



Bethany Lutheran Outlook
July - August 2016

Serving God, Community, and Individuals



*Children
of the
Living God.*
HOSEA 1:10



PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

I'm an old dog, and this was a new trick. I spent a week in June in Sault Ste. Marie at a workshop put on by the Prosopon School of Iconology during which I "wrote" an icon of Archangel Michael. Icons, while not so much a part of Western Christianity (of which we as Lutherans are a part) are a very important part of Eastern Orthodox Christianity adding a colorful, visual aspect to their homes, churches and worship. For a long time I've been attracted to icons; there are some on the wall of my office, I have a few books on them, every year I get an icon calendar. What I have though, and what most of us see, are copies of icons rather than originals. Prior to the workshop I knew there was a process to making or "writing" an original, but I had no idea how complex and filled with theological meaning the process is.

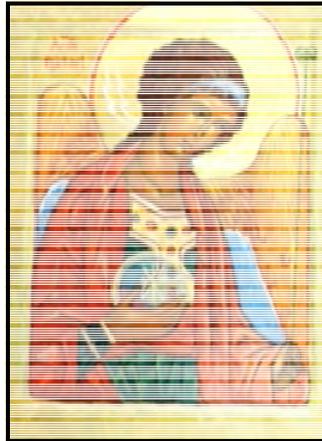
As someone with no artistic ability or experience, attending the workshop took me way outside my comfort zone. I was told beforehand that artistic ability didn't matter (not true) and, not to worry, that at the end of the week I would go home with an icon (true) but it was perhaps the most difficult thing I've ever done. The process involves 22 steps each of which requires patience and concentration; it's not something you rush through. You also find that each step has theological significance, that every line, every color, every layer means something and in the course of instruction our teacher, Tatiana, explained each step. The Prosopon School emphasizes that it is a school of *iconology more than iconography as the goal is to teach the theology that goes into the icon more than it is to create great iconographers.*

Beginning iconographers always start with an angel, usually Archangel Michael or Gabriel. Part of the theology behind that is that angels are understood to have minds that are focused entirely on God and the practice and process of writing an icon is intended to bring our unfocused, wandering human minds closer to being like the angelic mind. In writing any icon, prayer, meditation and contemplation are part of the process. At some point I can talk more about all of this with anyone who is interested.

I did come home with an icon; it's not perfect, but thanks to good teaching (and a little help from Tatiana,) it's not bad. If I'd known beforehand how difficult it would be, I would have backed out so I'm glad I didn't know. We learn things about ourselves when we leave our comfort zone. In the language of iconography, we work on our own inner icon.

It was a new trick for me, one that I certainly haven't mastered. I don't know what the next step is, but I do know that my inner icon still needs work. We'll see.

Pastor Geier



Pastor Geier's icon of the Archangel Michael

God in Creativity

Praise to the God in creativity

Praise to the God of the potter's wheel,
To the God of inspiration,
The God of breathing-into:

Who set the stars in motion and breathed song

Who molded clay into form and breathed spirit

Who ignites fire in the heart and breathes newness

Who infuses the entire creation and breathes I AM

See, hear, touch, smell, taste

Behold

I AM.

—Susan Palo Cherwien, from *Crossings: Meditations 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

July 2016

1 Psalm 66:1-9 Jeremiah 51: 47-58 2 Corinthians 8:1-7
2 Psalm 66:1-9 Zechariah 14:10-21 Luke 9:1-6

3 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 66:10-14 Psalm 66:1-9 Galatians 6:7-16 Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

4 Psalm 119:73-80 Jeremiah 6:10-19 Acts 19:21-27
5 Psalm 119:73-80 Jeremiah 8:4-13 Acts 19:28-41
6 Psalm 119:73-80 Joshua 23:1-16 Luke 10:13-16
7 Psalm 25:1-10 Genesis 41:41-36 James 2:14-26
8 Psalm 25:1-10 Genesis 41:37-41 Acts 7:9-16
9 Psalm 25:1-10 Leviticus 19:1-4, 32-37 John 3:16-21

10 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 30:9-14 Psalm 25:1-10 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37

11 Psalm 25:11-20 Job 24:1-8 James 2:1-7
12 Psalm 25:11-20 Proverbs 19:1-17 1 John 3:11-17
13 Psalm 25:11-20 Ecclesiastes 9:13-18 Matthew 25:31-46
14 Psalm 15 Genesis 12:10-20 Hebrews 5:1-6
15 Psalm 15 Genesis 13:1-18 Ephesians 3:14-21
16 Psalm 15 Genesis 14:1-16 Luke 8:4-10

17 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18:1-10a Psalm 15 Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42

18 Psalm 119:97-104	Exodus 18:1-12	Colossians 1:27 - 2:7
19 Psalm 119:97-104	Proverbs 9:1-18	1 John 2:1-6
20 Psalm 119:97-104	Deuteronomy 12:1-12	John 6:41-52
21 Psalm 138	Esther 2:19 — 3:6	Acts 1:15-20
22 Psalm 138	Esther 3:7-15	Acts 2:22-36
23 Psalm 138	Esther 4:1-17	Luke 8:22-25

