



**Bethany Lutheran Outlook**  
May 2020

Serving God, Community, and Individuals



*Put your hope in God,*

FOR I WILL YET PRAISE HIM,  
MY SAVIOR AND MY GOD.

PSALM 43:5. NIV



## PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?  
How long will you hide your face from me?  
How long must I bear pain in my soul,  
and have sorrow in my heart all day long?  
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

Consider and answer me, O LORD my God!  
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,  
and my enemy will say, 'I have prevailed';  
my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.

But I trusted in your steadfast love;  
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.  
I will sing to the LORD,  
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Those are the words of Psalm 13. When I took a continuing education class on the psalms some years ago, Walter Brueggemann who taught the class suggested that a question one can ask concerning any of the psalms is, "Whose psalm is this?" You may know that some of them *are* attributed to a person, David in many cases, sometimes in connection with a particular event. The reality however, is that in most cases no one really knows but that's not the point of the question anyway. The question has to do with the kind of situation that might have prompted such a prayer, the kind of situation that might still prompt such a prayer.

In the midst of coronavirus social distancing restrictions, Psalm 13 could easily be understood as our psalm. Four times the psalmist asks, "how long" and a couple of months into it more and more we ask, how long? How long will this unseen coronavirus enemy be exalted over us and impact our lives? How long will the virus be able to say, "I have prevailed?" Right now there is no clear answer, but with "Stay Home, Stay Safe" restrictions being extended and events into the summer being cancelled almost daily, it appears that it's going to be a while. We'll continue to ask, how long?

Psalm 13 is a classic example of a psalm of lament and complaint. The ancient people of Israel were more comfortable than we are with such lament and complaint. We're afraid that it seems like a lack of faith, but for them it was just the opposite; it was an expression of faith in a God who they believed could change things. There are some psalms that end without any resolution to the situation but note that that's not the case with this one. The tone of the two verses in the final stanza is very different from the tone of the first four verses which is another reason I think it's an appropriate psalm for us.

In the psalm, something decisive and transformative has happened between the first two stanzas and the third, something that has caused a move from lament to praise. We don't know what it was, but something happened. Right now, we are living in the space between stanzas two and three. Trusting in God's steadfast love though, we have faith that we'll get there; we'll get to stanza three and will be able to rejoice and sing to the Lord not just through a computer screen but together again as a worshipping community.

Things might never get back to what we thought was "normal." Maybe that's not all bad though. While the pace of life has perhaps slowed down more than we'd like, I've had a number of people say that a little slower pace is kind of nice. The original intent of "Remember the Sabbath day," was not about worship, it was about rest so maybe we'll recover more of a sense of Sabbath rest; maybe we'll reevaluate our priorities.

In the meantime, as we live in that space between stanzas two and three of the psalm, there's hope. It's getting warmer, the snow is melting, the birds are singing in the morning when I run, it feels like spring is really here. There is hope!

Pastor Geier

**"The mere whisper of the Holy Spirit can drown  
out the thundering noise of an entire world."**

—David Jeremiah

## 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

**May 2020**

1 Psalm 23                                      Exodus 3:16-22 ; 4:18-20                      1 Peter 2:13-17

### **Readings for Philip and James, Apostles**

Isaiah 30:18-21    Psalm 44:1-3, 20-26    2 Cor. 4:1-6    John 14:8-14  
2 Psalm 23                                      Ezekiel 34:1-16                                      Luke 15:1-7

### **3 Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 2:42-47    Psalm 23    1 Peter 2:19-25    John 10:1-10

4 Psalm 100                                      Ezekiel 34:17-23                                      1 Peter 5:1-5  
5 Psalm 100                                      Ezekiel 34:23-31                                      Hebrews 13:20-21  
6 Psalm 100                                      Jeremiah 23:1-8                                      Matthew 20:17-28  
7 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16                                      Genesis 12:1-3                                      Acts 6:8-15  
8 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16                                      Exodus 3:1-12                                      Acts 7:1-16  
9 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16                                      Jeremiah 26:20-24                                      John 8:48-59

### **10 Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 7:55-60    Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16    1 Peter 2:2-10    John 14:1-14

