

**RESOURCES FOR WORSHIP**

**8:00 a.m. Worship Service With Communion**

**10:45 a.m. Worship Service - Communion First Sunday of the Month  
Wednesday Lenten Services & March 5, & March 12 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**March 2 - Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Adult Forum . . . . . "Forgiveness" by Ralph B.K. Peterson  
Lector & Communion Assistant . . . . . Tim Mulvaney  
Special Music . . . . . Senior Choir & Luther Handbells  
First Lesson . . . . . 1 Samuel 16:1-13  
Second Lesson . . . . . Ephesians 5:8-14  
Gospel . . . . . John 9:1-41  
Hymns . . . . . 98, 114, 448, 97, 92  
Sound System - 10:45 . . . . . Josh Linnee  
Acolytes-10:45 . . . . . Jamison Norman, Samantha Schwalbach  
Nursery Mom/Dad . . . . . Raquel Zelenak  
Nursery Supervisor . . . . . Traci Harris  
Ushers - 8:00 . . . . . Erik Bessonon, Elmer Bessonon  
10:45 - . . . . . Harry & Jean Bourassa, Will Carne,  
Becky Piehler, Nan Piehler, Clarence Zeno

**March 5 - Midweek Lenten Service**

Liturgist . . . . . Wendy Howerton  
Sound System. . . . . Blake Beauchamp  
Acolytes . . . . . John Norman

**March 9 - Fifth Sunday In Lent**

Forum Hour . . . . . "Forgiveness" by Ralph B.K. Peterson  
Special Music . . . . . Children's & Conf. Handbell Choirs  
Lector . . . . . Darrell Bengry  
First Lesson . . . . . Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Psalm 130  
Second Lesson . . . . . Romans 8:6-11  
Gospel . . . . . John 11:1-45  
Hymns . . . . . 91, 107, 104, 95  
Nursery Mom/Dad . . . . . Jordyn Bricker, Jeanne Anderson  
Sound System - 10:45 . . . . . Peter Maercklein  
Acolytes - 10:45 . . . . . Amanda Bink, TJ Myrick

**March 12 - Midweek Lenten Service**

Worship Assistant . . . . . Wendy Howerton  
Sound System - 7 p.m. . . . . Andrew Sedlar  
Acolyte - 7 p.m. . . . . Kyle Piehler

**March 16 - Palm Sunday**

Forum Hour . . . . . Discussion on the "Book Of Faith"  
Lector - 10:45 . . . . . Richard Anderson  
Special Music . . . . . Cherub, Senior & Luther Handbell Choirs  
Processional Gospel . . . . . Matthew 21:1-11  
First Lesson . . . . . Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 31:9-16

Second Lesson . . . . . Philippians 2:5-11  
Gospel . . . . . Matthew 26:14  
Hymns . . . . . 108, 121 (tune 520), 117  
Nursery Mom/Dad . . . . . Kaisa Anderson  
Sound System - 10:45 . . . . . Cory McKeever  
Acolytes - 10:45 . . . . . Sierra Nault, Paige Rau

**March 20 - Maundy Thursday Service**  
**Noon & 7:00 p.m.**

Special Music - 7 p.m. . . . . Senior Choir  
Sound System . . . . . LiAnne Roll  
Acolyte - 7 p.m. . . . . Jake Zelenak, Greg Schwalbach

**March 21 - Good Friday Ecumenical Service**  
**At First United Methodist Church**  
**Noon - 3:00 p.m.**

**March 22 - Easter Vigil**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**March 23 - Easter Sunday**

Forum Hour . . . . . No Forum Hour  
Special Music . . . . . Children's, Senior & Luther Handbell Choirs  
Lector - 10:45 . . . . . Ralph B.K. Peterson  
First Lesson . . . . . Acts 10:34-43  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
Second Lesson . . . . . Colossians 3:1-4  
Gospel . . . . . John 20:1-18  
Hymns . . . . . 151, 143, It's Easter, He Lives  
Nursery Mom/Dad . . . . . Anna Sedlar  
Sound System - 10:45 . . . . . Tom Wilson  
Acolytes - 10:45 . . . . . Trenton Schwalbach, Rachael Strand

