



Bethany Lutheran Outlook
September 2016

Serving God, Community, and Individuals

MY HELP COMES FROM THE LORD,



WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH.

PSALM 121:2



PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

In my June article I talked about 2017 being observed as the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. The choice of 2017 is somewhat arbitrary as what is referred to as “The Reformation” was not a one year event but was a series of many events and developments over a period of many years in many places involving many people, some well known, some not so well known. In Lutheran circles, 2017 is the chosen year because it was in 1517 that Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses. The theses represented issues that Luther wanted to debate and posting them in a public place was an accepted way to initiate debate; but Luther got more than he bargained for. Somewhat surprisingly his posting got the attention of the Catholic Church hierarchy in Rome resulting in a local theological dispute becoming a legal case before the pope. The rest, as they say, is history.

Here at Bethany, starting this month, we will begin a yearlong observance of the Reformation. I say observance rather than celebration because the question of whether the Reformation was a good thing or a bad thing continues to be debated. The best answer to that question is probably just “Yes. Yes it was a good thing and yes it was a bad thing.” As we observe the year that will be a question and an answer that we’ll want to think about.



When Bible studies begin in September we will look at some of Martin Luther’s writings starting with the 95 Theses. Luther was a prolific writer but for me anyway, prior to going to seminary, I think the only Luther I had ever read was the Small Catechism. Luther was an “occasional” writer in that he was always responding to something, to some occasion. Because of that, the emotional content of his writing ranges from kind and gentle to harsh and mean spirited, but he’s always interesting. Looking at some of his writings will give us a chance to better understand the issues he was responding to and how his theology evolved in the ensuing controversy.

In October we will be hosting a Reformation 500 bookstore at Bethany. This is sponsored by Augsburg Fortress and will provide you with the opportunity to buy books by and about Luther and the Reformation at significantly reduced prices. Our church library will also be gifted with free copies of 15 books. Stay tuned for more details.

In what I think is a very exciting development, Pastor Ann Gonyea and I have arranged to host Dr. Kurt Hendel, professor of Reformation history at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago next April. He will do a presentation in Munising and one here at Bethany. We've had several guest speakers here over the past ten years, but it's been awhile since the last one, so I'm pleased that we can do it again. It should be another outstanding event as Kurt is both knowledgeable and engaging as well as being very down to earth.

This anniversary year gives a chance to learn more about the heritage we are part of. My hope however, is that these activities and events don't just represent a history lesson. I hope that they can help us to better understand who we are today as heirs of the Reformation and what it means to be Lutheran 500 years later.

Pastor Geier

NGLS Plans Bus Tour

You have an opportunity to see some of the history of the Reformation!

On November 9-11, 2016, the Northern Great Lakes Synod is sponsoring a bus tour to Minneapolis to see an exhibit of artifacts and Luther-memorabilia sponsored by Thrivent at the Minneapolis Institute of Art. Check it out at www.artsmis.org.

Cost will be about \$250 per person based on double occupancy. The tour includes bus, hotel, most meals, and exhibit with guided tour.

Register by sending a \$100 deposit to:
1029 North Third ST Suite A
Marquette MI 49855

The bus holds 56 people.
Once it's full, it's full!



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

September 2016

1 Psalm 1	Genesis 39:1-23	Philippians 2:25-30
2 Psalm 1	Deuteronomy 7:12-26	Colossians 4:7-17
3 Psalm 1	Deuteronomy 29:2-20	Matthew 10:34-42

4 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 1 Philemon 1-21 Luke 14:25-33

5 Psalm 101	2 Kings 17:24-41	1 Timothy 3:14-4:5
6 Psalm 101	2 Kings 18:9-18	1 Timothy 4:6-16
7 Psalm 101	2 Kings 18:19-25, 19:1-7	Luke 18:18-30
8 Psalm 51:1-10	Genesis 6:1-6	1 Timothy 1:1-11
9 Psalm 51:1-10	Genesis 7:6-10, 8:1-5	2 Peter 2:1-10a
10 Psalm 51:1-10	Genesis 8:20-9:17	John 10:11-21

11 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 32:7-14 Psalm 51:1-10 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10

12 Psalm 73	Amos 7:1-6	1 Timothy 1:18-20
13 Psalm 73	Jonah 3:1-10	2 Peter 3:8-13
14 Psalm 73	Job 40:6-14; 42:1-6	Luke 22:31-33, 54-62

