
Who is going to the National Youth and Young Adult Gatherings?



Maddy Weinsrott

Grade: 9th/H.S. Freshman

Favorite Food: Alfredo Pasta

Hobbies: Dance, hanging out with friends and family

What excites you about going to the National Youth Gathering? Many reasons! I can't wait to grow my friendships with the people I am traveling with! I am excited to visit a new place. Most of all learn more about God and grow my relationship with God!



Gracie Faber

Grade: 8th

Favorite Food:

Hobbies: Playing volleyball and softball, dancing, and hanging out with friends and family.

What excites you about going to the National Youth Gathering? Learning more about Christ, sharing faith, and gaining experiences.



Leah Faber

Grade: 22nd year of Kindergarten

Favorite Food: Pepperoni Pizza

Hobbies: Playing volleyball and watching daughter do anything

What excites you about going to the National Youth Gathering? Celebrating God and God's love with others. Seeing all the good in the world.

Josye Keltner

Grade: 10th/H.S. Freshman

Favorite Food: Potatoes...there is not a type of potato that I have met that I don't like!

Hobbies: Baking, Powerlifting, Sleeping, Softball

What excites you about going to the National Youth Gathering? I am excited to meet new people that believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior and more about Him!



Jude Keltner

Grade: 9th/H.S. Freshman

Favorite Food: Pizza

Hobbies: Football, Gaming, Powerlifting, Track & Field

What excites you about going to the National Youth Gathering? I am excited to worship with other Christians and participate in fun activities!



Sidney Schultz

Grade: Tech School Graduate

Favorite Food: Pasta

Hobbies: Drawing/Painting

What excites you about going to the National Young Adult Gathering? I'm excited to travel out of state and find possible things that inspire me.

William Korbein

Grade: Electromechanical Technology (Finished), currently searching for a job.

Favorite Food: Sandwiches with sourdough bread.

Hobbies: Hunting, fishing, and relaxing outdoors.

What excites you about going to the National Youth Gathering? I am excited to travel and see a different part of the country, and to meet people I would otherwise never have met.



Pastor Lucy Hardie

Grade: Pastor

Favorite Food: Anything I can eat as a Sandwich :)

Hobbies: Crafting, Flute & Piano, Dreaming

What excites you about going to the National Youth Gathering? I'm excited to attend my 4th gathering (the first as a chaperone) and see gain new insights about my relationship with God and God's church.

What is the Nation Youth and Young Adult Gathering?

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Youth Gathering (called The ELCA Youth Gathering or The Gathering for short). Held every three years, thousands of high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) gather for almost a week of faith formation. This year they are also hosting the first ever National Young Adult Gathering.

Throughout the week participants are affirmed & challenged in their faith, experience new perspectives, ponder their calling (professional and spiritual), bond with each other, and connect with the whole church and its partners in ministry.

Some participants may accomplish these goals during Mass Gatherings, where participants come together for music, speakers and worship. Others might tackle these goals in the Interactive Learning space, where they can experience exciting things that the ELCA and our partners are doing. Or maybe it's experiencing God's work already being done in New Orleans, La., on their Accompaniment day. It might even be during Region Day, where participants are in community with those geographically close to them.

The Gathering is a powerful and transformational ministry that gives participants an opportunity to let their guard down long enough for the Spirit to enter in, to listen to someone different than themselves, to further discover who they are, to pray about what God is calling them to, to realize the strong roots of a community that will ground you no matter the strength of life's storms, and to be apart of something bigger than oneself or even one community.

Dear God's Beloved,

Ross and I have just started to teach Samuel the Lord's Prayer. It's a lot of words—so it might take some time, but hopefully it will be a prayer that he will learn and be able to say by heart—just like many of us. We have learned it from our Sunday School teachers, parents, and pastors. We've said it so many times that we can even pray without really thinking about the words. But as I've begun to slowly teach Samuel the words, I've remembered that it is filled with powerful statements and humbling requests that are worth thinking about. So, I thought I would offer you all, and myself, a little reminder about what we actually pray for when we pray the prayer our Lord taught us.

