

Announcements for the week of
November 15-22, 2009
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WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE

Week of November 8, 2009:
Offered for the Lord's Work: \$8,140.00
November Mission Project:
World Hunger: \$1,706.00
Worship attendance - November 8
8:15 a.m. ~ 110 10:45 a.m. ~ 221

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:15 a.m. ~ Worship Service
9:30 a.m. ~ Adult Forum - Thank-You party for Robin Freyberg (Heritage Room); coffee (Grounds for Joy); LIGHT
10:45 a.m. ~ Worship Service

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper
5:15 - 6:00 p.m. Junior Gospels
5:15 - 6:15 p.m. Chancel Choir
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. TIMES
6:00 - 7:45 p.m. Confirmation
6:15 - 6:45 p.m. Children of Bethlehem
6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Bethlehem Gospels
6:45 - 7:45 p.m. Gather Choir
7:45 - 8:30 p.m. The Messengers

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 18:
Turkey dinner

TIMES SCHEDULE

(Teens In Mission Enthusiastically Serving)
6:00-7:45 p.m. Wednesday evenings in Grounds for Joy
November 18 - ECHO Food Shelf
November 25 - **NO** TIMES
December 2 - Christmas baking/visiting shut-ins

RADIO BROADCAST

Today's broadcast is sponsored by Aileen Eick in honor of all the people who helped with the Nordic Bazaar. 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.

BETHLEHEM MISSIONS

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

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. For more details, please see the November *STAR*. ~ *Bethlehem Community and Global Mission Board*

Fair Trade Products For Sale

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



FROM OUR LIBRARY

Advent Books! The Jesse Tree, by R. Anderson, 242.33. This book contains stories and symbols of Advent. A is For Advent, by C. Ferguson, 412. This is an adult alphabet book and tells the story behind different words associated with religion. Celebrate Jesus at Christmas, by K. Reese. This book covers activities, prayers, and songs for each week from Advent to Epiphany. Book of Thanksgiving, by P. Dickson, 394.2. This book covers the history, prayers, and recipes to use for Thanksgiving.

LECTIONARY FOR 11-22-09

First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Psalm: 93
Second Reading:
Revelation 1:4b-8
Gospel: John 18:33-37

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
Delores Krause	Glenn Saxton
Jean McDowell	Con Sletta
Dawn Hernandez	Willie Hoppe
Dorothy Ringenberg	

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.

Trinity Lutheran in Hayfield
West Freeborn Lutheran in Hartland
Whalan Lutheran in Whalan
Mwanga Lutheran in Tanzania
St. John Mwando Lutheran in Tanzania

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 1: Loren Roberts, Linda Bristol, Lauren Smith, Pastor Jay Dahlvang
Nov. 2: John Panzer
Nov. 4: Donna Skarpohl, Bruce Sherwood
Nov. 5: Rosie Throldahl, Richard Wintersteen, Denny Ferris
Nov. 8: Kathryn Freyberg, Brad Butler
Nov. 9: Lois Wintersteen
Nov. 10: Barb Manske, Gary Peterson
Nov. 11: Alex Turner, Brandon Karels
Nov. 12: Mildred Johnson, Justin Christenson
Nov. 13: Eleanor Vandermoon
Nov. 14: Bonnie Torgerson, Dee Ahlstrom, Deb Pipes, Phillip Wachtel
Nov. 15: Ruth Bell, Janet Backlund, Wayne Sauer, Gordon Aase, Chuck Pielh
Nov. 17: Samuel Penkaty
Nov. 18: Ardie Larsen
Nov. 19: Sally Burdick, Gary Schmidt, Adam Sageng
Nov. 20: Charles Troidahl, Scott Matteson, Alysén Pettis, Elizabeth Molina
Nov. 21: Mayo Granaas, Autumn Marlatt, Shirley Wold
Nov. 23: Wally McDougall, Arlen Skorr, Carol Boyum
Nov. 24: Betty Sanger, Matthew Greeley, Lori Steen, Kevin Nevills
Nov. 25: Pat Nelson
Nov. 27: Alice Haugen, Lance Quick
Nov. 28: Florence Sassenberg, Ryan Nelson
Nov. 30: Kris McCormick, Mary Dieken, Thomas Bye, Lindsay Ahl

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Wreaths are coming the week of November 16-20! All wreaths need to be picked up from church. The youth of Bethlehem thank everyone who purchased Christmas greens, as this fundraiser will be part of the summer mission trip. The wreaths can be picked up at the back alley doors closest to the parking lot (the temperature is cooler in this area for the wreaths). Orders will be bagged and marked with the buyer's name on the bag.

