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Pastor's Letter

We set our clocks back on Saturday night, October 31, or Sunday morning, November 1, at 2 a.m. this year. That day (the 31st) is also Reformation Day, that night is also Halloween, and Sunday is All Saints Day. Ironically, there are a lot of lights shining those two days! The light of the Reformation...the light of God's Word coming to us as alive in the Spirit that blows through and refreshes and reforms...the lights of Halloween shining through our fall harvest pumpkins...the lights of all the saints who have lived and died, still shining in our lives in many and mysterious ways—and the light we are trying to save and conserve as we set our clocks back and "rearrange" how we use our daylight hours.

All these festivals can remind us that no matter what we do with the light, it is and always will be God's Light that is shining, and shining in, with, and through us in all that we say and do. We have much to celebrate if we open our eyes to recognize the Light...if we recognize God's presence with us as we live our daily lives. May it be a source of peace and comfort.

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Darkness has gathered us together at this time in our lives,
but it is light that calls to us.
Despair has touched us, but hope is what we are about.
Grief has told its story, but there is more to add.
Chapters in this story have been written,
but the final conclusion is ours to write.
We write our stories together with God's help!

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The day is fading; the sun is setting;
The silence and peace of night descend upon the earth.
Give rest now, God of peace, to our troubled hearts.
Turn to every broken heart and every burdened soul.
Let us at this hour be sure of your healing.
Now as evening falls, light dawns within us.

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The sun sinks low, the shadows fall,
the day of God is near its end.
To you, eternal Lord of all,
let our prayers now ascend.
O hear them before the night;
in the evening, let there be light.

Grant your favor and your grace,
and receive our prayers, O Lord of heaven.
The day declines, yet still a space
to us for healing is given.
Then shall shadows be put to flight.
In the evening, let there be light.

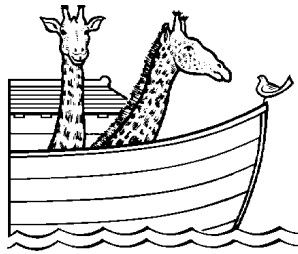
And when the end of life draws near,
and darkness threatens to enfold us,
we shall not be dismayed by fear.
Our trust in you will still uphold us.
With you, eternity is bright.
In the evening there shall be light.

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*The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it. [John 1.5]*

—Pastor Bucky

UPCOMING EVENTS IN OUR CONGREGATION



Sunday, October 4—Bless the animals!

A worship service focusing on the blessing of animals to commemorate the celebration of the life of St. Francis of Assisi will be held Sunday, Oct. 4! St. Francis, who died in 1226 b.c.e., is the founder of the Franciscan Order. In 1929 he was made the patron saint of ecology. The Blessing of the Animals is one way we have of celebrating God's creation and

God's love for all things living. It is also a way of acknowledging the created community as living together in partnership.

"All things living" are welcome to attend, preferably with a person with them! Larger animals (horses and llamas, for example) will stay outside, but all species of the non-human kind will receive a blessing. It would help if animals are on leashes or in kennels, birds are in cages, and fish are in a bowl!

Sunday, October 11—Baptized We Live

Philosopher Jacob Needleman once said, in thinking about our country, that what we need right now is to think and talk together about who we are! What are the duties implied by the rights we claim as Americans? I would add, what are the responses called for within our churches, and for us, within our specific Lutheran heritage?

We are in a transitional stage in the history of the Lutheran Church; it is important to know what defines us, or who we are as 'self-identified.' To this end, I would like to offer a class on 'Lutheranism as a way of life' using my colleague Dan Erlander's book *Baptized We Live* as a guide. It is a short and easy comic book style manual on Lutheranism. We have a few copies left (I often give them to people who are preparing for a baptism), but can order more. This could be a two-session class, or it could easily extend to a few more sessions, depending on discussion and interest. The first class will be Sunday night, October 11, beginning at 6:30, and hopefully a second session would be the next Sunday, October 18. We will meet in the Lutheran Campus Ministry lounge. RSVP so we can order books and get them to those interested!—Pastor Bucky

Sunday, October 25—Welcoming New Members

A welcome to new members will take place on Sunday, October 25— Reformation Sunday! If you are interested, please contact Pastor Bucky. Two kinds of memberships are offered at Good Shepherd—

Full Membership with the privilege of voting at meetings in which a vote is required or requested, and

Associate Membership which is designed primarily for students, but is available to anyone. This type of membership allows a person to retain his/her full membership in a home congregation, but while here in Houghton, allows us as a congregation to recognize involvement on a more formal basis than simple attendance. Instead of a formal vote, 'voice' is certainly recognized! It gives the members of Good Shepherd a way to welcome people to a home-away-from-home congregation.



