



Bethany Lutheran Outlook
May 2016

Serving God, Community, and Individuals



For the righteous...
enter into peace.

ISAIAH 57:1-2, NRSV



PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

This year May includes several significant days on the liturgical calendar. On May 5th, forty days after Easter we will celebrate the Ascension of our Lord. The Ascension is a major festival of the church year although it's one that can slip by almost unnoticed, falling as it does on a Thursday.

As is our custom though, we will gather for worship on that Thursday evening at 7 o'clock. On May 15th, the fiftieth day after Easter, the Day of Pentecost is observed, a day marking the sending of the Holy Spirit, also sometimes celebrated as the birthday of the church. Pentecost is another major festival, probably number three behind Easter and Christmas. It doesn't get nearly the attention of the first two though, mostly because it lacks commercial attachments. The following week, the first Sunday after Pentecost is Trinity Sunday. Trinity Sunday is different in that it doesn't bring to mind an event, but a doctrine, an important doctrine that represents an effort to identify what Christians mean when they talk about God.

Pentecost

Each of these is a significant day on the church calendar and this year they all occur in May. Relative to attendance though, it's Mother's Day, falling this year on May 8th that draws the largest crowd. It's not a liturgical holiday, but surveys show that for many churches, Mother's Day is number three in attendance with only Christmas and Easter attracting larger numbers.

Liturgical purists might be bothered by the impact of a "Hallmark" holiday, but there's no denying the emotional weight of Mother's Day. It's something I learned during internship when visiting some mothers in nursing homes the week after Mother's Day. Those who had been visited by their children were still talking about it; one woman whose son had not come to see her (and he did live in the area) was still distraught several days later. It's something that has always stuck with me.

Like many holidays, Mother's Day can come with a mixture of emotions. One hopes that it's a happy day but it can also include sadness in remembering those who have died. Even with that you still hope that there are fond memories to draw from with a feeling of thankfulness. In a broken world though, there are also those cases where the mother/child relationship is flawed for whatever reason and there isn't much to celebrate. We need to be sensitive to those cases too.



For many of us though, our mother has provided us with a tangible experience of grace, loving us even when we haven't been very lovable. It's always good to think about such experiences of grace because doing so can help us better understand the gift of divine grace that we have received. Hopefully this Mother's Day will provide you with such an opportunity!

Pastor Geier



Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

Mothering God, you gave me birth
In the bright morning of this world.
Creator, source of ev'ry breath,
You are my rain, my wind, my sun.

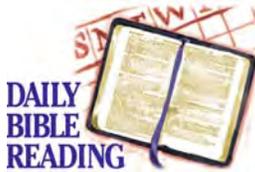
Mothering Christ, you took my form,
Offering me your food of light,
Grain of life, and grape of love,
Your very body for my peace.

Mothering Spirit, nurt'ring one,
In arms of patience hold me close,
So that in faith I root and grow
Until I flow'r, until I know.



By Jean Janzen, based on the writings of Juliana of Norwich
ELW 735

APRIL 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

1 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Rev. 21:10, 22 - 22:5 John 14:23-29

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| 2 Psalm 93 | 1 Chronicles 12:16-22 | Revelation 2:5-14 |
| 3 Psalm 93 | 2 Chronicles 15:1-15 | Revelation 21:15-22 |
| 4 Psalm 93 | 2 Chronicles 34:20-33 | Luke 2:25-38 |

5 Feast of the Ascension

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

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| 6 Psalm 97 | Exodus 33:12-17 | Revelation 22:6-9 |
| 7 Psalm 97 | Exodus 33:18-23 | John 1:14-18 |

8 Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 16:16-34 Psalm 97 Rev. 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21 John 17:20-26

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| 9 Psalm 29 | Exodus 40:16-38 | Acts 16:35-40 |
| 10 Psalm 29 | 2 Chronicles 5:2-14 | Acts 26:19-29 |
| 11 Psalm 29 | Ezekiel 3:12-21 | Luke 9:18-27 |
| 12 Ps. 104:24-34, 35b | Isaiah 32:11-17 | Galatians 5:16-25 |
| 13 Ps. 104:24-34, 35b | Isaiah 44:1-4 | Galatians 6:7-10 |
| 14 Ps. 104:24-34, 35b | 2 Kings 2:1-15a | Luke 1:5-17 |

15 Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:24-34,35b Romans 8:14-17 John 14:8-17