24 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18:20-32 Psalm 138 Colossians 2:6-15 Luke 11:1-13

25 Psalm 55:16-23	Esther 5:1-14	Colossians 2:16 — 3:1
26 Psalm 55:16-23	Esther 6:1-7:6	Romans 9:30 — 10:4
27 Psalm 55:16-23	Esther 7:7 — 8:17	Matthew 5:43-48
28 Psalm 49:1-12	Proverbs 23:1-11	Romans 11:33-36
29 Psalm 49:1-12	Proverbs 24:1-12	Ephesians 4:17-24
30 Psalm 49:1-12	Ecclesiastes 1:1-11	Mark 10:17-22

31 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 Psalm 49:1-12 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21

August 2016

1 Psalm 127	Ecclesiastes 2:1-17	Colossians 3:18 — 4:1
2 Psalm 127	Ecclesiastes 3:16 — 4:8	Colossians 4:2-6
3 Psalm 127	Ecclesiastes 12:1-8, 13-14	Luke 12:22-31
4 Psalm 33:12-22	Job 21:1-16	Romans 9:1-9
5 Psalm 33:12-22	Ecclesiastes 6:1-6	Acts 7:1-8
6 Psalm 33:12-22	Genesis 11:27-32	Matthew 6:19-24

7 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 15:1-6 Psalm 33:12-22 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40

8 Psalm 89:1-18	2 Chronicles 33:1-17	Hebrews 11:1-7
9 Psalm 89:1-18	2 Chronicles 34:22-33	Hebrews 11:17-28

10 Psalm 89:1-18	Jeremiah 33:14-26	Luke 12:41-48
11 Psalm 82	Joshua 7:1, 10-26	Hebrews 10:26-31
12 Psalm 82	1 Samuel 5:1-12	Hebrews 10:32-39
13 Psalm 82	1 Samuel 6:1-16	Matthew 24:15-27

14 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:23-29 Psalm 82 Hebrews 11:29 — 12:2 Luke 12:49-56

15 Psalm 32	Jeremiah 23:30-40	1 John 4:1-6
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Readings for Mary, Mother of Our Lord

Isaiah 61:7-11	Psalm 34:1-9	Galatians 4:4-7	Luke 1:46-55
16 Psalm 32	Jeremiah 25:15-29		Acts 7:44-53
17 Psalm 32	Jeremiah 25:30-38		Luke 19:45-48
18 Psalm 103:1-8	Numbers 15:32-41		Hebrews 12:3-17
19 Psalm 103:1-8	2 Chronicles 8:12-15		Acts 17:1-9
20 Psalm 103:1-8	Nehemiah 13:15-22		Luke 6:1-5

21 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 58:9b-14 Psalm 103:1-8 Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17

22 Psalm 109:21-31	Ezekiel 20:1-17	Hebrews 3:7 — 4:11
23 Psalm 109:21-31	Ezekiel 20:18-32	Revelation 3:7-13
24 Psalm 109:21-31	Ezekiel 20:33-44	Luke 6:6-11
25 Psalm 112	Proverbs 15:13-17	1 Peter 3:8-12
26 Psalm 112	Proverbs 18:6-12	1 Peter 4:7-11
27 Psalm 112	Proverbs 21:1-4, 24-26	Matthew 20:20-28

28 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proverbs 25:6-7 Psalm 112 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16 Luke 14:1, 7-14

29 Psalm 119:65-72	2 Chronicles 12:1-12	Hebrews 13:7-21
30 Psalm 119:65-72	Isaiah 2:12-17	Titus 1:1-9
31 Psalm 119:65-72	Isaiah 57:14-21	Luke 14:15-24



Enjoy the Poetry of Hymns

Let Streams of Living Justice



Let streams of living justice flow down upon the earth,
Give freedom's light to captives, let all the poor have worth.
The hungry's hands are pleading, the workers claim their right,
The mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for sight.
Make liberty a beacon, strike down the iron pow'r;
Abolish ancient vengeance: proclaim your people's hour.



For healing of the nations, for peace that will not end,
For love that makes us lovers, God grant us grace to mend.
Weave our varied gifts together; knit our lives as they are spun;
On your loom of time enroll us till our thread of life is run.
O great weaver of our fabric, bind church and world in one;
Dye our texture with your radiance,
light our colors with your sun.

Your city's built to music; we are the stones you seek;
Your harmony is language; we are the words you speak.
Our faith we find in service, our hope is others' dreams,
Our love in hand of neighbor; our homeland brightly gleams.
Inscribe our hearts with justice; your way - the path untried;
Your truth - the heart of stranger; your life - the Crucified.

By William Whitla, b. 1934
#710 ELW



**“What does the Lord require of you
But to do justice...love kindness,
And to walk humbly with your God?”**

Micah 6:8

Winding Down and Gearing Up



As the last two months of my internship with Bethany Lutheran Church approach, I'm hoping to use my remaining time in part, to organize volunteers in a few areas and help sustain the good work we've begun together this past year. If you have an inkling that you'd like to help in some way or if you know for sure, just let me know!

Bethany Lutheran is a church that cares about the worship experience of families, one that provides for the Christian Education of children and also reaches out to neighbors. Please prayerfully consider the following opportunities, and let me know if you can help in any way!

