

# Bethany Lutheran Church

## Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

### July 6, 2008

#### The Introduction

*The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with the lowly and those often excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather this day to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens." In the Christian community gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.*

#### Order Of Service

#### \*Congregation Stands

##### The Prelude

*"Everlasting Joy"*

Smith

##### The Hymn

*"God Bless America"*

- 1) God bless America land that I love  
Stand beside her and guide her  
Through the night with a light from above.  
From the mountains to the prairies  
To the oceans white with foam  
God bless America my home sweet home.  
God bless America my home sweet home. (Repeat Verse)

#### Sharing Of Parish Concerns

#### \*The Confession & Forgiveness

LBW P. 56

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God,

C: **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen**

#### \*The Hymn

*"Jesus Shall Reign"*

LBW # 530

- 1) Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- 2) To him shall endless prayer be made,  
And praises throng to crown his head;  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise with ev'ry morning sacrifice.
- 3) People and realms of ev'ry tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.
- 4) Blessings abound where'er he reigns:  
The pris'ners leap to lose their chains,  
The weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.
- 5) Let ev'ry creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

#### \*The Greeting & Kyrie

LBW PP. 57-58

P: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen**

**\*The Hymn of Praise**

LBW PP. 60-61

**C: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**\*The Salutation**

LBW P. 62

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

**\*The Prayer For The Day**

**All: You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised.**

**You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Special Music**

*"My Tribute"*

Kathy LeDuc

**A: The First Lesson**

**Zechariah 9:9-12**

*The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, they are designated as "prisoners of hope."*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. <sup>10</sup>He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war-horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>11</sup>As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. <sup>12</sup>Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

**A: The Second Lesson**

**Romans 7:15-25a**

*Life enslaved under sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be bad. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.*

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup>But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup>For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. <sup>19</sup>For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. <sup>21</sup>So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup>For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup>but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup>Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

**\*The Alleluia (sung)**

LBW P. 62

**All: Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**\*The Announcing of the Gospel (sung)**

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

LBW P. 63

**\*The Gospel**

**Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30**

*Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.*

[Jesus spoke to the crowd, saying:] "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, <sup>17</sup>'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.' <sup>18</sup>For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; <sup>19</sup>the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds." <sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup>"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

**\*After the Gospel (sung)**

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

LBW P. 63

**The Hymn**

*"Lord Of All Hopefulness"*

LBW # 469

- 1) Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,  
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy:  
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,  
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
- 2) Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,  
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:  
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,  
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
- 3) Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,  
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:  
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,  
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

- 4) Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,  
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:  
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,  
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

**The Message**

Rev. Paul M. Mai

**\*The Apostles' Creed**

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
And born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right  
hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

**The Offering**

*"Summer Joy"*

Blake

**\*The Offertory Response**

*"Doxology"*

LBW # 565

**All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*The Prayer**

**A: Let us pray. Merciful Father,  
C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have  
first given us - our selves, our time, and our  
possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive  
them for the sake of him who offered himself for us,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*The Great Thanksgiving**

LBW P. 68

**P: The Lord be with you.  
C: And also with you**

P: Lift up your hearts.  
C: **We lift them to the Lord**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:  
C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

**\*The Words of Institution**

LBW P. 69

**\*The Prayers**

A: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

Gracious God, we pray for all those whom the church has mistreated and give thanks for the ones who raise a prophetic voice, that your gospel may continue to be spoken to the ends of the earth. Hear us, O God;

C: **your mercy is great.**

A: We pray for scientists, farmers, and engineers, that their work would inspire in us a desire to care for the resources that you graciously give. Hear us, O God;

C: **your mercy is great.**

A: We pray for nations and peoples that suffer oppression and scarcity at the hands of the powerful, that they may find restoration in your promise of life. Hear us, O God;

C: **your mercy is great.**

A: We pray for the weary and burdened (especially), that they would hear your call to them and find rest in your gentleness and humility. Hear us, O God;

C: **your mercy is great.**

A: We pray for all communities who seek to live in your covenant, that righteousness would be in our hearts and salvation would be on our lips. Hear us, O God;

C: **your mercy is great.**

A: We give thanks for the faithful departed, and we pray that their witness would guide this generation and those to come into faithful living for the sake of a needy world. Hear us, O God;

C: **your mercy is great.**

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

**\*The Lord's Prayer**

P. 71

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

**\*The Communion**

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**The Distribution of Communion**

*All baptized Christians who commune in their congregations are welcome at the Lord's Table. At the invitation of an usher, please proceed to the communion rail at the front of the church by the center aisle and return via the side aisles. The center of the communion tray is grape juice (darker in color) and the rest of the tray is wine.*

**Communion Hymn**

*"America The Beautiful"*

- 1) O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.
- 2) O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern, impassioned stress  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness!  
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,  
Confirm thy soul in self control, thy liberty in law.
- 3) O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,  
Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!  
America! America! May God thy gold refine,  
Till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.

