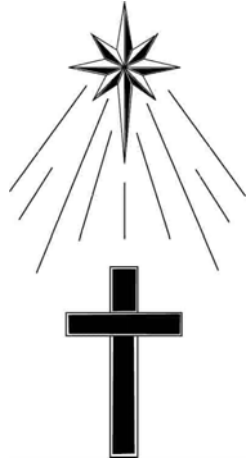


Bethany Lutheran Outlook
April 2007

Serving God, Community, and Individuals



“Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.”
Psalms 50: 2



PASTOR'S REFLECTIONS

The Triduum, the Three Days beginning at sundown on Maundy Thursday and ending at sundown on Easter Sunday are the center, the focal point of the entire liturgical year. These three days actually overlap two seasons as the first two days are the final two days of Lent and the third day is the first day of the Easter season. It is during these three days though, that through a series of connected liturgies, we tell the story of God's acts to save us through Jesus Christ.

The liturgies for these days don't change much from year to year. With the new hymnal, there are minor changes but they are pretty much set pieces, once a year services that take us through the disorientation of Jesus' betrayal, trial and crucifixion into the new orientation of resurrection. Those who are able to be part of all these liturgies really are able to experience the joy of Easter in unique ways. The schedule for Holy Week worship is elsewhere in this newsletter (as well as on the card you received in last month's Outlook.) I encourage you to mark the times and be present. I also encourage parents to bring children to these services. They may not understand it all but they will sense the drama and difference of what is going on. It's a lot of church in a few days, but it's only once a year and it does celebrate what is most central to our faith.

The Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday begin the 50 day season of Easter. In other words, the celebration goes on! The good news of the Resurrection requires more than one day! So in the church we have 50 days, 7 Sundays to continue to rejoice! The story is familiar, but it never gets old. It's God's reality for us! It's a reality which needs to be heard against all the competing realities of the world. It changes who we are, and that is good news!

Happy Easter!

Pastor Geier





Holy Week Schedule

Palm/Passion Sunday—10:30 am

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!”

Psalm 118:26

Monday service—6:30 pm

Maundy Thursday - 8:00 pm

**“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another;
as I have loved you, that you also love one another.”**

John 13:34

Good Friday - 12:30-3:00 pm
Ecumenical Service at Wesley Methodist Church



Friday Tenebrae Service—9:00 pm

**“Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was
darkness over all the land.” Matthew 27:45**

Saturday Easter Vigil—9:00 pm Service of light and lessons

All Night Easter Vigil—11:00 pm

Easter—9:00 am





Music and Worship



We keep track of time and seasons of the year by using calendars that provide us with opportunities to observe, commemorate, and celebrate certain events or occasions. As a congregation, the changing seasons of the year also provide us with opportunities to celebrate the Christian Faith in worship. Our paraments and banners are graphic reminders of important seasons that we celebrate. They are important, not only for the growth of the congregation, but are especially important for our children in teaching them the stories of God and his actions in our church history.



The next set of paraments arriving at church are those used during the “Green” season. The theme chosen for these paraments is new life and growth. We call this season Ordinary Time. It is the longest season of the church year. Green has traditionally been associated with new life and growth and has come to symbolize the life of the church following Pentecost as well as symbolizing the hope of new life in the resurrection.



Many paraments are required to “dress” the altar for worship services here at Bethany. The Worship and Memorial committees would like to provide members of the congregation the opportunity to donate gifts or individual paraments as gifts or memorials. Envelopes have been provided for your contribution and can be placed in the offering or dropped off in the church office. The following list provides the cost of each individual parament listed by season for those wishing to designate specific paraments.

Bob Bucan



Blue	White	Green	Purple	Red
Altar Frontlet 807.00	Altar Frontlet 807.00	Altar Frontlet 658.00	Antependium 458.00	Antependium 1103.00
Altar Frontlet 807.00	Altar Frontlet 807.00	Altar Frontlet 671.00	Burse 71.00	Burse 213.00
Burse 231.00	Altar Frontlet 840.00	Burse 213.00	Veil 71.00	Veil 213.00
Veil 231.00	Burse 231.00	Veil 213.00	Pulpit 260.00	Pulpit 260.00
Pulpit 271.00	Veil 231.00	Pulpit 271.00	Lectern 237.00	Lectern 260.00
Lectern 271.00	Pulpit 223.00	Lectern 259.00		Reformation 535.00
	Lectern 233.00	Superfrontal 1241.00		
	Communion 1309.00			





ELCA Presiding Bishop Mark S. Hanson's Easter Message 2007

"They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. ... Then they remembered his words." (NRSV Luke 24:2,8)

On the first Easter morning, the women entered an empty tomb expecting to find Jesus. They were looking for the body of Jesus, but were disappointed and perplexed.