Here's what we're working together to carry out over the summer:

Vacation Bible School

- Vacation Bible School will take place at Wesley United Methodist Church nightly from **5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Sunday August 7th through Thursday August 11th**. We are joining with Bethel Lutheran, Trinity Lutheran, Mission Covenant and Wesley Methodist for five nights of learning, music, food, and fun.
- We're going to be the **Recreation Leaders** and need people to run the outdoor games. The "Surf Shack" games are laid out in a leader's guide for us and materials will be provided. We need **two adults each night** and additional adult and youth volunteers are welcome! A **nursery is available** for those who want to volunteer and are responsible for small children.
- Bethany is responsible for a **Pizza Dinner on Tuesday night**. It looks like we'll be baking about two dozen frozen pizzas (in about eight minutes:) using Wesley's convection ovens, so I'm thinking we'll need a **Pizza Shopper** and a few **Bakers/Servers**. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m., so we'll be meeting late afternoon on the 9th.
- Do you like to make and put up **decorations**? This is happening on **Friday, August 5th, at 6:30 p.m.**

Children's Sunday Morning Messages

- Would you like to be part of the Children's Message portion of worship on Sunday mornings?
- We'll be creating a list of resources for use by those interested in sharing with our kids. There are plenty of ideas out there, and I'll be compiling **web links and object lesson books** and a list of the messages/objects I've shared over the past year.
- Let me know if you're at all interested in **delivering a Children's Message!**

Youth Ushers and Assisting Ministers

- I am so very pleased that **Gwen Bruhnke has volunteered to coordinate the work of Youth Ushers and Assisting Ministers next year!** Gwen and I will be working together this summer to share the "hows" of this important ongoing ministry of our young people!
- **Confirmants and High Schoolers:** If you're interested in **communicating via text**, please call me with your cell phone numbers! (Bethany office: 486-4351) Thanks!



Worship Tool Kits

- I want to give a big thank you to **Barb Kinnunen who has prepared the muslin pieces and Sue Holmgren who found the nylon drawstring bags** for the Worship Tool Kits. They're now ready for artwork!!
- **Calling All Young Artists:** Are you interested in creating artwork for our new Worship Tool Kit Bags? If so, please let me know. I'd like to get a group together sometime in August to do fabric painting. **Dan Argall is very interested in using the artwork created during this project as a source for a new stained glass project!**

Upper Michigan summers fly by, and we'd love to have as many people as possible get involved in these opportunities to enhance our experiences of Worship and Christian Education. Enjoy your June and July!

Vicar Terry

Kids!



Vacation Bible School

“Surf Shack: Catch the Wave of God’s Amazing Love”

Wesley Methodist Church

Sunday August 7th through Thursday August 11th
5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

- Dinner will be 5:30 - 6:00 each night. At 6:00 all gather for opening and singing. Then kids rotate through 4 stations: Science, Craft, Recreation, Story After a snack, all gather again for closing and singing the theme song "Surf Shack".
- Participating churches are Wesley Methodist, Mission Covenant, Bethany, Bethel, and Trinity. Any and all kids from preschool to those entering 6th grade are welcome whether they attend one of the participating churches or not.
- All volunteers are welcome, including youth volunteers. Volunteers may be used as chaperones/guides to rotate with the 4 groups. They may also assist at the different stations, help in the kitchen, or simply visit with the kids during dinner, etc. (See Vicar Terry’s article for specific opportunities and meeting times for volunteers.)

God Creates

God Helps

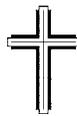
God Loves

God Calms

God Sends

Surprise Celebration for Pastor Geier's 20th Anniversary of Ordination

After the June 5th worship service, the Bethany congregation honored Pastor Geier with an anniversary celebration of his 20 years of humble service in the ministry of our Lord. During the celebration, Dan Argall presented Pastor Geier with a plaque commemorating his service to both of his Upper Peninsula congregations.



**Bethany Evangelical
Lutheran Church - Ishpeming
United Lutheran Church - L'Anse**

**Presented to
Pastor Warren L. Geier, M. Div.
In recognition of 20 years
In ordained ministry of word
and sacrament**

From his loving and loyal congregations

**This 5th day of June 2016
Ishpeming, Michigan**



Linda Dahl read the prayer "And Then You" by Walter Brueggemann, Pastor Geier's favorite theologian and friend. Pastor Geier was overwhelmed by the surprise, and credited his wife Kathy for being by his side and supporting him in his life-altering decision to enter the ministry. The program concluded with a quartet singing of "The Lord Bless You and Keep You" for both the Pastor and this year's high school graduates, Thomas Finegan and Jessica Penhale. The quartet included Bob Bucan, Ed Holmgren, Gary Sundblad and Keenan Tunnell. Afterward the congregation celebrated with cake and fellowship.

THANKS!



I should have seen it coming but I didn't! The celebration honoring me on the 20th anniversary of my ordination really was a wonderful surprise. Thanks to everyone for your presence along with your kind words, cards and gifts. Even more I thank you for just being who you are as the people of God. I am very blessed and honored to serve you as your pastor.

