



Bethany Lutheran Outlook

November 2025

Serving God, Community, and Individuals



¹ Give thanks to the Lord because he
is good.

God's faithful love lasts forever!

² Give thanks to the God of all gods—
God's faithful love lasts forever.

³ Give thanks to the Lord of all
lords—

God's faithful love lasts forever.

⁴ Give thanks to the only one
who makes great wonders—

God's faithful love lasts forever.

⁵ Give thanks to the one who made
the skies with skill—

God's faithful love lasts forever.

⁶ Give thanks to the one who shaped
the earth on the water—

God's faithful love lasts forever.

⁷ Give thanks to the one who made
the great lights—

God's faithful love lasts forever.

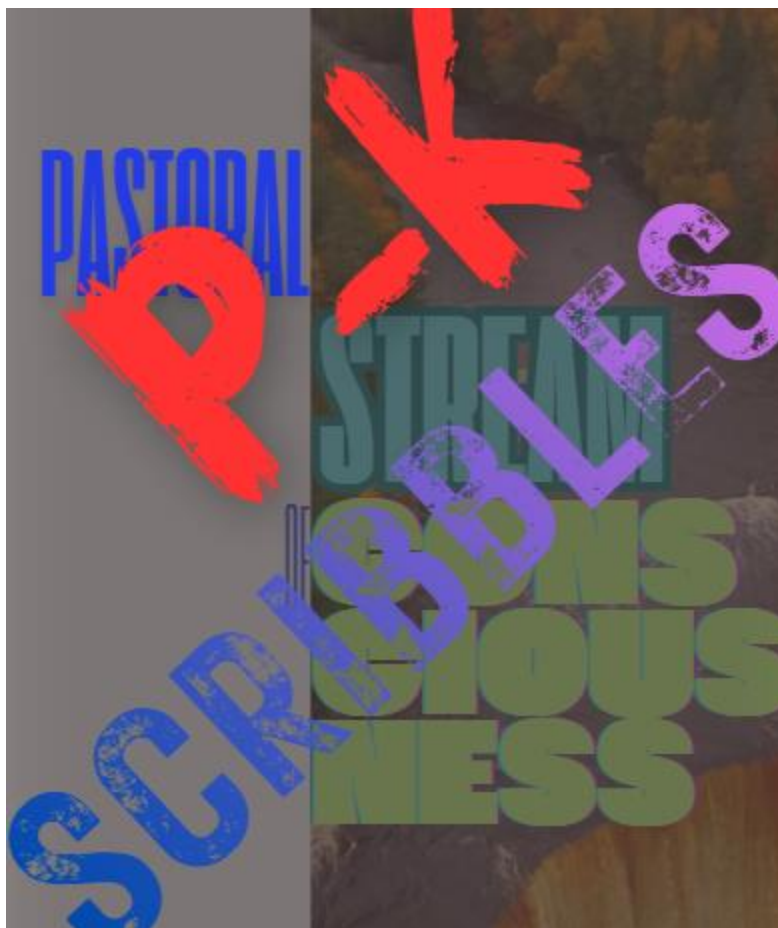
⁸ The sun to rule the day—

God's faithful love lasts forever.

⁹ The moon and the stars to rule the
night—

God's faithful love lasts forever!

Psalm 136: 1-9 (CEB)



A pastor's kid reflection on Exodus 25 "the Ark of the Covenant", as told through Godly Play on October 11th, at the 4ISH Joint Council retreat.

I would not call myself a very religious person. I'm intrigued by religion in the way that it has a hold on people and how people carry it out. When I go to church, or religious outings, I always keep an open mind. Very rarely does a bible story get to me and this one did. It had a playful way of being told, consisting of sand, a tent, and four colorful layers... and how this portable, colorful, tent with barriers added on an on has the "secrets" or God (probably God is better, but in my mind it's the faith and the secrets). It struck me that this was a moving church (tent), and in my mind this story revealed that a building, whether it moves or is

stuck in the ground, we the people are the church. While everyone has church memories, it isn't the building that carry those memories. It's us. Just like how a building cannot hold the fullness of "church", or even the community-like atmosphere. In my 19 years of life, and the over-10 churches that I have been to, none of those memories of faith and love fall on the building. The community of people who hold a faith, or something I don't understand or believe in. I truly believe that these are the arks-of-the-covenant in the story: the people. The people whose faith in God is so loud in their aura that it brings God's love closer. These people of faith are the ones who thin that barrier between us and the spirit world, in my mind. It becomes magical to feel and be a part of, even from the sidelines.

I originally came to this retreat to help my dad, and after talking to and having encounters with the leaders who attended, I changed my perspective; it's not just about moving forward with these four churches. And *also* moving forward in sharing a loving and warm church community (and it's nice to know that being *new* is not a "baby idea" or a "bad thing").

Hijacked, joyfully, by a P-K (Ava Mills)



Faith-community Celebrations

The leaders of the 4-ISH Councils met on October 11, 2025 for a Visioning Retreat. Thirty people, mostly unknown to each other, played games, shared stories, learned new skills, and forged new bonds of trust and friendship. It was a day filled with promises and excitement for the future!

**The future
looks bright**



We celebrate the 17 children who participated in Parents' Night Out on October 17. Laughter, crafts, a movie, fun, fellowship, and pizza are all part of the evening, so come join the fun, and bring kids if you want!



THANK YOU!

**Bethany raised
\$2,078.00, of the
total \$6,926.00
this year!**

Thanks to all who helped with the Turkey Dinner on October 12! The food was delicious, and the fellowship was memorable! Huge thanks to Addy Lemire for coordinating this long-held celebratory tradition.