11 Psalm 102:1-17                                      Exodus 13:17-22                                      Acts 7:17-40  
12 Psalm 102:1-17                                      Proverbs 3:5-12                                      Acts 7:44-56  
13 Psalm 102:1-17                                      Proverbs 3:13-18                                      John 8:31-38  
14 Psalm 66:8-20                                      Genesis 6:5-22                                      Acts 27:1-12

### **Readings for Matthias, Apostle**

Isaiah 66:1-2    Psalm 56    Acts 1:15-26    Luke 6:12-16

15 Psalm 66:8-20                      Genesis 7:1-24                      Acts 27:13-38  
16 Psalm 66:8-20                      Genesis 8:13-19                      John 14:27-29

**17 Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 17:22-31    Psalm 66:8-20    1 Peter 3:13-22    John 14:15-21

18 Psalm 93                              Genesis 9:8-17                      Acts 27:39-44  
19 Psalm 93                              Deuteronomy 5:22-33                      1 Peter 3:8-12  
20 Psalm 93                              Deuteronomy 31:1-13                      John 16:16-24

**21 Ascension of Our Lord**

Acts 1:1-11    Psalm 93    Ephesians 1:15-23    Luke 24:44-53

22 Psalm 93                              2 Kings 2:1-12                      Ephesians 2:1-7  
23 Psalm 93                              2 Kings 2:13-15                      John 8:21-30

**24 Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Acts 1:6-14    Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35    1 Peter 4:12-14 ; 5:6-11    John 17:1-11

25 Psalm 99                              Leviticus 9:1-11, 22-24                      1 Peter 4:1-6  
26 Psalm 99                              Numbers 16:41-50                      1 Peter 4:7-11  
27 Psalm 99                              1 Kings 8:54-65                      John 3:31-36  
28 Psalm 33:12-22                      Exodus 19:1-9a                      Acts 2:1-11  
29 Psalm 33:12-22                      Exodus 19:16-25                      Romans 8:14-17  
30 Psalm 33:12-22                      Exodus 20:1-21                      Matthew 5:1-12

**Readings for the Vigil of Pentecost**

Exodus 19:1-9    Psalm 33:12-22    Romans 8:14-17, 22-27    John 7:37-39

**31 Day of Pentecost**

Acts 2:1-21    Psalm 104:24-34, 35b    1 Cor. 12:3b-13    John 20:19-23

Readings for the Visit of Mary to Elizabeth

1 Samuel 2:1-10    Psalm 113    Romans 12:9-16b    Luke 1:39-57

**May our hearts burn within us, Lord Jesus,  
as you open the Scriptures to us this day.**

# Enjoy the Poetry of Hymns

## Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways;  
re clothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard  
beside the Syrian sea  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word  
rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee,  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still, small voice of calm!

—John Greenleaf Whittier



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

### ***Dear Lord and Father of Mankind: The Story Behind the Hymn***

John Greenleaf Whittier was born into a poor Quaker family in Haverhill, Massachusetts, during the Christmas season of 1807. He worked hard on the family farm, receiving only scant education at the village school, but he fell in love with books and reading. At age 14, he borrowed his schoolteacher's copy of the poems of Robert Burns, and soon Whittier was writing compositions of his own.

The editor of a New England journal became so impressed with the teenage poet that he made a long journey just to meet the lad and to encourage him to pursue a career in journalism. That proved the inspiration Whittier needed, and later, at age twenty, he left home to devote his life to poetry, journalism, and literature, eventually becoming one of America's best-known poets.

That's not all he did. Few people realize that John Greenleaf Whittier was an ardent abolitionist who sat in the Massachusetts legislature, ran for Congress, and became one of the founders of the Republican Party.

His first love, however, was poetry; and several of Whittier's poems became popular hymns, though he once admitted, "I am really not a hymn writer, for the good reason that I know nothing of music." In fact, being a Quaker, Whittier himself never sang in church. Others, however, set his poems to music and nearly a hundred of them wound up on the pages of popular hymnals.

His best-know hymn, "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind," came from an unexpected source. In April, 1872, having read about the Hindu religion, Whittier published a poem in the *Atlantic Monthly* entitled "The Brewing of Soma." It told of the brewing of an intoxicating drink as part of a religious ritual in India in a foolish attempt to have a transcendent religious experience. Sometimes as Christians, Whittier suggested, we do something similar with our various services and ceremonies, "We brew in many a Christian clime, the heather Soma still."