Sunday, October 25—Celebration of Baptism

Sophia Marie Blake will be baptized Sunday, October 25! DOB: May 22, 2009. Sponsors: Andrew Sieloff, Bethany Sieloff, Rachel Sieloff, and Janet Padilla.



Sunday, October 25—Potluck

We'll be celebrating Reformation Sunday with a potluck lunch after our worship service. Serving Group 2 will coordinate.

Sunday, October 25—Pumpkin Carving

Halloween is Saturday night, October 31! Don't miss the pumpkin carving Sunday night, October 25 here at Good Shepherd! Carving begins about 6:30 p.m. You are invited to dress appropriately for the Halloween season. Bring your own pumpkin and carving tools if you can, and a dessert or beverages to share. And bring a friend and an extra pumpkin or two!

Sunday, November 8—Youth Spaghetti Dinner

Our youth will be holding a spaghetti dinner on Sunday, November 8, right after the morning worship service. Cost?—a freewill donation which will be matched by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Proceeds will be used to purchase Christmas gifts for needy families with children.

All youth (ages 6 and up) are welcome to help prepare the meal on Saturday, November 7 starting at 3 p.m. in the Good Shepherd kitchen, as well as to help serve on Sunday morning!



This year's Sunday School classes have begun! Kids come with their parents to the Sunday morning service and then leave for their classrooms after the children's lesson.

We'll also continue to have a pre-school class this year, usually on the first Sunday of the month (see schedule below).

Teachers this year are Martie Leonard, Beth Martin, Ellen Seidel, and Liz Leach. If you'd like to help out with Sunday School, please see Pastor Bucky or Ellen Seidel.

Schedule through January:

October 4	Blessing of the Animals (kids stay in the service)
October 11	10 Commandments (Also PRE-SCHOOL CLASS)
October 18	10 Commandments
October 25	0 Commandments
November 1	Believe the Creed (Also PRE-SCHOOL CLASS)
November 8	Believe the Creed
November 15	Believe the Creed
November 22	Believe the Creed
November 29	Advent Event/Schools on Thanksgiving Break
December 6	Practice the Prayer (Also PRE-SCHOOL CLASS)
December 13	Practice the Prayer
December 20	Practice the Prayer
December 27	No class
January 3	No class
January 10	Practice the Prayer (Also PRE-SCHOOL CLASS)
January 17	Splash in the Spirit
January 24	Splash in the Spirit
January 31	Splash in the Spirit



Faith Forum

Join us for coffee, breakfast, and discussion each Sunday at 9:15 a.m. just before our morning worship service. No need to bring anything—just come.

Confirmation

We're once again working with Grace Lutheran in South Range and First Lutheran in Dollar Bay to offer this year's confirmation program. Students are studying the Ten Commandments and the Creed, using the book *Free to Be*. Classes are from 6-7 p.m. on Wednesday nights and are taught by Pastor Bucky and Pastor Nick Hopman. In October classes will meet here at Good Shepherd, in November at Grace, and in December at First. Confirmation is open to students grades 6 and up.

Getting to Know Our Peer Ministers

Our peer ministers this year are:

Sean Herrle, spring semester music ministry and web site
Erik Johnson, Faith Forum student group and contact for students
John van der Laan, Winter Carnival, Spring Break, part-time
Lars Olsen, Winter Carnival, Spring Break, USG rep, part-time

We've asked each of our peer ministers to share some bio information. This month we're getting to know John van der Laan.

My name is John van der Laan. I am a 5th year senior in the Electrical Engineering Department at Michigan Tech. I am originally from Grand Rapids, MI, where I went to high school at Grand Rapids Christian. I love being very active and have been involved in sports and music all my life. I have been on Michigan Tech's football team all five years I have been at Tech. I also have played trombone since middle school and continue to play as much as my school and football obligations permit. I was raised in the Christian Reformed tradition but have attended many different types of churches throughout my life. I have attended Good Shepherd for the past four years while at Tech. When searching for churches in the Houghton area I really fell in love with the special things Good Shepherd has to offer. I have always loved the great community at Good Shepherd, especially the large number of college students. I have also more recently been able to be a part of the praise band. As a peer minister I hope to continue the welcoming environment that Good Shepherd has always shown me.

—John van der Laan, jdvander@mtu.edu



Thanks to your donations and to the work of our Helping Hands Group, **we were able to send 16 quilts, 21 school kits, and 10 health kits to Lutheran World Relief this year.**

Between 1993-1997 Lutheran World Relief distributed 1,564,356 quilts, 306,680 school kits, 384,846 health kits, and 1,351,840 lbs. of soap to people in need around the world.

Pennies for Peace

We continue our can/bottle drive to collect money for Pennies for Peace, which works to build schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan. There's a box for cans/bottles in the narthex.