16 Psalm 48	Joel 2:18-29	1 Corinthians 2:1-11
17 Psalm 48	Ezekiel 11:14-25	1 Corinthians 2:12-16
18 Psalm 48	Numbers 24:1-14	Luke 1:26-38
19 Psalm 8	Proverbs 3:13-18	Ephesians 1:17-19
20 Psalm 8	Proverbs 3:19-26	Ephesians 4:1-6
21 Psalm 8	Proverbs 4:1-9	Luke 2:41-52

22 Feast of the Holy Trinity

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31 Psalm 8 Romans 5:1-5 John 16:12-15



23 Psalm 124	Proverbs 7:1-4	Ephesians 4:7-16
24 Psalm 124	Proverbs 8:4-21	Ephesians 5:15-20
25 Psalm 124	Daniel 1:1-21	Luke 1:46b-55
26 Psalm 96:1-9	1 Kings 6:23-38	2 Corinthians 5:11-17
27 Psalm 96:1-9	1 Kings 8:14-21	2 Corinthians 11:1-6
28 Psalm 96:1-9	1 Kings 8:31-40	Luke 4:31-37

29 Second Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43 Psalm 96:1-9 Galatians 1:1-12 Luke 7:1-10

30 Psalm 5	Jonah 4:1-11	Acts 8:26-40
31 Psalm 5	Nehemiah 1:1-11	Acts 3:1-10

Visit of Mary to Elizabeth

A Taste of God's Love

In *Lost in Wonder, Love and Praise* (Abingdon Press), John Killinger describes a mother's love — and how it offers a tiny foretaste of God's love:

“It is stronger than steel, softer than down and more resilient than a green sapling on the hillside. It closes wounds, melts disappointments and enables the weakest child to stand tall and straight in the fields of adversity. I believe that this love, even at its best, is only a shadow of the love of God, a dark reflection of all that we can expect of him, both in this life and the next.”



Enjoy the Poetry of Hymns

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826
ELW #413



Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty—A Hymn Devotion

By Lucy Neeley Adams (*52 Hymn Story Devotions*)

My church was beautiful to me as a little child. The stained glass windows surrounded wonderfully loving people. Sitting next to my mother made me feel very secure, and when we stood to sing the hymns I leaned on her arm. Feeling inadequate to join in the singing, I merely listened. I will never forget the majesty of one special hymn. It seemed to swirl around me and flow right into my soul.

The text of the hymn was beyond my understanding. But there was no mistaking the basic message. The Lord God Almighty is Holy! Now I understand the hymn's real message as one of the basic doctrines of the church. Embodied in its four verses are the attributes of the Trinity: "God in three persons, blessed Trinity."

It was a poem written for Trinity Sunday, which is the eighth Sunday after Easter. Its author, Reginald Heber, was born near Cheshire, England, in 1783. Educated at Oxford University, he was ordained into the Church of England in 1807. He was an eloquent preacher and a published writer of poetry, essays, and hymns. Wanting to find more suitable hymns for his people to sing in church, he wrote his own and compiled them into a hymnal in 1820. It was the first to be organized into topics for each Sunday in the church year.

Heber's superior, however, who was the bishop in London, rejected the hymnal, saying, "The time is not ripe for such a book of worship." The Anglican church continued to sing the same formal church music.

The vivacious and gifted minister was assigned to India as Bishop of Calcutta. After three strenuous years of leadership, he died. His premature death at the age of forty-three was a great loss for the church. The hymnal that had not been accepted prior to his death was published in his memory, and was eagerly received. Of the fifty-seven hymns it contained, the one best remembered is "Holy, Holy, Holy." It unites Christians worldwide as we sing about the vision of our heavenly home portrayed in Revelation. The deep meaning of Reginald Heber's song is etched on our minds as we read Revelation 4:8-11. This vision of the throne of God is the theme of this majestic hymn.

In reverence we worship the true and living God as we sing: "All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee."



Join Us for Lunch, Literature, and Prayer this Spring/ Summer

Beginning Monday, May 23rd, we'll be getting together at the Country Grill in Ishpeming for a weekly discussion of Sarah Arthur's devotional book **At the Still Point**. Sarah has written a guide that includes twenty-nine weeks of devotions consisting of opening and closing prayers, texts from the Bible, and readings from a variety of poets and authors.

The readings are brief excerpts from the likes of Victor Hugo, Fyodor Dostoevsky, Jane Austen (and even Garrison Keillor). Many of us have very little exposure to such literary readings, so we can learn together. During our home devotions, we may experience moments of "spiritual awareness" and then, depending on our comfort level, share our discoveries and understandings over lunch.

