



**Bethany Lutheran Outlook
March 2010**

Serving God, Community, and Individuals



**Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.**

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18

PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS



It's a couple of weeks into Lent already, but I found something that might be worth thinking about during the coming weeks before Easter. It's from a book called *A Pilgrim's Almanac* by Edward Hays, a Catholic priest who has written a number of books on contemporary spirituality (at least one of his books is in our church library). As a Lenten exercise he suggests the following:

“Take a few minutes to create the epitaph that you would like to have carved on your tombstone, a brief sentence or phrase that is the summation of your life. In a few words it expresses your deepest beliefs and how you would like to be remembered. This prayerful exercise can have added power during these coming Lenten days if you write your epitaph out and place in on your desk or on your bedroom dresser. Such a visible reminder will help motivate you to find the time to perform your various Lenten disciplines so that your epitaph will be a true expression of who you are. With it daily before your eyes, you will also be reminded to make the right choices about how you live and what to do with the limited time that is given to you.”

I think it's an interesting suggestion, something to at least think about, the assumption being that all of us would like to be remembered in some positive fashion. With honest reflection though, we realize that we don't always live up to the way we'd like to be remembered. This epitaph exercise could be a way to be more aware of the ways that we don't live up to our expectations of ourselves, never mind not living up to God's expectations of us.

What it really amounts to is another way to get at the confession of Ash Wednesday. In that confession we acknowledge in general terms the ways that we have sinned. Lent is about that acknowledgement of sin but also about how to address our sinfulness. We know that we can't fix ourselves, only God's forgiveness can do that, but there are steps that we can take to do better, to draw closer to who God would have us be. Thinking about how you would like to be remembered might be a good way to help you do that.

God's blessings to you as you continue your Lenten journey.

Pastor Geier



New Worship Service Scheduled

On February 21st a 9 am Sunday service was added to Bethany's regular worship schedule. This service is like what is done on Monday evenings, a full service with Holy Communion but with no music. The intent is to provide a more convenient worship opportunity for parents of Sunday School students and for any other "early" people for whom an earlier worship time works better.



Sunday School students will now gather in the church and Pastor Geier will do an opening with them. They will then go to their classes and the worship service will begin and be finished by 10 o'clock at the latest. The 10:30 service will continue as usual. Monday evening worship will continue as usual.

A decision will be made later concerning whether or not to make this earlier service an on going part of the worship schedule.



Holy Week Begins



March 28—Passion/Palm Sunday 10:30 am

“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!” (Luke 19:38, NRSV)

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.

Daily Lectionary for March

1	Psalm 105:1-42	Exodus 33:1-6	Romans 4:1-12
2	Psalm 105:1-42	Numbers 14:10b-24	1 Cor. 10:1-13
3	Psalm 105:1-42	2 Chronicles 20:1-22	Luke 13:22-31
4	Psalm 63:1-8	Daniel 3:19-30	Revelation 2:8-11
5	Psalm 63:1-8	Daniel 12:1-4	Revelation 3:1-6
6	Psalm 63:1-8	Isaiah 5:1-7	Luke 6:43-45
7	Third Sunday in Lent		
	Isaiah 55:1-9	Psalm 63:1-8 1 Cor. 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9
8	Psalm 39	Jeremiah 11:1-17	Romans 2:1-11
9	Psalm 39	Ezekiel 17:1-10	Romans 2:12-16
10	Psalm 39	Numbers 13:17-27	Luke 13:18-21
11	Psalm 32	Joshua 4:1-13	2 Cor. 4:16-5:5
12	Psalm 32	Joshua 4:14-24	2 Cor. 5:6-15
13	Psalm 32	Exodus 32:7-14	Luke 15:1-10
14	Fourth Sunday in Lent		
	Joshua 5:9-12	Psalm 32 2 Cor. 5:16-21	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
15	Psalm 53	Leviticus 23:26-41	Revelation 19:1-8
16	Psalm 53	Leviticus 25:1-19	Revelation 19:9-10
17	Psalm 53	2 Kings 4:1-7	Luke 9:10-17
18	Psalm 126	Isaiah 43:1-7	Phil. 2:19-24
19	Psalm 126	Isaiah 43:8-15	Phil. 2:25-3:1
20	Psalm 126	Exodus 12:21-27	John 11:45-57

