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June

2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 9am Bible Study 10:00a.m. Sunday Worship in person, Facebook live, & AM600 or FM93.5 7pm Kim Beck's Piano recital	5 9:30am-Zumba Gold 11:00 & 4:00 Free Store Open	6 9am- Quilting 7pm- Sara Beck's Recital in Fellowship Hall	7 9:30am- Zumba Gold 9:30am Bethany Belles 7pm Summer Book Study	8 9:30am- Zumba Gold 9:30am Bethany Belles 7pm Summer Book Study	9 10:00a.m Coffee Hour	10 10:00a.m Coffee Hour
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18 9am Bible Study 10:00a.m. Sunday Worship in person, Facebook live, & AM600 or FM93.5	19 5pm-9pm Church Council Retreat	20 9:30am- Zumba Gold	21 9am- Quilting	22 9:30am Zumba Gold 7pm Summer Book Study	23 10:00a.m. Coffee Hour 7pm Youth Bonfire at Pastor Lily's	24 10:00a.m. Coffee Hour
25 9am Bible Study 10:00a.m. Sunday Worship in person, Facebook live, & AM600 or FM93.5 Pastor Lily leaves for FLLC	26 Pastor Lily will be at FLLC as a camp counselor	27 9:30am- Zumba Gold Pastor Lily at FLLC	28 9am- Quilting Pastor Lily at FLLC	29 9:30am- Zumba Gold Pastor Lily at FLLC	30 10:00a.m. Coffee Hour Pastor Lily at FLLC	

LOVE ALWAYS: A REMINDER OF UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

By Joe Davis

I will love you forever and a day
and today is the day I will forever say
I will love you just the same when your hair turns dusty gray,
I will love you just because I love you:
Always.

Dear Friends of Bethany Lutheran,

Have you ever viewed yourself as a love letter from God? Do you know that you were created in the very image of the One who created all the heavens and the earth?

On June 8th we are beginning a summer book study using Joe Davis' collection of poems and practices, *Remind Me Again*. When God created you, God wrote a love letter. When God abides alongside you through every trial and every success, it is a love letter written to you.

*I will love you forever and a day
and today is the day I will forever say
I will love you just the same when your hair turns dusty gray,
I will love you just because I love you:
Amen.*

We forget about this love. We forget about who we are created to be. We forget God creates us to love and to be loved by God and all of God's creation. Davis' book seeks to "remind [us] again" of our being.

As the church we are called to the work of "reminding" all of God's people of their beloved-ness. In this season of Pentecost, Jesus commissions and empowers us, his disciples, with the gift of the Holy Spirit. We are called to go out and to tell the unloved and forgettable people of this world, "Jesus loves you." We are called to say, "I love you because Jesus loves you." As followers of Jesus, we are called to be the reminders of God's love for all people and for all of creation.

Our summer Bible study seeks to equip us, Jesus' disciples, with the gift of time together practicing how we remind each other of God's love. This book desires to be a reminder that God loves you beyond all measure.

Peace,

Pastor Lily

P.S.-Pick up your book for the summer study in the church office ☺



June Birthdays

June 1 Cindy Kell
June 2 Karen Caswell
June 3 Lindsey Dagenais
June 4 Paul Neumeier
June 6 Scott Decker
 Dixie Linsted
June 7 Charleen Cavadeas
June 9 Al McCreery
June 10 John Beck
June 11 Anna Fleury
June 12 Richard Salo
June 13 Paul Carne
 Dana Kell
June 14 Maddie Dix
June 16 Cooper Cavadeas
 Elaine Klasell
 Katherine Lindahl
June 17 Chantelle Eichhorn
June 18 Rhonda Sanville
June 20 Mitchell Dagenais
June 21 Madelynn Bourdeau
June 22 Sandy Anderson
 Mark Guenette
June 24 Ernie Burch
 Marcie Kaven
 Mike Miller
 Malin Peterson
June 25 Everett Faust
June 26 Jennah Heskin
 Ardith Paarni
June 27 Thomas Wilson
June 28 Judy Schwartz
June 29 Jennifer Bissell
 Dominic Durst
June 30 Ed Ziems