Whittier ended his poem with a series of verses that began, "Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways," in which he described the true worship that should characterize the church. In 1884, a hymnal editor named W. Garrett Horder extracted this portion of "the Brewing of Soma" and adapted it as a Christian hymn that still ranks as one of the finest ever written by an American author.

— Robert J. Morgan, *Then Sings My Soul*

## **Pandemic**

What if you thought of it  
as the Jews consider the Sabbath—  
the most sacred of times?

Cease from travel.

Cease from buying and selling.

Give up, just for now,  
on trying to make the world  
different than it is.

Sing. Pray. Touch only those  
to whom you commit your life.

Center down.

And when your body has become still,  
reach out with your heart.

Know that we are connected  
in ways that are terrifying and beautiful.  
(You could hardly deny it now.)

Know that our lives  
are in one another's hands.

(Surely, that has come clear.)

Do not reach out your hands.

Reach out your heart.

Reach out your words.

Reach out all the tendrils  
of compassion that move, invisibly,  
where we cannot touch.

Promise this world your love—  
for better or for worse,  
in sickness and in health,  
so long as we all shall live.

—Lynn Ungar 3/11/20





## **Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton's 2020 Easter Message**

I want us to consider that first Easter. There were no joyful celebrations or churches packed with parishioners. Instead there was fear and anxiety and crushing disappointment. They had seen their hope crucified. They had seen Jesus laid in the tomb, and now, when the women came, they were ready to prepare a body for death, for burial. We know that those first Christians couldn't understand what really had happened, how the world had changed utterly and completely. We're living in a time now when Easter celebrations will not be the same as they have been, when they might be more muted, when, in fact, we'll even long for each other more because we're physically distanced from each other. In Illinois, the CDC has determined that the peak of the coronavirus will happen on April 12. That's Easter. It's not lost on me that the forces of death are raising their strength and their head at the very moment when Jesus was raised from the dead. I think on this Easter, we can sing our alleluias nevertheless. We might be a little tentative at first, the way the women were when they came to the tomb or the disciples who were locked in the upper room. There might be a growing hope and strength in our alleluia as we realize that life is continuing and that God has a future for us. There'll be defiance in our alleluias as we take a look at death and all those deadly forces and say, "You will not win." And finally, there will be joy, the everlasting joy that God loves us completely and has brought us into eternal life. So Christ is risen, alleluia.

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton  
Presiding Bishop  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



**ALLELUIA!**  
**CHRIST IS ALIVE!**



## The Ascension Challenge

Ever wonder what it might have been like to be a disciple when Jesus ascended into heaven? He gave them the monumental task of making disciples of all the world. Plus, they'd have to do it without relying on Jesus' physical presence, as they had until then. Were the disciples overwhelmed, uncertain, afraid?

Maybe, yet they went on to spread the gospel throughout the world nonetheless. They rose to the challenge because they fixed their gaze above as they watched Jesus disappear into the clouds.

When we follow that example, offering ourselves as willing servants and keeping our eyes trained on Jesus instead of our circumstances, there's no limit to what God can accomplish through us.

## I Am with You Always

The Ascension of Christ is celebrated 40 days after Easter. It focuses upon the ascent of Christ into heaven shortly before Pentecost.

The Ascension is important to Christians because it reminds us that while Christ's human body could not be present everywhere, Christ's spiritual presence can be experienced universally. St. Matthew's Gospel tells us Christ's last words to his friends were, "Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20 NRSV). And so Christ is!



**What does the Ascension  
er limited to a physical body,**

**ACTS 1:8**  
**loweres wherever they might be.**

**mean but that Christ, no long-  
is now as Spirit with his fol-**

**-Charles Ferrell**

## The Power of Pentecost

Pentecost started as a Jewish festival commemorating God's giving the Law to the Israelites 50 days after they escaped from slavery in Egypt.

Just days after the risen Jesus ascended to heaven, his (Jewish) disciples gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate Pentecost. But God transformed the occasion by giving them the Holy Spirit, as he'd promised. The disciples saw something like flames among and on them, heard a rushing wind and began speaking in many languages. The pilgrims in Jerusalem heard about Jesus in their native tongues (see Acts 2:1-12).

In Christian churches, Pentecost was once as important as Christmas and Easter. Today, congregations still observe it in special ways, using the color red to symbolize the Holy Spirit's power. Worship services sometimes include hymns, prayers and Scriptures in various tongues. To simulate the original Pentecost experience, congregations may say the Lord's Prayer in several languages at once.