21 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21 Psalm 126 Phil. 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8

22 Psalm 20 Exodus 40:1-15 Hebrews 10:19-25
23 Psalm 20 Judges 9:7-15 1 John 2:18-28
24 Psalm 20 Habakkuk 3:2-15 Luke 18:31-34
25 Psalm 31:9-16 Isaiah 53:10-12 Hebrews 2:1-9
26 Psalm 31:9-16 Isaiah 54:9-10 Hebrews 2:10-18
27 Psalm 31:9-16 Leviticus 23:1-8 Luke 22:1-13

28 Sunday of the Passion

Procession with Palms: Luke 19:28-40

Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Phil. 2:5-11 Luke 22:14-23:56

29 Monday in Holy Week

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

30 Tuesday in Holy Week

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

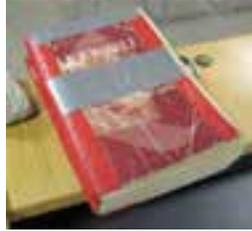
31 Wednesday in Holy Week

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



**To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible
than to be alive without breathing.**

—Martin Luther



A Thank You from Dr. Audrey West

Dear Bethany congregation,

Thank you for making it possible for me to spend a few days in the U.P. this past week as "scholar in residence," and for your hospitality when I visited your church for Tuesday night's Lay School. I enjoyed our time together, and especially the active and engaging participation of those who were able to attend the Lay School presentation and/or the lecture at NMU.

Many thanks to Pastor Geier for inviting me to come and for coordinating the arrangements for my visit. The U.P. is a wonderful place, I've learned, not just because it is beautiful, but because of the people. I hope that our paths might cross again in the future! Meanwhile, may God be with all of you as you continue your ministry of the gospel.

Grace and peace,
Audrey West



Dr. Audrey West's presentations at Bethany and NMU were well received and stimulated new ways to look at biblical interpretation. Her visit helped many see ideas in new ways. Thank you to Pastor Geier for arranging Dr. West's visit and giving our community another way to learn something new.

Bethany's 140th Anniversary Preparations

Preparations are already underway to celebrate Bethany's 140th anniversary beginning in October, 2010.

Members of Bethany's congregation will be invited to help with the preparations, starting with creation of traditional Swedish Christmas ornaments and decorations. The idea behind the work bees is that with an early start, we will have plenty of decorations to use during Advent and Christmas this year to honor the congregation's Swedish beginnings. Once made, the decorations will be added to the regular rotation of Advent and Christmas decorations used in the church.

Workshops will be led by Marian Medlyn. She will show participants the basic straw, willow and ash bark weaving techniques. All the workshops will be held at Bethany and supplies will be made available for all participants. Please mark your calendars for the workshops scheduled so far and come join the fun! This is a great way to learn something new and be part of the anniversary celebrations.

Watch for additional opportunities to join in on preparations for the anniversary year in upcoming issues of the Outlook.

March 8, Willow Stars Workshop, 6 p.m.

April 12, Ash Bark Deer, 6 p.m.

May 10, Straw ornaments, 6 p.m.



How To Pray



Pray where you are. God is present everywhere and ready to listen.

Pray, when possible, in a quiet place where you can be alone. It is good to fix your mind deliberately on God, apart from confusing distractions.

Pray to God simply and naturally, as to a friend. Tell him what is on your mind. Get help from the prayers of others.

Pray, remembering the good things God has done for you. Give thanks for all your blessings.

Pray for God's forgiveness for the unworthy things you may have done. He is near to a humble and contrite heart.

Pray especially for those things that will make your life more Christlike.

Pray for others, remembering the help they need for the situations they confront.



Pray for the world in its need, and for God to guide you toward ways you can help.

Pray that God's will be done in you. His purposes are deeper and wiser than our own.

Pray, and then allow God to answer your prayer.



