

Announcements for the week of  
August 21-28, 2011  
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### WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE

#### Week of August 14, 2011:

Offered for the Lord's Work: \$11,979.00  
August Mission Project:  
Lutheran World Relief kits - \$2,170.00  
Worship attendance - Sunday, 8/14/11:  
9:45 a.m.: 239  
Wednesday, August 17, at 5:30 p.m.: 17

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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



#### SUMMER WORSHIP

Sunday worship is at 9:45 a.m., with coffee being served in Grounds for Joy from 9:00-9:45. We 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).



The Nordic Bazaar Coordinating Board will meet at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, August 22, in Grounds for Joy. Booth chairs are invited. If you cannot attend, please call Betty Sanger at 388-5626.



Following the worship service on August 28, you can have your blood pressure checked by a registered nurse in Grounds for Joy.



A congregational meeting to approve the replacement of the security/fire alarm system in the north side of the building will be convened on **Sunday, September 4, at 10:45 in the sanctuary.** This meeting will be held in accordance with the Bethlehem constitution, which requires all non-budgeted expenditures greater than \$10,000 be approved by congregational vote.

~ Bethlehem Church Council

### RADIO BROADCAST



Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Elizabeth Englin in honor of her god-daughter, Kate, and also in honor of James Dahlvang's birthday. 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. Children and adults from Vacation Bible School and Christ's Servants Involved assembled 2,038 school kit bags, which were delivered to the Lutheran World Relief warehouse in St. Paul, and will 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 \$2,894 cost of shipping these bags overseas. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has agreed to match our gifts by giving 50 cents for each dollar we give, with their match maximum of \$1,000. **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 Oppegard, 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 8/28/11

First Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21  
Psalm: 26:1-8  
Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21  
Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

### 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  
The family of  
Eleanor Knutson

*(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:

#### St. Olaf College Student Congregation in Northfield

Winona State University Campus Ministry  
Mankato State University Campus Ministry  
Ihanja Secondary School in Tanzania  
Wanamingo Lutheran in Wanamingo



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*

## 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



### Mankato is talking about sculpture!

Our library has two over-sized books dedicated to Paul Granlund, the sculptor, and his work (730.9 Gra).

1. Granlund at Gustavus, published by Gustavus Adolphus College, is intended to give its reader a comprehensive view of the sculptures created by Paul Granlund during his nearly 35-year period beginning in 1950.
2. Paul Granlund: Spirit of Bronze - Shape of Freedom, by William Freiart. Granlund is recognized as a premier sculptor throughout the United States and abroad. Bethlehem is very grateful to have received the gift of a Granlund sculpture entitled "Crucifixion".



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### Evangelism Thoughts for the Week

Try our Sundays.  
They're better than Baskin-Robbins!

You are not too bad to come in.  
You are not too good to stay out.

### Mayo Clinic Health System Hospice sponsors:

**Journey Through Grief** -- this is an 8-week grief group for people who have experienced the death of a loved one.

**Thursdays, from Sept. 15-Nov. 3,  
6-8 p.m.**

Crossview Covenant Church  
2000 Howard Drive, North Mankato

**Journey Through Grief** -- this is an 8-week grief group for people over 60 who have experienced the death of a loved one.

**Thursdays, from Sept. 15-Nov. 3,  
10 a.m. - noon**

Christ the King Lutheran Church  
222 Pfau Street, Mankato

There is no charge for these programs,  
but pre-registration is required.

For more information or to register,  
please call the Hospice office at 385-  
2989 or 1-800-327-3721, extension 2989.



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.

Whether your marriage is rocky or rock solid, you'll be glad you attended a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend! Presentations by lay and clergy leaders give you tools and information to deepen your understanding, communication, and compassion. The fall Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends in Minnesota are October 14-16 in Duluth and November 18-20 in Brooklyn Center. Please register several weeks in advance. For more information, contact Dick & Judy Dehnel at 952-432-3105, Pete & Phyllis McMahon at 763-561-1575, or visit [www.godlovesmarriage.org](http://www.godlovesmarriage.org).



### 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.