



**Bethany Lutheran Outlook
November 2009**

Serving God, Community, and Individuals

A Different Kind of Kings



**“I will exalt you, my God and King;
I will praise your name for ever and ever.”**

(Psalm 145:1)



PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Pledge Sunday this year will be November 22nd. At the beginning of 2009 we anticipated that this would be a difficult year financially as the economy was still in the process of bottoming out at that time. There was much uncertainty and it hasn't disappeared, but it does seem that things are better than they were a year ago; these days I open the statements I get from Thrivent and the Board of Pensions which I didn't do for awhile.

To be honest though, things haven't been as difficult at the church as we thought might be the case and that is primarily due to you! Those who made pledges, despite whatever uncertainty you had, have fulfilled them. To me that is an example of what is called "first fruits" giving meaning that your offering in thanks for God's blessings comes first rather than being taken out of "what's left." On behalf of myself and our Church Council, I thank you for that! Bethany continues to be a congregation of generous people who understand stewardship.

The problem we face though, is that we continue to operate at a deficit and that has been the case for quite a few years. What that means in simple terms is that the offerings that we receive combined with our other sources of income (primarily Head Start and Weight Watchers rental fees) are still not enough to cover programs, building costs and salaries. Unless you're the government, you can't do that indefinitely. We're not in crisis mode because of existing fund balances that we have been able to draw from, but that balance gets smaller and smaller each year. In terms of budgeting for 2010, apart from some nickel and dime reductions there is really nothing that can be cut below 2009 levels without affecting what we do as a church in mission and ministry.



"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse...and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."

Malachi 3: 10

As you consider your pledge for 2010 please keep this in mind. November is the month of our national day of Thanksgiving and with honest reflection I think most of us recognize that we are profoundly blessed. Your offering to the church is not the only way to express your thanks to God for your blessings, but from conversations with many of you I know that this church *is* one of the things for which you give thanks. Please prayerfully consider what you are able to give to the church in the coming year and if at all possible, increase your pledge. If your situation enables you to make a special offering at the end of 2009, that too would be most appreciated.

Thank you again for your support of the mission and ministry of this church!

Pastor Geier



Grace in Giving

If I see the gift as mine alone to give,
I might give hesitantly,
even grudgingly, considering my options,
then giving from a sense of ought.
If I see the gift as God's
who allows me to use it for a time,
then the gift can flow more freely,
as I join with others
to be a channel
for God's love and mercy.

-Roberta Porter



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 November 2009

1 All Saints Day

Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 24 Revelation 21:1-6a John 11:32-44

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| 2 | Psalm 51 | Deuteronomy 6:10-25 | Romans 12:17-21; 13:8-10 |
| 3 | Psalm 51 | Deuteronomy 28:58-29:1 | Acts 7:17-29 |
| 4 | Psalm 51 | Micah 6:1-8 | John 13:31-35 |
| 5 | Psalm 146 | Numbers 36:1-13 | Romans 5:6-11 |
| 6 | Psalm 146 | Deuteronomy 15:1-11 | Hebrews 9:15-24 |
| 7 | Psalm 146 | Deuteronomy 24:17-22 | Mark 11:12-14, 20-24 |

8 Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 17:8-16 Psalm 146 Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44

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| 9 | Psalm 94 | Ruth 1:1-22 | 1 Timothy 5:1-8 |
| 10 | Psalm 94 | Ruth 3:14-4:6 | 1 Timothy 5:9-16 |
| 11 | Psalm 94 | Ruth 4:7-22 | Luke 4:16-30 |
| 12 | Psalm 16 | Daniel 4:4-18 | 1 Timothy 6:11-21 |
| 13 | Psalm 16 | Daniel 4: 19-27 | Colossians 2:6-15 |
| 14 | Psalm 16 | Daniel 4:28-37 | Mark 12:1-12 |



15 Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Daniel 12:1-3 Psalm 16 Hebrews 10:11-25 Mark 13:1-8

16	Psalm 13	Daniel 8:1-14	Hebrews 10:26-31
17	Psalm 13	Daniel 8:15-27	Hebrews 10:32-39
18	Psalm 13	Zechariah 12:1-13:1	Mark 13:9-23
19	Psalm 93	Ezekiel 28:1-10	Acts 7:54-8:1a
20	Psalm 93	Ezekiel 28:20-26	1 Corinthians 15:20-28
21	Psalm 93	Daniel 7:1-8, 15-18	John 3:31-36

22 Christ the King Sunday

Daniel 7:9-14 Psalm 93 Revelation 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37