Pastor Geier



Social Ministry

The Social Ministry Board would like to remind and encourage people to keep bringing items for the food table in the narthex during the summer months. Donations to local agencies providing food tend to decrease during this time but the number of people in need of food assistance is growing. The table is regularly cleared and food delivered to individuals, families and groups like the Salvation Army and St. Vincent de Paul.

As a reminder, here are some items to consider for purchase:

Fruit & Vegetable Group

Choose canned or dry fruits and vegetables in an array of colors to ensure consumption of a variety of vitamins and minerals.

- Canned vegetables (sodium-free or reduced sodium)
- Vegetable juice (100%)
- Diced tomatoes
- Tomato juice, tomato sauce
- Spaghetti sauce
- Canned fruit (in its own juice) • Fruit juice (100%)
- Dried fruit
- Shelf-stable fruit cups



Milk Group

Choose shelf-stable low-fat dairy products fortified with vitamin D.

- Dry milk
- Evaporated milk
- Boxed shelf-stable milk

Grain Group

Choose non-perishable 100% whole grains as often as you can for maximum nutritional value.

- Oatmeal
- Whole grain crackers
- All types of pasta (100% whole wheat)
- Low sugar / high fiber cereal (Cheerios®, Raisin Bran®, etc.) • Cream Of Wheat®
- Whole grain rice

Protein Group

Choose canned lean meats as a good source of low fat protein & canned or dry beans as a good source of fiber.

- Canned tuna fish, salmon, chicken in water
- Canned bean soup, baked beans
- Dried and canned beans/peas
- Canned chili, beef stew
- Peanut butter, unsalted nuts

Choose canned goods labeled “low sodium” or “reduced sodium”

NOTE: Foods high in fat, oils, and sugar provide calories, but few nutrients. These foods make up a high percentage

of many diets because they are inexpensive and easy to obtain. It is therefore important to provide healthful foods for those with limited financial resources to supplement their restricted choices with healthy alternatives.

In other Social Ministry news:

A presentation about an interfaith initiative to promote good stewardship of water resources was made to the board by Pastor Jon Magnuson and Rachel Holman, who is coordinating this project. A “Gift of Water” celebration will be held at Messiah Lutheran Church in Marquette on July 31. Information about the initiative will be presented to the Council for consideration.

Lunch for a Habitat for Humanity work crew will be prepared on June 27.

Noisy Offering donations for July and August will be given to “Room at the Inn”. The money collected during May and  June went to the church’s Fortune Lake Scholarship Fund.

A note from the NGLS World Hunger Committee was received thanking the church for its contribution of \$311.16 to the Synod’s World Hunger offering at the Synod Assembly in May. A total of \$26, 340.84 was collected this year.



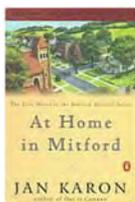
Books for July/August, 2016

By Keenan Tunnell



It's SUMMER: read for pleasure!! I've suggested a few series you might want to get into with a glass of iced tea on a warm/hot summer's day. Four are series we already have on hand and I'm introducing two new ones with the first volume of each. Let me know how you like the two new series ... set in Ireland and Botswana, Africa respectively. I loved them both and would be happy to add more for your reading pleasure. So...get to it!

Karon, Jan. **The Mitford Series** (note: we don't have all 11 titles in the series) **FIC KAR**

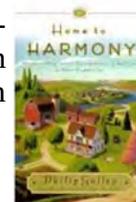


It's easy to feel at home in Mitford. In these high, green hills of North Carolina, the air is pure, the village is charming, and the people are generally lovable. Meet Father Tim, the bachelor rector of Lord's Chapel who is looking for something ... more in his life. Enter Barnabas, a dog the size of a sofa who moves in and won't go away. Add an attractive, artistic neighbor named Cynthia who begins wearing a path through the hedge. Now, stir in Dooley, a lovable but unloved boy, a mystifying jewel theft, and a secret that's sixty years old. Suddenly, Father Tim gets more than he bargained for! Much more than a gentle love story, this is a homespun tale about a town of endearing characters-- including a mysterious jewel thief--who are as quirky and popular as those of *Mayberry*, *R.F.D.*

Gulley, Phillip. **The Harmony Series** (We have 5 Titles)

FIC GUL

In this acclaimed inaugural volume in the Harmony series, master American storyteller Philip Gulley draws us into the charming world of Rev. Sam Gardner in his first year back in his Indiana hometown, capturing the essence of small-town life with humor and wisdom.



Lowry, Lois. **The Giver Quartet** (We have all 4 Titles)

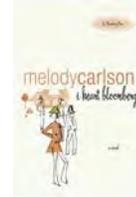
FIC LOW

The Giver, the 1994 Newbery Medal winner, has become one of the most influential novels of our time. The haunting story centers on twelve-year-old Jonas, who lives in a seemingly ideal, if colorless, world of conformity and contentment. Not until he is given his life assignment as the Receiver of Memory does he begin to understand the dark, complex secrets behind his fragile community. Lois Lowry has written three companion novels to *The Giver*, including *Gathering Blue*, *Messenger*, and *Son*.