4) O beautiful for patriot dream that sees, beyond the years,  
 Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!  
 America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
 And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

**\*The Post Communion Canticle**

**All: Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**\*The Post Communion Prayer**

P: O God, our provider, you nourish us with holy food and drink, and you open our hearts to the needs of others. Refresh us with your Spirit, that our words and deeds may proclaim your creative and life-giving Word, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
 C: **Amen.**

**\*The Benediction**

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
 C: **Amen.**

**\*The Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
 C: **Thanks be to God.**

**THE WORSHIP HAS ENDED...OUR SERVICE BEGINS**

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**THOSE WHO SERVE**

Pastor ..... Rev. Paul M. Mai  
 Secretary ..... Sandy Flinn  
 Director of Parish Ministries ..... Jeanne Sauter  
 Organist ..... Don Aronson  
 Liturgist & Communion Assistant ..... Sandy Goodyer  
 Lector ..... Jean Sovey  
 Sound System ..... Tyler Myrick  
 Acolytes ..... T.J. Myrick, Andrew Sedlar  
 Nursery Supervisor ..... Traci Harris  
 Ushers ..... Leroy & Char Scheeneman, Jim Goodyer,  
 Gary Dahl, Peg Hanson, Lois Miller

*Radio Broadcast & Altar Flowers -in loving memory of Earl (Sonny) Maynard by Tammy & Joey Maynard, Sandy & Ron Pilon & John & Lois Pinar.*

*Center Vase - given by Christopher & Zachery Jones in loving remembrance of their grandpa, Earl Maynard.*

**STEWARDS RECORD**

Budgeted Goal to Date ..... 164,996  
 Budgeted Goal Received to Date ..... 158,437  
 Attendance Last Sunday ..... 168  
 Building Debt ..... \$41,331

**MINISTRIES**

MON./FRIDAY 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School  
 7:00 p.m. Worship In Music Room Of Education Building  
 WEDNESDAY **NO QUILTING**

THURSDAY 6:00 p.m. Evening Stars Circle @ Dorothy Zeno's  
9:30 a.m. Crafter's at Elaine Peterson's

7/6-7/12	Psalms 8-14	Psalms 15-18	Psalms 19-24	Psalms 25-30	Psalms 31-34	Psalms 35-37	Psalms 38-42
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**WELCOME** to worship on this Independence Weekend. We gather in gratitude for the freedom to worship as we choose. Let us celebrate this joyous day by praising God, praying for our country and joining hands in friendship. We ask everyone present to sign a pew card and place it in the offering plate and if you have a request, indicate it on the back.

**PRAYERS** - we pray for the following people, who are in need of our prayers. If you know of someone we should include, please let us know by way of the pew cards or by calling the church office. We pray for:

<b>Manford Magnuson</b>	<b>John Pinar</b>	<b>Marilyn Christianson</b>
<b>Wanda Getzloff</b>	<b>Grace Seidl</b>	<b>Ruth Sundstrom</b>
<b>Wanda Furmanski</b>	<b>Brooke Furmanski</b>	<b>Al Atwood</b>
<b>Oliver Christiansen</b>	<b>Richard Erickson</b> (brother-in-law of Dennis & Debbie Renken)	
<b>Cecile Henry</b> (sister of Marie Zeno)	<b>Don Christensen</b> (Father of Phil & Chrysta)	
<b>Rick Lancour</b> (uncle of LeeAnne Strand)	<b>Tony Filezetti</b> (friend of Dave & Vicki Linnea)	

Our deepest sympathy to the Mark Setterlind family. Mark passed away on June 25<sup>th</sup> and his funeral was held this past Tuesday in Negaunee. May the risen Christ comfort his family and friends in their time of sorrow.

**SERVING** - remember in prayer those serving in the military. We pray for: Jessica Charon Jones, Fred Jones, Jeff & Star Monson, Christopher Klingman, Brian Rahoi, Gary Gregg, Ike Howard, Richard Peterson, Matt & Mark Witte, Jennifer Scheeneman Brooks, Adam Johnsen, James Mokszycke, Leeann Scheeneman Peterson & Pete Peterson.

**FLOWERS** - Dates available to sponsor flowers on the altar are: **September 28; November 16, 23.** Please call Sandy in the Church Office 786-6642.

**NEEDED** - fabric for the Wednesday quilting group— used or new. Please drop off at Bethany a.s.a.p. so they can continue to make quilts.

**THANKS** - a great big thank you to Nan Smith for planting around the sign area in our circular driveway. This year she added perennials that will come back every year.

**BOOK OF FAITH CHALLENGE** - you are invited to take the Book of Faith challenge to read the entire Bible in one year. Below is a list of the daily readings for this week.

