

Announcements for the week of  
October 30-November 6, 2011  
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### WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE

#### Week of October 23, 2011:

Offered for the Lord's Work: \$7,739.00

October Mission Project:

Theresa House/Welcome Inn - \$1,648.00

Worship attendance-Sunday, 10/23/11:

8:15 a.m.: 109 10:45 a.m.: 125

Wednesday, October 26: 85

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:15 & 10:45 ~ Worship Services

9:30 a.m. ~ Education Hour; Adult Forum in the Heritage Room (second half of "Luther" movie); coffee in Grounds for Joy

6:30 p.m. ~ Financial Peace University, Heritage Room



**Have you started your baking for the Nordic Bazaar on November 2?** We are in need of Scandinavian cookies & other baked goods, such as bars, cookies, pies, breads, and other treats. You can bring them to the church the day prior to the bazaar, or bring them in the morning of the bazaar. Thanks for your participation!

Join us on **November 16 at 10:30 a.m., and each Wednesday following**, as we look into the Gospel of Mark in our newest Book of Faith Bible Study. The 8-week survey course will take an in-depth look at the themes of the gospel and the person of Jesus as proclaimed by the evangelist. Course books are \$12, and there is a sign-up sheet in the office.



New Member Orientation will be held on November 6 & 13. If you are interested in joining the Body of Christ at

Bethlehem, please contact the church office at 388-2925 or [blchurch@hickorytech.net](mailto:blchurch@hickorytech.net).



**Once again this year, the youth will be selling Christmas greens as a fundraiser. Orders are due TODAY.** Order forms are on the kiosk in the narthex and in the church office. Please see Lance or any of the youth for more information.

### RADIO BROADCAST



RADIO  
MINISTRY

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by **Eunice & Florence Sassenberg in memory of their mother and in honor of their great nephew, Ben, who were both born on October 27.** To sponsor a radio broadcast in honor of or in memory of someone, sign up on the bulletin board near the church office. The 8:15 a.m. service is broadcast on KTOE 1420 AM every Sunday morning at 11:00.

### BETHLEHEM MISSIONS

#### Echo Food Shelf Emphasis:

During the month of October, we'll be collecting cereal.

#### Our Mission Project for October:

**Theresa House/Welcome Inn**

#### Five mattresses and box springs needed!

Do you know anyone who can no longer make rent or house payments because she has lost her job, been divorced, been abused, or incurred high medical bills? Mankato shelter programs, Welcome Inn and Theresa House, provide emergency and short-term transitional housing for homeless women and families. Last year, the two houses sheltered 49 children, 10 men, and 39 women. Families and single women are offered stable housing in a safe, supportive environment. They receive encouragement from paid staff who help them secure economically viable long-term housing. The children attend school regularly, receive tutoring, playtime, and loving attention. Theresa House and Welcome Inn need five twin bed sets (mattresses and box springs) for a total of \$1,000. Call 387-8189 to inquire about volunteering or providing other needed supplies, such as cleaning products, laundry soap, plastic mattress covers, dressers, and size 3-5 diapers. Please write a check to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, with *Theresa House* on the memo line. Thank you!

~ Community and Global Missions Board



**Thank You!** Thank you for all of the prayers, visitors, and cards. They are all greatly appreciated!

~ Marvis Glick and family

### LECTIONARY FOR 11/06/11

First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

Psalm: 34:1-10, 22

Second Reading: I John 3:1-3

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

### IN OUR PRAYERS

Arlene Stenzel

Forrest Glick

Marvis Glick

Eric Barnes

Glenn Saxton

Paul Sullivan

Rebecca Schreiner

Pauline Halvorson

Rachel Iverson

Lorene Heaberlin

Fern Merrill

Judy Ledwein

The family of

Doris Krumwiede

*(Prayer request forms are in the pews and the office. Please place the completed form in the offering plate or in the Prayer Requests box in the narthex.)*

Included in our prayers each week are several "sister" congregations of our SE Minnesota Synod of the ELCA. The Synod is focusing upon prayer this year, "A Synod Joined in Prayer," and is encouraging congregations to pray for one another. This week we pray for:

**All congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in Minnesota and throughout the United States, and all ELCA missionaries around the world**

**Wednesday Night Suppers** are in the dining room from 5:00-6:30. The cost remains at \$4.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students through confirmation age. **Join the fellowship!** Bring your neighbors and friends! All are welcome!

#### Menu for Wednesday, November 2:

Potato soup, turkey & ham croissant, and a fruit cup

**Team 2 will be serving.**

#### DO YOU GET



#### E-NEWS?

The **Bethlehem E-news** goes directly to the inbox of many Bethlehem members and friends, informing them of all that is happening in and around Bethlehem. Do you get the E-news? To subscribe, send an e-mail to [blchurch@hickorytech.net](mailto:blchurch@hickorytech.net) with the subject: subscribe to E-news.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FUN FUNDRAISER FOR VINE!