Ministry and Partnership Opportunities



Singing Bowls

When? 1st and 3rd Thursdays, monthly
7:00 – 9:00 PM

Where? Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church, 715 Mather Avenue, Ishpeming

Join us for an evening of meditation and relaxation with singing bowls and gongs.

A peace offering can be made, supporting this and other community invitations. For information, please contact Craig at 906-362-9934 or at ckitchenmqt@gmail.com

A graphic invitation for 'Card Night'. The background is black with a white diamond grid pattern. In the center is a white, scalloped-edged banner with a red border. The text 'Card Night' is written in a large, red, cursive font at the top of the banner. Below it are four playing card symbols: a black club, a red heart, a black spade, and a red diamond. The text 'You're invited for a fun filled night of card games!' is written in a black, sans-serif font. Below that, the text 'First Friday, every month, at 6pm; ends at 9pm' and '715 Mather Ave, Ishpeming, MI' is written in a smaller black, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the banner are four playing card symbols: a red heart, a black club, a red diamond, and a black spade. To the left and right of the banner are stacks of playing cards. At the bottom right of the banner are several playing cards and a stack of colorful chips (red, yellow, black, and white).

Card Night

You're invited for a fun filled night of card games!

First Friday, every month, at 6pm; ends at 9pm

715 Mather Ave,
Ishpeming, MI



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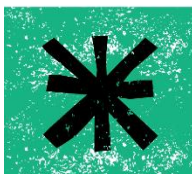
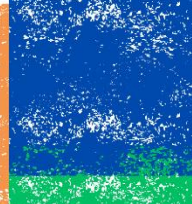
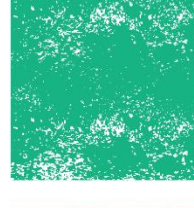
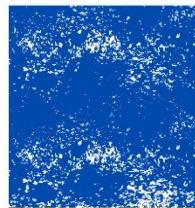
UP Home Health and Hospice is having a volunteer orientation for all interested in spending some time with our hospice patients. Training will take place on

Saturday, November 8 from 9:00A-2:00P at our Marquette location (1125 W. Ridge Street, behind L & M Fleet Supply). Breakfast and lunch will be provided. This is a wonderful opportunity to give back to the community. Any questions can be directed to Leslie at 906-485-4545 or leslie@uphomehealth.org. Thank you so much for your time.



CRAFT MARKET FAIR

**NOVEMBER 15, 2025
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**



715 Mather Ave, Ishpeming MI

**Friday, November 21 2025
5:00 – 8:00, ages 5 and up (any)
715 Mather Ave, Ishpeming**

Come join the fun!





ADVENT 2025

ADVENT I (NOV 9)

Valente Staff Care

ADVENT II (NOV 16)

Great Lakes Recovery Centers

ADVENT III (NOV 23)

Jacobetti Staff Care

ADVENT IV (NOV 30)

Ishpeming Carnegie Library

ADVENT V (DEC 7)

Teal Lake Staff Care

ADVENT VI (DEC 14)

Birchview Elementary School

ADVENT VII (DEC 21)

Eastwood Staff Care

CHRISTMAS EVE (DEC 24)

Choral Christmas Eve Service, 6PM



Advent, meaning “to come” is about the church’s continual prayer that God will come to us, bringing life to a dying world. Christ comes not only in a past event, and also in our present life, and through that partnership with us, into the world’s unfolding future.

This year, we will embody the presence of Christ in that communion (in, with, through, under, and around us) while partnering with our community who offer care to our neighbors. Each week we will gather and celebrate the spaces that care for our Siblings and neighbors, amassing snacks and cards support the staff of these organizations (in the graphic). We’re looking forward to sharing care through granola bars, candy bars, fruit snacks, cookies, and whatever else your heart would need for physical nourishment while caring for our neighbors!

Karen Kasper has lovingly donated cards so that we can send notes to the staff of

these amazing partner organizations, and we begin our journey with thanksgiving for this and all the gifts to come. Bring your favorite snack foods (preferably store-bought and in individual servings) each Sunday and prepare to learn about the vision and actions of each of these partners in care!

BIBLE STUDY
All are welcome!
TUESDAYS | 11:00 AM
BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



bethelish.org



333 E. Ridge Street, Ishpeming



**The Marquette Male Chorus
Presents**

AUTUMN ECHOES

featuring music of
Gordon Lightfoot

November 14th 2025

7:30 PM

Messiah Lutheran Church

305 W Magnetic

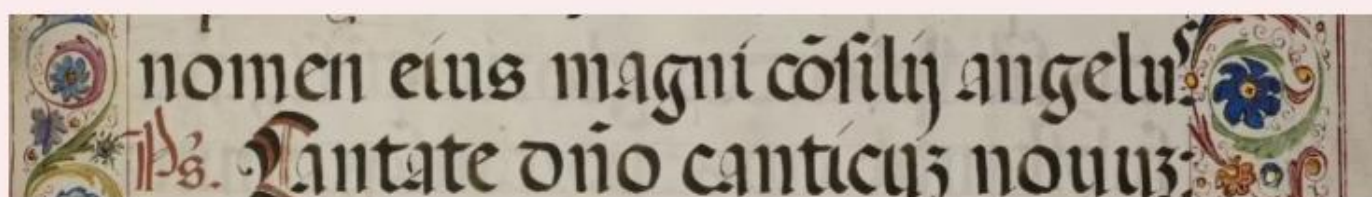
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\$10.00 suggested donation