Holy Cross Day Readings

	Numbers 21:4b-9	Psalm 98:1-4	1 Corinthians 1:18-24	John 3:13-17
15 Psalm 113	Exodus 23:1-9		Romans 3:1-8	
16 Psalm 113	Ezekiel 22:17-31		Romans 8:31-39	

17 Psalm 113 Isaiah 5:8-23 Mark 12:41-44

18 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 8:4-7 Psalm 113 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13



19 Psalm 12 Proverbs 14:21-31 Acts 4:1-12
20 Psalm 12 Proverbs 17:1-5 1 Corinthians 9:19-23
21 Psalm 12 Proverbs 21:10-16 Luke 20:55-21:4
22 Psalm 146 Proverbs 22:2-16 2 Corinthians 8:8-15
23 Psalm 146 Proverbs 28:3-10 Ephesians 2:1-10
24 Psalm 146 Proverbs 28:11-28 Luke 9:43b-48

25 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 6:1a, 4-7 Psalm 146 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31

26 Psalm 62 Amos 6:8-14 Revelation 3:14-22
27 Psalm 62 Hosea 10:9-15 James 5:1-6
28 Psalm 62 Hosea 12:2-14 Matthew 19:16-22

29 Psalm 37:1-9 2 Kings 18:1-8, 28-36 Revelation 2:8-11

Michael and All Angels Readings:

Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3 Psalm 103:1-5, 20-22 Revelation 12:7-12
Luke 10:17-20

30 Psalm 37:1-9 2 Kings 19:8-20, 35-37 Revelation 2:12-29

The world can be filled with its trials and swords,
Its famines and perils, its peasants and lords,
With power and heights and bitter despair,
With sorrows and death and with crosses to bear.



Yet which one alone, or combined with the rest,
Can wedge out God's love and the Christ he has blessed?
For, no! There is nothing of evil or worth
That can separate God from his children on earth!
—Peggy Ferrell

Farewell



A year ago, I was writing an article introducing myself to you all as a seminarian who had just finished her CPE training and was looking forward to an internship experience in Ishpeming. It's hard to believe it's now twelve months later! What a blessing this year has been!

You have let me preach and teach, encouraging me and understanding when my approach differed a bit from the norm. You let me try things like the Worship Tool Kits and coordinating Youth Ushers and Assisting Ministers. You've been patient as I worked to help a few ideas take root in this community in Christ.

We've had many opportunities to visit, to laugh, and get to know each other. You've invited me into your homes and hospital rooms and care facilities to talk about things that matter, to shed a few tears, to pray, and share in the Lord's Supper. You cared for me when I caught the inevitable flu and bronchial bugs – chicken soup and vaporizing mists and cough drops. You've remembered me over the holidays and even on my birthday (which was supposed to be secret). And I've gotten to eat way more delicious goodies than I ever expected!

Internship has been a time of growth and development in my role as future pastor. From leading worship, to learning what it's like to be in a room full of confirmands; from teaching a Lay School class to coordinating Vacation Bible School; from participating in committee meetings to caring for shut-ins: the breadth and width of experiences Bethany has provided is beyond what I had hoped for when I walked in the door last September 1st. Thank you so much for giving me an incredible internship!

I am grateful for the entire congregation of Bethany for your willingness to take a chance with me. I appreciate the many friendships that have developed – know that I will miss you all!



Many thanks go to my Lay Internship Committee who faithfully met with me throughout the year, providing a great deal of support and encouragement. Your willingness to help with anything I needed was so reassuring. Fortunately, there were no car breakdowns or frozen pipes, but I always knew you were available.

And my deepest thanks go to Pastor Geier who has trusted me to run with things, letting the Holy Spirit work in order that I might experiment with some opportunities and enabling me make the most of my time here. I have learned much under your leadership, and I am someone who now feels much better prepared for a future in hands-on ministry.

In closing, I want to share a phrase that I heard at my internship orientation back in January of 2015. One of the presenters said this: "Interns are God's answer to the prayers of people we have not yet met." I found that expression surprisingly inspiring, to think that a congregation might actually be looking forward to the gifts someone new would bring into their community. I'm not sure if the phrase is true for you, but I have a slightly different version that is true for me. "Internship congregations like Bethany Lutheran Church are God's answer to the prayers of somewhat anxious, uneasy, third year seminarians about to embark on a life-changing experience." I thank you.

