

Announcements for the week of  
February 28-March 7, 2010  
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### WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE

#### Week of February 21, 2010:

Offered for the Lord's Work: \$7,409.00  
Feb. Mission Project: GHM \$1,776.00  
House of Bread-Homeless Youth: \$115.00  
Worship attendance - February 21:  
8:15 a.m. - 134 10:45 a.m. - 162

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:15 & 10:45 a.m. ~ Worship Services  
9:30 a.m.-Adult Forum (Global Warming, led  
by Louis Schwarzkoff Heritage Room);  
Coffee (Grounds for Joy); LIGHT  
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  
5:30 - 7:00 p.m. TIMES  
5:45 - 6:15 p.m. Gather Choir  
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 March 3:

Soup & salad bar with sandwiches

### TIMES SCHEDULE

#### *(Teens In Mission Enthusiastically Serving)*

5:30-7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings  
in Grounds for Joy (unless off-site)

March 3 - Laser tag

March 10 - Bake sale fundraiser

March 17 - Dog walking at the  
Humane Society

### 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 play-  
ground, 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 March,  
we'll be collecting personal care items.

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

Our board is very diligent in selecting  
ministries to support with our monetary  
and in-kind contributions. We want our  
support to provide the most help possible  
directly to those in need. It does cost to  
administer these programs, but GHM  
operates consistently at less than 10% of  
the resources allocated to the cost of  
administration. GHM has a 25-member  
board of directors, along with a 7-member  
staff which administers and oversees  
projects in 29 countries around the world.  
Most of the work in the warehouse is done  
by volunteers who sort, repair, pack, and  
load the sea containers. It is very efficiently  
run. Please consider how you can help this  
organization. Checks may be written to  
Bethlehem with GHM on the memo line, or  
contributions of an in-kind nature may be  
placed in the blue tub in the coatroom un-  
der the lost and found. Thank you very  
much. ~ Community/Global Mission Board

### FROM OUR LIBRARY

#### Children's Easter Books

1. Easter ABC's, by Isabel Anders.  
The resurrection story for each letter  
of the alphabet; ages 2-5.
2. The Story of Easter, by P. Pingry. A  
little board book of Easter symbols.
3. Petook - An Easter Story, by C.  
Houselander, illustrated by Tomie  
dePaola. Petook is a rooster who  
witnesses the crucifixion of Christ  
and rejoices in the birth of new  
chicks three days later on Easter  
morning.

### LECTIONARY FOR 3/7/10

**First Reading:** Isaiah 55:1-9

**Psalm:** 63:1-8

**Second Reading:** 1 Cor. 10:1-13

**Gospel:** Luke 13:1-9

### IN OUR PRAYERS

Dawn Hernandez	Glenn Saxton
Arlene Stenzel	Con Sletta
Helen Schwanke	Bernice Wornson
Willie Hoppe	Janyce Struss
Brenda Wold	Jean McDowell
Richard Bahner	Eric Barnes
Marilyn Price	Gary Morphew
Dolores Krause	Chloe Elmgren
Kent Skarpohl	

**The families and friends of Alice Langlie,  
Norma Carstensen, and Bayard Haugen**

*(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:

Cross of Christ Lutheran in Welch  
Christ the King Lutheran in Mankato  
Muhintiri Lutheran in Tanzania (partnered  
with Christ the King)  
Central Lutheran in Winona  
Immanuel Lutheran in Tanzania (partnered  
with Central, Winona)  
East St. Olaf Lutheran in Byron

**TODAY** from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. there will be  
an **all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast** fund-  
raiser at the Moose Lodge, Belle Mar Mall.  
This is a fundraising event to assist Boy Scout  
Troop 95 in paying for camps and training.  
Cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children.  
Tickets may be purchased at the door.

**On Sunday, March 7**, there will be a **Dad's  
Belgian Waffle Benefit** at Sts. Peter & Paul's  
Church basement from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
This is a benefit for Theresa House, a  
women's and children's homeless shelter.  
Tickets may be purchased at Bethlehem's  
office, several other church offices, Theresa  
House, Loyola School, or the Welcome Inn.