Today, when we look for peace and there is no peace, we, too, may wonder where Jesus is. When violence and wars escalate, we may wonder where Jesus is. When hunger and poverty continue to have a stronghold in neighborhoods here and around the world, we may wonder where Jesus is. When we experience the emptiness of the divisions among races, religions, and classes, our fear and confusion can cause us to wonder where Jesus is. When we struggle with guilt or shame, we may wonder where Jesus is. Like the disciples of old, we miss the signs of God's presence in our world.

In the dark days of perplexity and despair for the troubles of this world, let us remember the hope of Easter morning. In the dawn of Christ's resurrection, we rejoice that death and evil did not have the last word: the tomb is empty! Christ is with us, living among us and through us, announcing "good news to the poor ... release to the captives ... recovery of sight to the blind," freedom to the oppressed, and "the year of the Lord's favor." (NRSV, Luke 4:18-19) Christ is with us as the word of forgiveness is declared and the sacraments are received. Christ is with us as we look for signs of Jesus in our churches and communities and remember his words: "And, remember I am with you always, to the end of the age." (NRSV, Matthew 28:20b)

The Rev. Mark S. Hanson
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Enjoy the Poetry of Hymns

Bread of Life from Heaven

Bread of life from heaven,
Your blood and body given,
We eat this bread and drink this cup
Until you come again.

Break now the bread of Christ's sacrifice;
Giving thanks, hungry ones, gather round.
Eat, all of you, and be satisfied;
In Christ's presence the loaves will abound.

Seek not the food that will pass away;
Set your hearts on the food that endures.
Come, learn the true and the living way,
That the fullness of life may be yours.

Love as the one who, in love for you,
Gave himself for the life of the world.
Come to the one who is food for you,
That your hunger and thirst be no more.

Dwell in the one who now dwells in you;
Make your home in the life-giving Word.
Know only Christ, Holy One of God,
And believe in the truth you have heard.

Drink of this cup and declare his death;
Eat this bread and believe Easter morn;
Trust his return and, with ev'ry breath,
Praise the one in whom you are reborn.



Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952
#474 Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Serve the Hungry

Spring World Hunger Gathering
Sunday, April 22 at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp



Hear about **Serve the Hungry**—a Northern Great Lakes synod Wide World Hunger Campaign for 2007-2008 to “Make Hunger History”! It’s not just about money—it’s also about awareness, advocacy, and connecting with one another in congregations to fight world hunger locally and around the world. **Serve the Hungry** is a congregation friendly, easy to implement resource to use in you congregation. Learn exactly how to do this from members of Christ Lutheran Parish, Ironwood, who are the authors of this effort.

Also at the 2007 Spring World Hunger Gathering:

- Opportunity to share congregationally tested ideas
- Help with a “hands on” Lutheran World Relief Project
- Learn about **Hunger Hope**—dramas that educate viewers about world hunger (And, even see one of them presented!)
- Hear about new World Hunger Ministries in our synod



Stay for Supper

A light supper will be served
St 5:00 pm. - Just let us know at the
synod office that you will be there.
Cost—\$6.00 per person

Schedule for the 2007 World Hunger Spring Gathering

2:00 pm CT	Registration, Coffee, and Fellowship
230 pm CT	Welcome, Introductions, & Devotions
3:00 pm CT	Presentations
5:00pm CT	Light Supper

The event and program are FREE, but there is a \$6.00 charge for supper. PLEASE let us know how many will be attending from your congregation!



Clean Sweep 07 - Pharmaceuticals

Saturday, April 21, 2007

9:00 am—12:00 noon

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



Jesus pauses on his way to Jerusalem. His ministry has been met with some question and confusion, some hostility and opposition, and now someone asks, "Lord, will it be just a few who are saved?" Others warn him of his own death, that "Herod wants to kill you." A wave of sadness comes over him as he thinks of those who will come to faith "too late," and those who will stop at his death and not carry through to his resurrection. "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, killing the prophets, stoning those sent to help you.." They were bringing destruction upon themselves, unknowingly perhaps, unconsciously perhaps, but destruction just the same.

