

Announcements for the week of
July 17-24, 2011
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WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE

Week of July 10, 2011:
Offered for the Lord's Work: \$8,009.00
July Mission Project:
Iambi Secondary School - \$470.00
Worship attendance - Sunday, 7/10/11:
9:45 a.m.: 224
Wednesday, July 13, at 5:30: 15

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00-9:45 a.m. ~ Coffee in Grounds for Joy
9:45 a.m. ~ Worship Service
10:45 a.m. ~ Prayer Team meeting in the sanctuary following worship



SUMMER WORSHIP

Sunday worship is at 9:45 a.m., with coffee being served in Grounds for Joy from 9:00-9:45. We will also have **Wednesday worship services at 5:30 p.m. in the chapel** during the summer months (on the last Wednesday of July and August, the service will be at Sibley Park).



Dinner for Six (or Eight)

The new groups for "Dinner for Six" will start on August 15 and run through December 30. A new sign-up sheet will be in the narthex before and after services. Everyone will be reassigned to a new group. We welcome new and old Bethlehem members -- singles or couples -- to consider joining this social event. There are no special requirements to participate, other than a desire to become better acquainted socially and enjoy food and fellowship with one another. Guidelines are available. Summertime and fall are great times for grilling out, and brunch works well, too. Remember -- you only host your group once, and the others help by bringing dessert, salad, or whatever. How easy is that? From past comments, the food has been great and fellowship enlightening! Come sign up and join us for the next session! If you have any questions, call Roger or Dee Saman at 388-6756.

RADIO BROADCAST



Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by **Elizabeth Englin in honor of her godson, Adam.** To sponsor a radio broadcast in honor of or in memory of someone, sign up on the bulletin board near the church office. The 9:45 a.m. service is broadcast on KTOE 1420 AM every Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m.

BETHLEHEM MISSIONS

Echo Food Shelf Emphasis:

During the month of July, we'll be collecting vegetables.

Our Mission Project for July:

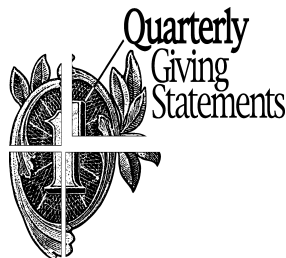
Iambi Secondary School in Tanzania

During the month of July, when we focus on Iambi as our mission project, we are reminded of how blessed we are to live in our community, and also how needy our sister congregation is. There is no electricity at the school or in the town of Iambi, and thus no electric lights by which to study, no computers, and no power for a water pump. Because there is no plumbing, there are no bathrooms as we know them, just outdoor toilets. Food for the students is cooked over an open fire. Thanks to the past generosity of Bethlehem, the school will soon have running water and electricity. *Please see the July STAR article for more information.*



Thank you for wearing your name tags! We have been blessed by a new pastor and many new members joining us. They want to know who you are -- please help them by consistently wearing your name tags.

~ Evangelism Board



Please pick up your quarterly contribution reports in the narthex.

LECTIONARY FOR 7/24/11

First Reading: I Kings 3:5-12
Psalms: 119:129-136
Second Reading: Romans 8:26-39
Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

IN OUR PRAYERS

Arlene Stenzel
Forrest Glick
Eric Barnes
Glenn Saxton
Paul Sullivan
Harvey Menk

Rebecca Schreiner
Gary Zimmerman
Pauline Halvorson
Barry Bliesmer
Lorene Heaberlin

(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:

North Blue Earth Lutheran in Bricelyn
St. Luke Lutheran in Goodhue
St. Peter Lutheran in Otisco
Our Savior Lutheran in Spring Valley
Ikhanoda Lutheran in Tanzania
(partnered with Our Savior, Spring Valley)
Nuru Itaja Lutheran in Tanzania



Are you expecting a new addition to your family? Or do you know someone who is? Let the Mom's Circle of Bethlehem help by allowing us to get some home-cooked meals to you through the Meals for Moms program. Bringing home a new baby is an overwhelming & stressful time for many, especially during the first two weeks. Hopefully by providing meals, we can make that transition period smoother for the families. If you're interested, please contact Kami Matteson at klmatteson3@gmail.com.



July 31-
August 4
from
6:00-8:00
p.m.

(free-will offering meal at 5:30)
See the July STAR for more details!
Deadline for signing up is July 22.

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Do you knit or crochet? Prayer Shawl Ministry is running low on shawls, and we need your help! Yarn is furnished (three skeins per shawl) and is available in the prayer shawl closet in the office hallway. Directions for making the prayer shawls can be found on the kiosk in the narthex. If you have any questions, please call Kathryn Hanson (385-0220), Alice Haugen (387-7166), or Kathy Crosswell (388-2002).