Copies of the book range in price from about \$12.00 used to \$15.00 new, and if you'd like a copy, just let Vicar Terry know. *Each week of devotions has a different theme, so it isn't necessary to attend every week – participants should feel free to stop by whenever available.*

Sarah Arthur calls her book "a literary guide to prayer in ordinary time". "Ordinary Time" (or the Pentecost Season) is that long span of weeks within the church year that begins after Pentecost and ends with the first Sunday in Advent. If you'd like to try something new this year, please join us on Mondays this spring and summer!

Who: Everyone is welcome

What: Discussion of **At the Still Point** by Sarah Arthur

When: Mondays, beginning May 23rd at 11:30 a.m. (Memorial Day week, we will meet on Tuesday)

Where: Country Grill, 850 US Highway 41, Ishpeming

Why: Spring and Summer Spiritual Discovery

How: Contact Vicar Terry at the church office (486-4351) if you'd like a copy of the book

Let's Talk About Youth Worship Participation!

Vicar Terry would like to invite anyone interested in Youth Worship Participation to meet on

Sunday, May 22nd, at 9:00 a.m. in the Social Room

- Do you have thoughts on youth serving as ushers?
- What do you think about our young people serving as Assisting Ministers?
- Would you like to learn the significance of items in the Worship Tool Kit? (For instance, why in the world should kids be twirling colorful streamers in church?)
- What are your ideas on how to involve our kids?

Do you have suggestions for the short term? Dreams for the future?

**Parents, Grandparents, Christian Ed Members,
Musicians, Worship and Music Members**

And All Who Want to See our Kids Involved

Stop On By!

Vicar Terry Frankenstein



Board of Stewardship



As your Intern, I was privileged to be able to attend the recent “Being a Stewardship Leader” event at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp. Northern Great Lakes Synod invited clergy to come and hear about “*Living a Stewardship Life – It is all about your heart . . . everything we have is a gift from God that we are to use to help others.*”

We were introduced to the brand new book by Charles Lane and Grace Pomroy, **Embracing Stewardship – How to put stewardship at the HEART of your congregation’s life.** One of the chapters that I found very interesting was Chapter 7: “Tell your congregation’s stewardship story to your congregation.” And I wondered, what is Bethany Lutheran Ishpeming’s story?

I bet there are some impressive accounts of building projects from the past – time and talents shared along with generous monetary gifts. I've heard the amazing Scheulke Pipe Organ restoration story, and I know about the beautiful stained glass work. All have contributed to the wonderful worship we continue to experience in this community.

I also know that this congregation takes seriously its responsibilities to pay the regular bills. While it's certainly not as exciting as buildings, organs, and stained glass, we *can* talk about stewardship for the everyday stuff. Let's start with the electric bill. When are the lights turned on and why?

Well . . . how about regular and occasional activities such as:

- Sunday night Confirmation classes
- Wednesday night choir practice
- Thursday afternoon Homework Club
- Monday morning and Thursday night Bible Studies
- Tuesday morning quilters
- Sunday School
- Wednesday morning Grumpy Men
- Tuesday afternoon prayer shawls
- Joy Circle and Martha Circle meetings
- Wednesday Morning Prayer Services
- Pie Socials and Soup Suppers, Lenten Plays and Poetry readings
- Tuesday afternoon Lay School and Tuesday morning Pericope Study
- Board meetings like Christian Ed, Property, Worship and Music, Stewardship, Social Ministry, and Church Council

We need the lights. Why? In order to be the Church in this community and the world, and **your generosity doesn't fail. But remember, it's not all about numbers. It's also about stories and how the ministries of this congregation touch and change lives through the gospel of Jesus.**

Bethany Lutheran Church has a stewardship story. The people of Bethany have individual stewardship stories. Don't be shy. Tell them!

Yours in Christ, Vicar Terry



God the Spirit

God works in manifold ways:

God works as light to enlighten us,
God works as manna to feed us,
God works as fire to lead us,
God works as water to cleanse us.

God works as Creator,
power immense and mysterious,
forging the mountains.

God works as Christ,
love human and intimate,
healing the wounded heart.

God works as Spirit,
presence vibrant and wise,
whispering loveliness in the ear.

This Spirit pleads to us and for us.

It is a still small voice.

It is a holy fire.

It is a creative spark.

It opens our eyes to glory.

It opens our ears to God's Word.

It goads us.

It guides us.

It gifts us.

And to such a wise presence,
May we always and ever open our hearts
And softly pray
"Come."