Ezekiel 37:14, NRSV

## Sevenfold Flame

Tongues of fire are a common symbol of the Holy Spirit, based on the Pentecost events of Acts 2. However, when seven flames are depicted together, they also represent the seven gifts of the Spirit as named in Isaiah 11:2-3: wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, fear of the Lord and delight in the fear of the Lord (sometimes paraphrased "joy in the Lord's presence")



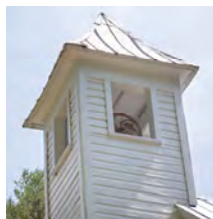
## Ringing the Bells of Hope

**Only in the darkness can you see the stars.**

—Martin Luther King Jr.

They still tell the story at William and Mary College of daffy, magnificent President Ewell. For a century and a half, this prestigious Virginia school had been a leader among American universities. Then came the Civil War. In the hard days of reconstruction that followed, William and Mary went bankrupt. Soon it had a deserted campus, decaying buildings and no students.

As with so many Southern schools after that tragic war, everyone wrote it off as dead. Everyone, except its president. He had given his best years to advancing the liberal arts through that school. He refused to give up now. So, every morning, President Ewell went to the deserted campus, climbed the tower of its main building, and rang the bells, calling the school to class.



He behaved *as though the school was still there*.

People thought he was crazy. Nevertheless, every day for seven years, President Ewell rang the bells at William and Mary, in defiance of the despair and hopelessness that would destroy everything he held valuable.

Eventually and miraculously, it worked. Others caught his vision. Students, teachers and money returned. Today, America's second oldest university thrives again, because of the hope of a single man.

Today, people suffer all around the world. Churches are shuttered by the threat of disease and uncertainty and scattered by the fear of disease and uncertainty.

Many people are shut up in their homes or apartments having no place else to go: no work, no restaurants, nor entertainment venues. It's such a different atmosphere from the bustle and high-energy life we're used to.

But we persist, wherever we are.

We worship God in our homes and online with a virtual community of believers. We read the Bible. We pray on bended knee. We give thanks. We help others in their time of need. We walk humbly with God.

We're ringing the bells of hope.

And someday, we shall have our reward.

—Timothy Merrill

**God of grace and mercy, you are our hope.  
We cast ourselves upon you in utter faith**

### **A Mother's Day Hymn**

Sing praise to our Creator God!  
Earth prospers from the way  
God "mothers" each new child into  
This world day after day.

God fabricates in motherhood  
A channel from above  
That longs to share with every child  
God's Comfort, Grace and Love!

Sing praise to our Creator God,  
Who "mothers" us from birth!  
Providing what we truly need  
Throughout our lives on earth.

—Peggy Ferrell



## *For Whom Are You Weeping Today?*

*Keenan Tunnell*



*A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children...'*  
Luke 23:27-31

While I was meditating on the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday, the book I was using put this new interpretation on Station Nine, in which Jesus meets and berates the women of Jerusalem, many of whom had probably been part of the Palm Sunday parade. This is what all their hopes had become...despair and mourning! This text is often interpreted as Jesus foreshadowing the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 AD, less than 30 years later, certainly within the lifetime of many of these weeping women, and that may be so; but what is the message of this warning for us today. It concentrates on those final three words. “for your children.”

In this time of the coronavirus pandemic we are just beginning to look at the effect this horrible threat to health worldwide is having, and will continue to have, on our children: Will they die themselves? Will they become orphans? How many of their friends/relatives will be gone? Will they become homeless? Will they starve? Will they ever laugh again? And now that this situation is really hitting home, right here, where we live...do we begin to see how common these scenarios are and have been for children everywhere in the world...ALWAYS??