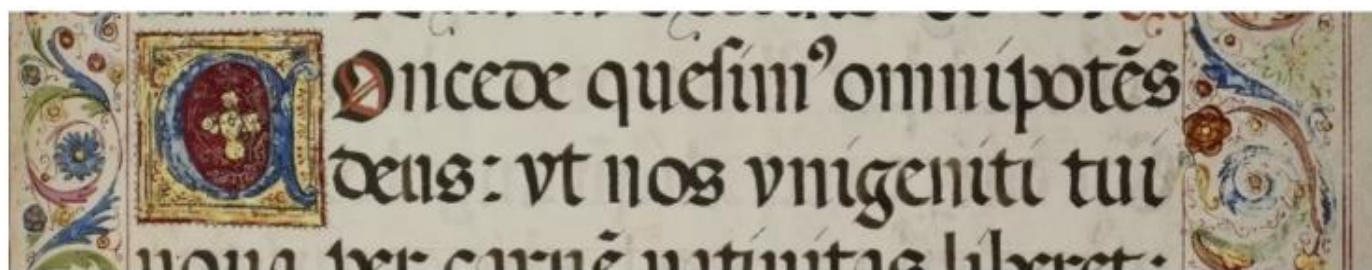
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Marquette, MI: Sacred Music Concert

Sat, Nov 15 | St. Peter Cathedral



MARQUETTE, MI: SACRED MUSIC CONCERT



Time & Location

Nov 15, 2025, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

St. Peter Cathedral, 311 W Baraga Ave, Marquette, MI 49855, USA



Thanksgiving Service

What?

Combined Community Worship Service

When?

Tuesday, November 25 @ 7:00pm

Where:

Wesley UMC 801 Hemlock St
Ishpeming, MI 49849

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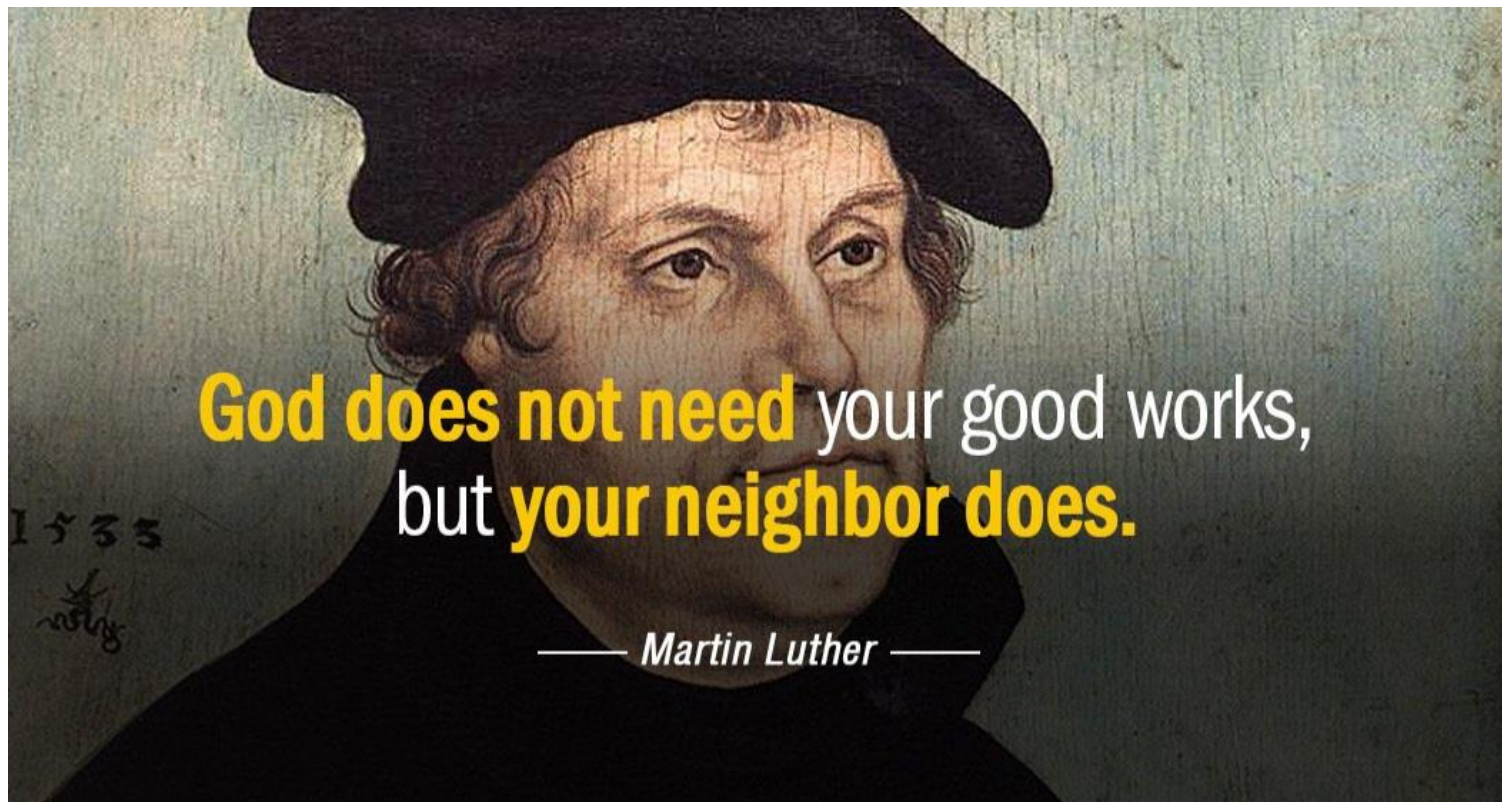
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Greetings Fortune Lake Association congregations!