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



At the April meeting, the Board voted to give \$350.00 to Bethany's Fortune Lake Scholarship Fund, and it was noted that in March \$300.00 had been given to the ELCA's Southeast Michigan Synod in response to the Flint water crisis.

Noisy Offering:

- January and February - \$441.45 collected for St. Vincent de Paul and Salvation Army heating funds;
- March and April - designated for Lutheran Social Services of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan; as of April 3, \$163.45 has been collected.

Rev. Jim Holmberg from LSS was a guest preacher on April 10 and reminded us of how churches support their ongoing work. LSS changes lives by their programs in adoption and foster care services, addiction recovery, homelessness, mental health, helping people with disabilities, needs of older adults, refugee resettlement, and more. For further information, see <http://www.lsswis.org>.

- May and June - designated for Fortune Lake Scholarship Fund.

At the Pie Social Apr. 10, over \$500. was raised and paper products were collected for Janzen House, where Brent Clark is the new director. Thank you to Kaye Frederickson and Shirley Tyni who have been coordinating this gathering for several years, and to all those who worked at the event and who donated pies.

Fair Trade coffee, tea and chocolate continue to be available during coffee hour.



Social Ministry Board members will provide lunch for a Habitat for Humanity project. Date to be arranged.



“Here Comes the Sun”, a fundraising project to raise funds for Lutheran World Relief and Mennonite Disaster Service, was entered in the recent SmartPrize competition in Marquette. T-shirts, tote bags and scarves decorated with radar images of hurricanes and other natural disasters will be offered for sale. The printed images are quite beautiful, seen from above! The project was designed by Gisele Duehring from Prince of Peace in Harvey with the added goal of keeping up awareness of the ongoing needs created by these events once they are no longer in the news cycle.



The May and June Noisy Offering will be given to the Fortune Lake Scholarship Fund.

Thanks to everyone for your generosity!

In-carnation

The official flower of Mother's Day is the carnation, the favorite flower of the mom of the holiday's founder, Anna Jarvis. Over time, the custom arose of wearing a white carnation on Mother's Day if your mother has died and a red one if she's living.



In fact, many carnation colors have special meanings. Pink carries the richest Christian symbolism. According to legend, carnations first appeared on earth as Mary wept while watching Jesus carry his cross. Where her tears fell, there appeared pink carnations, symbolizing a mother's undying love.

According to one theory, the English word for carnation comes from *carnis*, Latin for flesh. From the same root comes *incarnation*, God's coming to earth in flesh. Thus, carnations remind us of our loving mothers as well as our loving Savior.



Jessica Penhale, daughter of Wendy and James Penhale, has been a member of Bethany her entire life. She chuckles when she remembers how shy she was and wouldn't shake Pastor Geier's hand when he first came to Bethany. It's become a little joke between them.

Jessica's favorite Bible verse is Proverbs 3:5. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding." She finds it inspirational and a reminder to everyone that when you are struggling, the Lord will be there for you.

Jessica has a real talent working with kids, whether it be helping them at basketball camp, in class, or babysitting them. During high school she has babysat for five different families. She has also house/pet sat for many families in her neighborhood.

Her cousin Kaitlin has had an important influence in her life this year. Kaitlin, who is the teacher of her peer-to-peer class, gave Jessica the responsibility of taking over and running the math lab. The experience really opened Jessica's eyes and has made her think about becoming a teacher herself.

During high school, Jessica has excelled in tennis, basketball and track and field. When she was a sophomore, she was moved up to the varsity basketball team. As a freshman she made it to the UP finals in track. In tennis she was the number one singles player during her junior and senior tennis seasons. Her last two years in tennis brought her an Honorable Mention, and she was on the All UP Girls' Tennis Team. She also helped coach the 8th grade girls' basketball team and helped the special Olympians with practice.

In addition to her accomplishment in sports, Jessica has participated in I-Club and Natural Helpers. She also attended the UP math challenge the last two years. Jessica has been on the Honor Roll throughout high school, and she received an outstanding peer-to-peer award. It's a wonder that she ever had the time to work at Dairy Queen!

Jessica is a busy girl, but she does find time to indulge in her favorite obsession—watching *Grey’s Anatomy*. She is such a fan that she has watched every episode at least four times! She also enjoys binge watching TV shows on Netflix.

In the fall, Jessica will be attending Alma College. While she isn’t sure what her major will be, she does know that she wants to work with children. After her college career, Jessica wants to return to the Ishpeming area and continue to be involved with children, whether it be coaching, helping in Sunday school, or teaching.