June Anniversaries

June 4 Alan & Deann O'Dell 46 years
June 6 Frank & LeAnn Bink 31 years
 Phil & Chrysta Christensen 36 years
 Dan & Jacquelyn Johnson 25 years
 Dean & Elaine Peterson 59 years
June 7 Josh & Stephanie Maulding 9 years
June 9 Ed & Sue McCarthy 44 years
June 10 Alex & Lily Brondyke-Bridges 1 years
 William & Kristen Farrell 23 years
June 12 Dan & Ashley Bourdeau 13 years
 Terry & Karen Mokszycke 41 years
June 17 David & Elaine Klasell 17 years
June 19 Ross & LeeAnn Strand 30 years
June 20 Derek & Amanda Norkoli 14 years
June 22 Michael & Alisa Madden 32 years
June 23 James & Debra Olsen 50 years
June 24 Nils & Paisley Peterson 19 years
June 26 Brian & Marcie Kaven 24 years
June 28 Don & Kathie Nyquist 31 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): June 11, 18, 25; July 9, 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): June 11, July 23, 30; August 6,; September 17, 29; October 29; November 12, 19; December 10, 17, 31



JUST MEEZ- will meet Friday,
June 16th, 6pm at Ford River Pub .
Call Ardith at 906-786-4431 if you would
like to attend.



Bethany Lutheran Church
Free Store News

**Congratulations to Bethany and
its Free Store Ministry!**

Bethany won the Big Bear Award for an
exemplary effort in hunger ministry at
last week's Northern Great Lakes Synod
Assembly.

The Free Store seeks to help household
budgets by providing items not covered
by the Michigan Bridge card to folks at
no cost.

We are always looking for donations and
for volunteers. Check out our website to
learn more!



Bethany Lutheran Church 5K Run/Walk

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

8:00 am Packet Pickup • 9:00 am Start

Start and Finish at Bethany Lutheran Church
202 So. 11th Street • Escanaba

Color Run Fun

Race T-shirt Included

Refreshments & Fellowship

5K Run

Ages 13+: \$25
12 & Under: \$15

1 Mile Walk

Ages 13+: \$20
12 & Under: \$15

Registration forms available at www.BethanyEscanaba.com
All proceeds to benefit Tri-County Safe Harbor



Participation not required to donate to the cause

**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



Summer Book Study
Will begin June 8th at 7 PM.



Pick up your book in the church office for \$15.

We will meet every other Thursday until August 24th.

Poetry can offer reminders for ourselves, each other, and the world. Poet, artist, and educator Joe Davis has written Remind Me Again: Poems and Practices for Remembering Who We Are, a collection of 41 poems that will inspire, challenge, and affirm readers from all stages of life.

Contact Pastor Lily for more information



SUMMER Youth Bonfire Night

WHEN: Friday. June 23rd from 7pm to 9pm

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

WHERE: Pastor Lily and Alex's house

1629 16th Ave. South
Escanaba, MI 49829

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



Congratulations to our 2023 High School Graduates



Avery Dix, is the son of Shayne and Jason Dix. Also, a graduate from Escanaba High School, he plans to seek training and guidance with the IBEW 876 (A Union-based training program through the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, in Mt. Pleasant, MI) as a Lineman Apprentice. Last summer, he tackled a Midwest Truck Driving School program and earned his Commercial Driver's License. He has participated in many high school sports including golf, track, football, and wrestling. He has a passion for dirt-bike and ice-bike racing and has proven to be quite good at it.

Avery reflects fondly on this church as it has been his faith home since he was an infant. He especially enjoys times of sharing fellowship and food!



Parker Erickson, son of Keith and Gina Erickson, is a graduate from Gladstone High School and plans to attend Michigan Technological University in the fall, to study Computer Engineering. He has played the trombone in band, taken honors courses, and spear-headed the transformation of the green space next door (at the Women's Resource Center) as an extension of his Scout project.

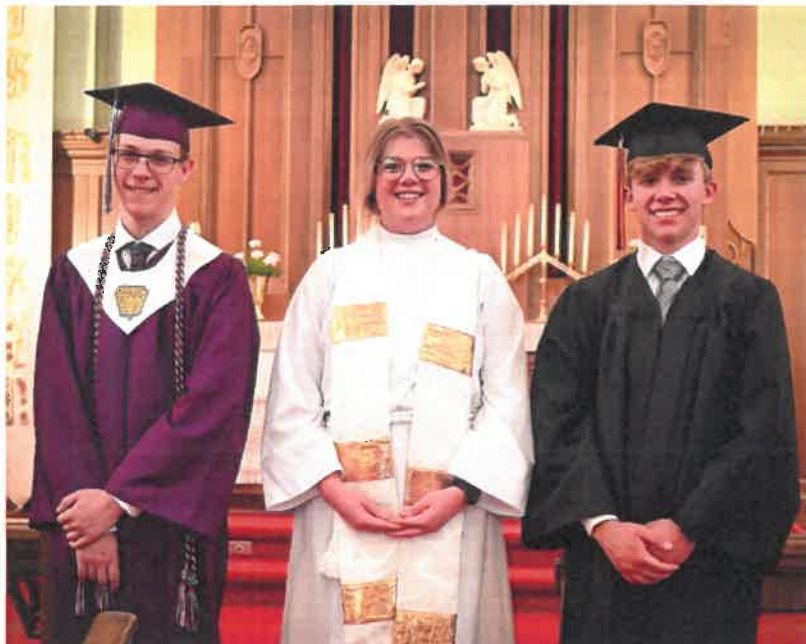
Parker reflects upon Bethany as a sanctuary- a safe space where his weeks' worth of worries can wash away. He cherishes many seasons of the church, but especially the season of Lent- as midweek services offer a similar peace.



