

Announcements for the week of
October 24-31, 2010
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WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE

Week of October 17, 2010:
Offered for the Lord's Work: \$9,735.00
October Mission Project: VINE-\$1,096.00
Worship attendance-Sunday, 10/17/10:
8:15 - 86 10:45 - 316
Monday evening, 10/18/10: 21

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:15 and 10:45 a.m. - Worship Services
9:30 a.m. - Education Hour; Coffee
(Grounds for Joy)



Contribution
Statements

**Please pick up your third-
quarter contribution reports
on the kiosk in the narthex!**

Only one week remains of MAFTTI's Supermarkets campaign. Don't forget your check-out receipts next Sunday! If you haven't yet done so, please make a point today of taking some Fair Trade request slips to leave at the supermarkets where you shop this week.

ECHO FOOD SHELF IS MOVING! We have outgrown our present building. Our Board of Directors has taken a gigantic leap of faith and has purchased the old DeGrood's/Costumes Galore building on South Front Street. The purchase price and renovation costs will be \$600,000, and we need your help to pay for it. If you are able to make a donation at this time, please make your check payable to ECHO Building Fund and mail it to P.O. Box 3212, Mankato, or see our website at www.echofoodshelf.org. Thank you for your support of ECHO.

The Habitat for Humanity ReStore, 1751 Bassett Drive, Mankato, is having a "Lost Our Warehouse Sale" in October. They're drastically cutting prices on merchandise in the store. Hours are Tuesdays-Fridays from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Check out their website at www.HabitatRestoreMankato.org.



**SAVE YOUR ALUMINUM
CANS** and drop them off in the Habitat can shed in Bethlehem's parking lot! Sales go directly towards building a Habitat for Humanity home for a qualified South Central Minnesota resident.

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 morning at 11:00 a.m.

BETHLEHEM MISSIONS

Echo Food Shelf Emphasis:

During the month of October, we'll be collecting cereal.

Our Mission Project for October:

VINE Faith in Action "The Caregiver's Toolbox"

This five-session education series facilitated by Dr. Jeffrey Buchanan, Professor of Psychology at MSU, Mankato, is **targeted towards family members who are caring for a loved one diagnosed with dementia**. Each class will begin with a story or case study. Participants will be encouraged to share ideas and techniques they have found to be effective. There will be an emphasis on how the information can be utilized in every day situations. All classes will meet on the second Monday of the month (October 2010 - February 2011) from 4:30 - 6 p.m. Cost is \$10 per class session. Respite care is available. For more information and a complete class syllabus, contact Mary O'Sullivan at **VINE** at 387-1666 or maryo@vinevolunteers.com.



VINE—FAITH IN ACTION Our October Mission Project

Rake the Town 2010! Saturday, October 30

Organize a volunteer group and rake for homeowners who are unable to accomplish the task on their own. Great food, door prizes, and the opportunity to have fun with some very positive people. The event starts at 9 a.m. and concludes with VINE's famous chili lunch at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church in West Mankato.

Download a registration form at www.vinevolunteers.com or call VINE at 507-387-1666 to sign up!



Usher Team #5 is looking for a few people to join our team. Please call Jan Boyum at 387-6922.

We'd love to have you join us!

LECTIONARY FOR 10/31/10

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm: 46

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

Gospel: John 8:31-36

IN OUR PRAYERS

Willie Hoppe

Glenn Saxton

Arlene Stenzel

Forrest Glick

Rae Allan

Pauline Halvorson

The family of

Janyce Struss

Eric Barnes

Chloe Elmgren

Harvey Menk

Jean Benson

Tyler Adams

Roger Barnes

Melvin Alms

(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:

Union Prairie Lutheran in Lanesboro
Trondhjem Lutheran in Austin
Good Shepherd Lutheran in Plainview
Nile Our Savior's Chapel in Faribault
Ishenga Lutheran in Tanzania
Kinyangiri Lutheran in Tanzania

Wednesday Night Suppers

Join us from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.! Cost is \$4 for adults, \$3 for students through confirmation age, and \$11 for families. Join the fellowship! Bring your neighbors and friends! **Let's make Wednesday night BETHLEHEM NIGHT!**
Menu for October 27: tator tot hot dish, dinner rolls, and a fruit cup

Church Women United of Greater Mankato World Community Day 2010

"Building the Beloved Community"
Friday, November 5, 2010 at 1:00 p.m.
Centenary United Methodist Church
501 South Second Street
(dessert followed by the program)
For more information, contact
Centenary United Methodist Church
at 387-4075.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Every **Monday evening at 7:00 p.m.**, we will gather in the Chapel to receive and worship Christ in Word and Sacrament. From fall to the beginning of Advent, you are invited to join us in confession, praise and thanksgiving, and petition before God and with one another. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated every Monday night. For all you wearied and heavy burdened with weekend tournaments, work obligations, and domestic drudgery, come and find rest and refreshment for your souls. Christ will be among us--how about you?

