

*Bethany Lutheran Church*  
*Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost*  
*August 3, 2008*

**The Introduction**

*In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.*

**Order Of Service**

**\*Congregation Stands**

**The Prelude**

*"Heroic Piece"*

Crowder

**The Hymn**

*"I Love To Tell The Story"*

LBW # 390

- 1) I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know it's true;  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

Refrain: I love to tell the story; I'll sing this theme in glory  
And tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

- 2) I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat  
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
The message of salvation from God's own holy word. Refrain

- 3) I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
I'll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long. Refrain

**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**

*"For The Beauty Of The Earth"*

LBW # 561

- 1) For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:

Refrain: Christ, our Lord, to you we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise.

- 2) For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light: Refrain

- 3) For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,  
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight: Refrain
- 4) For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild:  
Refrain
- 5) For yourself, best gift divine to the world so freely giv'n;  
Agent of God's grand design, peace on earth and joy in heav'n: Refrain

**\*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.**

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**

LBW PP. 60-61

**All: 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: Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with  
goodness, and you cover creation with abundance.  
Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies  
both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the  
starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our  
Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**A: The First Lesson**

**Isaiah 55:1-5**

*God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free.  
God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all the people,  
with promises that previously had been limited to the line of kings. As  
David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now  
acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.*

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have  
no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without  
money and without price. <sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for  
that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not  
satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight  
yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting  
covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. <sup>4</sup>See, I made him  
a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the  
peoples. <sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and  
nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the  
LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

**A: The Second Lesson**

**Romans 9:1-5**

*This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the  
place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how  
Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's*

covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—<sup>2</sup>I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup>For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup>They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; <sup>5</sup>to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

**\*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 14:13–21**

*After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.*

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup>When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup>When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup>They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." <sup>18</sup>And he said, "Bring them here to me." <sup>19</sup>Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup>And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

**\*After the Gospel (sung)**  
**C: Praise to you, O Christ.** LBW P. 63

**The Hymn** *"Praise And Thanksgiving"* LBW # 409

- 1) Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer  
For all things living, created good:  
Harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,  
Hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.
- 2) Bless, Lord, the labor we bring to serve you,  
That with our neighbor we may be fed.  
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,  
Harvesting, milling for daily bread.
- 3) Father, providing food for your children,  
By your wise guiding teach us to share  
One with another, so that, rejoicing  
With us, all others may know your care.
- 4) Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people,  
Freely confessing your gracious hand.  
Where all obey you, no one will hunger;  
In your love's sway you nourish the land.

**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** *"Alleluia"* 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.*  
Let your blessings be poured out upon the priesthood of all believers, that the good news of your love may be proclaimed to all, especially to those who do not know your name. Hear us, O God;  
C: **your mercy is great.**

A: Let your compassion guide the countries and leaders of the world, so that all may find themselves free from abuse and fear and may live in your peace. Hear us, O God;

C: **your mercy is great.**

A: Let your protection rest on those who seek quiet places in which to refresh themselves. Hear us, O God;

C: **your mercy is great.**

A: Let your healing hand rest on the hospitalized and sick (especially), that they might feel the gentle touch of your all-powerful love. Hear us, O God;

C: **your mercy is great.**

A: Let your faithful covenant guide this congregation and all congregations everywhere as visitors are welcomed and the hungry are fed. Hear us, O God;

C: **your mercy is great.**

A: Let your lovingkindness comfort the families and friends of those who have died (especially) until the day we are gathered at your heavenly table. 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**      *"Let Us Break Bread"*      LBW # 212

1)      Let us break bread together on our knees;  
Let us break bread together on our knees.

Refrain:      When I fall on my knees,  
With my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

2)      Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
Let us drink wine together on our knees. Refrain

3)      Let us praise God together on our knees;  
Let us praise God together on our knees. Refrain

**\*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 . . . . . Dr. Donald Nyquist  
 Lector & Communion Assistant . . . . . Tim Mulvaney  
 Sound System . . . . . Cory McKeever  
 Acolytes . . . . . Christina Anderson, Trenton Schwalbach  
 Nursery Supervisor . . . . . Traci Harris  
 Ushers . . . . . Darrel Bengry, Harold & Nina Johnson,  
 Lloyd Jensen, Ralph & Dorothy Zenker