March 5, 2010

**More things are wrought by prayer
Than this world dreams of.
Wherefore, let thy voice
Rise like a fountain for me night and day.**

—Alfred Lord Tennyson, "Morte D'Arthur"



Asking to be changed

Sometimes people will say things like, 'Your prayers did not work, but thanks,' as if a person could be praying for only one thing. A miracle. A cure. But in the hardest situations, all one can do is to ask for God's mercy: Let my friend die at home, Lord, and not in the hospital. Let her go quickly, God, and with her loved ones present.

One Benedictine friend, a gentle, thoughtful man who has been in constant physical pain for years and is now confined to a wheelchair, says of prayer, 'Often, all I can do is to ask God, 'Lord, what is it you want of me?'" From him I have learned that prayer is not asking for what you think you want but asking to be changed in ways you can't imagine. To be made more grateful, more able to see the good in what you have been given instead of always grieving for what might have been. People who are in the habit of praying - and they include the mystics of the Christian tradition - know that when a prayer is answered, it is never in a way that you expect.

-Kathleen Norris, in *Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith*



Have you read....

French, Henry F. **Lenten Journey: 40 Days with the Lord's Prayer. (226)**

In a few short lines, the Lord's Prayer contains the heart and soul of Jesus' teaching. If you are interested in what God wants for you and what He wants from you, then you can do no better than spend forty days with Jesus in his profound prayer. (NOTE: this is one of the first books published as part of the Book of Faith initiative of the ELCA. It's a very deep look into the Lord's Prayer.)



Enjoy the Poetry of Hymns

Under His Wings

Under His wings I am safely abiding,
Though the night deepens and tempests are wild,
Still I can trust Him; I know He will keep me,
He has redeemed me, and I am His child.

Under His wings, under His wings,
Who from His love can sever?
Under His wings my soul shall abide,
Safely abide forever.

Under His wings, what a refuge in sorrow!
How the heart yearningly turns to His rest!
Often when earth has no balm for my healing,
There I find comfort, and there I am blessed.

Under His wings, under His wings,
Who from His love can sever?
Under His wings my soul shall abide,
Safely abide forever.

Under His wings, oh, what precious enjoyment!
There will I hide till life's trials are o'er;
Sheltered, protected, no evil can harm me,
Resting in Jesus, I'm safe evermore.

Under His wings, under His wings,
Who from His love can sever?
Under His wings my soul shall abide,
Safely abide forever

William O. Cushing
1896



Under His Wings - The Story Behind the Hymn

“He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge...”
Psalm 91:4

In the days following World War II, when Communists were overrunning China, the endangered missionaries found comfort knowing that in a world dominated by the “Iron Curtain” and the “Bamboo Curtain” they could rest under the “Feather Curtain” of God.

Psalm 91:4 says, “He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you shall take refuge.: The biblical patriarch, Boaz, referred to Ruth as a woman who had come under the Lord’s wings for refuge (Ruth 2:12). Later Ruth’s great-grandson, King David, perhaps recalling that story, asked the Lord in Psalm 17:8: “Keep me as the apple of Your eye; hide me under the shadow of Your wings.” And in Psalm 57, he cried, “Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me! For my soul trusts in You; and in the shadow of Your wings I will make my refuge, until these calamities have passed by.”

A thousand years later, David’s great descendant, Jesus of Nazareth, said to the people of Jerusalem, “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings...”

All these comforting word-pictures were woven together in the hymn, “Under His Wings,” written by William Orcutt Cushing, who was born into a Unitarian home in 1823. He labored for over twenty years as a Christian pastor in New York with the Disciples of Christ, but the death of his wife and severe problems with his voice forced him out of the pastorate. In near despair, he asked God to give him something to do for the kingdom. It came into his heart to begin writing hymns, and in subsequent years, he produced more than 300 of them, including “Ring the Bells of Heaven,” “When He Cometh,” “Down in the Valley,” and “Under His Wings.”

If you find yourself in near despair with the worries and fears of life, close your eyes and visualize the warm safety of the “Feather Curtain of God.”