23	Psalm 76	Daniel 7:19-27	Revelation 11:1-14
24	Psalm 76	Ezekiel 29:1-12	Revelation 11:15-19
25	Psalm 76	Ezekiel 30:20-26	John 16:25-33
26	Psalm 25:1-10	Nehemiah 9:6-15	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
27	Psalm 25:1-10	Nehemiah 9:16-25	1 Thessalonians 5:12-22
28	Psalm 25:1-10	Nehemiah 9:26-31	Luke 21:20-24

29 First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thess. 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36

30	Psalm 90	Numbers 17:1-11	2 Peter 3:1-18
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December

1	Psalm 90	2 Samuel 7:18-29	Revelation 22:12-16
2	Psalm 90	Isaiah 1:24-31	Luke 11:29-32



A Blessing for Us All

Life is short and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So let us be swift to love and make haste to be kind, and the blessing of God will be with us. Almighty God, Father, and Son and the Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.



**Thanksgiving Service
Tuesday, November 24 @ 7:00 PM
Bethany Lutheran Church**



Celebrating the Full Communion Agreement between the United Methodist Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

On August 20, 2009, the Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) adopted a full communion agreement with the United Methodist Church (UMC). This is the ELCA's sixth full communion relationship and the first for the UMC.

The Rev. Gregory D. Palmer of the UMC said it would be "a great day" for both churches. "I am grateful that we have come to this point...God has brought both our churches to a broad place where Jesus Christ calls us ... to all be one [and] to go out for the sake of the world."



"We welcome you as you welcomed us last summer," the Rev. Mark S. Hanson, ELCA presiding bishop, told Palmer after the first vote, "and we rejoice at what the spirit has in store for us."

"This is indeed a day of great rejoicing," said the Rev. Donald J. McCoid, the ELCA's executive for Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations.

Ten ELCA bishops were among those who lined up at microphones to speak in favor of the full-communion agreement. Speakers told of cooperative and joint ministries already being conducted by Lutherans and United Methodists and noted the need for more such ministries and cooperation, especially in rural and remote areas.

Full communion is not a merger. But it means that the two churches express a common confession of Christian faith; mutual recognition of Baptism and sharing Holy Communion; joint worship and freedom to exchange members; agreement to mutual recognition of ordained ministers for service in either church; a common commitment to evangelism, witness and service; engagement in common decision-making on critical matters; and a mutual lifting of criticisms that may exist between the churches.

Enjoy the Poetry of Hymns

O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us

O Christ what can it mean for us to claim you as our king?
What royal face have you revealed whose praise the church would sing?
Aspiring not to glory's height, to power, wealth, and fame,
You walked a diff'rent, lowly way, another's will your aim.

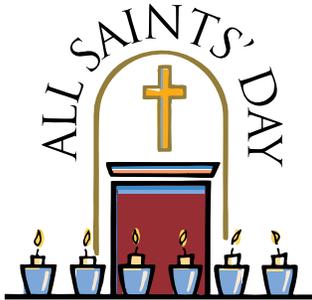
You came, the image of our God, to heal and to forgive,
To shed your blood for sinners' sake that we might rise and live.
To break the law of death you came, the law of love to bring:
A diff'rent rule of righteousness, a diff'rent kind of king.

Though some would make their greatness felt and lord it over all,
You said the first must be the last and service be our call.
O Christ, in workplace, church and home, let none to power cling;
For still, through us, you came to serve, a diff'rent kind of king.

You chose a humble human form and shunned the world's renown;
You died for us upon a cross with thorns your only crown.
But still, beyond the span of years, our glad hosannas ring,
For now at God's right hand you reign, a diff'rent kind of king!

Text: Delores Dufner, b. 1939
ELW # 431





All Saints' Day is celebrated on November 1 each year. It affords Christians the opportunity to remember those who have faithfully served Christ in special, often sacrificial, ways.



We offer our gratitude to God for those devoted and devout souls who have set worthy examples for us.

BETHANY REMEMBERS...



