

**Announcements for the week of  
January 24-31, 2010**

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**WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE**

**Week of January 17, 2010:**

**Offered for the Lord's Work: \$9,546.00**

**January Mission Project - LSS: \$631.00**

**Haiti Earthquake Relief: \$750.00**

**Worship attendance - January 17**

**8:15 a.m. - 135      10:45 a.m. - 166**

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

8:15 & 10:45 a.m. ~ Worship Services  
9:30 a.m. ~ Adult Forum - video: Cultural Diversity (Heritage Room); Coffee (Grounds for Joy); LIGHT  
3:00 p.m. - St. Olaf Choir concert - Sanctuary  
\*\***NO Book of Faith class with Pastor Jay tonight**

**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 and \$3.00 for students.

Menu for January 27:  
Spaghetti

**TIMES SCHEDULE**

**(Teens In Mission  
Enthusiastically Serving)**

6:00-7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evenings  
in Grounds for Joy (unless off-site)

January 27 - Bowling at MSU

February 3 - ZUMBA!

February 10 - Valentines to nursing homes

February 17 - Ash Wednesday - **no** TIMES

**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 playground, upgrading toys, books, etc.

~ Marsha Madigan & Staff

**RADIO BROADCAST**



Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Loren & Noreen Roberts in honor of Selma Braun's 95th birthday. To sponsor a radio 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 January, we'll be collecting pasta.

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

During the recent Adult Forum regarding LSS youth programs, nine Bethlehem members signed up to assist in solving the homeless youth program in our community. They are invited to meet with Amber Statz and Craig Hinkle, LSS Street Outreach workers for Runaway & Homeless Youth, and Pastor Jay in Grounds for Joy on **Thursday, February 4, from 4-5:00 p.m.** Anyone interested in helping homeless youth is welcome to attend this organizational meeting.

LSS and the Christ the King Circle of Hope have organized a community meeting to learn how to change homelessness. You are invited to attend the Extreme Youth Homelessness Makeover pancake lunch and meeting on Sunday, January 31, from noon-2:00 p.m. at Christ the King Lutheran.

LSS is not one of Bethlehem's 2010 budget expenses. Please give to LSS and support the people they serve. Make your check payable to Bethlehem and write *LSS, Mankato* on the memo line. Thank you!  
~ Community and Global Mission Board

**FROM OUR LIBRARY**

Jodi Picoult does a spectacular job of weaving in all sorts of spiritual elements. The story makes you wonder about God ~ and that's a rare moment in modern fiction! (FIC - PIC) Her books include: My Sister's Keeper; Vanishing Acts; Keeping Faith; and Perfect Match.

**LECTIONARY FOR 1/31/10**

**First Reading:** Jer. 1:4-10

**Psalm:** 71:1-6

**Second Reading:** 1 Cor. 13:1-13

**Gospel:** Luke 4:21-30

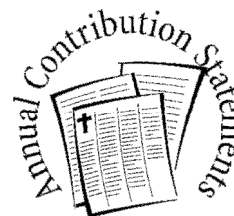
**IN OUR PRAYERS**

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

*(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:

Gloria Dei Lutheran in Rochester  
Messiah Lutheran in North Mankato  
Ushora & Ndago Lutheran Churches in Tanzania (partnered with Messiah)  
First Lutheran in Ellendale  
El Redentor Lutheran in Columbia (partnered with First, Ellendale)  
Cannon River Lutheran in Welch



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



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

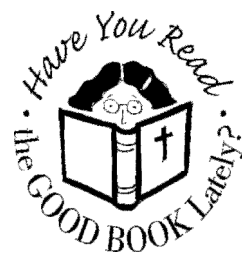
## ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.

### Foster Grandparent Volunteers Needed:

The LSS Foster Grandparent Program is looking for individuals 55 years or older who enjoy children and have 15 hours per week or more to share at the Bethlehem Child Care Center. The position includes a small tax-free stipend plus mileage reimbursement. For more information, contact Gail at 507-530-2295 or 507-337-0382.



"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 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 Quilting group donated 37 baby quilts to Operation Smiles to be sent to Guatemala. Thank you, Quilters!

## 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 TODAY at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for students.



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](http://www.crossviewcovenant.org).



Garrett Evenson has reported to boot camp to enlist in the US Navy. He is expected to graduate on March 5 and then have 13 weeks of schooling in Pensacola, FL, before his first duty station. Here is his boot camp address for anyone who would like to send him a letter (no packages allowed):

SR EVENSON, GARRETT J  
SHIP 07, DIV 108  
RECRUIT TRAINING COMMAND  
3405 SAILOR DRIVE  
GREAT LAKES, IL 60088-3401

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

**ALL are welcome to attend!**



The Council is pleased to welcome **Mary Bliesmer** as our new **Vice President!**

Marcy Hillegas needs a ride to church every Sunday for the 10:45 a.m. service. She has MS and needs to be driven from Laurel's Edge @ 10:00 a.m. in her van with scooter to church. She misses lunch at her residence, so she will buy lunch after the service. This would involve carrying her in and out of the van. She will pay \$20 plus lunch every Sunday. Can we get three or four people to rotate Sundays? If you're interested, please call Melissa Matthies at 327-0744, or Marcy Hillegas at 344-4227.

In conjunction with the Stewardship committee's effort to make the Time and Talent survey more accessible to the boards and committees that would use them, we are asking everyone who has an e-mail address and would like to share it with us (if you haven't already done so) to turn their address in to the office. We, of course, will not sell or share it with anyone outside Bethlehem! We want everyone who is willing to be "God's hands" to get asked to share their special talents and be part of the work that goes on here at Bethlehem. Thanks so much!



### Girlfriends Unlimited

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