Carlson, Melody. **86 Bloomberg Place** (We have all 3 Titles) **FIC CAR**

Kendall's managed to wrangle her grandmother's house—free and clear—except for the rules. No male roommates. But that's okay. With the right ad, she'll pull in some girls, their rent, and if she's lucky, she won't have to go to work anytime soon. For their part, Anna, Lelani, and Megan all have their reasons for wanting to move in. Though they come with assorted extra baggage filled with broken hearts and dreams, they will discover they also have a vast array of hidden strengths. As they struggle to become the women they want to be, the girls find new hope, and maybe even Kendall will learn a thing or two about life, love, and the true meaning of friendship.

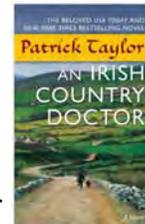


Taylor, Patrick. **Irish Country Doctor** (Book 1 only) **FIC TAY**

Barry Laverty, M.B., can barely find the Northern Ireland village of Ballybucklebo on a map when he first sets out to seek gainful employment there. But Barry jumps at the chance to secure a position as an assistant in a small rural practice.... At least until he meets Dr. Fingal Flahertie O'Reilly.

The older physician has his own way of doing things. At first, Barry can't decide if the pugnacious O'Reilly is the biggest charlatan he has ever met or the best teacher he could ever hope for. Through O'Reilly, Barry soon gets to know all of the village's colourful and endearing residents and a host of other eccentric characters who make every day an education for the inexperienced young doctor.

Ballybucklebo is a long way from Belfast, and Barry is quick to discover that he still has a lot to learn about country life. But with pluck and compassion, and only the slightest touch of blarney, he will find out more about life--and love--than he ever imagined back in medical school.



McCall Smith, Alexander. **The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency** (Book 1) **FIC SMI**

This first novel in Smith's widely acclaimed The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency series begins the story of the delightfully cunning and enormously engaging Precious Ramotswe, the premier lady detective in Botswana, who is drawn to her profession to "help people with problems in their lives." Immediately upon setting up shop in a small storefront in Gaborone, she is hired to track down a missing husband, uncover a con man, and follow a wayward daughter. But the case that tugs at her heart, and lands her in danger, is a missing eleven-year-old boy, who may have been snatched by witchdoctors. Mma Ramotswe—with help from her loyal associate, Grace Makutsi—navigates her cases and her personal life with wisdom, good humor, and the occasional cup of tea.



Living Lutheran —June 2016

Included in this issue...

- Cover Story:

Religion - good for our health and well-being

Practices of a tangible faith

- Features:

10-year-old wears tie and a spirit of welcome

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How premarital counseling helps prepare couples

A transformational ministry

Congregation promotes community through food and fellowship program

Human trafficking: four things you need to know

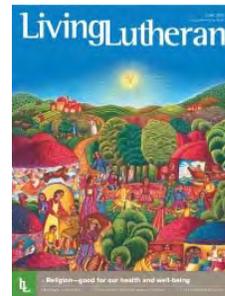
Ancient roots, new community

While we no longer will be a welcoming church

Lessons from life on the border

- Highly recommended

Words of Faith: A Coloring Book to Stress and De-Stress



Hope
By Peter Marty



From persecution to witness
By Elizabeth A. Eaton,
Presiding Bishop

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

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 toothbrushes 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.



brushes in pack-

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 jacket with hood
- Two diaper pins
- Two bath size bars of gentle soap



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 of 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)



August 6th, 2016
Adventure Race
Supporting the ministry of
Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

Are you ready for the CHALLENGE?

Get your team of 2, 3 or 4 together to trek, bike, paddle (canoes provided), and search for markers, all while navigating with a map and compass through the pristine forests of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Teams must stay together and complete the course as a single unit. The course, undisclosed to competitors until the start of the race, is a journey into the unknown. Teams only know what disciplines they need to be proficient in, and what equipment they need to complete the course, the rest they discover along the way!

Two Race Options are available:

- 3-4 Hour Race The course designed for competitors of all experience levels will be fun for beginners and experienced racers alike. 1 pm start time. \$85 per person. teams of 2,3, or 4. Registration includes t-shirt and post race dinner.

-12 Hour Race This course is designed for those who are ready for a little more challenge. 5 am start time. \$110 per person. Teams of 2, 3, or 4. Registration includes t-shirt & post race dinner.

Race begins and ends at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp.
Housing & additional meals available at camp.

www.adventureracing.net



“ ‘Cause life, should be people, all the people holding hands...
We need each other our whole lives through.”



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Team!**

TENACIOUS 200

Team:

While our big fundraising efforts last spring and summer helped us to provide the funds needed to build our new pavilion and the tree houses, we are still facing challenges in our day to day budget. Program fees only cover about half of what it costs us to put on those programs. In order to continue to offer quality programming for all those who would like to come to camp, we need your help.

To help us drive faith forward, we believe 200 sustaining donors, giving monthly at different levels, will keep our budgets balanced and give our programs a chance to grow and improve for years to come. Having dependable, monthly income will help us to “be a place of grace for all people to grow in faith.”

Will you help?

We’d love for you to become a part of the “Tenacious 200” team! Shown below is our goal of how many people we hope to have giving each month. Please consider being a part of this awesome team that will help Fortune Lake drive faith forward. You don’t have to give a lot to have a big impact. Your gift, when combined with the gifts of many others, will help us to pass the faith on to the next generation of campers at Fortune Lake!