We think of you often and pray that you are well. Even as we treasure these sacred autumn moments, we're looking forward to all that is to come in 2026!

Our Summer Camp 2026 preview is ready!

Take a look at the amazing options being offered, talk to congregations, and mark your calendars with your favorite programs!



2026
SCHEDULE

FORTUNE LAKE LUTHERAN CAMP

WEEK	DATES	CAMP PROGRAM & AGE/GRADE COMPLETED
Week 1	June 7-12	Victory Camp (Adult 18+ with disabilities)
Week 2	June 14-19	Intergenerational Week (all ages) Treehouse Adventures (Grades 7-12)
Week 3	June 21-26	High School Week (Grades 9-12) LIT Training Week (Grades 10-12)
Week 4	June 28-July 1	Intergenerational Half Week (all ages) Vagabond Half Week (Grades 5-6) LIT #1 Option (*No charge)
	July 5-7	Mighty Ones (Grades 1-2)
Week 5	July 5-8	Mini Camp (Grades 2-3) MashUp (Grades 4-8) LIT #2 Option (*No charge)
	July 5-10	Villager (Grades 3-4) Vagabond (Grades 5-6)
Week 6	July 12-17	Villager (Grades 3-4) Vagabond (Grades 5-6) Venturer (Grades 7-8) LIT #3 Option (*No charge)
Week 7	July 19-24	LEGO® Camp (Grades 3-9) Jr High Night Owl (Grades 6-8) Art Camp (Grades 3-9) Dungeons & Dragons Camp (Grades 6-9) LIT 4 Option (*No charge)
	July 20-23	Onsite Day Camp (Grades K-5)
Week 8	July 26-31	Intergenerational Week (all ages) Jr High Night Owl (Grades 6-8) LIT #5 Option (*No charge)
	July 27-30	Onsite Day Camp (Grades K-5)
Week 9	August 3-6	Evergreen Camp (ages 55+)

*Scholarships
Available*
Everybody is welcome
at camp regardless
of ability to pay!

*LIT program requires an application process. Week #1 has a fee; subsequent weeks do not.

More info at FortuneLake.org

Registration opens January 5, 2026.

Here's what you'll notice for 2026:

- Between Victory Camp, loads of Youth Camps, Evergreen Camp, and Intergenerational Camps, there's **something for everyone!**
- Due to popular demand, there are now **3 options for Intergenerational Camp**: Two 5-night options, and one 3-night option. We anticipate they'll fill quickly!
- To accommodate the growing need, **Jr. High Night Owls** is being offered twice!
- Returning for its 2nd year, **Dungeons & Dragons Camp** is sure to be a hit!

As always, the grades indicated on the schedule are grades completed. Thus, consider the grades that your campers are currently in when reviewing program options. There will be A LOT more information coming in the months ahead. Check back often at [Summer Camp Programs](#) for additional details and pricing. Make your plans, and prepare to register beginning on January 5. Those who register by February 5 will receive a FREE t-shirt. Those who register by March 5 will receive a \$15-\$25 Early Bird discount! Pastors and youth leaders should start thinking about your time at camp.

We'll need camp pastors and volunteer support from trusted congregational partners for all of the Youth Camp weeks and Victory Camp. We look forward to seeing you and your people at camp!

Social Ministry Food Collection

Please consider donating non-perishable food items to help the local bank:



- Canned meats: Canned beef, ham, chicken, salmon, etc. Or ready to go meals like stews and chili
- Canned vegetables: potatoes, carrots, spinach, peas, etc. Low sodium preferred
- Canned fruit: unsweetened or in fruit juice without sugar added. Dried fruit is good too
- Boxes of rice (bags tear) Low sugar cereal as plain Cheerios or Raisin Bran
- Mac and Cheese cups. (regular boxes require milk and butter but the cups do not)
- Peanut butter, canned beans, pasta (consider gluten free, too) pasta sauce
- Biscuit mix, or any mix adding water
- Cans, cartons, or boxes of powdered or evaporated milk
- Snack items for kids to take to school: juice boxes, applesauce containers, granola bars, fruit snacks, etc.
- Spices like cinnamon, oregano, basil, salt, pepper

Non-food items:

- Paper products such as toilet paper, paper plates, and paper towels are also helpful
- Diapers in sizes above newborn, plus wipes
- Toiletries: toothbrushes, soap, toothpaste, lotion, shampoo & conditioner, Chapstick (consider someone living outside this time of year)
- Feminine hygiene products: unscented pads will be most universally used, not tampons

Consider donating reusable shopping bags. It takes a lot of humility for people to come to a food bank and since they'll likely be walking home or taking public transportation, it's nice to at least blend in.

WHAT I DIDN'T REALIZE ABOUT FOOD BANKS

A lot of people have diabetes in this group. Consider low-sugar dietary restrictions.

Cans and boxes are sturdier than bags. By the time families are receiving the food, it's been handled A LOT and packaging needs to be strong enough to hold up. One food bank said never bring anything in glass.

Pop-top cans are ideal; particularly for those living on the street

Kids who qualify for free lunches typically receive breakfast at school too and when schools are out for holidays or summer, these families need more support.

Thank you for your generosity!



