

**Announcements for the week of
February 7-14, 2010**

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WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE

Week of January 31, 2010:

Offered for the Lord's Work: \$5,450.00
January Mission Project - LSS: \$2,236.00
Haiti Earthquake Relief: \$3,380.00
Worship attendance - January 31
8:15 a.m. - 149 10:45 a.m. - 146

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:15 & 10:45 a.m. ~ Worship Services
9:30 a.m. ~ Adult Forum (Conversation with
the Council - Heritage Room); Coffee
(Grounds for Joy); LIGHT
Senior High Retreat (ends today)
NO Book of Faith class tonight!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper
5:15 - 6:00 p.m. Junior Gospbells
5:15 - 6:15 p.m. Chancel Choir
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. TIMES
6:00 - 7:45 p.m. Confirmation
6:15 - 6:45 p.m. Children of Bethlehem
6:15 - 7:30 p.m. Bethlehem Gospbells
6:45 - 7:45 p.m. Gather Choir
7:45 - 8:30 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 10:

Chicken Kiev with wild rice, lettuce salad

TIMES SCHEDULE

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

6:00-7:45 p.m. on Wednesday evenings
in Grounds for Joy (unless off-site)

February 10 - Valentines to nursing homes

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
February 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 some-
one, 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**

Thank you to everyone who has supported
Global Health Ministries. Together we have
helped this organization ship sea containers
filled with needed medical/dental supplies
that are sent to countries requesting specific
items. Over the past 14 years, Bethlehem has
provided funding for thousands of midwife
layette kits, hospice kits, rolled bandages,
medical supplies such as crutches, canes,
walkers, wheelchairs, etc., as well as funding
for shipping costs. Prayerfully consider how
you can "help the hands that heal" through
contributing to Global Health Ministries,
which is headquartered in Fridley,
Minnesota. Please write checks to
Bethlehem Lutheran Church and put "GHM"
on the memo line. For more details, please
see the February STAR newsletter. Thank
you, and may God's blessing be on you.

~ Community and Global Mission Board

FROM OUR LIBRARY



Visit our **Library** Two black fiction authors are
Toni Morrison and Lalita
Tademy. On our shelves we
have Beloved and Song of
Solomon by Morrison. Cane
River by Tademy is about life on a Creole
plantation before 1868. More biographies
are: The Seventh Child, by Freddie Baxter;
Left to Tell, by Ilibagiza, which is about
discovering God during the Rwandan
Holocaust; and They Poured Fire on Us from
the Sky, which is the true story of three lost
boys from Sudan.

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LECTIONARY FOR 2/14/10

First Reading: Exodus 34:29-35
Psalm: 99

Second Reading: 2 Cor. 3:12-4:2

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36 [37-43]

IN OUR PRAYERS

Dawn Hernandez	Fran Phelps
Arlene Stenzel	Glenn Saxton
Helen Schwanke	Con Sletta
Willie Hoppe	Barbara Girtz
Brenda Wold	Janyce Struss
Richard Dehner	Jean McDowell
Marilyn Price	Ross Hall
Dolores Krause	Gary Morphew
Kent Skarpohl	Darlene Hines

*(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:

Bethlehem Lutheran in Lanesboro
Bethel Lutheran in Rochester
Central Diocese Dispensaries in Tanzania
(partnered with Bethel in Rochester)
Bethany Lutheran in Frost
Christ Lutheran in Faribault
Ruruma Lutheran in Tanzania (partnered
with Christ in Faribault)

The Milestone activity today is for the
fourth graders and their parent(s) or
grandparent(s). We are meeting in the
dining room during the Education Hour
to discuss the Sacrament of Baptism
with Pastor Jay. We will all be celebrat-
ing our Christian (baptismal) birthdays
and telling the story of our own baptism.
We also will be recording our date and
story in the Bethlehem Baptismal book
that was made by Dorothy and Bob
Isdahl.



Mary, Martha, Rachael, and Lydia Circles
will hold joint meetings on **February 17** and
March 17. They will meet at 9:30 a.m. 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

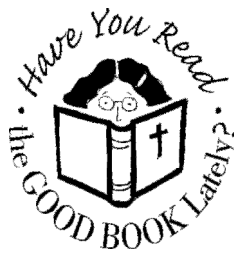
February 24 - The Ten Commandments

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. **(NO MEETING TONIGHT)** 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. No pre-registration is necessary, and 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. Coffee and treats 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.



You are invited to share coffee and fellowship with our members residing at Pathstone Living Center. The event is **Tuesday, February 9**. Join us for monthly communion at 10:15 a.m. and/or the coffee at 10:45. 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; however, donations will be accepted to defray costs. This virtuosic work for solo organ programmatically depicts events related to the passion of Jesus Christ. Five organists, who are members and friends of the Sioux Trails Chapter, will collaborate to perform the 14 movements of this work. Each movement is associated with a "station" of the familiar devotional exercise known as the *Stations of the Cross*. Enhancing the performance will be the projection of photographs of station icons found in parishes in southern Minnesota. Also, poetry directly linked to Dupré's composition by French poet Paul Claudel will be read during the performance. Any questions can be directed to Dr. Chad Winterfeldt, Dean of the Sioux Trails AGO chapter, at 507-934-3060.

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

ALL are welcome to attend!



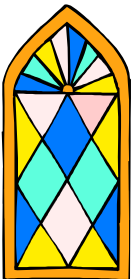
The Bethlehem Quilters recently donated ten quilts to CADA House.

With grace, God gave us the gift of His son, Jesus Christ. God also has given each of us the gift of one or more special abilities, talents, skills, or interests. Please give prayerful consideration of God's gifts to you and show your thankfulness by choosing to serve on a Bethlehem board or committee. Make "I Can Do This!" your song of thankful praise. ~ **The Nominating Committee**

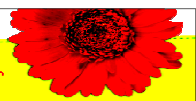
Thank You!

I want to thank my Bethlehem friends and Pastor Jay for making my 95th birthday so special to me. It made my day one to remember. God bless you all. ~ **Selma Braun**

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.



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Girlfriends Unlimited

Next meeting: February 11 at 7:00 p.m.
in the Heritage Room
Join us for Tai Chi & Feng Shui!