



The Echo

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Welcomes everyone into Christ's family.

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2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9am Bible Study 10am Sunday Worship in person, Facebook live, & AM600 or FM93.5	3 Office closed	4  Office closed	5 9am Quilting	6 9:30am Zumba Gold 7pm Summer Book Study	7 10am coffee fellowship	8
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PASTORAL PONDERINGS WITH PASTOR LILY



Dear Friends of Bethany and Siblings in Christ,

I am writing this note from the beautiful Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp outside Crystal Falls, Michigan. As the camp pastor for the week, I have seen the high school campers and young adult counselors explore various ways of connecting with God. From morning devotionals and chapel to Bible studies by the lake to campfire conversations and water trampolines to making new friends: these young people engage with God in many ways.

In the summer months, this variety serves as a beautiful reminder of the different ways we can experience God throughout our life. Summer can be a welcome reprieve from our routines. Not only is the weather nice, but school is out, the days are longer, the weather is beautiful, and our little town on Lake Michigan is teeming with fun things to do. Many of us take weekends to go to the lake or plan our summer vacations. Tapping into spiritual practices that can travel with you and your family through new routines is a vital part of exploring what it means for us to be in a relationship with God.

Check out these ways of exploring your relationship with God this summer!

- Get outside and observe the beauty of our natural world. God's abundance surrounds us. Take a walk. Go to the lake. Try a new activity. Find your favorite tree. Appreciating and caring for this world shows our gratitude to the God who created it all.

- When you travel, check out different worship services. It's not a comparison game, but a way of appreciating the different ways the body of Christ comes together in worship. Heck, if you see something you like, let me know!

- We have a variety of opportunities for families and youth!
 - Check out our youth bonfires happening every month. The next one is on July 27th! Talk to Pastor Lily for more details.
 - Sign up to help and register your kids for the Fortune Lake Evening Camp from July 30th to August 3rd. Visit our website for the form.
 - Register your kids for camp! Camp is an amazing experience of faith, fun, and the great outdoors. We are so lucky to be partnered with Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp. New spots have opened up throughout the summer!

My hopes and prayers are that we continue exploring the ways God shows up in our world through Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit lives and breathes no matter where you may find yourself this summer. The God who loves you beyond measure continues to make all things new. Our baptism is a daily practice. But there are so many ways to live and love like Jesus in this world. Don't be afraid to try something new!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Lily



July Birthdays

- July 1 Alison Burch
 July 3 Natalie Beauchamp
 Kaine Eichhorn
 Rose Kaven
 July 5 Julie Gardiner
 Derek Norkoli
 July 6 Dane Maki
 Carter Millette
 Dean Peterson
 July 7 DeeDee Anderson-Skradski
 Joshua Cederna
 Harold Johnson
 Jason Maulding
 Bentley Richer
 July 8 Ivy Lofquist
 July 9 Samantha Schwalbach
 July 10 Ezekiel Strand
 July 11 Brent Dagenais
 Leanne Gartland
 July 12 Laura Anderson-Kretsch
 Jon Lancour
 July 13 Anna Bouche
 July 14 Keith Anderson
 July 16 Kelly Blake
 Evelyn Christianson
 David Harris
 Thor Heskin
 Doug Scott
 July 17 Jordan Beck
 Jane Mulvaney is turning 100!!!!
 July 19 Julia Porath
 July 21 Nancy Peterson
 July 23 Pastor Lily Brondyke-Bridges
 Vikki Richer
 July 25 Madelyn Anthony
 July 26 Travis Burch
 July 30 Madison Couvillion
 Don Montgomery
 July 31 Deann O'Dell
 Joseph Phillips



July Anniversaries

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| July 8 | Jerod & Ashley DeLany | 17 years |
| July 12 | Drew & Trisha LaVacque | 9 years |
| July 13 | Pat & Sherry Dagenais | 38 years |
| | John & Suzy Decker | 60 years |
| July 16 | Leroy & Carol Cooper | 63 years |
| | Mark & Kristine Guenette | 29 years |
| July 20 | Gary & Carol Butryn | 55 years |
| July 22 | Thomas & Wendy Howerton | 40 years |
| July 23 | Jon & Julie Neisius | 63 years |
| July 24 | James & Paula Cook | 41 years |
| July 25 | Gary & Lori Salo | 25 years |



Radio Ministry

Each week our worship is broadcast on radio stations AM600 and FM 93.5. These broadcasts reach countless folks with our ministry and message. The cost to support a week is \$90. You may dedicate the broadcast for special events and memorials.

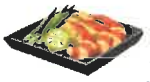
AVAILABLE RADIO SPONSORS 2023 (\$90): July, 30; August 6, 27; September 17, October 8, 15, 29; November 12, 26; December 24, 31



Floral Ministry

Each week our altar is adorned with fresh flower arrangements. Two large vases of beautiful flowers help us prepare our altar for worship and are available to be picked up by those who sponsored them. The cost to support one week's floral ministry is \$17. Like the radio broadcast you may dedicate the flowers for special events and memorials.

AVAILABLE FLOWER SPONSORS 2023 (\$17): July 30; August 6,; September 17, 29; October 29; November 12, 19; December 17, 31



JUST MEEZ- will meet Friday,
July 21st, 6pm at Hereford & Hops.
Call Ardith at 906-786-4431 if you would
like to attend.