2210 US Hwy 41 S, Ste. A, Marquette

*Located between Wolverine Door Service and
Michigan Made*

*We provide clothing, bedding, hygiene,
and cleaning supplies at no cost to
people experiencing a financial
burden.*

*The Free Store welcomes anyone in need, regardless of
income, to shop for free in our store.*

Hours of Operation

Drop off donations on **Tuesdays from 11-3**

**Shop with us the first 3 Wednesdays of each month from 12-4 pm,
and the fourth Monday of each month from 5-7 pm.**

Donations Requested

We are now accepting donations:

- Gently used “in season” adult and children’s clothing and footwear
- Gently used sheets, blankets, comforters, pillows, and towels
- Children’s toys (not too large)
- Housewares (not larger than a coffee maker please)
- Menstrual pads (maxi and thin)
- Diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6)
- Baby wipes
- Shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and deodorant
- Laundry detergent, dish soap, bars of soap and hand soap
- Toilet paper

IN GOD'S ECONOMY
There is Always Enough



November 2025



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 All Saints' Day 9:30A Choir 10:30A Worship	3	4 9:00A Quilters 2:00P Teal Lake Senior Center Worship-Pastor J.	5 9:30A Weight Watcher Support Group 5:15P Bell Choir practice 6:00P 4-ISH mtg-Faith 6:30P Choir practice	6 7:00P Singing Bowls	7 6:00P 4-ISH Card Night	8
9 Advent begins 9:30A Choir 10:30A Worship	10	11 9:00A Quilters 10:30A Social Ministry	12 9:30A Weight Watcher Support Group 5:15P Bell Choir practice 6:30P Choir practice 6:30P Mid-Week Advent-Bethell	13	14	15 9:00A-3:00P Craft Sale 7:00P Floriani concert
16 9:30A Choir 10:30A Worship 11:30A Card Sale	17	18 9:00A Quilters 5:30P Council meeting	19 9:30A Weight Watcher Support Group 5:15P Bell Choir practice 6:30P Choir practice 6:30P Mid-Week Advent-Bethel	20 1:30P Martha Joy Circle 7:00P Singing Bowls	21 5:00P Parents' Night Out	22
23 9:30A Choir 10:30A Worship	24 5:30P Youth service project	25 9:00A Quilters 2:00P Teal Lake Senior Center Worship-Pastor J. 7:00p Community Thanksgiving Worship-Wesley	19 9:30A Weight Watcher Support Group 5:15P Bell Choir practice 6:30P Choir practice 6:30P Mid-Week Advent-Bethel	27 THANKSGIVING DAY 	28	29
30 9:30A Choir 10:30A						

Happy November Birthday!

3 Don Hurrell
5 Noah Kaukola
7 Tom Brown
9 Kathy Harrington
11 Kaitlyn Warner
12 Maria Mariani
14 Winter Bailey
15 Daniel Price
18 Tony Elliot
18 Carla Scanlon
18 Ray Sundquist
20 Brent Clark
20 Jacob Connors
21 George Holmgren
24 Halley Reichel



Happy Anniversary!

David & Lori Tunnell
11/1/2011 14 years

William & Bernadette
Heavyside
11/2/1974 51 years

Emilie and Tom Brown
11/28/1980 45 years



**The November "Noisy" Offering
will support
Pajama Palooza.**

Your generosity is appreciated!



November Coffee Hosts

11-2 *Board of Worship & Music*
11-9 *Martha Joy Circle/WELCA*
11-16 *Social Ministry Team*
11-22
11-30



Congregational Council Meeting Highlights

October 21, 2025

- The congregation met on Sunday, October 12, 2025 and voted to ratify the Constitution. Attendees also shared a traditional turkey dinner afterward.
- The Council received an update on the work of the 4ISH ELCA Consortium. The 4-ISH Update is in a separate article.
- They discussed two congregational questions received. The first was about the candles on the wall in the Sanctuary. The Worship and Music team have been gathering information and reviewing options to refresh the front of the Sanctuary. The second question focused on how to bring youth into the church. Pastor J. shared the Northern Great Lakes Synod resources offered by the Synod's Youth Ministry Team for building and celebrating youth ministries, so those will be explored.
- Council members participated in the Visioning Retreat on October 11, for the leaders of the 4-ISH churches. Pastor J. facilitated the day's events, which included Godly Play, storytelling, and fellowship. Council members shared that they met many leaders they did not know, but the atmosphere was congenial with a shared sense of "being in the same boat and wanting to share a theme of hospitality. It was time well-spent, and they plan to have another in about six months.
- The Council discussed how to support the congregation with conversations about the changes that have occurred and those that will take place. They want everyone to feel heard and be included in the journey of the 4-ISH churches. You are encouraged to continue to ask questions of the Council members and share in your stories, so we can all understand each other's perspectives.
- The Council received the initial draft of the 2026 proposed budget which is to be reviewed with the needs of each ministry in mind. The Council will review the updated budget in November.
- Staff evaluations have been completed for 2025. The Council discussed ways to support staff development.
- The Property Team is exploring companies for snow plowing.
- The Social Ministry team had a blood drive on October 6 with about 21 donors. They updated the shut-in list and are making plans for food baskets.
- Stewardship reported that 15 vendors have signed up for the craft sale on November 15 to support Pajama Palooza.
- The Council approved up to \$500 to have the membership records digitized so they can be available in the church.
- They reviewed the plan for Advent service projects and Advent services. Thoughtful discussion took place regarding the times for the services.
- The work to migrate to new church software and Google operating system is ongoing.
- The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 5:30 pm.

Is your Pledge Up to Date?



