

Announcements for the week of
 August 7-14, 2011
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WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE

Week of July 31, 2011:
 Offered for the Lord's Work: \$5,936.00
 July Mission Project:
 Iambi Secondary School - \$1,596.00
Worship attendance - Sunday, 7/31/11:
 9:45 a.m.: 259
Wednesday, August 3, at 5:30 p.m.: 12

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00-9:30 a.m. and 10:45-11:00 a.m.
 ~ Coffee at the Bethlehem Child
 Care Center
 9:45 a.m. ~ Worship Service
 CSI begins



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



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 (CSI) will be
 assembling 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



There were 47 children and 25 hard-
 working volunteers who enjoyed a BIG
 Jungle Adventure at Vacation Bible
 School this past week. We enjoyed
 fellowship through food, songs, crafts,
 and games while celebrating the amazing
 love of Jesus all day, every day! The
 children also got to experience our
 congregational school bag mission
 project by packing 100 school bags with
 supplies they brought throughout the
 week. This morning, they will be
 sharing three songs they learned during
 the week with us.

LECTIONARY FOR 8/14/11

First Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Psalm: 67
Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Gospel: Matthew 15:10-28

IN OUR PRAYERS

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| Arlene Stenzel | Barry Bliesmer |
| Forrest Glick | Lorene Heaberlin |
| Eric Barnes | John Hansen |
| Glenn Saxton | Rebecca Schreiner |
| Paul Sullivan | Marv Merrill |
| Harvey Menk | Johanna Theissen |
| 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:

- Chatfield Lutheran in Chatfield
- Stordahl Lutheran in Zumbrota
- Trinity Lutheran in Owatonna
- Dinka Sudanese Chapel in Rochester
- Nduguti Lutheran in Tanzania
- Santisima Trinidad Mission in Colombia



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 provid-
 ing meals, we can make that transition
 period smoother for the families. If you're
 interested, please contact Kami Matteson
 at klmatteson3@gmail.com.



On August 11, Linda Engstrom will be here
 to talk about bicycle safety. Bring your bicy-
 cles, helmets, etc. to the church by 7 p.m. for
 Girlfriends Unlimited. We sure would like to
 see you! We will meet in the parking lot.

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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 will be 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



Times to Remember

CHURCH LIBRARY
News

1. The Oxford History of the United States -- The Battle Cry of Freedom: The Civil War Era, by James McPherson. This is the standard one-volume history of the Civil War. (973.7 McP)
2. Beyond the River, by Ann Hagedorn, is the untold story of the heroes of the underground railroad. (973.7 Hag)
3. Over the Earth I Come, by Duane Schultz, who uncovers the events and injustices that sparked the great Sioux uprising of 1862. (973.7 Sch)



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).

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Evangelism Thoughts for the Week

It is not how much we have, but how much we enjoy, that makes happiness.

Our church is prayer conditioned -- come in, we're really cool!



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

August 9 - Chad Fothergill

August 16 - Christine Schulz

(music by Franz Liszt to celebrate the 200th anniversary of his birth)

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 Breakfast

As men, it is important that we spend time together sharing in each other's joys, sorrows, struggles, and triumphs. The only way to accomplish this is by spending time together. I want to invite you to a men's breakfast in which we will share a short devotional and spend some time together just "doing life". The breakfast will be held on **Saturday, August 13, at 8:30 a.m.** at the Scout Office on Madison Avenue. If you plan on attending, please either e-mail me at pwilkins@bsamail.org or give me a call on my cell phone at (507) 995-0148 so that I can plan the food accordingly. **There is no cost for this breakfast.** This will be a very low key/casual event that I hope we can turn into a monthly activity. Yours in Christ, Paul Wilkinson

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Earth Stewards

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 Book of Faith Study for August, we will share the story of Jonah, the reluctant prophet, and his harrowing adventure. We will begin our four-week study on **Wednesday, August 10**, and offer the course at two times: 10:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. The cost of the book is \$8, and you can sign up in the office.