

**Announcements for the week of
February 14-21, 2010**

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WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE

Week of February 7, 2010:

Offered for the Lord's Work: \$11,328.00
February Mission Project: GHM \$700.00
Haiti Earthquake Relief: \$3,380.00
Worship attendance - February 7:
8:15 a.m. - 114 10:45 a.m. - 188

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:15 & 10:45 a.m. ~ Worship Services
9:30 a.m.-Adult Forum (Abraham Lincoln's Spirituality, with Bryce Stenzel - Heritage Room); Coffee (Grounds for Joy); LIGHT 5 p.m. - Valentine's Day party - Dining Rm.
6:30 p.m. - Book of Faith class with Pastor Jay - Heritage Room

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper
5:15 - 6:00 p.m. Junior Gospels
5:15 - 5:45 p.m. Chancel Choir
5:45 - 6:15 p.m. Gather Choir
6:00 - 7:00 p.m. TIMES (**no mtg. 2/17**)
6:00 - 7:45 p.m. Confirmation (with 7:00 svc.)
6:00 - 6:45 p.m. Bethlehem Gospels
6:15 - 6:45 p.m. Children of Bethlehem
7:00 - 7:45 p.m. Lenten Service - Sanctuary
7:45 - 8:15 p.m. The Messengers

Join us for Wednesday Night Suppers
in the dining room from 5:00-6:30.

Cost remains at \$4.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students.

Menu for February 17:
Hot beef commercials

TIMES SCHEDULE

**(Teens In Mission
Enthusiastically Serving)**

6:00-8:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings
in Grounds for Joy (unless off-site)
February 17 - Ash Wednesday - **no** TIMES
February 24 - Pizza fundraiser/game night
in basement
March 3 - Laser tag

CHILD CARE CENTER NEWS

The BCCC will hold a McEducator Night from 5-7 p.m. every second Monday through May. Eat at McDonald's on Adams Street on **March 8**, leave your receipt with one of our volunteers, and 15% of sales will go to the BCCC. Proceeds will go for a new playground, upgrading toys, books, etc.
~ Marsha Madigan & Staff



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 at 11:00 a.m.

BETHLEHEM MISSIONS

Echo Food Shelf Emphasis:
During the month of February, we'll be collecting diapers, wipes, baby food, & formula.

**Bethlehem's Mission Project for
February: Global Health Ministries**

In 2009, Global Health Ministries gathered, sorted, repaired, cataloged, packed, and shipped 25 sea container shipments to Lutheran hospitals in seven countries. All donated usable medical and dental supplies are accepted. To learn more about their work, sign up on the clipboard on our information table in the narthex to receive the GHM newsletter, which gives updates on shipments and information about needs, or go online at www.ghm.org. Thank you, and may God's blessing be on you.

~ Community and Global Mission Board

FROM OUR LIBRARY

Presidents' Day Reading

The library has the four volumes of Abraham Lincoln by Carl Sandburg under the biographies. We also have America's First Families by Carl Anthony and Bryce Stenzel's Lincoln books, Abraham Lincoln: Man of the People; To Bind Up the Nation's Wounds; and Lincoln for the Stages. The last two titles are plays.



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LECTIONARY FOR 2/21/10

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalms: 91:1-2, 9-16
Second Reading: Romans 10:8b-13
Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

IN OUR PRAYERS

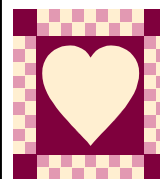
Dawn Hernandez	Glenn Saxton
Arlene Stenzel	Con Sletta
Helen Schwanke	Bernice Wornson
Willie Hoppe	Janyce Struss
Brenda Wold	Jean McDowell
Richard Dehner	Darlene Hines
Marilyn Price	Alice Langlie
Dolores Krause	Eric Barnes
Kent Skarpohl	Gary Morphew

(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:

First Lutheran in LeSueur
Tulya Lutheran in Tanzania (partnered with First Lutheran in LeSueur)
Faith Lutheran in St. Charles
Mtinko Lutheran in Tanzania (partnered with Faith Lutheran in St. Charles)
Cross of Glory Lutheran in Hartland
First Evangelical Lutheran in Kenya

Darlene Hines wishes to say "thank you" for the prayers and cards following her recent surgery. She is home now, doing physical therapy, and she looks forward to rejoining us in worship, service, and study.



The Bethlehem Quilters recently donated 30 quilts to the Marie Sandvik Center, a non-profit Christian-based shelter in Minneapolis.