Matthew Kaven, son of Brian and Marcie Kaven, is a graduate from Escanaba High School. He plans to attend Northern Michigan University in the fall, to study Fisheries and Wildlife Management. He has played the trumpet in band and in church, dual-enrolled at Bay College, and has faithfully served on student government. His passion is fishing and hunting when he's not playing baseball.

Matthew reflects on the blessings Bethany has provided him in connecting with God and with people in the community whom he may not have otherwise known. He especially cherished the time during Lent when he delivered soup to homebound members and saw the need for spreading cheer.

2023 Graduation Celebration at Bethany May 21, 2023



Parker Erickson, Pastor Lily Brondyke, Matthew Kaven

At our service on Sunday, May 21st Bethany awarded all three of these fine gentlemen, with scholar awards in recognition of their High School Graduation. While reflecting on their commitment to Bethany Lutheran Church in spirit and in service, and as they seek knowledge and offer charity to others, The Neisius-Collins Scholarship honors their dedication to furthering their education. Similarly, for those who were dedicated to the musical offerings of Bethany, their high school, and the community, The Lippold Family Memorial Scholarship was also presented.

Graduates also received special quilts, each crafted intentionally and prayerfully by our Bethany Lutheran Church Quilting Group.

Following our worship service we celebrated with cake and fellowship.



Erickson family



Kaven Family



"I know the plans I have in mind for you, declares the Lord; they are plans for peace, not disaster, to give you a future filled with hope. When you call me and come and pray to me, I will listen to you. When you search for me, yes, search for me with all your heart, you will find me."

JEREMIAH 29:11-13





Northern Great Lakes Synod

Synod Assembly
May 18-20, 2023

Post Synod Assembly Recap 2023

Dear Northern Great Lakes Synod,

Grace and peace to you!

Just a few days ago, we gathered as a Synod at Northern Michigan University. Here is a brief recap with highlights and actions taken.

- 216 voting members registered along with 50 or so visitors.

WORSHIP

Thursday: The assembly began with a Spirit-filled Opening Worship. Using the space at NMU, we used two ballrooms to accommodate a bell choir, a vocal choir, a pastor band, vested clergy, deacons, and LLM's, a children's worship play space, and many NGLS voting members and guests gathered as Church to worship. [A video of that service is available here.](#)

We used gluten free bread for all, compliments of baker and retired pastor, Rev. Dave Van Kley.

Saturday: We began with the liturgy for Morning Prayer from the ELW. Thanks to Pr. Brenda Greenwald and Pr. Steve Gauger for leading the worship.

OFFERINGS

Thank you for your generosity!

- World Hunger: \$23,165.60
- Equipping the Saints Endowment Ministry: \$2344.00 (reflects an additional designated gift)
- Youth Gathering 2024: \$2244.00

BIG BEAR AND BREAD BASKET AWARDS

1. **Big Bear Awards:** to Bethany, Escanaba and to the Copper Country "Let's Eat" program.
2. **Bread Basket:** to Penny Streeter of Messiah, Marquette.

ELECTIONS

Friday morning, I was honored to be granted a second six-year term to serve as the Bishop of this synod. I am sincerely grateful for your affirmation and this chance to continue this journey of being Church together.

1. Chuck Thomas was elected to a second four-year term as Synod Vice President.
2. Other elections:
 - a. Synod Discipline Committee: Pam Durbin, Bill Hartman, Pr. Scott Ehle and Pr. Catie Ford.
 - b. Synod Consultation Committee: Charlotte Strom, Molly Luty and Pr. Sarah Semler Smith.

Thank you to all who were willing to stand for election!

3. How can I abstain?

There was some conversation about adding an “abstention” option to the electronic ballot. A reluctance was expressed that voters may not want to vote for someone they did not know. Since it is unlikely that in a synod of 20,000 people that we will all know each other, the process provides a brief description of those nominated with a paragraph offering insight into why the person accepts the nomination. It is the responsibility of voting members to review these paragraphs, included in the Pre-Assembly Report, prior to the assembly. This provides all nominees equal space for expression for voters to consider them.