God's Blessings
Vicar Terry



**"And I will give
after my
own heart, who**

**you shepherds
will feed you
with knowledge and
understanding."**

Jeremiah 3:15



LAY SCHOOL NEWS Fall 2016

- The Fall Semester is set to begin on Tuesday, September 6th and will continue each Tuesday (except Thanksgiving week, November 22nd) until November 29th.
- **Classes will be held at Messiah, Marquette (305 W. Magnetic)** with Pastor Warren Geier as the site coordinator. The location represents a change which will hopefully make it easier for people in the Marquette area to participate without inconveniencing others too much.
- Four classes will be offered in the Fall 2016 semester (please note the dates and times for each class as they do vary)
Based on feedback from students, the curriculum has been revised to include more history and more Bible. That revision is reflected in two of this fall's classes, *American Church History and Prophets I/Isaiah and Jeremiah*.

Christian Theology-God the Holy Spirit September 6th to September 27th (3 to 6pm) (4 sessions)

A study of the third article of the Nicene Creed. How does God's Spirit work in our lives? Included in this course will be an examination of our theology of the church and the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion. (Pastor Steve Solberg)

Preaching and Exegetical Techniques September 6th to November 29th (6:30 to 8:30 pm) (12 sessions)

Students will learn how a sermon is developed, especially the various ways that a biblical text can be examined and interpreted. Students will be asked to write one sermon. This class combines what had previously been two separate classes. (Pastor Allan Johnson)

American Church History October 4th to October 25th (3-6pm) (4 sessions)

This class will explore the historical development of Christianity in the United States from the 17th to the 21st century. Ecumenism, especially as it relates to the ELCA, will be considered. (Pastor Warren Geier)

Prophets I/Isaiah and Jeremiah

November 1st to November 29th (3-

6pm) (4 sessions)

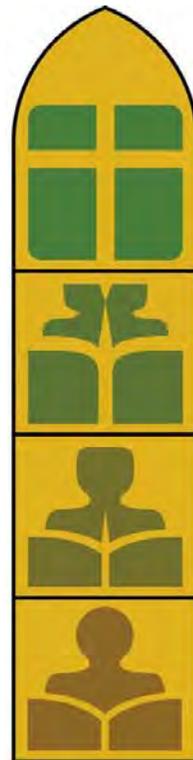
An introduction to Old Testament prophetic material including the former and latter prophets. This class will focus on Isaiah and Jeremiah as the most frequently cited lectionary prophets. (Pastor Ann Gonyea)

A reminder that as always there is no tuition; the only cost is for books (and instructors do the best they can to keep that within reason.)

As is always the case, we need new students! It should be emphasized though that one does not have to sign up for all the classes, one does not have to complete all the classes in a certain period of time, one does not even have to complete all the classes ever. You can take as much or as little as works for your schedule and your interests. The program is designed to be flexible. Also, Lay School is not designed to produce Licensed Lay Ministers. While that is a possibility and some graduates have gone in that direction, most students are just interested in growing in faith and becoming more active in their own congregations.

To register for classes, or if you have specific questions, contact your pastor or Pastor Geier (486-4351; pas-tor@bethanyishpeming.org). Information on books will be forthcoming. Students order books from the bookseller of their choice. Used books are often available at very low prices. If you would like more detailed information on any of the classes contact Pastor Geier.

It would be great to have some new students give Lay School a try, so consider this a personal invitation! If you're not sure, try a course and see how it goes. You will grow in faith and you and your church will benefit from your involvement!



**Learn
&
Grow**



Books for September 2016

By Keenan Tunnell



Bethany is hosting a Reformation 500 Bookstore

As the Church approaches the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017, we'll be hearing a lot about Luther and the ongoing effects of his journey to faith. Augsburg/Fortress, the ELCA's publishing arm, has made an offer we at Bethany couldn't refuse: a selection of titles at 50% off their list price and free delivery with our library being gifted with these same titles for hosting the Reformation 500 Bookstore. There are books at various reading levels and they will be available for your examination October 16th and 23rd. You'll get more info as those dates get closer. Just to whet your appetite, here's a short introduction to a few of those titles (I left out the heavy theological ones, but there are some included!):

When Lightning Struck: The Story of Martin Luther

by Danika Cooley

Martin Luther's life was too exciting not to be written for teens and younger readers! In this fast-paced, action-packed novel of Martin Luther's life, teen readers (and more than a few adults!) will be introduced to a fascinating time when princes ruled Europe and knights roamed the countryside. They'll learn about a time when powerful forces lined up against each other and believing the wrong thing could get you killed. The book is far more than just an adventure story, of course. It also tells a theological story. Drawing carefully from Luther's own words, this book introduces readers to a kindred spirit who struggled with what knowing God through Scripture means for daily life. They will understand what was at stake and how powerfully liberating Luther's idea of grace through faith was—in his time and in ours! 264 pp.



