

Announcements for the week of
March 28-April 4, 2010

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WEEKLY GIVING/ATTENDANCE

Week of March 21, 2010:

Offered for the Lord's Work: \$4,397.00
March Mission Project: ECHO \$3,060.00
Worship attendance - March 21:
8:15 a.m. - 154 10:45 a.m. - 172

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:15 & 10:45 a.m. ~ Worship Services
9:30 a.m.~ Adult Forum (Labyrinth
introduction and coffee -- **Heritage
Room**); LIGHT

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

Wednesday, March 31

5:00 - 5:15 Good Friday readers' rehearsal
5:15-6 p.m. "Service of Shadows" run-thru
6:00 - 6:15 p.m. Gather Choir
6:15 - 6:30 p.m. Combined Choirs
6:30 - 6:45 p.m. Choirs with Gospels
6:45 - 7:15 p.m. Bethlehem Gospels

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.

NO SUPPER ON MARCH 31!!

TIMES SCHEDULE

*(Teens In Mission
Enthusiastically Serving)*

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

March 31 - Holy Week - **NO** TIMES
April 7 - Kids Against Hunger
April 14 - Scavenger hunt

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
April 12, 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



**RADIO
MINISTRY**

Today's broadcast is
sponsored by **Jean Thompson**
in memory of **Glenn
Thompson, who passed away
three years ago on 3/30/07.**
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 March: ECHO Food Shelf

ECHO Food Shelf needs your help!
ECHO is joining food shelves across
Minnesota to collect donations of food and
funds. Our collections will be used in Blue
Earth County and North Mankato. We
encourage donations to help us provide
food assistance to our neighbors who need
it. All financial donations collected in
March are matched proportionally by the
Minnesota FoodShare March Campaign
and the Alan Shawn Feinstein Foundation,
making your donation more valuable.

You can help fill the brown bags!

Look for them in the narthex!
~ Community/Global Mission Board

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday - April 1

Christian seder meal - 5:30 p.m.
Services in the sanctuary at noon and
7:00 p.m.

Good Friday - April 2

Services in the sanctuary at noon and
7:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil Service - Saturday, April 3

Grace Lutheran Church, Mankato, at
7:00 p.m. -- all of Bethlehem's
members are invited to attend

Easter Sunday - April 4

Services at 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.
9:30 a.m. - Easter breakfast/youth
fundraiser - Dining Room
(no LIGHT, no Adult Forum)

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LECTIONARY FOR 4/04/10

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Psalm: 118:1-2, 14-24

Second Reading: I Cor. 15:19-26

Gospel: Luke 24:1-12 or John 20:1-18

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	Chloe Elmgren
Dolores Krause	Shelly Matthies
Harvey Menk	

*(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:

Hosanna Lutheran in Rochester
Emmons Lutheran in Emmons
Grace Lutheran in Nerstrand
North Waseca Lutheran in Waseca
Itigi Lutheran in Tanzania
Mang'onyi Lutheran in Tanzania

A Service of Shadows

On Good Friday, April 2, at 7:00 p.m.,
the Bethlehem Chancel Choir will present
"A Service of Shadows". This is a choral
Tenebrae meditation on the passion of
Christ. The Service of Darkness has
been derived from the ancient Tenebrae
service, which dates back to the early
years of the church. "Tenebrae" comes
from the Latin word meaning "shadows".
During our Good Friday evening service,
there will be an absence of light depicted
in the extinguishing of candles and
dimmed lighting in the sanctuary. The
choir anthems during the service will
reveal the events that led to the crucifix-
ion. It is requested that you enter and exit
the sanctuary in silence.



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Milestone Ministry News

Today, the 5th graders with their teachers, Sandy Abild and Lynae Flom, will be making the bread that will be used for communion on Holy Thursday. On April 18 at the 10:45 church service, these students will also use this bread when they have communion as a class with their families and friends. These students made the banners in the narthex of "What Communion Means to Me." This Sunday ends a six-week study of communion for these students. Thank you to their teachers, Sandy and Lynae, and to Bruce Royer for cutting the wooden dowels for the banners.