YTD Income: \$115,589.75

YTD Expenses: \$135,991.47

Total: -\$20,401.72



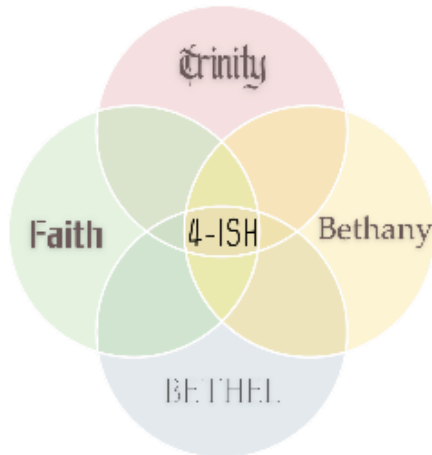
Worship
with us
from
HOME

Worship Options

In person worship at Bethany begins at 10:30 AM each Sunday. The worship service is live streamed each Sunday and will be available on Facebook: www.facebook.com/715mather



4-ISH ELCA Consortium Update



- The 4-ISH ELCA churches gathered for a combined service at Trinity Lutheran on October 26, with about 175 people attending. They enjoyed a moving Reformation Sunday service and a harvest-themed fellowship meal. The joy of sharing in community was a blessing to all. About 45-60 people participated in the Northern Lights Canvas painting, creating their own visions of the Northern Lights.

- The 4-ISH ELCA group heard a presentation from Meg Holeva about Parents' Night Out. She shared information about the program and invited them to share the information with their respective churches.

- The Community Activities team continues to plan events for the coming year. The next one will be the Cookie Walk at Bethel on Dec.13 from 9:30A – 12:00P.

- The Council leaders of all 4-ISH churches attended the Visioning Retreat on October 11 at the Ski Hall of Fame.

- The group finalized plans for Advent and is working on plans for Lent next year.

- The group discussed ways to expand participation in the community, through events like community dinners, worship services at various locations, and so on.

Remember, the group's meetings are open, so feel free to come and listen to the conversations! **The next meeting will be on November 5, 2025 at 6:00 PM at Faith, in the fellowship hall.**



Did you know that we (the church) have a subscription to Zoom? Did you know that we can schedule meetings for you to engage ministry beyond our walls? Or attend events, training, or education opportunities from right here, or at home? The Congregational Council would like to make this resource available to the whole community, as you each have need. Simply coordinate with the Office about the availability of the account for your use and let us know what kind of meeting you'd like to build, and we'll help you out! Reach out to the Office, by email or phone, and we'll help you out. Never let your geography limit your opportunity to partner in the expression of ministry, and of us.



Fragile faith is enough – 10-5-2025

I imagine the disciples were disappointed in Jesus' response to their request for "more" faith. They may have wondered if their puny faith would be enough, in the end. In light of their actions at Jesus' arrest, we may wonder ourselves. Although that faith seemed to fail them at the foot of the cross, it was still enough for

God to work through. In their expectant waiting in the upper room, they were able to receive the power of the Holy Spirit. They became bold preachers and apostles, stepping into an unknown future in faith, through which God was able to do some pretty amazing things.

Jesus trusted that the fragile faith of his disciples would be enough for God to work through. It still is enough. When we are able to sit in the expectation and simply receive the grace and power that God will pour out in us, the Holy Spirit will enable us to trust God's promise in our lives, and will empower us to live boldly as Jesus' disciples – no matter what the year brings.

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FLOWER DEDICATIONS

We invite you to sign up for flowers in honor or memory of a loved one, special date, or other reason. You may sign up on the Flower Chart outside the office or contact the office. (Printed, not cursive, information is appreciated on the chart.)

Two vases of flowers will be purchased for \$52. We will include your dedication in the bulletin for the sponsored day.

Thank you for your participation and offering a bit of creation-presence in our worship space!



November Flower Dedications

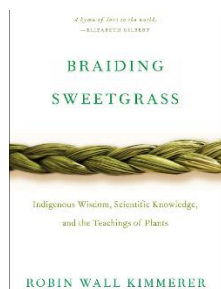
- 11-2 In memory of Marjorie and Arnold Rosten by Terra Frustaglio
- 11-9 In honor of Kay and Russell Owen, by Cathy Barton
- 11-16 In memory of Tom Medly, by the Medlyn Family
- 11-23 In memory of Reno and Sue Norell, by Kathy Kish
- 11-30

Beginning in January 2026, we will no longer use flowers in the sanctuary, switching instead to plants. If you would like to purchase a plant to grace our altar space, please see Pastor J or a member of the Worship and Music Team (Denise K-M., Ruby K., Sue H., Kay C., Tonya P., or Linda H.). We look forward to honoring our creation story with God in a new way, and delight in the opportunity to partner with you!

Prayer Chain Update: Bethany established an active prayer chain in 2013. A prayer chain is a way for people to gain assistance through the power of prayer. It is also a way for any person to act on God's commandment to love one another (John 13:34-35). Prayers have been offered for family, friends, non-church people; we pray for ALL. Please contact Pastor J. Mills (906) 486-4351 or pastor@jmichaelmills.org or Rae Elliot (906) 362-1908 if you would like to become a part of this ministry.

The prayer chain is activated when Pastor J. or Rae Elliot receives a request for prayers and contacts the first person on the prayer chain list and that person calls the next person. If no one answers, the caller continues until a person is reached. This keeps the process moving forward.

You may join the prayer chain at any time and since we are refreshing our ministry's membership list, we thought we'd let the congregation know.



