

*Bethany Lutheran Church*  
*Ninth Sunday After Pentecost*  
*July 13, 2008*

**The Introduction**

*God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.*

**Order Of Service**

**\*Congregation Stands**

<b>The Prelude</b>	<i>"Just A Closer Walk"</i>	Mansfield
<b>The Hymn</b>	<i>"Open Now Thy Gates"</i>	LBW # 250

- 1) Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,  
Where my soul in joyful duty waits for God who answers prayer.  
Oh, how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light, and grace!
- 2) Gracious God, I come before thee; come thou also unto me;  
Where we find thee and adore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.  
To my heart, oh, enter thou, let it be thy temple now!
- 3) Here thy praise is gladly chanted, here thy seed is duly sown;  
Let my soul, where it is planted, bring forth precious sheaves alone,  
So that all I hear may be fruitful unto life in me.
- 4) Thou my faith increase and quicken, let me keep thy gift divine;  
Howsoe'er temptations thicken, may thy Word still o'er me shine  
As my guiding star through life, as my comfort in all strife.
- 5) Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done indeed;  
May I undisturbed draw near thee while thou dost thy people feed.  
Here of life the fountain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

**Sharing of Parish Concerns**

**\*The Confession & Forgiveness**

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the source of life, the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy.

**C:** **Amen.**

**P:** Let us confess our sins to God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

**C:** **God of compassion, we confess that we have failed to bear witness that you desire to draw all people to yourself. In our hearts we have thought ill of those who differ from us, and our love of others has not been genuine. We have been caught up in the cares of the world. We have neglected opportunities to welcome the stranger, to feed the hungry, and to mend broken relationships. Forgive our sins, merciful God, that our hearts may burn with love for you and for those in need, and that our lives may witness to your never-failing love for your creation. Amen.**

**P:** Brothers and sisters, buried with Christ by baptism into his death, your sins are forgiven. The death Christ died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also, by the power of the Holy Spirit, are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**C:** **Amen.**

<b>*The Hymn</b>	<i>"What A Friend We Have"</i>	LBW # 439
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- 1) What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear--  
All because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
- 2) Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged-- take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness-- take it to the Lord in prayer.
- 3) Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge-- take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

**\*The Greeting & Kyrie**

LBW PP. 57-58

P: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad. The God who created the world and fills it with life be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

A: 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.**

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

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: **Amen.**

**\*The Hymn Of Praise**

*"Glory To God"*

LBW PP. 58-59

A: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

C: **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:  
We worship you, we give you thanks,  
We praise you for your glory.  
Lord, Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father.  
Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world;  
Have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
Receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
In the glory of God the Father. Amen**

**\*The Salutation & Prayer**

LBW P. 62

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

**\*The Prayer Of The Day**

**All: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Special Music**

Vacation Bible School Children

**The First Reading**

**Isaiah 55:10-13**

*God's word to Israel's exiles is as sure and effective as never-failing precipitation. Their return to the Holy Land in a new exodus is cheered on by singing mountains and by trees that clap their hands.*

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. <sup>12</sup>For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. <sup>13</sup>Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

**Psalm 65: [1-8] 9-13**

L: You are to be praised, O <sup>1</sup> God, in Zion;

C: **to you shall vows <sup>1</sup> be fulfilled.**

L: <sup>2</sup>To you, the one who <sup>1</sup> answers prayer,

C: **to you all <sup>1</sup> flesh shall come.**

L: <sup>3</sup>Our sins are strong- <sup>1</sup> er than we are,

C: **but you blot out <sup>1</sup> our transgressions.**

L: <sup>4</sup>Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your <sup>1</sup> courts to dwell there!

