

**Announcements for the week of  
January 10-17, 2010**

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**WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE**

**Week of January 3, 2010:**

Offered for the Lord's Work: \$5,599.00

January Mission Project - LSS:  
\$140.00

**Worship attendance - January 3**  
9:30 a.m. - 147

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

8:15 & 10:45 a.m. ~ Worship Services  
9:30 a.m. ~ Adult Forum - LSS Youth Work  
in the Community (Heritage Room); Pastor  
Don's Bible Study (Youth Room); Coffee  
(Grounds for Joy); LIGHT  
6:30 p.m. - Book of Faith class with  
Pastor Jay (Heritage Room)

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE**

**5:00 - 6:30 p.m.** Wednesday Night Supper  
**5:15 - 6:00 p.m.** Junior Gospbells  
**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 Gospbells  
**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.

Menu for January 13:

Turkey with mashed potatoes & gravy

**TIMES SCHEDULE**

**(Teens In Mission  
Enthusiastically Serving)**

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

January 13 - Movie Night

January 20 - Game Night with Kwik Trip  
Pizza

January 27 - Bowling at MSU

**CHILD CARE CENTER NEWS**

The BCCC will hold a McEducator Night  
from 5-7 p.m. every second Monday through  
May. Eat at McDonald's on Adams Street on  
**January 11**, leave your receipt with one of  
our volunteers, and 15% of sales will go to  
the BCCC. Proceeds will go for a new play-  
ground, upgrading toys, books, etc.

~ Marsha Madigan & Staff



**RADIO BROADCAST**



To sponsor a radio broad-  
cast 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 January, we'll be  
collecting pasta.

**Bethlehem's Mission Project for  
January: Lutheran Social Services**

LSS Mission Statement: LSS expresses  
the love of Christ for ALL people  
through service that inspires hope,  
changes lives, and builds community.  
See the January STAR for more details.  
Join us for the adult forum TODAY to  
learn about the new LSS Runaway &  
Homeless Youth Street Outreach  
Program. On January 17, from 9:30-  
10:45 a.m., you're welcome to take a tour  
of LSS during our open house.

~ *Bethlehem Community and Global  
Mission Board*

**FROM OUR LIBRARY**

We are fortunate to have a well-known  
local author, Bryce Stenzel, in our  
Bethlehem congregation. His first book,  
Man of the People (977.62 Ste) is in our  
library. His second book, Mankato  
Milestones 1852-2002 (977.621) is also  
available to check out. You will learn  
the facts and folklore of the Mankato  
area. We also have Mr. Stenzel's collec-  
tion of dramatic plays and the book  
German Immigration to the Minnesota  
River Valley Frontier, 1852-1865  
(977.621). These are all Minnesota  
Heritage Publishing books.



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**LECTIONARY FOR 1/17/10**

**First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5**

**Psalm: 36:5-10**

**Second Reading: I Cor. 12:1-11**

**Gospel: John 2:1-11**

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

**Dawn Hernandez**

**Arlene Stenzel**

**Helen Schwanke**

**Willie Hoppe**

**Brenda Wold**

**Richard Wold**

**The family & friends**

**of Muriel Penne**

**Fran Phelps**

**Glenn Saxton**

**Con Sletta**

**Bernice Wornson**

**Barbara Girtz**

**Janyce Struss**

*(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.

East Chain Lutheran in Blue Earth  
First Lutheran in Red Wing  
Medo Lutheran in Mapleton  
Fountain Lutheran in Fountain  
Las Delicias Mission in Columbia (partnered  
with the Sunday School of Fountain)  
Nazareth Lutheran in Tanzania



Join us for Girlfriends' Night Out!  
There will be a movie & popcorn.  
**Thursday, January 14, at 7 p.m. sharp**  
**downstairs in the Choir Room**