Imagine raising children in a culture in which gratitude is the first priority. Freida Jacques works at the Onondaga Nation School. She is a clan mother, the school-community liaison, and a generous teacher. She explains to me that the Thanksgiving Address embodies the Onondaga relationship with the world. Each part of Creation is thanked in turn for fulfilling its Creator-given duty to the others. "It reminds you every day that you have enough," she says. "More than enough. Everything needed to sustain life is already here. When we do this, every day, it

leads us to an outlook of contentment and respect for all of Creation." You can't listen to the Thanksgiving Address without feeling wealthy. And, while expressing gratitude seems innocent enough, it is a revolutionary idea. In a consumer society, contentment is a radical proposition. Recognizing abundance rather than scarcity undermines an economy that thrives by creating unmet desires. Gratitude cultivates an ethic of fullness, but the economy needs emptiness. The Thanksgiving Address reminds you that you already have everything you need. Gratitude doesn't send you out shopping to find satisfaction; it comes as a gift rather than a commodity, subverting the foundation of the whole economy. That's good medicine for land and people alike.

Kimmerer, Robin Wall. *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants* (p. 111). Milkweed Editions. Kindle Edition.

Pray Unceasingly, with and for:

Remember our home-bound and nursing home residents:

Valente: Pat Liivoja

Teal Lake Senior Living Community: Colleen Sundblad,
Marilyn Ponti

Eastwood: Loreth Johnson, Louise Spickerman

Brookridge Heights: Carol Holmgren



Remember Our Homebound Members

- Bob Maki
- Jerry Plaisier
- Those who have contracted COVID-19
- Those who are on the front lines caring for the sick
- Marilyn Pontti
- Sandee Sundquist
- Cindy Warner
- The Slown Family
- Judy Hogan
- Mark
- Zander Atkins
- Jim Bjorne
- Angie Kempainen
- Those in the military, that they may remain safe
- Amanda and her family
- Karen Mattson
- Carol Holmgren
- Cooper Bjorn
- Betty Swift
- Victims of gun violence
- Kaye Frederickson

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THE OUTLOOK.

We are approaching the time of year when activities pick up, and information is a struggle to share. We endeavor to grow through our communication and calendaring lessons of the past year.

For the Outlook Newsletter, and in support of our valued ministry support staff, if you wish to submit an article for the Outlook, please note the following:

- Prepare the article/ announcement/ invitation as you would like to see it in the Outlook.
 - **If you need help, that's totally fine; reach out and schedule a time to partner with one another, or our Administrator, or Pastor**
 - The Office has access to Adobe, Canva, Word, PowerPoint and can partner to build anything; let's dream a dream together and build your vision of invitation.
 - The Office cannot build every invitation for you, without you.
- Gather graphics, photos, or fonts to accompany their submission and include all supporting information in the submission (pictures help)
- Any submission received after the posted deadline, (grace is available, within reason) without accompanying cookies, cupcakes, or beverages for the Editor in Chief will be posted in the following month's Outlook

December issue deadline: Tuesday, November 18st, noon

January issue deadline: Tuesday, December 16^{ht}, noon

Helpful tips and notes:

- Fonts in the body of the article/announcement/invitation should be Aptos, 14 pitch
- Pictures, graphics, should at a minimum be 1280×720 pixels (smaller than that reduces the print quality to the point of being unable to read by struggling eyes)
- We might start looking ahead, at least 2 months (ideally 3), and coordinating our activities across the teams here, *and* within the ELCA community here in Ishpeming
 - The general open-invitation structure is 11 times, in at least 3 modalities (verbal, non-verbal, listening, etc.)
 - This structure helps our siblings see it *and* remember it *and* discern their ability to engage the invitation.
- Information without BLC contacts, leadership, or partnership, through team support or community bridges, will be questioned, lovingly 😊
 - Recycling someone else's information to fill pages isn't what we're looking for in the Outlook

We're inviting people to ministry, engaging BLC's neighbors and the outreach that answers the needs of those neighbors and siblings.

November 2025
Year C 2024/2025 to Year A 2025/2026

Year C focuses on the Gospel of Luke. The semi-continuous first testament readings are of prophetic proclamation chosen in chronological order and highlighting Jeremiah. The second testament, readings are chosen mainly from Galatians, Colossians, 1 and 2 Timothy and 2 Thessalonians.

Year A focuses on the Gospel of Matthew. The semi-continuous first testament readings focus on major Genesis narratives, the covenant with Moses, and the establishment of Israel in the Promised Land. The second testament readings are from Romans, Philippians and 1 Thessalonians.

Advent Nov. 9, 2025 through Dec. 23, 2025	Christmas Dec. 24, 2025 through Jan. 6, 2026
Time after Epiphany Jan. 7 through Mar. 4, 2025	Lent Mar. 5 through Apr. 16, 2025
The Three Days Apr. 17 through Apr. 19, 2025	Easter Apr. 20 through June 11, 2025
Time after Pentecost June 12 through Nov. 8, 2025	

Sat – Nov 1	Isaiah 1:1-9	John 8:39-47	Psalm 32:1-7
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Sat. Nov. 1 — All Saints Day

All Saints may be transferred to Sun. Nov. 2.

Readings: Daniel:1- 3, 15-18; Psalm 149 (1); Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. They are before the | throne of God, and the one who is seated on the throne will | shelter them. Alleluia. (Rev. 7:15)
Color: White

Sun. Nov. 2 — Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost - Lectionary 31

All Saints Sunday may be observed (see Nov. 1).