Milestone News: Next Sunday, November 22, is the last day for the Operation Christmas Child mission project. All plastic shoe boxes, individual gift items, and postage need to be at church by 9:30 a.m. During the LIGHT hour, the youth will be packing and organizing all of the plastic boxes. By giving a shoe box, it is a way to teach children about the love of Jesus as Sunday school lessons are taught to children in their own language and then given their box. The box represents a tangible example of the gifts that God provides for us. Last year, Bethlehem sent 59 boxes to O.C.C. We are still in need of \$7.00 postage for each box, too. A check made out to Bethlehem Lutheran Church with O.C.C. marked on the memo line of your check will enable Elizabeth to direct the funds into the correct fund. Checks can be put into her mailbox in the office. Thank you to all who contributed. The total number of boxes given will be put in the bulletin on November 29. **In the narthex, the four year olds' banners, "Jesus Loves (their name in their favorite color)" are displayed thru Thanksgiving weekend.** Next Sunday, they will be singing "Jesus Loves Me" holding these banners at the 10:45 service. The banners will then go home and will give a constant reminder to these children of Jesus' love for them.



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



An invitation to all of Bethlehem's "mature" members: A group of seniors is gathering on **Tuesday, Nov. 17, from 1-2 p.m. in the Heritage Room** to discuss a new ministry for those in their golden years. The group would meet approximately once a month for a time of fellowship and fun. For our meeting on November 17, all of our seasoned Bethlehemers are invited to bring: ideas for a name of our group; ideas for what we want to do; some cookies, bars, or treats to share; and a willing spirit to lead and coordinate the ministry.

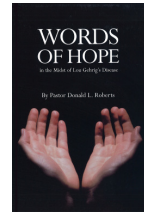


Congrats to Madi Bentdahl! She competed in the Sweet Adelines Idol contest on November 7 & sang "With a Little Help From My Friends", accompanied by Lance Quick.

The audience voted, and Madi won the singing contest for her age group.

On October 18, Bethlehem provided and served the Sunday noon meal to 94 guests and 12 workers at the Salvation Army. Thank you to Randy Drager for being the team leader, and to Aileen Eick for phone calling. Thank you to the many people who contributed food, money, and time: Randy & Ian Drager; Jodi & Megan Jones; Jan Boyum; Tom & DeeAnn Nelson; Gary & Carole Morpew; Lavon & Sally Burdick; Brad & Betty Groth; Deloris Guenther; Barb Manske; Werner Fick; Alice Haugen; Selma Braun; Aileen Eick; Darlene Hines; Carl & Rita Schoenstedt; Scott & Kris MacLean; Jeff, Kari, & Rachel Edwards; Marlys Erdman; Elaine Fick; Chuck & Kathy Piehl; Gert DeRemer; Rae Allan; Bob & Susan Brown. Everyone's participation is truly appreciated by many. Bethlehem will serve again after Christmas. Please join us! Call Bob & Susan Brown (387-2976).

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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. **Connection** dates for this study are **December 6, January 10, February 14, March 14, April 11, and May 9.**

ALL are welcome to attend!

Women are so very busy today with their careers, family, and many activities that they rarely take *time for themselves*. **Girlfriends Unlimited** is a women's ministry program ultimately focused on building and strengthening women's relationships with Jesus. This ministry is all about *having fun*, giggling, and getting to know other women. This could include scrapbooking, Christian yoga, gratitude journaling, liturgical dance, prayer, & Bible study. Please join us for a Girlfriends organizational meeting on **Thursday, November 19, from 6:30-8 p.m. in Classroom E** to offer your ideas. Call Melissa Matthies at 507-327-0744 for more information. See you there!



NOVEMBER CIRCLES

Elizabeth Circle -

November 16 at 2 p.m.

Rachael Circle -

November 18 at 9:30 a.m.,

meeting at Wyonne Adamson's home

Martha Circle -

November 18 at 9:30 a.m.,

meeting at Kathy Crosswell's home

Mary Circle -

November 18 at 9:30 a.m.,

meeting at Dee Saman's home

Lydia Circle -

November 24 at 2 p.m.,

meeting at Grounds for Joy