**COFFEE & GOODIES** - Coffee hours will be held following the 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning services throughout the summer. Servers are needed to make the coffee, secure goodies for the coffee hour, and clean up the kitchen and fellowship hall following the coffee hour. You may make or buy the goodies for the morning. You will be reimbursed for all expenses. If you can help out with this task, we ask you to please call the church office (786-6642) or indicate on a pew card. **Hosts are needed for the following Sundays: July 20; August 24, 31.** We appreciate and thank Delores Hanson, Nancy Peterson and Faye Peterson for hosting the coffee hour today!

**DISASTER APPEAL** - devastating storms have flooded the Midwest. The states of Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska and Wisconsin are among the hardest hit by these floods. Homes, businesses, schools, churches, farms and summer camps across the region are under water. Tens of thousands of people have been evacuated, dozens of counties have been declared disaster areas, and water is still on the rise. The damage from this flooding is widespread and will touch communities far beyond the flood water's reach. The loss of crops, disruption of transportation and health care services, and unemployment related to the disaster are all of great concern. As in any disaster, those who were marginalized and vulnerable prior to the flooding will face even greater hardship after the flood waters recede.

Already this year, more tornadoes have been reported than in all of 2007. These violent storms uprooted the lives of neighbors across the country, destroying hundreds of buildings and claiming the lives of loved ones.

The ELCA Domestic Disaster Response is at the forefront when disaster strikes, mobilizing care in those early, crucial hours. Your gifts designated to this year's floods and tornadoes will be used in full - 100% - to walk with disaster survivors on the road to recovery.

If you are able to help you may give through Bethany (make sure you mark it **Disaster Response**) or send your check directly to: **ELCA Disaster Response - PO Box 71764, Chicago, IL 60694-1764 or call 1-800-638-3522.**

**DISHES** - oh, so many dishes...our cupboard is **full** of dishes...did you forget to pick up your cake pan or salad bowl after a funeral luncheon or special occasion at church? Won't you please check the the North cupboard by the refrigerator to see if we have one of your dishes?

**VBS** - Christ the King and Bethany Lutheran Church invite you and your friends to Power Lab where you will Discover Jesus' Miraculous Power. We will meet each morning this week from **9:00 - noon** in the downstairs Fellowship Hall of

Bethany. Please sign a Power Lab registration sheet for **each child** attending.

**CD'S** - Denise Laakko, the craft director at Fortune Lake Bible Camp is looking for old CD's for their craft projects. They are making magnets out of the CD'S. You may drop them off in the church office.

**HELP NEEDED** - Gladys Swanson is in need of someone to drive her to and from her doctor's appointments. Call the church office if you are able to help 786-6642.

★★★ **ADULTS** ★★★ Mark your calendar for a **wonderful weekend in Milwaukee**. We'll leave on **Friday, September 26** and return on Sunday, September 28. On Friday we will travel to Milwaukee, check into our hotel, see a **Brewers vs. Cubs baseball game** then return to the hotel for a good nights rest. Saturday will be our **servant day at Reformation**, helping in the store, the kitchen or on the grounds. If you would like to spend only a half day at Reformation the bus will take you back to the hotel or to the Mayfair Mall for some shopping or an early dinner. Sunday a.m. we will **worship at Reformation** and have a wonderful brunch at **Pieces of Eight** before returning to Escanaba. **PLEASE NOTE "CHANGE" IN PRICE PER PERSON: Double - \$299, Triple - \$269, Quad - \$239 and a Single - \$439.** A \$150 deposit per person is required with the final payment due August 15, 2008. Sign up at Passageways Travel - 111 N. Lincoln Rd. or if you have questions call: 789-0800.

**GREAT AMERICA** - All Students and their friends entering 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to go on the bus trip to Great America **Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>**. A \$50.00 deposit is required to save your seat on the bus. Bring it into the church office right away as we are limited to 50 seats. The total cost is \$85.00. You will leave at 5:30 a.m. and come back between 10:30-11:00 p.m. the same day. The deadline to sign up is July 30<sup>th</sup>. When you make your deposit please let us know if you want a "sausage or egg McMuffin". More info will be given once we get closer to the time of departure.

**LOOKING** - we are in need of sponsors for our Radio Broadcasts for **2008: November 9, 23, 30**. 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. Available Sundays in **2009** are: January 4, 11, 18, 25; February 1, 8, 15, 22; March 1, 8, 15, 29; April 5, 12, 19, 26; May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; June 7, 14, 21, 28; July 5, 12, 19, 26; August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; September 6, 13, 20; October 4, 11, 18, 25; November 1, 8, 22, 29; December 6, 13, 20, 24.