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*Radio Broadcast -in loving memory of his brother, George Wilson, by Tom & Donna Wilson.*

*Flowers - in remembrance of Fred Leisola's birthday on August 6 by Sirkka Saarelainen.*

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**STEWARDS RECORD**

Budgeted Goal to Date . . . . . 190,380  
 Budgeted Goal Received to Date . . . . . 183,786  
 Attendance Last Sunday . . . . . 191  
 Building Debt . . . . . \$38,504

**MINISTRIES**

MONDAY 7:00 p.m. Worship In Music Room Of Education Building  
 TUESDAY 5:15 a.m. Youth Great America Trip  
 WEDNESDAY 9:00 a.m. Quilting  
 THURSDAY 9:30 a.m. Crafter's at Elaine Peterson's

12:00 p.m. Fellowship Circle @ Pioneer Inn  
 SATURDAY 11:30 a.m. Rebecca Neuens & Keith Tebear Wedding  
 4:00 p.m. Emily Anderson & Jim Miller Wedding

**WELCOME** - we appreciate that each of you has come to worship today. Let's greet one another with acceptance and friendliness. Welcome! 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>Don Goulais</b>	<b>Geri Jackson</b>	<b>Phil Norman</b>
<b>Wanda Getzloff</b>	<b>John Pinar</b>	<b>Ruth Sundstrom</b>
<b>Oliver Christiansen</b>	<b>Manford Magnuson</b>	<b>Al Atwood</b>
<b>Grace Seidl</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, Leann Scheeneman Peterson & Pete Peterson.

**FELLOWSHIP HOUR** - Coffee hours are 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 AUGUST 17, 24.** We appreciate and thank Robert & Mary Anderson, Cliff & Jan Olsson and Bob & Jean Sovey for hosting the coffee hour today!

**U.P. STATE FAIR BOOTH** - The Delta Conference of the ELCA, including Bethany, will have a booth at the U.P. State Fair once again this summer. The purpose of the booth is to be a presence at the fair, sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. The booth, which will be in the Ruth Butler Building, will have Bibles, devotional material, and information about our congregations available for fair goers. In addition, we will be representing our brothers and sisters from

around the synod. Each congregation in our conference is asked to help staff the booth from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Teams of two will be at the booth at all times. Passes to the fair will be provided. We thank the following people who will be representing Bethany on Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at the U.P. State Fair. Stop by the booth and say "hello" to them. Please call the church office if you are able to staff the booth at any on these times.

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

**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.

8/3-8/9	Proverbs 4-7	Proverbs 8-10	Proverbs 11-13	Proverbs 14-16	Proverbs 17-19	Proverbs 20-22	Proverbs 23-25
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**COLLEGE STUDENTS** - the Church office would appreciate addresses and email addresses from all our youth attending college this fall. You may email it to the church office at [sflinn@bethanyescanaba.com](mailto:sflinn@bethanyescanaba.com). We like to keep in touch with each one of you! Good luck in college and we hope to see you when you are home for the holidays!

**GREAT AMERICA** -the bus is full. If you forgot to sign up and would like to go...we will put you on a "waiting list" - we have had cancellations in the past years, so don't hesitate to sign up. The bus leaves at 5:30 a.m. and comes back between 10:30-11:00 p.m. the same day.

**USHER COORDINATOR** - the church office is looking for a person(s) to be in charge of getting ushers for each month for June thru August for the 9:30 a.m. service and the September thru May 10:45 a.m. worship service. Indicate on a pew card today or call the church office if you are interested.

**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, 22; March 1, 8, 15, 29; April 5, 12, 19, 26; May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; June 7, 14, 21, 28; July 5, 19; August 2, 9, 16, 23; September 6, 13, 20; October 4, 11, 18, 25; November 1, 8, 22, 29; December 6, 13, 20, 24.

## 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.

**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.

**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!!

**FALL RETREAT** - the Women's Fall Retreat at Fortune Lake Camp will be held from September 19<sup>th</sup> thru September 21<sup>st</sup>. The theme this year is "Having A Mary Spirit" by Joanna Weaver. We all have a desire to have a willing spirit and to be open to God's call. Come and join the group as we come together to seek a "Mary spirit" as we look to the promise of renewal and hope. Registration forms are available in the church office. Deadline for registration is September 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Pictorial Directory News

A new pictorial directory will be taking place on September 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. We need your help. We are looking for an assistant program coordinator — computer and internet skills preferred, a Sign-up Coordinator, telephone coordinator, host coordinator (no food involved) and a layout coordinator. Call Jeanne to find out the description of each of the coordinator's responsibilities. It's easier than you would think!!!