Jessica will graduate from Ishpeming High School on June 3.



Thomas Finegan loves sports. He plays football, basketball, legion baseball, and plans on joining track once he is cleared to play. He sees being a part of three state championships in football as being his greatest accomplishment. His skill in football has earned him a number of awards including All-UP Dream Team Linebacker, and Detroit Free Press All-State Linebacker.

Scholastically, Thomas is a member of the National Honor Society. He has received The Good Citizens Award and the National Guard Scholastic and Physical Fitness Award.

Though Thomas has only been a member of Bethany for four years, one of his favorite memories of Bethany occurred after the football team had won the state championship. Everyone was coming up to him with congratulations and said they were watching the game and cheering for him.

Thomas’s favorite Bible verse is Psalm 23:4. “Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.” Thomas says, “It tells me to never fear death because God is with me and without that element of fear in my life, I will be able to accomplish many more things without fear controlling me.”

Thomas is the son of Kathryn and David Finegan. His mother is the Assistant Bishop for the Northern Great Lakes Synod, and his dad is a nurse for the Baraga Maximum Prison. He has two older brothers. His oldest brother Noah is currently attending

attending graduate school for secondary languages, and his brother Jacob will be graduating from St. Norbert's College this spring with a major in finance.

Thomas feels that his mom has had the biggest influence in his life. He says, "She has given me the gift of being kind and respectful to every individual I meet, and I believe it has helped form who I am today."

Thomas will be attending Michigan Technological University in the fall. For his freshman year, he will be majoring in General Engineering so that he can better understand each field so that later he will be able to narrow down which field of engineering that he would like to pursue. In his future Thomas wants to make a meaningful contribution to society. He wants to create something or solve a problem that will have a significant positive impact on many lives.

Thomas graduates from Ishpeming High School on June 3.



A Life-filled Prayer

A high school senior in Washington, D.C., offered this graduation prayer, which applies to people of all ages:

"Dear God, grant us one thing before we leave the sheltered reassurance of our childhood. Show us life. Not an empty, shallow world of shallow people and shallow dreams, but real life. For we have known the bliss of childhood as well as the passion of adolescence.

"We want to make the world a better place, but we don't know how. We want to throw our arms around our brothers and our sisters, but our hands cannot reach. We want to break the cycle of violence and the bonds of injustice in our society, but we're not strong.

"Smile on us when we drink from the waters of truth. When we are old, reassure us that our struggle helped make the world a kinder, gentler and more peaceful place. And please, God, don't let us die without ever having lived."



Living Lutheran —April 2016

Included in this issue...

- An insert that highlights Northern Great Lakes Synod news
- Cover Story: Stream, Flood and Spring: Water Renewing the Earth and the Church
- Features:

Churches create autism-friendly activity bags

When making a living and living in service intersect

Tale of two churches: Lutheran and Methodist congregations form partnership

Eco-evangelism in action

From *The Lutheran* to *Living Lutheran*

A gift of life



Fear
By Peter Marty



Can We Answer the Question 'Why'?
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



BOOKS FOR MAY, 2016

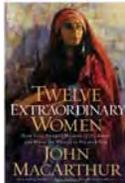
By Keenan Tunnell

The Easter Season ends with the Feast of the Ascension on 5 May and Pentecost on the 15th with non-liturgical Mothers' Day in between on the 8th....so I've got a few books for the Ladies (mothers or otherwise) all having some connection to women of the early church and possible messages to women in the church today. What do you think??



Jakes, Sarah. **Dear Mary**; Lessons from the Mother of Jesus for the Modern Mom. **248.8 JAK**

Mary is a remarkable example of a quiet, resilient faith in the face of adversity--from the angel's first announcement of her pregnancy to the death and resurrection of her Son. She was witness to our Lord and Savior in a special way, and modern-day moms can learn valuable lessons from her life. Written in the form of letters to the Mother of Jesus, *Dear Mary* explores biblical stories about Mary--as well as stories from the author's own life--to better understand what living for Christ can look like today and how to model that for your children.



MacArthur, John. **Twelve extraordinary women**; how God shaped women of the Bible and what He wants to do with You. **920 MAC**

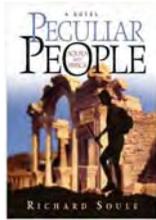
In *Twelve Extraordinary Women*, you'll learn more than fascinating information, you'll discover the unmistakable chronology of God's redemptive work in history through their lives. These women were not ancillary to His plan, they were at the very heart of it, and this book includes their amazing stories. Their struggles and temptations are the same trials faced by all believers at all ages, and the God to whom they were so committed is the same God who continues to mold and use ordinary people today. (includes a Study Guide for group discussion.)

