County citizens seek to stand in solidarity with our black siblings. This is a family-friendly, outdoor, social distancing event. Details are available here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/866004997243421/> We intend this to be the first step in a much larger process of learning, listening, and taking action. If you are interested in talking with Fortune Lake about how we might further partner in this work, please contact me directly.

Let us continue in this important work together. Thank you for your ministry and mission!

Grace & Peace,

Amanda Rasner  
Camp Director  
[campdirector@fortunelake.org](mailto:campdirector@fortunelake.org)



**“If you want to touch the  
If you want to touch the**

**If you want to touch the future, touch a life.”**

**—Author unknown**

**past, touch a rock.  
present, touch a flower.**

*“Whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s.” ~Romans 14:8*

Dear Friends in Christ,

It is with sadness that we announce the death of the Reverend Douglas K. Pohlman on June 19, 2020.

Pastor Pohlman was born on April 24, 1934 to Cal and Bernice Pohlman in Ishpeming, Michigan. He was baptized and later ordained at Bethany Lutheran Church in Ishpeming by Pastor Theodore Mattson, who was also the former president of the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Synod of the Lutheran Church in America. Pastor Pohlman graduated from Ishpeming High School as the top male student in his class academically. While in high school, he was in the National Honor society, took part in many organizations, was on the football team, was captain of the track team, and was elected by his classmates to attend Wolverine Boys’ State and to serve as a senior class officer.

He worked for Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Company, served in Special Forces of the military during the Korean War era, and attended his first year of college at Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Michigan. He graduated with honors from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, Minnesota, and from Luther/Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Pastor Pohlman served churches in Wisconsin, including Winter/Draper, Poynette/Morrisonville, Superior and Frederic; and St. Mark’s Lutheran Church in Marquette, Michigan.

On August 26, 1961, he married Susan and they have four children: Pamela, Laura, Scott, and Daniel, nine grandchildren, and one great grandson.

Doug cherished nature and animals, enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren, and served the work of Christ his whole life.

He was greatly loved and will be missed by all.

A memorial service will take place at a later date. Condolences may be offered online at [www.fassbenderswansonhansen.com](http://www.fassbenderswansonhansen.com).

We pray for comfort for all who are grieving the loss of Reverend Douglas K. Pohlman. Peace to his memory.

Yours in Christ,  
Bishop Katherine Finegan

## *Happy Birthday!*

1 Linda Dahl  
2 Therese Korpi  
3 Kellie Clark  
3 Nicholas Olgren  
3 Gale Henson  
6 Kristina Mattson  
6 Charles Stahlmann  
8 Ann Gonyea  
8 Florence Pohlman  
9 Dan Argall  
9 Claire Johnson  
10 Loreth Johnson  
10 Roger Solberg  
12 Aaron Mattson  
12 Jessica Penhale  
13 Ruth Solberg  
13 Tim Grant  
14 Morgan Rhoades  
14 Carol Anderson  
14 Lily Brown  
15 Kyle Wooden  
17 Donald Meyer  
22 Judith Meyer  
23 Blake Forbes  
23 Zander Atkins  
23 Brady James Johnson  
24 Jeffrey Scanlon  
24 Keith Holmgren  
25 Debbie Leaf  
25 Mike Starrine  
26 Kay Chartre  
26 Jarin Johnson  
27 Shirley Tyni  
27 Kathy Geier  
28 Leigh Gugin  
28 Wendy Penhale  
28 Mallory Warner



29 Michelle Richards  
29 Kevin Ryan  
30 Benjamin Meyer  
31 Cory Clark  
31 Sue Holmgren

## *Happy Anniversary!*

Bruce & Debbie Bussone  
7/1/1995 25 years

Nicholas & Jenna Chartre  
7/9/11 9 years

Pastor & Kathy Geier  
7/11/92 28 years

Jim & Sandi Sodergren  
7/17/93 27 years

Kevin & Kay Ryan  
7/18/98 22 years

Dale & Mary Toivonen  
7/26/75 45 years

Tony & Lisa Ombrello  
7/29/89 31 years



## *Happy Birthday!*

1 Robert Bruhnke  
1 Kaitlyn Thompson  
1 Jackson Vidlund  
3 Kimberlee Smith  
4 Stephen Sundblad  
7 David Finegan  
7 Craig Kitchen  
7 Pat Liivoja  
7 Debbie Sodergren  
8 David Leverton  
8 Jennie Garrett-Bureau  
9 Mackenzie Ryan  
10 Rosemarie Strom  
11 Jackson Jarvi  
12 Stephanie Swanson  
13 Rick Rhoades  
14 Joan Sundberg  
14 Dylan Peterson  
15 Debra Cain  
16 Karen Mercx  
17 Jamie Rhoades  
18 Dallas Leaf  
18 Dillon Leaf  
18 Barbara Lucas  
18 Jerry Plaisier  
19 Larry Alexander  
19 Jane Anderson  
22 Gary Sundblad  
23 Joelle Johns  
24 Vera Blewett  
24 Linda Hares  
24 Kimberlee Smith  
31 Tom Perry