Papa Luther: A Graphic Novel

by Daniel D. Maurer, illustrations by Caitlin Like

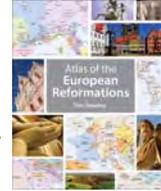
This full-color graphic novel—or comic book—for children ages 8 to 13, is also suitable for older youth (and more than a few adults, too!). *Papa Luther tells the story of Martin Luther and the Reformation as seen through the eyes of his children. Perfect for individual reading, as well as in small or large group studies. A leader guide is also available as a digital download. 88 pp.*



Atlas of the European Reformations

by Tim Dowley

This new, definitive atlas provides a remarkably clear view of the broader Reformation scene. Features color images, time lines, and commentary to go with 60 beautiful and informative maps. Especially useful for group study. An online study guide is available for use with younger students and confirmation. 160 pp.



Luther and the Printing Press ... just a few observations on Luther's use of new technology.

Gutenberg's Bible, the first printed with movable type, was published in 1455.

Between 1502 and 1516 Wittenberg printers published about 123 books. Between 1517 and 1546, however, the city's publishers alone would churn out over 2,721 books, in great part due to Luther's productivity and celebrity. By mid-century, Germany was the center of the European printing world.

Re: the 95 Theses: Luther wrote his Theses in the scholarly language of Latin. His views likely wouldn't have gained popular appeal if they hadn't been translated into German. But they were—without his permission. In January 1518, Christoph von Scheurl and other friends of Luther translated the *Ninety Five Theses* into German. They then printed and copied it, making it one of the first documents to be done with the help of the printing press. Within two weeks, copies of the Theses had spread throughout Germany. Within six weeks of that, the Theses had been copied across Europe. Luther's writings reached France, England and Italy by 1519..... and from that point on, concerns originally intended for the attention of the scholars and clergy of the church became fodder for the masses.

In 1520 and 1521, Luther was the rage in Germany. Posters of Luther (singlesheet woodcuts) sold out as soon as they went on sale, and many were pinned up in public places. The combination of bold graphics with a smattering of text, printed as a broadsheet, could convey messages to the illiterate or semi-literate and serve as a visual aid for preachers. Luther remarked that “without images we can neither think nor understand anything.” In modern parlance, Luther’s works had gone viral!!

By the end of his life, Martin Luther wrote 60,000 pages, yet he hoped that “all my books would disappear and the Holy Scriptures alone be read.” Luther said he would be glad for all his works to perish except “On the Bondage of the Will,” which emphasizes people’s inability to save themselves, and his “Small Catechism,” which explains the faith to children.

Luther’s German translation of the Bible had more influence upon the German language than the King James Version had on English. Though almost 460 years old, Luther’s translation is still sold and read widely.

It has been said that in most libraries, books by and about Martin Luther occupy more shelves than those concerned with any other figure except Jesus of Nazareth.

Woodcut of a print shop





Living Lutheran —August 2016

Cover Story:

- I'm a Lutheran by Joshua Jerome, Special Olympian
- Bearing witness through community organizing
- Four congregations in the community (Study Guide included): Taking on issues that matter; Doing what Jesus wants us to do; Ministry with neighbors; Called to redemptive, resurrecting activity

Features:

- Sing unto the Lord a new song
- Braille hymnal deepens couple's faith connection
- Living on a prayer: one man's cross-country journey in honor of his father
- Bound for New Orleans: 2016 Churchwide Assembly to elect a vice-president and more
- When God calls
- From hardship to freedom: Standing up to payday lending (Study Guide included)
- A bright and healthy future
- Faith and Family: the holy trek to college

Highly recommended

Embracing Stewardship

One Big Family by Marc Harshman
(children's book)



A proclivity for paradox
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



Vacation Bible School



Vacation Bible School was held at Wesley United Methodist Church from Sunday, August 7th through Thursday, August 11th. Five different churches gathered together for a fun-filled week of “Surf’s Up”, led by emcee “Skipper” Vicki Crystal. Our six kids, along with about thirty-five others, learned to sing and dance to a number of Christian songs and then participated each night in activities that included discovery, arts and crafts, recreation, and story-time. And of course there was food – supper to start and snacks to end each evening.