Bunn, Davis . **The Pilgrim**. **FIC BUN**



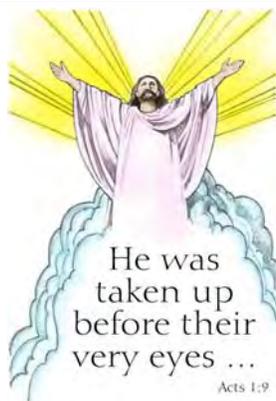
In this historical novel the reader travels through an ancient landscape with the Empress Helena from Caesarea to Judea. Abandoned by her husband, in danger because of her faith, but with an implacable will to do what God calls her to, she

takes a perilous pilgrimage. Along the way she meets those who would help her and those who would harm her. Miracles seem to follow this humble but determined woman as she wins many over to the faith, and changes lives forever—including her own. This is the story of the discovery of the True Cross and a portrait of one of Christian history's most important women.



Soule, Richard . **Peculiar People: Aquila & Prisca** **FIC SOU**

Tess Swift, a young archaeologist, steals an ancient scroll found in the ruins of Ephesus, expecting it to bring her financial freedom to start a new life. Instead, she finds herself swept into a journey of self-examination and spiritual awakening as she reads about the trials and triumphs of the first-century church. The scroll turns out to be the story of Aquila and Prisca (Priscilla), co-workers of Paul mentioned in four of his epistles. From Aquila's conversion in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost to their last years in Ephesus when Prisca meets a dying Virgin Mary, their story challenges Tess to examine her life and come to terms with her guilt. The bulk of this book tells the fictionalized story of the only married couple mentioned prominently in the New Testament, using real biblical and historical events as a dramatic backdrop for both ordinary and miraculous events in their lives. Covering the period from A.D. 28 to A.D. 78, the novel provides a picture of the early years of the church and the Roman Empire.



Ascension Day Worship Service

Thursday, May 5

7:00 pm



Mother-Child-Friend Tea
May 10, 2016
6:30 pm

All women, children, and friends are invited to attend this special night. Our guest performers will be "Voices In Motion" from the Westwood High School, directed by Tony Beacco.

There will be desserts and beverages served, along with door prizes, also. Please join us for this delightful evening. Come, relax and just enjoy the entertainment. Let's have a good turn-out for this event!

Sponsored by Bethany Lutheran Church -- Joy and Martha Circle



Spring Cluster Meeting
Bethany Lutheran Church, Ishpeming

May 1 @ 2:30 \$5

Program: Vicar Terry Frankenstein will speak on the



seminary.

Christian Women's
Immanuel Lutheran



Fellowship
Church, Negaunee

May 12 9:30 - 11:00 AM \$5

Guest speaker: Helen McCormick will speak about Room at the Inn

Music by Debbie Bengry and Janah Pruit

Reservations: Call Annette 475-5329

Kids!



Sunday School

May 1 We'll be practicing our songs for **Mother's Day**

May 8 **Mother's Day Concert** during worship service

May 22 **Last day of Sunday School**

Confirmation Sunday is May 15.

Confirmands are

Hope Kaukola
Mackenzie Ryan
Kayla Koski
Garrett Frustaglio
Jackson Cardoni
Blake Forbes
DJ Bivins



CONFIRMED IN CHRIST



The 2nd thru 5th grades learned about the 10 Commandments. Great job kids!



Spaghetti Benefit Dinner for Cindy Warner



Spaghetti
Benefit Dinner

A spaghetti benefit dinner will be held on Saturday, May 23, from 1PM to 5PM at the Ishpeming Elks Club to help Cindy Wooden Warner with medical expenses as she struggles with Multiple Myeloma Cancer and an upcoming Stem Cell Transplant at Mayo Clinic. She will need to be at Mayo Clinic as an outpatient for 6-8 weeks. Multiple Myeloma is a cancer of the blood. The cancerous plasma cells crowd normal blood cells in the bone. They release chemicals that dissolve bone called lytic lesions.

Donations can also be sent to Cindy's sister Debora Paavo at 170 W. Superior St. Ishpeming, MI 49849 and she will pass them along

Recycling With a Purpose

Please bring your empty toilet paper & paper towel rolls plus any used candles to the Lakestate Recycling Bin. The candles should not be in glass containers. These recyclables will be used by Lakestate Employees to make fire starters.