**Helen Peterson
Myrtle Carlson
Marvin Nadeau
Wesley Mattfield
Rick Lawson
Russell Aho
June Bjorne
Ken Dalglish
Sue Norell
Pearl Forchini
Roy Lemin
Karen Williams
David Laine-Lucas**

**“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.”
Psalm 116:15**

2009 Bethany Confirmands



Jon Leverton

**God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.**

Psalm 46:1

**But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness,
and all these things shall be added to you.**

Matthew 6:33 (NKJV)



Jordan Dault



Natalie Rasmusen

**But seek first the kingdom of God
and His righteousness,
and all these things shall be added to you.**

Matthew 6:33 (NKJV)

**Wait on the LORD;
Be of good courage,
And He shall strengthen your heart;
Wait, I say, on the LORD!**

Psalm 27:14 (NKJV)



Kate Clark



Max Alexander

**Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable,
whatever, is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely,
whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if
anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these
things.**

Philippians 4:8



Pledge Commitment Sunday November 22, 2009

During November, Bethany will conduct its stewardship campaign. At this time each church member makes a financial pledge for the upcoming year. Many church members associate the word stewardship only with pledge cards, budget discussions and a challenge to give more generously. While this financial commitment is essential, stewardship actually deals with managing everything God has given to us — our brain, body, talent, time and spiritual life. It's our total response to God's gifts.

Stewardship campaigns give us an opportunity to re-appraise our lives as a whole. Are we glorifying God with our minds, bodies, talents, property, financial resources, etc? Are we using our gifts to spread Christ's gospel? How are we showing our love to God and the church?

Taking inventory of our stewardship is a meaningful experience. Consider God's indescribable goodness toward you, as well as your response to his showers of blessing when you make your annual pledge and when you offer your talents here at Bethany.



We Thank God

Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church Ishpeming, Michigan

With joy and thanksgiving, I offer my support to the mission of Bethany by giving as follows:

**Please accept \$ _____
Per week/month/year (Circle one.)**

Name _____

Growth giving challenge

A challenge for all members of the church is to increase your giving through the congregation by 1% of your weekly income, and to consider similar growth at least annually, moving toward and beyond a tithe (10%).

WORKSHEET

Individual or household weekly income :\$ _____

Current weekly giving: \$ _____

Use the chart below to find the percentage closest to
your current giving: _____

Consider growing by at least 1%.

Enter new percentage: _____

Use the chart again to determine your new weekly
giving amount: \$ _____

(Enter this new dollar amount on your commitment form.)

INCOME	WEEKLY GIVING						
	1%	3%	5%	7%	10%	12%	15%
\$200	\$2	\$6	\$10	\$14	\$20	\$24	\$30
\$400	\$4	\$12	\$20	\$28	\$40	\$48	\$60
\$600	\$6	\$18	\$30	\$42	\$60	\$72	\$90
\$700	\$7	\$21	\$35	\$49	\$70	\$84	\$105
\$800	\$8	\$24	\$40	\$56	\$80	\$96	\$120
\$1,000	\$10	\$30	\$50	\$70	\$100	\$120	\$150
\$1,250	\$12.50	\$37.50	\$62.50	\$87.50	\$125	\$150	\$187.50
\$1,500	\$15	\$45	\$75	\$105	\$150	\$180	\$225
\$1,750	\$17.50	\$52.50	\$87.50	\$122.50	\$175	\$210	\$262.50
\$2,000	\$20	\$60	\$100	\$140	\$200	\$240	\$300



U.P. Compact fluorescent Light Bulb project Superior Watershed Partnership

The Superior Watershed Partnership distributed free kits containing six compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) to over 3700 households across the Upper Peninsula. Families at Bethany picked up their light bulbs and should experience a reduction in their electricity use which will save money. To assess the overall success of the change to the CFLs, families are encouraged to compare the “before” and “after” electric bills.

Thank you to the Superior Watership Partnership for helping us be more environmentally responsible.



Blessing of the Pets

Due to inclement weather, pets and their owners gathered in the basement for the Blessing of the Pets service on October 3. Kittens, dogs, and guinea pigs were blessed during this ceremony.



SOCIAL MINISTRY



Bethany's Board of Social Ministry has a busy agenda. Through special offerings to Social Ministry and donations, we have provided outreach to many national, worldwide, and local nonprofit organizations, such as:

Lutheran World Relief
World Hunger (Crop Walk)
St. Vincent DePaul
Habitat for Humanity
Room at the Inn
Fortune Lake

Lutheran Campus Ministry
Salvation Army
U.P. Food Bank
Cancer Society
Harbor House
Tilden Township fire victims

Our noisy offering, initiated in January 2008, has helped these agencies and others greatly. Social Ministry's work is not a budget item so we welcome all special donations marked SOCIAL MINISTRY to further our work.

Social Ministry provides the Fair Trade coffee for fellowship on Sunday mornings and orders Fair Trade coffee, tea and chocolate items for purchase by the congregation. In addition, our committee hosts the coffee hour once a month.