**March 30 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Of Easter**

Forum Hour . . . . . No Forum Hour  
Lector - 10:45 . . . . . Sue Roll  
First Lesson . . . . . Acts 2:14a, 22:32  
Psalm 16  
Second Lesson . . . . . 1 Peter 1:3-9  
Gospel . . . . . John 20:19-31  
Hymns . . . . . 141 (tune 495), 135, 145, 155  
Sound System - 10:45 . . . . . Tyler Myrick  
Acolytes - 10:45 . . . . . LiAnne Roll, Greg Schwalbach

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## Pastoral Ponderings by Paul M. Mai

Easter is the pinnacle celebration of our church year, when all the promises we have been given by God are shown to be possible. There is life after death, because our Lord has shown us it can and will happen. Praise be to God! Join us this month as we celebrate not only Easter Sunday, but also during the Holy Week which leads up to it.

On Palm Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 & 10:45 a.m. we will celebrate Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem as well as hear the story of the last days of his life and his death.

On Maundy Thursday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, at Noon and 7:00 p.m. we will celebrate Jesus' giving of a gift to the church—the gift of a meal of forgiveness which feeds not only the body but the soul, with his body and blood.

On Good Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, from Noon to 3:00 p.m. we will gather with Christians from various churches in the Escanaba area for worship at First United Methodist Church. In this traditional three-hour ecumenical service, participating pastors, leaders and members of the churches will offer prayers, spoken messages and music based on the seven last words from the cross. I will offer the meditation in the last half hour (2:30-3:00), and my wife Judy will offer the meditation in the 1:00-1:30 portion of the service. Worshipers may stay for the entire three-hour service or may leave according to their schedules.

On Holy Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. we will gather here at Bethany for the first Easter celebration of the year—the Easter Vigil service. This is an ancient, yet very meaningful service which includes a candle-light procession into the sanctuary, a service of scripture readings, a remembrance of Holy Baptism and a celebration of Holy Communion. We will gather outside around a fire if the weather permits, or in the fellowship hall in the case of extreme cold, snow or rain.

On Easter Sunday morning, we will celebrate the Resurrection with joyous services at 8:00 and 10:45 a.m. Come celebrate this earth-shattering and life-changing event that continues to bring good news of great joy to God's people. And God's blessings in this holy season!

## Memorial Gifts

Gifts given to Bethany's Memorial Fund through February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Building Fund Gifts by: *Paul Bolm, Gerald & Betty Bolm, Paul & Kim Carne, Harold & Helen Cook, Joyce Cook, John & Suzy Decker, Robert & Joanne Dunstone, Sandy & Jim Goodyer, Peg Hanson, Karen Johnson, Gene & Alice Jones, Mel & Ruth Karkkainen, Jack & Anne Magnusen, Marian Nye, Don & Kathie Nyquist, Manley Oakman, Ralph & Jean Peterson, Paul & Judy Mai, Alan & Shirley Sanville, Douglas & Susan Scott, Grace Seidl, Mary Myllyla, Robert & Jean Sovey, Karen Dubrock, Jean Gardiner, Mildred Jerow, Mokszycke, Ernie & Jean Vanlerberghe, Lil Zorza, Philip & Melissa Norman, Bob & Nancy Gregg, Tom & Joan Fugere, Lewellyn & Marguerite Mineau, Jon & Julie Neisius, Arlene Paulson, Marie Pearson, Steven & Linda Howes, Todd & Francie Myrick.*

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## Radio Broadcast

The cost of broadcasting the 10:45 a.m. worship service on Sunday mornings is \$85.00. Two people may share the cost for the same Sunday. Radio Broadcasts available: COMING UP SOON - March 9, 30; April 6 (\$42.50), 13, 20, 27; June 1, 8, 15, 29; August 3, 31; October 26; November 9, 23, 30; December 7.