Megan McKenna, the author of [The New Stations of the Cross](#), has raised this interpretation. Jesus was not talking about 70 AD, he was talking about every day. She says, “Jesus’ suffering is terrible, but we continue to destroy one another, beginning with the children, everywhere by means of our wars, greed, economic policies...immigration laws...allowing child labor practices and even child slavery, allowing

children to live without clean water or adequate food, suffering the loss of their parents, in the midst of violence and poverty. Jesus tells us to weep for them not for him, but for ourselves and what we continue to do to each other and how we put the children of the world in jeopardy. He tells to then do something about it: now!" She continues with this prayer: "Jesus, teach us how to weep and lament as you did, as prophets and people dedicated to honoring the God who made us by caring for the least among us, beginning with all the children of the earth. Teach us how to be their shield and protection, their safety and their refuge, so that they do not live in fear, in need, and without hope for a future... Whenever we weep, Oh Lord, let the tears wash clear our eyes and stir us to make "justice roll like a river" for the children and those who come after us in faith. Amen." (p.70-71)



### **A Prayer for Memorial Day**



We remember, O Lord, all those people throughout the years who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country, for liberty, for us. Whenever we breathe the air of freedom or claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship, fill us with gratitude for those who selflessly gave the last full measure of devotion — their very lives — for our benefit.

May these brave men and women now know the joy of eternity and your presence. And may the families of the fallen receive comfort and peace amid their grief. Help us as we minister to their needs. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



## **FORTUNE LAKE**

*A place of grace in Crystal Falls, MI*

April 21, 2020

*Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. --1 John 4:7-8 (NRSV)*

Dear camper families and congregations,

Many of you have memorized this verse around the campfire at Fortune Lake, accompanied by a chorus of guitars. The song uses the old language of the King James translation—“everyone who loveth is born of God and knoweth God...”--but the message is the same. Love is at the heart of the gospel message. It is essential to the work we do at Fortune Lake and the mission we share.

It is out of this deep abiding love for one another that we come to you with this message. Love for our campers, who return summer after summer to make lifelong memories with us. Love for our partner congregations who graciously support and pray for us, investing in our ministry on all levels. Love for our donors who give generously to see that this work continues. Love for our summer staff—young adults who were planning to join us from Mexico, Colombia, England, Hawaii, Alaska, Florida, Wisconsin, and Michigan. Love for this Place of Grace in its 90 th year of ministry. Love for our local community of Crystal Falls. Love for the communities from which our campers all come. Love for our world in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is out of this love that we share this message.

The FLLC Board of Directors came together on April 18 and unanimously voted to cancel all Summer 2020 on site and Day Camp programs and postpone the 90 th anniversary celebration which was planned for August. This difficult decision was made with heavy hearts. Like many of you, our summer doesn't feel complete without camp! We never envisioned this scenario. Still, we know that God is love. We trust that when we take action out of love for others, Christ's love flows through us.



All registered campers will be eligible for full refunds on all of the payments submitted. This includes campership funds from congregations to be refunded. You will be contacted via email with more details about refunds, including an expected timeline, within the coming days. Please be patient with us, as we are living into this change while working remotely. Email, mail, and phone messages are being checked daily. Please view the attached FAQ's for additional information. Further questions or concerns can be directed to Amanda at [campdirector@fortunelake.org](mailto:campdirector@fortunelake.org)

As soon as we can safely do so, Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp will reopen. The board's decision leaves room for creative onsite options later in the summer, options that more easily support social distancing. We will continue to seek ways to support you and offer experiences to grow in faith. We hope to proceed with our busy fall calendar, which is full of retreats and rental groups. We will continue to stay up-to-date on regional, state, and national recommendations; we will update our site and programs within those guidelines. We certainly plan to be back with all of your favorite summer programs in 2021, and we pray you will join us! In the immediate future, we will show the love of God to frontline workers by making Fortune Lake available as a quarantine space for local health care workers, should the need arise

It's okay for you and your campers to grieve the loss of Summer 2020 at Fortune Lake as we've known it.

We grieve along with you. You are the reason we exist! But, as Easter people, we look to the resurrected Christ. With that same hope, we live in a present ripe with new opportunities, and await a future that is brighter and more beautiful than anything we can imagine.

“Beloved, let us love one another.” The world needs us now more than ever. Oh, how glorious that day will be when we can again worship around the fire on the shores of Fortune Lake!

Grace & Peace,

Amanda Rasner Ingrid Storm  
Camp Director Board President



**FAQs about Fortune Lake's  
Cancellation of Summer 2020 Programming due to COVID-19**

**Will my registration fee be refunded?**

Yes. All registered campers will receive a refund of their entire deposit and fees paid to date. Families will be contacted with additional information and a timeline.