Fuel and food assistance is provided to needy members of the congregation, and items have been sent to troops overseas and food baskets to their families. We have assembled Lutheran World Relief packages to be shipped by boxcar each year, and have sponsored many blood drives at Bethany for our local medical needs.



Our annual food drive comes up in November, and your generous food donations will be gratefully accepted on November 1, 8 and 15 for this good cause.

Members of Social Ministry are Rae Elliott, Kathy Geier, Loreth Johnson, LaVerne Koski, Pat Liivoja, Harriet Maki, Marian Medlyn, Evelyn Nadeau and Ruth Solberg. We meet on the second Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. and welcome new members.

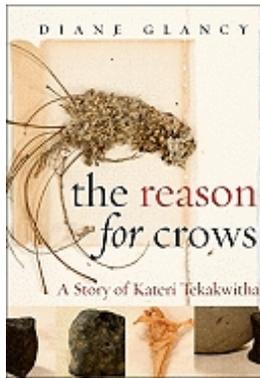
New Books For November 2009

By Keenan Tunnell



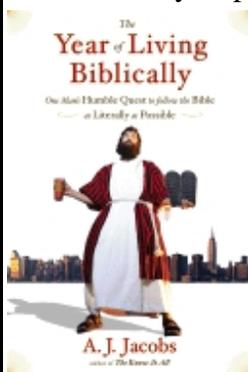
Hard to believe it's November already—the month in which we commemorate all Saints and during which the liturgical year of St. Mark comes to an end and the new year of St. Luke begins. It's like the seasons themselves: a time of endings and beginnings! So...remembering the saints, there will be a number of books on the kiosk from previous years and two new ones featured: fictional biographies of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, the Lily of the Mohawks, and of the Virgin Mary's childhood and youth. More about these and the other two new titles below! Happy November!!

Glancy, Diane. **The Reason for crows: a story of Kateri Tekekwitha** (FIC GLA)



“Imagining the interior voice of Kateri Tekakwitha, Glancy relays the story of the young, seventeenth-century Mohawk woman who would later become known as the ‘Lily of the Mohawks.’ Left frail, badly scarred, and nearly blind from a smallpox epidemic that killed her parents, Kateri nevertheless takes part in the daily activities of her village....When the Jesuits arrive in her village, she receives their message and converts to Christianity. In this imaginative and poetic retelling, Kateri’s interior voice is intertwined with the interior voices of the Jesuit missionaries—the crows—who endured their own hardships crossing the ocean and establishing missions in an unfamiliar land. Together, they tell a story of spiritual awakening and the internal conflicts that arise when cultures meet.” (from Jacket)

Jacobs, A.J. **The Year of living biblically**: one man’s humble quest to follow the Bible as literally as possible. (220 JAC)



“Raised in a secular [Jewish] family, but increasingly interested in the relevance of faith in our modern world, A.J. Jacobs decides to dive in headfirst and attempt to obey the Bible as literally as possible for one full year. He vows to follow the Ten Commandments. To be fruitful and multiply. To love his neighbor. But also to obey the hundreds of less publicized rules: to avoid wearing clothes made of mixed fibers; to play a ten-string harp; to stone adulterers. The resulting spiritual journey is at once funny and profound, reverent and irreverent, personal and universal, and will make you see history’s most influential book with new eyes....” (from jacket)

November Worship Assistants

November 1

Assisting Minister -
Acolytes - Natalee Dobson & Megan Hough
Altar - Harriet Maki
Coffee Hosts -
Nursery - Ali Kitchen
Bread - Kay Fredrickson

November 8

Assisting Minister -
Acolytes - Courtney Allen & Joshua Argall
Altar - Ruth Solberg
Coffee Hosts -
Nursery - Max Alexander
Bread - Rae Elliot

November 15

Assisting Minister - LaVerne Koski
Acolytes - Katelyn Ombrello & Christina Mariani
Altar - Jean Johns
Greeters - Lois Goethe & Ida Anderson
Coffee Hosts - WELCA
Flowers - In memory of Tom Medlyn by his family
Nursery - Jordan Dault
Bread - Jane Anderson

November 22

Assisting Minister -
Acolytes - Kara Harrington & Megan Hough
Altar - Carol Waters
Coffee Hosts - Social Ministry
Flowers - In memory of Donald Swanson by Nancy
Nursery - Ali Kitchen
Bread - Kay Chartre

November 24 Thanksgiving Service 7 pm

Acolytes - Courtney Allen & Nora Seppanen
Bread - Evelyn Nadeau

November 29

Assisting Minister -
Acolytes - Joshua Argall &
Natalee Dobson
Altar - Jean Johns
Coffee Hosts -
Nursery - Kate Clark
Bread - Ann Gonyea

Thank You!