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.

To start this prayer, that Jesus taught to his disciples, we use "Our Father." When we address God this way, we confess that God is not some distant controlling god. Instead, God is full of love that walks with us as a parent/guardian walks with and cares for their child(ren). God's name is holy in and of itself but we ask in this prayer so that we may keep it holy in the language we choose to use and in the way we live our lives. We state it not just for God's sake but as a reminder that God is worthy of honor and the live out God's command to us. God's kingdom is both here now and still yet to come. God's kingdom comes to us in our baptisms when we are given the promise of the Holy Spirit, when the Holy Spirit gives us the power to believe God's word, and when we live a godly life on earth. "Thy Kingdom come" are powerful words that ask for God's reign of justice, peace, and love to come into this world.

"Your will be done, on earth as in heaven" is a reminder that our will is not always God's will, it helps us focus on what God's will is, and helps us see how we might bring God's will into our lives. God desires that we live in faith, love, harmony, and peace. We next acknowledge God as the source of all our needs. According to Luther *daily bread* is all that we need for the nourishment of our bodies: food, drink, clothing, shoes, our homes, careers, children, companions, money, property, upright rulers, weather, peace, friends, neighbors, etc. The fifth petition is all about forgiveness. It's good to remember that forgiveness does not mean forgetting nor does it mean that we escape consequences. God forgives us and we too are called to forgive others.

The sixth petition can be a tricky one. At first glance it may look like we are praying to God to no lead us into temptation because God is the one who tempts us. But that is not true. God is the source of all good and tempts no one. Instead, we are asking for God to protect us and give us the power to resist the devil and all the empty promises evil can make. "Deliver us from evil" is exactly as it states. Evil is real. And it can affect our bodies and souls. Praying for the deliverance from evil is a statement that evil exists, which can be scary. But it is also a statement that proclaims that God is more powerful than anything else in this world. Only God has the power to deliver us.

The *Doxology* is the conclusion to the Lord's Prayer. Not every denomination includes this when they pray. We include it as a way of thanking, glorifying, and praising God for all that God has given and continues to give us. The final word, "Amen," is like saying "Let it be so." We truly desire for these things to happen and are truly grateful for all that God gives us.

The Lord's Prayer is a simple prayer filled with power. It is a prayer that becomes so well known to our brains and our hearts can't or won't say anything else. It is a prayer that brings comfort as well as gives us words when no words can describe the pain, worry, frustration, joy, amazement, or love we feel.

God's Peace be With You,

Pastor Lucy

EAST LEMONWEIR LUTHERAN CHURCH
Special Council Meeting
April 14, 2024

Present: Roger Nelson, Roger Pitcel, Kathryn Pitcel, Margarete Hummelbeck, Jennifer Sarnow, and Marlene Pelton.

Absent: Pastor Lucy Hardie, Audrey Scholl, Connie Wolfgram.

A special council meeting was called following Sunday worship, April 14, 2024. This meeting was called to act upon the proposal from T2 Contracting LLC, Tomah, WI for replacement of our concrete entry stairs and sidewalk. The bid is \$31,162.00. Motion made by Roger Pitcel and second by Margarete Hummelbeck to accept the proposal. Motion carried. Our acceptance will be discussed at a special congregational meeting following worship on Sunday, May 5, 2024. The council can allocate a sum of \$5,000. A sum exceeding that amount needs the congregation's final approval.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jennifer Sarnow and second by Kathryn Pitcel. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Pelton, pro-tempore