The Lakestate Recycling Bin is located between the church mail boxes & the coat rack.

Bethany Recycles

Recycling at Bethany: Please use the bins in the hallways and office for paper and other fibers. There is a bin in the snackristy for rigid items which include metal, glass and plastics. This helps keep these items out of the landfill. Thank you!!!

Pentecost Flowers

Pentecost Sunday falls on May 15th. This year and probably in years to come we will not have geraniums adorning our sanctuary. This year it is too early in the season for geraniums and it would be too hard to keep them alive and healthy until planting season. Instead we will have some substantial red flower arrangements in addition to the altar flowers on Pentecost Sunday. If you would like to contribute to these special arrangements, it will be appreciated.

Looking for Someone with a Green Thumb

For many years Sue Holmgren has overseen the planting of flowers in the outside planters and watering them during the summer. Thanks, Sue, for doing this for so many years. Bethany is now looking for someone who could take over that job so that we will continue to have the beautiful flowers adorning the outdoors at Bethany. If you are willing to share your gardening talent, call Sue Holmgren (486-8127) or talk it over with her at church.



Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp

There is still time to register for summer camp! Call the church office regarding camperships. For more info. and to register, go to www.fortunelake.org.

Would you like to sleep in a tree house with your family? Register for Family Weekend July 8-10 and you can take camp memories to a new height!

Experienced carpenters are welcome to help Chris Nocerini finish the tree houses. Call 214- 2267 if you are able to assist.

Mon., May 9 - The last Senior Day for the season will celebrate trees! Don Peterson will speak on "Forest Management for Multiple Uses." If weather permits, the day will include a peek at the new tree houses in Vagland. 10 am – 2 pm, including lunch. Requested donation: \$10.

Wed., May 11 – Camp spring cleaning bee. Volunteers are welcome anytime from 9 am until 8 pm. Come for a couple hours that fit your schedule. If you are working at a meal time, you will be fed too! Individuals or groups are welcome. Call 214-2267.



Council Highlights— April



- Received thank you notes from Fortune Lake and Rev. Jim Holmberg of LSS
- Offer from Earthkeepers to aid local clean up efforts during May
- Authorized purchase of new locks and keys for Bethany
- Pastor Geier, Kathleen Slown, and Robert Nadeau will be Bethany's delegates to the Synod Assembly.
- Synod Assembly will be held May 13-14 at NMU.
- Seven young people be confirmed on May 15.
- Discussed and approved request by YMCA for use of Bethany for exercise class

Pie Social Thank You



A huge thank you to everyone who baked pies, volunteered in the kitchen and on the front line, and supported the 9th Annual Bethany pie social. This year's event was a huge success! Thanks to your generosity, we donated \$500 and a large amount of paper goods to the Janzen House.

And thank you to Addy Lemire for stepping up to take over next year. We're sure she'll do a great job, and that everyone will extend to her the same support that you've shown to us over the years.

Wishing everyone a blessed summer!

Kaye Frederickson and Shirley Tyni



YTD Income: \$45,361.52

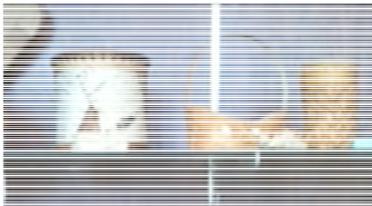
YTD Expenses: \$53,499.24

(Jan.—Mar.)



Carnegie Display Highlights Marian Medlyn's Baskets

Marian Medlyn displayed many of her baskets at Ishpeming's Carnegie Library during April. Marian's baskets were made of many materials, including willow, black ash, birch and cedar bark.



Information Needed

If you know of someone who has had an educational milestone this year, I would like to include it in the June Outlook. Send the info to Linda Dahl at linkarzig@gmail.com or drop off the info in the Outlook mailbox.

From a Child's Perspective

A group of second-graders was quizzed about what ingredients their mothers are made of. One child said, "God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world, and one dab of mean."

To the question "What does your mom do in her spare time?" one youngster said, "Mothers don't do spare time."

When the children were asked "Why did God give you your mother and not some other mom?" one child replied, "I knew she likes me a lot more than other people's moms do."





You're Invited to Graduation Celebration



Dear Bethany Friends

“You are invited to celebrate the high school graduation of Thomas Finegan on Saturday June 11, at Bethany Lutheran Church from 2 – 5 pm.”