How to help:

Easy automatic monthly payments can be made 2 ways:

Option 1: Credit or debit card via the donation link on our website (www.fortunelake.org), and click on “Donate” under the *Make An Impact* tab to easily set up the monthly giving amount of your choice. (No PayPal account is needed if you use a credit card.)

Option 2: ACH withdrawal direct from your checking or savings account and refer it to Fortune Lake. Fill out the form on the back side of this sheet and return it to Fortune Lake.

Summer Shelter for Homeless Has Relocated

The summer shelter for persons who are homeless, has relocated to St. Mark's Lutheran church on Presque Isle and Fair Street in Marquette. It will be held there until July 17th. Check-in is 9pm-9:30pm nightly until 6am. Sleeping only; no meals; no smoking. To offer a Marquette location for the end of summer, please call MJ at 360-5279. To sign up to help go to www.signupgenius.com

O greater Maker of
Give me the



this thy great sun,
strength this one

day's race to run,
Fill me with light, fill me with sun-like strength,
Fill me with joy to rob the day its length.
Light from within, light that will outward shine,
Strength to make strong some weaker heart than mine,
Joy to make glad each soul that feels its touch;
Great Father of the sun, I ask this much.

—James Weldon Johnson



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

June 13, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them.” Genesis 1:27

We are killing ourselves. We believe that all people are created in God’s image. All of humanity bears a family resemblance. Those murdered in Orlando were not abstract “others,” they are us. But somehow, in the mind of a deeply disturbed gunman, the LGBTQ community was severed from our common humanity. This separation led to the death of 49 and the wounding of 54 of us.

We live in an increasingly divided and polarized society. Too often we sort ourselves into likeminded groups and sort others out. It is a short distance from division to demonization. Yesterday, we witnessed the tragic consequences of this.

There is another way. In Christ God has reconciled the world to God’s self. Jesus lived among us sharing our humanity. Jesus died for us to restore our humanity. God invites us into this reconciling work. This must be our witness as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The perpetrator of this hate crime did not come out of nowhere. He was shaped by our culture of division, which itself has been misshapen by the manipulation of our fears. That is not who we are. St. Paul wrote, “So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation; everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new. All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ.” (II Corinthians 5:17-20)

Our work begins now. We need to examine ourselves, individually and as a church, to acknowledge the ways we have divided and have been divided. We must stand with people who have been “othered”. We must speak peace and reconciliation into the cacophony of hatred and division. We must live the truth that all people are created in God’s image.

This morning your churchwide staff came together to mourn and to pray. We prayed for those killed in Orlando and remembered the Charleston Nine killed only a year ago. We prayed for the family of the shooter, for our LGBTQ brothers and sisters and for our Muslim brothers and sisters who now face the threat of retaliation. And we prayed that the Prince of Peace will bring us to the day when we stop killing ourselves.

Your sister in Christ,

Elizabeth A. Eaton

Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Fourth of July at the Geier's



Please feel welcome to join us at 604 N. Third Street to view the Fourth of July Parade again this year! Coffee, lemonade and snacks and pleasant company will be provided!

Ray Leverton to be Grand Marshall of July 4th Parade



Ray Leverton is the perfect person to be the Grand Marshall of Ishpeming's 2016 Parade. This year's parade theme is "Honoring our Community Volunteers". Ray has had a long history of making a positive impact on our community through his volunteering and fundraising. Most recently Ray raised nearly \$600,000 needed to do major remodeling and construction at Ishpeming's Carnegie Library. Ray had been honored by the local Chamber of Commerce with the Volunteer of the Year award in 2015 for his work with the Carnegie Library.

Join Ray on Friday, July 1, noon-4 at the Carnegie Library, and give him a thankful, heartfelt wave on July 4th as he leads the parade.

Traveling Vietnam Wall Came to Marquette County during June



Jaak Liivoja and John Hansen were two of our Vietnam Veterans welcoming the "Traveling Wall" as it passed through Ishpeming.



Special Sending Planned for Vicar Terry

Vicar Terry Frankenstein's internship at Bethany will be concluding on August 31. We have two events planned to bid Terry Farewell and Godspeed.



Please join us on **Sunday August 21** for worship and a farewell social gathering at the coffee fellowship following worship.

Sunday, August 28 will be Terry's last worship service with us. We will say goodbye and conclude her internship with us in a "Rite of Ending" during worship services

"Summer Choir"



"Summer Choir!" We call it the "Summer Choir" because "Summer Here" and "Summer Not". If you ever had the slightest desire to sing with the Bethany choir, this would be a good time to try it out. No Wednesday practices, no robes, no signup, no auditions, no pressure. Just show up at the church at 9:30 on any Sunday morning. We usually sing a simple hymn or something that's not very complex. We sing it through a couple times beforehand, and then hope for the best. If we happen to be blessed with a "guest soloist" or "special music", we still help support the liturgy. And we have a really good view of things from up there in the choir loft. So come join us, and help us make a "Joyful Noise".