Readings: Isaiah 1:10-18 Psalm 32:1-7 (6); 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

Prayer of the Day: Merciful God, gracious and benevolent, through your Son you invite all the world to a meal of mercy. Grant that we may eagerly follow his call, and bring us with all your saints into your life of justice and joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. Today salvation has come | to this house, for the Son of Man came to seek out and to | save the lost. Alleluia. (Luke 19:9, 10)

Color: Green

Mon – Nov 3	Nehemiah 13:1-3, 23-31	1 Corinthians 5:9-13	Psalm 50
Tue – Nov. 4	Zechariah 7:1-14	Jude 5-21	Psalm 50
Wed – Nov. 5	Amos 5:12-24	Luke 19:11-27	Psalm 50
Thu – Nov. 6	Deuteronomy 25:5-10	Acts 22:22—23:11	Psalm 17:1-9
Fri – Nov. 7	Genesis 38:1-26	Acts 24:10-23	Psalm 17:1-9
Sat – Nov. 8	Exodus 3:13-20	Luke 20:1-8	Psalm 17:1-9

Sun. Nov. 9 — First Sunday in Advent - Lectionary 32

Readings: Job 19:23-27a Psalm 17:1-9 (8); 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

Prayer of the Day: O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. Jesus Christ is the firstborn | of the dead; to him be glory and dominion forev- | er and ever. Alleluia. (Rev. 1:5, 6)

Color: Blue/Purple

Mon – Nov. 10	Job 20:1-11	2 Peter 1:16-21	Psalm 123
Tue – Nov. 11	Job 21:1, 17-34	2 John 1-13	Psalm 123
Wed – Nov. 12	Job 25:1—26:14	John 5:19-29	Psalm 123
Thu – Nov. 13	1 Samuel 28:3-19	Romans 1:18-25	Psalm 98
Fri – Nov. 14	2 Samuel 21:1-14	2 Thessalonians 1:3-12	Psalm 98
Sat – Nov. 15	Ezekiel 10:1-19	Luke 17:20-37	Psalm 98

Sun. Nov. 16 — Second Sunday in Advent - Lectionary 33

Readings: Malachi 4:1-2a Psalm 98 (9); 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

Prayer of the Day: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. Stand up and | raise your heads, because your redemption is | drawing near. Alleluia. (Luke 21:28)

Color: Blue/Purple

Mon – Nov. 17	Ezekiel 11:14-25	Ephesians 4:25—5:2	Psalm 141
Tue – Nov. 18	Ezekiel 39:21—40:4	1 Corinthians 10:23—11:1	Psalm 141
Wed – Nov. 19	Ezekiel 43:1-12	Matthew 23:37—24:14	Psalm 141
Thu – Nov. 20	2 Chronicles 18:12-22	Hebrews 9:23-28	Psalm 46
Fri – Nov. 21	Zechariah 11:1-17	1 Peter 1:3-9	Psalm 46
Sat – Nov. 22	Jeremiah 22:18-30	Luke 18:15-17	Psalm 46

Sun. Nov. 23 — Christ the King Sunday / Third Sunday in Advent - Lectionary 34

Readings: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 46 (10); Colossians 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43

Prayer of the Day: O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. Blessed is the one who comes in the name | of the Lord. Blessed is the coming kingdom of our an- | cestor David. Alleluia. (Mark 11:9)

Color: Blue/Purple/White

Mon – Nov. 24	Jeremiah 46:18-28	Revelation 21:5-27	Psalm 24
Tue – Nov. 25	Isaiah 33:17-22	Revelation 22:8-21	Psalm 24
Wed – Nov. 26	Isaiah 60:8-16	Luke 1:1-4	Psalm 24

(Year A transition – 2025/2026)

Thu. Nov. 27 — Day of Thanksgiving (U.S.A.)

Readings: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 100; Philippians 4:4-9; John 6:25-35

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. God is able to provide you with every blessing | in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you May share abundantly in ev- | 'ry good work. Alleluia. (2 Cor. 9:8)

Color: Green or White (color of the season)

Thu, Nov 27	Daniel 9:15-19	James 4:1-10	Psalm 122
Fri - Nov 28	Genesis 6:1-10	Hebrews 11:1-7	Psalm 122
Sat - Nov 29	Genesis 6:11-22	Matthew 24:1-22	Psalm 122

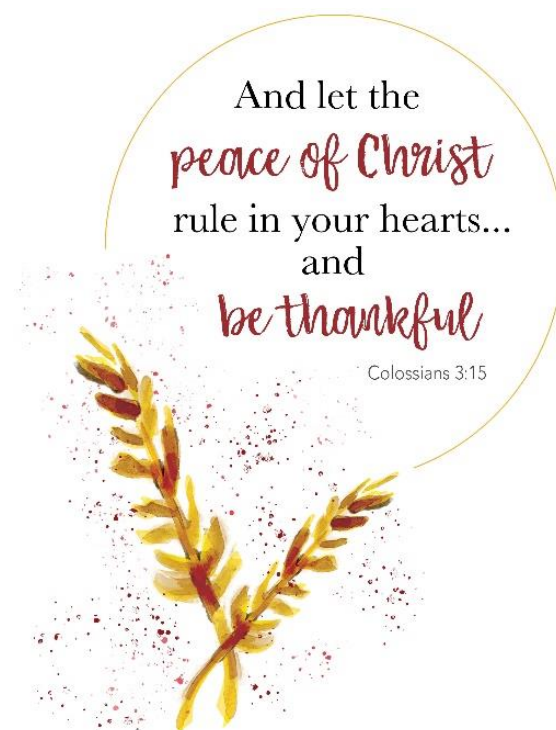
Sunday Nov 30 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122 (1); Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

Prayer of the Day: Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia. (Ps. 85:7)

Color: Blue/Purple



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