Epiphany Lutheran Church, 605 Parkway, Eagle Lake, is again hosting Dad's Belgian Waffles. Please join us

TODAY between 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. for all you can eat waffles, sausage, flavored syrups, and beverages. Carry-out meals are available. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6-12, and free for those under 5 years of age.

FROM OUR LIBRARY

Our **Junior Fiction** section has many series of books by favorite authors. It is such fun to read clear through all of the books of a beloved author.

1. Mankato's own Maud Hart Lovelace (JF Lov).
2. C.S. Lewis -- enter his enchanted Chronicles of Narnia (JBC Lew).
3. Laura Ingalls Wilder and her genuinely American stories (JF Wil).
4. The American Girls collection. These books tell the story of six American girls who lived long ago (JF Tri).

Understanding Grief

Mayo Clinic Health System Hospice is sponsoring a seminar for families and individuals who have experienced the death of a loved one. The seminars will be held on **Monday, July 18**, from 10-11:30 a.m. at Christ the King Lutheran Church, and on **Thursday, July 21**, from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Benedictine Living Community, 1907 Klein Street, St. Peter. There is no cost to attend, but pre-registration is necessary. To register, call the Hospice office at 385-2989 or 1-800-327-3721, ext. 2989.

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Evangelism Thoughts for the Week

**If you're blessed,
help the rest.**

**Pessimists may be right at times,
but optimists have all the fun!**

In August, Bethlehem is supporting the Lutheran World Relief School Kit project that provides the supplies essential to helping children and adults continue learning, despite the hardships they face. We have a goal to supply 2,000 bags for this project. We have been able to source the bags and many of the contents in bulk. Additional help is needed, however, for volunteers to help repackage and fill bags; monetary contributions to help fund the supply and shipment of the school kits; and contributions of supplies to fill the bags (as you do your own back-to-school shopping). **The following items are suggestions for the kits:** 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper; 30 cm rulers; pencil sharpeners; blunt safety scissors; unsharpened #2 pencils; ballpoint pens (no gel ink); boxes of 16 or 24 crayons; and erasers approximately 2-1/2" long. Please bring the items to the depository in the narthex. During the week of July 31, the VBS children will help collect items and do some assembly, and the CSI group will be helping pack kits during the week of August 7-12. Thanks in advance for your help in this great effort.



Come to the screening of the new inspirational film "The Lamp" on **Sunday, July 24, at 7 p.m.** The film will be shown at Crossview Covenant Church, 2000 Howard Drive, North Mankato. For \$50, you get two tickets, a copy of the movie on DVD, and a copy of the novel The Lamp. Half of ticket sales will go to Kids Against Hunger. For more information, see the flyer on the bulletin board by the office.



Bethlehem provided and served 120 noon meals at Salvation Army on **Sunday, July 3**. Thank you to team leaders Tom and Betty Sanger, the 20 workers, and all the others who contributed food and funds. More information will be in the August STAR.

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The Earth Stewards Committee has set up a table in the narthex labeled Sharing the Harvest. The table will remain up for most of the summer. When those cucumbers and zucchinis get to be more than you can handle (you can only bake so much zucchini bread, right?), feel free to bring it in and leave it on the table. If you have any produce that would otherwise go unused (don't let it go to waste), please share the bounty that God gives us every summer.

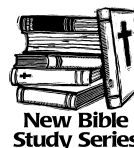
In tough times, every dollar counts!

Financial challenges in our life are ongoing. Food Support may make it a little easier for you, or someone you know, to meet expenses and make life a little easier. Food Support is a nutrition assistance program that helps people with limited income buy food. Formerly known as the Food Stamp program, many people qualify for Food Support and don't realize that they do. To see if you qualify for Food Support, for assistance in filling out an application, or for more information, call Sydelle at (507)-514-3535.



The **Bethlehem Child Care Center** is now enrolling children ages 6 weeks to 5 years. Play, laugh, and grow in a Christian environment.

Our rates are as follows:
infants - \$175/week;
toddlers - \$155/week; preschool - \$150/week. Members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church are eligible to receive a discount of \$10 per week. Discounts are also available for families with multiple children (only one discount option may be utilized). For more information, visit the Child Care Center bulletin board in the entry way. Contact Beth Webb to schedule a tour - (507) 345-3423. We look forward to meeting you and your little one!



Our Book of Faith Study looks at Paul's letter to the Romans. We will have two meeting times to choose from on Wednesday—either 10:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. The cost of the book is \$8. To sign up, contact Pr. Jay or see the enrollment form in the office.