From *Then Sings My Soul* by Robert J. Morgan



Social Ministry Update



Thank you all for your support of our contribution to Lutheran Disaster Relief/Haiti during the month of February. In March and April our focus will be close to home as we will support Lutheran Social Services locally.

As you may know, we are not a line item in our congregation's budget but offer support ministry through freewill offerings. The work we are able to accomplish is remarkable through the generosity of Bethany's Congregation.

Could you host a Coffee Hour?



Groups, families and individuals may offer a coffee fellowship after Sunday services. If you have not had the opportunity to do this – give it a try. You may not know how to run the coffee machine – ask anyone on Social Ministry and help will be forthcoming. You may be in awe of our powerful dishwasher – ask anyone on Social Ministry and help will be forthcoming. You may now want to bake—store cookies are just fine. It's all about the fellowship. You may just want to contribute some baked goods when someone else is hosting coffee fellowship. That would be welcome too.

In summary: please consider offering a coffee fellowship after services. There is a sign up sheet on the kiosk and if help is needed contact anyone on social ministry.

Social Ministry: Rae Elliot, Marie Chilman, Kathy Geier, Loreth Johnson, LaVerne Koski, Pat Liivoja, Harriet Maki, Marion Medlyn, Evelyn Nadeau and Ruth Solberg



**The March and April's Noisy Offering
will go to Lutheran Social Services.**

Thanks to everyone for your generosity!

Wednesday Nights during Lent

**Come to the
Soup Suppers**



**Worship at the
Evening Prayer Service**



**Watch the
Lenten drama unfold in
The People VS. Jesus:
A Legal Cross Examination of
John, Mary Magdalene, Herod,
James and Mary**



Gary Sundblad has set up a sampling of special recordings made at Bethany Lutheran Church during the 2010 Lenten Season. You can access them at <http://drop.io/lentatbethany2010>. No password is required.

My Mother's Bible

There's a dear and precious Book,
Though it's worn and faded now,
Which recalls those happy days of long ago,
When I stood at mother's knee,
With her hand upon my brow,
And I heard her voice in gentle tones and low.



Blessed Book, precious Book,
On thy dear old tear stained leaves I love to look;
Thou art sweeter day by day, as I walk the narrow way
That leads at last to that bright home above.

As she read the stories o'er
Of those mighty men of old,
Of Joseph and of Daniel and their trials,
Of little David bold,
Who became a king at last,
Of Satan and his many wicked wiles.

Blessed Book, precious Book,
On thy dear old tear stained leaves I love to look;
Thou art sweeter day by day, as I walk the narrow way
That leads at last to that bright home above.

Then she read of Jesus' love,
As He blessed the children dear,
How He suffered, bled and died upon the tree;
Of His heavy load of care,
Then she dried my flowing tears
With her kisses as she said it was for me.



March Worship Assistants

March 7

Assisting Minister - Terra Frustaglio
Acolytes - Kara Harrington & Megan Hough
Altar - Harriet Maki
Greeters -
Coffee Hosts -
Nursery - Jordan Dault
Bread - Bob Bucan

Thank You!

March 14

Assisting Minister - Brent Clark
Acolytes - Nora Seppanen & Courtney Allen
Altar - Ruthie Solberg
Greeters -
Coffee Hosts - Social Ministry
Nursery - Mindy Harrington
Bread - Kaye Frederickson

March 21

Assisting Minister - Carol Waters
Acolytes - Katelyn Ombrello & Joshua Argall
Altar - Jean Johns
Greeters -
Coffee Hosts -
Nursery - Kate Clark
Bread - Ann Gonyea

March 28 Palm Sunday

Assisting Minister -
Acolytes - Christina Mariani & Natalee Dobson
Altar - Carol Waters
Greeters -
Coffee Hosts -
Nursery - Ali Kitchen
Bread - Kay Chartre

March Ushers:

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



April Ushers:

Robert Waters
John Carlson
Robert Nadeau
Tom Sodergren
Roger Solberg
Greg Stahlmann
Maurice Hansen