Bethany Lutheran Church – New Lisbon, Wisconsin

Church Council Meeting Minutes

Sunday, April 7, 2024

Council Members Present:	Pastor Lucy Hardie, Mark Hansen, Shane Gesler, Karl Katuin, Inger Kirkwood, Michael Korbein, Deanna Smith, Glenda Swinehart, Larry Thome, Christy Toelle
Council Members Absent:	None
Guests:	None
Agenda	
Call to Order:	President Mark Hansen called the council meeting to order at 11:58 AM.
Devotions:	Shane Gesler provided devotions with the message that Jesus comforts us in the storm, we have nothing to fear with the Lord. God will not let us sink – Jesus calms the seas of our hearts.
Agenda Approval:	Mark Hansen presented the agenda for approval. This will be a regular part of the meeting going forward. A request was made for the agenda to be sent out prior to the meeting for Council members to review and will be done. Christy Toelle made a motion to accept meeting agenda as presented, seconded by Inger Kirkwood; motion passed 10-0.
Secretary's Report:	Karl Katuin made a motion to accept the February 11, 2024 Council meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Shane Gesler; motion passed 10-0. Christy Toelle made a motion to accept the February 25, 2024 special Council meeting on the new hot water heater (after a change to the end time of the meeting), seconded by Inger Kirkwood; motion passed 10-0.
Treasurer's Report:	The first quarter General Fund Register, Savings Summary Report, Memorials Balance Summary and Statement of Financial Position was presented. There were no questions after the review. Shane Gesler made a motion to accept the First Quarter Treasurer's reports as presented, seconded by Glenda Swinehart; motion passed 10-0.
Pastor's Report:	Thanks to everyone who helped with support for Lenten services, Holy Week and Easter worship, especially all those who helped decorate the altar. National Youth Gathering Update; Bios of all the attendees will be in the next Beacon so that the congregation can learn more about the attendees; attendees will help lead the service on May 5 th ; East Lemonweir has given \$2,000 to support the attendee's trip costs. We will have a Confirmation on May 19 th with one Confirmand – Gracie Faber.
Committee Reports	
Discipleship: (Glenda and Shane)	No new updates. Pastor Lucy suggested that Glenda and Shane reach out to Debby Hansen as she has a lot of good ideas on Discipleship activities. As Pastor Lucy is not here on April 14 th , she recommended that "Fellowship Sunday" be moved to April 21 st . Pastor Lucy had a question on "care bags" that she hands out when people in need contact the church. These care bags include Kwik Trip gas cards, some water/refreshments, and some information on local resources. She has gone through over 20 of the care bags and is looking for direction on what we should be doing going forward and the vetting process for handing these out. She requested that Glenda and Shane discuss and come back to the Council with suggestions.
Education: (Glenda)	No new updates.
Social Concerns: (Inger/Christy)	Plan to start working on filling the totes with supplies. Items needed will be towels, soap, toothbrushes, nail clippers.



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<p>Property: <i>(Karl)</i></p>	<p>There are a couple of projects that are in need of addressing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fix window trim around the church windows, which includes scraping and painting – \$160 estimate. • Redo the roof of the shed – there are multiple layers of roofing that will need to come off and be disposed of properly - \$500 estimate. • Fixed minor issues from plumbing inspection - \$50 • Parsonage – seal the rear deck and fix railing posts - \$300 estimate • Outside faucets need fixing and that will need to be completed going through the inside walls – there is no estimate at this time. <p>A Bethany clean-up work day will be scheduled for May 4th at 9:00 AM to do spring cleaning of the church grounds. A list of work items will be created and announcements included on Sundays.</p>
<p>Worship: <i>(Larry)</i></p>	<p>No updates, except for addressing Pastor Lucy’s planned time off (vacation/continuing education);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 14th – (Cont. Ed.) – Pastor (Bishop Emeritus) Jim Arends • June 9th – (Synod Assembly) – no Supply Pastors available, will be on our own • June 30th – (Vac.) – no Supply Pastor scheduled yet • July 21st – Travel back from Nat. Youth Gathering) – Pastors Denny and Chris Hallemeier • November 24th – (Vac.) – no Supply Pastor scheduled yet <p>We will also have guest Pastors to co-lead worship with us:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 28th – Pastor Dione Stepanek (Asst. to Bishop Felix Malpica) • September 29th – Deacon Stephanie Engel (Program Director at Sugar Creek Bible Camp) <p>Pastor Lucy has two additional vacation days and one Continuing Education Day in 2024.</p>
<p>Old Business</p>	
<p>Follow-up from the March 3rd Council Retreat:</p>	<p>Out of our retreat, the Council, along with guidance from Pastor Dione, identified four core values of our congregation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our congregation likes to worship • Fellowship is an important part of our congregation • We are welcoming of all people (including children) • We like coming together to serve others <p>We want to use these core values to create a Mission Statement. By definition, a Mission Statement is a short-written description of the aims of a business, charity, government department, or public organization. But for our church, it's a crucial part of establishing our church's identity – both internally and externally. A well-crafted mission statement demonstrates who our church is and why we do what we do.</p> <p>Council members were asked to use our findings from the retreat and research mission statements from other organizations and churches and start thinking of what Bethany’s Mission Statement could look like. We will start looking at examples in June.</p>
<p>New Business</p>	
<p>By-Laws:</p>	<p>Larry Thome presented the updated By-Laws that Pastor Lucy, Mark Hansen, Judy Zobel and Larry drafted. These we based on discussions internally and consulting with Pastor Denny (awaiting his final feedback). Highlights of the By-Laws are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated responsibilities of the Council Officers • Creation of an Executive Committee of the Church and the responsibilities • Responsibilities of the Discipleship Committee • Updates to the Property Committee responsibilities • Updated definition of requirements for Communion participation • Definition of Inactive members on the church roster • Audit Committee responsibilities



