

Announcements for the week of
November 7-14, 2010
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WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE

Week of October 31, 2010:
Offered for the Lord's Work: \$4,638.00
October Mission Project: VINE-\$2,389.00
Worship attendance-Sunday, 10/31/10:
8:15 - 130 10:45 - 213
Monday evening, 11/1/10: 13

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:15 and 10:45 a.m.-Worship; 9:30 -
Education Hour; Adult Forum (History of
the Lutheran Church) - Heritage Room;
Coffee (Grounds for Joy); noon - potluck
(Dining Room); 6 p.m. - ALPHA

November is here already and we are
seeking volunteers! Habitat Park at the
Rogers and Mound build site in Mankato is
in need of volunteers. The crew will be
building **9:00-3:00 M, T, W, and Fridays.**
Thursday builds are noon until dark.
Please call at 388-2081 to set up a time if
you would like to volunteer.

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



Today's radio broadcast is
sponsored by **Rae Allan in
memory of her husband,
Ralph Allan.** 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**

Your gifts to ELCA World Hunger support
projects in over 60 countries around the
world, including hundreds of programs in the
United States. Over 90 cents of each dollar
supports program work, and less than a dime
is used for administration and fund-raising.
Your ELCA World Hunger gifts support
INTERNATIONAL partners like Lutheran
World Relief, The Lutheran World Federa-
tion, Church World Service/CROP and global
companion churches through ELCA Global
Mission. In the UNITED STATES, your gifts
support Bread for the World, Lutheran Immi-
gration and Refugee Services and many other
anti-hunger ministries. Join us today in the
basement dining room to share a Potluck to
End World Hunger with speaker, Ed Payne.
A free-will offering will be taken for ELCA
World Hunger. Take time this month to read
the stories in the bulletin insert and bulletin
board in the narthex about ELCA World
Hunger. Write a check this month to
Bethlehem Lutheran Church, with ELCA
World Hunger on the memo line. Thank you!
~ Community and Global Mission Board



**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 11/14/10

First Reading: Malachi 4:1-2a
Psalms: 98
Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

IN OUR PRAYERS

Willie Hoppe	Eric Barnes
Glenn Saxton	Melvin Alms
Arlene Stenzel	Vanessa Royer
Forrest Glick	

*(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:

St. Olaf Lutheran in Austin
Vida Nueva Mission in Colombia (partnered
with St. Olaf in Austin)
Round Prairie Lutheran in Glenville
Trinity Lutheran in Wanamingo
Principe de Paz Lutheran in Colombia
(partnered with Trinity, Wanamingo)
Saetersdal Lutheran in Harmony

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 10: chicken noodle
hot dish, dinner rolls, vegetables

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



"It was embarrassing. While I was telling them to
turn off their cell phones, my cell phone rang."

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



Thanks!

Thanks so very much to everyone who donated books for the bazaar last Wednesday! We had a very good variety of titles and quality titles to choose from. Start saving for next year!

Karen Schultz, Senior Event and Marketing Manager with Energy Resources Minnesota and a consultant to Xcel Energy, will give a presentation, "Energy Efficiency for Residential Customers", at Centenary United Methodist Church on **Monday, November 15, at 7:00 p.m.** The presentation will feature Xcel Energy's residential programs and many no or low-cost ways to conserve energy in the home. Ms. Schultz has a diverse background, including serving as manager of one of the first environmental stores in the Twin Cities in 1993, when compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) had just entered the public market. She earned her master's degree from the University of Minnesota in 2009 from the School of Journalism in Strategic Communications. Her presentation is free and open to the public. Please join us for an interesting and informative evening. The event is being sponsored by Centenary's Green Team.

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. Join us tomorrow night, November 8!** We like to call the second Monday "McBethlehem Night". ~ BCCC Board

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Please Help the Mankato
77 Lancers!

Turkey Dinner Fundraiser
TODAY -- Sunday, November 7
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Holy Rosary Parish Hall
Sherman and Grant Streets in
Lower North Mankato
\$8.00 for adults,
\$6.00 for seniors and students

Everyone is welcome!
All proceeds benefit the 77 Lancers.

Evangelism Thought for the Week

**God so loved the world that
He did not send a committee.**



FREE CONCERT!

**Jason Gray will perform at
Crossview Covenant
Church, 2000 Howard
Drive, North Mankato on
Saturday, November 13 at 6 p.m.** Jason will be doing songs from his current CD, plus he will be sharing some new ones from his upcoming CD. A free-will offering will be taken.

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.



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 hardcover books and feature 250 recipes. All proceeds will go to support various missions supported by Bethlehem Women. -- *The Mom's Circle*

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MANKATO COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP SERVICE

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
632 South Broad Street ~ Mankato
WEDNESDAY, November 24 ~ 7:00 p.m.
The offering from this evening will go to
the **ECHO Food Shelf and
Backpack Food Program**



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 TODAY? 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.**