March 2010



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:00 Prayer Shawl No Bible Study No Monday Worship	2 9:00 Quilters 3:30-6:00 Lay School 6:30 Worship & Music 7:00 Property	3 5:00 Bells 5:30 Soup Supper 6:30 Lenten Service 7:30 Choir	4 6:30 Bible Study	5 	6
7 9:00 Worship/Sunday School 9:30 Choir 10:30 Worship 6:00 Confirmation @ Bethany	8 11:00 Bible Study 6:00 Willow Stars Workshop 6:30 Worship	9 9:00 Quilters 1:30 Social Ministry 3:30-6:00 Lay School	10 10:00 Men's Group 5:00 Bells 5:30 Soup Supper 6:30 Lenten Service 7:30 Choir	11 6:30 Bible Study	12	13 Turn your clocks ahead! 
14 9:00 Worship/Sunday School 9:30 Choir 10:30 Worship 6:00 Confirmation @Bethany	15 11:00 Bible Study 6:30 Worship 7:30 Council	16 9:00 Quilters 3:30-6:00 Lay School 7:00 Joy Circle	17 5:00 Bells 5:30 Soup Supper 6:30 Lenten Service 7:30 Choir	18 No Bible Study	19 DEADLINE FOR APRIL OUTLOOK	20
21 9:00 Sunday School (no early worship) 9:30 Choir 10:30 Worship	22 6:30 Worship No Bible Study	23 9:00 Quilters 3:30-6:00 Lay School	24 10:00 Men's Group 1:30 Mary Circle 5:00 Bells 5:30 Soup Supper 6:30 Lenten Service 7:30 Choir; Martha Circle	25 6:30 Bible Study	26	27
28 PALM SUNDAY 9:00 Sunday School (no early service) 9:30 Choir 10:30 Worship 6:00 Confirmation @ Bethany 	29 6:30 Worship No Bible Study	30 9:00 Quilters 3:30-6:00 Lay School	31 5:15 Bells 6:30 Choir	1 Maundy Thursday	2 Good Friday	3 Easter Vigil

Happy Birthday!

- 1 Carol Carlson
- 2 Carol Heavyside
- 3 Heidi Sweet
- 4 Marvin Swanson
- 5 Addy Cain
- 5 Joyce Lehto
- 7 Alexandra Kitchen
- 7 Evelyn Valente
- 8 Terra Argall
- 8 Roberta Luokkala
- 9 Gwen Bruhnke
- 10 Rick Dault
- 10 Betty Leverton
- 11 Brett Sandstrom
- 12 Robert Clark
- 12 Trisha Gugin
- 14 William Carne
- 14 Marjorie Rosten
- 15 Jamie Healey
- 16 Joshua Argall
- 17 Beth Bertucci
- 18 Peggy Clark
- 19 Sue Ryan
- 21 Gregory Stahlmann
- 22 Nicholas Chartre
- 24 Patricia Nault
- 25 Paul Blomgren
- 25 Robert Kaukola
- 25 Roy Lemin
- 27 Gavin Argall
- 27 Allen Maki
- 28 Kimberly Marks
- 28 Doris Pellonpaa
- 28 Donna Stahlmann



MARCH

- 29 Chad Anderson
- 29 Catherine Barton
- 29 Marie Chilman
- 29 Kenneth Lawson
- 30 Sharla Riutta
- 31 Benjamin Bruhnke
- 31 Lois Goethe

Happy Anniversary!

Paul & Marcia Waters
3/12/1994 16 years

Kenneth & Jean Lawson
3/29/1958 52 years



Blessed Book, precious Book,
On thy dear old tear stained leaves I love to look;
Thou art sweeter day by day, as I walk the narrow way
That leads at last to that bright home above.

Well, those days are past and gone,
But their memory lingers still
And the dear old Book each day has been my guide;
And I seek to do His will,
As my mother taught me then,
And ever in my heart His Words abide.

Blessed Book, precious Book,
On thy dear old tear stained leaves I love to look;
Thou art sweeter day by day, as I walk the narrow way
That leads at last to that bright home above.

