

Announcements for the week of  
January 3-10, 2010  
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### WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE

**Week of December 27, 2009:**  
Offered for the Lord's Work: \$6,080.00  
December Mission Project:  
God's Global Barnyard: \$9,511.00  
**Worship attendance - December 27**  
9:30 a.m. - 179  
**December 24 - 5:00: 350 10:00: 57**  
**December 25 - 9:30: 35**

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 a.m. ~ Worship service  
10:30 a.m. ~ Coffee (Grounds for Joy);  
**no** LIGHT or adult forum

### 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 January 6:  
Lasagna & garlic bread

### TIMES SCHEDULE

*(Teens In Mission  
Enthusiastically Serving)*

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

January 6 - sledding/hot cocoa at Sibley  
Park

January 13 - Movie Night

### 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 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**

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 on January 10  
to learn about the new LSS Runaway &  
Homeless Youth Street Outreach  
Program. ~ *Bethlehem Community and  
Global Mission Board*

### FROM OUR LIBRARY

We are happy to recommend our large  
collection of Debbie Macomber books  
for your cold weather reading -- 16  
different titles. We have collected them  
through purchase, donations, and rescue  
from our bazaar donations. Debbie  
Macomber is a leading voice in women's  
fiction worldwide. Her work has  
appeared on every major best-seller list  
(Fic Mac). She is a multiple award  
winner, and there are more than 60  
million copies of her books in print.



### LECTIONARY FOR 1/10/10

**First Reading:** Isaiah 43:1-7  
**Psalm:** 29

**Second Reading:** Acts 8:14-17  
**Gospel:** Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

### 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 Wold</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.

Bethlehem Lutheran in Myrtle  
Dale Lutheran in Kenyon  
Epiphany Lutheran in Eagle Lake  
Mungaa Lutheran in Tanzania (partnered  
with Epiphany in Eagle Lake)  
Mgori Lutheran in Tanzania

### Fair Trade

\* Ethiopian \* Tanzanian Jubilee \*  
\* French Roast \* Sisters' Blend \*

Coffee, chocolate, tea,  
baking cocoa, and hot cocoa

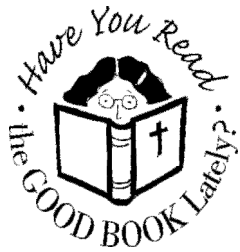


Mary, Martha, and Rachael Circles will hold  
joint meetings on **January 20, February 17,**  
**and March 17.** They will meet at 9:30 a.m.  
in Grounds for Joy.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



Bethlehem is known for being the "Friendly Church." We'd like to make Sunday mornings a bit friendlier by having a volunteer in the office to answer phone calls and direct guests. This volunteer position would consist of "manning" the office from 8:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., one Sunday a month. We need a total of 3 volunteers (we already have 2 signed up - thank you, Marvis Glick & Arlene Kirchner!). Training will be provided. Please contact Casey or Chris if you are interested in sharing your administrative time and talent with BLC and our guests!



"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 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.

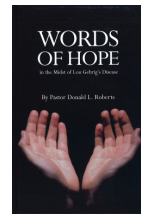
### MORE CHILD CARE CENTER NEWS

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.



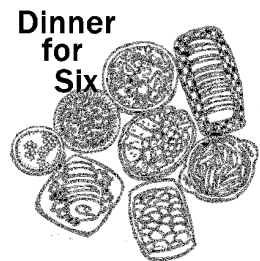
**Please pick up your 2010 offering envelopes in the narthex.**

## 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 **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!