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	<p>The congregation will be required to approve these By-Laws, which will be part of the recently approved Constitution. As with the Constitution, the By-Law's will be uploaded to the website for review and hard copies available in the narthex. There will be two notices prior to the meeting vote (after a Sunday service) and Q&A sessions in May should anyone have any questions.</p> <p><i>Karl, Katuin made a motion to approve sending the updated By-Laws to the congregation for approval as presented, seconded by Glenda Swinehart; motion passed 10-0.</i></p>
Summer Services:	<p>Similar to last summer, we will be having joint services with East Lemonweir:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• May 26th – No service at Bethany – joint service at East Lemonweir at 10:30 AM• July 7th – Joint worship at the Heritage Park in New Lisbon at 10:30 AM with lunch after• September 1st – No service at East Lemonweir – joint service at Bethany at 9:00 AM
Wa du Shuda Days:	<p>Wa du Shuda Days is July 12-13 this year. Last year Bethany had a pie/sweet stand in partnership with East Lemonweir. Council was asked if this was something we wanted to do again, and everyone agreed that it was a great experience. Shane Gesler will take the lead on organizing these efforts.</p>
Long Range Planning:	<p>With no Long-Range Planning Committee anymore, Council members were requested to think about larger projects that we might want to be planning/budgeting for in the future so that a long-range annual plan can be created.</p>
Next Meeting:	<p>The next Council meeting will be May 5th, 2024 at 12:00 PM. Larry Thome will provide devotions and Sunday service announcements.</p>
Adjourn Meeting/ Closing Prayer:	<p>Pastor Lucy led the Council in a closing prayer.</p> <p><i>Glenda Swinehart made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Deanna Smith; motion passed 10-0.</i> The meeting adjourned at 1:25 PM.</p>

Submitted by Larry Thome, Council Secretary

W-ELCA News

Mission Statement – To mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ.

Thank you to those who helped decorate and shared their Easter flowers to beautify our church on Easter.

Time to look forward to our annual Salad Luncheon and Silent Purse Auction. For those interested in helping with the purse auction, donations would be appreciated, such as a purse, items to put in a purse or a filled purse. Donations can be placed in the basket denoted for that purpose in the narthex.

Our W-ELCA meeting was well attended, and we decided/discussed the following: to purchase 12 new coffee carafes, add to our flooring fund, sponsor baby care kits, donate \$50 to the four youth attending the youth convention in New Orleans, recognition brunch, ideas/ways to support a member/member families when there's a serious illness/situation.

Bible study for May is Compassionate companions, addressing mental health and wellness and how congregations can play a role in mental health ministry.