Written by: M. B. Williams, 1893



**“I have so much to do (today)
that I should spend the first three hours in prayer.”
—Martin Luther**



THE LUTHERAN: February, 2010

Cover Story: Social Media & Faith I asked one of our younger members, Dano Gonyea-Alexander, to read this section, summarise and comment on it. Here's what he had to say:

"I have just finished reading the articles on social media and faith in this month's issue of The Lutheran, which raises several good points about social networking and the ways it can help the church. The article explores the ups and downs of social networking; from how connected a person can stay to their congregation to how much of a drain these utilities can be on a congregant's time.

On the upside, a social utility like Facebook does reconnect you with people whom you may not have talked to for some time and also lets you stay connected with people who are living far away, but people up close suffer for it. Social media also give a person better understanding of what's going on in their community of faith, but that doesn't necessarily mean they will become more interested in the workings of their church.

In a church like Bethany, however, where the overwhelming majority of the parishioners don't have Facebook accounts, it doesn't seem like a logical idea to put together a Facebook page for the small handful that are "connected." In order to see how technology fares in our congregation, we simply need to look at the number of people who are still getting a print version of the Monthly Outlook versus the number who view in Bethany's website.

In the future; yes, I do believe it would be prudent for Bethany to have a Facebook or other social utility (preferably one more faith-based) page, but it doesn't seem prudent at this point in time."

(NOTE: This Cover Story has various related "inserts" including ones on "do's and don'ts" [about Facebook], a list of faith-based social networking sites, and a "Study Guide". . Bishop Hanson's final word is also related to this topic. What do YOU think??)

News: Among the 37 short news items: Indianapolis-based Lilly Endowment Inc, awarded nearly \$1 million to the ELCA to help the church understand and address seminarian debt; and the number of Americans who rate the honesty and ethics of clergy as very high or high was down to 50 percent in 2009, the lowest percentage in the 32 years [Gallup](#) has measured it.

The Features section includes 11 articles. Among them one on the “lost art of storytelling;” one about the Abbey, an intentional Lutheran community in Palisades, CA; and an interview with Rene Santos, captain of the ship Discovery Bay, telling of a “close piracy call” on the high seas.

In Departments, This month’s letter from the editor refers to faith stories/Bible witness alive—today). “Best this Month” highlights the film called the Lemon Tree, about a Palestinian widow who lives on the border between Israel and the West Bank and is trying desperately to protect her lemon grove from being uprooted by Israeli security forces. This month’s “Light Side is “In praise of pastor’s kids,grandkids.” And, of course, there is the always challenging “Letters” section.

Space permitting, I will try to do a brief summary of the current issue of The Lutheran each month in Bethany’s Outlook. There are always free copies either on the Library Desk or the magazine rack (also back issues) or you can go online to www.thelutheran.org, sign up for free online access and enjoy being informed about your church and the world.

Keenan Tunnell

**Prayer is the fair and radiant daughter of all the human virtues,
the arch connecting heaven and earth,
the sweet companion that is alike the lion and the dove;
and prayer will give you the key of heaven.
—Honoré De Balzac**

Haiti—What Can You Do?
A Letter from Lutheran World Relief



Dear Friends,

It's been a week since the devastating 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck Haiti. In that time you have showed your overwhelming support for the people of Haiti with cash donations and prayers.

Please know that LWR is putting your gifts to good use. We've been working with partners on the ground to ensure that the people of Haiti get access to food, water and shelter.

Many of you have asked what else you can do to help. I am writing today to alert you to an opportunity.

Today, along with partners of Church World Service, we sent a shipment of health kits and layettes to Haiti. That shipment depleted our stock of health kits in the Maryland warehouse. And we will need many more to fulfill needs in the coming weeks and months.

Will you help us fulfill the need for health kits, quilts and school kits? We want to bring relief and comfort to the people of Haiti, but we also need to continue to fulfill requests from around the world. To do this, we need your help. Here's how:

- Continue to give generously.
- Make health kits, quilt, and school kits. There are several ways to get them to our warehouses:
 1. Drop off or mail your items to one of our warehouses, or one of the year-round collection sites:
 - LWR Warehouse in South St. Paul, MN
 - LWR Warehouse in New Windsor, MD
 - Urban Servant Corps office in Denver, CO
 - Church of the Brethren off in Elgin, IL
 2. Watch for possible local collection sites.