**COOKBOOK** - our sister church, Christ the King, recently put together a hardcoverd cookbook titled **"Recipes & Remembrances"** for their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. If you would like to look at or purchase one of these cookbooks, they are located in the church office. The cost is \$20.00.

## Jesus ♦ Justice ♦ Jazz

July 22-26, 2009

In 2009, Lutheran youth and adults will gather around Word and Sacrament in New Orleans, Louisiana, the birthplace of jazz and home of a rich cultural history. They will participate with their peers (about 36,000) in worship, Bible study, service, and play; all shaped around the theme Jesus • Justice • Jazz.

Pastor Paul will be taking a group to New Orleans next year. You are invited to prayerfully consider making this trip. We *estimate* the cost of the trip to be around \$1,000.00 per student. Registrations for the gathering must be in by September 15, 2008. If you are interested in making this trip please sign a pew card or call 786-6642. We will have to begin fund raising soon.

### WHO CAN REGISTER FOR THE GATHERING?

**YOUNG PEOPLE** entering high school by September 2009, those already in high school and those who will graduate in 2009.

**ADULT LEADERS...**Members of ELCA congregations. Adult leaders must be 21 years of age by July 2009. We will need 1 adult for every 5 students. Adult leaders and the Primary Leader must plan to register, prepare, covenant, and experience the Gathering with their young people.

**Registration opens September 15, 2008.** The registration fee is \$295.00 per person. A \$125.00 non refundable deposit is due upon registering. If you think you would be interested in making the trip with us please let us know by calling 786-6642 or signing a pew card.

**DIRECTORY** - a new pictorial directory is in the planning stages. Pictures will be taken September 9<sup>th</sup> -13<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. Will you be able to help? We will need people to be involved in Publicity, Scheduling Photography, Photography Sessions and the Directory Layout committee. If you are willing to help please contact Jeanne by pew card or phone at 786-6642. Your help is needed and appreciated! Thank you!

### *\*Grief Support Group\**

People who attended our Grief Support Group in November and December felt it was very helpful for them. Jan Andrews will be offering the Grief Support Group during the summer on July 15, 22, 29 and August 5, 12, and 19 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Bethany Education Building. There is no fee for the group. To register call Jan at (906) 786-0883.

**OUR MISSION PROJECT FOR V.B.S.** will be items for Reformation's "**Neighborhood Store & Coffee Shop**". Marge and Tee have emailed Bethany the following request: new underwear, socks, or jewelry. **HOUSEHOLD GOODS:** silverware, curtains, sheets and pillow cases, towels and wash cloths, kitchen towels and clocks. **ELECTRONICS:** VCRs, radios, CD players, telephones and small appliances in working order. **SUPPLIES:** 13 and 15 gallon garbage bags, hot cups and coffee, sugar and creamer. All items should be delivered to Room 2 in the Educational Building by July 31 as we are hoping to take these items with us on the Great America trip and drop them off with Marge outside of Milwaukee so the kids and adults will have what they need before school starts. Marge did say that one of the most called for items was underwear and socks of all sizes and for all ages.

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF** - we will continue to collect "Health Kits" as well as "Sewing Kits" during the month of July.

The Health Kit should contain:

**a hand towel and washcloth** (dark colors recommended),  
**a bath size bar of soap** (in its original wrapping),  
**a toothbrush** in its original packaging, toothpaste (with a shelf life of at least 12 months-unwrap packaging),  
**comb** (wide tooth preferred, remove packaging), 6 band-aids 1/2" x 3/4" and  
**metal nail file or nail clippers with file attached** (remove packaging) do not substitute cardboard emery boards for the file.  
Wrap all items **except the toothpaste** in the towel, and tie securely with ribbon or yarn. The toothpaste will be added at the LWR warehouse prior to overseas shipment.

A Sewing kit includes:

**3 yards of 44" or 45" cotton or cotton-blend fabric** - 4 yards if 36". (no knits or 100% polyester)  
**1 pkg. of about 10-15 needles for hand sewing** (needles purchased in larger packages can be divided by inserting 12 needles into a swatch of felt or thick fabric)  
**1 spool matching thread** (300 yards)  
**1 card of 6 or more 1/2" to 5/8" matching buttons.**

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**Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp  
Presents  
Fall Fiesta & Quilt Auction**

October 11, 2008  
Fun, games, activities for kids of all ages

Fine Art & Quilt Auction featuring juried quilts, jewelry,  
wood pieces, baskets, etc.  
Full Ala Carte Meal served including salads, entrees, soups, dessert & snacks

## Chili Cook Off

Come and sample the area's best Lutheran Chili!!!

**\*\*\*Can we get a Bethany "Chilli Team" together?\*\*\***  
Indicate on a pew card if you want to be on the "Chilli Team"

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**WANTED: SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS!** Please call the church office at 786-6642 if you are able to teach or team teach. Our children and youth need you!!