**The Looney Lutherans,** featuring actresses from the **Church Basement Ladies,** use music, comedy, and audience

participation to teach us how to live a long and healthy life. Join us for fellowship, musical entertainment, coffee, and a delicious piece of pie from the Rapidan Dam Store!

**Sunday, November 20, 2011**  
**5:45–6:45 p.m. • pie and coffee**  
**6:45–8:15 p.m. • program**  
**Hosanna Lutheran Church**  
**105 Hosanna Avenue, Mankato**

Tickets are \$20 each (a tax-deductible contribution to VINE) and can be purchased at the Summit Center, the VINE Home Thrift Store, and the VINE office. Tickets may also be purchased by mail. Send payment to VINE Faith in Action, 1618 Third Avenue, Mankato. Call (507) 387-1666 for more information. **Proceeds from this event will support VINE's efforts to repurpose the Nichols Office Building.**

## FROM OUR LIBRARY

### Martin Luther

1. The collection our library is the most proud of is Martin Luther's complete collection of his sermons, lectures, devotional and Bible studies (Ref 208.1 Lut).
2. Martin Luther, by Martin Marty - professor, author, pastor, historian, and journalist (BC Lut).
3. From Luther to 1580 - A Pictorial Account, by Erwin Weber (284.1 Web).

### Fair Trade Handcrafts Sale

Buying fair trade handcrafts really makes a difference to struggling artisans and farmers in underdeveloped countries. It helps to support community schools in Africa, feeds families in India, rebuilds homes in Haiti, and empowers women in Ghana. You can help these people to help themselves by buying handcrafts on Nov. 2 (yes, that's the day of the Nordic Bazaar!). Be sure to stop in the narthex at the Fair Trade Display to shop for gift items, nativities, scarves, jewelry, baskets, and more. You'll be glad you did!!

**Mankato is now officially the first  
Fair Trade Town in Minnesota!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *Evangelism Thought for the Week*

For many people, you will be the only Bible they ever read. Witness: having personal knowledge of something and giving testimony to it. Of course, giving witness is more than sharing what we know. We give witness by the way we live. Consider Wesley's rule: "Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, for as long as you can." Remember the words to the song, "...and they'll know we are Christians by our love..."

ECHO Food Shelf is in need of volunteers to help in several areas. We need drivers to pick up 'food rescue' items from local grocery stores, volunteers to help clients while shopping at ECHO, and volunteers to help restock shelves. If you have an interest in ECHO and time to help, please call Deisy at 345-7477. Thank you.

The **Via de Cristo** weekends are coming up in November. Jesus invited his disciples to come away and rest awhile. This time is devoted to sharing our lives in Christ with others, and being renewed along the way. The weekends are November 10-13 for men, and November 17-20 for women in New Ulm. For more information, or to apply, see Pr. Jay, or go to [mnviadecristo.org](http://mnviadecristo.org).



### *Help Support Homeless & Hunger Awareness Week*

Come to the Happy Chef on Hwy. 169 on November 14 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. for an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner (beverage included). Only \$8 for adults, \$4 for children 4-12, ages 3 and under are free. Proceeds will go to the Welcome Inn & Theresa House homeless shelters.



Habitat for Humanity is accepting applications for families that are interested in a Habitat home. If you or someone you know currently has substandard housing and low to moderate income and the ability to pay a mortgage, Habitat for Humanity may be the answer! Please call for an application, or for more information call the Habitat office at 507-388-2081.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please consider the following three options to donate to **The REACH** Drop-in Center for at-risk or homeless youth.

**The Third Annual Strike Out Youth Homelessness Bowl-a-thon** will be held on Sunday, November 6, at Victory Bowl, with three bowling sessions available: noon-1:30, 2-3:30, and 4-5:30. Up to 5 bowlers per team will be able to bowl two games (no charge for bowling or shoes). Each bowler will receive a prize, a sloppy joe sandwich, and chips. Each team needs to raise money for The REACH and register for a bowling time. Could you organize a team and/or help sponsor a team? There will also be a silent auction at Victory Bowl that day from noon-5:30. Contribute a silent auction item or stop at Victory Bowl to bid on an item and watch the bowlers.

Buy a 2012 calendar for \$10, with proceeds going to The REACH. This calendar features Mankato area teens and a Bible verse each month.

Write a check to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, with The REACH (bowl-a-thon or calendar) on the memo line, and drop it off at the church office by November 4. Contact Marsha Qualset, 388-4970, or [mbqualset@hickorytech.net](mailto:mbqualset@hickorytech.net), if you have any questions. THANK YOU!

### **FREE HEALTH CHECK-UPS FOR OLDER ADULTS**

VINE Faith in Action and Rasmussen College School of Nursing will offer free senior health check ups at Summit Center in Mankato. Most services will be provided by nursing students under the supervision of their clinical instructors.

#### Services provided include:

- Blood Pressure Checks
- Foot Care
- Ear Care
- Blood Glucose Screenings
- Fitness Information
- Medication review with a pharmacist

**Wednesday, November 16, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at Summit Center, 518 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Mankato. Contact VINE Faith in Action at 387-1666 to reserve a time and to arrange for transportation, if needed.