### WOMEN'S CIRCLES

Elizabeth Circle will meet at **12:30 p.m. on  
Monday, March 15**, at Myrtle Bidgood's  
home (207 Thayer). Mary, Martha, Rachael,  
and Lydia Circles will hold joint meetings at  
**9:30 a.m. on March 17** in Grounds for Joy.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Join us for worship 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. Our schedule:

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 **TONIGHT** 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 several interesting topics. All are welcome.

**On March 14**, Bethlehem will provide/serve the **Sunday noon meal at Salvation Army**. One of Bethlehem's 4 teams will be in charge, but additional donations always are needed & appreciated. If you can donate food, money, or time, let us know. The menu includes casseroles, stews, salads, bread, bars, & milk. Volunteers can arrive after 11:00 a.m. that day. We will serve the meal from 12 noon to 12:45. The cleanup usually goes quickly. Thank you for helping people in our community. Bob & Susan Brown, Bethlehem's Coordinators of the Sunday Noon Program (387-2976).

Bethlehem college scholarships are available to those who are members of our church. **Application deadline is May 1, 2010; applications after that date will be denied without exception.** Students who have benefited from Bethlehem scholarships have been very appreciative, and many continue to be active at Bethlehem. Contact Mavis Saxton, Chair, at 387-3346 if you have any questions. Forms are in the office.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

### GO GREEN!

A "Green" committee is beginning to form at Bethlehem. Anyone who is interested in the care of God's creation or Earth Stewardship is invited to join us on **Tuesday, March 16, at 7:00 p.m.** At this time, we are in the brainstorming phase, considering the purpose and tasks that this group can do to encourage good use of resources both at Bethlehem and as members go out into their lives. Interested? Contact Marcia Nagel, Marsha Qualset, Melissa Matthies, Barb Girtz, or Linda Engstrom.



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 is on Wednesday nights downstairs in the choir room from **5:15-5:45.** See how just one half-hour for the next few weeks will open a whole new Lenten experience for you.

**Come on! You know you want to sing!!!**

**MS Awareness Week, March 8-14**  
**Walk MS** will take place on May 2. If you register to walk now, you'll have the chance to win awesome prizes during MS Awareness Week. Go to [www.walkMSmn.org](http://www.walkMSmn.org) or call 800-582-5296. Join Bethlehem's team, "Moving for Melissa", in honor of Melissa Matthies.



**GROUNDS FOR JOY**  
needs some more  
coffee cups!!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 **March 14, April 11, and May 9.**

**ALL are welcome to attend!**

### *Bethlehem Circle of Hope for Homeless Youth*

Everyone interested in helping to end youth homelessness in our community is invited to attend the next meeting on **Thursday, March 4, 2010, from 4:00-5:00 p.m.** in Grounds for Joy. The Community and Global Mission Board decided to sponsor this group, called Bethlehem Circle of Hope, with the purpose of assisting the Lutheran Social Service Runaway and Homeless Youth Street Outreach Program. Members of Christ the King Circle of Hope will be guests at this March 4 meeting, and they'll review their three-year history and goals. Amber Statz and Craig Hinkle, LSS Youth Street Outreach workers, hope to staff a Youth Store Front for homeless youth beginning this spring. They will be conducting a community drive to raise \$14,000 to pay for one year of rent and utilities for a downtown Mankato Youth Store Front. This center will provide basic needs such as food, hygiene products, non-judgmental support, access to resources, exposure to new opportunities, and hope for needy youth.

**Spaghetti Dinner Benefit for Eric Barnes** on **Saturday, March 6**, from noon-5 p.m. at the Red Sky Lounge. There will be live music and a raffle, along with an art exhibit/sale and bake sale across the street at 410 Gallery. Proceeds will go towards Eric's medical expenses as he fights pancreatic and liver cancer. Eric is the son of Roger and Marlene Barnes.



### *Girlfriends Unlimited*

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