C: **They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness <sup>1</sup> of your temple.**

L: <sup>5</sup>Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of <sup>1</sup> our salvation,

C: **O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans <sup>1</sup> far away.**

L: <sup>6</sup>You make firm the mountains <sup>l</sup> by your power;  
**C: you are girded a- <sup>l</sup> bout with might.**

L: <sup>7</sup>You still the roaring <sup>l</sup> of the seas,  
**C: the roaring of their waves, and the clamor <sup>l</sup> of the peoples.**

L: <sup>8</sup>Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your <sup>l</sup> marvelous signs;  
**C: you make the dawn and the dusk to <sup>l</sup> sing for joy.**

L: <sup>9</sup>You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is <sup>l</sup> full of water.  
**C: You prepare the grain, for so you provide <sup>l</sup> for the earth.**

L: <sup>10</sup>You drench the furrows and smooth <sup>l</sup> out the ridges;  
**C: with heavy rain you soften the ground and <sup>l</sup> bless its increase.**

L: <sup>11</sup>You crown the year <sup>l</sup> with your goodness,  
**C: and your paths over- <sup>l</sup> flow with plenty.**

L: <sup>12</sup>May the fields of the wilderness be <sup>l</sup> rich for grazing,  
**C: and the hills be <sup>l</sup> clothed with joy.**

L: <sup>13</sup>May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak them- <sup>l</sup> selves with grain;  
**C: let them shout for <sup>l</sup> joy and sing.**

## The Second Lesson

## Romans 8:1–11

*There is no condemnation for those who live in Christ. God sent Christ to accomplish what the law was unable to do: condemn sin and free us from its slavery. The Spirit now empowers proper actions and values in our lives and gives us the promise of resurrected life.*

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. <sup>3</sup>For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live

according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, <sup>8</sup>and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup>But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

## \*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.**

## \*The Gospel

**Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23**

*In Matthew's gospel, both Jesus and his disciples "sow the seed" of God's word by proclaiming the good news that "the kingdom of heaven is near." Now, in a memorable parable, Jesus explains why this good news produces different results in those who hear.*

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>Let anyone with ears listen!" <sup>18</sup>"Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup>yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution

arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away.  
<sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup>But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.** LBW P. 63

**The Hymn** "Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast" LBW # 234

- 1) Almighty God, your word is cast like seed into the ground;  
Now let the dew of heav'n descend and righteous fruits abound.
- 2) Let not the sly satanic foe this holy seed remove,  
But give it root in ev'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.
- 3) Let not the world's deceitful cares the rising plant destroy,  
But let it yield a hundredfold the fruits of peace and joy.
- 4) So when the precious seed is sown, your quick'ning grace bestow,  
That all whose souls the truth receive its saving pow'r may know.

**The Sermon** Rev. Paul M. Mai

**\*The Apostles' Creed** LBW P. 65

**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 Offertory** "Is There Anybody Here?" Spiritual

**\*The Offertory Response (sung)** "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 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.*

God of life, send your Word to dwell in our hearts. Give the people of your church compassionate wisdom to carry your Word to those who long for hope and peace. Hear us, O God;

**C: your mercy is great.**

**A:** Send your Spirit to hover over the earth and the seas. Enrich the soil and purify the water that will make the seeds of the earth flourish. Hear us, O God;

**C: your mercy is great.**

**A:** Send your peace to reign over the nations. Orchestrate creative and fervent dialogue between nations that otherwise struggle to coexist. Hear us, O God;

**C: your mercy is great.**

**A:** Send your grace in the midst of despair. Scatter your goodness among those who suffer with pain and illness (especially). Hear us, O God;

**C: your mercy is great.**

**A:** Send your wisdom to a confused world. Ignite the flame of learning and understanding in all people, that the gifts you give are able to develop and be used. Hear us, O God;

**C: your mercy is great.**

**A:** Send the promise of life to those who live in fear of death. Plant in us the hope of the saints who have gone before us in the name of Christ. 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**

LBW 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 Closing Hymn**

*"Immortal, Invisible"*

LBW # 526

- 1) Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the ancient of days,  
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise!
- 2) Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3) To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;  
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.
- 4) Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render; oh, help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

**\*The Benediction**

LBW P. 76

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
**C: Amen. Amen. Amen. (Sung)**

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

**BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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**THOSE WHO SERVE**

Pastor .....	Rev. Paul M. Mai
Secretary .....	Sandy Flinn
Director of Parish Ministries .....	Jeanne Sauter
Organist .....	Don Aronson
Special Music .....	Vacation Bible School Children
Liturgist & Closing Prayer .....	Jay Kulbertis
Lector .....	Charleen Cavadeas
Sound System .....	Jacob Gartland
Acolytes. ....	Blake Beauchamp, John Norman
Nursery Supervisor .....	Traci Harris
Ushers. ....	Leroy & Char Scheeneman, Jim Goodyer, Gary Dahl, Peg Hanson, Lois Pinar