Bob and Trish Evans Library Update

A big thank you to Bob and Trish Evans, who continue to support the growth of our library. We've also recently received a generous donation from Janet Metsa and Mike Mullins. Titles recently added include:

Traveling Mercies: Some Thoughts on Faith by Anne Lamott
(Memoir. "A personal chronicle of faith and spirituality that is at once tough, personal, affectionate, wise, and very funny.")

Inside the Kingdom: My Life in Saudi Arabia by Carmen Bin Laden
(Autobiography. A personal account of what it's like to be a woman in Saudi Arabia today, written by a woman who married Osama Bin Laden's brother.)

How Much is Enough? Hungering for God in an Affluent Culture by Arthur Simon (Nonfiction. "Why, in the face of unprecedented affluence, do so many feel discontented?")

Our library is in the LCM Lounge. Please sign out items on the clipboard and cross off your name when you return them!

Dear Friends of Good Shepherd & Fortune Lake Fans (Old and New!),

I have a long and heartfelt relationship with our church camp, **Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp**, in Crystal Falls. As a child I was a camper, and as a young adult served on staff as a counselor and program director. I have recently returned to sit on a long range planning committee. I give thanks for the late Pastor Cy Warmanen, former camp director, as he was one of my greatest mentors. It was Fortune Lake that allowed me to learn through his grace-filled modeling about what it means to live in a faith community. So many of my memories stem from Cy, and his vision for a nature-based, welcoming, spirit-filled community remains at Fortune Lake. Pastor Art and his staff work hard to build upon this vision daily.

Camp continues to have celebrations, but also struggles. There is a need to bring people back to what it can offer both kids and adults. I would like to be known as the "FLAME" for our church and keep folks up on happenings at Fortune Lake or ways we can stay involved. Below is the chorus of a piggyback song written to the tune of *If You're Happy and You Know It*...for all FLAMES to share. (We can try it when I have my guitar in church one of these weeks!) I've also listed dates of upcoming events. My family will be heading to the Fall Fiesta/Quilt Auction/Folk dance on October 10th. It will be a great day, and I'd encourage everyone and anyone who is interested to put it on your calendar. In January begins Fortune Lake's 80 years of grace! Let's keep the spark going!

Summer's gone, but "Camp" is here, ALL YEAR, for you. (CLAP, CLAP)

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Fortune Lake's for young and old, even when the weather's cold!

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October 10: Fortune Lake Fall Fiesta (includes dedication of new lodge & Second Sunday Folk Dance season opener; need contributions of produce and baked goods—pies and breads only)

October 12-13 (Mon.-Tues.) Secretaries Retreat

October 23-24: "Hearts & Hands" Upper Elementary Retreat

October 26 (Mon.): Senior Adult Day

November 8: Second Sunday Folk Dance

November 13-14: "Impressions" Junior High Retreat

December 13: Second Sunday Folk Dance

December 21: Senior Adult Day (may be changed to 14th)

In peace,
Liz Grenke Leach

Ask me for details! lizleach@charter.net 337-2009, or call Fortune Lake, **877 JOY 4 YOU**, (906) 875-3697. Check out their website: <http://fortunelake.org/>

COMMUNITY EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sunday, October 4—The **Copper Country CROP Hunger Walk**, is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 4 starting at the Calumet First United Methodist Church. Each year some two million CROP Walkers, volunteers, and sponsors put their hearts and soles in motion, raising over \$16 million per year to help end hunger and poverty around the world—and in their own communities. This year's local CROP Walk recipients will be Little Brothers, the Salvation Army, St. Vincent de Paul, and the St. Paul—CLK Food Pantry.

Sunday, October 4—Worship Service at Jacobsville Chapel

Rev. Peter Gundersen will lead a Harvest Festival worship service at the Jacobsville Chapel starting at 7:00 p.m. Take the Bootjack Road to Dreamland, turn left to Jacobsville, then follow the signs—19 miles from Lake Linden.

Saturday, October 17—Ordination Service for Michael Mannisto

Your prayers and presence are requested at the ordination of Michael J. Mannisto on Saturday, October 17 at 11 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in South Range. Michael has been called serve as the pastor of St. James Lutheran Church in Rudyard, MI.

