

## Announcements for the week of November 1-8, 2009

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 720 South Second Street, Mankato, MN 56001

For more information, please check our website: [www.bethlehemmankato.org](http://www.bethlehemmankato.org).

### Week of October 25, 2009:

Offered for the Lord's Work: \$10,082.00  
October Mission Project - VINE: \$1,017.00

### Worship attendance - October 25

8:15 a.m. ~ 98    10:45 a.m. ~ 264

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:15 a.m. ~ Worship Service  
9:30 a.m. ~ Adult Forum - "Book of Faith Initiative" with  
Pastor Jay Dahlvang (Heritage Room);  
coffee (Grounds for Joy); LIGHT  
10:45 a.m. ~ Worship Service

**Echo Food Shelf Emphasis:** During the month of November, we'll be collecting personal care items.

**Radio Broadcast:** Today's broadcast is sponsored by **Gordy & Jan Struss in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary.** They were married at Bethlehem by Pastor Feroe. 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



**Mark your calendar for Bethlehem's Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting  
Sunday, November 22, 12:00 p.m. ~ Dining Room**

**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.)

**Gordon Anderson**

**Fran Phelps**

**Dawn Hernandez**

**Glenn Saxton**

**Con Sletta**

**Delores Krause**

**Jean McDowell**

**Elaine Fick**

**Dorothy Ringgenberg**

**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.

Union Prairie Lutheran in Lanesboro

Trondhjem Lutheran in Austin

Wangen Prairie Lutheran in Cannon Falls

Kisimba Lutheran in Tanzania (partnered with

Wangen Prairie, Cannon Falls)

Kinyangiri Lutheran in Tanzania

Because of the success of our summer series, we are offering the Pastor Don Bible Study once a month as part of **Connection** (the 9:30 Sunday School hour for grades 7-12). This Bible study is based on the book Words of Hope in the Midst of Lou Gehrig's Disease by Pastor Donald Roberts. The book can be purchased for \$15 in the office if you would like to buy it. The devotions written in this book were born, in many cases, out of a faith struggle. As a pastor, Don experienced the ups and downs of daily pastoral life. What makes this book unique is that he has had Lou Gehrig's disease for 13 years. His faith has been sorely tested, and by that testing strengthened. **Connection** dates for this study are November 1, December 6, January 10, February 14, March 14, April 11, and May 9. See you in church. ~ Lance



### **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...**

Thanks to all of you who have contributed books to our Bazaar book sale on November 4. Don't forget to check out the large variety of books for sale. You will find paperbacks recently read by book clubs that are 25 cents each. We always have interesting cookbooks, children's books, and many others. See you at the Bazaar!

**Bethlehem's Mission Project for November: ELCA World Hunger**

To participate in our church's efficient organization in providing for others around the globe, make a check out to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, with ELCA World Hunger in the memo line. The Adult Forum on November 8 will focus on the important work of ELCA World Hunger. Join us in the Heritage Room for success stories about their changing focus. For more details, please see the November STAR. ~ *Bethlehem Community and Global Mission Board*

**Bazaar Notes!!** Tickets for the Nordic Bazaar luncheon will be on sale in the office between worship services TODAY and also in the office during the week. Flyers 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 TODAY.**

**Fair Trade**

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



Thanks to all the members of Bethlehem who generously contributed to the moving expenses for Pastor Jay. We raised enough funds to cover the move.



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 November 4: potato soup & sandwiches, fruit.

**Last Saturday, we had another successful work day here at church. Thank you** to the following people for getting many inside and outside jobs done: George Van Lith, Tom Sanger, Bruce & Mary Beth Royer, Bob & Marsha Qualset, Diana Olson, Kari Csizmadia and her sons Steve and Sam, Clancy Olson, Dennis Sandersfeld, Melissa Matthies, Mel Alms, Jack Halvorson, Bob Brown, and Pastor Jay Dahlvang. **Thank you** also to everyone who helped prepare and clean Pastor Jay's office before he arrived: Werner Fick, Mary Beth Royer, Bob & Susan Brown, Kari & Sam Csizmadia, Jerry Orness, and Marcia Nagel. Come and join us when we have another work day in the spring!

**Lectionary For November 8, 2009:**

Sunday	First Reading	Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel
11/08/09	I Kings 17:8-16	146	Hebrews 9:24-28	Mark 12:38-44

**TIMES (Teens In Mission Enthusiastically Serving)**

6:00-7:45 p.m. Wednesday evenings in Grounds for Joy

November 4 - Bowling

November 11 - Games night/pizza party/TIMES bulletin board

November 18 - ECHO Food Shelf