

**Announcements for the week of  
October 3-10, 2010**

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**WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE**

**Week of September 26, 2010:**  
Offered for the Lord's Work: \$5,471.00  
September Mission Project --  
Evangelical Luth. Church-Colombia:  
\$761.00  
**Worship attendance-Sunday, 9/26/10:**  
8:15 - 116 10:45 - 131  
Monday evening, 9/27/10: 23

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**


8:15 and 10:45 a.m. ~ Worship Services  
9:30 a.m. ~ Education Hour; Coffee  
(Grounds for Joy)  
6-8 p.m. ~ ALPHA and ALPHA Sprouts

**Endowment News:** YOU'VE GOT ONE WEEK! The Endowment Committee will host an informative forum on **Sunday, October 10.** Bring your questions, concerns, and suggestions for discussion. Thus far in 2010, Endowment funds have been given for twenty-two scholarships plus needs within Bethlehem as well as our outside community. Call Mavis Saxton at 387-3346 if you have any questions.

Have you started bringing your supermarket check-out receipts to church yet? Please do so. There is information about the MAFTTI Supermarkets Campaign by the designated basket in the narthex.

**Earphones in the Sanctuary**  
There have been some issues with the earphones in the sanctuary used to enhance sound during worship. Because they are so often used, the wires get stretched or broken, causing the entire set to appear as not working. To correct this problem, please consider purchasing your own earphones. For \$15, you can have your own earphones. If you are interested in purchasing the entire hearing set, they are available for \$80. Please contact Casey in the office to place an order.

**LIGHT** needs your help! We need **empty paper towel rolls** for a craft project for next Sunday. Please bring the empty rolls to the church office by October 8. Thank you!

 Lefse! October is the time to make lefse for the Nordic Bazaar. On Mondays, people are needed to mix and set up the baking stations. Rolling and baking are done on Tuesdays beginning at 9 a.m. A sign-up sheet is in the office. **Come and join the fun!**

**RADIO BROADCAST**



Today's broadcast is sponsored by the family of **Chuck Heaberlin, who would like to wish him a happy 85th birthday.** Chuck has been a member of Bethlehem since 1956 as an usher, board member, and volunteer. 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](mailto: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](http://www.vinevolunteers.com) or call VINE at 507-387-1666 to sign up!

**LECTIONARY FOR 10/10/10**

**First Reading:** 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c  
**Psalm:** 111  
**Second Reading:** 2 Timothy 2:8-15  
**Gospel:** Luke 17:11-19

**IN OUR PRAYERS**

<b>Willie Hoppe</b>	<b>Eric Barnes</b>
<b>Glenn Saxton</b>	<b>Chloe Elmgren</b>
<b>Arlene Stenzel</b>	<b>Harvey Menk</b>
<b>Forrest Glick</b>	<b>Jean Benson</b>
<b>Rae Allan</b>	<b>Tyler Adams</b>
<b>Janyce Struss</b>	<b>Roger Barnes</b>
<b>Pauline Halvorson</b>	<b>The family of</b>
<b>Julie Schrader</b>	<b>Arnold Bentdahl</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:

- Pilot Mount Lutheran in Chatfield
- Trinity Lutheran in New Richland
- Rushford Lutheran in Rushford
- Grace Lutheran in Mankato
- Tobia Mission in Colombia
- Urughu Lutheran in Tanzania

**Wednesday Night Suppers**

Back to good food & good fellowship in the dining room from 5:00 to 6:30. Cost remains at \$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 6:** soup, salad bar, and a sandwich.



A public open house for **North Mankato Mortuary-Northview**, 2060 Commerce Drive, North Mankato, will be **TODAY** from noon until 4 p.m. There will be guided tours of the new facility, which includes two chapels and on-site cremation service, as well as a ribbon cutting ceremony and refreshments. All are welcome!

## 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

### Girls, Girls, Girls!

Have you ever read about Molly, Addy, Felicity, Kristen, or Josefina? These are characters in the American Girl series. This series covers many time periods of American history and holidays. These are short books of only 67 pages. Enjoy!

