

Announcements for the week of  
November 28-December 5, 2010  
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### WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE

#### Week of November 21, 2010:

Offered for the Lord's Work: \$

Nov. Mission Project: World Hunger: \$  
(no numbers available at this time)

#### Worship attendance-Sunday, 11/21/10:

8:15 - 120 10:45 - 150

Monday evening, 11/22/10: 10

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:30 a.m. - Worship

10:30 a.m. - Adult Forum - second half of  
Martin Luther movie (Heritage Room)

6 p.m. - ALPHA (final meeting until  
January)

#### Festi Food Drive

A food and other needs drive for Echo,  
Campus Kitchen, and Food Not Bombs

Come join the cause on Wednesday,  
December 1, in the MSU Student Union at  
7 p.m.

There will be live music from local bands  
in the area, as well as tabling and  
awareness from University RSOs and  
other community groups. We are looking  
for other RSO groups that want to get  
involved, as well as other local groups.  
Together we can do a lot.

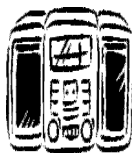
For more information, please call  
Danielle Alinea (715) 570-7899 or  
Bronson Myers (507) 382-7169.



#### Christmas OPEN HOUSE

Please join the  
congregation in  
celebrating Christmas  
by picking a name  
off the Sharing Tree  
and attending a  
Christmas Open  
House with coffee/treats next  
Sunday, December 5, from 9:00 -  
10:30 a.m. in the Heritage Room.  
Gifts for the Sharing Tree can be  
brought to the church office anytime  
before December 15. This event is  
sponsored by the Fellowship commit-  
tee and the December serving group.

### RADIO BROADCAST



RADIO  
MINISTRY

Today's radio broadcast is  
sponsored by Ethel Medalen.

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 November, we'll be  
collecting canned fruit.

#### Our Mission Project for November:

##### ELCA World Hunger

Ending hunger is about more than providing  
food. ELCA World Hunger supports  
programs, projects, and micro-enterprises that  
help communities LIFT THEMSELVES out  
of poverty for the long term. Children and  
adults receive basic education and training to  
make positive changes in their lives. Farmers  
improve agricultural production and start  
raising animals, fruits, and vegetables for their  
families and communities. Water projects  
provide safe water for drinking, washing, and  
irrigating crops. Health programs provide  
medical care for the poor and combat  
epidemics like HIV and AIDS, malaria, and  
water-borne diseases. Please write a check  
this month to Bethlehem Lutheran Church,  
with ELCA World Hunger on the memo line.  
Thank you! ~ Community and Global  
Mission Board



#### Presents for Pathstone Residents

Pick up a bow in a basket in the  
narthex and purchase a gift for  
residents at Pathstone Living.  
Attached to the bows are tags,  
which list items that the residents have  
requested. After you purchase the gift,  
wrap it, put the bow/tag on it, and bring it  
back to the church office on or before  
December 15. The gifts will then be deliv-  
ered to Pathstone Living. Thank you for  
helping to make Christmas a little brighter  
for some of the Pathstone residents!

### LECTIONARY FOR 12/5/10

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalms: 72:1-7, 18-19

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

### IN OUR PRAYERS

Willie Hoppe  
Arlene Stenzel  
Forrest Glick

Eric Barnes  
Melvin Alms  
Vanessa Royer

(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.)

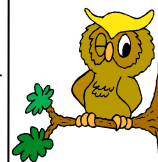
Included in our prayers each week are several  
"sister" congregations of our SE Minnesota  
Synod of the ELCA. The Synod is focusing  
upon prayer this year, "A Synod Joined in  
Prayer," and is encouraging congregations to pray  
for one another. This week we pray for:

Calvary Lutheran in Rapidan  
Isanzu Lutheran in Tanzania (partnered  
with Calvary in Rapidan)  
Looney Valley Lutheran in Houston  
Bethel Lutheran in Scarville, Iowa  
First Lutheran in Ellendale  
El Redentor Lutheran in Colombia  
(partnered with First Lutheran)

### Wednesday Night Suppers

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

Menu for December 1: BBQ pork chops,  
baked potato, coleslaw



The OWLS (Older, Wiser,  
Lively, Lutheran Seniors)  
will gather for cards/games  
on Wednesday, December  
1, at 1:00 p.m. in the  
Heritage Room. Please bring some  
goodies to share.