**I already bought tickets for the 90th musical and/or dinner. Will I be refunded?  
Will the celebration take place?**

The 90th celebration, including the original musical, will be rescheduled for a later date. Fortune Lake will retain the moneys received for musical and dinner tickets, and tickets for the rescheduled vents will be issued. Individuals who request a refund will be granted one.

**Why didn't you wait until closer to summer to make this decision?**

The FLLC Board of Directors considered a variety of scenarios when making this difficult decision, including delayed start dates. The uncertainty of regional, state, and federal mandates related to health and safety, and the persistence of COVID-19 are factors beyond our control. While Michigan has been tragically hit with COVID cases, the Upper Peninsula is on a prolonged trajectory. Our rural health system was not built to handle a large influx of people. The need for certainty for our summer staffing, planning, and preparation were also important factors considered. Our board's decision leaves room for creative programming options—potentially even some onsite activities—to be offered later in the summer if the situation allows. We are trying to think of it as the ultimate rainy day plan, and we've implemented a few of those before!

**How can I stay connected with Fortune Lake in the months ahead?**

We will post updates on our website: [www.fortunelake.org](http://www.fortunelake.org)  
Like and follow us on social media for daily inspiration, scripture, photo memories, and updates

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/FortuneLakeLutheranCamp>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/fortunelake/>

**Can I schedule an event at Fortune Lake for the fall/winter/spring?**

Yes! We remain hopeful that our schedule of retreats and rentals will continue. We plan to honor the events that are already on the calendar. Our staff will be working hard to implement new health and safety recommendations prior to accepting guests. Please contact Cindy at [hospitality@fortunelake.org](mailto:hospitality@fortunelake.org) to inquire about availability and details.

**What about Summer 2021?**

Watch our website and social media for a summer schedule to be released in the fall. All of your favorite programs will return, and we'll join in celebration on the shores of Fortune Lake! Day Camp congregations who were booked for 2020 will have first priority of similar dates for 2021. We intend to have our long-anticipated Musical Theatre Week that culminates in the original musical *One Wonderful Day*. What a wonderful day it will be!

**How can I help?**

Fortune Lake asks for your continued prayers. We seek God's guidance and provision as we navigate this difficult time. Our 2020 budget has taken a substantial hit due to COVID-19 cancellations. Please continue to remember us in your financial contributions. See our website for ways to give: <https://fortunelake.org/donate/>



**“What a wonderful thought it is that some of the best days  
of our lives haven’t even happened yet.”**

—Anne Frank

## Saints, Notables and Holy Days for May

(From the ELW)

- May 1 St. Joseph the Worker, Guardian of Jesus  
May 1 St. Philip and St. James, Apostles  
May 8 Julian of Norwich, anchoress, Renewer of the Church, c. 1416  
May 14 St. Matthias, Apostle  
May 18 Erik IX, King of Sweden, Martyr, 1160



According to legends, Erik did much to consolidate Christianity in his realm and spread the faith into Finland. In an effort to conquer and convert the Finns, he allegedly led the First Swedish Crusade against the native Finns and persuaded an English Bishop Henry of Uppsala to remain in Finland to evangelize the natives, later becoming a martyr there. Erik is portrayed as a just ruler and was responsible for codifying the laws of his kingdom, which became known as King Erik's Law (also the Code of Uppland). A revolt led by Magnus Henriksson culminated in his assassination after attending Mass on the Feast of the Ascension, 1160. Erik's son Canute defeated his rivals in 1173 and ruled successfully until his own death in 1196. Canute encouraged the veneration of his father as a martyr. In 1273, a century after Canute consolidated Sweden, Erik's relics and regalia were transferred to the present cathedral of Uppsala, built on the martyrdom site.

- May 25 St. Bede the Venerable, Monk, Theologian, 735

Bede lived his life in the monasteries of Northumbria from the age of 7. He was a priest, teacher, writer, and theologian. He is best remembered for his five volume work: "The Ecclesiastical History of the English People", for which he has often been called the Father of English History. By comparison with other historians of the time, Bede's work was always meticulously researched, and he used every resource he could command. He was also a saintly man much loved by his students. On the final page of his history he wrote, "I pray you, noble Jesus, that as you have graciously granted me joyfully to imbibe the words of your knowledge, so you will also of your bounty grant me to come at length to yourself, the fount of all wisdom, and to dwell in your presence forever." He also wrote poetry and hymns, one of which is in our ELW (#393), the great Easter hymn: "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!" with multiple Alleluias!