FROM OUR LIBRARY

Do You Have a Problem? We Have a Book For You!

1. Happily Ever After, by Kristin Armstrong. Walking with peace and courage through a year of divorce. (248.8433)
2. Answer to Anxiety, by Herman Gockel. (248.86)
3. Five Cries of Grief, by Merton Strommen. One family's journey to healing after the tragic death of a son. (248.8 Str)
4. God Makes Old Age Young, by Erling Ruud. Better to be 70 years young than to be 20 years old. (248.85)



The Loyola Catholic School Instrumental Music Department will be hosting Fr. John Moulder (one of Chicago's finest jazz musicians) and the Dan Musselman Trio in concert with the Loyola Jazz Crusaders on Friday, October 29, at 7:00 p.m. in the Loyola High School Gymnasium/Auditorium. The concert is free and open to the public. A free will offering will be received for the support of the Loyola Instrumental Music program. Also, a free Jazz Guitar workshop will be offered at Loyola on the afternoon of the 29th in the band room. Any interested guitar players wishing to take part in the workshop can attend. Bring your guitars with you.

Each year, Gustavus offers their "Exploring Religious Questions Series" to the public. This year, the topic is "The Dead Sea Scrolls, Jesus, & Judaism." The cost to attend the series is \$35 per person. The series runs 5 consecutive Monday nights **through November 8**. For more detailed registration information, visit www.gustavus.edu/churchrelations.

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There will be a congregation brunch open house in honor of our confirmands on Sunday, October 31, from 9 - 10:30 a.m. in the Heritage Room. Join us for egg bake, bakery treats, juice, milk, and coffee. A free-will offering will be taken.



Evangelism Thought for the Week

**A lot of kneeling will
keep you in good standing.**

EARTH STEWARDS TIP OF THE WEEK:

Keep your fireplace damper closed unless a fire is going. Leaving it open lets 8% of warm or cooled air escape.



Christmas Wreaths and Sprays for sale by youth!

Order sheets are available at the kiosk and in the office. Order before October 27 for delivery the week before Thanksgiving. Support our youth by decorating for Christmas with real evergreen. There are a variety of sizes and styles.



Bazaar Notes: Tickets for the Nordic Bazaar luncheon will be on sale in the office between services on October 24 and 31. We can use many Scandinavian cookies and other baked goods for the bazaar luncheon and for sales at the bazaar. We also need baked goods for Wednesday night and Sunday sales.



Bethlehem Lutheran Church Cookbooks are here! If you stop in the office during regular business hours, you can get your books right away! Otherwise reserve your copy on Sunday mornings (or multiple copies) by filling out the advance order form located in the church office. These make great Christmas gifts! The cost is \$12.00. They are hard-cover books and feature 250 recipes. We only have 300 copies, and what does not sell first to members will be on sale for the public at the Bazaar. All proceeds will go to support various missions supported by Bethlehem Women. -- *The Mom's Circle*

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Approximately 4 people are needed to learn the sound board and technical aspects of visual and sound during worship services. Each person will work with the weekend janitor as a team to ensure proper sound and visual effects during the service. Each person would commit to 2 services (8:15 or 10:45 a.m.) per month. Adequate training will be provided.



**TOGETHER WE CAN
END WORLD
HUNGER, ONE
POTLUCK AT A
TIME!** More than one

billion people around the world are hungry. Many struggle to live on \$1 a day. What if we could join together to make a difference? What if it started with BETHLEHEM'S next potluck, at NOON on Sunday, November 7? Please come to hear more about ELCA World Hunger from speaker Ed Payne. If every member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America went to one potluck and donated one dollar, we could raise \$4.6 million to help end hunger. Your donations at this potluck will go to ELCA World Hunger.



RECYCLE YOUR HEARING AID BATTERIES!

On a counter in the church office, you will find a small wooden box for you to put your old hearing aid batteries in.

~ Earth Stewards

Lutheran Social Service Disaster Services is responding to massive flooding across 34 counties. There is a continuing need for volunteer support and LSS, with funding through ELCA Disaster Relief, has been able to hire case managers to coordinate volunteer efforts. **Thrivent recently announced that it will be matching ALL contributions to Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota up to \$12,500 for Southern Minnesota Flood Relief.** You can give online at www.lssmn.org or send your contribution to Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, 2485 Como Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55108, memo: Southern Minnesota Flood. LSS of Minnesota will be posting updates on our relief efforts at www.lssmn.org. We watch out for our neighbors in times like this. On behalf of the families we will serve, LSS thanks you for all you can do to help our neighbors now.