Health kits, with soap, washcloth, towel, toothbrush and toothpaste, nail clippers and a comb, help people living in desperate situations to maintain basic hygiene. Layettes, containing a baby blanket, diapers, and baby clothing, help parents care for their infants. Lutheran congregations and groups in the U.S. assemble the kits and donate them to LWR for use in overseas emergencies.

“In the aftermath of a disaster, when people are living in very close quarters and without adequate sanitation, the spread of disease is a very real concern,” said Trevor Knoblich, LWR’s program coordinator for emergency response. “Something as simple as a bar of soap can make such a big difference.”

LWR issued an appeal to its U.S. supporters to increase their donations of quilts, health kits and school kits in order to meet the needs in Haiti.

“Right now our stocks are running low, and we are critically low on health kits,” said Knoblich. “We know from experience that Lutherans are compassionate people, and we are asking that they donate whatever quilts and kits they can to help us meet the incredible needs in Haiti.”

Helping in Haiti



Evelyn Nadeau’s granddaughter Tracy Nadeau, a science teacher at Berkeley High School, spent her spring break helping people in Haiti. Tracy left for Haiti on February 16 to work with the Salvation Army at the Salvation Army Children’s Home named La Maison du Bonheur (The Home of Happiness).

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Wherefore, let thy voice
Rise like a fountain for me night and day.
—Alfred Lord Tennyson, “Morte D’Arthur”**

Kids - Did you know?

Bible Verse to Memorize

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18



Psalm 5

From the time that I
Wake up, God, I talk to you.
You listen to me
And protect me.
You know that I love you!

PSALMS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN
by Marie-Hélène Delval

This selection of Psalms, paraphrased for young readers, uses language and imagery appropriate for children while remaining faithful to the spirit of the biblical texts.



Dear GOD,

Mom says I should tell you everything,
so I hope you can keep a secret.

Dennis





Successful Pie Social

Thank you to all who helped make the February 13th Pie Social a success. A special thank you to Kaye Frederickson and Shirley Tyni who organized the event. The Pie Social's \$400 proceeds will go to the heating fund.



A Great History—An Even Greater Future! A Message from Pastor Pete Warmanen

Thousands upon thousands of lives have been shaped throughout Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp's 80 years of ministry. As we celebrate this important milestone in 2010, we also look to the future. Fortune Lake's future is as bright as it's ever been!



As Fortune Lake's brand new Site Director, I have a unique perspective. I have a connection to the past: my dad was Fortune Lake's Executive Director from 1975-1994. I have a connection to the present: I have countless friends and family who continue to consider Fortune Lake their second home. I have a connection to the future: it is now my responsibility and privilege to invite and introduce new campers of all ages to this "Place of Grace!"

With a great summer theme, "Keeping the Earth," and programs of all ages and interests, I hope you will take the opportunity to be a part of our camp community this summer. If you have a history with Fortune Lake, I look forward to reconnecting with you! If you have never been to Fortune Lake before, there's never been a better time than now to join Fortune Lake's family of faith.

With joy and thanksgiving for this time to reflect and renew!

Pastor Peter Warmanen, Site Director

FLLC Attends Ministry Conference



Representatives of Fortune Lake attended an outdoor ministry conference in Lakeville, MN, Jan. 17-20. The conference covered topics such as fund development, marketing and board development. Attending were Pastor Peter Warmanen (FLLC site director), Pastor Art Weiss (FLLC executive director), Julie Beck (Chassell), Tony Grayvold (Ewen), Pastor Peter Andersen (Marquette), Ruth Warmanen (Crystal Falls), Kathy Magnuson (Ishpeming), and Ann Gonyea (Bethany-Ishpeming).

I “Goodsearch” for Fortune Lake... How about you?

What if Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp—FLLC earned a donation every time you searched the Internet? Or how about if a percentage of every purchase you made online went to support the ministries of FLLC? Wouldn't that be great? Well, now it can!

GoodSearch.com is a new Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up!