We do the same thing when we unknowingly or carelessly release medicines into the environment. For a long time we thought it was safe, and even responsible, to flush old medicines down the toilet. Perhaps for some medicines it was. Perhaps they were diluted into insignificant quantities or degraded into harmless substances. But now there are so many of us disposing of so many medicines that it has become significant and could be life threatening. Treatment facilities are rarely equipped to filter out these chemicals.

Even when we are taking a medicine for a therapeutic purpose, our body does not always absorb or "use" all of it and some of it passes on through us anyway. We put on sunscreen to protect us from harmful rays, and it washes off in the lake. We put on lotion or ointment to heal a cut or irritation, and then wash it off in the morning. A medicine meant for a good purpose can become threatening in the wrong place.

Just recently in India, vultures were pushed to the edge of extinction because of a drug - diclofenac, similar to aspirin and ibuprofen - that was widely used to treat illness in cattle. Vultures ate the carcasses of the cattle when they died, absorbed the drug - and died!

Our spiritual leaders ask us to use pharmaceuticals responsibly, and when they are no longer needed, to dispose of them carefully. On Saturday, April 21, the EarthKeeper Connection will collect unneeded or left over medicines to be disposed of properly. Please set yours aside and be ready to bring them to a church near you on that day.

Loving God,
In an effort of keep ourselves healthy,
Let us not bring harm to your world.
Amen



Morning Mystery

Dawn alone stood witness
when the weighty stone
was heaved aside.
Then came Mary Magdalene -
crept in,
stumbled out again,
her stare vacant
as the grave,
her loved one missing.
No wonder tears flooded
the banks of her eyes.
“Why do you weep, child?”
a stranger whispered -
the gardener, she thought.
She struggled for air,
wove her worry
into words,
“Sir, tell me
if you know where
they have laid him.”
He wrinkled his
thorn-pierced brow
and sighed,
“Dearest Mary.”
She knew that voice,
those eyes.
“Master?
Is it you?”



Nikki Grimes
At Jerusalem's Gate: Poems for Easter

**Bethany Lutheran of Ishpeming
featured in Marquette Monthly story**

...As mining towns on the Marquette Iron Range gained in structure and organization, so did the churches that tended to the miners and farmers and entrepreneurs. The towns, and even locations within the towns, could be quite isolated from each other, even with advances like the 1851 state authorized plank road that connected Marquette and Negaunee. Spiritual self-sufficiency was critical for the string of towns along what today is U.S. 41 from Marquette west to Covington...



...The churches created in this region were central to building the structures necessary to the new communities. They provided the ministerial services that helped the iron pioneers celebrate their lives and get through the challenges that inevitably accompany changing times. Much the same as they do for their congregations today...

...In 1912 the Bethany Lutheran congregation in Ishpeming replaced its first church bell, which dated back to the late 1880s. The new bell was inscribed with a message in Swedish that surely captures the spirit of the original decision to establish the church as well as it's relevance in 2007. It's as if the bell were calling out to those suffering "dreadful spiritual darkness."

"Listen! God still offers you His grace! Behold the doors of the temple are opening."

These are excerpts from a story written for the May 2007 issue of the Marquette Monthly. The story focuses on a handful of the early churches on the Marquette Iron Range and the historical perspective offered through the lens of some of these U.P. congregations. Bethany Lutheran is one of the churches featured in the story. Other churches include:

St. Peter's Cathedral, Marquette
Mitchell United Methodist Church, Negaunee
Salisbury Methodist Episcopal Church, Ishpeming
Trinity Lutheran Church, Ishpeming
The Republic United Methodist Church, Republic
Republic Apostolic Lutheran Church, Republic
Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church, Covington



Thank You – “Night of Music Benefit for Nicholas Chartre”

Thank you to the members of Bethany Lutheran Church and the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans organization for hosting the “Night of Music Benefit” for Nicholas on March 17, 2007. It was a very successful fund raiser with a grand total, so far, of \$4,432. Thrivent Financial has agreed to match it with an additional \$1000, through their “Care Abounds in Communities” program.