Sunday, October 18—Final Worship Service at Faith Lutheran, White Pine The family and friends of Faith Lutheran Church in White Pine invite everyone to join them in celebrating their history and faith at their final worship service on October 18 at 3 p.m. The service will be conducted by Bishop Skrenes. *And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.—Romans 8:38-39*

Saturday, October 24—Benefit for Omega House

The third annual Omega House Benefit Concert will take place at 7 p.m. on Saturday, October 24 at the historic Calumet Theatre. The Autumn Harvest Benefit Concert will feature Seth Bernard, May Erlewine, Breathe Owl Breathe and Graham Parsons. Tickets: \$20 Adults, \$15 Seniors & Students HS & younger

Thursday, October 29—Hospice Service of Remembrance

The annual Hospice Service of Remembrance will take place at Faith Lutheran Church in Calumet on Thursday, October 29 at 7 p.m. Pastor Bucky and Rev. Sydney Morris will officiate. Anyone who has lost a loved one and wants to honor his/her memory is welcome to attend. Names of those who died in hospice care in the last year being cared for by Aspirus-Keweenaw Home Hospice will be read. A candle will also be lit in their memory. However, any names can be added! Contact Pastor Bucky for more information.

Optimal Wellness Classes will be offered on selected Wednesday evenings throughout the fall at the Jutila Center, Room 324, 200 Michigan Street, Hancock. Classes run from 6:30-7:30 p.m. with informal discussion to follow. Cost is \$10/person at the door. For more information call 487-7451.

- October 7 **Mindfulness and Stress**—taught by Kim Menzel
- October 14 **Herbs & Essential Oils for Winter Health**—
taught by Karen Rumisek
- October 21 **Finding Silence in the Season**—
taught by Dorothy Riutta
- October 28 **What Do Our Chakras Have to Do with Health?**—
taught by Patty Peterson
- November 4 **Journaling for Wellness**—taught by Kate Alvord
- November 11 **Unwinding Habits of the Mind**
—taught by Kim Menzel
- November 18 **Adrenal Fatigue**—taught by Vicki Usitalo
- December 2 **E-Z Fitness Methods: When You Can't or Don't
Exercise**—taught by Kate Alvord
- December 9 **Love Your Self, Love Your Body**
—taught by Kim Menzel
- December 16 **Tenderheartedness**—taught by Dorothy Riutta

Thank you to the U.P. Ladies Golf Association for donating centerpieces for our fellowship hall tables. They did this as a thank you for the use of our tables at this year's golf tournament.

Evangelism Grants Available for Young Women's and Young Men's Ministry

Our Synod is looking for congregations who have good ideas for ministry with young men and young women. And there are grants to support this work. The Synod website has more information. Please apply soon! The first three grants have already been awarded! www.nglsynod.org

Finlandia University Names Soren Schmidt as Chaplain

Escanaba native son Soren Schmidt has begun his work at our local ELCA college—Finlandia University, as a Licensed Lay Minister. Prior to his work at Finlandia, Soren has served at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp as program director since 2000. He brings to his work a wonderful connection with young people and a solid understanding of the whole church. He's preached in many of our synod congregations and is uniquely qualified to connect the Finlandia campus with the local church. He and his wife Rebekah have moved to Hancock where they will be expecting a child this winter.

Soren is a graduate of Suomi College and our ELCA college Dana in Blair Nebraska. He also holds a Masters Degree in education administration from Northern Michigan University. His work at Finlandia will include worship, service, study and outreach.

Pat Schmid, long-time member of the Good Shepherd softball team and a good friend of many of us, was recently diagnosed with brain cancer and started chemotherapy and radiation in Marquette. Pat is one of many Americans without medical insurance. To help defray his health care costs, we've set up a fund here at church for special offerings. Please use a pew envelope (or any other envelope) and mark it clearly **Pat Schmid Fund**. If you have suggestions for other fundraisers Good Shepherd could coordinate that would reach out to the wider community, please see Pastor Bucky.

Please pray for Pat, Diana, her children, Pat's mother Sharon and Pat's brothers and sisters.

October Serving List

All Month

Ushers: Paul & Sue Slinde
Altar Guild: Andrea Bacon

October 4

Worship Assistant: Kerry Beaghan
Greeter(s): Marla Kioski
Nursery: Jenny Deephouse
Acolyte: Kevin Beaghan
Counters: R. Krznarich, J. Leddy
Cookies & Coffee: Leddy, Lund
Flowers:

October 11

Worship Assistant: Lynn Watts
Greeter(s): Scott Blake
Nursery: Martie Leonard
Acolyte: Andrew Martin
Counters: B. Martin, S. Manninen
Cookies & Coffee: Leonard, Mack
Flowers:

October 18

Worship Assistant: Ellen Seidel
Greeter(s): Janet Metsa
Nursery: Lund Family
Acolyte: Liam Deephouse
Counters: S. Vanek, M. Gage
Cookies & Coffee:
 S&D Manninen, C. McCloskey
Flowers:

October 25

Worship Assistant: M. Kioski
Greeter(s): Risa Williamson
Nursery: Kerry and Molly Beaghan
Acolyte: Elaine Wirtanen
Counters: J. Barna, B. Laitila
Cookies & Coffee: Potluck
 (coordinated by Serving Group 2)
Flowers: Krause/Blake