We want to thank the many people who helped make possible this coordinated effort:

- Recreation Volunteers: Courtney Allen, Pam Allen, Abbi Bruhnke, Gwen Bruhnke, Danielle Carlson, Terry Frankenstein, Addy Lemire, and Sarah Waters
- Food/Supply Donations: Sue Holmgren, Kay Chartre, and Kathy Geier
- Food Servers: Pam Allen, Kay Chartre, and Terry Frankenstein

A special thank you “shout-out” goes to Pam Allen who did all the grocery shopping, made five large trays of Jello Jigglers and coordinated cooking, serving, and clean. Your extra efforts are sincerely appreciated!



Thank you, too, to all our Recreation Volunteers who were able to come up with fun games for the four groups of kids passing through our station each night!

Over the five days, the kids learned about God Creating, God Helping, God Loving, God Calming, and God Sending. Their theme was “Remember that the Lord is great and awesome.” Thanks to one and all who made this opportunity a reality for our kids!

Kids!



Sunday School

Sunday School resumes September 11.

Please note that Sunday School will not be held on the last Sunday of each month.

Confirmation Class



Confirmation begins September 18.

Fun at Fortune Lake



During June of this year, the AVTT Vietnam Memorial Traveling Wall came to Marquette County. It brought many people painful and healing memories. Below is an article written by Lisa Bowers about Bethany member John Hansen's experiences during the Vietnam War. It is reprinted with the permission of The Mining Journal.

Wall Provides Closure for Vet

The AVTT Vietnam Memorial Traveling Wall's purpose is to remember the fallen and help those lucky enough to survive the war to heal.



Ishpeming resident and Vietnam veteran John Hansen said the whole process from escorting the wall to the Superior Dome in Marquette to visiting the wall once it was constructed on Thursday was a profound experience.

“It was hard, seeing all these names and knowing that those people are never coming back, and having to live with all the terrible things that happened to us,” Hansen said. “But having it here, knowing that people cared enough to welcome us home, that helps.”

Hansen said he hadn't yet completed high school in 1968 when he was drafted for a one-year tour of duty in the army.

High school officials tried to get him excused from the draft, to no avail,. His fate was sealed, Hansen said.

“For all us guys, it seemed like a death sentence. It was like somebody was going to prison,” Hansen said.

“In Milwaukee we had to take a photograph for the Army, and the guy says, ‘smile.’ I never smiled, not ever.”

Hansen said that while some people avoided the draft by breaking the law or leaving the country, he and many others like him did not.

“Some people went to Canada, some burned their draft cards, but that's not me,” Hansen said.

Hansen then spent eight weeks in basic training at Fort Polk, Louisiana.

“It was considered ‘Little Vietnam’ because it has all the heat and all the bugs that Vietnam had,” Hansen said. “That’s why they sent us there, and you had to check to make sure your didn’t have a bunk mate. Some guys would find that they were sharing their bed with a cotton mouth snake.”

Although the army tried to prepare soldiers for combat, there was nothing scarier than the real thing. When his division landed in Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam, Hansen said the aircraft had to stay in the air for an extra 45 minutes because there was a firefight down below.

“Finally they gave us the go ahead to land, and as we were going down I said to myself, ‘we’re going to Hell,’ ” Hansen said.

Even though they had gone through basic training in a similar climate, Hansen said that he was struck by the heat after landing in Cam Ranh Bay.

“I got off the plane, and it was like someone poured a bucket of water over me, it was that hot and humid,” Hansen said. “And then some guy came in and said, ‘you’re going to be lucky if you last two weeks.’ ”

Hansen said that he went into the war never having fired an M-16.

“We were trained on an M-14 back in the states,” Hansen said. “The M-16 was like a little toy BB gun, it was lightweight. We put 18 rounds instead of 20 in the magazine because 20 would jam up.”

Hansen said from almost the beginning of his time in the Army he started to develop tremors.

“They got worse and worse. I never had tremors in school,” Hansen said.



Hansen, who was in charge of the storage and dispensing of fuel at a petroleum storage depot during the war, said his division moved north to Phu Bai just after Christmas.