November Ushers

Jaak Liivoja
Mike Richards
Tom Ryan
Ted Swanson
Jim Penhale
John Waters
Paul Waters



December Ushers

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



November 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 ALL SAINTS 9:00 Sunday School 9:15 Evangelism 9:30 Choir 10:30 Worship 6:00 Confirmation 	2 6:30 Worship 7:00 Prayer Shawls 7:30 Christian Educ.	3 9:00 Quilters 3:00-9:00 Lay School 6:30 Worship & Worship 7:00 Property	4 10:00 Men's Group 5:15 Bells 6:30 Choir	5	6	7
8 9:00 Sunday School 9:30 Choir 10:30 Worship	9 6:30 Worship	10 9:00 Quilters 3:00-6:00 Lay School	11 5:15 Bells 6:30 Choir	12 4:15 Finance	13	14
15 WELCA SUNDAY 9:00 Sunday School 9:30 Choir 10:30 Worship	16 11:00 Bible Study 6:30 Worship 7:30 Council	17 9:00 Quilters 1:30 Social Ministry 3:00-9:00 Lay School 7:00 Joy Circle	18 10:00 Men's Group 5:15 Bells 6:30 Choir 7:00 Martha Circle	19 6:30 Bible Study	20	21
22 CHRIST THE KING 9:00 Sunday School 9:30 Choir 10:30 Worship 6:00 Confirmation 	23 11:00 Bible Study 6:30 Worship	24 9:00 Quilters 3:00-6:00 Lutheran Heritage Class 7:00 Thanksgiving Service	25 1:30 Mary Circle 5:15 Bells 6:30 Choir	26  <i>Thanksgiving</i>	27	28
29 ADVENT BEGINS No Sunday School 9:30 Choir 10:30 Worship 	30 11:00 Bible Study 6:30 Worship	 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">FOOD DRIVE</p> <p style="margin: 0;">November 1, 8, & 15</p> </div>			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <p style="margin: 0;">Deadline for December/January issue of Outlook is November 23.</p>  </div>	

Happy Birthday!

- 3 Sean Connors
- 5 Noah Kaukola
- 6 George Niemela
- 8 Raymond Chartre
- 8 Angela Vidlund
- 9 Steven Chartre
- 9 Kathy Harrington
- 9 Kiara Nelson
- 10 Donald Doney
- 11 Sara Carlyon
- 11 Kaitlyn Warner
- 12 Maria Mariani
- 13 Pastor Geier
- 14 Winter Cain
- 15 Daniel Price
- 16 Seth Johnson
- 16 Jayce Kipling
- 17 Maxwell Alexander
- 18 Abbagail Koski
- 18 Carla Scanlon
- 18 Ray Sundquist
- 19 Nancy Swanson
- 20 Justin Christopherson
- 20 Jacob Connors
- 20 Dorothy Rohrer
- 21 Martha Ulrickson
- 23 Jennifer Vallier
- 24 Halley Sodergren
- 26 Jordan Dault
- 30 Traci Gugin

November



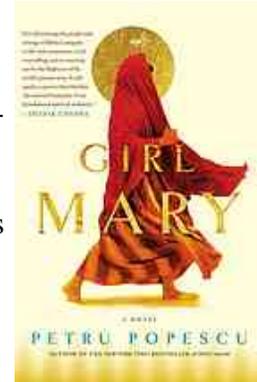
Happy Anniversary!

William & Bernadette Heavyside
11/2/1974 35 years



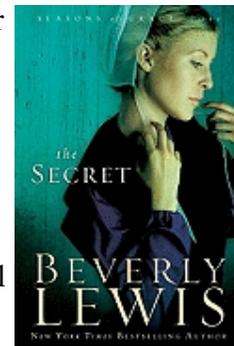
Popescu, Petru. **Girl Mary** (FIC POP)

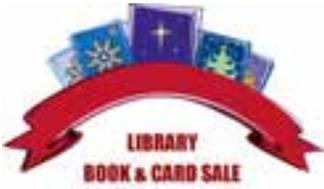
“With his empire in crisis, Augustus orders a young Roman spy to find a sign of his divinely inspired power. Concealing his real name, Pontius Pilate enters the Judean desert seeking an unknown miracle. The moment he meets the striking adolescent Mary, he senses that he is in the presence of someone magical....The young Pilate isn't wrong in believing that Mary is remarkable. On the verge of blossoming womanhood, Mary's world will soon open to love -- and to the miraculous. Full of mystical realism and set against the lushly reimagined settings of the biblical world, Girl Mary is the love story of the beautiful girl, naïve and yet complicated, who beguiled everyone -- even God -- with her soulful simplicity, and whose destiny would change civilization in untold ways.” (from jacket)