Gary Sundblad

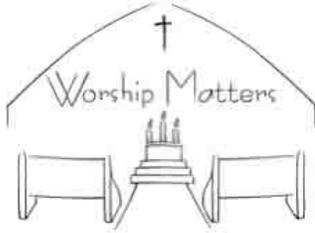


Congratulations Graduates

**Thomas Finegan
and
Jessican Penhale**

God's Blessings Be with You Always!

Council Highlights— June



- Received thanks from NGLS for Bethany's donations of \$10,400 To Fortune Lake, Endowment Fund, and World Hunger
- Received thanks from Fortune Lake
- Keenan Tunnell met with a landscape planner. Volunteers have started some of stage 1 work (daylilies were moved under bell, deep weeding, etc.)
- Pastoral Acts: funeral for Tom Goldsworthy
- VBS is scheduled for first week in August and will be hosted by Wesley Methodist. Other churches involved include Trinity, Covenant, and Bethel.
- Pastor has been attending meetings for Hospice as a Chaplain and visiting those in need in conjunction with his regular visiting.
- Sunday School teachers have been secured for 2016-2017.
- Vicar Terry participated in the Goldsworthy funeral.
- Gwen Bruhnke is taking over the organization of youth ushers and assisting ministers
- Monday Bible study is going well.
- Vicar Terry attended a class in St. Paul last week - "Life Passages: Liturgies in Time of Transition".
- Vicar Terry's internship ends at the end of August. She will be studying in St. Paul for her last semester.
- Treasurer's report noted that expenses are well controlled, though the projected budget is still a deficit budget.
- Jon Magnuson and Rachel Holman presented the Northern Great Lakes Water Stewards program to Social Ministry. Council felt it was a suitable project for Social Ministry if there is adequate interest.



YTD Income: \$80,513.78

YTD Expenses: \$84,729.41

(Jan.—May)



Thank You for Hosting Coffee Hours



Thanks to the parish boards and leaders for hosting coffee fellowship.

This group of volunteers is made up of our boards: Christian Education, Tonya Perry, Director; Finance, Jim Kinnunen, Director; Personnel, Tom Ryan Director; Property, Robert Bruhnke, Director; Social Ministry, Marie Chilman, Director; Stewardship, Tom Perry, Director and Worship & Music, Keennan Tunnell, Director.

In addition to the parish boards we thank Shirley Tyni and the Quilters, Debbie Cain and the Prayer Shawl Ministry, WELCA, Martha Circle, Joy Circle, Barbara Lucas and Friends and Barbara Yunkari and Friends.

*****If you and your family and/or friends would like to be included in the rotation for hosting coffee fellowship, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Rae Elliot if you are able to share in the hosting of coffee hour.*****



Special Meeting for Council and Finance Board

On Tuesday July 19, 2016, 6:30 pm members of the Council and Finance Board will have a meeting at Bethany with Tim Knutson, Regional Gift Planner, ELCA Foundation to inform and discuss Bethany's participation in the ELCA endowment Fund pooled trust-Fund A.

Mark your calendar and hope to see you there. Any questions or thoughts please give Jim Kinnunen a call.

Jim Kinnunen
Finance Director
475-5744

Thank You from the Goldsworthy Family



On behalf of the entire Goldsworthy family, I would like to thank my church family for assisting us in the celebration of life for my brother in law. Vicar Terry's words were so fitting and comforting, Pastor Geier was more than accommodating, and the church ladies couldn't have been more helpful and kind. Thank you Gary Sundblad and Bob Nadeau for making sure everything ran smoothly, Bob Bucan for the beautiful music, and Pam Allen for everything she does. I am truly blessed to be able to call Bethany MY church. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.



Book/Bible Study is a Success

Many Bethany members have come together to discuss *At This Still Point* and to have lunch and fellowship together at the Country Grill this summer.



Bethany's Website

www.bethanyishpeming.org

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



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:
Doreen Brown (Valente), Joyce Lehto (Mill Creek), Marjorie Rosten (Valente),
Jean Anderson (Valente), Allen Maki (Jacobetti). Bob Waters (Jacobetti),
Jean Sandstrom (Valente), Don Doney (Valente)
- Cindy Warner
- Barb Yunkari
- Kaye Frederickson
- Jim Sodergren, Sr.
- Bob Kaukola
- Ralph Goethe
- Ted Swanson
- Loreth Johnson
- Judy Hogan
- Karmen Slown
- Brown family
- Mark
- Lois Goethe
- Kaukola family
- Ruthie Solberg
- Mark Ulrickson
- Doris Pellonpaa
- Pastor Bob Sutherland
- Ned Johns
- Carl Pellonpaa
- Robert Maki
- Betty Geier
- Zander Atkins
- Jim Bjerne
- Pastor Marcia Solberg
- Angie Kempainen
- June Forsberg
- Carol and Juan Papaleo and family
- Those in the military that they may remain safe



**The July/August Noisy Offering will be given to the
Room at the Inn.**

Thanks to everyone for your generosity!