“When we got there, me and this other fellow were the last two guys off the tarmac. Three VC (Viet Cong) were coming, and one guy blew them away with the grenade launcher,” Hansen said.

Everyday necessities like eating and sleeping became something of a luxury in a war zone, Hansen said.

“We’d be in the chow line, and someone would yell ‘Incoming!’ and we would head for the bunker,” Hansen said. “We would drink beer so we could sleep, but we didn’t know how long we were going to sleep. Charlie (Viet Cong) had other plans.”

Hansen said the enemy would sneak into the compound at night and work side by side with soldiers in the compound during the day, which was very dangerous.

“The Viet Cong would give a little kid a grenade, and would tell him what to do with it. If he didn’t do it, his parents would be shot. Oh yeah, they were ruthless,” Hansen said.

Hansen said despite the turmoil and fear, there were some good times in the year that he served in Vietnam.

“All my buddies that were in class three petroleum storage, we were like on big happy family. We had beer parties at night, stuff like that,” Hansen said.

Hansen said he was not welcomed home as a hero, although his parents were grateful to have him back alive.

They were all praying for me while I was over there, hoping I would come home in one piece,” he said.

Hansen said he made it a personal goal to finish high school, which he did, attending night school at Ishpeming High School and earning his diploma.



Although he achieved his goal, moving back into normal life was a struggle. "See, we came back home from Vietnam, and we didn't know where to get help, or if we needed help. I would be going for a walk and meet someone on the street that I know, trying to talk to the guy and would be tearing up like crazy, for no reason," Hansen said.

He said it took time and the help of a Veterans Administration doctor to identify the problem he was having.

"Dr. Shields was an important person in my life. She was able to recognize symptoms and get me the help I needed through the VA." Hansen said.

Once the issues had been identified, Hansen said he felt like he had permission to be proud of his service. "I could wear a Vietnam hat with my division on it. Of course I did other things too, my vehicle is all decked out," Hansen said.

"I am not kicking, that I didn't do anything for my country, I did, and I am proud of that. It's the way they did it, you're going no matter what, we didn't have a choice." He said.

Hansen takes medication for his tremors, but he said through a network of Vietnam veterans in Ishpeming and the help of the VA, he feels like he is making slow, steady progress.

"They are a great bunch of guys," Hansen said. "I went in there one time, I was tearing, trying to talk and my speech is all slurred, and by the time I left there, I was laughing."



ELCA 2017 Churchwide Assembly Key Actions

Voting members of the ELCA approved a number of key actions during the 2016 ELCA Churchwide Assembly held in New Orleans Aug. 8-13. The 945 voting members:

- **Elected William B. Horne II** of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Clearwater, Fla., **vice president of the ELCA.**

- **ACCEPTED THE "Declaration on the Way,"** a unique ecumenical document that marks a path toward greater unity between Catholics and Lutherans. At the heart of the document are 32 "statements of Agreement" that state where Lutherans and Catholics do not have church-dividing differences on topics about church, ministry and the Eucharist. The document also presents the differences that remain.



- **Approved AMMPARO - the ELCA's strategy to Accompany Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and opportunities.**

The ELCA developed this strategy based on commitments to uphold and guarantee the basic human rights and safety of migrant children and their families; to address the root cause of migration in countries from Central America's Northern Triangle and Mexico and the treatment of migrants in transit; to work toward just and humane policies affecting migrants in and outside the U.S.; to engage as a church with all of its companions, affiliates, and partners to respond to the migration situation and its causes; and to advocate for migrant children and their families.



- **Approved the Ministry of Word and Service roster.** Beginning Jan. 1, 2017, ELCA associates in ministry, deaconesses and diaconal ministers will be a single, unified roster of Ministry of Word and Service called deacons. The accompanying constitutional amendments related to the roster were also considered and approved by the assembly.

- **Approved the 2017-2019 budget proposal.** The budget includes a **2017** current fund spending authorization of \$65,296,005 and a 2017 ELCA World Hunger spending authorization of \$24.8 million; a **2018** current fund income proposal of \$64,057,220 and a 2018 ELCA World Hunger income proposal of \$25 million; a **2019** current fund income proposal of \$64,151,175 and a 2019 ELCA World Hunger income proposal of \$25 million; and authorizes the Church Council to establish a spending authorization after periodic review of revised income estimates.
- **Approved various memorials—or proposals—from the ELCA’s 65 synods.** In addition to memorials considered “en bloc,” the assembly separately approved the following:
 - Deepening relationships with historic Black churches;
 - Toward a responsible energy future;
 - Repudiation of the Doctrine of discovery
 - Peace with justice in the Holy Land;
 - Justice for the Holy Land through responsible investment;
 - African Descent Lutherans;
 - Call to discernment of U.S. foreign and military policy;
 - Welcoming refugees;
 - Supporting military personnel, veterans and families.
- **Elected members** to serve on: Church Council, Portico Benefits Services, Mission Investment Fund, Augsburg Fortress, Committee on Appeals, Committee on Discipline and Nominating Committee
- **Adopted amendments** to the ELCA Constitution, bylaws and Continuing Resolutions.