- May 27 John Calvin, Renewer of the church, 1564  
May 31 **Feast of the Visitation**  
May 31 **Feast of Pentecost** (a movable feast dependent on the date of Easter)



**The Hope of Spring Coloring Page**

# BOGGLE

**DIRECTIONS:** Write as many words as you can using the following rules. 1: The letters in the words must be connected in the grid. 2: The letters can be connected by an edge or a corner. 3: The words don't have to appear in straight lines. They can be tangled around. 4: Each letter in the word must uniquely appear in the grid. For example, if the word is ERASE, the letter E must appear twice in the grid. The word can't just loop back and reuse the same E. 5: Words must be at least three letters long. 6: Words cannot be proper nouns, such as names or places. Write your words in the space provided. Write as many words as you can and then give yourself a score. See if you can beat a score of 75!

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## SCORING

3 letters = 1 pt  
 4 letters = 1 pt  
 5 letters = 2 pts  
 6 letters = 3 pts  
 7 letters = 5 pts

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## *Happy Birthday!*

- 1 - Sheri Wooden
- 5 - Mia Wentworth
- 7 - Carol Holmgren
- 7 - Carrie Meyer
- 8 - Michael Carriere
- 8 - Eric Martin
- 9 - Paul Waters
- 11 - John Hansen
- 11 -- Kate Clark
- 13 - Carrie Atkins
- 15 - Sherry Lusardi
- 15 - Ray Yunkari
- 16 - Kathryn Chapman
- 17 - Natalee Dobson
- 17 - Jaak Liivoja
- 18 - Allen Beauchamp
- 19 Amanda Bivins
- 19 - Duane King
- 20 - Emmi Carlson
- 21 - Thomas Finegan
- 22 - Philip Argall
- 22 - Sandee Sundquist
- 23 - Judy Kitchen
- 24 - Tim Nault
- 24 - Perry Wooden
- 24 - D.J. Bivins
- 28 - Mary Toivonen
- 29 - Janet Olgren
- 31 - Michael Waters



## *Happy Anniversary!*

Jaak & Pat Liivoja  
5/1/76 44 years

Tim & Sally Grant  
5/3/2003 17 years

Thomas & Pat Varda  
5/5/73 47 years

John & Clara Carlson  
5/6/61 59 years

Cathy & Keith Barton  
5/8/81 39 years

Sabrina & Taylor Bordeaux  
5/11/2019 1 year

Perry & Sheri Wooden  
5/14/83 37 years

Allen & Joan Beauchamp  
5/26/2018 2 years

Stan & Kris Hough  
5/25/85 35 years

## Special Days in May

- National Day of Prayer, *May 7, 2020*
- Mother's Day, *May 10, 2020*
- Ascension Day, *May 21, 2020*
- Memorial Day, *May 25, 2020*
- Pentecost, *May 31, 2020*

### Check It Out!

Bethany's calendar, newsletter and Sunday's sermon are available on our website:

**Bethanyishpeming.org**

You could also just Google Bethany Ishpeming.



### 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.





## Sign of the Times



The hand shake was out. Social distancing hadn't yet begun, but elbow bump was the new greeting as Jimmy Sodergren and Sheree Mariani demonstrate.

Special thanks to Judy Kitchen, Marian, Medlyn, and Ruby Kaukola for making face masks. If you are in need of one, you may pick one up at church.



The Lemire family is prepared with their face masks on.

## 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.

**May: Children’s diapers for boys & girls; baby wipes**



**BOGGLE WORDS** (some of the possibilities)

AGE EMU FUN FUR GUM GUN MAN MUG NAG RUG SUE SUM SUN  
USE AGES FAME FANG FLAG FLAN GAME GEMS GERM GUMS LAME  
MANE MUGS MUSE NAME NAGS RUGS RUSE SMUG SURF FLAGS  
FANGS FLAME GAMES GENUS GERMS NAMES RENAL REUSE FLANGE  
FRUGAL MAGNUM MANURE RENAME SUMMER ENFLAME RENAMES



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## 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
- Clifford Mattson and family who mourn the loss of his brother Lennerd (March 28) and his sister Bernice Enderle (April 15)
- 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
- Lindsey Cain
- 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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