I would like to thank Pastor Geier, the Board of Evangelism, Jerry Plaisier & the Board of Property, Custodian – Pam Allen, Secretary – Carrie Goldsworthy, the money counters – Ed Vickstrom & Ruth Solberg, Outlook Editor – Linda Dahl, Publicity Coordinator – Vicki Baldini, Kitchen Coordinators – Colleen Sundblad & Sandee Sundquist, Joy Circle Coordinator – Peggy Clark (for organizing the baked goods & all those who served them), the bakers – too numerous to mention, Greeters – Diana & Paul Sandstrom, Sound System Coordinators – Jim Sodergren & Bob Nadeau, Bell & Choir members & their Director, Bob Bucan; Organist – Jim Hansen, Church Photographer – Ted Swanson, the Ushers and (Travis & Courtney Allen, Christina Mariani) who helped serve, the emcee—Vicky Crystal, as well as all of the performers and those who worked in any way for this worthy cause. We are blessed to have so many generous people in our Bethany (and Trinity) Lutheran Church families willing to give their most in time and talents. May God continue to richly bless each and every one of you!

Sincerely,
Sheree Mariani

Voices in Motion
Strictly Gospel
Bethany Bells

Negaunee Male Chorus
41 West
Bethany Choir

**Instrumental & Vocal Soloists: Rebekah Leaf, Jacob Lutey,
Ali Kitchen, Nancy LaChapelle, Joanna Huskey, Gerald
Anderson and Jim Hansen**

THANK YOU!



New Books for April

By Keenan Tunnell



A few fun new things for the kids and some more serious stuff for the “elders”. Enjoy! and Rejoice in the Resurrection!!

For Children:

Adams, Michelle Medlock. **What is Easter?**

“Is it about a bunny? Colored eggs? Jellybeans? Author Michelle Adams helps children understand that Easter means much more than that. With whimsical art and rhyming text that’s fun to read, even the youngest child will be able to answer the question, What is Easter?”



Carlson, Melody. **Benjamin’s Box.**

A young boy named Benjamin follows Jesus through Jerusalem, collecting mementos to share with others and to remind him of Jesus’ teachings. What are the “treasures” in Benjamin’s box?



Howie, Vicki. **The Easter Swallows.**

“The story of the Lord’s passion, death, and resurrection is beautifully retold through the adventures of a pair of swallows who build their nest in the garden where Jesus is buried. Gentle language and illustrations make this book a perfect introduction to the Easter story for very young children.”

Lewandowski, Frrich. **The First Easter Bunny.**

The First Easter Bunny is a charming story of a bunny who follows Jesus through the events of Holy Week and is the first living creature to see the Risen Jesus. With childlike simplicity it turns our eyes to the true meaning of Easter.



For Elders:

Bainton, Roland, ed. **Martin Luther's Easter Book.**

"This powerful book of passages from Martin Luther's Easter sermons portrays the reformer's lasting thoughts on faith, human imperfection, salvation through grace, and the wonder of God. The sermons explore events from Holy Week through the Resurrection. They combine marvelous insights with inspiring calls to action that are so characteristic of the great reformer: "The resurrection consists not in words, but in life



and power." Eighteen handsome engravings by Luther's contemporary, Virgil Solis, depict Luther's treatment of biblical people not as costumed actors in a pageant, but as humans agonizing and exulting over the mysteries of faith."

Collins, Ace. **Stories behind the traditions and songs of Easter.**

"The treasured traditions of Easter infuse our celebration of the season with meaning and glowing memories. And in ways you may not realize, they point us to the resurrection of Christ and our hope (for eternal life). *Stories...* reveals the events and backgrounds that shaped the best-loved customs and songs of Easter, introducing you to stories you've never heard and a deeper appreciation for the holiday's familiar hallmarks."

Stewart, Ann Marie. **Preparing my heart for Easter: a woman's journey to the cross and beyond.**



Preparing my heart for Easter is a series of Bible studies for women focusing on the women, both named and unnamed, who followed Jesus during his life and death...By focusing on the life and death of Jesus and the lives of the women who were eyewitnesses of his miraculous ministry on earth, readers will learn how Jesus changed the future for all women.

**SPRING CLUSTER MEETING
APRIL 29 3 PM**

Our own Bethany Church will be hosting the Spring Cluster Meeting on April 29th at 3 o'clock. There will be a program which will include the Bethany Bells followed by a meal. It will be a good opportunity for our WELCA members to share fellowship with WELCA members from our neighbor churches.

What has WELCA meant to you?



"It means so much to me. I've been a member since we began circles in 1959. I enjoy the fellowship and we have so many ways to reach out to our church and beyond. I love to give and we do in so many ways. That is my favorite part.