FROM OUR LIBRARY

Library Informational Pamphlet

Everything you wanted to know about our library is now in one easy-to-use pamphlet -- including how to access our web page. This is available with the other pamphlets on the "Welcome" side of the holder in the Narthex.

Way to go, Bethlehem! A huge thank you to all who continue on boards and committees in leadership of this congregation. And thank you to all the folks who have stepped up to volunteer to take new positions in June. Your enthusiasm and your willingness to help shows us the excitement of the Spirit at work here at Bethlehem. We are down to a final five positions yet to fill. Can you help please? Adult Ed. Bd. (2 positions); Stewardship Bd. (1 position); Fellowship Committee (1 position); Nominating Committee (1 position). Please call Marcia Nagel (387-4105), Beth Backstrom, or Etta Poole ASAP. THANK YOU!

Book of Faith: Galatians

Galatians is a compelling book, which along with Paul's letter to the Romans, might best define what it means to be a Lutheran Christian. It has been called the Magna Charta of Christian Freedom, comparing it to the charter that guaranteed liberties in England in 1215. Martin Luther loved Galatians so much he dubbed it, "My Katie," in honor of his wife. This short book has inspired Christians for nearly 2,000 years to celebrate the freedom that is ours in Christ Jesus our Lord. We will meet to read and discuss the book of Galatians on **four consecutive Sunday nights at 6:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room starting on April 11.** Cost of the Learner Guide is only \$6. Sign up by contacting the office, or by just coming the first night of our study. See you on April 11!

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Please join us at an **Open House in honor of Deloris Guenther's 90th birthday!** The Open House will be on **Saturday, April 10, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Heritage Room.** **No gifts, please!**

"Many of us equate evangelism with nervousness and artificial boldness. But when we look at how Jesus related to others, we see that he equated evangelism with love. He showed a natural interest in people by asking questions and paying attention, he wasn't frenzied or rushed, and he was approachable. As Christians, we can relate to others with the same sense of security and freedom. We can try something small, making ordinary attempts to show others the love of Jesus."

~ Jim Henderson, Evangelism Without Additives.



Bethlehem's Earth Stewards (formally Green team) are looking for your donated cloth napkins and placemats for Wednesday night suppers, funerals, & church potlucks. This is our first step towards moving away from paper & styrofoam products in an effort to be more EARTH friendly. Thanks in advance for your help!



Come and join Girlfriends Unlimited night!

- no age restriction
- no attendance minimum
- positive, supportive, stress-free atmosphere
- different subject each month
- ALWAYS the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
- consistently fun!

April 8: Seed saving & gardening tips

May 13: Essential Oils of the Bible

The Care Ministry Team is invited to the Pathstone Living Dining Room for their Volunteer Tea on **Wed., April 14, at 2 p.m.** Please **RSVP by April 9** to 385-4371.

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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 **April 11 and May 9. ALL are welcome to attend!**

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.

Calling All Cooks!

The Mom's Circle will be publishing a Bethlehem Lutheran Church Cookbook, and we need your help! We are looking to treasure the prized recipes, history, and traditions of our members. We would like to collect 150-200 recipes. To submit a recipe, please fill out the "Recipe Collection Sheet" in the church office. All proceeds raised will be donated to the Bethlehem Women to be disbursed amongst various missions. If you have any questions, please contact Leah Garry.



The 2010 Mankato Walk to D'Feet ALS will be on Saturday, April 17, at West High School. We had great success last year with Bethlehem's 55 walkers. Invite friends to join us. It's a 3-mile walk, but you are welcome to walk a shorter distance. Non-walkers are also invited to bring a chair and cheer us on. Rolls & beverages are served at the time of registration at 9:00 a.m., and the walk begins at 10:00 a.m. Register in the church office and include your size for a free T-shirt (S, M, L, XL, XXL). Let's gather together to honor Pastor Don Roberts! All checks should be made to Bethlehem Lutheran Church with an ALS notation on your check. All ages are welcome! Questions: Call Lori Ruthenbeck at 388-7140 or Sandy Birkholz at 388-7604.