Our coordinators will be looking for people to oversee the sign-up for appointments, recruit a sign-up team (recommended 1 person per 2 days of photography (5 people), and oversee the telephone calling of families who have not signed up for pictures. Beginning today you may sign up online at [www.appointment-plus3.com/ap/blcescanaba/index.php?page=10](http://www.appointment-plus3.com/ap/blcescanaba/index.php?page=10) to choose your photography time or you may call the church office. The website address for the pictorial directory is also published on Bethany's website [www.bethanylutheran-escanaba.org](http://www.bethanylutheran-escanaba.org).

There will be a coordinator meeting with our Lifetouch manager on Thursday, August 7 at 1:00 p.m. for those people interested in helping. He will establish a time line, explain the directory process and make sure everyone is comfortable with their own responsibilities in this project.

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**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF** - August is designated as SCHOOL KIT month. We will collect school kits for Lutheran World Relief that may provide the only supplies for children returning to school after the disruption of war or be used in adult literacy classes. A kit includes:

- ▶ Padded or spiral notebooks of ruled paper approximately 8 ½" x 10 ½" containing 150-200 sheets of paper (no loose paper). If using 70-sheet notebooks, please include 3). No loose-leaf paper.
- ▶ One blunt scissors (safety scissors with imbedded steel blades work well)
- ▶ One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ▶ One pencil sharpener
- ▶ Six new, unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers - unsharpened (secure together with a rubber band)
- ▶ One eraser approximately 2 ½" long
- ▶ 12 sheets of construction paper in assorted colors
- ▶ One box of 16, or 24 crayons
- ▶ One sturdy cloth bag approximately 12"x14" with cloth handles

All items should be new and in good condition. Full as well as partial school kits are appreciated. Patterns for school kit bags are available by calling 1-800-LWR-LWR-2. Or visit [lwr.org/parish](http://lwr.org/parish) and click on [School Kits](#). Items may be dropped off at the Church Office, or in church on any Sunday.

**PATH (Personal Action Towards Health)** - Path is a Chronic Disease Self-Management Program that was developed and tested by Stanford University. It is designed to be a part of your current medical treatment. Research has shown people who have attended this six week program feel better, are less limited by their illness and spend less time at the doctor or hospital. To register or for more information about class dates and locations contact: UPCAP Services - 1-800-305-8137 or 786-4701 ext 3019. The cost for this six week program is \$10.00.

**EARTHKEEPER THURSDAY NIGHT** - on Thursday, August 7, EarthKeepers are invited to gather at Grace United Methodist Church in Marquette for coffee and conversation around the article from *Befriending the Earth* by Thomas Berry, CP. He talks about the growing danger we are in as Earth's systems are stressed, and about the possibility of and the hope for a new age – the Ecozoic – where humanity's presence in the Creation might be a blessing and not a blemish! He lists six conditions for this transition to happen, and suggests we can be motivated both by fears about what is happening, and by the attraction of what might be.

The article is posted on the Earthkeeper Website – [www.UPEarthkeepers.org](http://www.UPEarthkeepers.org). Please take time to read it, and then consider inviting a few friends, or your faith community, to gather on Thursday, August 7, to talk about it. Comments emailed to [upearthkeeper@earthlink.net](mailto:upearthkeeper@earthlink.net) (there's a link on the website) will be posted as they come in, so you can see what others are talking and dreaming about. (If you have question about how this works – use the same [upearthkeeper@earthlink.net](mailto:upearthkeeper@earthlink.net) address.)

**WORSHIP IN THE PARK** - Plans have been made to sit in the generous sunshine of summer with a bright blue sky overhead and to soak up the warmth from heaven and enjoy an Evangelical Outdoor Worship Service down at the Ludington Park Band Shell on ***Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>***. The time of worship will be 6:30 p.m. The summer Traveling Choir from Conference 6 will be there to share their music and participate in the worship service. Spread the word...and we'll see you down at the park! You might want to bring a lawn chair.