

Announcements for the week of
January 31-February 7, 2010
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WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE

Week of January 24, 2010:
Offered for the Lord's Work: \$6,300.00
January Mission Project - LSS: \$1,436.00
Haiti Earthquake Relief: \$3,120.00
Worship attendance - January 24
8:15 a.m. - 124 10:45 a.m. - 137

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:15 & 10:45 a.m. ~ Worship Services
9:30 a.m. ~ Adult Forum - BLC's "Green"
Committee (Heritage 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 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 5:00-6:30.

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

Menu for February 3:

Soup & salad bar with sandwiches

TIMES SCHEDULE

*(Teens In Mission
Enthusiastically Serving)*

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

February 3 - ZUMBA!

February 10 - Valentines to nursing homes

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

February 24 - Pizza fundraiser/game night
in basement

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



Today's broadcast is sponsored
by Elizabeth Englin in memory
of her dad, Harry E. Englin.
To sponsor a radio broadcast in
honor of or in memory of some-
one, 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 February,
we'll be collecting diapers, wipes,
baby food, & formula.

Bethlehem's Mission Project for January: Lutheran Social Services

During the recent Adult Forum regarding
LSS youth programs, nine Bethlehem mem-
bers signed up to assist in solving the home-
less 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 wel-
come 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 **TODAY 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

February is Black History Month. Our
library has autobiographies of and fiction by
well-known African-Americans. Autobiog-
raphies include: 1) My American Journey,
by Colin Powell (BC Pow); 2) The Measure
of a Man, by Sidney Poitier (BC Poi);
3) Martin Luther King, Jr. (BC Kin); and
4) Days of Grace, by Arthur Ashe (BC Ash).

LECTIONARY FOR 2/07/10

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]
Psalm: 138

Second Reading: I Cor. 15:1-11
Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

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	Jean McDowell
The family of	Ross Hall
Dorothy Bierne	Dolores Krause

*(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:

Bear Lake Concordia Lutheran, Albert Lea
Cross of Christ Lutheran in Houston
Ikungi Lutheran in Tanzania (partnered
with Cross of Christ, Houston)
Bear Creek Lutheran in Grand Meadow
Bethlehem Lutheran in Mankato
Iambi Secondary School in Tanzania
(partnered with Bethlehem, Mankato)



THANK YOU!!

Offerings in October,
November, and Decem-
ber 2009 were strong
and steady.

In May 2009, a year-
end deficit of \$42,000
was projected. At the
end of December 2009,

our actual deficit was only \$17,800.

Let's continue this positive trend!!



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.

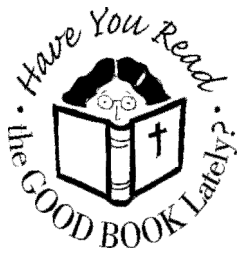
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mission Project



Attention: Mission-Minded Shoppers!

During the month of February, our mission focus is Global Health Ministries. One part of that mission is an ongoing project throughout the year of gathering layette supplies for use by developing nations to supply trained midwives with items needed at a baby's birth. This involves purchasing and assembling the kits containing these supplies. We invite everyone to become involved by contributing new or clean gently-used infant shirts/onesies, receiving blankets, or one yard of flannel fabric which we will make into a blanket, infant caps (knit fabric/knit of yarn) lightweight bath towels, bath-size bars of Ivory soap, washcloths, non-latex examining gloves, and clean sheets which can be made into ground cloths. Please place any contributions in the blue tub under the lost and found rack in the coatroom. If you have questions, call Betty at 388-5626.



"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 Bethlehem OWLS will meet on Thursday, February 18, from 1:00-3:00 in Grounds for Joy. Join us for storytelling. Lunch will be served.

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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.

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.



You are invited to share coffee and fellowship with our members residing at Pathstone Living Center. The event is **Tuesday, February 9**. Join us for monthly communion at 10:15 a.m. and/or the coffee at 10:45. The Bethlehem Care Ministry Team hosts these periodic coffees to refresh our fellowship with our members who are unable to attend services on Sundays.



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

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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!



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.

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!