Nordic Bazaar Evaluation Meeting on  
Monday, November 29, at 10:00 in Grounds  
for Joy. All coordinating bazaar committee  
members and interested BLC members are  
welcome.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



Monday evening (tomorrow) at 7:00 p.m. will be our final Monday evening worship service this year. We will gather in the Chapel to receive and worship Christ in Word and Sacrament. You are invited to join us in confession, praise and thanksgiving, and petition before God and with one another. 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

### *Favorite Books of the National Church Library Association*

Most Popular:

Three Cups of Tea

Runners-Up:

Kite Runner, 90 Minutes in Heaven, and Water for Elephants

Check the wood book cart behind the checkout desk for many new book titles.



## ECHO FOOD SHELF

**ECHO FOOD SHELF IS MOVING!** 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](http://www.echofoodshelf.org). Thank you for your support of ECHO.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Evangelism Thought for the Week

**Sympathy is no substitute for action.**  
~ David Livingstone

**Get Money for Groceries!** NEW Guidelines for Food Support! **Beginning November 1**, the income guidelines for Food Support (food stamps) will increase from 135% of poverty to 165% of poverty. What does this mean for you? You or someone you know may qualify for food support even though you earned too much money before. To see if you qualify for Food Support under the new guidelines, for assistance in filling out an application, or for more information, call Sydelle at 507-514-3535.



**Holiday Art Show and Christmas Card Sale** -- MRCI WorkSource Artists -- Sunday, December 5, in Grounds for Joy -- hosted by Bethlehem Youth (this is not a fundraiser—a

royalty of proceeds goes to the artists). Our CSI relationships continue to work into the community. We truly enjoyed working with the people from MRCI, and we are looking forward to hosting this event for them. We will have an art show with 7 artists and 4 original watercolor paintings by each of them. Christmas cards and miscellaneous prints will be on sale and/or available for order. Examples of the art can be seen under E.A.S.E. at [www.mrciworksource.org](http://www.mrciworksource.org). Artists exhibiting on December 5 are: Herbie Callander, Marann Dehn, Wilma Griebel, Theresa Franta, Rose Mary Stam, Mary K. Templin, and Allen Tetzloff. They are proud of their success as artists, and we are proud to host them for this exhibit. Come and see. We hope you will enjoy the experience.



### **McEducator Nights!**

The Bethlehem Child Care Center will receive a portion of funds from all in-store purchases at the Adams Street McDonald's from **5-7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month through May**. We like to call the second Monday "McBethlehem Night". ~ BCCC Board

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ADVENT RETREAT

**Strengthened in Hope, Working for Justice**

**Date:** December 12, 2010 ( 2-4 p.m.)

**Presenter:** Father Paul Johnson, OP

Using Isaiah Advent readings for reflections and input with application for our daily living this Advent.

**COME AND ENJOY!**

Suggested donation: \$10.00

Location: Holy Spirit Retreat Center

3864 420th Avenue

Janesville, MN 56048

507-234-5712

### **Christmas Bazaar at**

**Trinity Lutheran Church,**

**204 First Street NW, New Richland**

Trinity Women of the ELCA invite you to join them on **Saturday, December 4, from 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** for a lunch of their secret recipe sloppy joes, chips, dessert, pop, and coffee. Browse the homemade baked goods, candy, and crafts. Visit the Attic Treasures for great buys on clothing, household items, and holiday decorations. The church is fully handicapped accessible.



### **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.

**Dinner for Six** -- Mark your calendars for **Sunday, December 12**. We will have a potluck in the Heritage Room at 5:00 p.m. This is for all current participants and past members, and we invite new people to come and get acquainted with the program. Sign up for the next six months will take place at the potluck, as well as sharing some of our experiences. Suggestions are always welcome! ~ Dee & Roger Saman

**Habitat for Humanity of South Central MN is currently looking for partner families.** We have a 13-lot development on Rogers Street called "Habitat Park". We currently have four homes in progress and will be starting three more this coming spring. Habitat for Humanity is accepting applications for families that are interested in a Habitat home. If you have low to moderate income, need safe and decent housing, and are willing to partner with Habitat, it may be your answer! House payments run from approximately \$500-\$550 a month. Partner families are required to fulfill 200-400 hours of "Sweat Equity". Habitat builds homes for families in need at 0% interest. The mortgages are typically 25-30 year mortgages.