

**Announcements for the week of
January 17-24, 2010**

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WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE

Week of January 10, 2010:

Offered for the Lord's Work: \$10,237.00

January Mission Project - LSS:
\$445.00

Worship attendance - January 10

8:15 a.m. - 124 10:45 a.m. - 178

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:15 & 10:45 a.m. ~ Worship Services
9:30 a.m. ~ Adult Forum - LSS Open House;
Coffee (Grounds for Joy); LIGHT
3:00 p.m. - Bowling & Billiards at MSU
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 5:00-6:30.

Cost remains at \$4.00 for
adults/\$3.00 for students.

Menu for January 20:

Chicken and rice

TIMES SCHEDULE

**(Teens In Mission
Enthusiastically Serving)**

6:00-7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evenings
in Grounds for Joy (unless off-site)
January 20 - Game Night with Kwik Trip
Pizza
January 27 - Bowling at MSU
February 3 - ZUMBA!

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
February 8, 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 TODAY from 9:30-10:45 a.m.
for a tour of LSS during our open house.
~ *Bethlehem Community and Global
Mission Board*

FROM OUR LIBRARY

In recent years, Christian and
inspirational fiction has really
blossomed, and new writers are
entering the field every day.

Here are some of the authors of this
genre that we have in our library:

Richard Evans Lynne Hinton
Jan Karon Karen Kingsbury
Michael Lindvall Gilbert Morris
Janette Oke Frank Peretti
Tracie Peterson



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LECTIONARY FOR 1/24/10

First Reading: Neh. 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm: 19

Second Reading: I Cor. 12:12-31a
Gospel: Luke 4:14-21

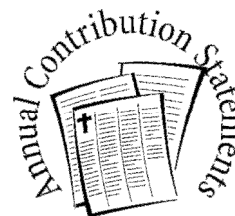
IN OUR PRAYERS

Dawn Hernandez	Fran Phelps
Arlene Stenzel	Glenn Saxton
Helen Schwanke	Con Sletta
Willie Hoppe	Bernice Wornson
Brenda Wold	Barbara Girtz
Richard Dehner	Janyce Struss
Marilyn Price	

(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:

Grand Meadow Lutheran in Grand Meadow
East Freeborn Lutheran in Albert Lea
Gol Lutheran in Kenyon
Community Lutheran in Geneva
San Pablo Lutheran in Columbia
(partnered with Community, Geneva)
Cristo Vive Mission in Columbia
(partnered with Community, Geneva)



Be sure to pick up your
2009 year-end contribution reports
in the Narthex.



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.

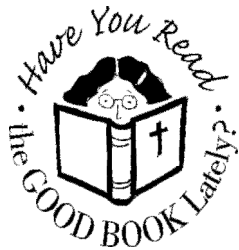
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A "Bethlehem Green" task force will be meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 28, at Bethlehem to talk about how to make our church and members more aware of being "green" and caring for creation. Members from First Lutheran Church in St. Peter, who have had a committee for years now, will join us. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come.



You are invited to gather with The OWLS (Older Wiser Lively 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? 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.

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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 next Sunday, January 24, at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students and may be purchased at stolaftickets.com, at the church office, or by calling 800-363-5487.

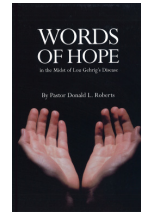


Award-winning singer/songwriter and national recording artist **Phil Keaggy** will give a concert on Friday, January 29, at 7:30 p.m. at Crossview Covenant Church, 2000 Howard Drive, in North Mankato. Tickets are \$10 each. For more information, visit www.crossviewcovenant.org.

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.

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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 **February 14, March 14, April 11, and May 9.**

ALL are welcome to attend!



Family heirloom lost!

An icon of the Madonna and Baby Jesus was mistakenly put in a box of items that went to the Neighborhood Thrift Store in December. The icon was painted on a wood plaque with two hinged shutters on the side that close to cover the painting. If you have any information regarding its whereabouts, please call Mary at 507-388-1193.



Girlfriends Unlimited

Next meeting: February 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Heritage Room
Join us for Tai Chi & Feng Shui!