Evelyn Nadeau

If you have a favorite WELCA memory or would like to tell what WELCA means to you, write it down on a piece of paper and put it in the WELCA mailbox by the office. It is good to share with others what our Christian life means to us!

Shawl Ministry

Many people expressed their interest in the Shawl Ministry that was highlighted in the March Outlook. I was very happy to hear that people were eager to get started. Unfortunately, I goofed when I put in two copies of the crochet directions and left out the knitting instructions. So for those of you who prefer knitting and purling to crocheting, here are the knitting instructions.



Knitting

- Buy three skeins.
- Use size 11 or 13 needles.
- Cast on 57 stitches.
- Work in a pattern of knit 3, purl 3. Always start with knit 3.
- You should always knit the purls and purl the knits—you do not want a ribbing pattern to appear.
- Continue in the knit 3, purl 3 pattern until the shawl is six feet long.
- Finish off with generous fringe (4-6 inches long) on both ends. The yarn tends to unravel so each piece of fringe should have a knot tied in it.

April 2

- Pray for children, youth, educators, and all who are involved in academics.
- Give thanks for the resurrection of Jesus and the promise of life everlasting.
- Pray for those without electricity, employment, and health care insurance.



Women
together in
prayer
Mondays
at noon

April 9

- Pray for the ministries of Lutheran World Relief and for the many people served with quilts, school and health kits, relief efforts, and redevelopment help.
- Give thanks for back-yard gardeners, landscapers, and all who celebrate spring through creation.
- Pray for the leaders and participants in the Saint Paul Area Synodical Women's Organization convention.

April 16

- Pray for participants in the [20th anniversary](#) Bold Women of the Reformation tour in Germany and new synodical treasurers meeting in Chicago.
- Give thanks for women serving in a variety of ministries through Women of the ELCA.
- Pray for education and awareness for all of us regarding the environment and our roles in caring for all of God's [creation](#).

April 23

- Pray for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
- Give thanks for translators who serve as bridges to community.
- Pray for engineers, explorers, and all who find or create ways to enhance our lives.

April 30

- Pray for women participating in Church Women United's May Friendship Day.
 - Give thanks for congregations that observe Rachel's Day on May 6.
 - Pray for children who face violence in their homes, communities, and schools.



WALTER BRUEGGEMANN COMING TO BETHANY

Dr. Walter Brueggemann, the leading Old Testament scholar and theologian in the world will be at Bethany in October! Mark the dates of October 8th and 9th on your calendar. He will speak here on one of those evenings. Dr. Brueggemann is truly a prophetic voice and you will want to hear what he has to say. More about him and the schedule of events in October will appear in future issues of the Outlook. For now, mark the dates!



SHARED MINISTRY



On March 22nd an initial meeting on shared ministry in Ishpeming took place with council representatives from Bethany, Bethel, Faith and Trinity present. Bishop Tom Skrenes and Assistant to the Bishop Jennifer Johnson-Wrege facilitated the meeting. This is a process that takes time, study and prayer because we don't enter with any preconceived notions of what "shared ministry" might be; each context is different.

Please share with council members your thoughts on this. You will be kept up to date on future meetings as we explore and vision what the Lutheran ministry in Ishpeming might look like down the road.

PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY

Do you have a member of your family or extended family who is in the military that you would like included in our prayers? If you do, please drop a note in the OUTLOOK mailbox. Please list the person's name and where your family member is serving.



April 1 – Peter W. Marty – *Some Poems Don't Rhyme*

Luke 19:41

Palm or Passion Sunday, that seven-day-before-Easter event in the Christian calendar, has always had a split personality about it. Should the day celebrate a festive parade of Jesus' final entry into Jerusalem, or the sobering words of a mob demanding his crucifixion? In a reflective meditation on that paradox, program host **Peter W. Marty** looks vividly at what's behind Jesus crying over the city of Jerusalem. He connects the events of that ancient day with the familiar collision we all know between what our life is, and what we wish it were.



April 8 – Peter W. Marty – *Hallelujah! Called by Name*

John 20: 1-18

If the resurrection of Jesus Christ interrupts a pattern of living that works well for us, do we really want the resurrection? Program host **Peter W. Marty** takes on this penetrating question in a special edition of *Grace Matters* that includes festive music of the day. Given the human instinct to want to hang on to things the way they are, or cling to things the way they were, Easter can be upsetting news. But if we're open to rethinking the shape of our lives, it is the best news for which we could ever hope.