The answer to “what is the shortest chapter in the Bible” is Psalm 117 which has 2 verses.

Upcoming events:

Tuesday, May 7th – Rachel Circle meets 4:00 in Bethany's conference room

Friday, June 7th – Salad Luncheon and Silent Purse Auction

A thought: Look back and Thank God, look forward and Trust God.

If you have not completed a form recently, please update your personal information and return to Betty.

Name(s) _____

Phone Home _____

Phone Cell(s) _____

Email(s) _____

Mailing Address

If we are missing birthdays and/or anniversaries, please include.

If you are not receiving our church newsletter, please let me know. How do you wish to receive? Email _____ USPS _____ Church Mailbox _____

Thank you and you may return to Betty.

Bethany

	March	YTD	*
Offerings+Other Income	\$17,691.00	\$42,670.32	*
Expenses	\$17,610.18	\$41,901.82	

* includes East Lemonweir's reimbursement

MAY 2024 CELEBRATIONS

Bethany Birthdays

Anne Fenwick – 1

Evelyn Heffler Baumgart - 6

Linda Eddy - 11

Cylus Sletten – 12

Randy Fenwick – 13

John Costello - 14

Dan Schultz – 18

Dean Allard – 18

Lorraine Schultz – 18

Ethan Benson - 20

Glenda Swinehart – 22

Beth Preuss – 22

Bethany Anniversaries

Randy & Anne Fenwick – 1

Larry & Kathy Thome – 5

Keith & Michael Korbein – 23

Galen & Janenne Lingl – 28



East Lemonweir Birthdays

Elwood Syverson – 1

Anne Fenwick – 1

Randy Fenwick – 13

Gerald Wolfgram – 20

Kathryn Pitcel – 25

Dawn Nelson – 26

Richard Groskreutz – 29

Shari Ann Lee – 31

East Lemonweir Anniversaries

Randy & Anne Fenwick - 1

If a celebration is missing, please call Betty at 608 562 3807. Thank you.

2024 MAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

East Lemonweir Reader

5/5 – Connie Wolfgram

5/12 – Jennifer Sarnow

5/19 – Roger Nelson

5/26 – Audrey Scholl

Bethany Worship Assistants

5/5 – Youth Lead Worship

Communion Assistant – Galen Lingl

Usher – Shane Gesler



5/12-

Assistant Minister – Michaelae

Korbein

Reader – Barb Parker

Continuous Communion Assistants –

Michaelae Korbein, Barb Parker, Galen
Lingl

Ushers – Lori & Mike Esser

5/19 -

Assistant Minister – Mark Hansen

Reader – Debby Hansen

Altar Communion – Mark Hansen &
Confirmation Student

Ushers – Karl Katuin & Tim Parker

5/26 Combined Worship @ East
Lemonweir

B-I-N-G-O

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Bethany

May 19th

Join us for fun and fellowship on Confirmation Sunday! A special BINGO prize may cross your path.

*You can donate prizes to the Bingo Basket, if you want. Hope to see and hear you on the 19th!

B I N G O				
12	25	41	51	63
3	30	37	54	66
7	21	FREE	56	74
1	26	35	50	69
10	17	45	47	64
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JUNEAU COUNTY LOCAL FOOD POP UP EVENTS

MAY-JUNE-JULY

Funded by the Juneau County Local Food Purchase Assistance Grant Program

May 15- Mauston Lions Park 4-6pm

May 22- Necedah Village Hall 4-6pm

**May 30-Mauston/Lyndon Station Sharing Supper
Mauston High School 5-6pm**

June 12- Wonewoc/Union Center Wonewoc Village Hall 4-6pm

June 21- Elroy Fairgrounds 12-2pm

June 26- Camp Douglas Village Hall 4-6pm

July 3- Mauston Lions Park 4-6pm

July 10 New Lisbon Village Hall 4-6pm

July 17- Lyndon Station

Travis Fitzgerald Memorial Park 4-6pm

July 24- Armenia Town Hall 4-6pm

**July 25- Mauston/Lyndon Station Sharing
Supper Mauston High School 5-6pm**

July 31- Mauston Lions Park 4-6 pm

*Open to all Juneau County Residents. No
qualifications to participate. Items will vary
depending on growing season and availability. All
pop-up events are first come first served basis.
Additional Fall dates coming later this summer!*



ADRC
of Eagle Country
Juneau County Office

2024 Virtual Wellness Night

This evening will inspire you to tap into your inner-strength and embrace your self-worth.