Lewis, Beverly. **The Secret** (Seasons of Grace, book 1) (FIC LEW)

“Popular novelist and Amish specialist Lewis ... launches a new series with this volume. Two young women, Amish Grace Byler and graduate student Heather Nelson, stand as counterpoints in parallel plots involving two secrets: Grace's mother is troubled; and Heather, whose mother has died of cancer, tells no one in her circle of her own diagnosis of terminal illness....” The major action in this first installment of the series concentrates on Grace's mother and the effect she has on her family as she attempts to resolve an emotional secret. Book 2, The Missing will be available at Bethany next month; and Book 3, The Telling will hopefully be here in April. Enjoy this new series by master story-teller, Beverly Lewis!





Library Fair

The Library's book and card sale will take place the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of November, that is the 8th and the 15th....a little later than usual allowing for the arrival of the book order and napkins from a new vendor. As last year, we'll take orders for the books so that more than one copy of the same title can be obtained. The emphasis is on books for younger children, especially the "boardbook" format. Note that because of the new vendor for napkins, the price per package will be increased for the first time in twenty years...but I'm not sure what the new price will be yet. The new napkins are beautiful! Come and support the Library's only fund-raiser of the year! See you there! Keenan

NOTE: Individual Thanksgiving cards will be available on the Library's Card Kiosk beginning November 1 at the usual cost of \$1 each. Share Thanksgiving with absent friends and family!



2009 CROP WALK



Approximately 120 people walked all or part of the Heritage Trail between Ishpeming and Negaunee for the 2009 Marquette County Crop Walk on October 11. It was a cold crisp day, but it was heartwarming to see those who walked against hunger and for those who are hungry.



Next year's Crop Walk is scheduled for October 3, 2010.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

THANK YOU BETHANY! You came through again. To all who donated of their time, talent, money and supplies, you deserve a big hug.

The following is a list of quilts and kits sent to Lutheran World Relief:

Quilts	132
School Kits	69
Health Kits	28
Layettes	26
Sewing Kits	11

Six quilts were given to the 581 fire victims.



The following is an excerpt from a newsletter written by LWR board chair, Kirk Betts when he went to Niamey, Niger to help distribute quilts and kits:

A cloud of dust began to move toward us. As it neared, we saw a hundred people, most crippled or deformed from polio, blind from river blindness, or both. Their clothing was drab, and hung loosely on their thin bodies. Tears come as I recall placing two beautiful quilts into the hands of a family whose children guided their parents. The parents' eyes lit up as they received the quilts - as though they saw and felt the brilliant colors in the sunshine - and felt the joy of knowing a stranger had offered themselves out of pure love. God bless your hearts and hands!

Again it is worth repeating:
GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU!

An Invitation



Please consider joining the Quilters on Tuesday mornings from 9:00 - 12:00. Our numbers are dwindling and we do need more people. You do not need to know how to sew. It is a morning of fellowship and knowing you are doing something to help others. See you on Tuesday!



What's Up with WELCA?



Campbell Soup Label Collection - We will be collecting Campbell Soup Labels {the UPC code part only}. The labels will help support the Navajo Evangelical Lutheran Mission in Rock Point, AZ. Bring your UPC codes to place in basket by office door. A list of eligible products will be posted there. This is an easy way for all of us to help out others. Debbie Cain will be coordinating this project.

WELCA Sunday- November 15th Women of the church will be serving in many aspects of our morning worship and fellowship.

Operation Christmas Child - Bring in your shoeboxes by November 20.



For their September meeting, members of the Martha Circle gathered for fellowship at Rae Elliot's camp.



Looking Ahead: December 7th- Christmas Dessert and Coffee with all local Lutheran churches.



Rediscovering the Book of Faith: The English Bible
From the 19th thru early 21st Centuries
(NOTE: *most of this text is from a website called **great-site.com***)

It was not until the 1880's that England's own planned replacement for their King James Bible, the English Revised Version (E.R.V.), would become the first English language Bible to gain popular acceptance as a post-King James Version modern-English Bible. The widespread popularity of this modern-English translation brought with it another curious characteristic: the absence of the 14 Apocryphal books; until then every Protestant Bible had 80 books, not 66. The intertestamental books had been part of virtually every printing of every version of the English Bible.