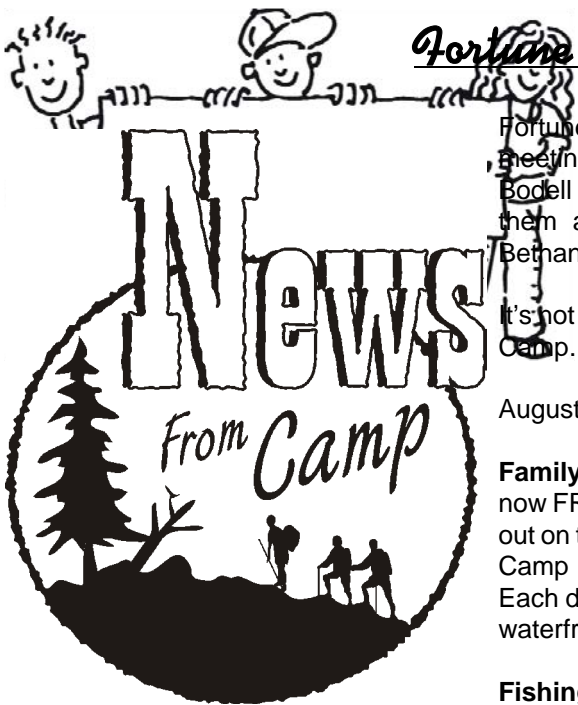
## Church Council Highlights

- a seminar on identifying behavioral styles and how to communicate more effectively within those styles was presented by Susan Roll prior to the Council meeting.
- new financial statements that will be easier to understand will be presented at next Council meeting.
- Bill Howes was elected as Treasurer for 2008.
- All committees will be meeting to elect a new chairperson .
- Council members will be reading the Bible for the year 2008 and Pastor Mai will lead a Bible discussion at future Council meetings.
- the next Council meeting will be on Monday, March 10 at 7 p.m.
- elected as officers to Church Council at it's February 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, Jean Sovey, president, Elmer Bessonon, vice president, Karen Caswell, secretary.
- elected William Howe as Treasurer.

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## Altar Flowers

The dates of April 6, 20, 27; May 25; June 8, 29; July 20; August 3, 17; September 21; 28; October 19; November 23, 30; December 7, 21, 28 are available to anyone who would like to sponsor the altar flowers on those Sundays. The cost is \$17.00. Please call Sandy at the Church Office (786-6642) or indicate on a pew card today.



## Fortune Lake Camp

Fortune Lake Lutheran Bible camp is holding their annual meeting next Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> and Dean A. Peterson and Ken Bodeell have consented to be our delegates. We thank both of them as Fortune Lake has been a very important part of Bethany's ministry to our youth and adults for many many years.

It's not too early to think about camping at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp. Five of the programs are either new or redesigned.

August 10-15 offers 3 new or improved programs:

**Family Camp** has become more affordable! Kids 7 & under are now FREE and all ages 8+ are just \$200.00/person! Don't miss out on this wonderful Family faith-bonding time together. Family Camp schedules can adjust according to your family needs. Each day is filled with excitement through Bible Studies, meals, waterfront activities, family gatherings, games and more.

**Fishing Camp** is a new program to Fortune Lake. Due to popular demand, we have scheduled a grand week of Fishing

and Faith development for 5th-8th graders. There will be an opportunity to fish in three different venues: Lake fishing, trout pond fishing and River fishing.

**Voyage Camp has returned!** FLLC is partnering with Boundary Water camp in Minnesota for a tremendous outdoor canoe experience. Your adventure begins and ends at Fortune Lake. Throughout the week, Voyage counselors will be helping you to develop a strong personal faith and some brand new outdoor living skills. This is a once in a lifetime deal...don't miss out!