## *Happy Anniversary!*

Gerald & Carol Anderson, Jr.  
8/2/75 45 years

Tony & Rae Elliot  
8/2/80 40 years



Raymond & Kay Chartre  
8/8/70 50 years

Elizabeth & Russell Aho  
8/12/95 25 years

Debbie & David Paavo  
8/18/84 36 years

Tom & Tonya Perry  
8/18/79 41 years

Brian & Anita Ulrickson  
8/19/78 42 years

Edmund & Sue Holmgren  
8/21/65 55 years

Halley & Bobby Reichel  
8/21/2010 10 years

Brent & Denise Clark  
8/22/92 28 years

Robert & Ruby Kaukola  
8/22/70 50 years

Robert & Harriet Maki  
8/22/59 61 years

Craig & Judy Kitchen  
8/27/87 33 years

Tom & Debbie Sodergren  
8/28/76 44 years

Robert & Peggy Clark  
8/29/70 50 years

Greg & Carrie Meyer  
8/29/09 11 years

## Council Highlights—June 2020



- Financial report—\$10,000 behind last year
- Discussed possibility of setting up a Tech Committee
- Bethany will resume in person worship services on July 12. It will be a modified Communion Service . (See Pastor’s article in the Outlook) The online service will also be done.
- In light of government directives, interim use of facility will involve No Use of the kitchen and no food prep. There would also need to special clean up plans.
- With our new online presence, it may require boosting the speed of our internet connection and well as additional equipment.
- Board showed their appreciation of Gary Sundblad for all his work with the online services with two gift certificated.



**YTD Income \$69,694.43**

**TD Expenses: \$84,829.56**

**Net (\$15,135.13)**

**January—May2020**



**“There are two freedoms —  
the false, where a man is free to do what he likes;  
the true, where he is free to do what he ought.”**

—Charles Kingsley

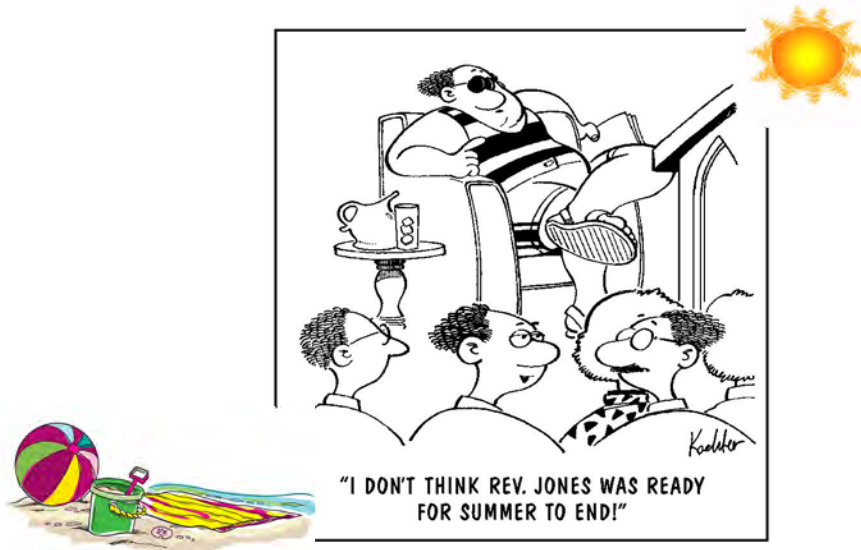




Birthday Blessings

### Happy Birthday, Roger Solberg!

On July 10, Roger Solberg will be celebrating his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with Ruthie and his family. We wish him the best. Both he and Ruthie would love to be sharing birthday cake with Bethany. Maybe we could share a virtual piece of birthday cake with them.



### A Note from the Social Ministry Board



Although we are not meeting for worship during the corona virus crisis, it's important that we don't forget that everyone is suffering in some way at this time; some more than others. One way we can help is to continue bringing non-perishable food items to the table in the narthex, where it will be collected every Thursday morning by Doug and Jill Carter. The church will be open during regular office hours, Monday through Thursday from 9 A.M. to 12 P.M.

## The New Free Store

The New 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) and the fourth Monday of the month 6:00-8:00 pm. Facebook@thenewfreestore.

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

**July: Deodorant for both males & females**  
**August: Children’s diapers for boys & girls; baby wipes**

Worship  Options

*Worship  
with us  
from*  
HOME 

Beginning Sunday, July 12, Bethany will have in person worship at Bethany at 10:30 am. See the Pastor’s article for the complete details.



**Bethany’s Website**  
[www.bethanyishpeming.org](http://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:** Roy Koski

**Jacobetti:** Carol Waters

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

**Mill Creek:** Marilyn Pontti, Betty Geier



- Amanda Bivins
- Paul Kish
- Those who have contracted COVID-19
- Those who have lost loved ones to COVID-19
- Those who are on the front lines caring for the sick
- Those sheltering in place
- Roy & LaVerne Koski
- Marilyn Pontti
- Sandee Sundquist
- Jerry Plaisier
- Cindy Warner
- Loreth Johnson
- Emilie Brown
- Bob Maki
- Mark, Kathleen, and Karmen Slown
- Ray Chartre
- Roger & Ruth Solberg
- Doris Pellonpaa
- Judy Hogan
- Mark
- Zander Atkins
- Jim Bjorne
- Angie Kempainen
- Those in the military that they may remain safe



Please **PRAY** for those  
affected by **COVID-19**

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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