*Radio - given by Jim & Sandy Wilson in celebration of their 19<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on July 15<sup>th</sup>.*

*Flowers - in loving memory of Dick Hanson, who passed away 3 years ago on July 11<sup>th</sup>, by his wife and family.*

*Center Vase - in honor of the 12<sup>th</sup> birthday of our grandson, Chase Parker on July 12<sup>th</sup>, by Harold & Nina Johnson.*

**STEWARDS RECORD**

Budgeted Goal to Date .....	\$ 171,342
Budgeted Goal Received to Date .....	\$ 171,621
Attendance Last Sunday .....	188
Building Debt .....	\$ 38,504

**MINISTRIES**

TODAY	10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour Held Downstairs
MONDAY	7:00 p.m. Worship
TUESDAY	7:00 p.m. Grief Support Group Meeting
WEDNESDAY	9:00 a.m. Quilting Group

6:30 p.m. Evening Stars Circle @ Dorothy Zeno's

**WELCOME** -the letter to the Hebrews tells Christians not to neglect meeting together in worship but to encourage one another (Hebrews 10:25). We're pleased that you've all come to do that today. We ask everyone present to sign a pew card and place it in the offering plate. If you have a special request or we can be of service to you please indicate it on the pew card.

**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>Oliver Christiansen</b>		<b>Al Atwood</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)	

**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.

**BIRTHDAY** - celebrating her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup> is Jane Mulvaney. We wish her a very happy birthday! May God bless Jane today and each day of the year.

**10<sup>th</sup> GRADE STUDENTS** — Please turn in your Chicago impressions a.s.a.p. They were due on June 26. Thank you!

**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.

**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.

7/13-7/19	Psalms 43-48	Psalms 49-54	Psalms 55-60	Psalms 61-67	Psalms 68-71	Psalms 72-75	Psalms 76-78
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**FELLOWSHIP HOUR** - 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 NEXT SUNDAY JULY 20; and AUGUST 24, 31.** We appreciate and thank Jeanne & Bill Sauter, Shayne & Jason Dix, Billy Sauter, Jackie Kemp and Shirley Smith 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?

**MANY THANKS** to our "Power Lab" leaders and crew leaders who have done an extraordinary job working with our youth and their friends at Vacation Bible School.



Thank you Pastor Paul, and Traci Harris, Sonic Sing and Play and Faith Fusion Finale leaders; Karen Dubrock, Test Tube Treat leader; Traci Harris, Bells and Chimes leader; Kari Bellin-Sloat, Wacky Works Crafts leader; Jeremiah Wight, Hyperspeed Games leader; Billy Sauter, Jackie Kemp and Shayne Dix, Cinema Science leaders; Judy Mai, Bible Blast leader; and Chris Brzezinski, Jodi Kolich, and Ardith Paarni, Squeaky Beaker's Preschool leaders. Thank

you to our youth assistants; Audrey Wilson, Tom Wilson and Tom and Audrey's cousin, Stefen Liacopoulos, Hannah Lee, Taylor Juhl, Rachael Strand, Lauren Kulbertis, and Lauren's friend, Taylor Way, Mitchell Dagenais, Sierra Nault, David Harris, Eli Mai, Tyler Myrick, T.J. Myrick, Kyle Piehler, Blake Beauchamp, Jake Zelenak and Jake's cousin Jordan Hardy.

Thanks also to Tom Wilson and Taylor Juhl for helping with the wall decorations prior to the start of "Power Lab" and to those of you who provided snacks for the children during the week.

We thank all of these people for their thoughtfulness, time, commitment and support because without them we would not have had Vacation Bible School.

We had a wonderful week at "Power Lab" and invite you to come and join us for refreshments and to see our decorations in the Fellowship Hall following the Sunday worship service.



Unfortunately the **mission trip to Reformation Church** in Milwaukee scheduled for September 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled. We will be meeting someone from Reformation on our way to Great America to deliver the items collected for their Neighborhood Store and Coffee House. We appreciate all of your donations and those of the "Power Lab" students and teachers.

Thank you!

**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 over half the seats are taken. 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, 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.** was 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 have 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.**

**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!!

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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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