Elizabeth Circle will meet in Grounds for Joy at 2 p.m. on **February 16**. Mary, Martha, Rachael, and Lydia Circles will hold joint meetings at **9:30 a.m. on February 17 and March 17** in Grounds for Joy.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lent 2010 ~ To Fear and to Love... Luther's Small Catechism

Join us for worship on Ash Wednesday, February 17, and throughout the forty days of Lent, as we gather around the Word and Sacrament in this season of repentance, fasting, prayer, acts of love, and renewal. Our worship will be built around Luther's Small Catechism, written to stir the gift of faith to fear and to love God. We will worship at noon and 7 p.m. each Wednesday throughout the season and share our pulpit with the Rev. Orlin Mandsager, interim pastor at Grace. Starting February 24, our noon service will be in the chapel. Our schedule:

Ash Wednesday, February 17-

Confession and Forgiveness

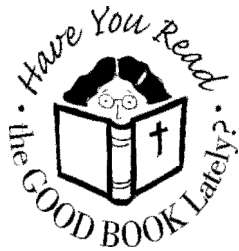
February 24-The Ten Commandments

March 3-The Apostles' Creed

March 10-The Lord's Prayer

March 17-Sacrament of Holy Baptism

March 24-Sacrament of
Holy Communion



"Making Sense of Scripture" is the newest foundational material in the Book of Faith Initiative, a movement within the ELCA to promote fluency in

the first language of faith, the Scriptures. We will gather on Sunday nights in February from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Heritage Room to engage in conversation around seven major questions of the Bible. You are invited to bring your questions, insights, and experience with Scripture as we discuss topics like: What is the Bible? Is the Bible true? How can I read the Bible with greater understanding? The recommended donation for the book is \$12.50. All are welcome.



The Bethlehem OWLS will meet on Thursday, February 18, from 1:00-3:00 in Grounds for Joy. Join us for sharing life stories. The event will be hosted by Bob & Dorothy Isdahl. Pie and coffee will be served.

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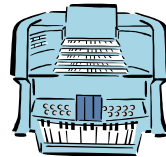
In case of inclement weather on Sunday mornings, listen to KTOE 1420 AM for cancellation announcements for worship and church activities.

In case of inclement weather on Wednesdays, our evening events will follow the cancellation decision of the Mankato Public Schools.



Coffee Fellowship

You are invited to share coffee and fellowship with our members residing at Old Main Village. The event is at **1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2.** The Bethlehem Care Ministry Team hosts these periodic coffees to refresh our fellowship with our members who are unable to attend services on Sundays.



The Sioux Trails Chapter of the American Guild of Organists invites you to a performance of *The Stations of the Cross*, Opus 29, by Marcel Dupré. The performance will be at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 20, in the Chapel of Our Lady of Good Counsel, 170 Good Counsel Drive, Mankato. Admission is free. This virtuosic work for solo organ programmatically depicts events related to the passion of Jesus Christ. Five organists will collaborate to perform the 14 movements of this work. Enhancing the performance will be the projection of photographs of station icons found in parishes in southern Minnesota and poetry by French poet Paul Claudel.



Good Friday Music

SPECIAL OFFER! This is a one-time, limited offer to be a part of something really great! You are invited to participate with the Chancel Choir on Good Friday as they present "*A Service of Shadows*". Practice begins on Wednesday, February 17 (Ash Wednesday) downstairs in the choir room from **5:15-5:45**. See how just one half-hour for the next six weeks will open a whole new Lenten experience for you. **Come on! You know you want to sing!!!**

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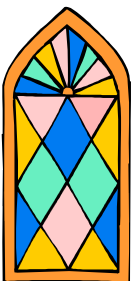
Join us for the Pastor Don Bible Study once a month in the Youth Room as part of **Connection** (the 9:30 Sunday School hour for grades 7-12). This Bible study is based on the book Words of Hope in the Midst of Lou Gehrig's Disease by Pastor Donald Roberts. **Connection** dates for this study are **TODAY, March 14, April 11, and May 9.**

ALL are welcome to attend!

The Boy Scouts of America annually celebrates its February 8, 1910, founding based on the program started by Lord Baden Powell in England on August 1, 1907. Scout Sunday was added to the Scout celebration in the middle 1940s. Scout Sunday is always the Sunday preceding February 8, unless the 8th is a Sunday. Last week, you may have noticed some Bethlehem youth and their parents in their scouting uniforms. This year is the **100th anniversary** of The Boy Scouts of America. The Scout Law says that a "Scout is Reverent" and Scouts of all ages promise to do their "Duty to God". These values strengthen youth character in their family, community, and faith. The Scout Sunday tradition was started to make people in houses of worship aware of Scouting, and to allow Scouts to live out their "Duty to God" pledged each week. Scouting has never been affiliated with any one faith and does not favor one religion over another, but it has always encouraged Scouts to be faithful to their own individual religion.

~ Submitted by BSA Troop 95

The stained glass window near the altar was salvaged from the old church that burned in 1978. The window was refurbished in 2004 by Monica Broughten in loving memory of her son, Ben Pinske.



Girlfriends Unlimited

Next meeting: March 11 at 7:00 p.m.
in Grounds for Joy
Join us for knitting and sewing!