

Announcements for the week of
October 31-November 7, 2010
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WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE

Week of October 24, 2010:

Offered for the Lord's Work: \$6,332.00
October Mission Project: VINE-\$1,724.00
Worship attendance-Sunday, 10/24/10:
8:15 - 132 10:45 - 142
Monday evening, 10/25/10: 8

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:15 and 10:45 a.m.-Worship
(Confirmation at 10:45); 9:30 - Education
Hour; open house brunch for confirmands
in the Heritage Room

Thanks to all who participated in the
MAFTTI Supermarkets campaign. Watch
for news of what happens with the checkout
receipts within the next few weeks as
MAFTTI engages with the supermarkets. If
you have some receipts and forgot to bring
them today, let us have them in the next few
days, please.

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.

ECHO Food Shelf will be distributing Thanksgiv-
ing baskets to residents of Blue Earth County and
North Mankato who are in need of help at
Thanksgiving. Registration will be from 12:30 to
4:30 p.m. on November 15 - 19 and from 10 a.m.
to 7 p.m. on November 18. People registering for
a turkey or ham and basket of food must bring
proof of address and a valid ID. The registration
will be at ECHO Food Shelf, 1014 South Front
Street. ECHO's mission has been to prevent
hunger through emergency food assistance.
About 43,000 pounds of food are distributed to an
average of 925 households every month. Due to
the depressed economy, ECHO has seen a 13%
increase in client use from the previous year. It
is now common to see previous donors receiving
our services. Through this Thanksgiving program,
ECHO has allowed families to have a traditional
turkey (or ham) dinner. The approximate cost of
the Thanksgiving basket is \$15. Anyone wishing
to help support this program financially may send
a check to ECHO at Box 3212, Mankato, MN
56002. Anyone having questions about this pro-
gram may contact Nancy Zwickey at 726-2423.

RADIO BROADCAST



To sponsor a radio broadcast in
honor of or in memory of
someone, sign up on the bulle-
tin 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. In November,
we'll be collecting canned fruit.

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 demen-
tia**. 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 (thru 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 marvo@vinevolunteers.com.



Don't forget to set
your clocks **BACK** an
hour before going to
bed next Saturday
night, November 6!



**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.



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 11/07/10

First Reading: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

Psalm: 149

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:11-23

Gospel: Luke 6:20-31

IN OUR PRAYERS

Willie Hoppe

Glenn Saxton

Arlene Stenzel

Forrest Glick

Rae Allan

Pauline Halvorson

The family of

Philip Staley

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:

All congregations of the ELCA in
Minnesota and throughout the
United States, and all ELCA
missionaries around the world.

Wednesday Night Suppers

Join us from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.! Cost is \$4
for adults, \$3 for students through confirma-
tion age, and \$11 for families. Join
the fellowship! Bring your neighbors and
friends! **Let's make Wednesday night
BETHLEHEM NIGHT!**

Menu for November 3: turkey on a bun,
potato salad, and baked beans

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.

Mary Circle will meet at Dee Saman's
home, 427 West Ninth Street, on
Wednesday, November 17, at 9:30 a.m.

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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

Bazaar Book Sale!

Come and check us out on Wednesday, November 3! We have a wide selection of books at bargain prices! We have popular authors, children's books, recipe books, illustrated garden books, and how-to books. We'll see you here!

Minneapolis' Mixed Blood Theatre will present *Theory of Mind* at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 2, at Gustavus Adolphus College's Alumni Hall, located on the upper level of the O.J. Johnson Student Union. *Theory of Mind* is a sensitive, yet unsentimental, story about a young man named Bill with Asperger's Syndrome. Bill is a college-bound 17-year-old who is equipped with scholastic brilliance, but low emotional intelligence; a keen self-awareness, yet an inability to read social cues; and a charming directness, yet prone to taking everything he hears literally. Bill's outing with a young woman becomes a memorable and insightful look at the tugs, shifts, and about-faces found on the autism spectrum. The presentation of *Theory of Mind* is free and open to the public. No ticket is required. For more information, call (507) 933-7449.

DON'T MISS IT!!!



Handmade jewelry, scarves, nativities, Advent calendars, clay vases, garlands, soap-stone candle holders, table runners, purses, soup mixes, tea, coffee, chocolate, and so much more.

Fair Trade at the Nordic Bazaar in the narthex

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Celebrate Generosity Sunday was a wonderful day, with 402 worshipping! The Celebration Luncheon following was abuzz with conversation over a scrumptious lunch. Thank you to Julie Erdman, Sandy Kuper, Lisa Hagen, the October serving group, and other helpers for sharing their time/talents to put together this tasty meal. A thank you, too, to the staff for their work and support with the fall stewardship programming and throughout the year. Thanks be to God for the wonderful and Spirit-filled life at Bethlehem. ~ The Bethlehem Stewardship Team (P.S. Estimate of Giving cards can still be returned to the church office.)

Evangelism Thought for the Week

**Home improvement:
Bring the family to church!**

EARTH STEWARDS TIP OF THE WEEK:

**Use the right size pot on your
stove burners to save energy.**

An Autumn Chili Luncheon

Grace Lutheran Church, 4th and Main Streets, Mankato, invites you to their Habitat for Humanity Chili Luncheon **TODAY**. Serving is from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch includes chili, ham & cheese sandwiches, cake, and a beverage. All proceeds from a free-will offering will be donated to Habitat for Humanity.



Bazaar Notes: Tickets for the **Nov. 3** Nordic Bazaar luncheon will be on sale in the office between services **TODAY**. 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! 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 next 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.

So you are at a dinner party, quilting group, church coffee, etc., and someone says, "Hey, someone said that you are our congregation's LSS Ambassador. Tell me something about LSS!". And you say...Did you know that 1800 homeless youth are on the streets any night in Minnesota and that LSS is committed to ending youth homelessness in MN? Did you know that veterans and their families can receive financial counseling, mental health counseling, and other services without charge from the C.O.R.E. partnership between LSS and the MN Dept. of Veterans' Affairs? Did you know that LSS Senior Corps volunteers provided over 1.2 million miles of transportation services to frail and elderly adults last year? Did you know that LSS Financial Counseling services have helped thousands of families all over MN to avoid mortgage foreclosure? Did you know that LSS Guardianship can assist in matters of Power of Attorney? Did you know that the nutritional needs of seniors are served by LSS in six regions of Greater MN and that no senior is denied service because of an inability to pay? **Go to www.lssmn.org for many more examples and descriptions of LSS services in Minnesota.**