Wednesday, May 15 | 5-6:30 pm



- Keynote presentation focused on finding your inner strength and self-worth.
- Participate in instructor-led activities such as meditation, Adventure therapy, finding your inner strength, restorative yoga, or a cooking demo.
- Hear from partners in Adams, Juneau, and Lincoln counties to learn about wellness-related services available for all ages.

Complete the post survey for the chance to win one of several post-event giveaways from great businesses!



Register for **FREE** Today!
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Contact Alysha Basel at abasel@juneaucountywi.gov or 608-847-9373 for questions



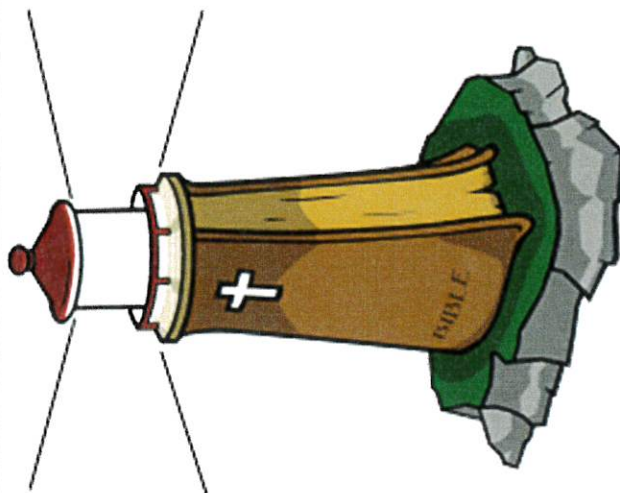
Bethany & East Lemonweir Lutheran Parishes

May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>April 28th - Bethany Recognition Sunday</p>	<p>April 29th</p> <p>Betty in later</p>	<p>AA Meeting 6:30 PM - Tuesday @ East Lemonweir and Thursday @ Bethany</p>	<p>1 9 am - Quilting @ Bethany</p> <p>Betty Vacation</p>	<p>2 9 am Bible Study</p> <p>Betty Vacation</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Betty Vacation</p>	<p>4 9 AM Worship @ Bethany 10 am Sunday School @ Bethany, 10:30AM Worship @ East Lemonweir</p>
<p>5 Youth Lead Worship Service - Altar Communion 12 pm - Bethany Council 2 pm - Paint Party (Youth Fund Raiser)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Betty Vacation</p>	<p>7 4 pm Rachel @ Bethany</p>	<p>8 9 am - Quilting @ Bethany</p>	<p>9 9 am Bible Study</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 Happy Mother's Day! Fellowship with Pastor after worship. Continuous Communion</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 9 am Bethany Quilting</p>	<p>16 9 am Bible Study</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 Confirmation & Receiving New Members Continuous Communion BINGO @ Bethany after worship</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Beacon Articles Please</p>	<p>22 9 am Bethany Quilting</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 Combined Worship @ East Lemonweir 10:30 am</p>	<p>27 Memorial Day</p> 	<p>28</p>	<p>29 9 am - Quilting Bethany</p>	<p>30 9 am Bible Study</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>June 7th Bethany W-ELCA Salad Luncheon & Purse Auction</p>

The Beacon

Bethany / East Lemonweir Parish
May 2024



Lamentations 3:22-23:

*"Because of the LORD's great
love we are not consumed, for
his compassions never fail.
They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness."*

*Bethany and East Lemonweir Lutheran Churches
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RETURN SERVICES REQUESTED