Our athletic cross training program, Valiants, has now been split into 2 age levels. First, Jr. Valiants (completed grades 7-8) are active in their faith and fitness as they develop and practice the skills necessary to increase their overall conditioning and strength of body, mind and Spirit! The Sr. Valiants (completed grades 9-12) hone in on their athletic and personal faith building abilities using scripture, plyometrics, guest coaches, and a wide variety of activities. The Sr. Valiants is a rigorous 'cross training' program designed for overall fitness. Come and experience a reflective, renewal, or even an 'aha' moment at the camp. You may register on line or apply for a summer staff position on line at [www.fortunelake.org](http://www.fortunelake.org).

If anyone is interested in adding to the **FLLC scholarship fund** it would be greatly appreciated. Camp is over \$200.00 for our young people to go and that makes it very difficult for many children. It would be great to see every student that wanted to attend be able to attend.

The High School Youth Encounter will be held on April 11-13 in Minnetonka, MN. The registration fee for the weekend is \$150.00 (if paid by March 6) which includes registration and lodging. Late registration - after March 6 is \$175.00. If you have money banked you will be able to use it for this retreat. We will take a bus with other high school students from Escanaba and the U.P.

During the weekend the group will assemble health kits for refugees as their service project.

**Poor Man's Riches** is the headliner Band for the weekend. "PMR isn't just another rock band. Rather, their music, their commanding stage presence and their driving licks only make up part of what this band has to offer. On top of being an incredibly energetic act, the PMR cuts through the dross of life to offer a message of hope, of grace and of faith in Jesus Christ. Music is the mode, Jesus is the message!"

**Pete Larson is the event speaker.** He is from Minneapolis, the 7<sup>th</sup> of 14 children. Pete is a graduate of St. John's University in Collegeville, MN with a Bachelors of Arts in Social Science. He earned his teaching license from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MM and a certification in Character Education from the University of San Diego. Pete has spent over twenty years working with youth in a variety of settings. For ten years Pete was the Youth and Family minister at St. Patrick's Church in Edina, MN. He has worked with Youth Frontiers leading over 600 retreats and has spoken to nearly 100,000 kids in grades 5-12. Pete is currently the director of Family Fest Ministries, Inc., which seeks to strengthen families in the Christian Faith through week long and weekend retreats for families and couples. In addition to this, Pete hosts an interactive TV

program at the Minneapolis Children's Hospital. He lives in Bloomington, MN with his wife and two children. When he was younger, he thought he was batman.

This sounds like a fun weekend but to do it we will need chaperones.

**CALL NOW TO SIGN UP!**



Memorials

Easter

Honorariums

Members wishing to remember loved ones or to honor someone in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, may do so by using the "Blue" envelope provided in your packet of envelopes.

These acknowledgments must be into the church office by noon on Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Any amount of money may be given. Funds received will help undergird the expenses of Easter lilies on Easter Sunday plus other floral decorations used in worship throughout the year.

## High School Seniors

It is the tradition at Bethany to honor and recognize the members of the graduating class. We have followed you through school and have been proud of your accomplishments. We are interested in your plans for the future. We would like to put an article about you in the May Echo. When your questionnaire arrives in the mail please fill it out and return it to the church office as soon as possible.



Bethany offers two scholarships to high school seniors. One to a senior attending Bay College in the fall and one to a person who has been involved in

music in high school or will be continuing their education in a music field. If you are interested in applying for either of these scholarships please call the church office at 786-6642.

## Senior Club

A chicken dinner will be served at the next Senior Club catered meal on Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. Please make your reservation by calling the church office (786-6642) or by signing up on a pew card when you are in church. The cost is \$8.00 a plate.



Mr. Ed Dwyer, from Social Security will be here for the program. He will be happy to answer any questions about retirement.

