

Announcements for the week of  
August 14-21, 2011  
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### WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE

#### Week of August 7, 2011:

Offered for the Lord's Work: \$7,773.00

August Mission Project:

Lutheran World Relief - \$745.00

Worship attendance - Sunday, 8/7/11:

9:45 a.m.: 222

Wednesday, August 10, at 5:30 p.m.: 11

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00-9:45 a.m. ~ Coffee in Grounds for Joy

9:45 a.m. ~ Worship Service

10:45 a.m. ~ Congregational meeting  
in the Dining Room



#### 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

(on the last Wednesday of 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 Shirley Davis  
in memory of Jim Davis. 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 August,  
we'll be collecting pasta.

#### Our Mission Project for August: Lutheran World Relief

The August mission of the month is  
Lutheran World Relief. VBS kids, along  
with youth and adults from Christ's  
Servants Involved (CSI), have helped to  
assemble 2,100 school kit bags, which we  
will deliver to St. Paul to be shipped to  
needy children (probably in Africa). The  
shipping cost is \$1.42 per bag. Please  
write a check to Bethlehem Lutheran  
Church, with "School Kits" on the memo  
line, to help pay the \$2,982 cost of  
shipping these bags overseas. Thank you!

~ Community and Global Mission Board

On July 18-22, 2012, ELCA youth from  
across the United States will gather in New  
Orleans -- not to cheer on the Saints  
football team, but to stand with the saints  
of God in that place: the young and the  
old, the privileged and the uninvited, the  
lonely and the claimed, the powerful and  
the shamed, the weak and the strong, those  
who have built new homes and those still  
struggling to rebuild. Want to learn more  
about the **ELCA Youth Gathering 2012?**  
Kris Oppgaard, representing the SE Synod,  
will be putting on an informational meeting  
for all interested parties. Please join us on  
Thursday, August 25, in the Heritage  
Room from 6:30-8 p.m. If you are even  
curious, come and see what it is like to be  
with 37,000 teenage Lutherans!

### LECTIONARY FOR 8/21/11

First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

Psalm: 138

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

### IN OUR PRAYERS

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

Barry Bliesmer  
Lorene Heaberlin  
John Hansen  
Rebecca Schreiner  
Pauline Halvorson

*(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:

Urland Lutheran in Cannon Falls  
St. Paul ELCA/UCC in Lewiston  
Trinity Lutheran in Blue Earth  
Iguguno Lutheran in Tanzania  
(partnered with Trinity in Blue Earth)  
Vang Lutheran in Dennison  
Mwangeza 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 overwhelm-  
ing & 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*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### THE LUTHERAN HOUR GOLF

Save **Sunday, August 28**, for our annual Lutheran golf outing at the Minneopa Golf Course. Tee-off time is 3:00, with hamburgers and dessert to follow at 5:30 p.m. Sign up in the office. More information is in the August STAR.



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*

## FROM OUR LIBRARY



### What Interesting Titles!

Alexander McCall Smith is best known for the Number 1 Ladies' Detective Agency series. They were international best sellers and were featured in the New York Times (Fic McC).

1. [The Kalahari Typing School for Men](#)
2. [Blue Shoes and Happiness](#)
3. [The Good Husband of Zebra Drive](#)
4. [Tears of the Giraffe](#)

### Mankato could be the first Fair Trade Town in Minnesota!

Bethlehem is already a Fair Trade church, as are several other churches. MAFTTI brings together community groups, businesses, and individuals to raise awareness of and promote Fair Trade in the Mankato area. If you support this concept (to enhance the opportunities of producers and artisans in the developing world), please stop by the kiosk after church and sign the petition to make Mankato/North Mankato Fair Trade Towns. More information is available at the kiosk!

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### Evangelism Thoughts for the Week

The best vitamin for a Christian is B1.

**Come to church and  
have your faith lifted!**



The Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will conclude the summer organ recital series this Tuesday at Bethlehem. The recital will begin at 12:10 p.m.

**August 16 - Christine Schulz**  
*(a celebration of the life of Hungarian composer Franz Liszt through music and pictures to commemorate the 200th anniversary of his birth this year)*

### WANTED: Clean household items!

**Furniture** -- beds/mattresses, couches, chairs, desks, tables, bookshelves, lamps, etc.

**Kitchen items** -- dishes, silverware, small appliances

**Bedding** -- please label items and size  
**Bikes**

**9th Annual  
MSU International Student  
Furniture Giveaway  
Saturday, August 20  
Bethel Baptist Church  
(1250 Monks Avenue)**

Donate from 8 a.m.-11 a.m. on the day of.



Men's Tuesday Noon Bible Study will resume on **September 6** at 101 Main.



Mankato MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) invite you to their first meeting on **Tuesday, September 20, at 9 a.m.** Meetings are held the first and third Tuesdays of the month throughout the school year at Hosanna Lutheran Church. Child care is provided. For more information, please visit [www.mankatomops.blogspot.com](http://www.mankatomops.blogspot.com).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



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!



In our four-week Book of Faith Study for August, we will share the story of Jonah, the reluctant prophet, and his harrowing adventure. We will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays through August 31. The cost of the book is \$8, and you can sign up in the office.