Thank you to all for the many expressions of sympathy and prayers with the recent loss of Jaak's sister, Ann Nyberg.

Pat & Jaak Liivoja

**“Mothers write on the hearts of their children
what the world's rough hand cannot erase.”**

—Author unknown



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), Anna Mae Collins (Mather), Jean Anderson (Valente), Allen Maki (Jacobetti). Bob Waters (Jacobetti), Jean Sandstrom (Valente), Don Doney (Valente)
- Cindy Warner
- Ralph Goethe
- Ted Swanson
- Loreth Johnson
- Pat & Jaak Liivoja who mourn the loss of Jaak's sister, Ann Nyberg
- Judy Hogan
- Karmen Slown
- Brown family
- Mark
- Jim Sodergren, Jr.
- Lois Goethe
- Kaukola family
- Ruthie Solberg
- Mark Ulrickson
- Doris Pellonpaa
- Pastor Bob Sutherland
- Ned Johns
- Carl Pellonpaa
- Robert Maki
- Betty Geier
- Zander Atkins
- Jim Sodergren, Sr.
- Jim Bjorne
- Pastor Marcia Solberg
- Angie Kempainen
- June Forsberg
- Carol and Juan Papaleo and family
- Debbie Cain
- Those in the military that they may remain safe



**Memorial Day Service
@ Ishpeming Cemetery
May 30 @ 10:00 am**



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

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May Worship Assistants

May 1

Assisting Minister - Sally Grant
Acolytes - Hope Kaukola and Kayla Koski
Altar - Jill Carter
Coffee Hosts - Shawls
Flowers - In memory of our son Alan by Ed
& Jean Johns
Nursery - Hannah Skewis
Bread - Marian Medlyn
Youth Usher - Abby Koski & Morgan Rhoades

May 8

Assisting Minister - Garrett Frustaglio
Acolytes - D.J. Bivins and Matthew Skewis
Altar - Sue Holmgren
Coffee Hosts - Social Ministry
Flowers - In memory of Karl Dahl and Marvin &
Evelyn Nadeau by Linda Dahl
Nursery - Jessica Penhale
Bread - Tonya Perry
Youth Ushers - Hope Kaukola & Mackenzie Ryan

May 15

Assisting Minister - Carl Pellonpaa
Acolytes - Morgan Rhoades and Kyra Holmgren
Altar - Rae Elliot
Coffee Hosts - Christian Ed.—Confirmation
Flowers - In memory of Ray Sundblad by Colleen
Sundblad
Nursery - Sabrina Holm-Brown
Bread - Cheryl Frederickson
Youth Ushers - Abby Bruhnke & Abby Koski

May 22

Assisting Minister - Meredith Seppanen
Acolytes - Blake Forbes and Mackenzie Ryan
Altar - Rae Elliot
Coffee - Board of Property
Flowers - In memory of Vendla Larson by Lorraine
Haack
Nursery - Noah Kaukola
Bread - Kathy Geier
Youth Usher - DJ Bivins

May 29

Assisting Minister - Jerry and/or
Karen Plaisier
Acolytes - Abby Koski and Abbi
Bruhnke
Altar - Sue Holmgren
Coffee Hosts - _____
Flowers - In memory of Donald Tyni by
Shirley, John, & Sheryl
Nursery - _____
Bread - Shirley Tyni
Youth Ushers - Jackson Cardoni & Kayla
Koski

May 12 Ascension Service @ 7pm

Assisting Minister - Linda Dahl
Bread - Terra Frustaglio

Thank You!

May Ushers:

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



June Ushers:

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

Happy Birthday!

- 1 - Sheri Wooden
- 5 - Mia Chilman
- 7 - Carol Holmgren
- 8 - Michael Carriere
- 8 - Eric Martin
- 9 - Paul Waters
- 10 - James F. Sodergren
- 11 - John Hansen
- 11 -- Kate Clark
- 11 - Dwayne Kaukola
- 13 - Carrie Atkins
- 15 - Sherry Lusardi
- 16 - Kathryn Chapman
- 17 - Natalee Dobson
- 17 - Jaak Liivoja
- 18 - Allen Beauchamp
- 19 Amanda Bivins
- 19 - Duane King
- 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 40 years

Thomas & Pat Varda
5/5/73 43 years

John & Clara Carlson
5/6/61 55 years

Cathy & Keith Barton
5/8/81 35 years

Perry & Sheri Wooden
5/14/83 33 years

Stan & Kris Hough
5/25/85 31 years