CHAPLAINS

Throughout the assembly, Chaplains serving in our Synod offered prayers and briefly described their area of service. We are grateful for the efforts of:

- Rev. David Murphy – Naval Reserve Chaplain
- Rev. Peter Vorhes – Michigan State Police Chaplain
- Rev. Keith Kolstad – Chaplain at Northland Lutheran Retirement Community
- Deacon-elect Jen Elsenbroek - Chaplain at Great Lakes Recovery.

RESOLUTIONS OF NOTE

1. Given our changed financial reality and the desire for funding for Synod ministry projects, we voted to rescind a 2017 Resolution that established a policy that any funds in excess of \$150,000 be sent on to our Churchwide partners.
2. At Synod Assembly 2023, 31.3% of the voting members were clergy. This is well within the parameters required by our constitution that at least 60% of voting members be of the laity. However, the time may come in the future when the combined voting members of retired and serving clergy exceeds 40%. A resolution was passed to ensure the constitution requirement of at least 60% lay voting members at future synod assemblies. Know that for the foreseeable future, the 20 – 25 or so retired clergy who register will receive both voice and vote.
3. We passed a deficit budget.
4. Approved the Clergy Compensation Guidelines for 2024.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

1. Pastor Doug Norquist on the piano.
2. Our first Seed Sower Lunch, thanking those who have made a planned gift or who are interested.
3. Robust and harmonic congregational singing.
4. Display Tables with tons of information.
5. Synod Ministry and Partnership Reports: LSS, Youth Ministry, Stewardship Committee, Lifelong Faith Formation, Candidacy, Endowment ministry, Fortune Lake Camp, Faithful Innovations, Portico, Christ's Kaleidoscope, etc.
6. Table conversations and Conference small group sessions.
7. Pre-assembly workshops! Prayfaithfully Devotions!
8. Friday night banquet honoring ordination and congregation anniversaries, and retirements. Entertainer Troy Graham who loved that we sang along to the gospel tunes. 😊

NEXT YEAR

Synod Assembly 2024 will be Conference-based hybrid. Voting members and visitors will meet at a host church in your conference and we will be connected through Zoom. In anticipation of Synod Assembly 2025, please set aside the additional funds that will be needed to support your voting members and pastoral leaders for an in-person assembly.

It was wonderful to be together! I heard over and over again that people valued being in person. The worship, the conversations, the witness of how we are church together was both moving and meaningful. As the next six years begin, the synod council will meet for a visioning retreat in June to help clarify our goals and give direction. We pray for the Spirit's guidance as we discern next steps and future efforts.

Thank you again for privilege of serving as your bishop. We move forward in faith, together.

Yours in Christ,
Bishop Katherine Finegan



EVENING CAMP

at Bethany Church

JULY 30-AUGUST 3, 2023
5:00-9:00PM

For all pre-K and Elementary age kids

Dinner Served Daily

Kids are invited to come hungry, as we will share a delicious and healthy meal each night. There may even be dessert! YUM!!

Games & Activities

Staff from Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp will be on site with hours of games and fun! Expect your kids to come home smiling and exhausted!

Friendships & Memories

We hope your kids will join us in making new friendships and fond memories. And parents, you can enjoy a full week of date nights and quiet houses! We hope to see your kids there!



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**Fortune
Lake
Lutheran
Camp**

EVENING CAMP

at Bethany Church

Hosted by: Immanuel, Christ the King, & Bethany

Registration Form



Camper Name: _____ D.o.B: _____ GRADE completed: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN _____ / _____

Home Phone: _____ Emergency Phone: _____

The above named camper may be released daily to the following persons: _____

Medical Insurance Carrier: _____ Policy Number: _____

Does the camper take any daily medications? No Yes; if yes, complete below:

Name of Drug / Time of Administration / Dosage (use back-side if space needed)

Does the camper have any medical conditions (i.e. allergies, asthma, diabetic) that the church or FLLC staff should be aware of?

No Yes; if yes, please explain (use back-side if needed): _____

I hereby grant permission for this camper to participate in all Day Camp activities including off-site events. I retain the responsibility for any and all bodily injury, loss, or damage of personal property. I hereby authorize the church to consent to emergency medical or surgical treatment and to routine, nonsurgical medical care for this camper while attending the Day Camp program.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

I grant permission for FLLC to use photos, videos, or other likeness of above Camper for publicity in print or digital form, including the use of social media such as, but not limited to, Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. FLLC will not include any identifying information about your Camper.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Online registration available at www.bethanyescanaba.com
or use QR code above.