## Fire Up

This event will be held in the Berry Event Center on the campus of Northern Michigan University, April 4-6 (the last weekend of Spring Break). Jonathan Rundman (Pastor Dean and Elaine's son-in-law) will be singing on Friday, Saturday and Sunday as well as the Mark White Band and other musicians. If anyone in grades 7-12 is interested in attending please sign a pew card, call Jeanne at 786-6642, or stop in and pick up a registration form. The earlier your forms are in the cheaper the registration. If the forms are in by in by March 21 the cost is \$45.00 and after March 21 the cost is \$55.00. You may also purchase hoodies, T-shirts, a ticket to the pizza party or buttons. We will also need chaperones.

## Adult Trip To Reformation

An adult trip has been planned for September 26, 27, and 28 to Reformation Lutheran Church in Milwaukee, WI. More information will be arriving in the near future. Marge from Reformation has our group on Pastor Mick's calendar and they are excited to have us visit, work and worship with them!

**Pastor Mick has announced that his last sermon at Reformation Lutheran Church will be on Christmas Eve of this year. We are sad to hear this news but at the same time wish Pastor Mick godspeed in the years to come. Bethany has shared a wonderful partnership with Reformation and we know it will continue with their new leadership.**

## March Book of Faith Challenge

The Book of Faith is an initiative of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America which invites the whole church to become more fluent in the first language of faith—the language of Scripture. We strive to live into our calling as a people renewed, enlivened, and empowered by the Word of God.

Your challenge is to read through the Bible in one year. Each month in the ECHO we will provide a list of daily Bible readings to help you accomplish this goal. Each week, immediately following our adult forum, from 10:15-10:40 a.m., Karen DeZiel will meet with those who wish to discuss the previous week's readings. This began on Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. Periodically throughout the year, Pastor Paul will present a review of the readings at the Adult Forum. Those who complete the challenge will be recognized at the end of the year.

Week	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
#5 3/2-3/8	Leviticus 1-4	Leviticus 5-7	Leviticus 8-11	Leviticus 12-14	Leviticus 15-17	Leviticus 18-20	Leviticus 21-23
#6 3/9-3/15	Leviticus 24-25	Leviticus 26-27	Numbers 1-2	Numbers 3-4	Numbers 5-6	Numbers 7-8	Numbers 9-11
#7 3/16-3/22	Numbers 12-14	Numbers 15-17	Numbers 18-20	Numbers 21-23	Numbers 24-26	Numbers 27-30	Numbers 31-33
#8 3/23-3/29	Numbers 34-36	Deuteronomy 1-2	Deut. 3-4	Deut. 5-7	Deut. 8-11	Deut. 12-15	Deut. 16-19
#9 3/30-4/5	Deut. 20-23	Deut. 24-27	Deut. 28-29	Deut. 30-31	Deut. 32-34	Joshua 1-4	Joshua 5-7

## Confirmation Parents

Parents and their 9<sup>th</sup> grade students will meet in room 2 on March 12 at 5:30 p.m. to go over the Chicago Itinerary. This meeting is very important. You will have time for a bowl of soup when the meeting is over or you can come a little early and bring your soup to the meeting.

We are looking for MALE CHAPERONES to drive and spend the night at the Fortune Lake Confirmation Retreat on Friday and Saturday, April 25 and 26. Please call Jeanne at 786-6642 if you are able to help.

## Forum Hour

**Forgiveness:** What can the Amish with their black buggies, plain clothes, and simple life style teach us about forgiveness? Come and find out! Ralph B.K. Peterson will be leading the Forum Hour March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. On March 16<sup>th</sup> Pastor Paul will lead the discussion on **"The Book of Faith Challenge"**. There will be no Forum on Easter Sunday or the first or second Sunday of Spring Break (March 23, 30 or April 6). You are welcome to come and enjoy the fellowship over a cup of coffee.