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.



Dear Bethany,

On behalf of the Warner family, we would like to send our sincere thank you for all the support we received at the recent benefit held for Cindy.

Thank you to our church family for your continued support and prayers. The prayers are working. On my last trip to Mayo's, they said the chemotherapy is doing what we hoped for and stem cell transplant will be the beginning of August.

Thanks again for your love and prayers. We are truly grateful.

Love,
Cindy and Bob Warner and family



Thanks to those who prepared and delivered a meal to the Habitat for Humanity workers.



Back-to-school humor

- Summer is over. Time to officially remember what day of the week it is!
- “Labor Day is a glorious holiday because your child will be going back to school the next day. It would have been called Independence Day, but that name was already taken.” (Bill Dodds)
- Receiving new textbooks, one student to another: “Psst. How do you turn this thing on?”
- Parent: “What did you learn today?” Kindergartner: “Not enough. I have to go back tomorrow.”





Reorganization Night and Salad Supper

All women are invited to a WELCA salad supper on September 12th at 6:30 p.m. Please bring your kitchen shower items. We will be putting Lutheran World Relief kits together following the salad supper and business meeting. Hope to see you there.

WELCA Kitchen Shower

A kitchen shower will be sponsored by WELCA during the month of September. A table will be set up in the Fellowship Hall for donated kitchen shower items. These supplies will help us replenish Bethany's kitchen with needed supplies. Monetary gifts will also be appreciated.

The following items are suggested:

- Coffee
- Napkins
- Small paper plates
- Plastic cups (6-8 oz.)
- Dish cloths
- Dish towels
- Metal serving spoons (not long handle)
- Monetary gift



If you can help, please bring items to our salad supper on September 12th or place items on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you in advance for your contributions. It is greatly appreciated.

Lutheran World Relief Kits

Now is the time to bring in what you have purchased for the LWR kits. If you need a reminder of what is included in each kit, there are lists on a table in the Fellowship Hall and the lists are also in the July/August Outlook.

Council Highlights— August



- Received thanks from Feed America and Cindy & Bob Warner
- Approved application for Synod funds for automatic doors at church entrance to make it handicapped accessible
- Church sign is damaged and needs replacement. Bob Bruhnke is getting quotes for the project.
- Crop Walk will be on October 2.
- Pastoral Acts: funeral for Dwayne Kaukola (8/5/16)
- Sunday School resumes on 9/11; Confirmation classes resume on 9/18.
- Augsburg Book Fair will be October 16 & 23 and will feature books about Martin Luther and the Reformation.
- Anniversary dinner will be on Oct. 30.
- Approved getting a water cooler for congregational use.
- Vicar Terry gave a report on VBS and gave a special thanks to Pam Allen for her work.



YTD Income: \$113,242.46

YTD Expenses: \$116,890.31

(Jan.—Jul.)





"Happiness Is: Going to Victory Camp June 26-30, 2016"

Thank you to the members of my Bethany Church Family for helping me go to Fortune Lake Camp.

This year we talked & sang about "Walking & Living the Jesus Way."

My favorites at camp this year were: seeing my friends; making bracelets; & singing at the campfire.

The picture is me & my counselor. I am wearing my new tie dyed t-shirt

Thank You with hugs,
Karmen



Family Reunion



Having my whole family in church on a Sunday last month was a very special - and rare - occasion. They came from Maine, Spain, Oregon and Wisconsin to gather in Big Bay for a week. After church there were many mentions of how friendly and welcoming people were to them. I'm not surprised, but very appreciative, and will treasure the memory of my family and my church family being in the same space. Thank you to Gary for taking some great pictures!

Kathy Geier

Thank You from the Kaukola Family



A Special Thank You

We wish to express our appreciation to all for the kindness and love shown to us for the loss of our son Dwayne Kaukola

Special thanks to Pastor and those who worked in the kitchen.