The Americans responded to England's E.R.V. Bible by publishing the nearly-identical American Standard Version (A.S.V.) in 1901. It was also widely-accepted and embraced by churches throughout America In 1971, it was again revised and called New American Standard Version Bible (often referred to as the N.A.S.V. or N.A.S.B. or N.A.S.). This New American Standard Bible is considered by nearly all evangelical Christian scholars and translators today, to be the most accurate, word-for-word translation of the original Greek and Hebrew scriptures into the modern English language that has ever been produced. Some, however, have taken issue with it because it is so direct and literal a translation (focused on accuracy), that it does not flow as easily in conversational English.

[In 1928, the copyright to the ASV was acquired by the International Council of Religious Education, which renewed the copyright the next year. From 1930-32, a study of the ASV was undertaken to decide the question of a new version...(the Depression and WWII intervened slowed things down). Funding was secured from Thomas Nelson & Sons in 1936 and the name of the work was to be the Revised Standard Version. The translation was from the latest Greek texts available for the NT and the Hebrew Masoretic text for the OT, with some reference to the newly discovered Dead Sea Scrolls. The work was completed and the Bible (RSV) was authorized for publication in 1951 (St. Jerome's Day, 30 September, 1952) The first copy was presented to President Harry S. Truman.]

In 1973, the New International Version (N.I.V.) was produced, which was offered as a “dynamic equivalent” translation into modern English. The N.I.V. was designed not for “word-for-word” accuracy, but rather, for “phrase-for-phrase” accuracy, and ease of reading even at a Junior High-School reading level. It was meant to appeal to a broader ... cross-section of the general public. ...[it has become] the best-selling modern-English translation of the Bible ever published.

[In 1989, the [National Council of Churches](#) released a full-scale revision to the RSV called the New Revised Standard Version. It was the first major version to use gender-neutral language, and thus drew more criticism and ire from conservative Christians than did its 1952 predecessor. This is also the Biblical text used in the ELCA’s Lutheran Study Bible, and the approved text of the weekly lectionary in ELCA congregations.]

In 2002, a major attempt was made to bridge the gap between the simple readability of the N.I.V., and the extremely precise accuracy of the N.A.S.B. This translation is called the English Standard Version (E.S.V.) and is rapidly gaining popularity for its readability and accuracy. The 21st Century will certainly continue to bring new translations ... in the modern English language. [The Bible itself] is unchanging from generation, but language is a dynamic and ever-changing form of communication. We therefore have a responsibility before God as Christians to make sure that each generation has a modern translation that they can easily understand, yet that does not sacrifice accuracy in any way.



On October 25, Reformation Sunday, Jon Levertson, Natalie Rasmussen, Kate Clark, and Jordan Dault stand with Pastor Geier after they affirmed their Baptism through the rite of Confirmation.

Kids - Did you know?

Bible Verse to Memorize

“Every Good Thing I Have Is A Gift from You.”

Psalm 16: 2

This month in Sunday School, you will learn about David. The young shepherd David was called by God to do his work. One of the things David did was write songs. Many of his songs praised God. These songs are called Psalms.



**Let's clap our hands
And shout with joy, because
God is a great strong king!
Blow the trumpet for our king!
God is king of all the earth.
Let's celebrate with songs!**



Psalm 47



(This Psalm is paraphrased for young readers and uses language and imagery appropriate for children while remaining faithful to the spirit of the biblical text. It is from Psalms for Young Children by Marie-Hélène Delval)

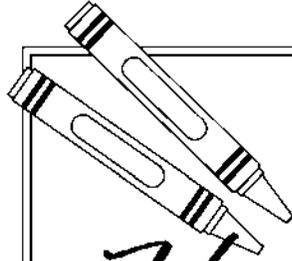


Dear God,

I do not think anybody could be a better God. Well I just want you to know that I am not just saying this because you are God already.

Charles





Just for KIDS

He gave thanks

This Thanks giving, you may share a special meal with family and friends. Do you remember the time when Jesus shared a meal with thousands of people and gave thanks?