We have found volunteers to make the soup for March 5<sup>th</sup> and March 12<sup>th</sup>. We need someone to help set up, serve, cleanup and supervise the kitchen crew for the soup suppers in March. We are in need of people to help provide **bread, sandwich meat, condiments, juice, milk and bars**. We will continue to serve soup and crackers but the youth fund is not able to pay for the "extras" (i.e. meat, bread, salad dressings, peanut butter, jelly, etc.) and still make money on this fund raiser. We hope everyone will come and enjoy soup and fellowship. Groceries needed:

- 3# Butter or Margarine soft spread
- 2 Mayo & 2 Miracle Whip
- 2 Gallons of Milk & 3 Gallons Juice
- 2 Boxes of Oyster Crackers
- 2 Jars Peanut Butter, 2 Jars Jelly
- 7 tomatoes, 2 heads of lettuce
- 9 loaves dark bread, 3 loaves white bread
- 9 Dozen Cookies / Dessert Bars

**Thank You** - Our thanks to Wendy Howerton, Gregg and Rosemary Hendrickson, Mary Mylylla and Sandy Wilson for making our soup for the three soup suppers held in February. The soups were delicious and we really appreciate your time, energy and hard work.

**Cherub Program's  
Snack-it**  
(Needs your help)

**Snack Essentials Needed every week:**

Paper towels, napkins and/or baby wipes, paper bowls and paper plates, plastic knives, forks and spoons, 5 oz. Glasses and 1 jug of juice

**March 2, 2008 - "A Friend in Need"**

30 cheese slices, 1 large bag of pretzel sticks,  
1 large box of Ritz crackers

**March 9, 2008 - "Waking Lazarus"**

15 whole English Muffins  
2 containers of strawberry cream cheese  
2 boxes of Teddy Grahams

**March 16, 2008 - "Pretzel Praise Palms"**

1 large bag of pretzel sticks  
1 bag of lettuce, Ranch Dressing

**March 23, 2008 - Easter**

No Sunday School, see you in Worship

**March 30, 2008**

First Week of Spring Break  
(If you're here it's a great day to make up  
Worship Sundays.)

**April 6, 2008**

Second Week of Spring Break  
(If you're here it's another great day to make up  
Worship Sundays.)

**April 13, 2008 - "Buddy Boosters"**

30 fruit flavored cereal bars  
2 containers strawberry-flavored cream cheese  
1 box of colored cereal  
1 large bag of pretzel sticks



Each year students in the Fifth Grade and those new to our program participate in our Communion Festival.

The students study five lessons, one each week during the Lenten season with Karen DeZiel and Mary Jo Roll. This year students studied, enjoyed soup together and attended the Holden Worship service as a class. Students invited to participate this year are: **Paige Cavadeas, Chad Leisenring, Axel Madden, Joseph Phillips and James Zelenak.**

On Wednesday, March 19 this group and their parents will get together at 5:00 p.m. to complete their Communion Festival preparations. The students will meet before the meeting at 4:30 p.m. to bake bread for the Communion Festival on Thursday, March 20. We are in need of a parent to help make the bread. It's a very simple, easy recipe!

This will be a time for many questions to be answered and a time to better understand this special gift of grace.

Please keep these young people in your prayers as they prepare for their Communion Festival.

**Choir and Sunday School  
Information**

Parents and students are reminded to check their schedules for singing and playing bells during the month of March and April. Because of Easter arriving the week before Spring Break we will not have Sunday School on March 23, April 6 and April 13. This is a very unusual situation. We hope that everyone will make every attempt to attend Sunday School and worship the weeks before and following Spring Break so the students can learn their songs for worship and for their Spring Concert.

**February  
Worship Attendance**

February 3 - 250	February 17 - 194*
February 10 - 198	February 24 - 236

\*Storm

Average year to date this year . . . . .	228
Average year to date last year . . . . .	240

**Monday Bible Studies**

Studies of the New Testament will continue on in March. This group meets at 9:00 a.m. each Monday morning in the downstairs fellowship hall with the coffee pot on and a few goodies to go along with it.

Friends are welcome!