Bethany Lutheran Church Free Store

Bethany's Free Store will be opening again on Tuesday, July 11th! Our Free Store will allow those who are lower-income and/or eligible for Michigan Bridge cards to receive non-food items that cannot be purchased with their Bridge Cards.

If you are aware of any families in need, please encourage them to register and shop the Free Store



Fortune Lake Evening Camp

July 30–August 3
5pm to 9pm

All *K–6th grade students* are welcome to join us for a week full of faith, fun and friendships! Escanaba ELCA churches are hosting a Fortune Lake Evening Camp at Bethany. Each night, kids are invited to share a delicious meal, take part in games and activities with Fortune Lake staff, and learn more about our awesome God.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO SIGN UP OR BECOME A VOLUNTEER!



Bethany Lutheran Church is seeking a part-time Parish Custodian.

The custodian is responsible for overseeing and maintaining the church's property which includes the building, grounds, parsonage, and church-owned duplex. Candidates must be in good physical health, be able to work independently, and be a part of a positive team environment. This position is 20 hours per week with a starting wage of \$15.00 per hour. Interested candidates can pick up an application in the church office and send it to Bethany Lutheran Church c/o Pastor Lily Brondyke at 202 South 11th Street, Escanaba, MI 49829.



If you are interested in a nursery during worship times please email Sandy Wilson at sandywilson7221@gmail.com



DO YOU KNOW ABOUT OUR CRISIS FUND?



Our crisis fund allows us to meet the needs of individuals and families in emergency situations. We have the crisis fund to help a family after a house fire, to buy formula for a new mother, and to cover rent while someone waits for their disability to come through. Bethany's crisis fund allows us to show up in the midst of people's worst moments and make real God's grace in their lives.

This fund is entirely supported by your financial gifts. Interested in giving to the crisis fund? You can designate any gift to this fund! Contact Pastor Lily at (906) 746-6642 for more information.



To our Bethany Church Family

Our dear mother and Dad's beloved wife Elaine Peterson passed away on Saturday, June 24th. We share this news with great sadness and with great hope in the resurrection promises of our Lord.

We are grateful to this Bethany family who provided such a wonderful place for her and dad to raise us and an equally wonderful place for them to retire.

Mom's visitation will be held on Saturday, July 29, at Bethany from 1:00 to 3:00, with a service beginning at 3:00 and fellowship time afterward. We look forward to seeing friends new and old during this time.

If you would like to send a card to dad, he is living in Naperville, Illinois, a 10-minute drive from youngest son Joel. We know he would love receiving messages of comfort and support from his Escanaba church family.

Dean Peterson
Sunrise of Naperville North
535 W. Ogden Ave.
Unit 214
Naperville IL 60563

Thank you for all your love, kindness, and support.

Scott, Dawn, and Joel



Bethany has new guest wi-fi sign in credentials

If you are at Bethany and in need internet access, please use;
SSID: Bethany Lutheran Guest
Password: BLC2023!



SUMMER Youth Bonfire Night

WHEN: Friday, July 27th and August 24th from 7pm to 9pm

Friends, Games and S'mores!
Invite your friends!

WHERE: Dr. Don Nyquist
E 4807 State Highway M35
Escanaba, MI 49829

SEND PASTOR LILY A TEXT THE DAY BEFORE
(563) 542-5746



2022 STATE FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

The U.P State Fair is from August 14th thru August 20th. We are looking for volunteers to staff the tent that the Delta Conference Churches sponsor. Our day is Thursday, August 17th. We will need 3 volunteers for each shift. The shifts are as follows:

- 10:30am – 12:30pm
- 12:30pm – 2:30pm
- 2:30pm – 4:30pm
- 4:30pm – 6:30pm
- 6:30pm – 8:30pm
- 8:30pm – 10:30pm

Each volunteer will sell bottled water, treats, and maintain cleanliness of our area. Volunteers will be given free passes to enter the fair.

In memory of Elaine Peterson, we are also seeking two volunteers each afternoon beginning, Tuesday, August 15th thru Saturday, August 19th to help with our “crafts with kids” table.

Times will be from 1pm to 5pm, Tuesday thru Saturday.

This is a great outreach to our area and the entire Upper Peninsula. We will have sign-up sheets in the Narthex and the church office or call our church office at 786-6642 and speak Kelly if you want to volunteer.



BAKED GOODS NEEDED FOR U.P. STATE FAIR

On Thursday, August 17th when our church staffs the booth we will be in need of a LARGE amount of baked goods to sell. We will need individually wrapped cookies and bars. 3 X 3 inch sized bars and 3 inch cookies work best.

No heavy frosting as it melts on hot days. If nuts are used you must mark them appropriately. Kelly in the office does have some labels you can use, if needed.

Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex and the church office. Baked goods will need to be at the church office by 2:00pm Wednesday, August 16th.

SAVE THE DATE!
Sunday, July 30th at
10:30a.m.



Worship In the Park

On July 30th, Bethany is worshipping in the park with Immanuel Lutheran Church and Fortune Lake camp counselors. Join us at the bandshell at 10:30AM as we kick off our week of Fortune Lake Evening Camp!

Worship in the park will take place of our Sunday morning service. This service will not be livestreamed, but a sermon by Pastor Lily will be posted on our Facebook and YouTube pages on Sunday morning.

2023 Confirmation Trip to Chicago

Fun, fellowship, and faith conversations! Chicago was a blast! We got to see the city and explore the busy streets. We made new friends and created memories with old friends. What an amazing time of learning new things and exploring our beautiful world!