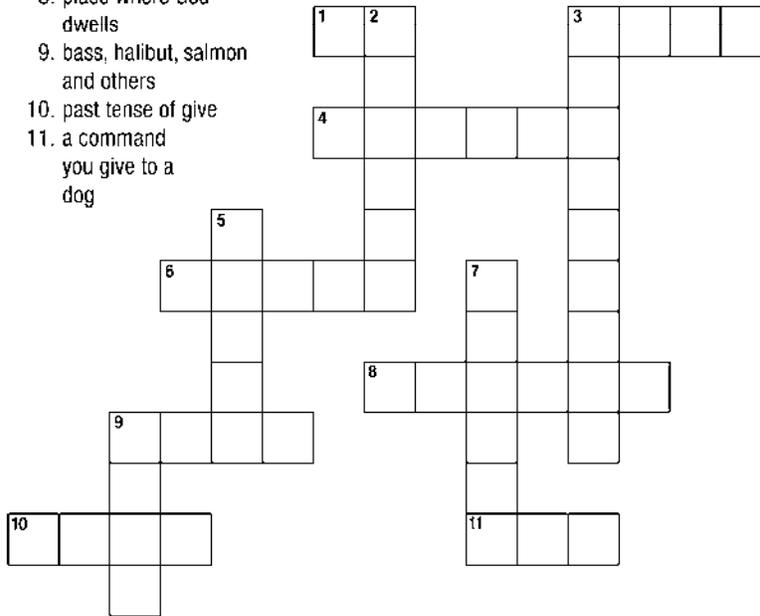
Use the clues to find important words from Matthew 14:19 (NIV).

Across

1. opposite of down
3. opposite of up
4. more than one loaf
6. penniless
8. place where God dwells
9. bass, halibut, salmon and others
10. past tense of give
11. a command you give to a dog

Down

2. another name for humans
3. twelve of Jesus' closest friends
5. what a lawnmower cuts
7. _____ giving
9. odd number after 4



Across: 1. up, 3. down, 4. loaves, 6. broke, 8. heaven, 9. fish, 10. gave, 11. sit
 Down: 2. people, 3. disciples, 5. grass, 7. thanks, 9. five

Council Highlights



- Kathy Magnuson gave a presentation on Fortune Lake
- Received thank you from Bay Cliff
- Annual Pledge Dive will be November 22
- \$300 was designated to support a missionary through the ELCA Global Mission.
- Window will be installed in Pastor's office when he is on vacation in Nov.
- Council will host coffee hour on December 13 after the worship service/ Sunday School Program.
- New contract has been signed with Weight Watchers.
- Bethany raised \$640.52 (includes matching Thrivent Funds) from the Anniversary Turkey Dinner which will go to the Fortune Lake Scholarship Fund



The November and December's Noisy Offering will go to carry out the work of Social Ministry.

Thanks to everyone for your generosity!

The Children's Bible in a Nutshell The New Testament

After the Old Testament came the New Testament. Jesus is the star of The New. He was born in Bethlehem in a barn. (I wish I had been born in a barn too, because my mom is always saying to me, 'Close the door! Were you born in a barn?' It would be nice to say, 'As a matter of fact, I was.'

Next Month: Life of Jesus



Special Offering Envelopes



A special offering envelope is included with the November Outlook. Using this envelope makes it easy to designate where you would like your special gift to be directed. These envelopes are also always available in each pew in the sanctuary. No matter what the size, your generous gifts are always meaningful and welcome. Thank you.

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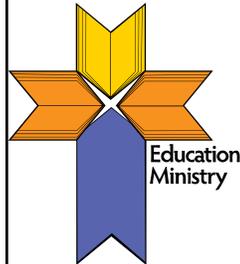
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Lay School News



The fall term of Lay School ends this month.

The winter term will begin on January 12. The classes will be Gospels, Worship and Liturgics, World Religions and Evangelism. The schedule and more detailed information about the classes will be in the December/January Outlook.



Bethany's Website

www.bethanyishpeming.org

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- Hot cocoa
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From Small Farmers With Love

Things to Remember

- Turn your clocks back on October 31. 
-  Let us know if you have a change of address for the winter.
- Poinsettia order forms will be available at the end of November. 

Keep In Your Prayers

- Remember our home-bound and nursing home residents: Teckla Holmgren (home), Barbara Crabb (home), Martha Ulrickson (Valente), Anita Liljequist (Mather), and Doreen Brown (Valente), Don Doney (home), Steven Leverton (Valente)
- Marian Franti
- Kay Chartre's mother Dorothy
- Jim Chapman
- David Laine
- Matt Waters who is recovering from shoulder surgery
- Ken Kinnunen who is recovering from knee surgery
- Ted Swanson who is recovering from surgery
- Pam Rushford (Pauline & Marvin Toivonen's granddaughter)
- Paul Blomgren
- Edmund Holmgren
- Nancy Swanson
- Nick Chartre
- Therese Korpi
- Those in the military that they may remain safe



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If you have any event, meeting, or article that relates to December and/or January, please give it to Linda Dahl by November 23, the deadline for this issue. Thanks.

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