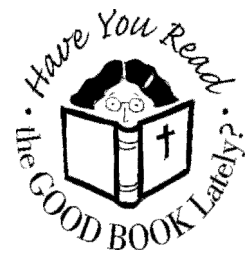
Mary, Martha, and Rachael Circles will hold  
joint meetings on **January 20, February 17,**  
**and March 17.** They will meet at 9:30 a.m.  
in Grounds for Joy.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Former Bethlehem member **Muriel Penne** passed away on Dec. 30, 2009. She was born on June 25, 1917. Muriel was known for her involvement with the BLC Annual Nordic Bazaar and many other Bethlehem events. She is survived by her two daughters, Sue Jorgensen of Albert Lea, MN, and Jane Penne-Morse of Vista, CA. Memorials can be given to the Hospice of the North County, 5441 Avenida Encinas, Suite A, Carlsbad, CA 92008, or to the Bethlehem Lutheran Church Choir. Copies of Muriel's full obituary can be found in the church office.



You are invited to gather with "The Owls" (Older Wiser Lutheran Seniors) on **Tuesday, January 19**, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Heritage Room. We'll play cards and board games. (Bring your favorite game along.) Coffee and treats will be provided. Hosts: Carole & Gary Morphew



"Making Sense of Scripture" is the newest foundational material in the Book of Faith Initiative, a movement within the ELCA to promote fluency in the first language of faith, the Scriptures. We will gather on seven Sunday nights from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Heritage Room to engage in conversation around seven major questions of the Bible. You are invited to bring your questions, insights, and experience with Scripture as we discuss topics like: What is the Bible? Is the Bible true? How can I read the Bible with greater understanding? We will meet starting tonight, **January 10**. The recommended donation for the book is \$12.50. No pre-registration is necessary, and all are welcome.

**The new church directories are expected to be delivered by late January or mid-February.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

In case of inclement weather on **Sunday** mornings, listen to **KTOE 1420 AM** for cancellation announcements for worship and church activities. In case of inclement weather on **Wednesdays**, our evening events will follow the cancellation decision of the Mankato Public Schools.



### Choir Concert

The St. Olaf Choir from Northfield, Minnesota, will be giving a concert at Bethlehem on Sunday, January 24, at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students and may be purchased at [stolaftickets.com](http://stolaftickets.com), at the church office, or by calling 800-363-5487.

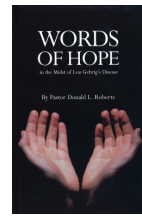
### MORE CHILD CARE CENTER NEWS

On Thursday, January 14, the Bethlehem Child Care Center will have a class for parents & staff on Healthy Eating Habits for kids. Bethlehem parents, or anyone interested, are welcome to join us. It will be held in the Youth Room from 6:30-7:30. Kelly Kunkel from the Extension office will be our speaker. Please contact Marsha at 345-3423 if you have any questions.

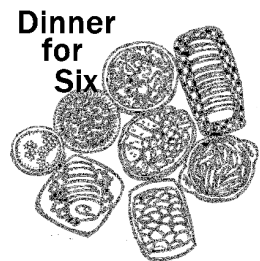
### CARE MINISTRY TEAM

The Care Ministry Team will meet at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 21, for their quarterly meeting in Grounds for Joy. Our speaker will be from Old Main Village. Everyone is welcome. Coffee and treats will be provided.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



Because of the success of our summer series, we are offering the Pastor Don Bible Study once a month in the Youth Room 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 today, January 10, February 14, March 14, April 11, and May 9. **ALL are welcome to attend!**



### DINNER FOR SIX

We will not be changing the present groups for the "Dinner for Six" at this time. Instead, please continue with your present group until next spring, April 1, 2010, when we will then sign up for the next round. We encourage both singles and couples to consider joining us in April -- it's a wonderful opportunity to meet new and old members of Bethlehem.

~ Dee and Roger Saman

Bethlehem will provide and serve Sunday noon meals at the Salvation Army



on the following dates this year: March 14, June 6, September 26, and December 26. If you are interested in joining one of the serving teams or donating food or funds, please call Bob and Susan Brown (387-2976). This is a wonderful mission opportunity here in our own neighborhood!