April 15 – Philip Yancey – *Part I: The Magnanimity of Grace*

Ephesians 2:8

[Philip Yancey](#), popular author and reliable spiritual guide, remains the "go to" person for any memorable discussion on the amazing character of grace. With his candor as a journalist and his honesty as a Christian pilgrim, Yancey outlines both the reliability and the unpredictability of grace. He walks listeners through a love we had not counted on and a kindness we may not think we deserve.

April 22 – Philip Yancey – *Part II: Relationship in Prayer*

Luke 18: 1-8

Award-winning author Philip Yancey returns to take a close-up look at the shape of prayer. If you have ever wondered what difference prayer can make in your life, this program is for you. Yancey covers the whole terrain of prayer, tackling some of the biggest questions surrounding its mystery. With program host Peter W. Marty, he explores the importance of relationship and why a meaningful prayer life will never evolve without some genuine hunger on our part to be in God's close company.

April 29 – Sara Spoonheim – *Courtesy Toward the Earth*

Romans 8:22

[Sara Spoonheim](#) has an exciting job. She partners with Christian, Jewish, and Muslim congregations to look at ways for these faith communities to be responsive stewards of God's magnificent creation. Combining her own vital faith and passion for life with a commitment to caring for this fragile planet, Spoonheim outlines the beauty of devoting ourselves to the concerns of ecology, justice, and the good life for all.

Grace Matters airs on Sunny 101.9 at 7:30 Sunday mornings.

Kids - Did you know?



For God so
loved the world
that he gave his
only Son, that whoever
believes in him should
not perish but have
eternal life.
John 3:16

Here's a list of new children's books at the library.



The Story of Easter, by Aileen Fisher, clearly tells and beautifully illustrates the story of Jesus' death and resurrection, and explores the many different ways the holy day is celebrated. Ages 7-10

The Easter Story from the Gospels, edited by Marguerite Northrup, uses artwork from New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art to illustrate readings from the King James Bible. All ages.

Moses, by Margaret Hodges and illustrated by Barry Moser, captures the power and poetry of the life of Moses in a retelling of "the story of a long journey, and it begins with a baby in a little boat." Moser's water-color illustrations are excellent. Ages 7-10



Stories for Children by Isaac Bashevis Singer, is a collection of fables and moral tales by a master story teller that will be enjoyed by all ages.

Ten Amazing People and How They Changed the World, by Maura D. Shaw, profiles the lives of real heroes who changed the world for the better through thought, deed and determined spiritual lives. Included in this volume are Black Elk, Dorothy Day, Malcolm X, Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr., Janusz Korczak, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Albert Schweitzer, Thich Nhat Hanh and Desmond Tutu. Ages 7—Adult

The Carrot Seed by Ruth Krauss, tells the story of a boy who patiently takes care of a carrot seed even though others are telling him it will never come up. Pre-school board book



Easter Word Search

Ascension
 Body
 Cross
 Crown
 Crucifix
 Denial
 Empty tomb
 Gethsemane
 Herod
 Judas Iscariot
 Lamb
 Last Supper
 Linen
 Mary Magdalene



Peter
 Resurrection
 Robe
 Rock
 Salvation
 Simon of Cyrene
 Sins
 Stone
 Temple
 Thieves
 Veil

Palm Sunday Brunch

The "Grumpy Old Men" will be serving a delicious meal of scrambled eggs, sausage, coffee breads, juice, coffee, and milk. The confirmation classes will be helping with the clean up. We hope to see everyone there. A free will offering will be taken to help defray the cost.



BETHANY CRADLE ROLL

"EVERY GOOD GIFT AND EVERY PERFECT GIFT IS FROM ABOVE." -JAMES 1-17

We would like to welcome into the world, Ethan Richard Lee Argall. Ethan was born on February 23rd to Debbie and Phillip Argall. Precious baby boy Ethan came in at 8 lbs. 3ozs. Proud grandparents are Sharon and Dan Argall and great grandparents are Marjorie and Arnold Rosten.

We would also like to welcome into the world, Ella Jane Riutta born on March 2nd. She is the beautiful baby girl of Sharla and Adam Riutta of Indianapolis, IN. She came in at 8lbs. 1oz. Proud first-time grandparents are Jane and Jim Anderson.



Ethan Richard Lee Argall



Ella Jane Riutta

Glory train

When the saved on earth are gathered for to catch the glory train
With their destination heaven,
With the king of kings to reign ,
I won't be in that dining car with souls that I have won
I won't be with the passengers by deeds that I have done.

