

Announcements for the week of October 25-November 1, 2009
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 720 South Second Street, Mankato, MN 56001
For more information, please check our website: www.bethlehemmankato.org.

Week of October 18, 2009:

Offered for the Lord's Work: \$8,467.00
October Mission Project - VINE: \$351.00

Worship attendance - October 18

8:15 a.m. ~ 166 10:45 a.m. ~ 184

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:15 a.m. ~ Worship Service
9:30 a.m. ~ Adult Forum - "Bread for the World" with
Richard & Lois Wintersteen (Heritage Room);
coffee (Grounds for Joy); LIGHT
10:45 a.m. ~ Worship Service

Echo Food Shelf Emphasis: During the month of October, we'll be collecting cereal.

Radio Broadcast: To sponsor a 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 at 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Night Schedule

5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper	6:15 - 6:45 p.m. Children of Bethlehem
5:15 - 6:00 p.m. Junior Gospbells	6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Bethlehem Gospbells
5:15 - 6:15 p.m. Chancel Choir	6:45 - 7:45 p.m. Gather Choir
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. TIMES	7:00 - 8:00 p.m. All Saints Class (Room A downstairs)
6:00 - 7:45 p.m. Confirmation	7:45 - 8:30 p.m. The Messengers

Glenn Saxton will be at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester for a couple more weeks. He can't have company, but cards may be sent to him at St. Mary's Hospital, Mary Brigh 3F Room 652, Rochester, MN 55902.

In Our Prayers: *(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.)*

The family of Norma Miller Fran Phelps Dawn Hernandez Glenn Saxton Con Sletta
Delores Krause Jean McDowell Kari Edwards Elaine Fick Dorothy Ringgenberg
Gordon Anderson Willie Hoppe

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.

All congregations of the ELCA in Minnesota and throughout the United States,
and all ELCA missionaries around the world

On October 26 from 4:00-8:00, there will be a silent auction/barbecue feast benefit at the WOW! Zone for George Wullschlegar. George is married to Tami (Davis) Wullschlegar, who is the daughter of long-time members Jim & Shirley Davis. George was diagnosed with neck cancer in late August. On September 21, he underwent surgery in Rochester to remove the tumor. George and Tami are staying at the Hope Lodge in Rochester as he begins 6-7 weeks of radiation and chemotherapy. Proceeds from the silent auction & meal tickets go directly to the Wullschlegers.



Do You Have an Eye for Decorating?

The Music & Worship Board is looking for volunteers to help decorate the sanctuary for fall. We will meet on **Saturday, November 7, at 10:00 a.m.** Bethlehem is hosting the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve service this year, so we would like to make the sanctuary look especially great for fall. Thank you in advance for helping - the more, the merrier!

The Care Ministry Team will gather at Gus Johnson Plaza on **Monday, November 9, at 1:00.** Following the service will be coffee and fellowship. Everyone is welcome.





From Our Library...

How about a review of some of our library rules: 1) Sign out your book with your full name. 2) Stamp both the card and the card in the back of the book. 3) Please be aware of the due date of your book and return it on time. 4) A reminder: we have a Leader's Guide for Lutheran Women magazine that circles use for lesson study.

Bethlehem's Mission Project for October: VINE Faith In Action

It is our hope that you will reflect on the many ways in which VINE is present in the lives of those who are served in our community and be a partner in supporting their programs. ~ *Bethlehem Community and Global Mission Board*

Bazaar Notes!!

Tickets for the Nordic Bazaar luncheon will be on sale in the office between worship services on October 25 and November 1, and also in the office on weekdays. Flyers for the Nordic Bazaar are available in the narthex. Please use them as invitations for friends and family. We can use many Scandinavian cookies and other baked goods for the bazaar. We serve approximately 650 lunches and have booth sales, so we need a lot of Scandinavian goodies! We also need baked goods for sales at the bazaar, on Wednesday night, and on Sunday.



The youth are selling Christmas greens for a mission fund raiser. Order forms are in the bulletin, at the kiosk, and in the office. Please pay when you make your order. Fold your order form in half, put your check inside, and write "Christmas greens" on the check's memo line. This helps Elizabeth with directing monies to the correct fund.

Deadline for all orders is November 1, 2009.

Fair Trade

Coffee: \$6 per bag
Tea: \$3 per box
Cocoa: \$5 per can
Candy bars: \$3 each



Congratulations to the BLC Youth Program! (Thank you - Dalton, Lance, and Casey!) They have secured a \$1,000 grant to continue the CSI:Mankato ministry project.

The grant is funded by Youthworks in Minneapolis.



Join us for Wednesday Night Suppers in the dining room from 5:00 to 6:30. Cost remains at \$4.00 for adults/\$3.00 for students through confirmation age.

Menu for October 28: tater tot hot dish, dinner rolls, cranberries, and green beans.

Join us for: Parents, Kids and Money Matters

When: Sunday, November 1, from 4:00-7:00 at the WOW! Zone in Mankato
Ages 5 year olds thru 11 year olds – accompanied by parents. Children & families will be learning about money and values. After the presentation by Thrivent, they are sponsoring FREE bowling & pizza for everyone!! This will fill up fast – space is limited. To register, contact Leah Garry at 507-382-2205 or lgarry@hickorytech.net by October 25.

THANK YOU to all of my Bethlehem friends who were so kind to send cards, make phone calls, and visit me during my recent illness. I have recuperated more quickly as a result of your prayers and good wishes.

~ With gratitude, Iona Bursaw

Lectionary For November 1, 2009:

Sunday	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
11/01/09	Isaiah 25:6-9	24	Rev. 21:1-6a	John 11:32-44



TODAY from 11:00-1:00, Grace Lutheran Church (located at the corner of 4th and Main Streets) will be having its 18th annual **Habitat for Humanity Chili Luncheon.** In exchange for a free-will offering to Habitat for Humanity, you will receive a big bowl of homemade chili, ham & cheese sandwiches, cake, and a beverage. Still hungry? Then have seconds!

TIMES (Teens In Mission Enthusiastically Serving)
6:00-7:45 p.m. Wednesday evenings in Grounds for Joy
October 28 - Fall Festival
November 4 - Bowling
November 11 - Games night/pizza party/TIMES bulletin board