

Announcements for the week of  
October 23-30, 2011  
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### WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE

**Week of October 16, 2011:**  
Offered for the Lord's Work: \$9,429.50  
October Mission Project:  
Theresa House/Welcome Inn - \$436.00  
**Worship attendance-Sunday, 10/16/11:**  
8:15 a.m.: 115 10:45 a.m.: 286  
Wednesday, October 19: 13

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:15 & 10:45 ~ Worship Services  
9:30 a.m. ~ Education Hour; Adult Forum in the Heritage Room ("Luther" movie); coffee in Grounds for Joy; no LIGHT  
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!  
~ Bazaar Coordinating Committee



Lefse making!

### Help! Help! HELP!!

We need more lefse makers, male and female, on **October 24 & 25 beginning at 9:00 a.m.** No experience necessary!



A New Member Orientation will be held in November. 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 by Sunday, October 30. 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 **Lowell & Lorraine Carpenter in honor of Johanne Knudsen's 99th birthday on October 20.** Johanne has been a member of Bethlehem for over 60 years and now lives in Waite Park near her family. 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



**Be sure to pick up your quarterly contribution report on the kiosk in the narthex.**

### LECTIONARY FOR 10/30/11

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 31:31-34  
**Psalm:** 46  
**Second Reading:** Romans 3:19-28  
**Gospel:** John 8:31-36

### IN OUR PRAYERS

<b>Arlene Stenzel</b>	<b>Rebecca Schreiner</b>
<b>Forrest Glick</b>	<b>Pauline Halvorson</b>
<b>Eric Barnes</b>	<b>Rachel Iverson</b>
<b>Glenn Saxton</b>	<b>Livia Lamon</b>
<b>Paul Sullivan</b>	<b>Marvis Glick</b>
<b>Lorene Heaberlin</b>	<b>Fern Merrill</b>

*(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:

**Union Prairie Lutheran in Lanesboro**  
**Trondhjem Lutheran in Austin**  
**Good Shepherd Lutheran in Plainview**  
**Nile Our Savior's Chapel in Faribault**  
**Ishenga Lutheran in Tanzania**  
**Kinyangiri Lutheran in Tanzania**

**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, October 26:

Chicken noodle hot dish,  
biscuits/honey, fruit cup

**Team 3 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

### Books for the Bazaar Book Sale



Books are still needed for the book sale. We need recipe books, history, men's interests, and children's books. Please -- no musty books, books in poor condition, or condensed books. Thank you!



Did you travel this past summer? Did you visit/attend church in another community? If so, the Evangelism Board would like to hear from you! What do you recall about your church visit? Friendly?

Inviting? In what ways? How would you describe your impressions as a visitor? What aspects of the service (or its welcome) might have made you want to revisit that church again, if you were given the opportunity? Please take a minute and jot down your reflections. You may leave them in the Evangelism Board mailbox in the church office or send them in an e-mail to Jack Halvorson at [jackh@hickorytech.net](mailto:jackh@hickorytech.net).

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### Evangelism Thought for the Week

#### *God's Work, Our Hands*

Studies indicate that a personal invitation continues to be the way most people come to church, join a congregation, or become part of a Christian education class or other small group. Sunday School classes or other small groups (i.e., Bible study or forums) are places where people will go with a friend or acquaintance they trust. The two most important connections are a set of relationships and an intentional setting for exploring and maturing in the faith.

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.

We have three enrolled from Bethlehem in the **Via de Cristo** weekends coming 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).



**A Sharing Tree coordinator** is wanted for this Christmas season. If you're interested, call Joan at 934-8576.



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.

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### *Kubbestol*

What is a **kubbestol**? Bob Singelstad has donated one to be sold through a silent auction at the **Bethlehem Nordic Bazaar on November 2, 2011.** A

kubbestol is a chair. Bob hollowed out a basswood tree and treated the wood so it would not crack before Stan Holtan of Forest City, Iowa, artistically carved it in traditional Norwegian style. It will be featured at the bazaar silent auction on November 2. We are so thankful that Bob has gifted us in this way, because all proceeds from the bazaar sales are used to support mission outreach.

The theme of this year's bazaar, "**#91 and Still Fun!**", was submitted by Lynor Blom. Yes, we'll have fun preparing for and offering this special day to our community of friends. Jill and Gene are planning to offer a digital photo opp of you with your friend/friends having fun at the bazaar. The excitement is building!! ~ **Bazaar Coordinators**



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 getting 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](mailto:klmatteson3@gmail.com).



### We Welcome Children!

We want children to know they are welcome in our church. We offer children's worship bags with activities each week as well as a children's bulletin to help them with their worship experience. Please see the ushers for bags & bulletins. We also have a professionally-staffed nursery with a parent paging system available.

*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14*