I won't be on that glory train
You'll never find me there
I haven't got a ticket and I cannot pay my fare.

But smile, my Jesus came to earth to die and suffer pain
You'll find me in the red caboose behind the glory train

And When I stand on heaven's shore beneath God's holy throne,
"By what?" He'll ask.
"By grace," I'll say,
" By grace and grace alone."

Read by Liz Thompson at her grandmother Violet Yenore's funeral.



The **Memorial Committee** would like to thank all those who contributed to
the Memorial Fund in honor of:



Violet Yenore

Council Highlights



- Council should hear who our intern will be by April 16; Discussion of housing possibilities
- Bethany would like to pursue a second meeting regarding Shared Ministry
- Summer worship time will be changed to 10:00 am (Memorial Day, May 27 - Labor Day, Sept. 2)
- Judy Kitchen has volunteered to take over the responsibilities of the nursery (scheduling, etc.)
- Pastor reported that Walter Bruggemann will be at Bethany October 8 or 9.
- Recommended that Worship and Music publish the cost of each season's paraments



QUILTING GROUP

Quilters Need Your Help

The Quilters need sheets and large pieces of material. If you would like to donate either of these items, please drop them off in the church office. Thanks!



Have You Visited Bethany's Website? www.bethanyishpeming.org



Each week the Pastor's sermon is put online so people can read and/or listen to his message. Even though Pastor Geier has been occasionally preaching at Trinity Lutheran in his role as interim pastor, keep in mind that all of his sermons, including those being given at Trinity, are still being recorded and can be found on Bethany's website later in the week.

Have you checked out...

- Pastor's sermons
- Downloadable mural
- Outlook
- Shawl Ministry (includes directions)
- Short excerpt of the congregation and organ doing "A Mighty fortress is our God"



An Exciting Opportunity from The Board of Evangelism



We have come to you before asking for volunteers to serve as greeters, coffee fellowship hosts, etc. We have recently heard from the Alger-Marquette Community Action Board (AMCAB) about another exciting opportunity to serve. Why is this so exciting? Bethany's purpose statement is "We Serve God, Community and Individuals". Rarely does an opportunity come along in which we can do all these things at once!

AMCAB sent a letter to Bethany describing its need for substitute volunteers for its congregate meal program. This program provides hot, nutritious meals to seniors in our community in a friendly group setting at twelve sites throughout Marquette County. With approximately 320 meals served at these sites each week, it is crucial to our seniors that we have dependable substitute volunteers.

Due to recent budget cuts, the congregate meal program now depends on all volunteer support. Please consider serving as a substitute volunteer. Remember our purpose statement? Certainly God will smile down on you as you serve. Our community will benefit greatly as you help this fine program continue. Finally, can you imagine how grateful are the individuals who eat these meals?

Anyone interested in serving as a substitute volunteer must fill out a short registration form. Please contact Peggy or Bob Clark at 485-1779 if you have any questions or if you would like a copy of the registration form. Thank you for considering this opportunity to serve.

Bob Clark



**Save a Life
Donate Blood**

**Bethany's Blood Drive
Monday, April 2, 2007
2:pm to 5:45 pm.**

You can schedule a time for your donation by signing up on the kiosk or by calling Marian at 486-6248

Thank You

"Thank you for the prayers, cards and phone calls since my January 29th knee replacement surgery. It is amazing how much these thoughts and actions have lifted me through times when I have been challenged in my recovery. God has blessed our lives in so many ways through our Bethany family!"

Appreciatively, Marilyn Pontti



**Happy 75th Birthday
Betty Leverton**



Keep In Your Prayers

- Nick Chartre
- Remember our home-bound and nursing home residents: June Bjorne, Teckla Holmgren, Barbara Crabb, Marvin Nadeau, Clyde Jago (Jacobetti), Pearl Forchini (Mather), and Martha Ulrickson (Mather)
- Family of Violet Yenore
- Loreth Johnson
- Evelyn Nadeau
- Rosten family



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

Café Salvador Coffee \$4.75 / box
Organic Decaf Coffee \$5.25 / box
All teas \$2.50 / box
Hot cocoa \$4.00 / container
Organic chocolate bar \$2.00 / bar

From Small Farmers With Love

Planning Ahead...

May—Synod Assembly
May— WELCA Mother, Child, Friend Dessert
October— Walter Bruggemann visits Bethany



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