### National Pregnancy & Infant Loss Remembrance Day Service Friday, October 15, at 7 p.m. at Pathstone Assisted Living Chapel, 718 Mound Avenue, Mankato

October 15 is a day of remembrance for all babies who have died too soon, from early pregnancy loss through infant death. It is a day for parents, grandparents, siblings, friends, and relatives to unite and reflect. We will gather to remember and acknowledge the meaning and value of those lives lost. No pre-registration is necessary. The service is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Jacek Soroka at ISJ at (507) 385-2618, ext. 2936.

**LIVING WELL WITH CHRONIC CONDITIONS** workshops - "Put Life Back in Your Life" - starting on Wednesday, October 6, at 1:00 p.m. The workshops will be at Primrose Retirement Communities, 1360 Adams Street, Mankato, and will last two hours per week for six weeks. Get practical ways to deal with pain and fatigue, discover better nutrition and exercise choices, understand new treatment choices, and learn better ways to talk with your doctor and family about your health. You will learn from trained volunteer leaders with health conditions themselves. To sign up for classes, call 345-2985.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



Thrivent Financial for Lutherans  
*Let's thrive!*

Attention Thrivent Members: Don't forget about Sundaes on Sunday TODAY from 2-5 p.m. at Word of Life Lutheran Church on Stoltzman Road, 1/2 mile from Applewood Restaurant. This is also your opportunity to vote on board members for the coming year. Hope to see you!



Earth Stewards

### TIP OF THE WEEK:

Idling your car emits 20 times more pollution than driving it at 32 m.p.h.

### Evangelism Thought for the Week

**Wal-Mart is not the only saving place.**



**RIVER BEND BELLS**, Mankato's Community Handbell Ensemble, will be presenting their 9<sup>th</sup> annual concert **TODAY** at 3 p.m. at Belgrade United Methodist Church, North Mankato. This year's concert is entitled "RHYTHM 'N BELLS" and the music will take you on a journey of locations and seasons. The rhythms will have you clapping your hands & tapping your toes! Tickets (\$5 per person) will be sold at the door or may be purchased from Jane Sletta (ages 10 & under are FREE).

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is looking for a volunteer church advocate from Bethlehem Lutheran Church who would represent Thrivent and answer questions for Thrivent members in our church. You would receive e-mails periodically from Thrivent and be responsible for relaying pertinent information to the congregation. Training will be provided. Please contact Ardith Nelson at 507-225-3318.



**Bethlehem Lutheran Church Cookbooks** will be here soon!

We are taking **RESERVE** orders **NOW**. To reserve a copy (or multiple copies), please fill out the advance order form located in the church office. These make great Christmas gifts! The cost is \$12.00 each. They are hardcover 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*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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. Please consider serving your congregation in this manner.



**BOOK CLUB**

### Book Club:

The Bethlehem Book Club meets the 3rd Friday of every month from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the church library. **New members are very welcome.** The book for October 15 is **Enrique's Journey**. It may be checked out from the book bag, which is on a hook just inside the library. Simply take a book and sign your name to the sign out sheet inside the blue folder, which is also in the book bag. Come for stimulating discussion and sharing of ideas!



Come to the Bethlehem Women of the ELCA Thank-Offering service on October 13 at 11:30 a.m. The service will be led by Pastor Tammy Dahlvang and will be followed by an old-fashioned ladies' aid Lutheran lunch in the Heritage Room. Sign up in the church office!

### Student Bags and Newborn Kits

On Thursday, September 16, deliveries of mission kits were made to Lutheran World Relief and Global Health Ministries. Because of your generosity and commitment to mission, the following donations of in-kind gifts were made to LWR: 188 school bags, complete with supplies; 15 layettes; and 67 bars of soap. Donations to GHM: 401 newborn layettes; 36 pillow cases; 18 rolled bandages; and 1500 examining gloves. To everyone who contributed in any way, we say, "Thank you and God bless you for responding!". Thanks to Barb & Al Girtz, Deloris Guenther, Lynor Blom, and Tom & Betty Sanger for assembling and delivering the charitable gifts. Are you interested in projects such as these? Contact the Community and Global Mission Board.