GoodShop.com is a new online shopping mall which donates up to 30 percent of each purchase to your favorite cause! Hundreds of great stores including Amazon, Target, Gap, Best Buy, EBay, Macy's and Barnes & Noble have teamed up with GoodShop and every time you place an order, you'll be supporting Fortune Lake.

Log onto www.goodsearch.com, select :Fortune Lake” as your charity and begin searching today.

Goodsearch - it's a good thing to do!

**Ordination of
Luke Smetters
January 23, 2010**



Makis Celebrate 60th Anniversary



With their family and friends of Bethany, Allen and Gerry Maki celebrated their 60th anniversary by renewing their vows at the conclusion of the February 21 worship service. The choir sang “Under His Wings” for the happy couple. (See Enjoy the Poetry of Hymns) Afterward, people gathered for fellowship and shared in the Maki’s celebration.



**Happy 90th Birthday,
Ed Vickstrom!**



**Prayer is a strong wall and fortress of the Church;
it is a godly Christian's weapon.
-Martin Luther**



Council Highlights

- Received a thank you from Fortune Lake and from the American Legion for our contribution to Cards for Troops Project
- A new worship service will be at 9 am on Sunday mornings beginning Feb. 21. This spoken service will have parents and children gather in the church. When children are dismissed for Sunday School, the service will continue in sanctuary.
- Very positive feedback on visit by Dr. Audrey West Having such speakers help us a Christians by informing, educating and helping us in our faith journey
- Pastor will attend a Synod Retreat at Fortune Lake Feb. 21-22 and a workshop retreat Feb. 28-March 2. There will be no Monday service on March 1.
- Pastor will be on vacation March 17-22. There will be no early service on March 21.
- Worship and Music is discussing the addition of an antiphonal organ to balance the sound. Council suggested consideration of a special committee to look into possible funding options.
- Welcomed new members to the Council: Debbie Bussone, Rae Elliot, Ann Gonyea-Alexander
- Social Ministry encourages other boards to volunteer for hosting coffee fellowship on Sunday mornings.

MINING JOURNAL AD

Some have inquired as to why Bethany has not been listed on the Church Page in the Mining Journal. It costs roughly five hundred dollars a year to run the ad. The Worship and Music committee decided to discontinue it as a cost saving measure and instead to focus on publicizing special events when they occur. If individuals wish to sponsor the ad for forty dollars a month, it will be put back in.



This year's Souper Bowl of Caring brought in approximately \$400 for Haiti relief. Thank you for your generosity.



Highlights of Annual Meeting

- Approved Parish Planning Board: Tom Ryan* (Director), James Bjorne* (Assistant Director), Brent Clark* (Christian Education), Bill Heavyside (Property), John Pontti (Stewardship), Rae Elliot* (Social Ministry), Ann Gonyea* (Worship & Music), Debbie Bussone* (Personnel). *new
- Thanked Bob Waters for his long and faithful service as custodian
- Approved audit as presented
- Approved budget as presented
- Pastor explained the “Answer the Call” request from the NGLS which is to help seminary students complete their training debt free
- Pastor offered a prayer for all members who had died the previous year.
- Thanked all who provided service to Bethany



Bethany's Website

www.bethanyishpeming.org

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



Café Salvador Coffee
Organic Decaf Coffee
Whole Bean Coffee
Whole Bean 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: Teckla Holmgren (home), Barbara Crabb (Eastwood), Martha Ulrickson (Valente), Anita Liljequist (Mather), Doreen Brown (Valente), Joyce Lehto (Mill Creek), Marjorie Rosten (home)
- Pauline Toivonen
- Allen Maki
- Evelyn Nadeau
- Marian Franti
- Steven Leverton
- Don Doney
- Lois Ryan
- Jim Chapman
- Paul Blomgren
- Nancy Swanson
- Pam Rushford
- Nick Chartre
- Those in the military that they may remain safe



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead!

**Daylight-Savings Time Begins
March 14, 2010**

Contributions to and ideas for the newsletter can be made by contacting **Linda Dahl** by phone, e-mail, or by dropping a note in the newsletter mailbox at church.

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