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



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Northern Great Lakes Synod



July Worship Assistants

July 3

Assisting Minister - Jean Johns
Acolyte - Morgan Rhoades
Altar - Debbie Cain
Coffee Hosts - Social Ministry
Flowers - In memory of Shirley Sundblad
by Ann Sundblad
Bread - Marian Medlyn

July 10

Assisting Minister - Linda Dahl
Acolyte - Hope Kaukola
Altar - Sue Holmgren
Coffee Hosts - Worship & Music
Flowers - In memory of our parents by Tony & Rae Elliot
Bread - Terra Frustaglio

July 17

Assisting Minister - Barb Lucas
Acolyte - Blake Forbes
Altar - Pat Liivoja & Carol Holmgren
Coffee Hosts - WELCA Strawberry Social
Flowers - In memory of our nephew Nathan John Lunn (d.
7/18/13) by Doug & Jill Carter
Bread - Bob Bucan

July 24

Assisting Minister - Gary Sundblad
Acolyte - Mackenzie Ryan
Altar - Carrie Goldsworthy
Coffee Hosts - Quilters
Flowers - In memory of Byron & Fern Sundberg by
John & Marilyn Pontti
Bread - Dan & Sharon Argall

Thank You!

July 31

Assisting Minister - LaVerne Koski
Acolyte - Kayla Koski
Altar - Sue Holmgren
Coffee Hosts - Stewardship & Personnel
Flowers - In honor of our children and
grandchildren by Bob &
Peggy Clark
Bread - Tonya Perry



Welcome!

July Ushers:

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



Happy Birthday!

1 Linda Dahl
2 Therese Korpi
3 Kellie Clark
3 Ned Johns
3 Nicholas Olgren
6 Kristina Mattson
6 Charles Stahlmann
8 Ann Gonyea
8 Florence Pohlman
9 Dan Argall
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
22 Blake Forbes
23 Brady James Johnson
24 Jeffrey Scanlon
25 Debbie Leaf
25 Mike Starrine
26 Kay Chartre
26 Jaren Johnson
27 Marian Franti
27 Shirley Tyni
27 Kathy Geier
28 Leigh Gugin
28 Wendy Penhale
28 Mallory Warner



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

Happy Anniversary!

Bruce & Debbie Bussone
7/1/1995 21 years

Bill & Annette Larson
7/7/1956 60 years

Nicholas & Jenna Chartre
7/9/11 5 years

Pastor & Kathy Geier
7/11/92 24 years

Jim & Sandi Sodergren
7/17/93 23 years

Dale & Mary Toivonen
7/26/75 41 years

Tony & Lisa Ombrello
7/29/89 27 years



August Worship Assistants

August 7

Assisting Minister - Connie Moffat
Acolyte - Kyra Holmgren
Altar - Clara Carlson
Coffee Hosts - Property
Flowers - In memory of Ruth & Fred Kinnunen by Jim & Barb Kinnunen
Bread - Cheryl Frederickson

Thank You!

August 14

Assisting Minister - D J Bivins
Acolyte - Abbi Bruhnke
Altar - LaVerne Koski
Coffee Hosts - Social Ministry
Flowers - In memory of Stuart Sundblad by Ann Sundblad
Bread - Kathy Geier

August 21

Assisting Minister - Beverly Matherne
Acolyte - Abby Koski
Altar - Sue Ryan
Coffee Hosts - Intern Committee
Flowers - In memory of Reno & Sue Norell by
Jerry & Karen Plaisier and Paul & Kathy
Kish
Bread - Shirley Tyni

August 28

Assisting Minister - Keenan Tunnell
Acolyte - Matthew Skewis
Altar - Marian Medlyn
Coffee Hosts - Christian Ed.
Flowers - In honor of Vicar Terry Frankenstein by the
Intern Committee
Bread - Kaye Frederickson

August Ushers:

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



September

Ushers:

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

Happy Birthday!

1 Robert Bruhnke
1 Jackson Vidlund
3 Kaitlyn Thompson
4 Kimberlee Smith
7 Craig Kitchen
7 Pat Liivoja
7 Debbie Sodergren
8 David Leverton
9 Mackenzie Ryan
10 Rosemarie Strom
12 Stephanie Swanson
13 Rick Rhoades
14 Joan Sundberg
15 Debra Cain
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
23 Lindsey Young
24 Vera Blewett
24 Linda Hares
24 Kimberlee Smith
31 Tom Perry

Happy Anniversary!

Gerald & Carol Anderson, Jr.
8/2/75 41 years

Edward & Jean Johns
8/7/54 62 years

Raymond & Kay Chartre
8/8/70 46 years



Elizabeth & Russell Aho
8/12/95 21 years

Debbie & David Paavo
8/18/84 32 years

Brian & Anita Ulrickson
8/19/78 38 years

Edmund & Sue Holmgren
8/21/65 51 years

Halley & Bobby Reichel
8/21/2010 6 years

Brent & Denise Clark
8/22/92 24 years

Robert & Ruby Kaukola
8/22/70 46 years

Robert & Harriet Maki
8/22/59 57 years

Craig & Judy Kitchen
8/27/87 29 years

Tom & Debbie Sodergren
8/28/76 40 years

Robert & Peggy Clark
8/29/70 46 years

Ralph & Lois Goethe
8/29/53 63 years

Greg & Carrie Meyer
8/29/09 7 years