Bob & Ruby Kaukola



The September and October Noisy Offering will be given to the Upper Peninsula Food Bank.

Thanks to everyone for your generosity!



Bethany's Website

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**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:

Valente: Doreen Brown, Marjorie Rosten, Jean Anderson, Jean Sandstrom

Jacobetti: Allen Maki, Bob Waters, Ned Johns

Mill Creek: Joyce Lehto

Teal Lake Senior Living Community: Betty Geier, Jim Sodergren, Sr.

- Cindy Warner
- The family & friends of Dwayne Kuokola who mourn his loss
- The family & friends of Don Doney who mourn his loss
- Carol Holmgren
- Karen Mattson
- Barb Yunkari
- Kaye Frederickson
- Bob Kaukola
- Ralph Goethe
- Ted Swanson
- Loreth Johnson
- Judy Hogan
- Karmen Slown
- Brown family
- Mark
- Lois Goethe
- Ruthie Solberg
- Mark Ulrickson
- Doris Pellonpaa
- Pastor Bob Sutherland
- Carl Pellonpaa
- Robert Maki
- Zander Atkins
- Jim Bjorne
- Pastor Marcia Solberg
- Angie Kempainen
- June Forsberg
- Carol and Juan Papaleo and family
- Those in the military that they may remain safe



Choir has begun.

If you would like to share your voice, please join the choir on Wednesday evenings at 6:30.



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

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Worship & Music, Keenan Tunnell



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September Worship Assistants

September 4

Assisting Minister - Tom Perry
Acolyte - Morgan Rhoades
Altar - Sue Holmgren's team
Coffee Hosts - Prayer Shawls
Flowers -
Bread - Kay Chartre
Nursery -

Thank You!

September 11

Assisting Minister - Abbi Bruhnke
Acolyte - Blake Forbes and Matthew Skewis
Altar - Sue Holmgren's team
Coffee Hosts - Social Ministry
Flowers - Fred Blewett Trust
Bread - Rae Elliot
Nursery -

September 18

Assisting Minister - Kay Ryan
Acolyte - Abby Bruhnke and DJ Bivins
Altar - Sue Holmgren's team
Coffee Hosts - Worship & Music
Flowers - In memory of Edmund & Laura Holmgren
By Ed & Sue and family
Bread - Linda Dahl
Nursery -

September 25

Assisting Minister - Rick Rhoades
Acolyte - Kyra Holmgren and Abbi Koski
Altar - Sue Holmgren's team
Coffee Hosts - WELCA
Flowers - In memory of our grandparents,
Williamina Sodergren, and Karen Williams
by Bob & Peggy Clark
Bread - Marian Medlyn
Nursery -

September Ushers:

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



October Ushers:

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

Happy Birthday!

- 1 Daniel Gonyea-Alexander
- 2 Jennifer Carriere
- 2 Sally Grant
- 3 Travis Allen
- 4 John Lusardi
- 4 Preston Smith
- 5 Tom Ryan
- 7 Janet Anderson
- 8 Matthew Price
- 9 Ray Leverton
- 11 Jonathan Vallier
- 11 Killean Ryan
- 12 Kenneth Kinnunen
- 13 James Carlyon
- 13 James Chartré
- 13 Kathy Kish
- 13 Debora Paavo
- 13 James C. Sodergren
- 14 Alice Eman
- 14 Marlene King
- 15 Jeff Leaf
- 15 Cindy Warner
- 16 James Anderson
- 17 Pam Allen
- 17 Jacob Dault
- 18 Natalie Rasmussen
- 19 Amy Christopherson
- 19 Katherine Kitchen
- 21 Jaren Kipling
- 21 Chad Pohlman
- 22 Robert Maki
- 23 Janine Johns
- 23 Annette Larson
- 23 Jenna Chartre
- 26 John Leverton
- 27 John Waters
- 27 Robert Waters
- 29 Jerry Luokkala



SEPTEMBER

Happy Anniversary!

Clifford & Karen Mattson
9/8/1973 43 years

Ron & Sheree Mariani
9/8/79 37 years

Robert & Gwen Bruhnke
9/16/1995 21 years

Tom & Sue Ryan
9/17/1966 50 years

Robert & Carol Waters
9/25/1954 62 years

John & Sherry Lusardi
9/28/1974 42 years

